Six to be honored for exemplifying Catholic school values

By Brandon A. Evans

Six people in the archdiocese will be honored at the Celebrating Catholic School Values awards dinner on Oct. 27.

The annual fundraising event, which begins at 6 p.m., will take place in the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The dinner is an opportunity to honor those who have made significant contributions to Catholic education.

The keynote speaker for the event is Alan Page, associate justice for the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Page, the founder of the Page Education Foundation, which has provided more than 4,000 college tuition scholarships, also had a stellar professional football career.

He graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where he was a three-year starting defensive end and led the team to a national championship in 1966. Page was drafted by both the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings, and during his National Football League career appeared in eight Pro Bowl games and in four Super Bowl championship games. In 1971, he became the first defensive player in NFL history to receive the league’s Most Valuable Player Award.

While still playing football, he attended the University of Minnesota Law School, and after retiring from the NFL went to work at a private law firm. He served as Minnesota’s assistant attorney general then was nominated to the state supreme court.

He is a member of the National Bar Association and serves on the University of Minnesota board of regents.

Page and his wife, Diane, have four children.

This year’s Celebrating Catholic School Values awards dinner will provide tuition assistance grants to help needy families throughout the archdiocese to send their children to a Catholic school.

More than $1.35 million in such needs-based assistance has been distributed in the last eight years from this event—and the funds have gone to more than 2,500 students.

Each of the honorees at the dinner has made a significant impact on Catholic education in their lifetime. The honorees are:

Franciscan Sister M. Dominica Doyle

Nicholas P. Cafardi, dean of the law school of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and a charter member of the two-year-old board, as chairman.

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• Patricia O’Donnell Ewers, an educational consultant who was president of Pace University in New York from 1990 to 2000.

Pope calls Eucharist the ‘mystery of light’ at closing of Eucharistic congress

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (CNS)—The 44th International Eucharistic Congress closed with a televised message from Pope John Paul II at the Vatican on Oct. 17. In a live video message from the Vatican, Pope John Paul II invited the participants “to consider the eucharistic mystery, not just in itself, but in relation to the problems of our time.”

The pope’s message called the Eucharist the “mystery of light.”

“This light is needed by the heart of man, made heavy by sin, often distracted and weary, tested by suffering of every kind,” the pope said.

“This light is needed by a world in its difficult search for a seemingly distant peace, at the beginning of a millennium that is distressed and humiliated by violence, terrorism and war,” he said.

The pope read only the beginning and end sections of his Spanish-language text, and an aide read the rest. In Guadalajara, the crowd cheered the pope ecstatically each time he paused to catch his breath.

The pope said the satellite transmission “is like a bridge between the continents … bringing together believers from the entire world.”

More than 65,000 people packed Guadalajara’s Jalisco Stadium for the midday address, many waving white handkerchiefs.

Ministry fairs give parishioners a chance to be better stewards

By Brandon A. Evans

During the fall, stewardship is often something talked about at parishes, especially as they prepare to participate in the annual archdiocesan Called to Serve: Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal.

One unique way for parishes to encourage their members to be better stewards of their time, talent and treasure is through ministry fairs.

These fairs are typically a gathering of booths that are manned by those responsible for different programs, ministries, services or committees. Parishioners are free to browse the tables and learn about how they may want to further help their parish.

Dena Perry, director of stewardship for the archdiocese, said that ministry fairs “help parishioners visualize the effects of their gifts of time, talent and treasure on the lives of others in their parish communities.”

The fairs “work to promote the theology that God blesses the Church with an abundance and sufficiency of gifts to carry out its mission,” Perry said.

Two parishes in the Bloomington Deanery were among many in the archdiocese this year to have ministry fairs—for both parishes, it was something that had been done before.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford

National Review Board gets new chairman, five new members

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has appointed a new chairman and five new members to the National Review Board for the protection of children.

The USCCB president, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, Ill., announced the appointments in Washington on Oct. 15.

He named Nicholas P. Cafardi, dean of the law school of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and a charter member of the two-year-old board, as chairman.

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**School**

The recently retired principal of St. Michael School in Brookville and pastoral associate at St. Michael Parish, is receiving a career achievement award.

She has served as principal of the school for the past 39 years, and retired this past June. She grew up in Indianapolis and attended Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Sister Dominica Doyle, O.S.F. entered and was the novitiate of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi.

She taught in Catholic schools in Ohio and Indiana before ministering at St. Michael School.

Father Patrick Beidelman, pastor of the parish, said that “she has been firm and compassionate in her dealings with [the school children] and has been a tireless advocate for her faculty.”

In her role as pastoral associate, Sister Dominica serves the community and gives her time helping the poor, elderly and bereaved.

“She is authentic and faithful and is her greatest treasures,” Father Beidelman said, “and her witness in the community is invaluable.”

Mary Ann Kenney, a member of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis, is receiving a career achievement award.

She has been a longtime volunteer for the Church and for Catholic education.

She grew up in Indianapolis, attended Our Lady of Lourdes School and graduated from the former St. Agnes Academy.

She attended Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Spirit schools in Indianapolis, and graduated from Catholic High School.

He worked for Information Resources, StrataCom Inc., and recently at Juniper Networks, where he created the sales force and was partly responsible for leading the company to $850 million in sales in its first three years.

Pfleger retired in 2003 to devote his time to community service. He is currently the executive direc-

He attended Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Sister Dominica had her exhibition of her art in November, 2000.

Kenney has been a Cub Scout mom, Girl Scout leader, volunteer nurse, computer instructor, family life instructor, a member of the board of education and an RCIA leader.

Kenney has volunteered at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and Holy Family Shelter, and has been a volunteer hospice nurse.

She was a founder of the St. Mary's Child Guild and has volunteered at Crossroads Rehabilitation Center.

She and her husband of 47 years, David, have six children and 19 grandchildren.

Rick Pfleger, member of the St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, is also receiving a career achievement award.

He attended the University of Notre Dame.

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Catholic Radio sees many successes, faces new challenges

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It has been nearly eight months since Catholic Radio 89.1 FM began broadcasting in the Indianapolis area—and in that time there have been successes and challenges.

“I think overall, we’ve gotten off to a really, really good start,” said Jim Ganley, the general manager of the station. “We’ve had a lot of response from listeners.”

The radio station currently broadcasts content from Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), which offers its programs on the radio for free. One of the more popular radio programs is “Catholic Answers Live,” an apologetics call-in show.

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(For more information about Catholic Radio 89.1 FM, or to make a donation, call the station at 317-870-8409, ext. 21, or log on to www.catholicradioindy.org.)

‘Listening Church’ hears stories of racism, pain in Gary Diocese

GARY, Ind. (CNS)—For four days, Dawn Wojkovich told a story about racism and hurt—not only by her adopted biracial son but by herself as well.

Introducing herself as “that white woman from Merrillville,” the SS. Peter and Paul parishioner spoke at four anti-racism listening sessions sponsored by the Gary Diocese.

She described how her son, now 13, experienced racism firsthand at Camp Lawrence, a Catholic summer camp in the diocese, when a fellow camper directed a racial slur at the boy, then 11.

The Wojkovich story was among several accounts of racism at the Church level.

