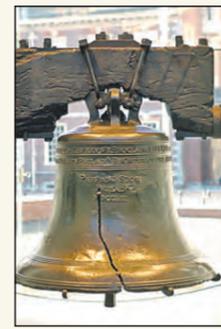




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A sense of peace and joy

Deacon Kovatch believes ordination is testimony to God's will

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series on the three transitional deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at 10 a.m. on June 2 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.)

By John Shaughnessy

As a basketball player with a shooter's touch, Deacon Thomas Kovatch has often known the feeling of being *in the zone*—the feeling that comes when everything in the game flows so easily and every shot is true.

There have even been moments in Deacon Kovatch's *life* when he's come close to that feeling, like the time he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps right after high school, served his country for four years and was invited to military flight school to pursue his dream of becoming a fighter pilot.

There were also the later years when he owned a nice home with an in-ground pool—a successful businessman who had relationships with a few women at different times that he thought might lead to marriage.

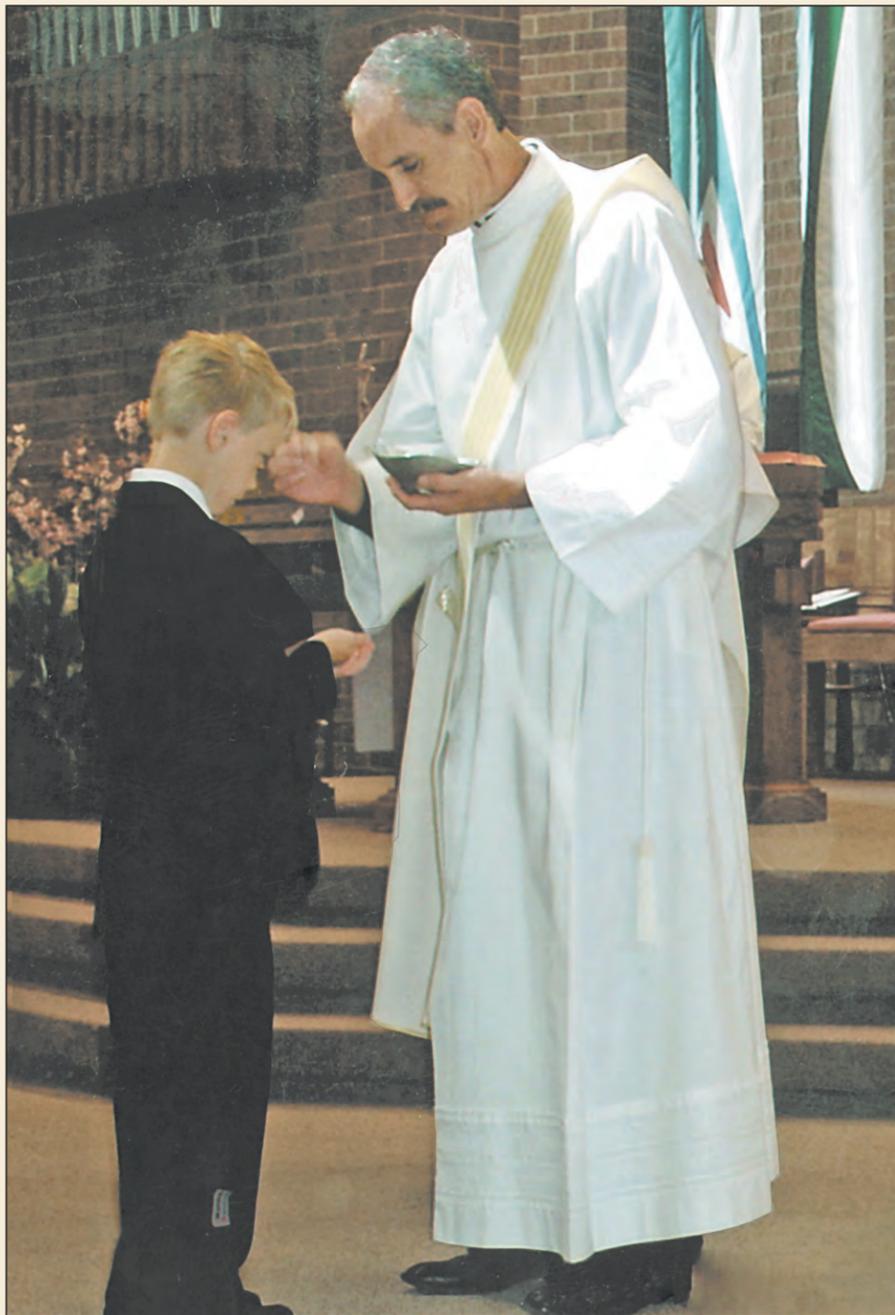
Yet, in both those flights of glory and romance, the feeling just wasn't completely right. Now, Deacon Kovatch finally has that feeling as he nears his ordination as a priest who will serve the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. On June 2, he will be ordained with deacons Eric Nagel and Randall Summers.

"I'm at a sense of peace and joy I've never know before," Deacon Kovatch says. "Once you find God's will, that's where the true happiness resides."

At 49, Deacon Kovatch believes his ordination is a testimony to God's will *and* his own personal fear of some day being asked a certain question by Jesus Christ.

"When I talk to young guys about vocations, I tell them, 'You have to answer this question: Do I want to be a priest?' If they say yes, I tell them it's a high possibility you do not have a call to the priesthood. Then I quickly say the second part: 'If God wants you to be a priest, you can't turn around and walk away. You have to pursue it even if it's tough.'

"Eventually, you have to face Jesus and he could ask, 'Why did you turn around



Deacon Thomas Kovatch gives his nephew Thomas Szarkowicz first Communion on May 5 at St. Francis Church in Lake Zurich, Ill.

and walk away?' I didn't want to be asked that question."

Reaching that answer took a long time for Deacon Kovatch, even though he secretly practiced celebrating parts of the Mass in his bedroom when he was in the fifth grade. But the wonder of his faith faded after he

graduated in 1976 from Riley High School in South Bend, Ind., and he enlisted in the Marines.

"When I left home and went in the Marine Corps, I just didn't go to Church anymore," he says, recalling a period

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Immigration proposal stirs calls for prayer and justice

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Bishops in various parts of the country joined the chorus of reactions to the preliminary version of a comprehensive immigration bill set to be considered before the Senate takes a week-long break for Memorial Day.

Debate in the Senate opened on May 21 even before the legislation designed by a bipartisan negotiating team was turned into bill form and introduced. As *The Criterion* went to press, news sources were reporting a vote on the bill could be taken as soon as May 24 or debate could extend into June.

Bishop Gerald R. Barnes of San Bernardino, Calif., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Migration, said in a May 17

statement that the important considerations for the bill include that it

includes family unity and a fair and realistic path to citizenship, a new worker program which provides participants a meaningful opportunity to obtain permanent residency, and the preservation of family unity as an integral part of the U.S. immigration system."

Leaders of Catholic Charities USA said they would also push for a bill that "sustains and reunites families, promotes the security of the nation ... [and] improves the economic prospects, health, labor protections and stability of all U.S. residents, including newcomers," among other criteria.

Catholic Charities joined the USCCB in saying the compromise bill is a good starting point, albeit not the optimal approach.

"As the compromise is currently written, we are very concerned about provisions that could lead to separating families and disrupting family life," said a statement from Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA.

In several places, the Church also planned prayer activities for "a just and equitable immigration reform bill" as the Justice for Immigrants campaign described their effort.

The senators who are considering immigration reform "need our prayers," said a statement from Sister Jane Burke, a School Sister of Notre Dame who heads the U.S. bishops' Justice for Immigrants campaign. "Our voices are essential to the

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CYO volunteers honored for service to community, Church

By John Shaughnessy

How do some of the best coaches in the Catholic Youth Organization measure success?

For Carol Pitzer, it's the joy of seeing a child who has struggled make a breakthrough in sports.

For Brian Treece, it's the smile of a former player who has returned to tell him about his life.

After 45 years of coaching and 40 years of helping at CYO events, Bob Tully measures success in the way young people show character.

Robert Hasty believes success can be found in losing—if he knows his team has sacrificed and worked hard in pursuing its goals.

Paul Kervan takes pride when he sees his players put their faith, family and schoolwork

before sports.

And Father Robert Gilday measures success in athletics when every child improves during a season and every adult models the right way to treat players, coaches and fans of the other team.

Put those six individuals together and you have the 2007 recipients of the CYO's highest honor—the St. John Bosco Medal for distinguished volunteer service to youth.

Put the approaches of those six together and you have a great guideline for how the fundamentals of sports and the values of Catholic faith can shape the lives of children and adults.

The beauty of breakthrough moments

Carol Pitzer will never forget the girl who showed up at track practice upset and angry that her parents had made her go out for the team. It also didn't help that the girl had little

confidence in her ability.

Yet after several practices and Pitzer's prodding, the coach noticed a dramatic change in the youth.

"She turned around from being angry and dissatisfied to actually wanting to run relays with other kids," says Pitzer, the track coach for St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis for the past 14 years. "I like seeing a kid make a breakthrough. It makes me feel good to know that they feel they have accomplished something."

Pitzer is an advocate of setting goals and working for them in sports, knowing that approach is needed later in life. She also encourages parents to keep their expectations realistic for children.

"It's not to set the expectations too high, but to set some expectations," she says. "I

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that lasted into his 30s. "I was falling away a little bit. It was nothing the Church did or taught. It was laziness on my part."

The former high school basketball player was stationed in Hawaii as a Marine, working on the navigation and communication systems of fighter planes.

"I loved it," he says. "I loved being around the planes. I was within an eyelash of staying in and learning to fly. They would have sent me to college, and I would have been guaranteed flight school. I told them I would sign immediately if they could guarantee I could get into fighter planes. There were also transport planes and helicopters. They said they could guarantee me flight school, but not fighter planes."

So he left the Marines. A year later, he enrolled at Indiana University in Bloomington, earning a bachelor's degree in business in 1985. He soon found a job as a supervisor with Yellow Freight trucking company, and was assigned to Richmond. He stayed with the firm until 1999. By then, he was back in the Church, attending Mass on Sundays and holy days at Holy Family Parish in Richmond.

"There were some relationships I thought could turn into marriage, but none did," he says. "The thought of the priesthood kept entering my mind, but my thought was, 'I'm too old. God will send me a wife. I'll have six kids and he can have all the priests he wants.' But that was not in God's plan."

When he left Yellow Freight, he planned to spend a year discerning his call to the priesthood. Yet he also became involved in establishing his own trucking-related company.

"I looked at a Web site for vocations," he says. "One of the things they suggested was to attend daily Mass and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Daily Mass was the big one



Msgr. Harold Kneuen, center, points out a feature of St. Paul Parish in New Alsace where he grew up to seminarian (now deacon) Thomas Kovatch, left, and seminarian Dustin Boehm during a seminarian pilgrimage on Aug. 16, 2006.

for me in discerning the call. One Lent, instead of giving things up, I decided to go to Mass every day and I never stopped."

His mother remembers when he shared the news about his decision to become a priest.

"It was here at our house," Mary Lou Kovatch recalls. "He was lying on the couch and he said, 'I have something to tell you.' My husband [Ernie] said, 'Are you going to get married?' I said, 'Are you going to be a priest?' He said, 'That's what I'm going to be.' I was stunned. I think he had the calling for years. He finally answered it."

He left the trucking business he started. He put his house up for sale, and it sold at full asking price in one day. He enrolled in the seminary at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill., near Chicago. All that was left to do was say goodbye to his golden retriever, Ginger, the dog that had been part of his life for more than 10 years. They had traveled together and visited nursing homes residents together. Their bond was strong, and it grew deeper during the cancer treatments his pet endured for nearly two years.

"She died in my arms four days before classes began at Mundelein," he recalls. "The pain of her death was deep, but I recalled that I had asked God to let her die in my arms and not someone else's. God knew that I couldn't leave her behind. It was then that I knew that God wanted me to be a priest."

"I think God gave me a glimpse of what it means to lose someone so important. It was God's way of helping me give compassion to people who have suffered a deep loss."

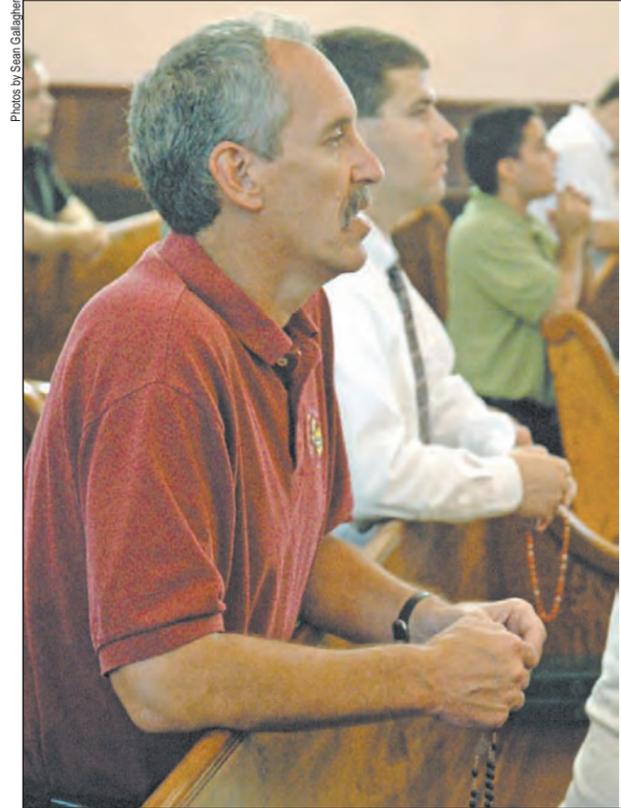
That's just one of the qualities that will make Deacon Kovatch an outstanding priest, according to Father Dennis Lyle, the rector at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

"I'd love to have 200 guys with his attitude," says Father Lyle, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. "He's been a great role model for the younger guys. He's generous with his time. He's coached and participated with our basketball program here. He lends a good spirit to it, a real sense of camaraderie and fraternity to the men."

"He has a good sense of compassion and empathy. He makes everybody feel welcome. He'll be good at being able to unite a parish. People will follow him as a leader."

Entering the priesthood will also be a homecoming for Deacon Kovatch. He will return to Holy Family Church in Richmond to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m. on June 3. Starting on July 3, he will become the associate pastor of the parishes of Holy Family, St. Andrew and St. Mary in Richmond. He will also serve as the chaplain of Seton Catholic High School in Richmond.

"It's rare to come back to your home parish, but it also feels right," he says. "I'm excited to go to Richmond. It's a good place. I truly like to be with people so I'm hoping I



Seminarian (now deacon) Thomas Kovatch prays the rosary on Aug. 16, 2006, at St. John the Baptist Church in Dover during a seminarian pilgrimage to parishes in the Batesville Deanery.

will be viewed as a holy priest who leads by example. I think visibility is important. I plan on being visible at school functions and just being available to walk the road of faith."

He also hopes his choice will lead others to a vocation and a deeper faith.

