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Justices OK one Ten Commandments display, bar others

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Texas Capitol is permissible under federal law, but those in two Kentucky courthouses violate the Establishment Clause of the Constitution, the Supreme Court ruled in two narrowly decided opinions on June 27.

In one 5-4 ruling, the court said the 6-foot granite monument donated by the Order of Eagles amid a display of other monuments and historical markers on the Texas Capitol's 22-acre grounds is a passive structure that does not violate the Establishment Clause.

In a second 5-4 ruling released on the last day of the term, however, the court upheld injunctions barring Ten Commandments displays in Kentucky's McCreary and Pulaski county courthouses because there was a predominantly religious purpose behind their placement.

Writing for the majority in the Kentucky case, Justice David Souter upheld lower courts that found the counties' purpose in authorizing the displays

in 1999 was religious, and that they were designed to be "an active symbol of religion [stating] 'the religious duties of believers.'

Although, after losing lawsuits, the counties twice amended the displays to incorporate other texts of historic significance and adapted their statements of purpose, Souter said those changes were presented "only as a litigating position." He noted that earlier statements "were not repealed or otherwise repudiated."

"No reasonable observer could swallow the claim that the counties had cast off the objective so unmistakable in the earlier displays," Souter wrote. After describing elements of the amended county displays he found puzzling, such as the inclusion of a patriotic anthem but the omission of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, on citizenship rights ("the most significant structural provision adopted since the original framing"), he concluded: "If the observer had not thrown up his hands, he would probably suspect that the counties were simply



A depiction of the Ten Commandments placed by a religious group is seen outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on June 27. The court ruled the same day that a Ten Commandments monument can be displayed on a state capitol's grounds, but in a separate decision did not allow the posting of framed copies of the commandments in county courthouses.

reaching for any way to keep a religious document on the walls of courthouses constitutionally required to embody religious neutrality."

The majority opinion said the counties' past actions do not taint all future efforts to

somehow display the Ten Commandments. **See COMMANDMENTS,** page 2

Pope presents summary of catechism, urges memorizing prayers in Latin

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Presenting the new Compendium of the Catechism of



Pope Benedict XVI

the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI urged Catholics around the world to memorize the most common Catholic prayers in

Learning the prayers in Latin as well as in one's own language "will help Christian

faithful of different languages pray together, especially when they gather for special circumstances," the pope said on June 28 as he distributed the Italian version of the compendium, which included an appendix with the Latin texts of many traditional prayers, including the Sign of

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Sister Loretto Emenogu, third from right, a member of the Nigerian-based Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy, waits with others to be sworn in as an American citizen on June 23 at the federal courthouse in Indianapolis.

Nigerian sister who helps refugees adjust to life in United States becomes citizen

By Sean Gallagher

As one of our country's newest citizens, Sister Loretto Emenogu, a member of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy, will celebrate Independence Day with special enthu-

Sister Loretto, who ministers through the archdiocese's Catholic Social Services to foreign refugees resettled in Indianapolis, arrived in the United States in 1992 from her home in Nigeria.

Her religious community, based in her home country, sent her here to study health care administration and non-profit management.

Sister Loretto was granted permanent resident status in 1998. On June 23 in Indianapolis, she was sworn in as a U.S. citizen.

Sister Loretto continues to hold citi-

zenship in Nigeria as well. She praised the country that she now

"America is very, very generous," she said. "America is such a godly country.

America has a large open door for people to come in and have life and have it in abundance."

Sister Loretto has generously served others wherever she has gone in the United States. While a student at the Jesuit-run Regis University in Denver, she counseled freshmen students and ministered to women just released from jail who suffered from substance abuse and AIDS. Later, in Miami, she worked with the international aid agency Food for the Poor.

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And now in Indianapolis she is helping people resettled in America from war-torn countries. In particular, Sister Loretto helps them adjust to American culture and laws.

The friends she made in the United States over the years encouraged her to remain here and become a citizen.

Sister Loretto described how Jesuit Father Michael Sharan, the president of Regis University when she was a student there, referred to a blue habit she sometimes wears and said to her "'Blue nun, you're not going back. We need you here in America.' "

She also recalled how the Denverbased federal judge who approved her permanent residence status told her, 'Sister, we need you here in the [United] States. You don't need to go

back. I will be here to swear you in in Denver as a citizen.'

While her citizenship swearing in ceremony happened in Indianapolis and not in Denver, Sister Loretto was happy to become an American citizen and hopes to live out in the United States the ideals of the founder of her order to "radiate the presence of God" and to "empty [myself] out for the people."

This spiritual mission of her life in America led Sister Loretto to turn her thoughts to a higher citizenship when she was at the federal courthouse on June 23 in Indianapolis.

There were more spiritual thoughts inside of me than just the physical," she said. "If I die today, will I be a real citizen of heaven?"

Sister Loretto came to the conclusion that her life and ministry in her new home in America will help her to ultimately be welcomed as a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. †



Sister Loretto Emenogu, a member of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy, takes a phone call in her office at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. Recently sworn in as an American citizen. Sister Loretto, a native of Nigeria, ministers through Catholic Social Services to foreign refugees now living in Indianapolis.

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"We hold only that purpose needs to be taken seriously under the Establishment Clause and needs to be understood in light of context; an implausible claim that government purpose has changed should not carry the day in a court of law any more than in a head with common sense," Souter wrote. "District courts are fully capable of adjusting [their injunctions] to take account of genuine changes in

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Rev. Darvin E. Winters, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood and St. Magdalen Parish in New Marion, to pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Terre Haute, while continuing as a military chaplain. †

constitutionally significant conditions."

Justice Stephen Breyer provided the swing vote in creating a majority for both cases. In his concurring opinion, Breyer said the Texas display falls on the permissible side of the constitutional line because it serves a "mixed but primarily nonreligious purpose" and does not create an excessive government entanglement in

"This display has stood apparently uncontested for nearly two generations," Breyer wrote. "That experience helps us understand that as a practical matter of degree this display is unlikely to prove divisive. And this matter of degree is, I believe, critical in a borderline case such

He said he understands "the danger of the slippery slope." But "where the Establishment Clause is at issue, we must 'distinguish between real threat and mere shadow.' Here we have only the shadow."

Although he agreed in the majority judgment that the monument does not

violate the Constitution, Breyer drew the line at signing onto Chief Justice William Rehnquist's opinion defining why. Rehnquist's opinion noted that representa-

tions of the Ten Commandments are common throughout the country, including in the Supreme Court room itself. Images of the Ten Commandments are incorporated in the frieze on the room's walls and on the metal gates lining its north and south

"These displays and recognitions of the Ten Commandments bespeak the rich American tradition of religious acknowledgements," Rehnquist wrote.

'Of course the Ten Commandments are religious," he continued. "They were so viewed at their inception and so remain. The monument, therefore, has religious significance."

But Moses, who presented the commandments to the Israelites, was "a lawgiver as well as a religious leader," Rehnquist said. "The Ten Commandments have an undeniable historical meaning. ... Simply having religious content or promoting a message consistent with a religious doctrine does not run afoul of the Establishment Clause.'

Joining Souter and Breyer in the majority in the Kentucky case, McCreary County vs. American Civil Liberties Union, were Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

In the Texas case, Van Orden vs. Perry, Rehnquist and Breyer were joined by Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Dissenting opinions in each case staked out firm areas of disagreement with the majorities.

Stevens, O'Connor and Souter wrote dissents in Van Orden vs. Perry. Ginsburg joined those filed by Stevens and Souter.

Scalia's dissent in McCreary County vs. ACLU was joined by Rehnquist and Thomas, and, in part, by Kennedy. Scalia also read much of his dissent from the bench, which the justices tend to do only in cases of strong disagreement with the majority. †

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Vocations campers from Mooresville work with Missionaries of Charity

By Sean Gallagher

Prayer and work. The rhythm between these two activities often characterizes the way that priests and religious live from day to day.

More than 20 boys and girls in the third- through the eighth-grades from St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville recently experienced this firsthand when they visited the convent of the Missionaries on Charity at 2424 E. 10th St. in Indianapolis.

The children were participating in a parish-sponsored vocations camp in which they learned about priestly and religious vocations.

Many priests and religious came to the parish in Mooresville to speak and pray with the children. They included Father Robert Robeson, archdiocesan director of youth and young adult ministry and director of formation at the Bishop Bruté House of Formation at Marian College in Indianapolis, Benedictine Sisters Catherine Duenne and Cathleen Yungwirth, members of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese, and Little Sister of the Poor Lourdes

Miranda, who lives and ministers at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis.

But in order for the campers to learn about the life and ministry of the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, they went to them.

When they arrived, they joined the four sisters who live at the convent in Indianapolis for their daily hour of eucharistic adoration.

At its conclusion, a group of boys and girls accompanied two of the sisters as they visited shut-ins at the nearby New Life Manor, subsidized housing apartments. The campers had made plaques and decorated flowerpots for each of the residents they met there.

St. Philip Neri parishioner Jerome Murphy of Indianapolis was one of the residents they met. Murphy, who is blind, told the boys and girls that, "The Catholic faith kind of taught me that losing my sight was the best thing that ever happened to me because it showed me that God had given me so many other senses that I didn't

"I see people from the inside out, not from the outside in," Murphy said. "We have a lot of problems when we

judge people. We judge them by what they look like on the outside, but we never really get to look at their souls and see what they're about."

He encouraged the boys and girls to be open to priestly and religious vocations, telling them that they could make a positive impact upon the faithful that way, especially on people who live in the inner city.

Murphy also told the campers about the ways in which the Missionaries of Charity help him.

"The sisters always come by and work with me and pray with me," he said. "I talked with them today about my youngest daughter and the problems she's having, and we prayed together about that. Hopefully, that will help her get on the right path.'

Father Rick Eldred, pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, who will become pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford on July 6, said that the trip to pray and work with the Missionaries of Charity was an important part of the vocations camp.

"I think it's wonderful because they're seeing a different aspect of the Church and servants of God than they see in their own home parish," he said. "And also they are going out to see the people of the community, which, in most cases, are much worse off than our parishioners are."

Father Eldred was also pleased that the boys and girls were able to see how the Missionaries of Charity minister "with such great joy and peace of God."

"That's what it's about," he said, "for the children to be able to see the ministries of God, to discern whether

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Serra Club vocations essay

A heavenly vision of priests and religious

By Olivia Bruns

As I walked through the shiny gates, a view of fruit and light was before me. Someone of unspeakable

beauty and warmth called me over. I was frightened, but I suddenly realized who this man was. It was the heavenly Father, the creator of all. It was God! I was now with

The first question that came to my mind was, "Why is all this fruit lying around?"

He replied in a calm and collected voice. The fruit represented

Him in his eternal kingdom.

his modern disciples on Earth. They were the nuns, priests and brothers I had seen on my way to school. All of the good they perform makes the fruit grow as if it is magical.

He told me to look down. I did and my mouth fell, and a sight of amazement came over me. I was looking down on Earth.

I saw an average sight. It was a nun in a hospital. She was working late into the night. Then a colleague walked in with a stack of books and reports. She was a teacher and the other was a nurse. They both worked with compassion and determination.

They were not thinking of themselves, only their patients and students. The women's strength of mind made the scene extraordinary.

The sight suddenly changed. It showed a priest counseling a family. There was no father, and the mother and children were crying. Something terrible had happened.

The priest was comforting them and making them feel as if their father was with them.

All of a sudden, the family left and the priest started changing into his garments to say Mass. He looked as though he was overworked, but he showed no signs of

He walked out with a smile on his face. He knew what he was doing would help the human race, and that made him individually joyful.

The clouds started shifting and it became very dark. I was now looking down on a monk who was sitting with someone who was dying.

They were in a horrible place, maybe India or Thailand. I wasn't sure, but the love that the monk was showing for this stranger had overcome me.

He was in a land he had never been in, all by himself, but God was still shining through him. The poor man died and the monk prayed for many hours. He did not pray for the suffering man only, also he prayed for all, of us whose hardships are nothing compared to

All of this was still racing through my mind! This had impressed me more than anything on Earth had ever done. I had never realized how many burdens that religious people have to carry.

Their works keep the world together. The results of their jobs do not waste away. Everything they do leaves an impact on the Earth.

Something else I had never realized was how their jobs vary. They can be anything from lawyers to missionaries to doctors to even just average citizens trying to help the community. Just like fruit, their works come in all shapes and sizes.

God called me over to sit down at the table where beautiful food was laid out. I first asked him how these people are so Christ-like and kind in their daily lives.

He told me that we all have Jesus in us, and he grows by the generous works we do. Their works are extraordinary, and that is why Jesus shines through them as if he lives in them.

I finally understood that they are the ones who deserve to be the angels in heaven. They possess all the qualities: holiness, kindness and, most of all, Jesus. They bring light into even the darkest situations.

They are the ones who deserve to come and sit with me and God at this eternal feast of fruit.

(Olivia and her parents, Jeff and Barbara Bruns, are members of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg. She just completed the eighth-grade at St. Malachy School and is the eighth-grade division winner in the 2005 Serra Club Vocations Essay Contest.) †



St. Philip Neri parishioner Jerome Murphy of Indianapolis, right, welcomes to his apartment a group of boys and girls from St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville, led by Sister M. Gaynel, center, superior of the Missionaries of Charity convent in Indianapolis. The boys and girls were participants in a vocations camp sponsored by their parish, and accompanied the sisters as they visited the homebound in the St. Philip Neri Parish neighborhood.



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Editorial



A refugee camp is seen in late May in the Darfur region of Sudan. Millions of black Africans have fled their homes because of attacks by Arab militias backed by the Sudanese government. As many as 180,000 people have been killed in the ongoing conflict, according to U.N. estimates.

Ridding Africa of poverty

The world has a chance to eradicate poverty in our poorest countries for a fraction of what the United States is spending to try to bring democracy to the Middle East. We will know on July 6-8 whether the developed countries have the will to do so.

Those are the dates when the leaders of the G-8 nations (the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Italy, Canada and Russia) will meet in Edinburgh, Scotland. As we reported on page one of our June 17 issue, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, chairman of the G-8, is campaigning to have those leaders approve a plan to eliminate poverty in impoverished nations, especially in Africa.

The finance ministers of the G-8 countries have already agreed to write off more than \$40 billion of debt owed by 18 of the world's poorest nations—debts that they have no chance of repaying. Just paying the interest on the debts is keeping those nations in poverty. But at least 62 impoverished countries need to have their debts can-

We have editorialized several times about the importance of canceling those debts. The Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty, a joint project of Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has encouraged the government to cancel the debts that poor countries owe to the World Bank and other institutions.

James Morris, executive director of the United Nations World Food Program and former president of Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, spoke at the archdiocese's Spirit of Service Awards dinner on April 26. He described the pitiable conditions in poor countries. He said that there are 850 million hungry people in the world, and 300 million of those are children. About 25,000 people a day die from hunger, he said, and about 18,000 of them are children.

Africa isn't the only place where people are suffering from poverty. Haiti and Jamaica come to mind immediately. Catholic Relief Services ia helping alleviate poverty there as well as other countries in this hemisphere.

The late Pope John Paul II frequently called for the canceling of debts.