Other speakers recalled how they had not been accepted at a Catholic school or church; how a priest had slapped one speaker’s brother; how clergy would not baptize or administer first Communion to black children; and how a nun scolded a student for not praying in English because, as she said, “God does not understand Spanish.”

It does have an impact, and you do feel it,” said Lape Valletta of St. Mary Church in Griffith, Ind., one of the speakers.

On four dates, more than 700 people— including clergy and parish pastoral council members—heard these stories as, in the words of Bishop Melczek from Dale J. Melczek, the “listening Church.”

Bishop Melczek, who said he was “deeply moved” by the stories, recalled the pain, accepted the stories at all four sites and apologized for those previous injustices.

After the bishop formally accepted the stories at each site, the larger audience was divided into small groups of five to seven people and briefly discussed two questions: Do these stories ring true? What can the Church do about racism?

From those smaller groups, the consensus was that the stories were true, with some members sharing their particular stories of racism.

Remedies suggested included interact- ing with other groups, being more a wel- coming parish and teaching children about the region’s ethic richness.

Portia Johnson, a member of the dioce- san anti-racism committee, spoke at two sites about her experiences as the first black female student at all-white Holy Rosary School in Gary, Ind.

“I am absolutely amazed at how this provided an opportunity for God. It has helped me to grow and to feel for others in a way I did not know was imaginable.”

At each site, Bishop Melczek apologi- zed and pledged to do all he could “so these experiences will not be repeated in the lives of our other brothers and sisters in Christ.”

The bishop cited the need for Catholics to serve as the “moral compass” on such social issues as racism.

Wojkovich, despite speaking optimisti- cally about her son, still expressed con- cerns that the boy might someday be cheated out of what he earned or that he might be profiled because of his skin color.

Noting that “intolerance of racism starts with the little things, and it’s conta- gious,” Wojkovich added that the world might be a better place if we remem- bered we are all children of one Father.

The process of examining racism began more than two years ago, continued through the listening sessions and culmi- nated in an atonement service on Oct. 3 at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary.

The program provided an opportunity to revisit instances of racism told at the four listening sessions, to listen to choirs recounting of some of the examples of racisms shared at the listening sessions.

Bishop Melczek cited children—espe- cially their approach to the world—in his homily. “Children are spellbound by the diversity in creation,” he said. “They see no problem in the differences in their neighbors or playmates.”

Youngsters “can also readily accept their dependence upon God and their dependence upon others for happiness, peace, security and fulfillment,” he said.

“As adults, our ignorance, insecurity and fears have led us to experience the power of sin,” he said.

It costs about $25,000 a month for the station’s operations and staffing.

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Letters to the Editor

We must not neglect the sacrament of the Eucharist

“How has the meaning of Eucharist been translated into a host in a golden monstrance?” asks Helen Welter in a letter to the editor in the Oct. 15 Criterion. The question should rather be “How has the Eucharist been so secularized?”

From the beginning, Eucharist has referred to the ritual sacramental action of thanking God, which constitutes the principal Christian liturgical consecration and communion in the Pascal Mystery of Christ. The eucharistic action called the Eucharist is also traditionally known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. The Catholic Church has always observed and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the devotion of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving hosts with utmost care, exposing them to solemn veneration of the faithful and carrying them in procession (Catechism of the Catholic Church #11378). According to Pope John Paul II, this Church’s “strategic planning” and his few years show the wisdom of the pope’s “appointment. In fact, the new era looks remarkably like the saddest pages in the ancient book of human history: terrible, with terrorist attacks, scandals, war, political intrigues, brutality, torture and total indifference to those who are most vulnerable in society—including the unborn, the aged and infirm, the poor, the homeless and all who are sick or in trouble. Were we naïve to think that a new millennium might be different? Did the Church lead us astray when it invited us to look forward in faith to another thousand years of Christian witness in the world?”

Pope John Paul II was the greatest advocate for the Church’s millennium celebrations. Early in his pontificate, the pope began to call attention to the Great Jubilee and to urge his brother bishops to proclaim the Gospel of life and to embrace all of life. These words from the Vatican’s Easter message in 1999 are particularly heartening to the believers who are bothered by the Church’s social doctrine: “The new evangelization has as its starting point the certainty that in Christ there are unsearchable riches that no culture can ever exhaust.”

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Ronald Stegman, Guilford

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Albert Muto, Thruppa, Pa.

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Focus on Eucharist will be a new moment of grace for ardiocisde

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este es el Año de la Eucaristía. Este año, que es el 'ano del Dios' y el octubre próximo, será verdaderamente un nuevo período de gracia para nuestra arquidiócesis. La misión pastoral de los religiosos y miembros del clero pasaron más de un año planificando el futuro de la misión de nuestra iglesia local. A fin de poder garantizar un futuro de esperanza para nosotros, estamos elaborando ahora planes para realizar un esfuerzo de gestión apropiado que enaltecerá nuestra misión espiritual y pastoral. Queremos construir un Legado de la Eucaristía para el futuro.

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Jim Sedlak, founder and director of American Life League's STOPP International, will be speaking at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. That event was changed to Oct. 20, which has passed.

Pre-Cana Conferences will be held monthly at Fatima Retreat house, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The Sunday afternoon program starts at 1:45 p.m. and concludes at 6 p.m. The upcoming dates are Nov. 14, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, March 13, April 24, May 22 and June 5. The conference will address family of origin, communication, Christian marriage and other important relationship topics. The cost is $30 per couple, which includes materials and lunch. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries at 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Upcoming Tobit Weekend retreats, for couples preparing for marriage, will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, on Nov. 5-7, Jan. 28-30, April 22-24, April 29-May 1, May 13-15 and June 17-19. The focus of the retreat is on helping couples grow closer and preparing them to be married. The program enables participants to relax, pray and learn how important it is to have Christ at the center of a marriage. The cost is $270 per couple. For more information, call 317-545-7681 or e-mail fatima@archindy.org.

A workshop on “The Parish: Past, Present and Future” will be offered by Saint Meinrad School of Theology from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 18 at Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., in Bend, Grove. Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman will present the workshops, which will help participants better understand the parish and its role in Catholic life. The cost is $40.

The upcoming dates are Nov. 1, 2004 through Nov. 24, 2004. For more information or to register, call the Indianapolis Office of Saint Meinrad School of Theology at 317-955-6451 or e-mail indypross@stmeinrad.edu.

“Being and Belonging,” a retreat for separated and divorced Catholics, is taking place on Nov. 5-7 at the John XXIII Retreat Center, 407 W. McDonald St., in Hartford City, Ind., in the Diocese of Lafayette. The weekend will be a chance for participants to seek answers, move forward in the healing process, rediscover God and feel like part of a community. The retreat is being presented in part by the Office of Family Ministries of the archdiocese. The cost is $145 per person. For more information or to register, call 765-348-4008 or e-mail john23rd@netusa1.net.

St. Patrick Parish, 1807 Poplar St., in Terre Haute, will be hosting a parish mission for everyone—including inactive Catholics—from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31 through Nov. 3. Franciscan Father Jim VanDorn, who has served more than 20 years in retreat and mission work, will lead the multi-night event. For more information, call the parish office at 812-225-8518.