"I'm convinced there's not a shortage of vocations," he says. "There's just a shortage of people who hear. It's hard in this society. There's so much noise going on—'Go, go, go.' 'Achieve, achieve.' Success seems to revolve around money and job status. We idolize sports stars, CEOs and entertainers. I'm hoping some of the youth will be interested in hearing God's call. I'm hoping people will want to deepen their faith."

"I feel blessed. I know God wants me to be a priest."

(A profile of Deacon Eric Nagel will be published in the June 1 issue of The Criterion. A profile of Deacon Randall Summers appeared in the May 18 issue. It can be read online at www.CriterionOnline.com.) †

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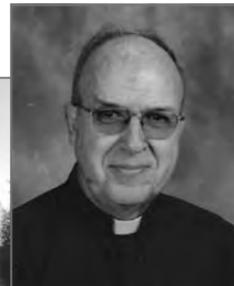
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50 years of graduating classes span the generations at Scecina

By John Shaughnessy

Edna Guedel knows she will cry when she watches her granddaughter cross the stage to receive her high school diploma.



Cara Doyle

Not only will they be tears of joy and pride for Guedel, they'll also be tears for the special bond that will now connect three generations of her family.

After all, it was 50 years ago this spring when Guedel was a member of the first graduating class at Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis.

And now—five decades later—her granddaughter, Morgan Parsons, will also be graduating from Scecina, just as Morgan's mother and Edna's daughter did in 1979.

"I won't be able to talk about it without crying," Guedel says. "It really means so much to me that my children and my grandchildren have gone here. It's something that I've found other people don't have as they look back—the extreme closeness of all your classmates. I also know the value of a Catholic education."

So does Morgan. On May 25, she will cross the same school stage as her mother and her grandmother did to receive their diplomas.

"I almost went to a different high school," says Morgan, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis. "I had a

choice, but I just felt like this was the place for me. I felt I should carry on the family tradition. I'm so glad I went here. A lot of my values and beliefs wouldn't be where they are right now if I hadn't gone to a Catholic school."

While Morgan gets to share her special moment with her grandmother, her classmate, Cara Doyle, will be remembering her grandmother, who was also a member of Scecina's first graduating class. Margaret McCallister Kleifgen died two years ago.

"When she died, the hardest part was knowing she wasn't going to be there when I graduate," says Cara, 18, a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis. "We knew it would be 50 years since she graduated. It was really important to her that her grandchildren have a Catholic education, and it meant a lot to her that we went to Scecina. It means a lot to me following in her footsteps. She was very close to me and all of her grandkids."

Cara will celebrate her graduation with her parents, who are both Scecina graduates: Sandy Kleifgen Doyle, a 1983 graduate, and Jim Doyle, a 1980 graduate.

Jessica Tooley also has the distinction of being a 2007 Scecina graduate with family ties to the school's class of 1957. Her grandfather, Robert Moss, was a member of Scecina's first graduating class. Her grandmother, Frances Corsaro Moss, graduated from the school in 1959. Her father, Thomas Tooley, graduated from Scecina in 1981.

"It's nice to know you're carrying on the tradition," says Jessica, a member of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis. "All my expectations for high school were met. It's such a small school and a small community, and I like that. I know my grandparents' friends and my dad's friends still get together. I think that's neat after all those years."

The years pass and the number of

Photo by John Shaughnessy



Graduating from Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School is a tradition that bonds many east-side Indianapolis families. From left, Edna Guedel, Class of 1957, poses with her granddaughter, Morgan Parsons, Class of 2007, and her daughter, Robin Parsons, Class of 1979.

graduating classes increases yet the sense of family, faith and community continues for the school that takes pride in its Catholic, east-side Indianapolis roots.

"As a parent, you're always looking for what's in the best interests of your kids," Parsons says. "After I went off to college in Bloomington, I was open to any place. It wasn't my vision for my kids to go to Scecina, but it was such a healthy environment to have kids in."

"So many people look out for each other and support each other. You're always among friends. Once you're involved in that community, you don't want to lose it. There are so many opportunities spiritually, athletically and socially that maybe they wouldn't get at a larger school. You do whatever you can to make it happen for your kids."

That has often meant a financial sacrifice. Yet the three generations of their family believe that sacrifice results in a great return.

Plus, it also provides another special bond that connects them through Morgan's graduation.

"When we graduated in '57, it was extremely meaningful for us," Guedel recalls. "When we were freshmen, we were the only class in the school. We wrote the school song. We decided on the colors of the uniforms. We came up with the nickname, the Crusaders. That was *our* school."

She's glad that Morgan feels the same way 50 years later.

"It's all part of our faith," Guedel says. "If you have a strong faith, it exudes from you. Other people see it. It spreads. That is something that has trickled down to everyone in our family."

"Scecina is a part of this neighborhood. It's a part of who we are. We've always been proud to say, 'I'm from Scecina. I'm from the east side.' There's just something about it that you carry with you as you go through life—the pride, the faith." †

LEGACY FOR OUR MISSION:

For Our Children and the Future

SUPPORT HELPS FUTURE PRIESTS PREPARE FOR LIFE OF SERVICE

When Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein ordains three men to the priesthood on June 2 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, the Church in central and southern Indiana will have reason to celebrate. Three deacons who are currently finishing their studies will help the archdiocese fulfill its future ministry needs.

Deacon Tom Kovatch is one man who has responded to that call. Like two fellow deacons, Deacon Kovatch will be ordained after working in other careers. The South Bend native worked in the trucking industry before discerning his personal call to the priesthood. That came after years of struggling with practicing his faith.

A student at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Deacon Kovatch said he is keenly aware of and grateful for the financial and spiritual support offered by the archdiocese. That commitment by the local Church allows him and fellow seminarians to focus effectively on their future roles.



That's part of why Deacon Kovatch and other future priests are humbled by works of charity. They understand how generous gifts to the *Legacy for Our Mission* capital stewardship campaign—along with prayerful support—enable the future ministry needs of the archdiocese.

Deacon Randy Summers has been preparing for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. Like Deacon Kovatch, he worked for many years in private business, serving in the healthcare industry while considering his true calling in life. A native of Iowa, Deacon Summers feels grateful for the support from the archdiocese, both fiscally and spiritually. And much like other future priests and prospective seminarians, he feels blessed to be a recipient of such generosity.

Deacon Summers emphasizes how the *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign is an integral part of the Church's future ministry needs. A generous response from Catholics throughout central and southern Indiana will help the archdiocese serve many future generations.

"The seminary prepares us for life as a priest in several ways, including human, spiritual and academic formation as well as ministerial assignments in pastoral, social and other settings," Deacon Summers said. "This variety of activities helps round out the seminarian experience and prepare us for our future lives as priests."

Yet another future priest shares that sentiment. Deacon Rick Nagel, the third seminarian who will be ordained in June, also has been studying for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad. The Rensselaer, Ind. native graduated from college and worked in agricultural education before responding to God's call. The seminary has afforded him an opportunity to prepare for his future life—through regular study and prayer, pastoral ministry initiatives and a Spanish-language immersion in Guatemala.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Saint Meinrad Seminary have prepared me to minister to the hearts and souls of those who search for 'something more' and to give them food for the journey," Deacon Nagel said. "What a great joy it has been to give God a chance in my life, answer the front door and welcome him in."

Legacy for Our Mission, the archdiocese's capital campaign, is guided by the principles of Christian stewardship and addresses the needs of archdiocesan ministries such as seminarian education. By contributing to the Legacy for Our Mission campaign through your local parish, a portion of your gift will be allocated to future ministry needs and distributed to efforts such as seminarian education.

Please visit the new online home of the Legacy for Our Mission campaign at www.archindy.org/legacy. It can also be accessed at www.LegacyforOurMission.org.

"What a great joy it has been to give God a chance in my life, answer the front door and welcome Him in."

Deacon Kovatch points to the tuition contributed by the archdiocesan community as well as their prayers, letters and gestures of good will.

"It really helps take away from any outside pressures that could threaten my focus on training to be a future priest for the Church," Deacon Kovatch explained. "For quite a few guys, it would be impossible otherwise."



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Two boys standing on the suspension bridge over Sugar Creek look at the massive rock formations within Turkey Run State Park that are part of the aptly named Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve. In 1975, Rocky Hollow was designated as a National Natural Landmark by the federal government. Turkey Run State Park and Shades State Park are near Marshall.

Spend the summer in God's country

God's country. Hear those two words, and they evoke different images to different people. In fact, a random survey of 100 individuals could very well draw 100 different responses when you ask them what place or area comes to mind when they hear the phrase "God's country."

- The Holy Land.
- Rome and Assisi, Italy.
- Washington, D.C.
- Philadelphia.
- Wyoming.
- Montana.
- Colorado.
- Indiana.

Indiana? Yes, Indiana. For many residents and visitors here, there are umpteen reasons for our fair state to be dubbed "God's country."

We, of course, now have St. Theodora Guérin, our own canonized saint. The foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods' remains can be venerated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse off Highway 150 west of Terre Haute.

There's the Shrine of Monte Cassino, a beautiful chapel in the woods near St. Meinrad, and so much more in our state. We can fill this space—and then some—to share our litany of what we think qualifies Indiana as "God's country."

With apologies to William Shakespeare, Margaret Wolfe Hungerford or whoever coined the phrase "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," we realize that humankind will probably never reach consensus where the label "God's country" is concerned.

To be fair, how can one visit the Holy Land, Rome or Assisi, or even Washington, D.C., or Philadelphia, and not believe our Creator's hand was at work in the masterpieces each one of those regions represent?

Span the globe, and the same can be said for Quito, Ecuador;

Sydney, Australia; Highlands, N.C., and everywhere in between.

God was at work in all this, and our Creator brought so much beauty to all corners of the world that it would take years to see it in person.

Of course, that's next to impossible for most of us, but there's nothing wrong with formulating a Plan B. And in this age of ever-increasing gas prices, a Plan C may even be necessary.

Still, *The Criterion's* annual Vacation/Travel Supplement included in our special pullout B section this week offers a list of potential travel destinations that our staff feels is worth a look or two—if you and your family have the time, energy and finances.

While Rome, Assisi or the Holy Land may not be realistic travel destinations this summer, you can stay stateside and visit our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., take in the special flavor and history of Philadelphia or go west and see Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon and so much more.

Of course, as we said, there are plenty of reasons to stay here as well. You can "do the dunes" in Indiana and enjoy the beaches on Lake Michigan's eastern shoreline or spend a day enjoying Turkey Run State Park's 2,382 acres west of Indianapolis.

Summer in Indiana wouldn't be complete without our parish festivals, and there are plenty to choose from again this year. They began in the archdiocese last weekend with a parish festival at St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville, and end on Oct. 21 with the parish festival at St. Isidore the Farmer Parish in Bristow. The complete list is included on pages 3B-4B.

God's country is waiting for you this summer. Yes, here in Indiana, and at destinations north, south, east and west of us.

Get out and see his creation. No matter where the Spirit leads, you shouldn't be disappointed.

— Mike Krokos

Be Our Guest/Glenn Tebbe

Immigration legislation must focus on well-being of families

Democratic and Republican senators, along with White House officials, have negotiated a potential compromise immigration reform bill.



It is important that this issue be resolved for the millions of people affected, and because there are

many problems in U.S. policies and immigration laws. A comprehensive bill correcting the flaws and providing realistic immigration policies is long overdue. However, a just policy must be the outcome.

It is important that any legislation includes: 1) a legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrants and their families; 2) a new worker program with worker protections, family unity and a path to citizenship; and 3) the preservation of family reunification as a cornerstone of the U.S. immigration system. A common theme in each point is family. Yet it is under attack in current proposals.

The compromise bill has proposed the elimination of several categories of family immigration, including the adult sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and parents of U.S. citizens. Their plan also would prevent the reunification of immediate family members (spouse and minor children) in a new worker program and in any legalization program.

These proposals could lead to family breakdown and to unintended social consequences in immigrant communities and throughout the nation. Families are the backbone of immigrant communities and help individuals assimilate into their new homes and cities or towns.

Family members are less likely to become dependent on government programs if they support each other. Immigrant families come from cultures

in which the family is supportive of each member and from countries in which there is not a well-developed government welfare system. They take care of one another in times of economic, physical or emotional hardship.

Immigrant families also promote good citizenship and stewardship. Having family members with them in a country strengthens their ties to the country and encourages the respect of that country's laws, customs and resources.

Preventing immediate family members from joining their loved ones in a new legalization program or new worker program could lead to family breakdown and disruption in immigrant communities.

In addition, it could lead to additional undocumented immigration as close family members seek to enter the U.S. illegally to join loved ones.

Abandoning our family-based immigration system would be short-sighted. It could lead to unintended social consequences and would deprive our country of the industry and vibrancy that immigrant families bring to us.

The family unit is critical for the physical, social, emotional and spiritual development of each person. Among the Church's enumeration of human rights is the right to live in a united family.

In addition, anti-family policies are contrary to the values and principles that U.S. citizens hold dear and strive to protect.

Please contact Indiana's senators and ask them to keep family a priority in all immigration reform proposals.

You can reach Sen. Richard Lugar's local office at 317-226-5555 or his Washington, D.C., office at 202-624-1474.

Sen. Evan Bayh's local office number is 317-554-0750. His Washington office number is 202-224-5623.

(Glenn Tebbe is executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference.) †

Skiping Church

Top reasons why adults don't go to church or synagogue

don't agree with organized religion/what it preaches

24%

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21%

don't believe in it

16%

don't believe in God

10%

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9%

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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

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The Eucharist is Christ poured out for the life of the Church

(Second in a series)

In his apostolic exhortation *The Sacrament of Charity*, Pope Benedict XVI goes to great lengths to lay the solid theological foundation that undergirds the eucharistic mystery.

We need to plumb these theological depths at least a bit in order to understand that the gift of this sacrament is not based on superficial historical or cultural developments.

Part I of the pope's exhortation is titled "The Eucharist, a Mystery to be Believed."

He begins this part with the exclamation: "The mystery of faith!" With these words, spoken immediately after the words of consecration, the priest proclaims the mystery being celebrated and expresses his wonder before the substantial change of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord Jesus, a reality which surpasses human understanding. The Eucharist is a 'mystery of faith' par excellence: 'the sum and summary of our faith' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1327).

"The Church's faith is essentially a eucharistic faith, and it is especially nourished at the table of the Eucharist. ... The more lively the eucharistic faith of the People of God, the deeper is its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples. The Church's very history bears witness to this. Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in

the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people" (n. 6).

My pastoral experience over the last 43 years as a priest echoes the Holy Father's words. People who want to be and are intimately involved in helping carry out the Church's mission of charity are people who have a deep faith in the eucharistic mystery. I also believe the recent rediscovery of the eucharistic devotion of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is a result of the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence.

The pope writes: "The first element of Eucharistic faith is the mystery of God himself, Trinitarian love. ... In the Eucharist, Jesus does not give us a 'thing,' but himself; he offers his own body and pours out his own blood. He thus gives us the totality of his life and reveals the ultimate origin of this love. He is the eternal Son, given to us by the Father. ... Jesus shows us that he is the bread of life which the eternal Father gives to mankind" (n. 7).