When Blair said, during his meeting with President Bush at the White House on June 7, that he intended to have an agreement to eliminate debts, the president said that the United States would contribute an additional \$674 million. Presently, the U.S. is contributing \$3 billion a year to Africa. We could do much better.

When Blair made his announcement, the author of this editorial was in Ireland. The newspapers and TV there were full of the story, mainly because two Irish rock stars, Bob Geldof and U2's lead singer, Bono, have long been leaders in the campaign to cancel debts. Geldof now is planning a series of concerts, starring some of the world's bestknown performers, to raise awareness of African poverty.

Bono, who met with Pope John Paul II several times about this issue (the pope even posed wearing a pair of Bono's stylish sunglasses once), spoke in Brussels, Belgium, on June 9. He challenged leaders of the European Union to take advantage of the momentum building in support of debt relief and development aid. It seems strange that we need rock stars to take the lead on this issue, but more power to them.

While in Ireland recently, this writer also visited the Strokestown Famine Museum with its exhibits about the Irish potato famine from 1845-51. The museum exhibits ended with a reminder that people are still starving in our world today and, by not doing more to eradicate hunger, we in the developed world are responsible for a huge number of deaths in the developing world.

That doesn't have to be. As James Morris said at the Catholic Social Services dinner, if \$5-7 billion a year were placed toward ending child hunger, it would end. And, as we said in an editorial in our Feb. 25 issue, Jeffrey Sachs, an economist at Columbia University, has estimated that we could save a million lives a year by spending \$2-3 billion on providing medicines that cure malaria.

Pray that the G-8 leaders will do the right thing on July 6-8.

- John F. Fink

Light One Candle/Dennis Heaney

Thanksgiving on the Fourth of July

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The July 4th reading in volume 37 of The Christophers Three Minutes A Day



book had some interesting facts about the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence that were new to me.

As of result of signing the document, 12 signers had their homes ransacked or burned to the ground.

With the new government battling the British, one of the signers, Thomas Nelson Jr. of Virginia, put his vast properties up for collateral so that he could raise \$2 million to supply our French allies. When the Continental Congress was unable to repay

Nelson, he lost his estate. Then, during the final battle of Yorktown, when British General Cornwallis was occupying Nelson's home, Nelson urged George Washington to fire on the home. Washington did, destroying the home and leaving Nelson bankrupt when he died.

To escape capture by the British, John Hart of New Jersey had to flee from his sick wife's bedside. While he was in hiding, his fields and mills were destroyed and his children had to flee for their lives. When he finally could return home, he found that his wife had died and his children had vanished. Within weeks, he died of exhaustion and a broken heart.

Seventeen of the 56 signers lost their fortunes as a result of revolution. Five were imprisoned. Two lost sons in the fight. And 14 signers of the Declaration of Independence lost their lives.

Like most, I first heard in grade school about the signing of the Declaration and the great risk that the signers took in affixing their name to this document. However, I don't recall thinking much about the

impact of the risk and sacrifices these heroic individuals made for their beliefs until I read the Three Minutes a Day reading. I can honestly say that since then, the Fourth of July has taken on a significant new importance for me.

Oh, I continue to think of it as "Independence Day," and I enjoy the day off, the picnics and the fireworks. But now, on the Fourth of July, I also make it a point to pause during the day and pray in gratitude for what others have sacrificed so that I could celebrate the day. Not just the 56 signers, but all those who have served in our Armed Forces, and those who do today, especially those who have given their lives.

I know that passions run deep for or against wars or specific military actions, but I, for one, don't ever want to lose sight

> of the fact that people have made and are making great sacrifices so that we can have the debate. I pray that whatever side I take in any discussion about war, I will never forget those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

I think that one of the sadder times of my

life was watching the young men and women return from the Vietnam War to find themselves the focus of the wrath of some who opposed the war. All too often, the debate became personal simply because the person wore a uniform.

I do not like war, but every Fourth of July I pause to give thanks for every man and woman, past or present, who has been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as those brave 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. They all make it possible for me to pray as I want-and to truly celebrate Independence Day.

(Dennis Heaney is president of The Christophers.) †

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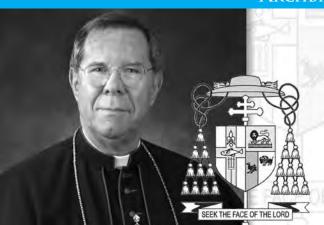
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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

Buscando la Cara del Señor

Father Bruté's dream of becoming a missionary becomes a reality

he future bishop of Vincennes had become a Sulpician and the mission of Sulpician priests was to prepare candidates for the priesthood. His first assignment as a priest was to teach in the seminary in Rennes in Brittany, France. By all accounts, Father Simon Bruté was an effective teacher. Yet the young priest began to dream of being a missionary to India or China. In fact, he did receive a call to become a missionary—not to the Orient but to the New World.

At this point, Father Bruté's life intersected with that of another pioneer missionary in America, Father Benedict Joseph Flaget. Father Flaget, the newly named bishop of Bardstown in Kentucky, had come to Paris in 1809 to plead with his Sulpician superior to intervene against his being made a bishop-to no effect. Father Bruté met Father Flaget in Paris.

In his early missionary life, Father Flaget had been sent for several years to Fort Vincennes, a French settlement on the Wabash River. A military post had been established there in the early 1700s, and by the middle of that century a church had been built there by Jesuit missionaries. It was described as built of logs set upright and roofed with thatch covered with adobe. Its parish records date from 1749. The Jesuits placed it under the patronage of St. Francis Xavier.

During the American Revolution, George Rogers Clark had captured Vincennes—by then under British control and named

Fort Sackville—and won the entire old Northwest. Father Pierre Gibault, a priest of the Diocese of Quebec, had been for a long time the only priest in Illinois and Indiana. When George Rogers Clark captured Vincennes, it was largely owing to Father Gibault's influence that the inhabitants submitted without protest. This angered his bishop in Quebec, a Canadian under the rule of Great Britain, and Father Gibault left

Father Flaget was sent to replace Gibault in Vincennes after Indiana had been without a priest for three years. The old church was falling into ruins, and severe poverty was extensive. In 1794, Father Flaget was recalled to serve as a professor at Georgetown College.

Father Bruté was fascinated by the stories Bishop-elect Flaget told of his missionary adventures in America. In France, Father Flaget, who would become his friend, encouraged him to go to the missions in America.

Father Bruté wrote to two of his friends: "Read low and alone. It is at this moment that I have need of my friends before the Lord... I depart for the American missions. My spiritual directors have been unanimous in their opinion. The Bishop consented with a readiness that confirmed me in the hope that it is a call from Providence. Mother did not resist. Her sacrifice is complete."

On June 10, 1810, in the company of Bishop-elect Flaget, he sailed for America. Once he reached the new world, Father

Bruté found that he would not be a missionary in the way he had hoped. Once again, he was assigned by his Sulpician superiors to teach. The Sulpicians had founded a college and a seminary in Baltimore, and Father Bruté's education and talent was sorely needed. He was assigned to teach moral philosophy. The Sulpicians also had responsibility for Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., which had been founded by Father Jean Dubois, a young priest who had fled to American in 1791 to escape the French Revolution. After two years in Baltimore, Father Bruté was assigned to teach at Mount St. Mary's.

In America, Father Bruté encountered two difficulties. First, he was without his beloved books; his substantial library was still in France. He also found it extremely difficult to learn English. He wrote to Bishop Flaget, "I am trying to learn practically my English. I have said Mass and preached, bad preaching as it may be, in six different places. This must force this dreadful English into my backward head, or I must renounce forever to know it." He would develop his ability to write in English, but never would become fluent in conversational English.

For one thing, Father Bruté wasn't sure

he would stay in America. Once more he found himself longing to go to India or China as a missionary. He even wrote to his superiors in France, asking that he be sent there, all the while knowing that the Orient was beyond the mission of the Sulpicians. Before receiving a response, he wrote again to his superiors and said, "Our America is suffering too." And he urged that more priests be sent to the missions in the New World. And so he continued to teach, even as he would struggle with the idea of going to India or China for years to come.

The beginning phase of Father Simon Bruté's missionary life in the New World found his obedience tested by his confinement to teaching future missionaries for America. His dreams of foreign missions continued to test his fidelity. In addition to uncertainty, he also struggled with the challenge of learning English. Our first bishop's obedience and perseverance in the face of difficulty and disappointment are valuable examples, and they are an encouragement to trust in Providence. And note: his mother's "sacrifice was complete." †

Next week: Father Simon Bruté's reputation as a pastor, theologian and teacher grows.

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for July

Men Religious: that the special gifts their communities bring to the Chur ch may be more widely appreciated and encouraged.

El sueño del padre Bruté de convertirse en misionario se hace r ealidad

¶1 futuro Obispo de Vincennes se había convertido en sulpiciano y la misión de los sacerdotes sulpicianos era preparar candidatos para el sacerdocio. Su primera tarea como sacerdote era enseñar en el seminario en Rennes en Brittany, France. Desde todo punto de vista, el padre Simon Bruté era un maestro muy eficiente. Sin embargo, el joven sacerdote comenzó a soñar en convertirse en misionario en India o China. En efecto, recibió un llamado a convertirse en misionario: no en Oriente sino en el Nuevo Mundo.

En ese momento, la vida del padre Bruté se cruzó con la de otro misionario pionero en América, el padre Benedict Joseph Flaget. Flaget, recientemente nombrado obispo en Bardstown, Kentucky, había ido a París, en 1809 para pedirle a su superior sulpiciano que intercediera en contra de su nombramiento como obispo para que no se hiciera efectivo. El padre Bruté conoció a Flaget en París.

Al comienzo de su vida misionaria, al padre Flaget se le envió por varios años a Fort Vincennes, un asentamiento francés a la orilla del río Wabash. En ese lugar se había fundado un puesto militar a principios de los 1700 y a mediados de ese siglo los misionarios jesuitas habían construido allí una iglesia. Se la describía como una edificación construida con leños colocados verticalmente y con techo de paja cubierto con adobe. Su parroquia tiene registro de ella desde 1749. Los jesuitas la colocaron bajo el patronato de San Francisco Xavier.

Durante la Revolución Americana, George Rogers Clark había tomado Vincennes, en ese entonces bajo el control británico y llamada Fort Sackville, y ganó todo el viejo noroeste. El padre Pierre Gibault, un sacerdote de la diócesis de Ouébec había sido durante mucho tiempo, el único sacerdote en Illinois e Indiana. Cuando George Rogers Clark tomó Vincennes, los habitantes se sometieron sin protesta, en gran parte, debido a la influencia del padre Gibault. Esto irritó a su obispo en Québec, un canadiense bajo el dominio de Gran Bretaña y Gibault se fue de Vincennes.

Al padre Flaget se le envió para sustituir a Gibault en Vincennes, después de que Indiana estuviera sin un sacerdote por tres años. La vieja iglesia estaba en ruinas y la pobreza extrema estaba muy difundida. En 1794, el padre Flaget fue enviado para servir como profesor en Georgetown Collage.

El padre Bruté estaba fascinado con las historias que el obispo electo Flaget le contaba sobre sus aventuras misionarias en América. En Francia, Flaget, quien se convirtió en su amigo, lo incitó a que sirviera como misionario en América.

El padre Bruté le escribió a dos de sus amigos: "Lee en voz baja y a solas. En estos momentos es cuando más necesito de mis amigos en la presencia del Señor... Parto para las misiones en América. La opinión de mis directores espirituales es unánime. El obispo otorgó su consentimiento con tan buena voluntad que me confirmó que se trataba de un llamado de la Providencia. Mi madre no opuso resistencia. Su sacrificio ha culminado." El 10 de junio de 1810, en compañía del obispo electo, Flaget, se hizo a la mar rumbo a América.

Una vez en el Nuevo mundo, el padre Bruté se dio cuenta de que no sería el tipo de misión que ambicionaba. Una vez más, sus superiores sulpicianos lo asignaron como maestro. Los sulpicianos habían fundado una universidad y un seminario en Baltimore y se necesitaba con urgencia la educación y el talento del padre Bruté. Se le asignó como maestro de filosofía moral. Los sulpicianos también eran responsables por la universidad Mount St. Mary en Emmitsburg, MD, fundada por el padre Jean Dubois, un joven sacerdote que había huido a América en 1791 para escapar de la Revolución Francesa. Después de dos años en Baltimore, al padre Bruté se le asignó para que enseñara en Mount St. Mary.

Una vez en América, el padre Bruté enfrentó dos dificultades: Primero, que se encontraba sin sus queridos libros; su notable biblioteca estaba todavía en Francia. También se le hizo extremadamente difícil aprender el inglés. En una oportunidad le escribió al obispo Flaget: "Estoy tratando de aprender el inglés en la práctica. He celebrado la misa y he predicado, con todo y lo malo que pueda ser, en seis lugares diferentes. Esto debería forzar el espantoso inglés en mi cabeza que piensa al revés, o deberé renunciar para siempre a aprenderlo." Desarrollaría su habilidad para escribir en inglés, pero nunca lo hablaría con soltura.

Por un lado, el padre Bruté no estaba seguro de que se quedaría en América. Una vez más se encontraba añorando ir a India o a China como misionario. Incluso le escribió a sus superiores en Francia, pidiéndoles que lo enviaran allá, siempre consciente de que Oriente estaba fuera del alcance de las misiones de los sulpicianos. Antes de recibir respuesta, les escribió otra vez a sus superiores y les dijo: "Nuestra América también está sufriendo". Y los exhortó a que enviaran más sacerdotes a las misiones en el Nuevo Mundo. Así que continuó enseñando, aun debatiéndose con la idea de ir a la India o a China, por muchos años más.

La fase inicial de la vida misionaria del padre Simon Bruté en el Nuevo Mundo probó su obediencia a través de su limitación a la enseñanza de nuevos misionarios para América. Sus sueños de servir en misiones extranjeras continuaron probando su lealtad. Además de la incertidumbre, batalló con el reto de aprender inglés. La obediencia y la perseverancia de nuestro primero obispo ante la dificultad y el desencanto son ejemplos valiosos y constituyen un incentivo para creer en la Providencia. Y obsérvese: el sacrificio de su madre "ha culminado". †

La próxima semana: Crece la reputación del padre Simon Bruté como pastor, teólogo y

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para julio

Hombres Religiosos: Que los dones especiales que sus comunidades traen a la iglesia sean más apreciados y alentados por todas partes.

Events Calendar

Holy Family Council, Knights of Columbus Hall, 200 N. Lynhurst Dr., Indianapolis. Breakfast, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: 317-240-3782.

MKVS and DM Center, Rexville (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles). Mass, 3:30 p.m., Schoenstatt holy hour, 2:30 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Infor-

mation: 812-689-3551 or e-mail frburwink@seidata.com or log on to Schoenstatt website at www.seidata.com/~frburwink.

July 4

St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis. Watch city's Fourth of July fireworks, bring a chair, 6-9 p.m. Information: 317-637-3983.

July 7-9

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Parish

festival, 5:30-11 p.m., rides, food, music, entertainment. Information: 317-353-9404.

July 8

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Lumen Dei meeting, Mass, 6:30 a.m., breakfast in Priori Hall, \$15 members, \$20 guests. Information: 317-919-5316.