The 11th New Albany Rotary Community Toast and Benefit Banquet will honor Providence Sister Barbara Ann Zeller, president and chief operating officer of Providence Self-Sufficiency Ministries Inc., at its black-tie optional event at 6 p.m. on Nov. 5 at Huber Winery’s Plantation Hall in Starlight. The cost is $75 per person. For more information, call 812-945-2004.

Francis and Virginia (Armbruster) Toner, members of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5 with a Mass and family gathering in Phoenix, Ariz. The couple was married Sept. 12, 1944, at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church in Indianapolis. They have three children: Mary Briden, Jeanne Cano and David Toner. They have eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Richard and Eleanor (Dinnin) Huffine, members of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, were celebrated at their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 23. The couple was married on that day in 1954 at Holy Name Church, Southport, in Indianapolis. They have nine children: Laura Breen, Sally Breen, Mary Breen, Lian Lowen, Brian, Joe, Matt, Nick, Rich and Steve Huffine. They have 18 grandchildren.

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Great deal done to protect children from abuse, says Archbishop Flynn

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Children are safer in the Church now because of sex abuse prevention policies adopted by the U.S. bishops two years ago, said Archbishop Harry J. Flynn of St. Paul-Minneapolis, head of the bishops' committee that oversees review of the policies.

In an Oct. 13 telephone interview with Catholic News Service, he added that public confidence in the Catholic Church, which diminished because of the clergy sex abuse scandal, "will be built up again, but it will be a gradual thing."

Archbishop Flynn is chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, which is supervising a two-year review of the sex abuse prevention policies contained in the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," adopted in 2002.

The review is called for in the charter and the bishops are expected to begin the review at their Nov. 15-18 general meeting and conclude it at their June 2005 meeting.

"A great deal has been done to protect our children and young people," the archbishop said.

"My hope is that any modifications [of the charter] will be simply fine-tuning," he said.

"It would be good for other organizations to look at what we have done and the recommendations we have made and to try to do likewise so that more children will be protected," he added.

Aspects of the charter are listed as helping improve child safety include:

• Regular independent audits of diocesan compliance with policies.
• Formation of a lay National Review Board to oversee compliance.
• Diocesan review boards to advise the bishop on how to respond to allegations.

The board also objected vigorously to a decision last spring by the bishops' Administrative Committee that would have postponed a second round of diocesan audits until 2005. The charter calls for annual reports on diocesan compliance to be reviewed and approved by the board, and the board said new audits were needed in 2004 for the mandated 2004 report. The board's objections led the bishops to address the issue at a national gathering in June and decide the second round of audits would be conducted in 2004.

More recently, when board members received a list of nominees to replace the outgoing members, they objected to the appearance of the name of a nun on the list. That name did not make the final cut of new members.

Although the charter does not exclude priests or nuns from board membership, board members felt the board's reputation for independence was at stake.

In two mid-September speeches in Chicago, the interim chair, Burke, asked, "How much freedom and independence do you think we would have if there were members of the clergy on the board?"

She added that board members often have had to "raise holy hell" to get their points across to the bishops.

When the 13-member board was originally set up, none of the members was assigned a definite term. As they began to complete the monumental initial tasks of their mandate, they decided to begin leaving the board on a staggered schedule so that new members can be appointed to fixed three-year terms with about one-third of the board being replaced each year.

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Iraqi church bombings prompt Vatican concern for Christians’ fate

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The bombing of five more churches in Baghdad, Iraq, has prompted new Vatican concern about the fate of Iraqi Christian communities.

The rudimentary but powerful bombs exploded within an hour and a half of each other beginning at 4 a.m. on Oct. 16. No one was injured or killed, but heavy damage was reported to several of the churches.

At the Chaldean Church of St. Joseph, which was gutted by the bomb blast and a subsequent fire, Sunday Mass was celebrated on Oct.17 following an all-night cleanup effort.

Other churches that suffered damage were identified as the Latin-rite Church of Rome, the Orthodox churches of St. Jacob and St. George, and the Syrian Orthodox Church of St. Thomas.

Last August, car bombs at five Catholic churches killed 11 people and sparked an exodus of at least 10,000 Iraqi Christians into neighboring Syria and Jordan, Church officials said.

Syrian Catholic Archbishop Basile Georges Camoussa of Mosul, Iraq, who was in Bangkok, Thailand, at the time of the latest bombing, expressed shock and sorrow at the news. One of the churches bombarded in August was in Mosul.

The terrorist groups that carry out such attacks “hope that many, many more Christians will go,” Archbishop Camoussa told Catholic News Service.

“We do audits for finance and it seems to me that the youth are more important than money,” he said.

A new audit item this year asks for the number of new accusations received by a diocese since the previous audit, he said.

Up for discussion is whether future audits should ask for information on the yearly costs to dioceses of sex abuse case settlements, he said.

Another issue being considered by the bishops is whether the Church should develop a national data bank of clerics and Church employees who have not passed background checks, he said.

The charter also has expanded active lay participation in the Church to the “very important area of protection for the young,” he said.

He cited the National Review Board and the lay-staffed bishops’ Office of Child and Youth Protection that were set up to help dioceses comply with the charter. Both are mandated by the charter.

He said that there is no time limit on the existence of either organization and they expected they would remain in place as long as needed.

Overall, lay monitoring of Church sex abuse policies has not produced problems for bishops because they were already used to working with lay boards on other issues, said Archbishop Flynn.

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Iraqi Christians are increasing as Muslim extremists consolidate their influence in Iraq. Among the issues that need “fine tuning” is ensuring equal protection for the young and for anyone who is accused of abuse but whose case has not been resolved, he said.

Archbishop Flynn also strongly defended the “zero tolerance” policy, which says that any cleric who admits to or is proven to have sexually abused a child is permanently removed from ministry.

“They have a right to know if someone has been accused in a particular situation; and then, if that accusation is found to be false, equal amounts of effort must be put into restoring that person’s good name,” he said.

The archbishop said another issue likely to be part of the bishops’ review is the feasibility of a uniform policy regarding whether to publish the names of those accused but whose cases have not been decided.

Some dioceses have released the names while others have not.

Archbishop Flynn defended the need to continue the annual independent compliance audits, but said that there is room to modify them to make them more effective.

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Iraqi churches in Baghdad, Iraq, following a bomb blast at the church on Oct. 16. Bombs damaged five Baghdad churches in coordinated early morning attacks, but there were no casualties, an Interior Ministry official said.

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Babies teach people respect for the gift of human life

By Mary Jo Pedersen

Babies have a way of turning life upside down. Labor pains turn to tears of joy, and once diapers, next becomes messy and quiet gives way to noise. With a baby in the house, the best-laid plans are scrapped at a moment’s notice and adult vocabulary dissipates into coos.

Few of life’s events bring greater change to a family than the birth of a baby. Sons become fathers. Daughters become mothers. Siblings begin to relate to each other in entirely new ways as aunts, uncles or godparents. For many seasoned parents, grandparenthood unfolds as an opportunity to enjoy child­hood again, this time free of the parent­hood duties.