Pope Benedict pursues his clarion theme: God is a perfect communion of love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He stresses that the "mystery of faith" is a mystery of Trinitarian love, a mystery in which we are called by grace to participate. He loves the quotation from St. Augustine: "If you see love, you see the Trinity" (cf. n. 8)

The apostolic exhortation develops in some detail the theme "The Eucharist: Jesus the True Sacrificial Lamb." In this section, the pope develops the teaching that the

mission for which Jesus came among us was accomplished in the paschal mystery.

"In the mystery of Christ's obedience unto death, even death on a Cross, the new and eternal covenant was brought about. ... Jesus is the true paschal lamb who freely gives himself in sacrifice for us, and thus brought about the new and eternal covenant. The Eucharist contains this radical newness, which is offered to us again at every celebration" (n. 9).

In his reflection on the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Pope Benedict ties this institution to the deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt by citing the context of the paschal meal. In the Eucharist, "the remembrance of their ancient liberation thus expanded to the invocation and expectation of a yet more profound, radical, universal and definitive salvation" (n. 10).

In this way, Jesus brings his own "radical newness to the ancient Hebrew sacrificial meal." The Holy Father writes: "The foreshadowing has given way to the truth itself" (n. 11).

The exhortation concludes the Trinitarian dimension of the Eucharist with a lengthy development of the role of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist.

"We need a renewed awareness of the

decisive role played by the Holy Spirit in the evolution of the liturgical form and the deepening understanding of the sacred mysteries." The Holy Spirit was a constant presence in the life and mission of Jesus. "It is through the working of the Spirit that Christ continues to be present and active in his Church, starting with her vital center which is the Eucharist" (n. 12).

The Holy Spirit plays a decisive role in the eucharistic celebration, particularly with regard to the consecration and transubstantiation. "The Spirit invoked by the celebrant upon the gifts of bread and wine placed on the altar is the same Spirit who gathers the faithful 'into one body' and makes of them a spiritual offering to the Father" (n. 13).

Do you have an intention for Archbishop Buechlein's prayer list? You may mail it to him at:

Archbishop Buechlein's
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Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

Seminarians: that they will be faithful to prayer and study, and persevere in their desire to serve God and the Church as priests.

La Eucaristía es Cristo que se ofrece por la vida de la Iglesia

(Segundo de la serie)

En su exhortación apostólica *Sacramentum Caritatis*, el Papa Benedicto XVI se dedica exhaustivamente a echar los cimientos sólidos de la fundación teológica que refuerza el misterio eucarístico.

Debemos aplomar tan siquiera un poco estas profundidades teológicas para poder entender que el don de este sacramento no se basa en superficiales desarrollos históricos o culturales.

La Parte I de la exhortación del Papa se titula "La Eucaristía, misterio que se ha de creer."

Comienza esta parte con la exclamación: "Este es el Misterio de la fe." Con esta expresión, pronunciada inmediatamente después de las palabras de la consagración, el sacerdote proclama el misterio celebrado y manifiesta su admiración ante la conversión sustancial del pan y el vino en el cuerpo y la sangre del Señor Jesús, una realidad que supera toda comprensión humana. En efecto, la Eucaristía es 'misterio de la fe' por excelencia: 'es el centenario y la suma de nuestra fe' (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, #1327).

"La fe de la Iglesia es esencialmente fe eucarística y se alimenta de modo particular en la mesa de la Eucaristía. ... Cuanto más viva es la fe eucarística en el Pueblo de Dios, tanto más profunda es su participación en la vida eclesial a través de la adhesión consciente a la misión que Cristo ha confiado a sus discípulos. La historia misma de la Iglesia es testigo de ello. Toda gran reforma está vinculada de algún modo al redescubrimiento de la fe en la presencia

eucarística del Señor en medio de su pueblo" (n. 6).

Mi experiencia pastoral en los últimos 43 años como sacerdote es reflejo de las palabras del Santo Padre. Las personas que desean y se encuentran íntimamente comprometidas a llevar a cabo la misión de caridad de la Iglesia son personas que tienen una profunda fe en el misterio eucarístico. También considero que el reciente redescubrimiento de la devoción eucarística de la adoración ante el Santo Sacramento es el resultado del redescubrimiento de la creencia en la presencia eucarística del Señor.

El Papa escribe: "La primera realidad de la fe eucarística es el misterio mismo de Dios, el amor trinitario. ... En la Eucaristía, Jesús no da 'algo,' sino a sí mismo; ofrece su cuerpo y derrama su sangre. Entrega así toda su vida, manifestando la fuente originaria de este amor divino. Él es el Hijo eterno que el Padre ha entregado por nosotros. ... Jesús se manifiesta así como el Pan de vida, que el Padre eterno da a los hombres" (n. 7).

El Papa Benedicto prosigue con su tema fundamental: Dios es la perfecta comunión del amor entre el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Enfatiza que el "misterio de la fe" es un misterio de amor trinitario, un misterio en el cual hemos sido llamados a participar por la gracia. Le encanta la cita de San Agustín: "Ves la Trinidad si ves el amor" (cf. n. 8)

La exhortación apostólica desarrolla con cierto detalle el tema "Eucaristía: Jesús, el verdadero Cordero inmolado." En esta sección el Papa desarrolla la enseñanza de que la misión por la cual Jesús se hizo

presente entre nosotros se cumple en el misterio pascual.

"En el misterio de su obediencia hasta la muerte, y una muerte de cruz. ... Jesús es el verdadero cordero pascual que se ha ofrecido espontáneamente a sí mismo en sacrificio por nosotros, realizando así la nueva y eterna alianza. La Eucaristía contiene en sí esta novedad radical, que se nos propone de nuevo en cada celebración" (n. 9).

En su reflexión sobre la institución de la Eucaristía durante la Última Cena, el Papa Benedicto vincula dicha institución con la liberación de Israel de la esclavitud en Egipto citando el contexto de la comida pascual. En la Eucaristía "El memorial de la antigua liberación se abre así a la súplica y a la esperanza de una salvación más profunda, radical, universal y definitiva" (n. 10).

De esta manera Jesús presenta su "novum radical dentro de la antigua cena sacrificial judía." El Santo Padre expresa: "lo que anunciaba realidades futuras, ahora ha dado paso a la verdad misma" (n. 11).

La exhortación concluye la dimensión trinitaria de la Eucaristía con un desarrollo extenso sobre el papel del Espíritu Santo en la Eucaristía.

"A este propósito es necesario despertar en nosotros la conciencia del papel decisivo que desempeña el Espíritu Santo en el desarrollo de la forma litúrgica y en la

profundización de los divinos misterios." El Espíritu Santo constituía una presencia constante en la vida y misión de Jesús. "Por tanto, Cristo mismo, en virtud de la acción del Espíritu, está presente y operante en su Iglesia, desde su centro vital que es la Eucaristía" (n. 12).

El Espíritu Santo juega un papel decisivo en la celebración eucarística, particularmente con respecto a la consagración y la transustanciación. "El Espíritu, que invoca el celebrante sobre los dones del pan y el vino puestos sobre el altar, es el mismo que reúne a los fieles 'en un sólo cuerpo,' haciendo de ellos una oferta espiritual agradable al Padre" (n. 13).

¿Tiene una intención que desee incluir en la lista de oración del Arzobispo Buechlein? Puede enviar su correspondencia a:

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

Seminarios: ¡Que ellos sean fieles a la oración y estudien, y continúen en su deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes!

Events Calendar

May 26
Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Pentecost Charismatic Mass, 2 p.m.**, followed by praise, worship and Mass. Information: 317-592-1992, www.inholyspirit.org or e-mail ccrci@inholyspirit.org.

Sisters of St. Francis, Michaela Farm, Oldenburg. **"Perma-culture" series**, Session 2 of four programs, "Making Your Home Energy Efficient," 10-11:15 a.m., infants through age 3 and adult caregiver, Beth Ernst-Major, presenter, \$20 for the series. Information: 812-933-0661 or michaelafarm@seidata.com.

May 26-June 30
Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology, library,

200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Exhibit of artwork, "Cliché Verre and Other Works,"** William F. Brown, artist. Information: 812-357-6501.

May 27
St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. **Men's Club, pancake and sausage breakfast, 7-10 a.m.**, adults \$5 per person, children \$3 per person. Information: 317-291-7014.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Monte Cassino pilgrimage, "Mary, Mother of Divine Providence,"** Benedictine Brother Silas Henderson, presenter, 2 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

MKVS and Divine Mercy Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South

and 12 miles south of Versailles. **Confession, 1 p.m., followed by holy hour, Mass 2 p.m.**, Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

May 28
SS. Francis and Clare Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. **Memorial Day service, Mass honoring U.S. military veterans, 9 a.m.**, flag ceremony, taps. Information: 317-859-4673.

May 29
St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Church, St. Mary Hall, 1117 Blaine Ave., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, prayer meeting, 7:15 p.m.** Information: 317-592-1992, www.inholyspirit.org or e-mail ccrci@inholyspirit.org.

St. Francis Hospital, Community

Relations, Carson Square Office, 3145 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis. **"Freedom from Smoking,"** seven-week program, 6-8 p.m., \$50 per person. Information: 317-782-7999.

Sisters of St. Francis, Michaela Farm, Oldenburg. **"Nature and Me" series**, Session 2 of four programs, 10-11:15 a.m., infants through age 3 and adult caregiver, Beth Ernst-Major, presenter, \$20 for the series. Information: 812-933-0661 or michaelafarm@seidata.com.

Spalding University, 851 S. Fourth St., Louisville, Ky. **Festival of Contemporary Writing, Daniel Handler, a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, 7 p.m.** Information: 502-585-9911.

June 1
Our Lady of Grace Monastery,

501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana**, teaching, 7 p.m., followed by praise, worship and Mass. Information: 317-592-1992, www.inholyspirit.org or e-mail ccrci@inholyspirit.org.

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. **Catholic Divorce Ministry, "The North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics,"** pre-conference July 2-5, International Conference July 5-7. Reservations due June 1. Information: 574-631-6691 or e-mail: ccc@nd.edu.

June 2
St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. **Farewell celebration for longtime principal Bill Herman, Mass, 5:30 p.m.**, dessert reception, alumni welcome.

Information: 317-253-2193.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **CYAN meeting**, Father Sid Sidor, special guest, 10 a.m.-noon.

June 3
Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Jerry Craney Performance Center, 21 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **"A Celebration in Honor of Father Gerald Burkert,"** 1-3 p.m. Information, 317-784-5454, ext. 5.

June 4
St. Francis Hospital, 1210 Hadley Road, Mooresville. **"Look Good, Feel Better," workshop for women with cancer**, noon-2 p.m. Registration: 317-782-4422 or www.StFrancisHospitals.org/cancer. †

Regular Events

Sundays

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Tridentine (Latin) 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. Drive, Indianapolis. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30-9 p.m.**, rosary for world peace, 8 p.m. Information: 317-255-3666.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. **Spanish Mass, 5 p.m.** Information: 317-291-7014.

Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., 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: 317-784-1763.

Marian Center, 3356 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Prayer group**, prayers for priests and religious, 9 a.m. Information: 317-253-2964.

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

Tuesdays

Holy Name of Jesus 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 the Evangelist Church, 7575 Holliday Drive E., Indianapolis. Marian Movement of Priests, **prayer cenacle, Mass, 7-8 p.m.** Information: 317-842-5580.

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

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road, Sellersburg, Mass, 7 p.m., **eucharistic adoration** following Mass until 7 p.m. Wed. Information: 812-246-2512.

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

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

St. Francis Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center, 650 E. Southport Road, Suite C, Indianapolis. **"Teens Grieving Teens," therapeutic program for high school students** grieving from the loss of one or more teenage friends, 7-8 p.m. Information: 317-783-8383. †



'Walk the World'

Participating in the "Walk the World" event on May 12 at Marian College in Indianapolis, former executive director of the United Nations World Food Program and Terre Haute native Jim Morris, second from right, stands with other walkers in the fundraiser for the program. The U.N. World Food Program delivers emergency food supplies to people around the world.

Four parishes change Mass times due to holiday and race

Four parishes in the Indianapolis West Deanery will change their Mass schedule for the Memorial Day weekend on May 26-27 due to the Indianapolis 500 on May 27.

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on May 26. No Masses will be celebrated on May 27.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated in English at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and in Spanish at 7:30 p.m. on

May 26, and at 7:30 a.m. in English on May 27.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on May 26 and at 7:30 a.m. on May 27.

Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., Indianapolis—Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on May 26. There will not be a Mass on May 27.

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Three honored for completing Ecclesial Lay Ministry program

By Sean Gallagher

With many friends and relatives gathered around them, three women were honored during an Evening Prayer liturgy on May 17 at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis as the first people from the archdiocese to complete the Ecclesial Lay Ministry (ELM) formation program.

Those who received archdiocesan lapel pins and framed certificates of completion were Sandra Cook, coordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for the Richmond Catholic Community; Margaret Nelson, a retired senior editor for *The Criterion* and a member of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis; and Connie Sandlin, who will begin ministry on July 1 as the director of religious education at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville.

"God called you to service in the Church," Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein told the honorees during the liturgy. "You have responded generously. May God continue the work he began many years ago in each of you."

ELM, which was launched in the archdiocese in 1999, provides theological, spiritual and pastoral formation for lay ministers in the archdiocese. Suzanne Yakimchick, archdiocesan chancellor and executive director of lay ministry and pastoral services, administers the program.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad provides the ELM's instructors and sets up its workshops, which take place in varying locations in the archdiocese.

Yakimchick addressed Cook, Nelson and Sandlin during the liturgy.

"It has been a pleasure to work with you and see your growth in the years you invested in this formation experience," Yakimchick said. "It will be my continuing pleasure to assist you in your future growth and development."

"Thank you for what you bring to the Church, what you gave to this program and for all that you do for the Church and your communities."



Standing with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein in front of a portrait of Bishop Francis Silas Chatard in the rectory of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis are, from left, the first three people to complete the archdiocesan Ecclesial Lay Ministry formation program: Sandra Cook, Connie Sandlin and Margaret Nelson.

"This is what we've looked forward to all those years," said Cook. "All of us and all of those in the program have worked very hard for this."

Although she retired from *The Criterion* two years into the program, Nelson said she kept up with ELM because its formation helped her as she continued to work periodically as a freelance reporter for *The Criterion* and writing personality profiles for her parish's newsletter.

"I think you can always grow in your faith," Nelson said. "[ELM] was really interesting, and it helped me feel closer to God and helped me understand my relationship with God more."

Sandlin, who ministered the last three years at the Aquinas Center in Clarksville, gave "total credit" to ELM for preparing her for her new ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

"There's so much more to our faith than what you first realize," Sandlin said. "Once you begin learning about it, you see all the layers and the deeper meaning behind everything. So [ELM] has increased my faith a lot."

(For more information about ELM, log on to www.archindy.org/layministry or call 317-236-7325 or 800-382-9836, ext. 7325.) †

IMMIGRATION

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passage of this crucial legislation. There are many ways to raise our voices, but two in particular are called for at this moment—advocacy and prayer."