St. Bartholomew Church, 1306 27th St. (U.S. 31 and Home

Ave.), Columbus. Healing Mass, 7 p.m. Information: 812-379-

July 8-9

St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. 9th St., Terre Haute. Community Fun Fest, Fri. noon-midnight, Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight, games, food. Information: 812-232-8421.

St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg. Parish festival, Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight,

pork chop dinner, Sat. 2 p.m.midnight, German dinner, Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 812-537-3992.

July 9

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, retreat for discernment and direction of the Charismatic Renewal. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 797-2460.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Silent prayer day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., brown bag lunch, free-will offering. Information: 317-543-0154.

July 10

Harrison County Fairgrounds, 341 Capitol Ave., Corydon. St. Joseph Parish, parish picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner, quilts. Information: 812-738-2742. †

Check It Out . . .

Daily Events

St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. Liturgy of the **Hours**, morning prayer, 7:30 a.m., evening prayer, 5:15 p.m.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Tridentine (Latin) Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon; Wed., Fri., 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Leave a telephone number to be contacted by a member of the prayer group. Prayer line: 317-767-9479.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. Perpetual adoration. Information: 317-357-

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Perpetual adoration. Information: 317-888-2861.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. Perpetual adoration. Information: 317-831-4142.

Weekly Events

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Tridentine Mass, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. Mass in Vietnamese, 1 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30-9 p.m., rosary for world peace, 8 p.m. Information: 317-255-3666.

St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. Spanish Mass, 5 p.m. Information: 317-

Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair, Indianapolis. Poticas for sale, after 9 a.m. Mass. Information: 317-634-8025.

Mondays

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 523 S. Merrill St., Fortville. Rosary, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-485-4102.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Prayer group, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. **Holy hour**, 7 p.m. Information:

1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

317-784-1763.

Marian Center, 3356 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Prayer group, prayers for priests and religious, 9 a.m. Information: 317-257-2569.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Monday silent prayer group, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. Shepherds of Christ, rosary, prayers after 7 p.m. Mass.

Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th St., Beech Grove. Prayer group, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Bible sharing, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests, prayer cenacle, Mass, 7-8 p.m. Information: 317-842-

Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Bible study, Gospel of John, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-353-9404.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Tuesday silent prayer hour, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

St. Francis Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center, 650 E Southport Road, Suite. C, Indianapolis. "Awesome Kids," therapeutic program for 5-13-year-olds grieving from the loss of a loved one. Information: 317-783-8383.

St. Joseph Church, 125 E. Broadway, Shelbyville. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after 8 a.m. Mass. Information: 317-398-8227.

Wednesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St. (behind St. Michael Church), Indianapolis. Marian prayers for priests, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-271-8016.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests for laity, prayer cenacle, 1 p.m. Information: 317-253-1678.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, between Masses, noon-5:45 p.m. Information:

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew I. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Young adult Bible study, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Chapel, 46th and Illinois streets, Indianapolis. Prayer service for peace, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Information: 317-253-

Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair, Indianapolis. Poticas for sale, noon-2 p.m. Information: 317-634-8025.

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

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Rosary and **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**, 7 p.m. Information:

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, 438 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Wellness Community, cancer support group, 6-8 p.m., interview required before joining group. Information: 317-257-1505.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. Mass, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

Thursdays

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Benediction, 5 p.m., Mass, 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Malachy Church, 326 N. Green St., Brownsburg. Liturgy of the Hours, 7 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Faith-sharing group, 7:30-9 p.m. Information: 317-856-

St. Lawrence Church, Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Information: 317-546-4065.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. Adult Bible study, 6 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Christ the King Chapel, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., Indianapolis. Marian prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m. Information: 317-255-3666.

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. Euchre, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Parish Hall, 1125 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Adult religious education, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Thursday silent prayer group, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., New Albany. Shepherds of Christ prayers for lay and religious vocations, 7 p.m. Information: 812-944-0417.

St. Joseph Church, 125 E. Broadway, Shelbyville. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after

Fridays

Marian College, St. Francis Hall Chapel, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, prayer meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., except first Friday. Information: 317-797-2460.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, chapel, 2222 E. Third St., Bloomington. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon-3 p.m., second, third and fourth Fridays. Information: 812-336-6846.

St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., Plainfield. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 317-839-3333.

St. Lawrence Church, Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Mass, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Spanish prayer group and conversa**tion**, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3607 W. 16th St., Indianapolis. Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-255-6789.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Tridentine Mass, 9 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

St. Patrick Church, 950 Prospect St., Indianapolis. Mass in English, 4 p.m. Information: 317-631-5824.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. "Be Not Afraid," holy hour, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

VIPs...

George and Mary Ellen (Hollinden) Wehrle, members of St. Malachy Parish in



Brownsburg, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4. The couple was married at St. Ferdinand Church in Ferdinand, Ind., in 1955.

They have two children: Christopher and Curt Wehrle. They also have four grandchildren.

Awards...

The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College softball team won its fourth consecutive United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) national title at the USCAA National Championships on April 28-30. The team members were also honored with several awards for their athletic and academic accomplishments, and some were also honored by Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Benedictine Sister Geralyn Marie O'Connor makes perpetual monastic profession

Sister Geralyn Marie O'Connor made her perpetual monastic profession as a member of



the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove during a ceremony on June 5.

She was born in Kankakee, Ill. Sister Geralyn Marie pursued a

career in nursing and graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a bachelor's degree

in nursing in 1978. She went on to receive a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University in 1993. She currently serves as a registered nurse at

St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis in the area Her profession as a Sister of St. Benedict is

a promise of a life long commitment to the religious community, which was founded in 1960 in Beech Grove.†

Events Calendar policy

The Criterion has combined the "Check It Out" and "Active List" sections into one

The Events Calendar will contain a listing for the coming week of Church and parish activities at the top of the page. Regularly occurring events, notices of upcoming retreats and events, and other special announcements will be listed on the bottom

Events Calendar submissions should include a date, location, name of the event. sponsor, cost, time and a phone number for more information. All information must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday one week in advance of our Friday publication. Submissions will not be taken over the phone.

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You may hand-deliver the notice to the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center,

CATECHISM

the Cross, the Gloria, the Hail Mary and Come, Holy

The pope said he hoped the compendium, a 200-page synthesis of the voluminous 1992 catechism, would give Catholics and non-Catholics easy access to the basic and essential tenets of the Catholic faith.

Then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, president of the commission that Pope John Paul II named to compile the volume, signed the introduction on March 20, and then—as Pope Benedict—signed the official document promulgating the Italian text on June 28.

He said "numerous attempts" had been made around the world to compile a simplified version of the catechism, "which presented various problems regarding not only fidelity and respect for its structure and content, but also the completeness and integrity of Catholic doctrine."

The new compendium, he said, is "an authoritative, certain and complete text regarding the essential aspects of the faith of the Church," and it is "in harmony with the catechism approved by the pope and destined for the whole Church."

"It is not a new catechism, but a compendium which faithfully reflects the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which remains the source to draw from," particularly when looking for a "harmonious and authentic explanation of Catholic faith and morals," Pope Benedict said.

Pope Benedict presented the volume during a prayer service in the Vatican's Clementine Hall. Cardinals and

bishops who work at the Vatican, visiting cardinals from various parts of the world and representatives of the laity and religious orders participated in the liturgy.

In addition to U.S. prelates working at the Vatican, Cardinals Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington and Justin Rigali of Philadelphia attended the ceremony.

The text was available only in Italian. National bishops' conferences will be responsible for translating and publishing the text in their own languages.

Although using a question-and-answer format, the compendium followed the structure of the 1992 catechism with chapters devoted to the profession of faith, the celebration of the Christian mystery, life in Christ, and Christian prayer.

The only additions in the text are the inclusion of 15 works of art, an appendix with traditional catechetical formulas—like the three theological virtues or the seven deadly sins—and the appendix with the texts of traditional Catholic prayers in Latin and Italian. The only prayers not presented in Latin are selections from the Coptic, Maronite and Byzantine traditions.

Pope Benedict reminded those gathered for the prayer service what he had said about Latin formulations when he presented the Latin edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to Pope John Paul in 1997: "Latin, for centuries the vehicle and instrument of Christian culture, guarantees not only continuity with our roots, but remains as relevant as ever for strengthening the bonds of the unity of the faith in the communion of the Church."

The first of the 598 questions in the book is: "What is God's design for man?"

The answer: "God, infinitely perfect and blessed, in a

design of pure goodness freely created man to have him participate in his blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the redeemer and savior of men, who had fallen into sin, gathering them in his Church and making them adopted sons by the work of the Holy Spirit and heirs of his eternal beatitude."

The compendium affirmed the dignity of every human person, created in the image and likeness of God, and, therefore, condemned murder, abortion, euthanasia, suicide and the destruction of human embryos.

It explained the obligation to promote the common good and social justice as responsibilities flowing from human dignity and human freedom.

The compendium repeated Pope John Paul's strong doubts about the need of modern societies to use the death penalty to protect the public.

While insisting that the fullness of Christ's grace and salvation is found only in the Catholic Church, the compendium said elements of sanctification and truth can be found in other Churches and Christian communities as well.

"The members of these Churches and communities are incorporated into Christ through baptism; therefore we recognize them as brothers and sisters," it said.

Regarding non-Christians, the compendium reaffirmed Church teaching that Christians have a special and unique relationship with the Jewish people, the first to respond to God's call. It also insisted that neither all Jews of Jesus' time nor Jews today can be blamed for the death of Jesus.

As for other non-Christian religions, the compendium repeated Church teaching that Christians recognize that what is good and true in their faith comes from God and "can prepare for the acceptance of the Gospel." †

Bishop says Catholic theological views differ from Rev. Graham's

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (CNS)—Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio of Brooklyn extended a warm welcome to the Rev. Billy Graham, the Southern Baptist evangelist, when he came to New York for a series of evangelistic services on June 24-26.

"As a fellow Christian, I pray that the Lord will continue to bless him in his ministry to preach the Gospel to all who are willing to listen," the bishop said in his weekly column on June 25 in the diocesan newspaper,

However, Bishop DiMarzio noted that Rev. Graham, while praising Pope John Paul II in a recent interview, had himself pointed out that his theology differed significantly from that of the Catholic Church.

"These differences are important to understand, especially for those who may have chosen to attend any of Dr. Graham's talks," the bishop said.

The Greater New York Billy Graham Crusade was held at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, which is in the borough of Queens, part of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Bishop DiMarzio said he expected that a number of Catholics would attend the crusade services, and pointed out that Rev. Graham encouraged those Church members making personal commitments at the services to return to their Churches for further pastoral care.

Expressing gratitude that the Graham organization had agreed to pass along information about Catholics to the diocese, Bishop DiMarzio said "plans are already under way by the Vicariate for Evangelization and Pastoral Life to provide follow-up pastoral care."

'Special listening sessions, local revival missions and Catholic evangelization prayer services will be held throughout the diocese in the fall for all who wish to

attend, especially those who attended the crusade," he said. He asked that pastors of the diocese make special

efforts to address their needs. Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York declined a request from the Graham organization that the Archdiocese of New York provide priests to counsel Catholics who participated in the crusade, the cardinal's

Joseph Zwilling said the priests were busy with special activities related to the Year of the Eucharist, and Cardinal Egan did not want to ask them to take on additional

The Graham organization, working with a New York crusade budget of \$6.8 million and a paid staff of 30 based in Manhattan offices, reported enlisting the support of more than 1,400 congregations of more than 70 denominations in the area. Several thousand counselors, ushers and other workers were also enlisted and trained.

Local sponsors work in cooperation with the Billy

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Antonio has developed a measure of self-esteem that will carry him into a future that is as bright as his smile. Ioday, through the monthly gift o sponsorship, Antonio's life is much improved. He is going to school, eating nutritious meals and receiving regular health care. He has clothing and shoes to

Antonio is from a small Guatemalan village. The small house he shares with his family is made of wooden planks, with sheets of tin for a roof. Their meals are cooked over an open fire in homemade clay pots. Through CFCA, Antonio has new hope, a restored sense of dignity and a bright future.

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Archdiocese to hold VIRTUS Protecting God's Children programs

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is holding VIRTUS Protecting God's Children workshops in parishes.

VIRTUS is an education and awareness program that the archdiocese has implemented for employees and volunteers who work with young people to teach them more about child sexual abuse and how to help

Employees and volunteers should register in advance for the programs online at www.virtus.org and let their parish know if they are attending. They also should check to make sure the time and date of their parish program has not changed.

Programs scheduled for July and August will be held at:

- Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on July 13 at 1:45 p.m.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis on Aug. 30 at 6 p.m.
- St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis on July 5 at 6 p.m.
- St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis on Aug. 16 at 1 p.m.
- St. Louis Parish in Batesville on Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 27 at 9 a.m.
- St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville on Aug. 11 at
- The Aquinas Center in Clarksville on July 28 at 6 p.m.
- Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center in Terre Haute on July 11 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. †



Sisters of Providence honor those who support their mission

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods presented several awards during the annual Mother Theodore Guérin Dinner on June 4.

The dinner, named after the foundress of the congregation, is an opportunity for members of the congregation to show their gratitude for the support offered by their donors and friends.

Dorothy and Charles Stuart of Indianapolis received the Queen Amelia Award, which honors those who have made significant contributions to the congregation and who have been influential in informing others of its life

Dorothy Stuart is an alumnae of the Providence Aspirancy, and she and her husband have responded often over the years to the need to support the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the ministry fund, the education fund, the building of Providence Center, the retirement fund and Mother Theodore Hall, a new health-care facility.

The award is named for Queen Amelia of France, the wife of King Louis Philippe, who was a major donor for the young congregation in the United States in the mid-

David Milroy of Columbus received the Sarah and Joseph Thralls Award, which honors those who have made significant contributions of time, talent or gifts-inkind to the congregation.

Milroy has served for 14 years on the congregation's Investment Advisory Council and volunteered to develop a formula for determining how well its investment managers are performing.

The award is named for the pioneer family that offered hospitality by way of a primitive cabin in a dense forest to Mother Theodore and her companions upon their arrival at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840.

The congregation also added five new members to its "Rooted in Providence" plaque, an honor for major donors to the Sisters of Providence.

Those honorees were Robert and Isabell Gallagher of Ithaca, Ill.; Josephine Golding and her late husband, Syd, of West Terre Haute; Lilly Endowment Inc.; The James P. and Genevieve M. McLaughlin Family Foundation of San Mateo, Calif.; and George and Marilyn Paige of Benecia,

The Sisters of Providence, a congregation of nearly 500 women religious, minister in 20 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and China. †



Mexican bishops call for peace

Mexican indigenous people participate in a monthly Mass in Acteal in the Mexican state of Chiapas on June 22. Mexico's Zapatista rebel army is ready to take "a new step in the struggle" and consult with members on the future of its 11-year fight for Indian rights, leader Subcomandante Marcos said on June 21. In a statement, bishops in the region called for dialogue, and urged the Zapatistas to do "everything possible to avoid military action."



Retirement outside the United States can stretch funds

By Patricia Zapor Catholic News Service

The beaches are beautiful, satellite TV and the Internet keep people connected, and buying a modern, amenity-rich condominium on the water can cost as little as \$70,000.