At a recent family gathering celebrating the arrival of our son’s third child, the familiar “pass the baby” ritual began. Everyone took turns holding the infant while commenting that the baby’s eyes were so finely from Daddy, the eyes just like Grandpa’s and the long legs like Uncle Steve’s. Though born to one couple, it was apparent that this baby belonged to everyone in the room. He was the newest “addition” to the clan.

Combined with the excitement of having a new member, there was a profound sense of wonder in the fact that no one like this child ever had walked the Earth before. This child was an unrepeatable, totally unique creation, a gift to this particular family. Such a child elicits from us a sense of awe and reverence for the stuff of life molded into tiny fingers and toes.

For first-time parents, the transition to parenthood is a mix of emotions. The couple’s child is always more beautiful than they could have imagined, more precious and lovable than any creature alive, and more complex than they were pre­pared for. This “more” is mixed with the realities of parenthood, including less sleep than they need, less disposable income than they are used to, and less free time to spend with each other and friends.

The birth of a first child changes a marriage forever. Moving from parents to grandparents is blessed then led away for age-appropriate instruc­tion. The children to play, the mothers to socialize. This is especially good for young moth­ers. Occasionally, just the moms get together, too.

(Mary Jo Pedersen is coordinator of the Leadership in Family Life Training Program for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.)

Along with the economic, social and emotional challenges, every baby invites parents to live life less for themselves and more for the benefit of another. A baby is a sort of private Copernican revolution in which another person replaces self as the center of our universe. We are invited to adjust our program to this little one, who is radically dependent upon us.

Daily choices are made in favor of this new life. The preferred beer is replaced with expensive formula. The cruise is exchanged for a week at the state park. The sporty car gives way to bicycles, tennis shoes, braces and maybe even a van.

In the Creator’s design, having a baby is an invitation to grow in God’s image. With every child, the heart’s parameters are expanded to embrace the tears and failures, the surprising joys and accom­plishments of a new person.

Each child demands to be loved and accepted for who she is, shy or outgoing, excitable or calm. The spiritual discipl­ines of unconditional love, acceptance, patience, fidelity and forgiveness are practiced in the ordinary, everyday care of a child.

Whether a child is born to you, is adopted or you offer foster care, a baby’s arrival begins a journey into the unknown. That is why the U.S. bishops’ letter titled “Follow the Way of Love” fitting­ly refers to welcoming a baby as “an act of faith as well as an act of love.”

Perhaps part of a baby’s job is to teach us how to respond to the gift of human life when it is most helpless. Any family who has cared for an elderly adult, a refugee or someone with mental or physical disabilities knows that the same care and reverence are neces­sary for all who live in vulnerable situa­tions.

Without knowing it, babies challenge us to undo the cultural notion that being human is neces­sary for all who live in vulnerable situa­tions. When I hold that baby’s soft little cheek against my own, I know that this infant is precious just because he is alive, and because he belongs to us in a very special way.

If we all believed that about every human life, we could turn the whole world upside down.

God calls children by name

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

At the beginning of the Rite of Baptism for Children, the presider asks the parents what name they give their child. Normally, the presider already knows the name, so this is a ritual act. It is a reminder that God calls us by name, and that God deals with each of us as unique individuals.

This same perspective on each individ­ual’s person-value is the basis of the Catholic concern for respect for all human life.

In a recent statement, the U.S. Confer­ence of Catholic Bishops’ Administrative Committee said, “Every person is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore each person’s life and dignity must be respected ...”

This radical valuing of every person is in marked contrast to other philosophical or political positions that see the individ­ual as subordinate to the state or simply a commodity to be exploited by landowners or big corporations. The Christian view recognizes each person as an image of God and a child of God.

In baptism, the Church celebrates God’s call of the individual person to share in Christ’s mission. Each person who is baptized is called by God to carry on Christ’s work in today’s world.

God entrusts to human beings the task of carrying on his Son’s work and contin­uing the redemption of the world.

Is there any doubt that God values the human person? Is there any doubt that we should do the same?

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

Discussion Point

This Week’s Question

What activities does your parish sponsor for children (and/or their parents) under age 5?

“We [St. Lawrence Parish] have a Vacation Bible School during the summer. We also have a Liturgy of the Word for children during Mass. Here, the children are blessed then led away for age-appropriate instruc­tion. The children return to [the] congregation at the Offertory.” (Jacquie Smith, Columbus, Neb.)

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From the Editor Emeritus/Maria Fink

The story of Father Patrick Peyton (IV)

Fourth in a series of five columns

Patrick Peyton’s “Family Theater” had a successful 10-year run on radio during the 1940s and 50s. After his TV shows got underway, the new medium was becoming more important, and Father Peyton turned to attention to that new medium.

He began by developing an hour-long Catholic Talk Radio program called “Father Peyton’s Family Hour.” That was followed by “The Triumphant Hour” at Easter, both carried on the Mutual network. The response was so good that Father Peyton would speak at diocesan rallies, which attracted large crowds.

Father Peyton turned his attention overseas. He had successful rosary crusades in several dioceses in England. Bishop (later Cardinal) Angel Herrera of Malaga, Spain, happened to be in London while the crusade was being conducted, and asked Father Peyton to go to Spain. He did, and took a crash course in the Spanish language in Malaga.

After his crusade in Malaga, Father Peyton had requests from bishops around the world. He eventually led crusades and spoke in 33 dioceses and in 13 dioceses of Burma, Malaya, Thailand, Ceylon and Pakistan. In Africa, he preached in dioceses in Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda and South Africa.

When Marcy’s dad died while we were in high school, her older brothers who were well respected in the community, decided they were going to be sassy, bad boys. The neighbors got into trouble for their sassy, bad boy behavior, but were well respected in the community.

Now, debilitating strokes have destroyed Marcy’s ability to cook or go anywhere alone. On the other hand, she’s no longer allowed to cook or go anywhere alone. She has to be chaperoned, leading a bit of a mystery why God chose humanity.

The Catholic Church is also fundamentally human, inex- tricably tied up in the human condition. It’s a truth we cannot understand. "Watch and pray," said St. Augustine (354-430): “Watch and pray.” We may wonder if anyone’s home behind these barriers that are set up to keep us from discovering the intelligence of both Anglos and Hispanics accept the Church’s social teachings. Perhaps the biggest task is to understand the Catholic Church and its changes and commitments to the Church, Anglo and Hispanic American Catholics have climbed to 37 percent to 45 percent in recent years, but the Catholic Church has made a dramatic increase in the number of Anglos and Hispanics who have come to this country. Father Peyton had requests from bishops around the world. He eventually led crusades and spoke in 33 dioceses and in 13 dioceses of Burma, Malaya, Thailand, Ceylon and Pakistan. In Africa, he preached in dioceses in Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda and South Africa. He was still preaching rosary crusades as late as 1985 when his rally in the Philip- pines attracted 2 million people. But well before that, he also turned his attention to movies.