She asked people across the country to join a "Million Prayers Initiative" between May 20 and 26.

Information about the campaign can be found at www.usccb.org/mrs/jfi/millionprayers.shtml.

The campaign spells out five principles for immigration reform:

- To make family a priority in immigration law.
- To insist that worker programs contain protection for U.S. citizen and migrant workers.
- To allow for earned legalization for undocumented immigrants.
- To restore due process protections for immigrants.
- To respond to the economic, political and social root causes of immigration.

In California, parishes and religious communities in East Los Angeles held a Mass on May 16 at Resurrection Church to pray for legislators "who will guide the destinies of millions of hardworking immigrants and their families, hoping that just and humane comprehensive immigration reform legislation will be passed this year."

Seattle Archbishop Alex J. Brunett was to celebrate a Mass for immigrants on May 26 at St. Mary Church in Seattle.

"The news of an agreement to resolve the impasse on immigration reform is welcome," said Archbishop Brunett in a statement. "But the real test of the plan will be its protection of basic rights." †



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Whether they became Bishop Chatard Trojans when they walked through the front doors as freshmen four years ago or when tapped to lead the school to new heights fourteen years ago, the Class of 2007 and Brother Joseph Umile, C.S.C. leave BCHS prepared to embrace new challenges. They have been enriched by the experience of growing and learning together, and they will carry the Trojan Spirit with them in all that they do.



Congratulations and Godspeed to Brother Joseph Umile, C.S.C. and the Bishop Chatard Class of 2007

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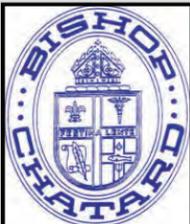
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On Sunday, June 3, the Bishop Chatard community will come together to honor and thank Brother Joe for the gifts he has shared with our students. Mass will begin at 5 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church, followed by a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Northside Knights of Columbus. Visit www.BishopChatard.org for information. All are welcome.

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The Holiest of Lands

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The holiest of lands

St. Monica parishioners walk in Christ's footsteps with pastor

By Mary Ann Wyand

Jesus walked there, preached there and healed there.

The Son of God lived out his earthly life in Palestine and was crucified on Calvary Hill near Jerusalem. Then the resurrected Christ came back to share the Good News with the Apostles before ascending to his Father in heaven.

His miraculous life is recorded in the Gospels, which detail events along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, the Garden of Gethsemane and dozens of other places in the Holy Land.

St. Monica parishioner Denis Kelly Jr. of Indianapolis was so excited about the unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Christ during a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land on Nov. 8-18, 2006, that he took more than 2,000 photographs there.

Kelly, a talented professional photographer who has traveled extensively and taken thousands of pictures throughout the world, shares a few of his digital memories of Israel with *The Criterion* so readers may enjoy these amazing pilgrimage experiences.

"I accept the principle that God's grace is everywhere," he said, "but I felt drawn to go to the Holy Land."

Kelly arranged to stay until Nov. 22, four extra days after the pilgrims departed for home, so he could capture more images of God's people and God's places in this holiest of lands.

Msgr. Paul Koetter, pastor of the Indianapolis West Deanery parish, was the spiritual director and Franciscan Father Peter Vasko, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, served as tour director for the pilgrimage.

"Father Peter declared the Church of the Nativity as the holiest place in Christendom," Kelly said, "because it is where Jesus was born in Bethlehem."

One of Kelly's favorite pictures from the pilgrimage is a timeless image of a Greek Orthodox religious mopping the stone floor of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

"I think it was St. Teresa of Avila who spoke so beautifully about the value of prayer while working," he said, "and [this photo is about] finding God's grace even while mopping the floor. You can see pilgrims coming in the door behind him while he works. In a number of places, I tried to express the wear of the stone and the passage of pilgrims [in photographs]."

Kelly was surprised to find so many modern churches in Israel that are parish churches as well as pilgrimage destinations.

"The [church] in Capernaum, along the Sea of Galilee, is quite astonishing," he said. "It's built over [what is believed to be] the house of St. Peter. ... The church is elevated and ... has a glass floor. It has panoramic windows so you could look out to the Sea of Galilee."

If Peter lived there, Kelly said, Jesus must have stayed there with him.

Kelly also enjoyed seeing "the little [Roman] town of Caesarea Philippi, which was lost to the ages. It had been buried by sand and was only recently excavated. ... St. Paul was held there in prison."

Pilgrimage highlights included reading Scripture that references the holy places they visited, he said, as well as singing the "Ave Maria" at several sacred sites, praying on the Mount of Beatitudes and joining Jews in prayer at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

"It's one of the most beautiful places I've been," Kelly said of the Mount of Beatitudes. "... The Sermon on the Mount was [preached] a little further down the mountain toward the Sea of Galilee, a large fresh-water lake. The Jordan River flows out of the Sea of Galilee."

At the Church of Cana, which commemorates the site of the wedding feast of Cana, married couples renewed their vows and Kelly wished that his wife, Maryann, could have been with him.

"For me, one of my greatest privileges in the whole pilgrimage was that Father Peter asked me to sing the 'Ave Maria' at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, where the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary," he said. "Father Peter had heard me sing on the bus."

God's grace is apparent everywhere in the Holy Land, Kelly said, but one experience was especially meaningful.

At the house of Caiaphas, the high priest in Jerusalem, Kelly closed his eyes and sang verses of "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" in what may have been the dungeon where Jesus was held before the Crucifixion.

After singing the original verses, Kelly was inspired to sing new verses that came to him, including "Were you there

when he showed his wounds to Thomas?" and "Were you there when Spirit fire came upon the Apostles?"

When Kelly finished the song, a Polish pilgrim from Chicago said, "My name is Thomas."

St. Monica pilgrim Jane Cooney, who is a fourth-grade teacher in Pike Township in Indianapolis, likes to think about Scripture while recalling memories of the pilgrimage.

"I was amazed at how totally overpowering it was," Cooney said. "I had never intended to go on a pilgrimage, but when it came up with Father Paul leading it, and I happened to be on a school break, it just seemed like it was meant to be."

Cooney especially treasures memories of Msgr. Koetter celebrating eucharistic liturgies with parishioners in so many sacred places central to the life of Christ.

"It was just overwhelming," she said. "And then now, to be back at St. Monica's, having him celebrate liturgies again and giving sermons that relate to some of the places that we went, the connections are still so strong. I can feel myself being in those places."

After praying at the Sea of Galilee, Cooney enjoys meditating about sitting in the boat with Jesus, Peter and the other Apostles, "and everything being calmed as Jesus is a calming influence in our lives."

Cooney and her husband, Don, were among the couples who renewed their marriage vows at Cana.

"It was extraordinary," she said. "We'll be married 30 years in October. ... I was overwhelmed by the idea of what a gift Don has been to me, what a blessing he has been, over all these years, [and] ... that opportunity to stop and think about this blessing that God has put in my life."

They are members of a small Church community at St. Monica Parish, Cooney said, and six of the eight members of that group went on the pilgrimage, which was "really powerful" to share as close friends and faith partners.

"I loved being on the Mount of Beatitudes," she said. "I had a sense of peace at that location, and a sense of hesitancy, of not wanting to leave there and not wanting to go to Jerusalem. I felt like going to Jerusalem was my own [experience of] going to Calvary ... and I didn't want to face it. I wanted to stay ... at the Mount of Beatitudes. It was so peaceful."

As a Catholic and a teacher, Cooney appreciated Father Vasko's historical knowledge of the Holy Land.

"One of the reasons Father Paul said he wanted to go back [to Israel] was because he wanted to go back as a shepherd and bring some of his flock," she said. "It was a gift to be part of the flock."

Since Msgr. Koetter completed an 11-week sabbatical in the Holy Land during the fall of 2003 made possible by Lilly Endowment's Pastor Renewal Program, he has wanted to share his spiritual experiences there with parishioners.

The November pilgrimage included 21 St. Monica parishioners.

Last summer, when hostilities broke out between Israel and Lebanon on the Lebanese border, other parishioners decided not to participate in the pilgrimage, Msgr. Koetter said. He understood their concerns and was relieved when political tensions eased and grateful that there were no problems or incidents of violence in November.

"It went very smooth," Msgr. Koetter said. "In fact, we saw very little military presence on the trip."

On the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land Web site, Father Vasko explains that "our Christian ancestry is at risk" because of continuing conflict in the region, mostly between the Arab and Jewish residents.

"Since the [United Nations] partition of Palestine in 1947, the control of this land for the last 56 years has undergone many changes, especially territorial between Israelites and Palestinians," Father Vasko explains. "Christians in this area comprise fewer than 2 percent of the population. ... The vast majority of Christians simply want to live in peace. They are caught in the middle."

As the birthplace of Jesus, Father Vasko notes, the Holy Land will always be "the cradle of Christianity," but he worries that sporadic violence and economic hardship will force all Christians out of Israel within 50 years.

The Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land is a worldwide nonprofit organization founded in 1994 to safeguard basic human rights and the continued presence of the Christian Palestinian minority living in the Holy Land.

"We are not taking sides," Father Peter explains. "We're just trying to quietly help maintain the Catholic presence in the Holy Land."

Christian pilgrims help support the delicate economy there in addition to their prayerful visits to sacred sites.

"Father Peter was our tour guide so he met us at the airport in Tel Aviv and spent most of the 10 days with us," Msgr. Koetter said. "He took us to the different locations, and explained the sites and the significance within our faith."

"I really enjoyed the chance to celebrate Mass with the group in the different locations," he said. "Certainly one of the significant moments for me, and I think for many others, was having Mass outside on the side of the mountain where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount ... and to be aware of the fact that in this same setting we were celebrating the Eucharist and preaching the Word 2,000 years later."

The pilgrims also enjoyed praying at the Sea of Galilee, Msgr. Koetter said. "We went down to the water and sat on



A Greek Orthodox religious mops the stone floor of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

the edge of the shore. ... Some of us stepped into the water. As one person said, 'A lot of things can change, but water looks the same.' So that sense that Jesus probably sat in this same area and looked out on the same water and took in the same view, and all the dimensions of that, was pretty significant. Both on my first trip and this trip, [praying at] the Sea of Galilee was an important part of the visit."

During the pilgrimage, he said, the pilgrims gathered in the evening to pray and reflect on their experiences.

"I think when we renewed our baptismal commitment at the Jordan River that was very significant," Msgr. Koetter said. "I took some of the water from the Jordan River. We renewed our baptismal promises and I blessed each person with some of the Jordan River water, and that really connected us with Jesus, who was baptized in those waters."

Other pilgrimage highlights were visits to Jericho, he said, and Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the 1940s and 1950s, as well as four days in Jerusalem, also referred to as Mount Zion in Scripture.

"It is on the top of a mountain, but ... it's more like a big hill," he said. "The ancient walls have been moved numerous times over the years. What you do have from Jesus' day is the foundation of the Temple, and that's where the Western Wall, the Wailing Wall of the Jews, is located. Where the Temple itself sat is now a sacred place for the Muslims. That's where the Dome of the Rock is."

"Probably the most sacred place inside the city is the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where we commemorate both the Crucifixion and the burial of Jesus," Msgr. Koetter said. "I had the privilege of leading Mass at the tomb. I celebrated the Eucharist right over the tomb."

"I think another important area is the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, which we visited and celebrated Mass right there," he said. "It was good to celebrate the Eucharist at each of these locations and to come together in prayer."

At the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the pilgrims sang Christmas carols for the Christ Child.

"To be able to sit there and spend some time in that sacred space was very good," Msgr. Koetter said. "Then we celebrated Mass there at what's called the Shepherds Field, which is the area where they believe the shepherds were when the angel appeared to them and said, 'A child has been born to us.' That was also a special place to be."

It rained when the pilgrims prayed the Stations of the Cross and took turns carrying the cross along the *Via Dolorosa* ("Way of Sorrows") from the Roman garrison to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

"It was very apropos because it created a more somber mood," he said. "I think people would say that the *Via Dolorosa* might have been the most touching moment."

Visiting the Holy Land helps Christians understand Scripture better, he said, and deepens their faith.

"For me, what was most meaningful was to go back [to the Holy Land] with people that I know, people who I share faith with, people I pray with on a regular basis, and to experience those places together," Msgr. Koetter said. "When you have visited the birthplace of the Lord with others, when you have celebrated Mass together where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, it bonds you closely together."

(For information about pilgrimages to Israel, contact the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land at info@fhl.org or call toll-free 866-905-3787. A Holy Land pilgrimage is scheduled on Nov. 5-15.) †

On the cover, clockwise, this icon of Jesus was purchased in the Holy Land by Denis Kelly Jr. Franciscan Father Peter Vasko, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, blesses the pilgrims at a modern church built over what is believed to be the home of St. Peter in Capernaum. In this self-portrait, Denis Kelly Jr. prays at the Mount of Beatitudes. Rocks line the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The Basilica of the Annunciation is in Nazareth. Father Vasko and Msgr. Paul Koetter celebrate Mass at Shepherds Field in Bethlehem. The pilgrims sang carols at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.



Parish Festivals

May 26

St. John the Baptist Parish, 8310 St. John Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Strawberry Festival, 8 a.m.-1 a.m., chicken dinner, make your own shortcake, street dance. Information: 812-923-5785.

May 30-June 2

St. Rose Parish, Highway 40, **Knightstown**. Yard sale, booths, food, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 765-345-7429 or e-mail stroseyardsale@yahoo.com.

June 1-3

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., **Indianapolis**. Summerfest, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., rides, games, food, entertainment. Information: 317-357-8352.

June 3

St. Paul Parish, 218 Scheller Ave., **Sellersburg**. Parish festival and picnic, 3-11 p.m., chicken dinner, games, booths, refreshments. Information: 812-246-3522.

June 7-9

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklandon Road, **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, rides, games, music, entertainment, food. Information: 317-826-6000, ext. 3.

June 7-10

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 3355 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Parish festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 2 p.m.-midnight, Sun. noon-9 p.m., rides, games, food. Information: 317-888-2861, ext. 236.

June 8-9

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. 23rd annual Italian Street Festival, Fri.-Sat. 5-11 p.m., Italian foods, music. Information: 317-636-4478.

June 8-10

St. Louis School, 17 St. Louis Place, **Batesville**. Rummage sale, Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., half-price sale noon-4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$1 bag sale. Information: 812-934-3204.

June 10

St. Paul Parish, 814 Jefferson St., **Tell City**. Parish picnic, City Hall Park, 700 Main St., across from church, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., booths, crafts, food. Information: 812-547-9901.

June 14-16

St. Bernadette Parish, 4838 E. Fletcher Ave., **Indianapolis**. Summer festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, games, rides, food. Information: 317-356-5867.

St. Michael Parish, 519 Jefferson Blvd., **Greenfield**.

Summerfest, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 1-11 p.m., rides, games, food, fireworks Fri. and Sat. nights, hot-air balloon rides. Information: 317-462-4240.

June 15-16

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. 23rd annual Street Dance weekend, Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 6-1 a.m., games, music, food. Information: 812-944-9775.