It is a rather long drive to the nearest U.S. Post Office from this particular retirement haven. But spending part of their retirement years on the Gulf of California in Mexico has allowed Stan and Pat Zuris the chance to stretch their resources while enjoying a different culture and a lifestyle they couldn't have managed in the other areas they considered buying a retirement home.

From their beachfront property in Bahia Kino, or Kino Bay, the Zurises may be five hours from the U.S. border, but their "little fishing village" of about 7,000 permanent residents is in easy reach of most things they need.

A local "sportsmen's club" formed by American visitors and residents provides a marine rescue service, regular social events, video and book libraries, mailboxes, telephones and other community services. The nearest Wal-Mart, Costco and Kmart are just 70 miles away in Hermosillo, the capital of the state of Sonora, where there's also a hospital that's considered the best in the region.

Zuris, who had a law practice in Albuquerque, N.M., said he and his wife looked into retiring in Hawaii and San Diego before they outfitted a travel trailer and took it on the road to the Baja peninsula for several winters, trying out different recreational vehicle communities.

After a couple of difficult experiences with the more remote settlements and harsher weather of Baja, the couple shifted their focus to the other side of the Gulf of California and eventually bought a small house there.

He recommended that anyone considering retiring to Mexico should follow the same process, checking out various communities with a recreational vehicle or short-term rentals to find a suitable

Kino Bay is quiet much of the year, but is a favorite resort town for middleand upper-class Mexicans.

"There are probably 40,000 to 50,000 people from Hermosillo here during Easter Week," Zuris said.

It's not the sort of retirement that would appeal to people who don't have a bit of an adventurous streak and the patience to adapt to the local way of doing things, however.

For example, the Zurises' accountantdaughter in Texas handles their financial matters for them, so they don't have to rely on the erratic Mexican postal service. And Mexican property laws follow a different set of principles, so foreign property owners don't actually own their land, but hold it under a long-term lease from the government.

People who aren't willing to pay cash to use local doctors—many of whom got their medical education in the United States—travel the 250 miles up to Arizona, he said. Standard Medicare doesn't cover most treatment outside the United States, but Zuris said some people buy extra insurance that covers the cost of being transported back to U.S. hospitals.

There's no arguing that it's cheaper than retiring to Oahu or San Diego, though.

"The days of living in Mexico on \$100 a month are long gone," Zuris said. But buying or renting property is still a fraction of what comparable homes would cost in the United States. One Internet ad for a beach home on Kino Bay advertised a 6,000-square-foot lot with nearly 3,000 square feet of living space, a guest suite, RV hookup, security and furnishings for under \$180,000.

Costs for other items vary. Groceries and household supplies are comparable to U.S. prices. Gasoline and heating fuel are more expensive. Property taxes and utilities are lower. And prescription drugs and the services of a handyman can cost onetenth what they would run in Albuquerque, Zuris said.

Another Kino Bay resident, Bob Blue, a retired Denver mechanical contractor, lives part of the year there with his wife, Margie.



A sailboat cruises along the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Belize. Belize and other foreign countries have become popular places for adventuresome seniors to retire and try to get the most out of their

The Blues are active in the local Catholic parish, Mision de Guadalupe, which serves 20 to 30 smaller communities.

Mision de Guadalupe has one full-time priest who spends a great deal of time traveling among those different "campos," so the parishioners—mostly Mexicans, and about 50 Americans—take care of most of the day-to-day activities of the parish, Blue said.

He said he and his wife have always

felt welcome at the parish, where he serves on the finance committee, but he is occasionally reminded of how different his background is from that of his Mexican neighbors.

"I remember one man telling me, '400 years ago, we were sitting under a cactus with a burro," Blue said. "With your roots, your family members had the ability to go to a university. We didn't even have Christianity."

Planning for retirement should include focus on goals, dreams

By Mary Carty

Catholic News Service

Most people approaching retirement have spent enormous amounts of energy over years of their working life to plan for their financial security in retirement.

But it may be as important to invest time to identify the kinds of activities that will define one's retirement. As seniors live longer, there are many more months and years to be involved in activities only dreamed about during one's working and childrearing years.

By focusing on goals and dreams and by adopting a positive and proactive attitude, it is possible to become the architect of a new life and create a new lifestyle. Creativity allows people to look at options, make decisions and take steps to make something happen, from painting a room or landscape to changing careers.

Like a business plan, the keys to creating a successful retirement plan are visualizing the future, identifying issues, scheduling and prioritizing, and, finally, implementing changes.

Visualization allows the person planning or beginning retirement to get a picture of what this new phase in life will look like. Take time to imagine a perfect day, week, month and year in retirement, within the limitations of your budget. Try to respond to questions like: What kind of work, hobbies, chores and other activities would I do like and need to do with my time? Where would I like to live?

Take a few weeks to answer these questions after doing a thorough inventory,

which may include talking to other family members and friends. It is important to note that if there is a spouse involved, it is essential to consider the hopes and goals of each person and involve each partner in the process. Then write down some of the conclusions you have deter-

Next, take a look at some of the following issues and responsibilities that will fill your days and be part of your

- Interests—Retirement can provide more time for recreation. It should be an opportunity for re-creation. Identify activities once enjoyed or that were never undertaken, such as painting, writing, sewing, woodworking or involvement in music or sports. There are many resources available to get started on projects, including on the Internet, and a myriad of groups to support specific activities.
- Social connections—Sharing time and activities with friends and family is especially important in retirement, shielding one against the tendency to isolate and its resulting loneliness, depression and substance abuse. Sharing movies, walks, crafts and/or meals with others builds stronger and deeper relationships.
- Household responsibilities—Whether living alone or with a spouse and/or other family members, there are chores from buying and preparing food to cleaning the house, doing laundry and maintaining the yard that require work and time. Yet, even doing mundane household jobs can be an opportunity to experience accomplishment and teamwork.

• Finance—This is an area of deep concern for many retirees who have to make ends meet on a fixed income. Much effort is spent on working to live within one's budget. Yet, even here, seniors have an opportunity to plan for special events. Even if the budget is tight, there are options, such as attending free events, volunteering at a community theater or borrowing books and videos from the library or friends.

• Purposeful activity—There may be a search to find a new sense of purpose after leaving a career and/or after children move away. Taking time to look at the possibilities opens up options that may provide ways to continue to share talents and make a difference in others' lives. Some people may find renewed purpose in continuing to work full- or part-time in the same field, while others may venture into a new career or choose to do volunteer work at, for instance, a school or hospital.

 Mental and physical health— Physicians agree that regular physical exercise promotes better health. Further, mental stimulation during the day seems to help keep the mind fit as well. Making time for both should be a priority.

Next, prioritize activities and include them on a calendar. This exercise will provide a basic framework for building a retirement plan, painting in broad strokes the canvas of what can be this

Now is the time to tap into creativity. While there are some physical, logistical and financial limitations that go along with aging, the challenge is how to take care of the responsibilities of daily

living, and add new kinds of activities. This will take time and patience, and will require constant monitoring and flexibility as time goes on.

The beginning lyrics of a song sung by the late Frank Sinatra state a view that might be applicable to planning for and making choices to enhance the retirement experience: "The best is yet to come, and won't it be great?" †

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Age has special benefits at some Catholic hospitals

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien

Catholic News Service

At some Catholic hospitals, it pays to be over 55. Programs such as Holy Redeemer Partners in Healthy Living in Huntingdon Valley, Pa., 55Plus at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, N.Y., Bon Secours Hampton Roads Senior Membership Program in Virginia and Senior Suppers at six Caritas Christi hospitals throughout Massachusetts offer special benefits to the older population they serve.

Meg Wallingford, director of extended care services for Caritas Christi Health Care System, said she studies claims data and other medical information from the past year—and talks to participants in earlier programs—to come up with topics for the monthly Senior Suppers that rotate among the six acute-care hospitals in the Caritas Christi system in Massachusetts.

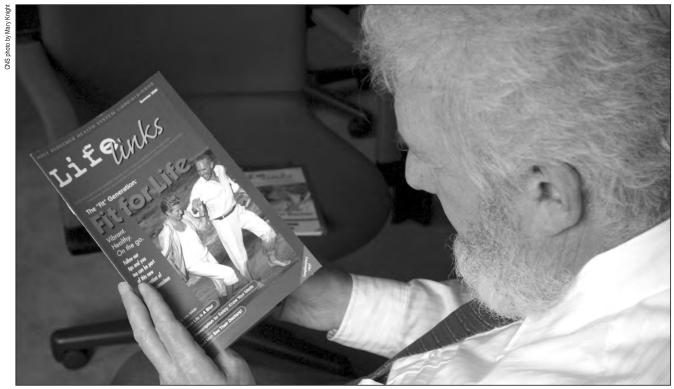
The program served 8,600 meals to the elderly in 2002 and offered information on such topics as glaucoma, interactions between prescription medicines and herbal supplements, and the history of the hearing aid.

Each Senior Supper costs \$4—including dinner, a speaker and some kind of entertainment—and runs about three hours, Wallingford said. Five of the six hospitals in the system offer their programs between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., while the sixth has found that a Sunday morning brunch best meets the needs of the senior population in its area,

Holy Redeemer Health System, based in Huntingdon Valley and sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, offers seminars and events for members of its Partners in Healthy Living program for those 55 and over.

Topics range from medical concerns, such as dealing with diabetes and taking medication safely, to more general subjects, such as personal safety for seniors, elder law and fending off fraud.

In addition, those who enroll in the free program get 10 percent discounts on hospital cafeteria meals and on certain items from the hospital gift shop; \$50 off the initiation fee for the Holy Redeemer Health and Fitness Center; discounts from participating local businesses; and a subscription to LifeLinks magazine and HR Partners in *Healthy Living* newsletter.



LifeLinks magazine offers heath advice as well as information on the senior center of Holy Redeemer Health System in Pennsylvania. The publication is free to those in the Partners in Healthy Living program for men and women 55 and older.

At St. Joseph Hospital, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, more than 8,000 people have joined the 55Plus program, which started in the early 1990s.

Among the benefits offered through the free community service in Elmira, N.Y., are testing for high blood pressure, prostate cancer, pulmonary function and gastrointestinal problems; discounts on goods and services from area merchants; transportation to and from St. Joseph's Hospital, if needed; private hospital rooms at discounted rates; complimentary homemaker services for up to three hours following release from the hospital; discounts on guest meals at the hospital; and help with insurance filing and pre-admission paperwork.

In addition, the quarterly newsletter *Advisor* offers information and advice on such topics as flu vaccines, changes in the digestive system caused by aging, how to avoid becoming a victim of crime and other safety tips for

The Bon Secours Hampton Roads Senior Membership Program offers an assortment of medical, social and fitness programs designed to help seniors maintain their health and wellness. More than 35,000 people have signed up for the free program.

Senior Membership offers an annual Successful Aging Forum in the spring and SeniorFest each fall, billed as the largest health fair in the state of Virginia. It also provides free transportation to medical-related appointments as well as free exercise and walking programs for seniors, even those with arthritis or other ailments that limit their mobility.

For those who want to stay on the go, the program offers day trips up and down the East Coast from Edenton, N.C., to Lancaster, Pa., and extended vacation trips to as far away as Italy and Alaska. In town, the program features tax help for seniors, driving safety courses and an annual "senior prom" with area high school students.

"From trips and outings to Friday night dinners, seniors are encouraged to remain active and social even as aging changes their circles of friendships and family," said Steve Zollos, director of senior community outreach for Bon Secours Hampton Roads. "Seniors are encouraged to make new friends, set new goals and stay involved through these fun and purposeful events.'

Of course, Catholic hospitals aren't the only ones to offer such programs for seniors.

At George Washington University Hospital in Washington, the Senior Advantage program—open to those 65 and older with payment of a one-time \$10 individual or \$15 per couple fee—offers discounts and VIP hospital stays including gourmet meals, educational programs and other benefits. About 1,300 people have joined.

Yolanda Joyner, Senior Advantage coordinator, said the only problem is that younger people want to get in on the

"A lot of people in their 50s have asked about joining," she said, "So I've had to remind them that they aren't yet 'seniors.' " †



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Smart decisions on long-term care insurance take time, study

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien Catholic News Service

Are you likely to need assisted living or continuing care? Do you want a policy that's guaranteed renewable or one that features waiver of premium? Should your inflation protection be at compound or simple interest? And what are benefit triggers?

Before making any decisions about long-term care insurance, you must understand the terminology.

The Health Insurance Association of America estimates that some 9 million Americans will need long-term care by the year 2005. That number is expected to increase to at least 12 million by 2020.

Currently, 70 percent of elderly people are cared for at home by family members and friends, and that percentage is not expected to go down as the elderly population grows.

"Whether you should buy a long-term care insurance policy will depend on your age, your health status, overall retirement goals, income and assets," according to A Shopper's Guide to Long-Term Care Insurance, published by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

"Remember, not everyone should buy a long-term care insurance policy," the guide adds. "For some, a policy is affordable and worth the cost. For others, the cost is too great, or the policy they can afford doesn't offer enough benefits to make it worthwhile."

Laws in most states require insurance companies and agents to give their clients a copy of the 62-page guide—or another state-approved resource-before longterm care insurance is purchased. The guide includes a lengthy glossary of terms and several worksheets to help consumers compare policies and decide whether to

The booklet also offers the following shopping tips:

- · Check with several different companies and agents.
- Take your time, resist pressure tactics and ask for outlines of coverage, which can help to compare important features of the policy proposals.
- Don't hesitate to ask questions and don't sign anything you don't understand.
- Don't buy more coverage than you need, and don't be influenced by celebrity endorsers.
- Be sure to accurately complete your application, since incorrect information about your medical history could negate the policy later when you need it.
- After your policy arrives, read it over to be sure it reflects the coverage you

It's also important to know the kinds of long-term care for which your policy

Types of long-term care can include home care by family members, friends or professionals; community services, like adult day care, meals programs or transportation services; assisted living, which provide 24-hour supervision and assistance in a homelike atmosphere; continuing-care retirement communities, which provides a range of services from independent living to skilled nursing; and nursing

In a November 2003 report, Consumer Reports magazine recommended that those considering a long-term care policy consult with a financial adviser before making the purchase. Those whose net worth is less than \$200,000 or more than \$1.5 million should probably skip getting long-term care insurance, the report said.

"Unfortunately, those who need longterm care insurance to protect their assets



Dr. Todd Coulter sees a patient at his Midway Family Care in Ocean Springs, Miss. "Whether you should buy a longterm care insurance policy will depend on your age, your health status, overall retirement goals, income and assets," according to A Shopper's Guide to Long-Term Care Insurance, published by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

often can't afford it, and those who can afford it don't need it because they have the funds to pay for their care," it said.

Although insurance agents encourage the purchase of long-term care insurance for those in their 40s or younger, Consumer Reports advised its readers to buy at around age 65, unless they have a chronic illness.

"If you buy later than age 70, the policy will likely be too expensive or you may not pass the medical tests needed to qualify," the report said.