The former president of The Chris- tophers, Gerald M. Costello, said Lock- wood’s book is "an honest look at faith as it’s lived and as it’s loved." I concur.
The New Testament, Pharisees were not a parable. The central figure is Jesus. In the Luke’s Gospel, this weekend’s selection is Yet God will sustain him. With God’s help, the Second Epistle to Timothy. Challenging and encouraging orphans were high on the list. beloved by God, unfortunate widows and awaited orphans without someone to care for them. Feeling himself unworthy to be in the company of the holy. The message of the first reading is that The Pharisee and the tax collector, each in their own way, are imperfect. From all indications, the Pharisee is very true to the demands of his religion. His fault lies in his smugness, in exaggerating himself. By contrast, the tax collector clearly recognizes his shortcomings, and this recognition leads him to ask God’s forgiveness. He is humble, but humility brings wisdom. The message of the first reading is that God will protect those who humbly admit their inadequacies, indeed their sins, and turn to God. Reflection Sirach and St. Luke’s Gospel teach us a realistic lesson we are apt to forget. It is the reality that, regardless of our presumed goodness, we need God. We can succumb to sin, and to the sin of self-satisfaction. The Pharisee and the tax collector, each in their own way, are imperfect. From all indications, the Pharisee is very true to the demands of his religion. His fault lies in his smugness, in exaggerating himself. By contrast, the tax collector clearly recognizes his shortcomings, and this recognition leads him to ask God’s forgiveness. He is humble, but humility brings wisdom. The message of the first reading is that God will protect those who humbly admit their inadequacies, indeed their sins, and turn to God. Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column 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 submission. Send material for consideration to “My Journey to God,” The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indiana, IN 46206 or e-mail to j dietzenarchch.of. Another mortal sin is to sin in a fit of anger.” (Illinois)
Defining marriage top ballot issue, but others interest Catholics too

WASHINGTON (CNS)—With proposed state constitutional amendments defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman on the ballot in at least 11 states on Nov. 2, some plugging more clearly tops the list of ballot issues of interest to Catholic voters this fall.

In their support for these proposals, Catholic leaders have expressed themes similar to those stated by the Ohio bishops in an Oct. 5 statement. “Marriage cannot originate from either the Church or state, but from God,” they said. “Therefore, we believe, neither Church nor state ought to alter the nature and structure of marriage.”

In Michigan, where the Catholic Church has given an estimated $500,000 to Citizens for the Protection of Marriage campaign, the bishops said in an Oct. 15 statement that “the values of marriage, family and children are at stake” in the state’s proposed Marriage Protection Amendment.

Current Dalles, Oregon, said: “Faith complements reason. It takes you beyond reason, but never beneath reason.”

Regarding religions in general, he said the “so-called intellectual basis and a coherent content and these need to shape their political positions.

“People cannot directly translate their religious convictions into politics without first developing moral standards which can draw the assent of others of different religious convictions or of no religious convictions, he said.

But the bishops have called on Florida voters to reject Proposition 66, which would impose an additional 1 percent tax on personal income above $1 million to expand funding of mental health services in the state, and urged defeat of two proposals that would expand casino gambling in the state.

Catholic health care leaders in the state have backed Proposition 72, which would require employers in large and medium-size companies to pay an additional 1 percent cost of health insurance for their workers.

The Florida bishops also are opposing the expansion of gambling, saying that a proposal to amend the state Constitution to allow slot machines could have “long-range implications … for the quality of life of all of the citizens of the state.”

But the bishops have called on Florida Catholics to approve Amendment 1, which would allow local authorities to pass legislation requiring notification of at least one parent before a minor’s abortion. “Young women who are considering an abortion should have the benefit of the wisdom and guidance of their parents when making this life-changing decision,” the bishops said.

In Maine, Bishop Richard J. Malone of Portland wrote to Catholics about “perplexing and confusing” questions posed by the state’s tax cap proposal but did not make a specific recommendation. 

In South Dakota, voters were to consider a constitutional amendment that would allow the Legislature to authorize pari-mutuel wagering and food services by children who attend parochial and private schools.

There are at least 32 states in 32 states in 2 states in all, according to the Initiative & Referendum Institute at the University of Southern California, and many of them have a similar goal of putting religious opposition from bishops and other Catholic leaders.

Religious views influence policy when tested by reason, says priest

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Religious views influence U.S. policy when they are stated in ways understood by a pluralistic society and can stand the test of reason and public debate, said Father J. Bryan Hehir, University professor of religion and public life.

“You can’t translate all you want into the language of the land and the people, said Father Hehir, also president of Catholic Charities of the Boston Archdiocese.

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A recent Vatican document analyzed evolution in the light of faith, stepping into an area that has long been a religious and scientific minefield.

The document, prepared by the International Theological Commission and made available in mid-September, examined man’s relationship with the created world.

Why bother to get into evolution? Because, as the text said, Catholics have a responsibility to "locate" the scientific understanding of the universe within a Christian vision of creation.

That’s an assignment that challenges even the experts, however.

“That’s a very big task, and a very complicated issue. It’s not settled yet, by any means,” said U.S. Jesuit Father George Coyne, director of the Vatican Observatory, who has closely followed the evolution debate.

The theological commission operates in conjunction with the Vatican’s doctrinal congregation, and its document is remarkable in several ways.

First, it accepts as likely the prevailing tenets of evolutionary science: The universe erupted 15 billion years ago in a “big bang”; the Earth formed about 4.5 billion years ago; all living organisms on Earth descended from a first organism; and man emerged some 40,000 years ago with the development of the larger, human brain.

Second, the document does not argue for a “divine design” in specific processes of evolution. While acknowledging that some experts do see a providential design in biological structures, it says such development might also be “contingent,” or dependant on chance.

“True contingency in the created order is not incompatible with a purposeful divine providence,” it said. In other words, God’s plan may have allowed for all kinds of variables to play out. Or, as the document put it, “any evolutionary mechanism that is contingent can only be contingent because God made it so.”

But is the emergence of man one of these chance results? Or did God play creator in this instance? That’s the crux of the current debate, said Father Coyne. “Most people would pose the question this way: ‘Did we come out of a necessary process or a chance process? If it’s a necessary process, God did it. If it’s chance, why do you need God?’ ”

Father Coyne said in an interview. “But I think the question itself is wrong. It’s not just necessity or chance, it’s also opportunity. We live in a universe that statistically offers so many opportunities for the life-building processes to work together,” he said. “In a universe so fertile in opportunity, it was inevitable—I say inevitable, not necessary—that human beings emerged,” he said.

Pope John Paul II made headlines in 1996 when he told the Pontifical Academy of Sciences that the theory of evolution was “more than a hypothesis”
vention. It spoke of God acting through "causal chains" from the beginning of cosmic history to prepare for the "special creation of the human soul."

It also emphasized the "personal character of creation" and said man, fashioned in the image of God, responds to a personal creator, not an impersonal force or energy. It cited the teaching of the Second Vatican Council: "Man is the only creature on Earth that God willed for his own sake."

In a paper presented last year on the subject, Father Coyne said this argument raises the question: "Are we forced by revealed, religious truth to accept a dualistic view of the origins of the human person—evolutionist with respect to the material dimension, creationist with respect to the spiritual dimension?"

Father Coyne and others have suggested that a case could be made for a type of divine creation that did not preordain human beings, or which might have ever produced thinking beings different than humans.