June 15-17

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**. International Festival, Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 5-10 p.m., food, games, rides, entertainment. Information: 317-291-7014, ext. 27.

June 16

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 2322 N. 13½ St., **Terre Haute**. Sixth annual parish auction, 10 a.m. Information: 812-466-1231.

June 17

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, **Sunman**. Parish festival and picnic, chicken dinner, turtle soup, games, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 812-623-2964.

June 21-23

St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, **Indianapolis**. Summer Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, food, games, rides. Information: 317-786-4371.

June 22-23

Christ the King Parish, 1827 E. Kessler Blvd., **Indianapolis**. Summer Social, Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, music, games, food, entertainment. Information: 317-255-3666.

June 29

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Centennial of cathedral dedication, Mass,

6 p.m., dinner following Mass, \$15 per person. Information: 317-634-4519.

July 6-8

St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St., **Lawrenceburg**. Parish festival, food, music, rides, Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, pork chop dinner, Sat. 2 p.m.-midnight, German dinner, Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 812-537-3992.

July 8

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.

July 12-14

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, 5-11 p.m., rides, food, music, entertainment. Information: 317-353-9404.

July 13-14

St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. Ninth St., **Terre Haute**. Parish festival, flea market, children's games, food, entertainment, 4 p.m.-midnight. Information: 812-232-8421.

July 15

St. Mary Parish, 7500 Navilleton Road, **Navilleton**. Parish festival, chicken dinner, games, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-923-5419.

St. John the Baptist Parish, 25743 State Road 1, **Dover**. Summer Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., fried chicken dinner, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., games, country store. Information: 812-576-4302.

July 19-21

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**. 70th annual Midsummer Festival, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., food, games, rides. Information: 317-241-6314.

July 20-21

St. Susanna Parish, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**. Parish festival, Fri. 6-11 p.m., pork dinner, Sat. 4:30 p.m.-midnight, steak dinner, games. Information: 317-839-3333.

July 21

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish, 23670 Salt Fork Road, **Bright**. Parish festival, music, food, children's games, 3-11 p.m. Information: 812-656-8700.

July 21-22

St. Martin Parish, 8044 Yorkridge Road, **Yorkville**. Parish festival, Sat. 4-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., food, games, music. Information: 812-623-3408.

July 26-28

St. Mark Parish, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., **Indianapolis**. Fun Fest, 4 p.m.-midnight, rides, food, games. Information: 317-787-8246.

July 27-28

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., **Clarksville**. Parish festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 2-11 p.m., chicken dinner, food, entertainment. Information: 812-282-2290.

August 3-4

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Parish yard sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

August 4

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Merrill St., **Fortville**. Parish festival, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., games, food, entertainment, auction, chicken and noodles dinner. Information: 317-485-5102.

August 5

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, **Fulda**. Parish picnic, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., food, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Hwy. 337, **Frenchtown**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., country-style chicken dinner, quilts. Information: 812-347-2326.

August 11-12

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, **Guilford/New Alsace**. Parish festival, Sat. 6-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., quilts, food, games, music. Information: 812-487-2096.

August 12

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, **Lanesville**. Parish picnic, chicken dinner, booths, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-952-2853.

August 17-18

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46th and Illinois streets, **Indianapolis**. Sausage Fest, food, music, Fri., Sat. 4-11 p.m. Information: 317-253-1461.

August 24-25

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., **Indianapolis**. Second annual Augustravaganza parish festival, rides, food, music, entertainment, 4 p.m.-midnight. Information: 317-357-1200.

Prince of Peace Parish, 413 E. Second St., **Madison**. Community

Festival, Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight., Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, food, carnival rides, games. Information: 812-265-4166.

August 31-September 3

Sacred Heart Parish, 558 Nebeker St., **Clinton**. Little Italy Festival, Water Street in downtown Clinton, Fri. 7-11 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon. 11 a.m.-closing, Italian food, entertainment. Information: 765-832-8468.

September 2

St. Peter Parish, 1207 East Road, **Brookville**. Labor Day Festival, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., booths, games, quilts, 10:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., dinner in dining room or carry-out meals. Information: 812-623-3670.

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 9995 E. Base Road, **Enochsburg**. Parish festival, fried chicken, 11 a.m. Information: 812-934-2880.

September 8

Marian Inc., 1011 E. St. Clair St., **Indianapolis**. Holy Cross Parish, Feast of the Holy Cross, dinner, dance and auction, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Information: 317-637-2620.

September 8-9

St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., **Indianapolis**. Annual Dinner Theater, "all you care to eat" buffet, Sat. dinner 6 p.m., show 7:30 p.m., Sun. dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Information: 317-631-8746.

St. Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, 512 N. Perkins St., **Rushville**. Fall Festival, Sat. noon-11 p.m., hog roast, music, dance, Sun. 7 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 765-932-2588.

September 9

St. Augustine Parish, 315 E. Chestnut St., **Jeffersonville**. Harvest chicken dinner, quilts, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-282-2677.

St. Mary Parish, 212 Washington St., **North Vernon**. Community Festival, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., food, children's games. Information: 812-346-3604.

September 14-16

St. Thomas More Parish, 1200 N. Indiana St., **Mooreville**. Apple Fest, family fun, food, crafts, games, Fri. 5-10:30 p.m., Sat. all day until 10:30 p.m., Sun. all day until 5 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

September 15

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Second annual Afternoon Tea, 2-5 p.m., \$5 per person. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. French Market, noon-11 p.m., French food, booths, children's activity area, entertainment. Information: 317-283-5508.

September 15-16

St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., **Indianapolis**. Annual Dinner Theater, "all you care to eat" buffet, Sat. dinner 6 p.m., show 7:30 p.m., Sun. dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Information: 317-631-8746.

September 16

St. Michael Parish, 101 St. Michael Drive, **Charlestown**. September Fest, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner. Information: 765-832-8468.

St. Meinrad Parish, Community Center, 13150 E. County Road 1950 N., **St. Meinrad**. Fall Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., food, games, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

September 19

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 3856 Martin Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Annual dessert and card party, 7-10 p.m., \$5 per person. Information: 812-923-3011.

September 21-22

St. Malachy Parish, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. Country Fair, hog roast, 4-11 p.m., food, booths. Information: 317-852-3195.

September 22

Holy Cross Parish, 12239 State Road 62, **St. Croix**. Rummage sale, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-843-5701.

September 22-23

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. Third St., **Bloomington**. Third and High Streets Festival, Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., games, food, craft booths, music. Information: 812-336-5853.

September 23

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane, **Bradford**. Parish festival and picnic, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., chicken dinner, silent auction. Information: 812-364-6646.

Know the symptoms

Travelers need to exercise to avoid blood clots

By Thomas J. Rillo

Special to *The Criterion*

Travelers—and especially senior citizens—need to be concerned about “a clear and present danger” associated with inactivity during long trips.

More and more retired Catholic seniors are embarking on pilgrimages to a variety of holy sites and shrines. Places like the Holy Land, European cathedrals, monasteries and convents, and such holy Marian sites as Fatima, Lourdes, Medjugorje and Tepeyac are frequent destinations for pilgrimages.

For senior pilgrims as well as those who are not elderly, long-distance traveling can be hazardous to their health. This danger can be life-threatening and has often resulted in death.

The silent enemy who travels with pilgrims—whether on an airplane, train or bus—is deep vein thrombosis (DVT), which kills more Americans than automobile crashes, breast cancer and AIDS combined. But many people are not aware of this danger and do not even know its name.

Deep vein thrombosis is usually precipitated by long periods of inactivity in cramped airline seats or other conditions that limit mobility. It begins in the leg with a blood clot that can move to the lungs and cause pulmonary embolism. Death can be the result of a DVT condition.

Many older adults are at risk just by sitting for a long period of time on long-haul flights.

DVT symptoms include discoloration or redness of the skin, sharp chest pain, tenderness, breathlessness, a fast pulse, excessive sweating or coughing up blood-stained phlegm. Take these symptoms to an emergency room quickly because they are signs of pulmonary embolism.

Deep vein thrombosis occurs when a blood clot forms, usually in a leg. Most blood clots dissolve, but a clot that breaks off can be fatal.

A study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* found that the rate of pulmonary embolism among airline passengers increased as the distance increased.

The risk of DVT seems to increase during air travel because sitting still for a long period of time slows the blood flow and increases the thickness of the blood while compression caused by tight airplane seats can cause blood vessel lesions.

Another study published in *The British Medical Journal's* Nov. 8, 2003, issue found that the risk of getting a blood clot or pulmonary embolism was highest within two weeks of taking a long flight. The subjects were 5,400 patients admitted to hospitals in Western Australia from 1981 through 1999.

The conclusion was that the annual risk of developing a blood clot increased 12 percent if one long-haul flight was taken each year. Because of Australia's geographical location, long-haul flights are necessary for anyone traveling to or from that country.

Most airlines have no consistent policy of mentioning deep vein thrombosis to their passengers. Air France, Asiana and Northwest Airlines are among those who point out the potential danger in their flight publications and recommend that passengers do the exercises shown in the magazine.

Some airlines advise passengers to do seat exercises as part of their in-flight videos or in booklets and onboard airline magazines. However, many airlines do not call

attention to the explicit health warning of DVT.

Airline passengers should be warned about the potential risk of DVT at the time of the reservation or supplied with this health information at the ticket counter.

Airlines need to promote healthy flying, especially on long-haul flights, by telling passengers to stay hydrated, move around a lot, avoid drinking alcohol, do the suggested seat exercises and possibly wear compression stockings. Links to hosiery companies that produce compression stockings can be found on Internet search engines. These stockings do not have to be dowdy in appearance.

It would benefit tour guides and spiritual directors, such as priests or monks, to avail themselves of the information that is published about deep vein thrombosis. This article can be included with other literature sent to pilgrims.

Searching the Internet will also provide a research tool for educational information about DVT.

With airlines decreasing seat room by installing additional seats or building airplanes with greater passenger capacity, it becomes imperative for travelers to become aware of and articulate about the risk and symptoms of deep vein thrombosis.

Travelers also need to know what exercises they can do to minimize the potential risk of DVT. We cannot assume that all airlines will warn people about this health risk and pass out DVT information or provide in-flight videos that demonstrate seat exercises.

There are certain basic exercises that a person can do to keep the blood flowing in the legs and minimize the risk of DVT. Since it starts in the legs, we should concentrate on exercising the legs first. There also are exercises that a person can do in the seat to benefit the upper body.

Seat exercises for the legs

- Begin with the feet. Start with foot rotation by lifting the feet up and drawing circles with the feet. Move both feet simultaneously or one foot alternately.

- If you cannot hold your feet off the floor or there is limited room, keep your heels on the floor and draw circles with your feet.

- Next do the foot swing with the feet slightly apart and the heels on the floor, and lift your toes upward. Swing your toes simultaneously outward and inward in rapid motion.

- The foot roll is next. With the feet close together, roll to the outer edge of each foot and then back. You should feel the pressure of the floor on the outer edge of each foot.

- Toe raises are simply lifting the toes off the floor with the weight onto each foot.

- Heel raises are simply lifting the heels off the floor with the weight forward onto the ball of each foot.

- To do the knee lift with ankle flexion, grasp your knee with both hands and lift the leg upward toward the chest. With foot elevated, draw small circles, first in one direction and then in the opposite direction. As a variation of this exercise, move the foot downward and upward in a plantar motion with the knee still lifted.

- Hip abduction and adduction can be done by simply moving your knees outward and then inward. Begin with both feet together and place your hands to the outside of each knee. Apply steady pressure and move the knees apart. Then bring the knees together without the pressure. Repeat outward with

pressure. Next, place your hands on the inside of each knee with feet slightly apart and bring the knees together while applying pressure with the hands. Move the knees outward with no pressure. Repeat.

- Do at least 10 repetitions for each of the seat exercises described.

Congratulations! You have now done each exercise for at least 10 repetitions and have caused increased circulation in your legs without getting out of your seat. You have attempted to hold the deadly enemy DVT at bay.

Remember that many of us are at risk from prolonged inactivity in any condition that limits mobility, whether that involves traveling by airplane, train, bus or car as well as being confined to a sickbed.

Not just the elderly are in danger of experiencing deep vein thrombosis. Also at risk are people with other health conditions, such as pregnancy, a smoking habit, being overweight, recent surgery, hormone therapy, heart disease, some cancers and other reasons for limited mobility.

While it is true that most senior pilgrims will not have many of the previously mentioned health conditions, they will have some that will endanger them to the risk of becoming ill from DVT.

Deep vein thrombosis knows no age limit and sometimes even attacks the conditioned athlete.

Nearly half of the people who develop a dangerous blood clot in their legs are under 50 years of age.

If you suspect that you have DVT symptoms, see your doctor immediately. There are quick and responsive tests that will identify the existence of deep vein thrombosis.

Don't forget to get up and move around throughout your mode of travel as often as possible.

God wants you to travel to holy places. He wants your traveling retreat to be as spiritually fulfilling as possible. He has provided this writer with the information to save your life. He has also chosen a senior pilgrim to write this story.

Nothing is impossible for God. If this article saves just one life then it has been worth the effort to write it.

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FESTIVALS

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September 28-29

SS. Francis and Clare Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road, **Greenwood**. Parish festival, rides, games, food, Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. noon-midnight. Information: 317-859-4673.

September 28-30

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St., **Indianapolis**. Fall Festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 1-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., food, rides, games, entertainment. Information: 317-356-7291.

September 29

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4052 E. 38th St., **Indianapolis**. St. Andrew Fest, candlelight dinner, Mass, 4:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-1571.

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. “Steppin’ Into Jazz at St. Rita,” 6-10 p.m., food, silent auction, \$30 per person. Information: 317-632-9349.

September 30

Fayette County 4-H Fairgrounds, Expo Hall, **Connersville**. St. Gabriel Parish, Fall Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner, games. Information: 765-825-8578.

October 7

Holy Family Parish, 3027 Pearl St., **Oldenburg**. Fall Festival, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, booths, games. Information: 812-934-3013.

October 13

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1530 Union St., **Indianapolis**. Oktoberfest, Sacred Heart and Kennedy High School alumni class reunion, Mass, 5 p.m., fellowship, entertainment, 1-8 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

October 14

St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish, 17440 St. Mary's Road, **Batesville**. Turkey Festival, booths, games, food, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-934-4165.