The magazine report also offered advice on many of the variables involved in long-term care. A 30-day elimination period (the amount of time you have to wait before the policy starts paying) is best if you can afford it, while a four-year benefit plan (how long the insurance will continue) should be sufficient in light of the average two-and-a-half-year stay for those in nursing homes.

A close look also should be given to the benefit triggers—the number of activities of daily living that a person must be unable to do before long-term care will be authorized under the policy. Most policies require that a person be unable to perform two or three of the activities, which include bathing, continence, dressing, eating, toileting and transferring from bed to

Another factor in your decision about long-term care insurance is the financial stability of the companies offering the

The insurance commissioners' guide offers several sources of information about the financial health of insurance companies. But Consumer Reports gave only three of the 47 policies it studied a thumbs-up in terms of cost and the financial stability of the companies involved.

"If a company goes under, you could lose your coverage and at least some of the money you paid, or face stiff premium increases if the business is bought by another insurer," the magazine report

As with any insurance, the best hope is that it will not need to be used. But if the worst comes, careful study now can bring a happier outcome later. †

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We owe the elderly an incredible collective debt

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We owe the elderly a decent life because they gave us life itself, loved us and raised us.

In addition to our own families, generations before us contributed to the churches we grew up in, and millions more paid taxes for schools, roads, police, sanitation and parks to enable us to have a good quality of life. We have democracy in the United States today because many now older Americans sacrificed in battle and on the home front.

For 70 years, we've had a set of social policies that enable older persons to live the remainder of their lives with dignity, some access to health care and a modest income. Other public programs support senior transportation, housing, elder abuse prevention and caregivers for

These programs have been incredibly successful. In 1960, one-third of older persons lived in poverty. Today it's 11 percent.

Most other developed countries provide at least as much by way of income and services to older citizens.

There is concern in some circles that the growing number of older persons will lead to a crisis and that the United States won't be able to continue paying for services to older persons. Recently, some people have emphasized that each of us has a "personal responsibility" to save the money we need for our old age. Personal responsibility is a noble concept, but many advocates use "personal responsibility" as a code word for avoiding responsibility for others now and in the future.

People espousing this view may have worked hard and saved, but they tend to forget that many others worked even harder but were not as fortunate, encountering poverty in childhood, a poor education, ill health, prejudice or other vicissitudes of life. Too often, people forget their many undeserved blessings, crediting their good fortune to self-accomplishment.

Advocates of personal responsibility fail to recognize that we have Social Security and Medicare precisely because "personal responsibility" was such a massive failure in the Depression when people's life savings were swept away. We have Medicare because a single hospitalization can devour a lifetime of savings.

Many also don't realize that Social Security is not a retirement system, it is a multigenerational insurance system. About 3.5 million children receive Social Security benefits, for example, because a parent died or became disabled.

Advocates of personal responsibility fail to realize it is both more effective and efficient to undertake some endeavors together as a society. We would think it ludicrous if someone suggested we eliminate the Department of Defense and instead defend ourselves against foreign invaders or that we educate our children ourselves while working full-

For such critical areas, including providing income and services for older persons, we need national programs whose goal is to provide service when needed, not to make money. We may make it through the good times on our own, but when trouble comes we need each other. †



President George W. Bush talks with senior citizen George Wood of Montgomery, Ala., during a discussion about Social Security in Montgomery on March 10.

Social Security: Solidarity is the more basic question

By Msgr. Charles J. Fahey Catholic News Service

Personal effort and social solidarity are the twin pillars of our personal and civic well-being. The Church recognizes the importance of the person, individually and in society:

- Each person has responsibilities regarding development and behavior.
- Each person also has moral claims on others—both individuals and society.

We live in relationship with others—in some instances closely, with others less intensely, but nonetheless significantly, as in society as a whole.

Throughout each life, family and societal relationships change, as do rights and responsibilities. Families offer nurturing relationships in every age. Society provides the goods that make a decent life possible for individuals and families. In both instances, there is reciprocity; people give and take, frequently changing from one role to the other at a given moment and over time.

We believe that we are brothers and sisters, adopted children of a loving Father.

These realities, natural and transcendent, serve as a starting point in discerning responsibilities of and to the elderly. The moral imperatives rooted in faith are not age-specific:

- We are obligated to "love one another" and care about "the least of our brothers and sisters" whatever their age.
- We also have a responsibility to care for ourselves and preserve the gifts that the Lord has given us.

Each life-cycle phase has opportunities and needs. In childhood, we are dependent on adults for all necessities. In adulthood, we bring children into the world and sustain them, and contribute to society with our various gifts. The elderly once were children, and children, we hope, one day will become elderly. The bonds should continue among the genera-

As a Catholic, I cannot enthusiastically support an "ownership society" or the government abandoning an important function in assuring decent conditions for the elderly. The Catholic Church is a "both-and," not an "eitheror" body.

U.S. social policy is based on the notion of personal responsibility but also on a conviction that we should share the burdens and benefits of living in this nation. We benefit from those who went before us. Others will receive a physical and moral heritage from us. By sharing our energies today, we are blessed with abundance and opportunities. By using and conserving our gifts, future generations can have the opportunity for a good life.

Social Security is an outgrowth of this moral perspective—the third leg of a three-legged stool approach. Social Security is not meant to be a retirement program; it is meant to be the floor. An individual's retirement plan should include personal savings and a pension in addition to Social Security.

Just as any insurance program, it involves paying a certain premium while in the work force to insure against the cost of disability during the working years, lost income in retirement and support of dependents whose breadwinners have died. It is especially important for low-paid wage-earners who, because of current obligations, cannot save for retirement or privately insure against disability.

While people have different views concerning the most effective and efficient way of maintaining Social Security's solvency, it is civilly and morally essential that we devise means to continue a commitment to social solidarity and the system's basic safety-net features, which are there for both the young and the old today and tomorrow. †

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An 'attitude of gratitude' key to seniors' happiness

By Peggy Weber Catholic News Service

The temperature hovered around 16 degrees. Only the hardy or those who had a child scheduled to serve the 7 a.m. Mass were out that morning.

An elderly parishioner in his 80s was setting up a card table on an icy patch, selling a music CD created by another parishioner before having to leave to drive an elderly couple

And while he could have eschewed any involvement in the parish after the death of his wife last year, he was plunging in and helping out, spreading sunshine on this cold day.

What kept this man active and interested in life soon after dealing with the death of a loved one?

Franciscan Sister of Allegany Cindy Matthews, a pastoral minister at Holy Cross Parish in Springfield, Mass., has worked with hundreds of elderly people. She said there are some definite qualities which keep older people involved and

"One thing I've noticed is that happy older people maintain an attitude of gratitude," she said, adding they focus on what they can do and not what they can't do.

They are welcoming people," she added. "Some have lost a lot of friends, but they make new ones. They are always interested in others without being busybodies.

She noted that such seniors "are the change they want to see in the world. If they come to church and think it's not friendly, then they will be friendly and try to make church a warmer place."

Sister Cindy recalled when she worked as a social worker visiting a high-rise apartment building for seniors.

"One woman would tell me the place was not friendly. Another in the same building would tell me how everyone helps each other out and gets together for potluck dinners. It was the same building with two totally different outlooks," she said. "It really is what you focus on."

Another positive quality that helps older people stay involved is being open to change, she added.

"It also helps as we're aging to change expectations to preferences. Instead of expecting your daughter to visit each week, it would help if you just preferred she come," she said.

She told of one elderly woman who was wheelchair-bound but the teenage confirmation students in the parish enjoyed visiting with her. She focused on the good of each young person, Sister Cindy said.

"And who doesn't want to be with someone who makes them feel good?" she said.

Happy seniors also seem to be those who are of service to others, she said, pointing to a severely handicapped woman who regularly called 18 elderly people each day to check on

As Sister Cindy described the qualities of positive elderly people, I realized how blessed I was to have parents who

Even though my mother delivered me when she was 42, she always seemed young. She got her ears pierced when she was more than 50. Instead of complaining that there weren't



Retirement provides more time for all sorts of activities from recreation to volunteering. Happy seniors are those who are hospitable, open to change and stay active.

many clip-on earrings at the jewelry counter, she adjusted.

She and my father never complained about the changes in the Church. I watched many older people grumble about the addition of the sign of peace at Mass and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. My father became one and served as a lector.

Most importantly, they had an incredible sense of hospitality. Everyone was welcome in our house and treated well. They asked questions and learned about my friends and their

I remember after my mother died, I ran into a young person from my parish. He had known her as a boy and asked about her. He expressed sorrow at her passing, but then said, "She was one of the nicest people. She always offered you some food and talked with you. She made you feel good."

My father always wanted to see my children's report cards and offered them a few dollars in reward—no matter

He went to their games, even when he was battling cancer. He learned the names of their friends, their favorite books and television shows.

He would talk baseball with my son and art with my

As I head down the path toward being a senior citizen-after all, I am now called "Ma'am" in the stores and can get a senior discount in some places in less than a decade—I know that to be involved with young people will be a goal.

And while I wince when I see some young people with piercings all over their body and I am not a big fan of tattoos, I know that under the earrings and the markings are goodhearted people with stories to tell.

I look forward to listening.

(Weber is a reporter for The Catholic Observer, newspaper of the Diocese of Springfield, Mass., and the author of Weaving A Family.) †



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Volunteer corps of retirees helps the poor, works for better world

By Liesl Fores Catholic News Service

NEWARK, N.J. (CNS)—The Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps has come to the Newark Archdiocese, tapping into the wisdom and experience of retirees.

According to its mission statement, the volunteer corps provides retired men and women, age 50 and over, "the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition."

"We follow the Jesuit philosophy and send you where you're needed, and you adapt your skills," said Edmund J. Stankiewicz, coordinator for the corps' northern/central New Jersey chapter, which was started last November.

He noted, for example, that one volunteer who is a retired certified public accountant works in a soup kitchen. Volunteers work two days a week at a nonprofit organization in their area.

The Baltimore-based corps was founded by Jesuit Fathers Jim Conroy and Charlie Costello in 1995. Since then, it has spread to several major U.S. cities and metropolitan areas, and has more than 200 volunteers. It is named for the founder of the Jesuit order, St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The volunteers serve as advocates for migrant workers or recreation assistants for their children; mentors for adolescents considered "at risk"; job locators for women going off public assistance who need work; attorneys in immigration cases; teachers of English, adult literacy and other basic skills; workers in programs for the homeless and hungry; companions for elderly people and invalids; and public policy advocates.

The 15 volunteers in the Newark area include retired lawyers, business owners, teachers, physicians, nurses and people

who have worked in the pharmaceutical

The corps' spiritual side involves monthly meetings that allow participants to pray, reflect and share their experiences. Sometimes Mass is celebrated.

Volunteers meet with a "spiritual reflector" at the gatherings. The reflector is someone who is well-trained in Ignatian spirituality and who can be a companion or guide to help participants "see God's actions in their volunteer work."

Members of the corps also have to commit to attend two overnight retreats and a day of reflection annually. These activities involve larger groups of volunteers from several chapters.

Volunteer Michael Ring, a retired businessman, is in his third year of helping out at Collier High School, an alternative school in Wickatunk, N.J., for students who for whatever reason have trouble adapting to public school.

Ring is an aide to the buildings trade teacher. When needed, he also fills in as a substitute teacher and qualified for a bus driver's license so he can transport students to and from different events.

The school "has an outstanding success rate, but you can't win them all," he told The Catholic Advocate, Newark's archdiocesan newspaper.

However, "getting through to kids that let you into their world, sharing where they're coming from," is invaluable, he added.

He called his work with the Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps "a godsend." Ring, who had become disillusioned with the Church, said he "got fed up and walked away." When his wife saw an announcement in a parish bulletin about the corps, she passed it along to him. He contacted the organization, explaining he was interested in helping high school students.

The experience, Ring said, "made me

search and want to rekindle my faith." He added that he has become active in St. Anselm Parish in Wayside, N.J.

William Crowley, a former teacher, volunteers at his parish, St. Mary of the Assumption in Elizabeth, N.J., which includes helping with the parish's soup kitchen, food pantry and overnight shelter.

"The look of gratitude when you reach out and really help, whether it's a bag of groceries or a nice meal," is what makes the work worth it for Crowley. "It has deepened my relationship with Jesus Christ," he added.

He joined the corps after completing a 36-week program on Ignatian spiritual exercises that left him yearning to be involved in ministry. He learned about the corps and approached his pastor, Msgr. Robert J. Harrington, who needed assistance with reaching out to the elderly and

Stankiewicz also is an Ignatian corps volunteer, helping out at a residence for homeless, pregnant and addicted women in Somerville, N.J. Many clients of the program, he said, go on to receive a high school diploma or nursing certificate, among other things.

To be able to help "break the cycle of poverty for them is absolutely fantastic," he said.

(More information about the Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps is available on the organization's website at www.ilvc.org.) †





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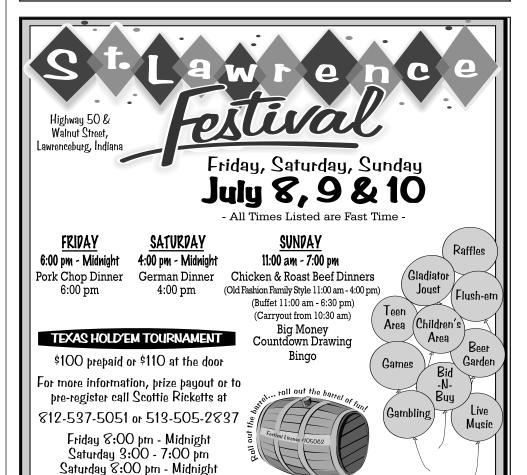
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For some workers, retirement is a new chapter in work life

By Julie Asher Catholic News Service

Bill Reed of Westbury, N.Y., sees retirement as a new chapter in life, not a final chapter.

After 23 years of working in human resources for J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., the last several of those years as vice president of employee relations, Reed, who at the time was in his late 50s, took early retirement from the company in October 2003 when his position, along with several others, was being eliminated.

But he knew he didn't want to stop working so he saw it as an opportunity to start his own business—as a career management consultant helping others with their own career transitions.

"I wanted to use the skills and competencies that I had, and to keep my mind going, and to keep being able to meet and socialize with people and learn new things," said

With average life expectancy increasing well into the late 70s or early 80s, "you're talking about a pretty good chunk of time that you really need to be able to manage" after retirement, Reed said.

He noted that those retiring have "gaps you have to fill" in time, socialization and mind. "You want to keep your mind going and occupied and learning new things because we're still able to do that," he said. "We still have a lot to contribute."

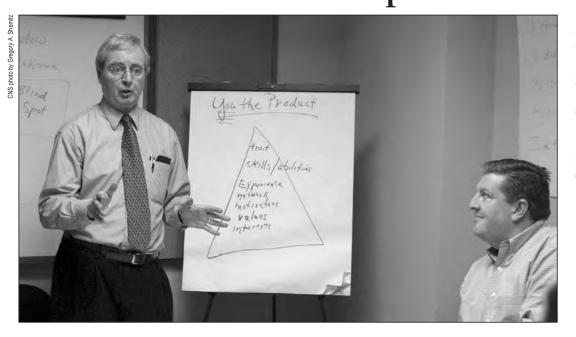
For many, another significant gap is finances, he noted. Many older workers say they need to keep working to supplement their pensions and also to get affordable health-care coverage.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that by the end of the decade, workers 55 and older will comprise 20 percent of the workforce, compared to 13 percent in 2000.