Does that contradict religious truth? "Not, it appears to me, if theologians can develop a more profound understanding of God’s continuous creation" that allows for "freedom at all levels of the evolutionary process," Father Coyne said.

Father Coyne said the wider discussion on evolution between religion and science is marked by misunderstandings. He said the term "creation," for example, is about existence itself, not the "chain of events which bring about a specific kind of being."

Likewise, when religions speak of God "creating out of nothing," scientists often equate it—incorrectly—with the vacuum of quantum mechanics, Father Coyne said.

Among believers, Father Coyne said, there’s an unfortunate tendency to “latch onto God” when scientific explanations fall short.

"One gets the impression from certain religious believers that they fondly hope for the durability of certain gaps in our scientific knowledge of evolution, so they can fill them with God,” he said.

Father Coyne argues that God should not be understood as a dictator, who has fine-tuned the universe to run like a watch. But he said it will take considerable dialogue and reflection by Catholic thinkers before a central tension is resolved between the omnipotence of God and the dynamism of a universe in evolution. †
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Jane Rouge, a volunteer, and Kristen Stash, an employee of St. Jude House, light some of the candles representing those killed by domestic violence prior to a candlelight vigil in Crown Point, Ind., on Oct. 11. Supported by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, St. Jude House is a safe emergency shelter and provider of services for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children.

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Franciscan Sister Mary Beth Gianoli professed her vows a quarter century ago. She served as a pastor associate at Christ Our Hope Parish in Harrisville, W.Va.

The former Sister Catherine Marie also served as a campus minister at Marian College and did formation work for the Franciscan Friars in Indianapolis. From 1991-94, she served in parish ministry at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. She also taught at St. Louis School in Batesville and at Ohio. Sister Sue completed her doctoral studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., from 1969-74. Sister Marian Bobergenschmidt currently ministers at the Center for African-American and African Women in St. Louis.

The former Sister Marie Pius was named the director of Our Kanshaa Spirituality Center in St. Louis in 1991. Sister Marian also taught at St. Michael School in Indianapolis and St. Monica School in Indianapolis. From 1988-91, she served as novice director and was a member of the membership team for the congregation.

A native of Brookville, Sister Andre Burkart is currently the pastoral associate of St. Joseph and St. Patrick parishes, which comprise the Catholic Community of Meridian, Miss.

Sister Andre taught at the former St. Bernadette School in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence School in New Albany and the former St. Andrew School in Richmond.

She also ministered as a teacher and principal in Ohio and East Africa, and served as a retreat director and coordinator in Kenya, East Africa, and Chinhle, Aria.

Sister Yvonne Conrad currently ministers as an administrative assistant at St. Anthony the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. She also taught at St. Louis School in Batesville.

From 1966-85, Sister Yvonne ministers as a nurse and director of the former St. Francis Hall in Oldenburg and was a member of the coordinating team at the Oldenburg motherhouse.

Sister Yvonne also served at St. Anthony Parish in Morris, St. Maurice Parish in Greensburg, St. Ann Parish in Hamborg and St. John Parish in Evansville. She also ministered in Kentucky.

Sister Donna DeMange currently ministers as a chaplain and pastor associate at Mercy Franciscan Hospital at Mount Aary in Cincinnati.

The former Sister Janet taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany, Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis and the former St. Heart School in Clinton. She also taught in Ohio and Illinois.

Sister Lucy Driscoll currently ministers as a teacher at St. Hugo of the Hills School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

She also taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Beech Grove, the former Holy Trinity School in Indianapolis, St. Michael School in Vernon, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany and St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg.

She also ministered in Ohio, Missouri and Michigan.

Sister Susan Eifert is retired and resides in Dayton, Ohio. From 1980 until 2003, she ministered there as a chaplain at the Good Samaritan Hospital and the Hospice of Dayton.

In Indianapolis, she served at St. Christopher School, St. Lawrence School, the former Holy Trinity School, St. Michael School and Marian College. She also taught at the former St. Anthony School in Morris and in Ohio.

Sister Mary Fliehman currently serves as a pastoral care minister at St. Clare Hall, the health care facility for the Oldenburg Franciscan community.

The former Sister Laurens has served as assistant treasurer for the Franciscan congregation from 1991 to the present.

Sister Mary Joel taught at the former Holy Trinity School in Indianapolis and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany. She also ministered as a teacher and principal at the former Holy Family School in Richmond and in Ohio.

Sister Mary Joel Frank currently ministers as a library technician at Marian College in Indianapolis.

From 1981 until 2001, she served as an assistant in the business office at Marian College and as a treasurer. Sister Mary Joel also taught at St. Mark School in Indianapolis, Little Flower School in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg, St. Mary School in Greensburg, Holy Name School in Beech Grove and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany. She also taught in Ohio.

Sister Kathryn Holohan currently ministers as a pastoral associate at Christ Our Hope Parish in Harrisville, W.Va. The former Sister Amata was one of the original four pioneer Oldenburg Franciscan sisters to go to Papua New Guinea in 1969 to begin a school there. She ministered in Papua New Guinea for 22 years.

Sister Kathryn was a member of the General Council for the Oldenburg Franciscan community from 1982-86. She was elected congregational minister of the Oldenburg Franciscans in 1986 and served the order in that leadership position until 1994.

Sister Tecla Jaehnhen currently ministers as a part-time photographer for the Oldenburg Franciscans and resides at the motherhouse. She began her ministry as a photographer in 1982.

She taught at St. Mary School in Greensburg, St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany, Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg, the former St. Mary Academy in Indianapolis and the former St. Vincent Hospital in Vincennes, Ind. She also taught in Ohio and Missouri.

Sister Amy Kistner currently ministers as a pastoral associate at Good Shepherd Parish in Canton, Ky.

From 1994 until 2000, she served as congregational minister for the Oldenburg Franciscan community.

Sister Amy also ministered as a teacher and principal at St. Louis School in Batesville and St. Monica School in Indianapolis. She also served as diocesan novices for the community from 1978-84, and also ministered in Missouri, Ohio and Michigan.

Sister Rene Langenecker currently ministers as a social worker for the Department of Public Social Service in Los Angeles County, Calif.

Sister Rene served as a teacher and principal at St. Louis School in Batesville and St. Monica School in Indianapolis. She also ministered as diocesan novices for the community from 1978-84, and also ministered in Missouri, Ohio and Michigan.

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Sister Joan Laughlin currently ministers as co-director of the Lay Associates for the Oldenburg Franciscans.

From 1986-94, the former Sister Naomi was a member of the General Council for the Franciscan congregation. In 1995, she began a five-year ministry helping form the FSM Community in Kagga, Papua New Guinea.

Sister Joan taught at Holy Name School in Beech Grove, St. Mary School in Greensburg and the former Holy Family School in Richmond. She also taught in Ohio.

A native of Franklin County, Sister Ramona Lunsford currently ministers as a chauffeur and clerical assistant in pastoral care for St. Clare Hall, the health care facility for the Oldenburg Franciscans.

From 1982-86, Sister Ramona was a member of the General Council for the Franciscan congregation. From 1988 until 2008, she served the community as a director and developer.