October 21

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, 6501 St. Isidore Road, **Bristow**. Fall Festival and Shooting Match, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., games. Information: 812-843-5713. †

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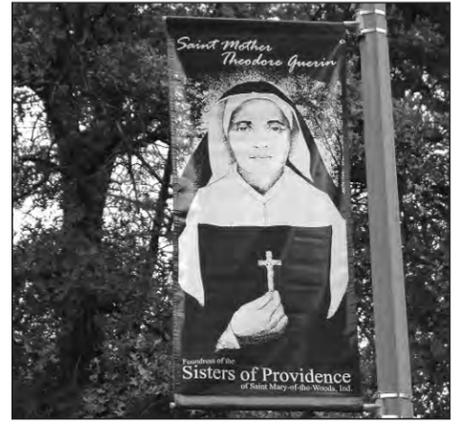
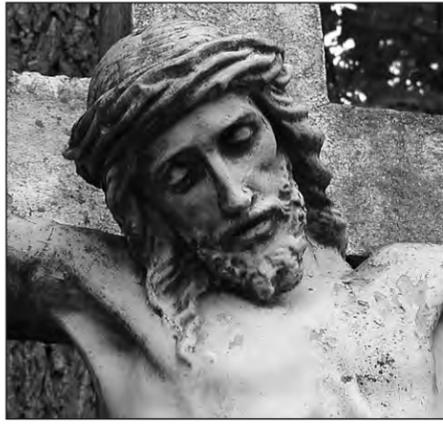
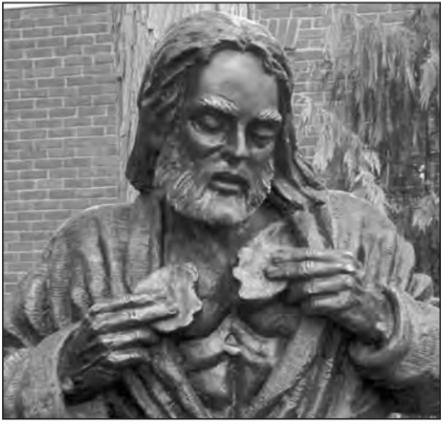
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NORTH—What would it be like to sit next to Jesus during the Last Supper? An interactive sculpture at St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., in Indianapolis invites people to sit outdoors at a table beside a life-size image of Christ and spend time in prayer or reflection.

Master sculptor Timothy P. Schmalz of Toronto, Canada, created “The Last Supper” and describes his contemporary religious artwork as “visual prayers.”

“It’s a place of prayer for anyone wanting to have a closer experience of their faith,” Father Michael Welch, pastor, explained. “There is an answer for every need when you sit down at the table with Jesus.”

While there, join St. Christopher parishioners for Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday or 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Nearby on West 16th Street is the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, which is open daily except on Christmas.

SOUTH—Down a road less traveled in the scenic southern Indiana countryside near St. Meinrad is the Shrine of Monte Cassino, a chapel in the woods that is a one-of-a-kind pilgrimage destination.

An outdoor crucifix near the chapel offers a silent witness to Christ’s sacrifice when he died on the cross to save us.

For years, Perry County farmers made spring pilgrimages to the historic shrine off Indiana 62 east of St. Meinrad on “rogation day” with Benedictine monks from Saint Meinrad Archabbey to ask God for blessings on the growing season.

During the Marian months of May and October, pilgrimages open to the public are held there each Sunday starting at 2 p.m. local time.

While there, tour historic Saint Meinrad Archabbey. A monk leads a walking tour at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) on Saturday starting at the Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center. Or go on a self-guided tour using a Visitor’s Guide. Mass is celebrated at 9:30 a.m. (CDT) on Sunday at the church.

EAST—Show St. Anne parishioners in New Castle how much you care about them by praying outside the rubble of their historic brick church.

The 83-year-old Henry County landmark at 102 N. 19th St. was gutted by an arson fire during the early morning hours of Holy Saturday, April 7.

Carry tissues because the sight of this formerly beautiful house of God will bring tears to your eyes.

But take hope because the Church is the people of God, and St. Anne parishioners have prayerfully supported each other and grown stronger in the wake of this tragedy.

While there, join St. Anne parishioners for Mass in the basement of the Parish Center at 4 p.m. on Saturday or 8 a.m. on Sunday. You may need to stand.

“The essential is receiving the Lord, no matter where we do that,” said Franciscan Sister Shirley Gerth, parish life coordinator.

Nearby are the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Museum and many antique shops.

WEST—St. Theodora Guérin, Indiana’s first saint and foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, was a remarkable woman of God who still teaches us lessons about faith through her profound writings.

“What have we to do in order to be saints?” Mother Theodore wrote. “Nothing extraordinary, nothing more than what we do every day. Only do it for his love.”

Visitors may venerate the French-born saint’s remains from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse off Highway 150 west of Terre Haute.

Join the sisters for Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

While there, tour the Providence Center and Heritage Museum to learn about St. Theodora’s life and ministries. The center, museum and gift shop are open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. †

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Prehistoric pathways

Glaciers carved giant rocks at Turkey Run State Park

By Mary Ann Wyand

MARSHALL—Rocks, gigantic rocks, larger than you've probably ever seen before, are Turkey Run State Park's huge attraction for nature lovers.

Sugar Creek, winding around those amazing prehistoric rocks, adds to the ambience of this unique Indiana State Park in west-central Indiana, which draws hikers, canoeists and kayakers to Parke County to enjoy the incredible scenery.

Just across the suspension bridge over Sugar Creek are massive rock formations within the state park that are part of the aptly named Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve.

In 1975, Rocky Hollow was designated as a National Natural Landmark by the federal government.

An environmental sign posted at the bridge by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources reminds hikers to "protect and enjoy this priceless heritage," which is home to "deep sandstone canyons and one of the last remnants of the magnificent forest that originally covered most of Indiana."

The sign also warns hikers to return to the suspension bridge before sundown because the trails are hazardous after dark.

Climbing is prohibited on the large rocks and canyon walls. The rocky trails are fun, challenging and best-suited for adults and older children. Don't hike alone.

Swimming isn't allowed in Sugar Creek, but the state park has an Olympic-size swimming pool and smaller pool.

To protect the delicate natural habitat, hikers also are required to stay on designated trails, keep pets on a short leash and "collect nothing."

In rainy weather, rocky trails often become shallow streams so it's a good idea to wear waterproof hiking boots or sturdy athletic shoes that won't be ruined while walking along muddy ravines.

Take along a water bottle for refreshment while hiking the long trails, and carry out everything that you carry into the state park.

The nature preserve was created to "save a piece of the past for the future" by a group of environmentally conscious Hoosiers—including newspaper columnist and Woman's Press Club of Indiana member Juliet Strauss of Rockville—whose lobbying efforts in the early 1900s helped save the hardwood trees from being cut down and milled for lumber.

It may be 80 degrees along the bank of Sugar Creek on a hot summer day, but in some of the rocky canyons the temperature drops dramatically and the air actually feels cold. Native Americans stored meat in one rock formation called "The Ice Box," which is a highlight of Trail 3.

"The geology of Turkey Run State Park offers a unique view into the past," the park's Web site explains. "A walk into one of the ravines takes the visitor on a trip through time. ... The sandstone gorges represent 600 to 300 million years of nature's handiwork."

About 20,000 years ago, glaciers carved the existing rock formations and left a barren landscape that gradually became a thick forest.

"In Rocky Hollow, the clock stopped about 12,000 years ago," the Department of Natural Resources sign explains. "The canyon has kept the temperature and moisture conditions similar to that long ago time. While the surrounding



This hollowed-out rock formation at scenic Turkey Run State Park near Marshall is one of hundreds of reasons to hike in the park's Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve.

landscape continues to change, Rocky Hollow remembers dark evergreen forests and mastodons."

The gorges are similar to geological formations seen by Native Americans and pioneers here centuries ago.

Turkey Run was established as Indiana's second state park after the first parcel of land was acquired in 1912.

Becky Weber, marketing director for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, said park amenities on 2,382 acres include 11 hiking trails, picnic areas, horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, camping, two swimming pools, the Inn with

restaurant and a Nature Center.

Historic sites at the park include Lieber Cabin, a log church, the Lusk Home with Grist Mill and Narrows Covered Bridge.

Sugar Creek also winds through nearby Shades State Park, a rugged recreation area close to several canoe rental shops.

"There are some serious hiking trails," Weber said, that offer memorable nature experiences at the two state parks along scenic Sugar Creek.

(For more information about Indiana Department of Natural Resources State Parks, Reservoirs, Forests, Fish and Wildlife Areas, museums and historic sites, log on to www.dnr.in.gov.) †

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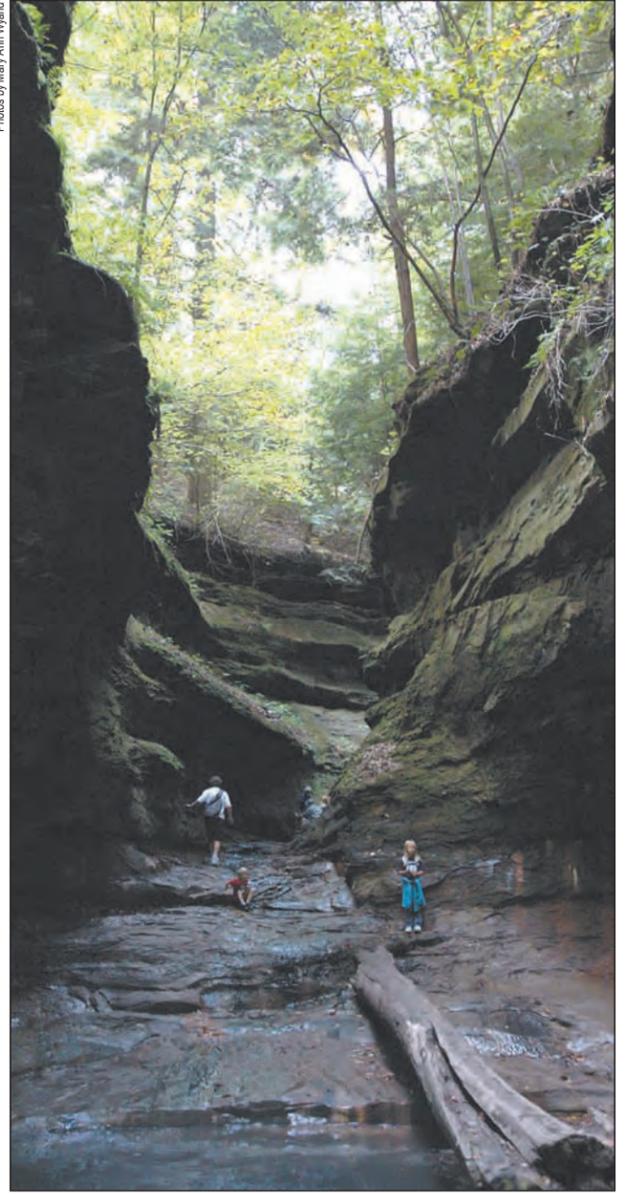
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Hikers admire the massive rock formations at Turkey Run State Park. The temperature is considerably cooler while walking in the rocky ravines that date back to prehistoric times.

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The road less traveled can be found at Turkey Run State Park near Marshall, where sandstone rock formations line gorges that are fun—and sometimes muddy—to hike along in the park's Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve. Each step down the trail takes hikers further back in time.



Canoe and kayak rental shops are not available at Turkey Run State Park, but several are located along Sugar Creek between Turkey Run and nearby Shades State Park near Marshall. This photo was taken from the suspension bridge over Sugar Creek that leads to the park's Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve.

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Do the dunes

Enjoy beaches on Lake Michigan's eastern shoreline

By Mary Ann Wyand

LAKE MICHIGAN PARKS—Climb a dune. Splash in the water. Build a sand castle. Fly a kite. Share a picnic lunch. Watch the boats go by. Gaze at the shoreline. Remember to use sunscreen.

Just don't bury your nose in a book and miss the magnificent views or fall asleep on the beach and get sunburned while vacationing at state and national parks along Lake Michigan's eastern shoreline.

The western border of Michigan—the Great Lake's eastern shoreline—is home to dozens of large dunes from Tower Hill at Warren Dunes State Park in the south to Pyramid Point at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the north.

Children will love the mammoth Tower Hill at Warren Dunes. It's best to climb dunes in the morning before the midday sun makes the sand too hot to walk on barefoot. Shoes fill with sand, and you have to dig your toes into the dune to get a good grip on the slippery slope.

If you get tired of the sun, nearby New Buffalo, Mich., is home to Redamak's, famous for mouth-watering hamburgers since 1975, as well as ice cream shops, fruit stands, antique stores and boutiques.

Heading north up the shoreline, Muskegon State Park has smaller dunes but boasts a beautiful two-mile-long beach and great camping facilities.

If you haven't reserved a campsite on their Web site yet, chances are you will have to wait until April 2008 to register online to pitch a tent or park a recreational vehicle there next summer. The good news is you can enjoy the public beach for day

outings this year.

Muskegon State Park is also close to Michigan's Adventure amusement and water park. A day spent there riding six roller coasters and skimming down lots of water slides will make the kids happy.

Also nearby is the Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum, which features tours of the U.S.S. Silversides, a decorated and retired Navy submarine from World War II, and the U.S. Coast Guard's McLane, both moored in the channel.

That's a great place to watch big ships dock at the Muskegon harbor and get a feel for maritime life at a lighthouse.

Driving further north for about two hours on U.S. 31 takes you to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on Michigan's Lower Peninsula. You can easily spend a week there.

The Philip A. Hart Visitor Center on M-72 in Empire, Mich., is open every day and park rangers or volunteers will answer all your questions about the 35-mile national lakeshore with world-class vistas.

Like most Lake Michigan parks, campsites fill up quickly with summer reservations made as early as April. But early morning arrivals—think sunrise—can get lucky at the national lakeshore's D. H. Day or Platte River campgrounds.

But be prepared to camp elsewhere or find lodgings near Leland, Mich., or another nearby town as a last resort.

If you only have a few days, be sure to go tubing on the Platte River, a sandy waterway that flows into Lake Michigan. There is a public beach with parking fee.

Also enjoy the beach at Sleeping Bear Point near Glen Haven, Mich., where you can tour a U.S. Coast Guard Museum and read accounts of heroic water rescues in the



Platte River flows into Lake Michigan at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The shallow, sandy bottom of the riverbed makes it fun for tubing.

treacherous Manitou Passage.

Drive to Leland, Mich., and take the ferry to South Manitou Island if you have extra cash because it's fun to look at the lighthouse there up close, hike the island and discover the shipwreck on the opposite shore. Watch the time so you don't miss the ferry ride back to Leland. If you're late and miss the boat, you get to stay overnight on the island.

Sleeping Bear's famous Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive gives visitors incredible views of the Lake Michigan shoreline, Glen Lake and dozens of really big dunes, of course, and attracts tourists from all over the world.

A few years ago, a huge chunk of

magnificent Pyramid Point—one of Sleeping Bear's largest dunes—succumbed to erosion and fell into the lake. Known as "sloping," the massive avalanche carried trees three miles out into Lake Michigan.

It's safe to hike up to Pyramid Point, but don't let the kids climb down the steep incline left by the sloping. You can see North and South Manitou Islands from the top of the dune, possibly a freighter in the distance and will remember this incredible view forever.