According to a 2002 AARP study on the perspectives and needs of workers ages 45-74, many workers over the age of 45 want to keep working past the traditional retire-

"But they often want to finish their careers in different roles and on different terms. Some want to work part-time or start their own businesses," according to the study. "Many like the appeal of bridge jobs that sustain them, offer new experiences and provide work-life flexibility."

A "bridge job" is employment between the end of one's



consultant Bill Reed conducts a job seminar in Melville, N.Y. After 23 years of working in human resources, he took early retirement and started the consulting practice to help others make their own career transitions.

full-time work and the beginning of full-time retirement.

Reed said he knew he didn't want another full-time job after leaving J.P. Morgan Chase, and wanted more control over how much he was going to work, especially as he gets older.

But he also knew exactly what he wanted to do with his new-found freedom from the 9-to-5 grind. He had been thinking about starting a career management consulting business for a while, and he suggested that people who want to work after retirement should think about what they want to do and where they want to do it.

"Don't jump before you know what work you want in retirement," agreed Sara Rix, a senior policy adviser at AARP, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons. People are more successful making the transition to a job after retirement if beforehand they plan what kind of job they want and even determine what kind of skills they are going to need.

Once out of the workforce, people's skills can become obsolete fairly quickly, Rix noted. She added that age discrimination in the workforce is real, and trying to get back into the workforce at an older age "after being out of it for a while is tough."

Before he left J.P. Morgan Chase, Reed went back to school to work on a certificate in career management. Returning to the classroom also provided a chance to network, which Reed said is key to finding a job after retire-

"It is networking, networking, networking," he said. "Start with people you know, and target what you want to do and where you can get the information" for the job you want to do.

"It's not a time to be shy. Let people know where you have been, what you are pretty good at. Let family know, colleagues where you used to work, vendors you've done business with. Let people in your parish know," added Reed, who with his wife, Donna, is a member of St. Brigid Parish in Westbury.

'Let your barber know, your auto mechanic know—let everybody know. As you get deeper down into the networking, you find the hidden job market," he said.

What people who are 50 and older bring to the workplace "is experience," Reed said. "They have a great work ethic, they have team-building skills, they are experienced as work project managers," he added. "They have a lot of good stuff to bring to the table." †

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Health, personal concerns impact decision about nursing home admission

By Lisa M. Petsche Catholic News Service

Many dream of a golden age of retirement in which continual good health and high earning-power loom.

Yet, as life expectancy increases, more families are faced with watching a parent or other relative grow frail or infirm and become unable to care for themselves. They may wonder if a loved one's needs would be better met in a nursing facil-

The average age at admission of nursing home residents is 82 years. Two-thirds are admitted from a hospital or another facility, while the rest are admitted from home. Of those who come from home, approximately 60 percent have been living with family members. The majority are widowed.

The most common medical diagnoses of older Americans admitted to nursing homes are stroke, Alzheimer's disease, hip fracture, heart or circulatory condition other than stroke, and non-Alzheimer's dementia.

Before making this most crucial decision, a loved one should explore what is available in terms of community-support services, including in-home programs that provide medical care, personal care or various kinds of therapeutic services; adult daycare, meal, recreation and respite programs; visiting nursing services; and home adaptation subsidies or grants. Support groups also can be beneficial to caregiving family members.

If your loved one is experiencing increasing immobility, discuss with his or her family doctor whether referral to an inpatient or outpatient rehabilitation program might be appropriate. While this can increase his or her independence, it first must be determined if there is potential for improvement and whether the level of mental functioning will allow for the needed ability to concentrate on tasks, follow instructions and retain new information.

Even if community resources are in place, however, the time may come when admission to a nursing home is the appropriate choice. Among the most common reasons for admission to a nursing home are:

- Need for assistance with activities of daily living, including bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, feeding.
- Incontinence.
- Need for assistance with transferring from one surface to another, such as moving from bed to chair or wheelchair. If a caregiver is already providing assistance, the need for

assistance from two people or for a mechanical lifter may signal the need for an assisted-living facility.

- · Need for skilled nursing beyond that which community home-care services can provide, such as, if there are major sores or other wounds that require frequent dressing changes and ongoing assessment.
- Need for close medical monitoring and frequent intervention due to fluctuating medical status, for example, if the person has a history of recurrent pneumonia.
- Health problems associated with poor nutrition or
- Safety concerns, such as frequent episodes of falling and/or accidents with appliances.
- Behavioral concerns, including wandering away from home and getting lost; paranoia; refusal of care or medications; and verbal or physical aggression.
 - Repeated emergency room visits or hospital admissions.

There also are issues impacting on caregiving for loved ones that may bear on the decision. Caregivers may experience chronic sleep deprivation, chronic exhaustion, stressrelated conditions, injury sustained during care or chronic health conditions, such as arthritis or osteoporosis, that limit the ability to provide hands-on care. Other issues that caregivers may face include mental health concerns, such as ongoing anxiety, fear, depression, social isolation and hopelessness; an inability to meet other obligations, such as to other family members or an employer; or a major life crisis, such as marital separation, illness of another loved one or a death in the family.

Further, families may find they are unable to afford the cost of needed in-home help, medical supplies and equipment or home renovations, or may be experiencing family conflict regarding the giving of care.

It is important to keep in mind that the decision to place a loved one in a care facility is a personal one—that is, what one caregiver might consider manageable, another might not. The ability to cope depends on numerous factors, including the relationship history between the caregiver and care recipient, as well as the caregiver's personality, coping style and prior lifestyle, the physical accessibility of their home, and the amount of practical assistance and emotional support they are receiving.

Acknowledging your physical and emotional limits as a caregiver is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of wisdom and concern for your loved one's best interests. If you



Review alternative support services before deciding on a nursing care facility for elderly family members. In-home therapeutic services, adult day care, recreation programs, visiting nurse services and home-adaptation subsidies are available in most communities.

decide to pursue placement in a nursing facility, remind yourself that your relative is benefiting from around-theclock professional care, therapeutic programming and the companionship of people in their own age group.

Take comfort, too, in knowing that nursing-home placement does not diminish your importance in your loved one's life, but rather a change in focus.

With the demanding responsibility of hands-on caregiving lifted, you can shift your energy to meeting your relative's emotional and spiritual needs, and enjoying your time together. You also have the option of bringing him or her home for visits, either regularly or for special occasions. †



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Pope John Paul II valued scientific progress

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

A significant part of Pope John Paul II's legacy is the encouragement that he gave to a positive working relationship between science and religion.

The pope addressed this theme consistently throughout his 26-year pontificate. In doing so, he echoed and advanced the position of Vatican Council II as set forth in its "Constitution on the Church in the Modern World."

In that document, the council affirmed the rightful autonomy of scientific pursuits (#36) as well as the importance of cooperation and dialogue between scientists and theologians (#62).

Pope John Paul II championed those views in what he said and what he did during his papacy.

His many pronouncements on science and religion conveyed a confident, respectful attitude. He displayed no hint of fear that scientific discoveries or theories would undermine the foundations of faith. On the contrary, he spoke optimistically about the contributions that science could make to a believer's understanding of God's world. He also was convinced that faith could enlarge and complete the philosophical implications of scientific theories.

In his 1988 letter to the director of the Vatican Observatory, Pope John Paul II declared that "science can purify religion from error and superstition; religion can purify science from idols and false absolutes. Each can draw the other into a wider world, a world in which both can flourish."

The pope's intellectual acumen was

never more evident than on the topic of science and religion. He was a religious leader with a keen appreciation for the value and contributions of science.

Pope John Paul II took his view of science and religion in two directions. He sought to repair some of the damage from the past, and he urged closer cooperation in facing the problems of the present and the future.

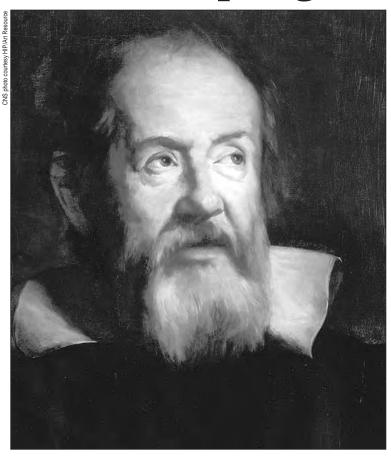
The centerpiece of his effort to heal old wounds was the commission that he established in 1981 to make a thorough review of the Galileo case. This study's purpose was to determine what went wrong in that situation and in light of those findings to chart a more cooperative path for the future.

The pope accepted the commission's findings in 1992 and used the occasion to praise both the scientific contributions and genuine faith of Galileo. Subsequently, in an address to the Pontifical Biblical Commission in 1993, he urged biblical scholars and theologians to "keep informed about the results achieved by the natural sciences" in order to avoid misinterpreting biblical and doctrinal statements as if they were scientific facts.

Almost as important as the rehabilitation of Galileo was the pope's discussion of evolution and by implication the contributions of Charles Darwin.

In a widely quoted message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in 1996, he showed once again his respect for the purpose, methods and results of scientific inquiry, and underscored three other themes that frame his outlook on the relation of science and religion.

First, both are in service to the truth.



Galileo Galilei is depicted in a painting by A. S. Zileri. In 1992, Pope John Paul II praised both the scientific contributions and the genuine faith of the 16thcentury scientist and philosopher.

Whereas science seeks the truth about material creation, religion seeks the truth about our spiritual relationship to God. Each complements the other, for "truth cannot contradict truth." For example, if the most coherent scientific theory of creation is some form of evolution, that theory does not negate religious belief in divine creation. In fact, religious belief will be enriched and clarified by knowing that God has used an evolutionary process in creating the world.

Second, the human person is at the center of both scientific and religious inquiry.

Although scientists may function as if they are only investigating how the material world works, the results of their endeavors ultimately affect the quality of human life in that world. This is especially true when the implications of scientific experiment are put to use in medicine, agriculture, ecology, space exploration, genetic research, industry and warfare.

Still, while evolutionary theory may explain how the human body and mind have developed, it should not reduce the dignity of the human person made in the image of God to a biological process.

Third, because of the centrality of the human person, scientific endeavors

always have a moral dimension and are part of a larger quest for meaning and purpose.

Speaking to scientists at a 1997 international conference on space research, the pope said, "Always be concerned with the moral implications of your methods and your discoveries. It is my prayer that scientists will never forget that the cause of humanity is authentically served only if knowledge is joined to conscience."

The pope acknowledged that scientific discoveries lead to theories that give rise to philosophical views about the ultimate nature and meaning of things.

This movement is right and valid, but needs a religious perspective to attain the accuracy and completeness that science strives for in life.

Throughout his pontificate, Pope John Paul II gave ample indication that he respected, valued and welcomed interaction between science and religion.

The general public may not have been aware of his advocacy, but scientists recognized it. His approach to science is part of his legacy to us all.

(Father Robert L. Kinast is the director of the Center for Theological Reflection in Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.) †

Faith balances scientific progress

By David Gibson

The Pontifical Academy of Sciences is an international body made up of some 80 of the world's great scientists. Members include many Nobel Prize winners.

Dr. Joseph Murray, who performed the first successful organ transplant 51 years ago, was appointed to the academy in 1996. Recently, he received the University of Notre Dame's 2005 Laetare Medal.

"Human lives and hopes have been wonderfully invigorated by Joseph Murray's 1954 medical triumph," Holy Cross Father Edward Malloy, president of the University of Notre Dame, said when he announced Murray's award.

It often is said that people today have a scientific mindset because of the many hopes attached to scientific work.

Current research into the human genetic code is stirring hopes that its discoveries will contribute to our well-being.

However, there is the risk that such knowledge can be employed to manipulate us or that the ends will begin to justify the means in detrimental ways.

That's why so much is heard about the need for dialogue between science and faith. If each seeks truth, there is nonetheless a need to clarify how truth can serve humanity.

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!) †

Discussion Point

World needs cures for diseases

This Week's Question

What scientific breakthrough to aid our world would you like to see right now?

"I would choose a cure for AIDS because its presence and devastation hamper the economic and social development of Third World countries. AIDS is killing generations of children. Without a cure, how will our population renew itself?" (John Gohman, Palm Harbor, Fla.)

"It would have to do with medical cures—probably advancement in the treatment and cure of mental illness." (Maria Madison, Syracuse, N.Y.)

"What comes to mind is a cure for cancer. My young cousin is 17 and has been battling leukemia since he

was 12. It has affected the whole family, especially since his mother has passed on. You understand when it affects you personally." (Ed Routh, Choctaw Indian Reservation, Miss.)

"I think of science in terms of medicine, and I'd want something that would put an end to the AIDS crisis in the Third World as well as in our country and the rest of the world." (Ross Weeks, Tazewell, Va.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: As you see it, what is most challenging about being a follower of Jesus?

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Jesus in the Gospels: He is the bread of life

See John 6:22-71

The day after Jesus fed the multitude with only five loaves and two fish, he was back in Capernaum. When the crowds



found him there, they couldn't help but wonder how he got there since they saw the Apostles leave without him the day before. He didn't bother telling them that he had walked on the sea during the night, but simply replied that they

were looking for him because he had filled them with bread.

"Bread" then became the key for what he next told them. At first, it was just a conversation about Moses and the manna that the Israelites ate in the desert. Jesus pointed out that Moses didn't give bread from heaven, it was God. But then he went on to say that he himself was the bread from heaven and that he was "the bread of life."

Up to this point, "bread of life" was a figure of speech for God's revelation in Jesus. But then he got more explicit, saying that he "came down from heaven," sent by his Father. This was the first time he made such a claim. It was a bit much for these people, who knew perfectly well that he grew up in nearby Nazareth. He didn't explain how the same person, already existing in heaven with his Father, could also be born of a human mother on earth.

And he didn't stop there. What he said next seemed outrageous: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." He said it not once, but a half-dozen times, and the word he used for "eat" was not the verb used for human eating, but that of animal eating: "munch" or "gnaw." Then he said that they were also to drink his blood!

We today know that he was promising the Eucharist, his true body and blood in the appearance of bread and wine. But how could his listeners know that? They had to be scandalized. After all, Jews were forbidden to eat meat until all the blood had been drained out. Did Jesus now want them to eat him cannibalistically and then drink his blood? Some of what he had said before sounded like blasphemy, but now he sounded like a crazy man. It's no wonder that many of his disciples stopped following him.

Jesus let them go. He didn't call them back and say that he was speaking figuratively. Figures of speech are used to clarify obscure ideas, not to make clear ideas obscure. He meant what he said. He acknowledged that the Apostles were shocked, but simply asked, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"

The Twelve, though, remained, even after Jesus asked if they, too, wanted to leave. It was then that Peter, for the first time acting as spokesman for the Twelve, replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." That is why we, too, follow him. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

No end to this dawn's early light

"Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at



the twilight's last gleaming?" That's what we sing on patriotic occasions. But, on this Fourth of July, we may not be so proud.

That's because many people in the world fear or hate us because of our pri-

macy in the power department, our wealth or our mistakes, which are numerous. Even some of our own citizens are disaffected about the Iraq war, the polarization of rich and poor in our society, or what they perceive as neglect of the environment.