Sister Ramona also ministered as a school supervisor in the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education in Indianapolis. She served as a teacher or principal at St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg, St. Michael School in Indianapolis, the former St. Bernadette School in Indianapolis and the former Holy Trinity School in Indianapolis. She also taught in Ohio.

Sister Mary Walter Sokolic currently ministers in community service at the motherhouse in Oldenburg.

A native of Indianapolis, Sister Sue Bradshaw, O.S.F., served as a teacher or principal at St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg, the former Holy Family School in Richmond, the former Holy Family School in Brookville, St. Mary School in Rochester, St. Joseph School in Princeton, Ind. She also ministered in Ohio.

Sister Elza Stemann currently ministers as a teacher assistant at a preschool in Evansville, Ind. From 1992 to 2002, Sister Elza was the sacramental and grounds supervisor for the motherhouse at Oldenburg.

She also taught at St. Michael School in Brookville, St. Mary School in Rushville, St. Vincent de Paul School in Bedford, the former St. Francis de Sales School in Indianapolis, St. Gabriel School in Indianapolis, St. Mary School in New Albany and the former Holy Family School in Oldenburg.

Sister Bernetta Stuhrenberg currently ministers in community service at the motherhouse in Oldenburg.

She taught at St. Louis School in Batesville, Holy Name School in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg and St. Vincent de Paul School in Vincennes, Ind. She also ministered in Ohio.

Sister Mary Jane Stuhrenberg currently ministers as a teacher at St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg.
BEECH GROVE — St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers is expanding its medical services to elderly people who have dementia and Alzheimer’s disease with a newly renovated Senior Adult Services unit and Senior Assessment Center in the South Building at the Beech Grove hospital campus.

Dr. John Wernert, medical director of the hospital’s neuropsychiatry unit, said the recently remodeled 18-bed Senior Adult Services facility is needed by older adults facing the challenges of aging by providing a full range of specialized medical and psychiatric services to meet their mental, emotional and physical needs.

Wernert said the Senior Assessment Center will provide comprehensive outpatient evaluations for people age 60 and older.

He said an estimated 4.5 million older Americans suffer from progression dementia or Alzheimer’s disease and need special care, which is “a huge public health problem.”

In response to the growing need for comprehensive elder care, St. Francis Hospital’s administrative and medical staff began plans for the expanded Senior Adult Services unit four years ago.

“This project has been underway now for several years,” Wernert said, “and … is the fruition of a lot of hard work to create … a therapeutic environment. Maybe another way of thinking about it is ‘the healing zone.’ ”

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“We think it’s just another way that we can continue our ministry, our Franciscan tradition of continuing Christ’s healing ministry,” Sister Corita said. “The importance that our seniors have is unbelievable, and yet we sometimes think they aren’t respected or looked after as well as they could be. I think this unit will offer us the opportunity to help them retain their dignity and still deal with some of the things that come with old age in a respectful manner.”

Sister Corita said Pope John Paul II is an inspiration to elderly people because he has been “a wonderful example” to not only live with suffering, but also to offer the suffering up and to be able to see that it is a way to become closer to God through his mother.”

Robert Brody, president and CEO of St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, said it is exciting to see the hospital continue to address the diverse needs of senior citizens in new ways.

“It is obvious by the facility we’ve created that we are anticipating an increased demand for services of this nature,” Brody said. “In serving the elderly community, we find that oftentimes we have situations where bringing the patient into an environment of this nature, working with our medical staff and nursing staff, we’re able to better understand the patient’s needs and better address their needs. It’s a unique resource in that we have as much medical staff and nursing staff as possible to give them the services that they need. This is something that has been very, very successful. We’re delighted with the opportunity to introduce this facility.”

Registered nurse Julia Sterr said she has worked at St. Francis Hospital for 20 years and is excited about the opportunity to better serve elderly patients on the newly expanded unit.

“We now can give better quality care,” Sterr said, “and we can get more smiles on the patients’ faces and on the families’ faces too by having a better facility here.”

By Mary Ann Wyand

FRANCISCANS

A native of Oldenburg, Sister Cleopha Werner has served as a private nun in Columbus since 1996.

Sister Cleopha also ministered at the archbishop’s residence, the Cardinal Ritter faculty house, St. Pius X School in the archbishop’s residence, the Cardinal Columbus since 1996.

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Vatican says society shouldn’t pressure couples on size of family

UNITED NATIONS (CNS)—The world’s population policies should encourage and enable married couples to exercise “a responsible kind of personal liberty” when they decide to become parents, the Vatican said in a statement delivered to the U.N. General Assembly in New York. “The duty to safeguard the family demands that special attention be given to securing for husband and wife the liberty to decide responsibly, free from all social or legal coercion, the number of children they will have and the spacing of their births,” it said. Msgr. Reuben Dimaculangan, first counselor of the Vatican’s U.N. mission, delivered the statement on Oct. 14 to a session of the General Assembly that was reviewing the 1994 U.N. conference on population and development in Cairo, Egypt, in connection with the 10th anniversary of the meeting. The priest was acting on behalf of the nuncio, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, who was out of town.

Dioceses, parishes offer lifelong support for marriage, survey finds

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Through marriage preparation and post-marriage enrichment programs, celebrations of special anniversaries and workshops to heal troubled marriages, U.S. dioceses and parishes are providing lifelong support for marriage, according to a recent survey. The survey of U.S. dioceses by the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Marriage and Family Life and figures provided by Catholic Engaged Encounter indicated that at least 81 percent of the couples married in the Catholic Church in 2003 took part in marriage preparation programs that year. Responses came from 129—or 66 percent—of the nation’s 195 dioceses and archdioceses, or Eastern-rite dioceses. In those dioceses, 177,925 couples were married in the Catholic Church last year, the survey results showed. The survey did not gather data on couples who participated in parish-sponsored marriage preparation programs or those offered by military or campus chaplains.

California diocese will move slowly on options over contraceptive law

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Diocese of Sacramento, Calif., will move slowly in deciding how it responds now that its judicial efforts to reverse a state requirement that it pay for contraceptives for employees of Church agencies are over, according to the diocesan attorney. The Supreme Court on Oct. 5 turned down the request of Catholic Charities of Sacramento that it review lower court rulings which found the Church-run agency must provide contraceptives to its employees as part of coverage for prescription drugs. A 1999 law requiring such coverage provided exemptions for religious employers that are directly involved in inculcating religious beliefs. Because Catholic Charities does not have that as its primary mission and it does not primarily employ Catholics, state courts ruled that the agency did not qualify for the exemption. James Sweeney told Catholic News Service in a phone interview on Oct. 15 that it was too soon to say how Catholic Charities and other Church-run entities will respond. The ruling is expected too soon to say how Catholic Charities and other Church-run entities will respond. The ruling is expected to affect hospitals, universities and other social service agencies run by all sorts of religious institutions in addition to the Catholic Church.

Solidarity, spirituality tied together, says Sant'Egidio founder

WASHINGTON (CNS)—For the socially active founder of the Rome-based Community of Sant’Egidio, finding time for spirituality is a challenge that contemporary lay Catholics must overcome. “Solidarity lasts as long as there is spirituality. Spirituality lasts as long as there is solidarity,” said Andrea Riccardi on Oct. 15 during a visit to Washington. Working with the poor and the elderly means developing friendships, not just providing material support, he added. “An old person is not just someone who needs help. He can become our parent, our elderly brother, a cousin,” he said, a smile forming between his closely cropped white beard and mustache. Riccardi was in Washington to hold a meeting with the Secretary of State Colin Powell, receive an honorary degree at Jesuit-run Georgetown University and visit Sant’Egidio members.