(For information about Lake Michigan beaches, log on to www.michigan.org and www.nps.gov/slbe.) †

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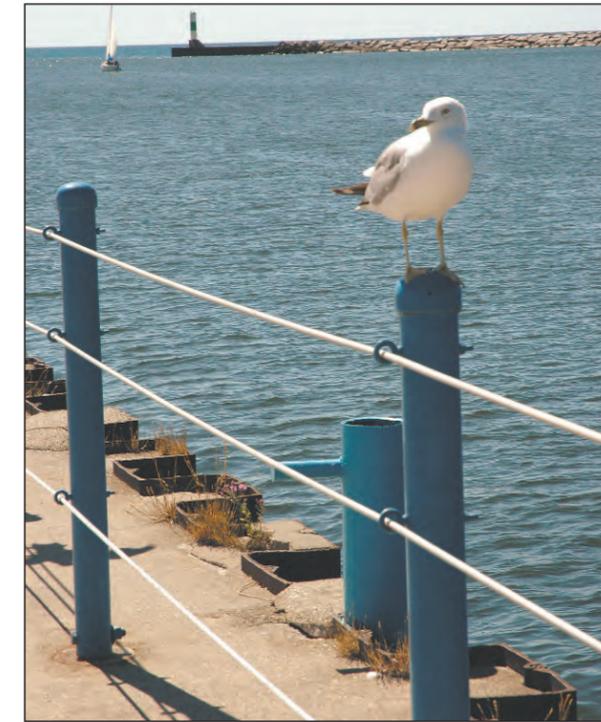


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A taste of Philadelphia

Savor history, food and fun in City of Brotherly Love

By John Shaughnessy

PHILADELPHIA—Every great American city has its own special flavor.

If you're considering a trip to Philadelphia and want a taste of its unique flavor, start with these eight ingredients:

- The heart of American history—In downtown Philadelphia, the Independence Hall area is a step back in time and place to the setting where the dream of American freedom became a reality.

It's where our country's revolutionary leaders debated and signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and drafted the Constitution of the United States in 1787.

Walk through the area where Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin breathed life into an infant country. Get in line to gaze upon the Liberty Bell. See the free, short films at the Independence Visitors Center that re-create the spirit and conflicts of that time.

Plan your trip to the suburbs to visit Valley Forge, where Gen. George Washington held the American troops together through a brutal winter. Let the wonder of it all sink in for you.

For an interactive approach to history in Philadelphia, check the Web site at www.onceuponanation.org.

- Take me out to the ball game—Sure, the Philadelphia Phillies haven't won a World Series since 1980, but hope springs eternal for baseball fans and the team's Citizens Bank Park is one of the great new places to watch a major league game.

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- From Rocky to renaissance—The Philadelphia Museum of Art is viewed as one of the largest and most important art museums in the United States.

It's also the home of a bronze statue of Rocky Balboa, the fictional boxing hero of the *Rocky* movies—starring actor Sylvester Stallone—who ran up the steps of the art museum while training for his fights.

Go inside the museum and view art by Van Gogh, Rubens, El Greco and Manet, and exhibits featuring pop art, Irish silver, a Tibetan altar and American Presidential China.

Stay outside the museum, where the Rocky statue is located, and run up the steps just like Rocky did. When you reach the top of the steps, don't forget to turn toward City Hall, jog in place and raise your hands above your head in triumph.

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The Liberty Bell is located in Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia and is one of the world's most famous symbols of freedom.

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• **Heading to The Shore**—If you're in Philly during the summer, join in the quintessential Philadelphia road trip—heading to the Jersey Shore.

Less than two hours from the City of Brotherly Love, numerous beaches on the Atlantic Ocean in southern New Jersey have lured Philadelphia-area residents for generations. If you like to gamble, there's Atlantic City. If you prefer a family resort, consider Ocean City.

If you're from the Midwest and you're



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Philadelphia's Rodin Museum, on the scenic Benjamin Franklin Parkway, is home to the largest collection of the artist's sculptures outside Paris. The museum opened in 1929 and houses 124 Rodin sculptures, including bronze casts of some of the artist's greatest works. "The Thinker" keeps watch over the front entrance of the museum.

this close to the ocean, it's worth the trip.

• **Philly food**—Here's how to gain a pound a day with few regrets. Philadelphia has many fine restaurants, including City Tavern where you can savor Martha Washington Style Colonial Turkey Pot Pie or beer made from recipes by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Or enjoy the ambience of Old Original Bookbinder's, located near the Delaware

River, which has been serving seafood since 1865. Lobster is their signature entrée. The restaurant walls are papered with photographs of famous entertainers, athletes and politicians who enjoyed meals there over the years.

But for a real taste of Philly, step into a neighborhood deli or steak shop and order an Italian hoagie with hot peppers or a cheesesteak with fried onions.

After that culinary delight, have a soft pretzel with mustard or choose from a Tastykake selection of Peanut Butter Kandykakes, Butterscotch Krimpets or a Coconut Junior. Wash it all down with an Italian water ice and then do yourself this favor: Don't count the calories or the cholesterol damage. Just smile, loosen a belt notch and savor one more special taste of Philly. †



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Above, the \$185 million National Constitution Center, located on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, tells the story of the U.S. Constitution through more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits and artifacts. At Signer's Hall there, visitors can walk among 42 life-size bronze figures of the 39 signers of the Constitution as well as statues of the three men who dissented.

At left, built and owned by the oldest trade guild in America, Carpenters' Hall was the site of the First Continental Congress, which met to oppose British rule.

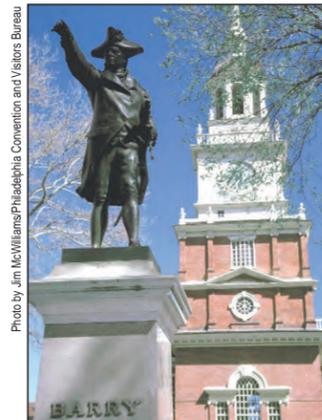


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Independence National Historic Park is 46 acres and is the site of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Philosophical Hall and Old City Hall. The monuments to colonial figures include this statue of John Barry, a naval commander who served his country during the Revolutionary War.



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Incredible journey

Family vacation includes nine national parks or monuments

By Mike Krokos

What started as a simple vacation for Dave Sechrist and his family in the summer of 2005 took on a life of its own.

With apologies to the Energizer Bunny®, the Sechrists starting mapping out their trip and, before they knew it, “just kept going and going.”

“It started simple and just grew into a monster,” Sechrist half-jokingly said.

What resulted was a 17-day, 5,686-mile trip where the Sechrist’s 2002 Dodge Durango pulled the family camper through 12 states en route to their vacation destinations.

The family’s initial plan was to visit Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Then Devils Tower and Little Bighorn battlefield monuments in Montana were added to the journey because Sechrist is a “history fanatic” who couldn’t resist including these stops on the trip.

Looking at a map, Sechrist and his family realized that Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks in Wyoming were less than 300 miles from there, so they, too, were added as destinations.

“My wife, Tricia, asked if we would be close to the Grand Canyon, and I said no,” said Sechrist, who is employed as a graphics specialist at *The Criterion*.

“Then I realized that 650 miles to the Grand Canyon [from Yellowstone] is a darn sight closer than 1,600 miles from Indianapolis, so one more stop!”

Sechrist drives 120 miles each day to work in Indianapolis so he is used to spending time on the road. They are members of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle.

When all was said and done, the Sechrist clan’s journey had taken them through parts of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri.

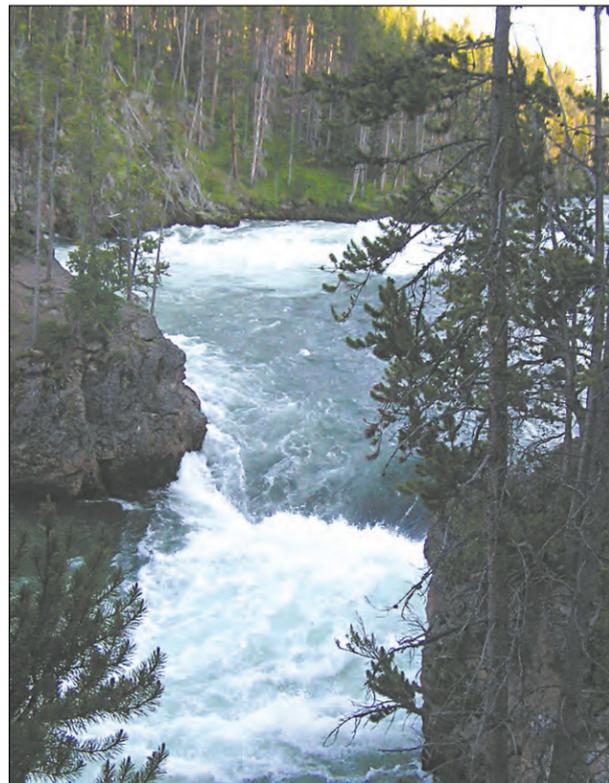
Not surprisingly, the family’s list of stops is impressive.

“We visited nine national parks or monuments,” he said.

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Their vacation took them to Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Wind Cave National Park, Badlands National Park, Devils Tower National Monument, Little Bighorn Battlefield Monument, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Tetons National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and Grand Canyon National Park.

"Wind Cave [the second longest cave in the world] and Bryce Canyon were accidents," he noted. "We discovered them along the way, but all the rest was planned."

Another thing not planned, Sechrist admitted, was the effect the vacation had on him, his wife and their two kids.

"The whole trip was an incredible experience, but Yellowstone towers over the rest because of the range of landscape—the thermal springs, pools and geysers to the canyons and grasslands with an incredible array of wildlife.

"Where else could you see a 2,000-pound bull buffalo walking down the middle of the road?"

Other animal sightings included elk, wolves, bear, bighorn sheep, antelope, eagles and wild burros.

"I wasn't ready for the enormity of the park," Sechrist said. "On our second day, we took one of the loops through Yellowstone and drove into the Grand Tetons Park [they're next to each other] to Jackson Hole,

Wyoming, just south of the Grand Tetons, and back to our campsite, and traveled more than 500 miles. Very little of that distance was outside of a national park."

During their trip, the Sechrists also lived a little history.

"Until we were there at each site, I wasn't aware of the firsts we were accomplishing," Sechrist said. "We visited the first national park [Yellowstone], the first national monument [Devils Tower] and the first cave in the world [Wind Cave] designated a national park."

For families with children considering a similar trip, Sechrist offered the following advice.

"My daughter, Tori, was 13, and my son, Matthew, was 11 [at the time]," he said. "With our two [children], the ages seemed perfect. They were old enough to have the stamina to endure the driving—a DVD player in the rear seat helped—and be totally engaged by everything we saw.

"I'd say younger kids might work, but not much younger," Sechrist noted.

"If you get much younger, neither the kids nor the parents would survive," he joked.

Where young and old are concerned, the Sechrists' 2005 family vacation left a lasting imprint.

"My kids still talk about this trip," Sechrist said. "God has certainly blessed this country!" †



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An archway made entirely of elk antlers is a popular attraction in Jackson Hole, Wyo. There is a similar archway at each corner of this park in the center of town. No elk were harmed to make the arch. The animals shed their antlers.



Photos by Dave Sechrist

These wild burros are part of the "welcoming committee" at Custer State Park in South Dakota. The burros will eat from people's hands.

With all the buffalo wandering around the national and state parks, it was inevitable that Matthew would ask, "What's this?"



Mama and baby moose seem oblivious to the crowd of tourists surrounding them as they graze in tall grass. A park ranger arrived soon after and made the people move back to a safer distance. The animals appear tame because of throngs of tourists, but like all wild animals the mothers have been known to feel threatened and attack people.



Photo by Tori Sechrist



A magnificent elk grazes in Yellowstone National Park. They migrate from Yellowstone to an area outside Jackson Hole, Wyo., to spend the winter months then return to the national park in the spring.

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By John F. Fink

My wife, Marie, and I have 10 grandchildren, none of whom lives in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The cousins see each other when they visit us for holidays and have become good friends, but we would like to see them more often and they would like to see each other more often.

That is one of the reasons why we have made it a practice to take our grandchildren on trips when they reach the ages of about 11 or 12. Another purpose of the trips is to give them a chance to learn something about our country's geography and history.

Those who have taken the trips tell their cousins that a trip with Grandma and Grandpa is not a vacation. But we do take time for fun, too.

So far, we have taken three such trips. The first trip was with our two oldest granddaughters, who are now in college and high school. The second trip was with three grandsons, and the third trip last June was with three granddaughters. Our two youngest grandsons are now 8 so it will be their turn in two or three years.

We began last year's trip by driving two of our granddaughters to St. Louis, where the third girl lives. We arrived early enough in the afternoon to take all three girls to the St. Louis Zoo, one of the best in the United States.

We began the following day at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in downtown St. Louis, which includes the famous Gateway Arch, the Museum of Westward Expansion beneath the Arch, the Old Cathedral and the Old Courthouse.

The memorial was established in 1965 to commemorate the role of St. Louis in the westward expansion, including Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition. Naturally, we took a tram to the top of the Arch, which is 630 feet high.

The museum theater has a superb film on the Lewis and Clark expedition. I want all our grandchildren to have an appreciation for that expedition. I explained to the girls that the expedition really began in southern Indiana, where Meriwether Lewis met William Clark then they made their way from what is now Clarksville to St. Louis.

We visited both the Old Cathedral and later the new



Jack and Marie Fink's granddaughters, Claire Meyerhoff of St. Louis, from left, and Hannah and Hilary Fink of Fort Wayne, Ind., tour Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., and the Kentucky Derby Museum there on a quiet day at the world-famous racetrack.

Basilica Cathedral. Actually, both churches have been named basilicas. St. Louis is one of the few U.S. cities that can boast of having two basilicas.

Both cathedrals are named for St. Louis, of course, who was King Louis IX of France in the 13th century. The new Basilica Cathedral is justly famous for its mosaics because it has more than any other church in the world.

The next day, we drove back to Indiana and stopped in New Harmony, arriving in time for a 10 a.m. tour. New Harmony was settled in 1814 by the Harmonie Society, a German religious communal group headed by George Rapp.

By 1824, more than 150 structures were built and the town marketed products as far away as Pittsburgh and New Orleans. Then, though, they decided to move back to Pennsylvania because most of their markets were in the East. They sold the town to Welsh philanthropist Robert Owen and geologist and philanthropist William Maclure.

The men tried to organize a model community that stressed equal education and social equality, but it continued for only three years. There are still many homes from the Harmonists' time, both temporary log homes and permanent pre-fabricated

houses.

Next we drove to the nearby Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, where Abraham Lincoln lived from age 7 to 21, the formative years of his life, and where his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried.

We arrived there in time to see the 2:30 p.m. film about Lincoln's boyhood before visiting the farm on the land owned by Thomas Lincoln, Abe's father. The actual home that the Lincoln family lived in is gone, but one just like it has been built there along with various farm buildings.

Crossing the Ohio River to Kentucky, we spent the night in Louisville then began the next day with a visit to Churchill Downs, where we visited the Kentucky Derby Museum, took a backyard tour and viewed a film about the Derby. Then we let the girls spend the next 7½ hours enjoying the rides at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay Water Park.

Before leaving Louisville the next day, we visited the Louisville Slugger Bat Museum and toured the factory. That might have been more interesting to our grandsons when we took them there as part of their trip.