Plenty of things about our country and its policies are open to criticism, including immigration. In his syndicated column in *The Washington Post* recently, Charles Krauthammer addressed this problem with the headline, "Assimilation, not immigration, is the key."

He noted that our relative success in Afghanistan after ousting the Taliban was due in large part to the fact that our ambassador there was an Afghan-born Afghan-American. This man spoke the language and understood the culture of Afghanistan, Krauthammer said.

The columnist concluded, "It is not every country that can send to obscure, faraway places envoys who are themselves children of that culture. Indeed, Americans are the only people that can do that for practically every country."

That's true because ours is a nation of immigrants. Like most folks, I don't know any Native Americans personally except through reading Tony Hillerman mystery novels or the pages of *National Geographic*. All the people I know, including the members of my family, are either immigrants to this country or are descended from immigrants.

Krauthammer wrote, "America's genius has always been assimilation, taking immigrants and turning them into Americans. Yet our current debates on immigration focus on only one side of the issue: the massive waves of illegal immigrants that we seem unable to stop."

He said critics focus on today's large number of Hispanic immigrants as though this makes them unable to be assimilated, when "in fact, the percentage of foreign-born people living in America today is significantly below what it was in 1890 and 1910—and those were spectacularly successful immigrations." While increased border patrols, guest worker passes and the like will help the illegal situation, he said, they won't solve the more serious problem of division between Hispanic newcomers and established Americans. What is needed is their assimilation into the fabric of American society, especially through learning to speak, read and write English.

Certainly, we in the Church can be proud of efforts, such as Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's weekly *Criterion* column in both Spanish and English, to help Spanish-speaking immigrants. At the same time, many Church agencies are working to teach English to Hispanic parents or to find better-paying jobs, better living arrangements and the like, while their children learn English at school.

Hispanics and other immigrants, as well as we who have been Americans longer, can continue to be proud that we live in a country where every culture, religion, race or language is respected and assimilated into a democratic whole.

God bless America.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

July 4th introduction to Wartime Prayer Book

Democracy was born at this time in 1776, so next year will mark the



230th anniversary of the United States' independence from Britain.

As a country of immigrants, every day more join us in the "American Dream." Many become naturalized citizens.

Because freedom isn't free, many eventually choose to join the ranks of our country's Armed Forces. They also believe in protecting, building, and preserving freedom. People of faith are urged to remember these men and women in prayer this weekend.

Actually, prayer is the real focus of this column. When writing about war and peace a couple weeks ago, space restrictions prevented me from also sharing information about Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's *Wartime Prayer Book*.

How many readers remember Archbishop Sheen because of his popular radio program, "The Catholic Hour," and his even more popular ABC television series, "Life is Worth Living"? With humor and a winning yet forceful personality, he influenced tens of millions of people.

"If you want people to stay as they are," he said, "tell them what they want to hear. If you want to improve them, tell them what they should know."

He also did this in homilies, retreats and more than 90 books. (One book, *Peace of Soul*, was sixth on the *New York Times*' list of best-selling books.)

His TV broadcasts and books continue his mission even now through the contact information at the end of this column.

His two greatest loves were the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother. His Wartime Prayer Book, originally published as The Armor of God in the midst of World War II, reflects his love for both. The book is dedicated with a prayer to "Mother Immaculate, gracious patroness of the United States..." and one chapter is an inspiring explanatory meditation on the Eucharist. Basic prayers are included, too.

The introduction declares, "This prayer

book is for soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guard, for all fighting forces at home and abroad—on land, on the sea, and in the air—and for civilians at home: for all who live in a world at war..."

Smaller than a 3-inch by 5-inch card and only ½-inch thick, the book is free to Armed Forces personnel through the efforts of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation, Catholics in the Military and Sophia Institute Press. Naturally, donations are encouraged so that the prayer book can continue to be available.

For more information, contact www.wartimeprayerbook.org or www.bishopsheen.org. Readers interested in the movement to beatify Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen can find more information at www.bishopsheencause.org. (Those without computers can make donations or receive more information by writing to the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Office; 111 Ferguson Court, Suite 102, Irving, Texas 75062.) †

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Fr. William J. Byron, S.J.

A question of character

There seems to be no effective technical solution to the societal challenge of protect-



ing children from pornography on the Internet. Anyone interested in applying appropriate safeguards will have to look to character development in the young for a genuine solution.

There are various screening and blocking

devices that parents, school districts and libraries can employ. There are, however, ways to get around the blocks and youths will find them if they so choose. Hence, the issue is reduced to the exercise of freedom, and the question becomes one of the strength of character behind those choices.

Never assume that anyone's character, let alone a child's character, is fully formed. By definition, no child is mature. No curious child is safe from cyberspace.

Children need supervision and love. Parents and teachers provide both. Children need adult reference points. Adults are there to answer questions and point inquiring minds in the direction of "right" (in the sense of sensible, ethical, correct and ageappropriate) answers. Experimentation is part of the discovery process; reckless endangerment is not.

One subtlety of Steven Covey's famous bestseller *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* (Simon & Schuster) is "Restoring the Character Ethic." Restoration of the character ethic in the development of the young is a central part of any strategy that might be employed to protect children from pornography on the Internet. What might this entail?

Ralph Waldo Emerson once remarked, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." Character lies within. Covey's "habits" are, in fact, principles. They are internalized values or convictions that work from within to prompt external actions. Once internalized, they facilitate habitual behavior—they become "habits."

The strategy needed to protect children from Internet pornography must outline guiding principles that can be freely chosen by the young and, once internalized, serve to prompt appropriate behavior. A person of character is a principled person. Significant adults—parents, teachers, coaches, counselors, clergy—articulate and explain principles to the young. It is up to the young to assimilate them.

Encouraging youngsters to become principled is not easy. Both faith and reason have a role in this. Faith-based principles and religiously grounded values can be internalized in the developmental process. They need never conflict with reason. They can help a child judge what is or is not reasonable in a context broader than the immediacy of pleasure and pain, of "getting caught" or "getting away with it."

Every parent has the difficult task of determining where trust ends and neglect begins. Parents want to trust their children, and their children—particularly teens—want to be trusted. But parents surely don't want to be negligent, and their offspring often find it difficult to appreciate the tug-of-war within a parent's heart between the desire to trust and the fear of neglect.

In the matter of saying no to pornography, as in so many other areas of human behavior, society's best hope for a better future lies with the children. Their elders, however, have the present responsibility of helping, not hindering the young along a safe path to mature character development.

A book by Michael Koehler, *Coaching Character at Home* (Ave Maria Press), might help to get that process going.

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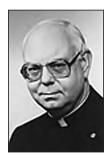
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, July 3, 2005

- Zechariah 9:9-10
- Romans 8:9, 10-13
- Matthew 11:25-30

The Book of Zechariah supplies the first reading for this weekend's liturgy.



Zechariah was born in Babylon while his forebears were there in exile from the land that God had given them. He descended from priests. His father was Berechiah. His grandfather was Iddo. These details may seem to be triv-

ial, but in fact they provide an insight into the personality and circumstance of the prophet, and therefore a glimpse into his prophecy.

It is assumed that this prophecy, or at least a major part of it, was written in the sixth century B.C.

Important is the prophet's experience of being part of the Babylonian Captivity of the Jews, as the exile in Babylon is known. In the view of all the prophets, the events leading to the exile resulted from the sins of the people. The ultimate release from exile was seen as a sign, and effect, of God's unending mercy, lovingly bestowed despite the people's

This weekend's reading is expressive and eloquent. It is joyfully thankful, singing the praises of God. The reading summons people to rejoice in God. The entire nation should rejoice. After all, the entire nation benefited from God's love and care. God protected and rescued the people.

Especially interesting is the imagery of the king's arrival, not in grandeur but on an ass. This reading later in Christian times seemed a clear reference to the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the source of the second reading.

This reading reveals the strong Greek philosophical influence in the mind of Paul. It speaks of "flesh" and "spirit." These terms represent philosophical theories originally very foreign to Jews, and therefore rarely mentioned in the older books of the Old Testament. As the conquests of the Greek leader, Alexander the Great, swept across Asia Minor, Greek logic and suppositions took hold there.

Paul was the great missionary to the gentiles. Himself a Jew, he had been reared outside the Holy Land. While he was a devout Jew until his conversion to Christianity, he knew Greek thinking very well. He also knew that terms such

as "flesh" and "spirit" would have appealed to his gentile audiences.

This reading does not simply explain the nature of humans, body and soul. Instead, it reminds followers of Jesus that the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of Christ," vivifies them and gives them claim to

Accordingly, St. Paul calls upon the Christian Romans to live as disciples, aware that the Spirit gives them life.

For its last reading, the liturgy this weekend presents a well-known and particularly lovely passage from St. Matthew's Gospel.

It is a beautiful instruction about humility, and in this it is a revelation of deep Christian faith and great Christian wisdom. Humility is not humiliation, rather it is facing the fact of who and what humans are.

Stressing humility flew directly into the face of the prevailing Roman culture in which Jesus lived. Driving the empire's culture were greed and disregard for others. Extreme competition was a way of life, a competition heavily burdened with selfishness.

The readings this weekend call us, with little danger of misunderstanding, to the central fact of Judaism and Christianity that humans inevitably sin, preferring the folly of their own exaggerated power to submission to God. Humility is the realization that sin is indeed folly, and that humans easily can lead themselves or others into sin.

However, all is not lost. God never ceases to love humanity, collectively or individually. He redeems us. He gives us eternity itself—but we must repent.

When we are humble, when we repent, we put life into perspective. We see priorities. We open ourselves to God. When we open ourselves to God, and when we see, we overcome fear and can truly rejoice. †

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 submissions.

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to criterion@archindy.org. †

My Journey to God

Prayer from the Pew

Our Father, who art everywhere, Receive our humble, hallowed prayer.

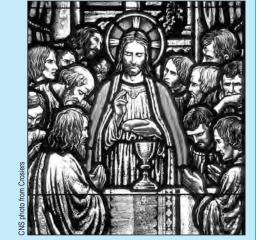
Thy Kingdom come, and we must know Our life on earth should make it so.

Thy will be done, and yet we stray: Our human feet are made of clay.

To all who hunger, give our bread And let us know their pangs instead.

Deliver us from errant ways: Thou art the path, thou art the blaze.

By Dorothy M. Colgan



Daily Readings

Monday, July 4 Elizabeth of Portugal Genesis 28:10-22a Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15 Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 5 Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest Genesis 32:23-33 Psalm 17:1-3, 6-8, 15 Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 6 Maria Gorreti, virgin and martyr Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 7 Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5

Psalm 105:16-21 Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 8 Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 9 Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and martyr and his companions, martyrs Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Psalm 105:1-4, 6-7 Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday, July 10 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65:10-14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23 or Matthew 13:1-9

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Fostering ecumenism is a priority for Church officials

As a Catholic, I've been following ecumenical developments between



our faith and other faith traditions for a long time. It's one of the best things happening in the Church today. Obviously, it was important to Jesus Christ.

Recently, however, I read that, according

to one Catholic official, ecumenical efforts have put the Church "into ruins." He condemned everything that has been accomplished to bring the Churches together. The Church, he said, is in apostasy because of its ecumenical "compromises."

Is this really the trend today to give up our efforts to become one, as I believe Jesus prayed for? If so, why? I find it hard to believe. (Indiana)

The attitude that you describe is not Athat of the Catholic Church. Pope Benedict XVI has already expressed more than once his concern that we continue to work toward healing the wounds that the divided Churches have caused in the body of Christ.

Judging from your description, I believe the official that you quote is a member of the largest breakaway traditionalist sect refusing to accept major changes in the Catholic Church during the past 40 years.

Among other things, they reject changes in the liturgy (Mass, for example, must be celebrated in Latin and in accord with an older rite); they renounce much of the role that lay people are fulfilling in the life of the Church and the principle of religious freedom as the Catholic Church understands it; they view the papacy of Pope John Paul II as an "apostasy," a defection from Catholic faith; and they have nothing good to say about the Church's ecumenical pursuits.

The Priestly Fraternity of St. Pius X, which was mentioned in this column some months ago on another subject, was founded by French Archbishop Marcel

Its current head, Swiss Bishop Bernard Fellay, last year presented a negative assessment of Pope John Paul's papacy titled "From Ecumenism to Apostasy," which included the opinions that you

have described in your letter.

The Vatican, according to Fellay, is "more interested in Christian unity than in salvation."

The Roman Catholic Church, in fact, remains profoundly committed to continuing conversation with other Christian and non-Christian religions.

One of the top-level administrative agencies of the Church is the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, headed by German Cardinal Walter Kasper, a most respected and influential theologian in the Church.

His responsibility is to encourage and coordinate Catholic dialogue with Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Evangelicals, Methodists and other religious bodies who view present divisions between believers in Jesus Christ as a tragedy and a stumbling block to people around the world who are, to say the least, confused by the inability of Christians to "get their own act together."

All authentic ecumenical participants agree on one point. True Christian unity, whatever that may eventually look like, will be accomplished by the grace of the Holy Spirit of Christ, not by the natural compromising skills of participating Churches.

The first responsibility of everyone is to be faithful to their own faith traditions, but at the same time to search those traditions for openings that offer hope.

If you're following ecumenical activities as you say you are, you already know that it's a rocky road. Not everything will be pleasant or congenial or easy. But no one laboring in this field of evangelization is losing hope.

No one knows how or when it will happen, but we trust that the movement has its base in the Gospels. Perhaps it's understandable that some Christians, like those described above, feel terribly threatened. But that is not the attitude of most Christians and Christian communities today.

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 5515, Peoria, IL 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail at jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

(Dorothy M. Colgan is a member of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad.)

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Graham Evangelistic Association, which moved its headquarters from Minneapolis to Charlotte, N.C., in 2003. Rev. Graham lives near Asheville, N.C., and now has his son, the Rev. Franklin Graham, associated with him in his ministry.

Now 86, Rev. Graham is beset by numerous ailments, and organizers of the New York crusade provided a pulpit that would allow him to sit while preaching. But it turned out he was able to stand for his sermons. It was expected to be the last crusade appearance in New York for the man who has traveled all over the world preaching his characteristic message since his ordination in 1939.

Explaining differences between Protestant evangelical theology and Catholic theology, Bishop DiMarzio said Protestants generally considered human nature "essentially corrupt," and believed salvation was possible only if the individual made "a personal choice to accept

Christ in your heart as savior and embrace his offer of salvation that comes principally through the Scriptures."

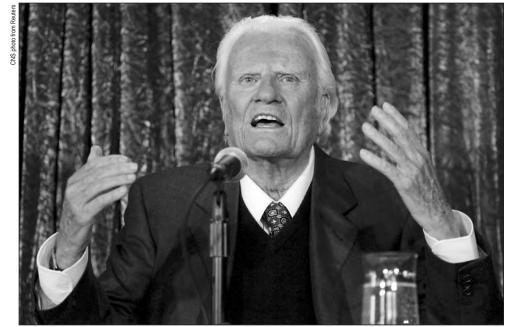
Catholics, the bishop said, believe human nature, though damaged by sin, remains "essentially good," and the grace given in baptism "allows us, through the gift of faith and our good works, to cooperate with the gift of salvation that can come only from Christ."