Conference aims to make face of human trafficking more visible

Baltimore (CNS)—Giving names and faces to the victims of human trafficking around the world “makes this human harm visible,” a senior State Department adviser said on Oct. 16 at a daylong conference on recognizing the signs of trafficking. Laura Ledener, the State Department’s senior adviser on trafficking, was commenting on the conference’s opening talk, delivered by Peter Landesman, a New York Times Magazine investigative journalist who wrote a Jan. 25 cover story on human trafficking. His wife, photojournalist Kimberlee Acquaro, also addressed the conference at Baltimore’s College of Notre Dame of Maryland, sponsored by the college, the Baltimore province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and a variety of religious, social justice and community organizations. Landesman, whose investigation focused on human trafficking for sexual servitude, said many see the sex trade as something that takes place in Asian countries. But, he said, the situation in the United States “is as bad if not worse than any other countries we’ve heard of.” He added, “Sex trafficking is invisible but it is everywhere. It is not only not rare, it is alive and well and burgeoning.”

Say it with buttons: campaigning with a political pin

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Sweethearts may say it with roses and chocolates, but political partisans say it with buttons and bumper stickers. Judging by the assortment of material available to buy this year, partisans whose interests spring from religious concerns are happy to put their beliefs into campaign slogans. “Catholics for Kerry” and “Vote Catholic, Not Kerry,” and their counterparts, “Catholics for Bush” and “People of Faith for Kerry,” are just a few of the sentiments making the rounds courtesy of campaign buttons this year in the presidential race between President George W. Bush, the Republican nominee, and Sen. John F. Kerry of Massachusetts, his Democratic opponent. There are also buttons for Christians in general and for Muslims and Jews. The Kerry version of the latter one features text in Hebrew.

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October 22
St. Therese, 3141 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis. St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers Fall Festival, 9 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-782-6660.

St. John the Apostle Church, 4607 W. State Road 46, Bloomington. "Winning Strategies to STOP Planned Parenthood in Your Community," Jim Sedlak, presenter. 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-877-7344 or e-mail mklein@archindy.org.

October 22-23
Kordes Retreat Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, Ind. "Mary, Saint of Saints," Benedictine Archabbey of Saint Meinrad, present. Information: 812-367-2777 or 800-880-2777 or e-mail mklein@archindy.org.

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, 6-7 p.m. Information: www.saintmeinrad.edu/~frburwinkel.

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Benedictine DM and Center, Reville (located on 925 South, 8 mile south of South 12, four miles west of Versailles). Mass, 3:30 p.m., with Father Elmer Buxkirk. Information: 812-479-3951 or e-mail buxkirk@sedona.com or go to www.sedona.com/~bluegink.

October 24
Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Mission Office, mission talk on Cuba, Chuck Boehm, coordinator of archdiocesan Cuba partnership, 6-7:30 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-236-1458.

October 29
St. Francis Hospital, 811 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. "The Cantor: Leader of Sung Prayer," session II, Charles Gardner, presenter. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-3933.

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Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1060 N. Pont Road, Indianapolis. Eucharist, 1 p.m. Information: 317-246-8368.

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

First Tuesdays: Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Confessions, 6:45 a.m. Benedicture of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations, 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. Holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

Berebeus Jesuit Preparatory School, 2800 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. Indiana Autism and Serbonia Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., child care provided. Information: 317-885-7295.

First Fridays: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 “T” St., Bedford. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass-9 a.m. Sat., reconciliation, Fri. 4-6 p.m., Sat. 8-9 a.m. “Children of Hope” program, holy hour for children. Information: 812-275-6393.

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Mass, 8:15 a.m., eucharistic adoration following Mass until 5 p.m. Benediction. Information: 317-784-5454.

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

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass-5 p.m.

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

St. Francis Xavier Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E., Indianapolis. Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics, 7 p.m. Information: Archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Marian Center of Indianapolis, 3356 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. “12-Step Spirituality” tapes, Dominican Father Emmert Vogt, narrator, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-924-3984.

Second Thursdays: St. Luke Church, 7075 Holliday Dr. E., Indianapolis. Holy hour for priests and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

Second Saturdays: St. Agnes Parish, Brown County Public Library, Nashville, Brown County Widows 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., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m.-7 a.m. Monday, rosary, 8 p.m. Open until midnight.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Mass, 10 a.m., sign-interpreted.

Third Mondays: St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Young Widows Group, sponsored by archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Indianapolis, Mass and healing service, midnight. Information: 317-831-4142.

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

Third Saturdays: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Helpers of God’s Precious Infants monthly pro-life ministry, Mass for Life by arch- diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 8:30 a.m., drive to Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 5007 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, for rosary, return to church for Benediction.†


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Providence Sister Jean Ernstes served in elder care ministries

Providence Sister Jean Ernstes, also known as Sister Marie Pierre Buttell, died on Oct. 5 in Indianapolis. She was 97.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 7 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Burial followed in the sisters’ cemetery.

The former Jean Frances Ernstes was born on March 19, 1936, in Greensburg, Indiana.

She entered the Sisters of Mercy on Nov. 19, 1955, and professed her first vows in 1957.

She was the first woman to serve as the president of the Sisters of Mercy in 1980.

She served as a missionary in the Philippines, where she worked with the poor and homeless people.

She retired from active ministry in 1998.

She is survived by her brother, Howard Ernstes, both of New Prague, Minnesota.

She is predeceased by her parents, Theodore and Mary Ernstes.

A memorial service will be held on Oct. 7, 2004, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Sisters of Mercy or the Sisters of Mercy Foundation.

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The pope asked the Christian community to seek a deeper understanding of the Eucharist during Mass and in moments of adoration. This understanding should give rise to a sense of communion and a sense of mission as well as a greater commitment to fraternity and service to the weakest, he said.

In his message, the pope announced that the next International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Quebec in 2008. The pope recovered enough strength to close the speech with the phrase, “Stay with us, Lord. Stay with us.”

With the pope’s message complete and the congress formally closed, the crowd broke into applause and cheering as balloons fell and mariachi music rang through the stadium.

The congress gathered bishops, priests and lay people from 87 countries for a full week of prayer and discussion aimed at bolstering devotion to the Eucharist worldwide.

Thirty-five cardinals and some 250 bishops attended the congress, along with hundreds of priests from every continent. In total, some 14,000 people attended the congress' sessions.

One of those who attended from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis was Father Michael O’Mara, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. Father O’Mara was sent to the congress by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein to represent the archdiocese.

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Banners bearing the face of the pope and advertising the congress were hung in countless windows, and local media credited the congress with the record participation in the city’s annual Oct. 12 procession from the cathedral to the basilica where it usually resides in Guadalajara, Mexico, on Oct. 12. The annual event drew more than 3 million people and coincided with the 48th International Eucharistic Congress.