Bishop DiMarzio said Catholics also believed that they were "intimately connected to the Lord precisely through membership in the Church that is Christ's enduring and living presence in the world."

God's grace enables them to make a commitment not just once, but "countless times every day," he said.

Despite the theological differences, Bishop DiMarzio concluded his column by declaring, "I warmly welcome" Rev. Graham to the diocese "in the spirit of ecumenical cooperation.

"He has been a faithful disciple of the Lord, putting out into the deep for the many years of his exemplary evangelical



The Rev. Billy Graham speaks to members of the media at a news conference in New York on June 21. In a diocesan newspaper column, Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio of Brooklyn welcomed Rev. Graham to New York for a series of evangelistic services on June 24-26. The bishop said that the Graham organization has agreed to pass along information about Catholics who attend the services to the diocese so that the diocese can provide "follow-up pastoral care."

Speakers in Jerusalem, Washington make case for Holy Land peace

WASHINGTON (CNS)—For 90 minutes on a hot Sunday in Washington and Jerusalem, the voices of religious leaders joined together to make their case for peace in the Holy Land.

In Washington on June 26, the National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace, a multifaith conference featuring Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders, met at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.

In Jerusalem, a conference called "A Different Future" was held simultaneously at the Notre Dame Center with its own representatives of the three Abrahamic

In the two cities were videoconference hookups with churches, synagogues and mosques in Jordan, Egypt, Brazil, England, Australia and the Netherlands and in more than 40 U.S. cities.

In what was billed as a "transnational town meeting," speakers in the U.S. and Israeli capitals got to hear each other plead for an end to revenge for the offenses of the past and for continued progress in current Israeli-Palestinian peace talks—with stronger U.S. support.

Kicking off the program, which was moderated by retired CBS newsman Dan Rather in Washington, was Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, who said, "We have to go back to the time of Christ, when he said, 'Peace I give you, my peace I leave with you," as an incentive to end the centuries of quarreling among the peoples in the region.

The Anglican bishop of Jerusalem, Bishop Riab Abu El Assal, also wanted to make sure people understood that Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers," not "blessed are the 'peaceworkers,' " meaning people have to achieve peace, not just work on it.

"Religion was meant to bring people



An Israeli soldier, left, refuses to participate in an army demolition operation near the Shirat Hayam settlement in the Gaza Strip on June 26. A cross-continental conference on Middle East peace was held in Washington and Jerusalem on June 24.

together, not to bring death," he added.

Sheik Imad Falouji, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council from Jabalia in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, said that peace in the Holy Land must include "justice for all." He acknowledged that "there are people who use religion for killing, there are people who use religion to occupy others' land." Yet, despite this, "we have to succeed at this because we represent the people" of all persuasions seeking peace, he said.

Tsvia Walden, a member of the board of directors of the Peres Center and Geneva Initiative, said people in both

Israel and Palestine "are seeking to have better relations with the other side." The problem, she noted, is that in Israel "Palestinians cannot communicate freely, they cannot see each other freely. This makes it easier to denounce the other side. ... People who do not know each other will not be able to communicate with each

"We have to manage to get ourselves past our pain and suffering to reach out to others," said Rania Kharma, coordinator of World Bank emergency services support projects to the Palestinian National Authority. "We all know that violence is

not going to achieve anything. Peace is a very personal and very individual commit-

Aziz Abu Narob, a Palestinian, spoke about his brother, who died 16 years ago two weeks after being held and beaten by Israeli police. Narob said it took him a year to get beyond feeling the need for vengeance and to work with a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization of relatives of violence victims in the decades-long conflict in the Holy Land. He speaks to high school students, telling them to reject violence as an option.

"Some of us still believe in peace, but we gave up working for it," Narob said.

In Washington, panelists lent their support to bilateral and multilateral peace efforts, as well as private initiatives already taking place in the Holy Land.

Leighton Ford, retired vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelical Association and the Rev. Billy Graham's brother-inlaw, said he was backing peace efforts as a "member of the human race," as an evangelical Christian, as an American and as a grandfather.

"We cannot allow the good news to become bad news," Ford warned. "We can't allow things to just deteriorate over there 'and then Jesus will come.'

Some Christian groups have held that continued conflict in the Holy Land is a precursor to the second coming of Christ.

Rabbi Paul Menitoff, executive vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, urged the Bush administration to get more directly involved in the peace process.

"Put this," he said, "on the front burner." From his own conversations with Israelis and Palestinians, Rabbi Menitoff said, "it's clear that there's going to be peace. It's just a matter of how long it's going to take." †



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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College opens more programs to men

By Brandon A. Evans

For the first time in its history, men will now be able to earn an undergraduate degree from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College through its distance education program.

The college recently announced that what has been known as the Women's External Degree Program will expand to include the enrollment of men. It will now be called the Woods External Degree Program (WED).

For more than 15 years, the external degree program has served men as special students pursuing individual courses or teaching licensure.

Now men will be able to earn undergraduate degrees through WED and other adult programs that the college develops in the future. Men may begin applying now, with the earliest starting time this September.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will maintain its mission to the advancement of women's education and will preserve its campus-based resident undergraduate degree program for women only.

The college is the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the nation.

"A majority of women's colleges in the United States admit men to undergraduate degree programs designed specifically for adults," said St. Joseph Sister Joan Lescinski, president of the college.

"Those programs, such as weekend college, continuing education programs and distance education programs, meet different student needs than those designed for

they're being called to follow."

Allison McQueen, a St. Thomas More parishioner who will be in the fourth-grade in the fall, participated in the camp and said during her visit to the residents of New Life Manor that she was glad she was able to observe and participate in the ministry of the Missionaries of Charity.

"I think it's really cool because you get to see what other people do, and you're not just staying at your church all of the time," she said. "You're visiting other people, and you know how they serve God and you know how they do all of the things they do."

Missionary of Charity Sister M. Gaynel, the superior of the order's convent in Indianapolis, was pleased that so many young people came and shared her and her sisters'

"It was really beautiful," she said. "The children need to see what the needs of this place are and that there are people who are lonely. They want us to visit and have us sit down and talk. For us, it was a beautiful experience with the children, that they came to visit them and ask them questions.'

Beyond her happiness with the children seeing what was for them a new aspect of the ministry of the Church, Sister M. Gaynel was also pleased that they were learning about religious vocations by their visit to her convent.

'We pray for them that they would be open to what God wants them to do," she said. †

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traditional aged students," she said.

The decision to expand the distance education program is part of a larger Institution Plan that seeks to ensure a prosperous future for the college.

"This is the first step among many that we are taking to achieve our vision for the future of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, which includes a goal of 1,100 full-time students by 2010," Sister Joan said.

Right now, there are 885 full-time equivalent students enrolled at the college. About 480 of the 1,225 students enrolled in the Woods External Degree Program are full-

Theresa Denton, the college's chief enrollment services and marketing officer, said that the college receives

regular inquiries from men who are interesting in earning a bachelor's degree from the distance education program.

This expansion in the reach of the program could not have come at a more ideal time, she said.

"Thirty years ago, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College created the Women's External Degree program to address the challenges facing that generation and to help forge new paths for women," Denton said. "We are now expanding our program to meet the demands of the 21st century, allowing men to achieve their educational goals in the same flexible distance format.

"We remain committed to preserving the campus-based program for women only and to serving women's unique needs in all our programs," she said. †

Vatican officially opens canonization process for Pope John Paul II

ROME (CNS)—The process to beatify and canonize Pope John Paul II opened on June 28 with an evening prayer service attended by cardinals, bishops, lay people and representatives of the Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar of Rome, presided over the ceremonial opening of the Rome Diocese's investigation into "the life, virtues and fame of holiness of the servant of God, Pope John Paul II."

He began by thanking Pope Benedict XVI for accepting "the choral and ardent pleas raised by the people of God" to waive the normal five-year waiting period before Pope John Paul's cause could begin.

While the June 28 ceremony was the official beginning of the process, it was clear much work already had

Cardinal Ruini had appointed a Polish priest working in the Rome tribunal, Msgr. Slawomir Oder, to be the postulator of the cause.

The postulator promotes the cause by identifying witnesses to testify about the candidate's life and holiness, collecting the candidate's writings, compiling his biography, gathering evidence that he has a widespread reputation for holiness and looking into claims by the faithful that they were healed through his intercession.

During the opening ceremony at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome's cathedral, Msgr. Oder presented Cardinal Ruini with a list of some 100 people who will be called to testify about their knowledge of Pope John

While "reserving the right to present other witnesses,"

Msgr. Oder formally vowed not to "say or do anything directly or indirectly that would offend justice or limit the freedom of the witnesses; I swear, finally, to maintain the secrets to which those having a part in this cause are

One of those secrets is the identity of the people on the list, although Msgr. Oder told Catholic News Service earlier that not all the witnesses are Catholics. †



The late Pope John Paul II gives Communion to a seminarian during Mass in St. Louis in 1999. It was the last visit the pope made to the United States.



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BLEMKE, Mary, 104, St. Andrew, Richmond, June 17.

BLUME, Sarah, 81, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, June 15. Mother of Laura Daniels and Christopher Blume. Sister of Rita Sifferlen. Grandmother of seven.

BRANDT, Walter C., 85, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, May 26. Father of Charles Brandt. Brother of Esther Oellafen, James and Royal Brandt. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of three.

Brunson, Dorothy M. (Havard), 85, Holy Cross, Indianapolis, June 11. Mother of Dana, Guy and Nunnally Brunson. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of two.

BURTON, Catherine M. (Medenwald), 75, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, June 9. Mother of Paula Robertson and Andrew Burton. Stepmother of James Burton. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of eight. Great-great-grandmother of one.

CANNON, Mary Alice (Didat), 61, St. Mary, New Albany, June 8. Wife of Daniel Cannon. Mother of Daniel Cannon III. Sister of Patricia Holsclaw, Elmer, James, Jerome, Regis and Robert Didat. Grandmother of one.

CAVINS, John Clayton, 84, St. Joseph, Corydon, May 25. Husband of Anna (Riley) Cavins. Father of Lori Ann Hanks. Brother of Louise Hilkey. Grandfather of two.

CASSIDY, Merle L., 98, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, June 9. Husband of Gladys (Reed) Cassidy. Father of Mary Anne Greeley, Charles and Wayne Cassidy.

COMBS, Naomi Ruth, 74, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, June 17. Aunt of several.

FESSEL, William Robert, 74, St. Joseph, Corydon, May 27. Husband of Geraldine (Delph) Fessel. Father of Randi Cross, Sam Roark, Beth Sharp, Elaine

Tuchscherer, Dale, Dennis, Harold and Larry Fessel. Brother of Dorothy Smith, Barbara Spalding, David, Edward and Leonard Fessel. Grandfather of nine, Stepgrandfather of five. Greatgrandfather of eight.

GILLIN, James E., 38, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, May 29. Father of Emily and Katie Gillin. Son of Richard and Frances Gillin. Brother of Theresa Bundy, Cathy Traut, Dan and Tom Gillin.

GRANTZ, Julie (Staser), 36, Holy Family, New Albany, June 19. Wife of Charles E. Grantz. Mother of Andrew and Nathaniel Grantz. Daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Staser.

HENSON, Patricia Rose (Orande), 65, St. Jude, Indianapolis, June 3. Mother of John

HOFFMAN, Mark Anthony, 48, Prince of Peace, Madison, June 5. Father of Amy and Erin Hoffman. Son of Lena Hoffman. Brother of Tracey Boling, Ted, Terry, Tim, Tom and Troy Hoffman. Grandfather of one.

LASHER, David, 67, St. Isidore, Bristow, June 13. Husband of Barbara Lasher. Father of Catherine Auffart, Joanie, Andrew, Charles and Wayne Lasher. Brother of Becky Nichols, Jerry and Steven Lasher. Grandfather of seven. Step-grandfather of two. Step-great-grandfather of two.

LEAKE, Mary Catherine, 89, Holy Name, Beech Grove, June 13. Mother of Joan Couch, Jackie Reeves and Rosie Piersall. Sister of Rene Billerman and Victor Russell, Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 47. Great-great-grandmother of four.

MASCARI, Annette, 44, Holy Name, Beech Grove, June 12. Sister of Vicki Dwenger, Joan Shannon, Frank, Gus, Mike and Tom Mascari.

MATTHEWS, Christopher J., 27, Holy Name, Beech Grove, June 12. Father of Adyson Matthews. Son of Jack Matthews and Lois Reeder. Stepson of James Reeder and Carrie Matthews. Brother of Amy and David Matthews. Grandson of Mary Lou Piccione.

NORDHOFF, Beulah M. (Paetz), 90, St. Roch, Indianapolis, June 16. Mother of Carolyn Brown, Kathleen Hedges, Robert and Ronald Nordhoff. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of six.

ROSS, Catherine Harriet, 100, St. Michael, Greenfield, June 2. Sister of June Dorr.

SIEG, Donald L., 70, St. Joseph, Corydon, May 24. Husband of Philomena (Crivaro) Sieg. Father of Steven and Sandra Sieg. Brother of Joan Seipel and Wildred Sieg. Grandfather of two.

SPRINGER, Eva Mary (Sorrentino), 93, Holy Cross, Indianapolis, June 7. Sister of Al and Phillip Sorrentino.

STAGANDA, Agnes, 78, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, June 14. Sister of Frank and John Ban.

ULCZYNSKI, Genevieve H., 80, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, June 19. Mother of Ron Ulczynski. Grandmother of three. †

Benedictine Sister Mary Jonathan Schultz was a teacher and journalist

Benedictine Sister Mary Jonathan Schultz, a founding member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove and news editor of The Criterion in Indianapolis from 1977-82, died on June 26 at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove. She was 82.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 29 in the monastery chapel. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

The former Juanita Schultz was born on Jan. 25, 1923, in Tell City.

She entered the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind., in 1952 and was a founding member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in 1960.

Sister Mary Jonathan taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese before

teaching business courses at the former Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove and at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

After receiving a master's degree in business administration at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind., she served her community as treasurer from 1970-76 then pursued a ministry in the Catholic press at The Criterion and Abbey Press at Saint Meinrad.

Surviving are one sister, Bernice Hartz of Tell City, and three nephews.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of St. Benedict, Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107. †

Providence Sister Helen McCarthy taught school for more than 52 years

Providence Sister Helen McCarthy, also known as Sister Alma Francis, died on June 23 at Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 90.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 28 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-ofthe-Woods. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

The former Helen Loretta McCarthy was born on Feb. 3, 1915, in Chicago.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Aug. 20, 1932, professed first vows on Jan. 23, 1935, and professed final vows on Aug. 15,

Sister Helen taught at Catholic schools staffed by the Sisters of Providence in Indiana, Illinois and the District of Columbia for more than 52 years then ministered as a tutor for 11 years.

In the archdiocese, she taught at the former Sacred Heart School in Terre Haute from 1936-39.

Sister Helen retired to the motherhouse in 2002 and participated in the sisters' prayer

Surviving are one brother, John McCarthy of Tinley Park, Ill., and several nieces and nephews.

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