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The rest of the day was a long drive to Lewisburg, W.Va. Our car became a traveling library. In the front seat, Marie and I listened to an audio book while the girls in the back seat were absorbed in some books we brought along.

After spending the night in Lewisburg, we drove to Charlottesville, Va., to visit Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, which is fascinating for the many innovations, if not actual inventions, that our third president made there.

Our next stop was Colonial Williamsburg, Va., preserved as it was in 1776. This is an excellent history lesson for every visitor. We saw actors portraying Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and George Washington, who played roles in the American independence movement. We visited homes, taverns and shops maintained as they were in 1776.

Next we drove from Williamsburg to George Washington's home in Mount Vernon, where we spent several hours touring the home and the grounds. The girls agreed that they liked Washington's home better than Jefferson's house.

We then spent three nights in Washington, D.C. As is true of most of the places we visited, we could have stayed much longer.

We started our tour at the Lincoln Memorial on the west end of the National Mall then made our way east along the mall back to our hotel near the Capitol.

At the bottom of the Lincoln Memorial steps, the Korean War Memorial is to the right and the Vietnam War Memorial is to the left. We walked along the Reflecting Pool to the World War II Memorial and from there to the Washington Monument. Since we had been unable to arrange a tour of the White House, we could only view it from the Washington Monument. We spent the afternoon at the Smithsonian Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

During our trips with our three grandsons and last year with our three granddaughters, we were in Washington on Sunday. Both times we went to Mass at St. Dominic Church, which has 24 large stained-glass windows that tell the story of St. Dominic from his birth to his canonization. The pictures on the bottom of the windows commemorate other Dominican saints. Built in 1852, the church has had larger congregations in the past.

Our tour that morning began with the Air and Space Museum, one of the most popular Smithsonian museums in Washington. We spent three hours there, starting with a conducted tour then continuing on our own. We also had lunch at the McDonald's in the museum.

Next we walked through the Sculpture Garden to the National Archives. There was a long line in the Rotunda to

see the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It was not as crowded as we explored other exhibits. We were there for two hours.

The girls wanted to return to the Museum of Natural History so we did. Among other things, it had a special exhibit on the Lewis and Clark Expedition because the members of that expedition either brought back or sent back many specimens of plants and animals discovered in their travels.

We began the following day with a tour of the Capitol, which we had arranged through Sen. Richard Lugar's office. It was a thorough tour except for the most important areas—the floors of both the Senate and the House of Representatives were closed that day.

On the way out of Washington, we stopped at the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest church in the Western Hemisphere and the eighth largest church in the world. We arrived just as a tour was starting and we had a good guide.

The basilica is adjacent to The Catholic University of America, where some of our diocesan seminarians have completed their priestly formation.

From Washington, we drove through parts of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey to Ocean City, N.J., for a break from our sightseeing.

This was a nostalgic experience for Marie because she spent her summer there 54 years ago while she worked as a waitress at Flander's Hotel following her freshman year at Rosemont College. The hotel is still in business, but much different.

After two days and nights at Ocean City, it was on to Philadelphia. We arrived at Philadelphia's famous Museum of Art at 10:30 a.m. and were there for five hours. We spent about an hour-and-a-half of that time viewing a special collection of Andrew Wyeth's paintings.

The next day, we explored historic Philadelphia. First, we watched two films—a mediocre one then an excellent movie directed by John Huston about the events that happened in Philadelphia when our country declared our independence from England.

We saw the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the other buildings on Independence Square, where the first Congresses and the Supreme Court met until the capital was moved to Washington in 1800.

We toured the Second Bank of the United States, now a portrait gallery of the Founding Fathers and Mothers, and Carpenters Hall, where the Continental Congress met in 1774.

We had lunch at historic City Tavern, where the Founding



The Lincoln Memorial commemorates the 16th president of the United States and is one of the most popular attractions at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Abraham Lincoln spent part of his boyhood years at what is now Lincoln City, Ind.

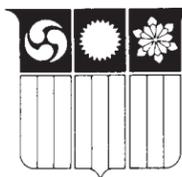
Fathers ate, and visited Christ's Church, which most of the Founding Fathers attended, then toured Betsy Ross's home and Elfreth's Alley, where people still live in homes built in 1736.

On our way back to Indiana, we stopped at Gettysburg, Pa. The best way to see the Gettysburg battlefield is with a guide in your own car. Our grandsons particularly enjoyed that tour and said that it was the best part of their trip. We also took a shuttle bus to President Dwight Eisenhower's farm, where he lived after his presidency.

By the time we got back to Indianapolis last year, we had traveled 2,588 miles through 11 states and the District of Columbia in two weeks.

On each of our trips, the grandchildren got to know each other better, learned something and, we hope, enjoyed being with their grandparents. We certainly enjoyed being with them.

(John F. Fink is editor emeritus of The Criterion.) †



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A tale of two cities

Rome and Assisi show diversity and unity in faith

By Sean Gallagher

ROME AND ASSISI, ITALY—Charles Dickens' novel *A Tale of Two Cities* centers on London and Paris.

The book contrasts the quiet nature of the English capital in the late 18th century with the revolutionary atmosphere present in Paris at the same time.

Visiting both Rome and Assisi today is a similar tale of two cities because the communities are a study in contrasts.

Rome is a bustling city with a population that nearly equals the entire state of Indiana.

Assisi is a quiet hilltop town in the foothills of the Apennine Mountains.

Yet the two Italian communities are bound together by the Catholic faith that has been lived out heroically by so many residents across the centuries as well as an even longer history tying the two to the history of the Roman republic and later empire.

Although I prefer the stillness of Assisi to the brashness of Rome, I wouldn't miss a visit to the Eternal City on a trip to Italy.

Rome: Where old is relative

Why is Rome known as the "Eternal City" throughout the world?

The credit lies in part because it was established more than 2,700 years ago.

For nearly two millennia, Rome has also been the heart of the Catholic Church, which proclaims a timeless Gospel.

The sheer weight of Rome's history can easily overwhelm American visitors.

Upon entering the Basilica of St. Mary Major, for example, visitors can admire beautiful gilded adornments that were added 400 or more years ago, nearly two centuries before the United States came into existence.



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"The Stigmatization of St. Francis" is depicted in this altarpiece by Italian artist Mariotto di Nardo. It dates back to the late 14th century or early 15th century and is part of the collection of the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art in Providence.

And yet the church building that houses those massive Counter Reformation-era altars and statues was constructed a full 1,000 years earlier.

Travel across town a little ways to the Roman Forum and the Palatine Hill, and view ruins that pre-date the birth

of Christ, making the 1,500-year-old Basilica of St. Mary Major look young by comparison.

At one end of the Roman Forum are the massive ruins of the Coliseum, which was built more than 1,900 years ago. Christian pilgrims visit it because it was the place where many of the city's first believers gave their lives in witness to the Gospel.

The Basilica of St. Mary Major is a good example of how one age of history sets itself upon earlier periods in Rome.

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The nearly 2000-year-old ruins of the Coliseum dominate one end of the Roman Forum.



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As sunlight shimmers through the falling water, a visitor to St. Peter's Square in Rome dips his hand into a fountain designed and built by Carlo Maderno in 1613.



Photo by Joe Klein

Father David Lawler prepares to distribute Communion during the Oct. 15 canonization Mass of St. Theodora Guérin at St. Peter's Square in Rome.

To see ancient, untouched and intact structures in Rome, some "digging" may be required. The search, however, is well worth the trouble.

The Basilica of Santa Sabina sits atop the Aventine Hill in Rome. It was built in the fifth century in the style of Roman administrative buildings, which were known as basilicas. It is rectangular with a semi-circular apse at one end.

Its overall design is much like that of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, which was modeled after the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

The 24 majestic columns that stand in two rows along the sides of the main body of the Basilica of Santa Sabina were originally in a

nearby pagan temple.

Since the 13th century, Dominican friars have cared for the church. St. Dominic—and later St. Thomas Aquinas—lived in the adjoining friary.

By and large, Santa Sabina has retained the look that it had when it was completed some 1,500 years ago. So stepping into it is like entering a church where Pope St. Leo the Great may have preached one of his famous sermons.

Popes still come to this church every year on Ash Wednesday to celebrate Mass, which includes the imposition of ashes on the faithful who gather there.

Those who travel to Rome today can visit what an ancient tradition holds is the home

of one of the first popes, St. Clement, who lived in the late first century. He likely gathered other Christians there for worship.

These ruins are found below the current Basilica of San Clemente built in the 12th century. It replaced a fourth-century structure that was burned in 1084 by invading Normans.

Also found below San Clemente are the ruins of a pagan temple of Mithra built after the time of Pope St. Clement, but before the construction of the fourth-century church dedicated to him.

Visits by Catholic newcomers to Rome should include the better known sites, such as St. Peter's Basilica, the nearby Vatican Museum and the other major basilicas: St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran—don't miss viewing its baptistry—and St. Mary Major.

All these churches, to varying degrees, have a number of layers of history upon them. Visit them. Then try if you can to view some of the lesser known places that also are integral to the history of the Catholic Church.

Assisi: A world apart

When visitors travel from Rome to Assisi, they are first confronted by massive amounts of advertising posters as they leave the Eternal City.

That, combined with snarled or

fast-moving traffic or crowded train stations, can make it hard for visitors to Rome to relax and spend time in quiet reflection.

On the way to Assisi, however, that hectic pace will gradually change to a rural lifestyle. When traveling outside Rome to the northeast, rolling hills and lush green countryside start to take over.

Larger hills rise near the approach to the home of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. At the hilltop town, the fevered hubbub of Rome has long been left behind in this world apart.

While taking in the beauty of the natural world and noticing the steep streets of the town—which seem to have allowed the hill to be as it is rather than shaping it to human demands—it is easy to see how St. Francis became enamored with nature and quickly discerned the presence of God in it.

Arguably the two most famous churches in the town—the Basilicas of Santa Clara and San Francesco—are the product of the robust spiritual movement spawned by these two early 13th-century saints.

These basilicas are gems that visitors to Assisi must take time to tour and spend time in prayer. The churches seem to invite visitors to become pilgrims instead of tourists.

This is in part due to the fact that all **See CITIES, page 20B**



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The redecoration of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in the 16th and 17th centuries fills the ceiling and dome of this side chapel in the church, which was built more than 1,000 years earlier.



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Michelangelo's "Pieta," which he sculpted in 1498 and 1499, is a favorite of visitors to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

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photography—even without a flash—is prohibited inside the basilicas. An atmosphere of reverent silence is vigilantly maintained in the churches.

To see a part of Assisi that dates back to the time when Francis and Clare were just awakening to the destinies that God had in store for them, a visit to the Church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva is a good choice.

It's a small church, which seats probably 300 people at the most, just off a small square in the middle of Assisi.

Its name is derived from the fact that it was built over a former temple to the pagan goddess Minerva. The columns on the façade of the church were used in the temple and pre-date the time of Christ.

Although the interior of the church dates mainly from a few centuries after the time of Assisi's famous saints, its façade is portrayed in one installment of a series of frescoes by Giotto in the Basilica of San Francesco that tell the story of St. Francis.

Standing at one side of the plaza in front of the Basilica of San Francesco, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels is visible in the valley.

A trip to this large Reformation-era church is a treat. Inside it, visitors are immediately struck by the presence of another smaller church at its center that seats no more than a dozen or so worshippers.

It is the "porziuncula," the "little portion," given to St. Francis and his first followers by a community of Benedictine monks.

St. Francis had rebuilt it and other small churches in

the area. It is said that his reconstruction projects were inspired when, after he had been praying before a crucifix in the Church of San Damiano, he received a message from Christ to "Rebuild my church."

It was only later that St. Francis learned of the broader mission to renew the Church that Christ had in mind for him.

Bringing the two together

St. Francis in part became enlightened about this plan when he walked some 100 miles to Rome in 1209 with 11 companions to seek approval for his fledgling order from Pope Innocent III at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

It is said that the pontiff initially rebuffed him. But that night, Pope Innocent had a dream in which a small man in raggedy clothes kept a large crumbling church building standing by placing his back against one of its walls.

The man in the pope's dream was St. Francis.

Pope Innocent, arguably the most influential man in Europe at the time, was struck by the simple faith of this little man from a hilltop town.

St. Francis and his followers, in turn, strove mightily in all the places where they traveled to aid the pope in his proclamation of the Gospel.

Today, Catholic visitors to Rome and Assisi can find much spiritual enrichment in both places.

In some ways, the tale of these two cities is the story of the Catholic faith in microcosm. For just as there are many vivid differences between Rome and Assisi, there is also a great diversity in the Catholic faithful around the world.

It is the changelessness and timeless of Christ and his Gospel, however, that brings these cities and all the faithful together as one. †



The Basilica of Santa Sabina on the Aventine Hill in Rome was built in the fifth century. The church architecture has remained largely untouched since then so visitors can get a sense of what churches were like 1,500 years ago in the time of the Church fathers. It has traditionally been and continues to be the location for the pope to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass.



The Basilica of San Francesco in Assisi holds the remains of St. Francis. Construction began on the church shortly after the saint's death in 1226. Frescoes in the church that portray his life were painted by the late medieval master Giotto.

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Catholics are called to Church's work of evangelization

By Maureen E. Daly

"Traditionally, the work of evangelization is the work of making converts, of baptizing nonbelievers and non-Christians into Christianity," Auxiliary Bishop Edward Clark of Los Angeles told a gathering of thousands of religious educators last year.

But the Church's "new evangelization" effort has a different audience, he said. It is directed to "believers who are in need of a deeper or more complete conversion" as well as to "marginal Catholics" who know very little about their faith and to "those who have fallen away or abandoned their faith altogether."

Bishop Clark told the religious educators, "First, to effectively participate in the life of the faith community, we need to know our faith, and we need to pass on our faith to the next generation. New evangelization begins not with others, but with ourselves, and a new evangelization catechesis begins with us, the adult members of the Church."

"Before we can pass on the faith and mission of the Church to the next generation," he said, "we must ourselves know what we believe and be committed to the life and mission of the Church."

Bishop Clark said the work of the new evangelization is the responsibility of all the laity.

"It is not only in foreign lands that nonbelievers and non-Christians are found," he said. "It is not only in foreign lands where Christ has yet to be encountered in a personal, intimate relationship. It is here as well—in every neighborhood, in every social gathering, in every school and workplace. Each of us encounters people every day who are in need of evangelization, and the responsibility to evangelize them belongs to each of us."

The new evangelization was first called for by Pope Paul VI. The idea was developed in the teaching of Pope John Paul II. And now Pope Benedict XVI has reaffirmed its importance for the future of the Church, focusing in particular on the re-conversion of Europe.

Countries that have a Christian heritage need re-evangelization, not to limit religious freedom but to "transform whole cultures through the adoption of authentic human and cultural values shared in common with the Gospel of Jesus Christ—such values as justice, peace, respect for human life and human dignity, mercy, charity," Bishop Clark said.

Pope John Paul II said that "a primary tool for the evangelization of nations" is the "Church's body of social teaching" because "the Gospel message is destined for all, not only for a specific circle of believers."

The new evangelization is the work of the laity, not because there are too few priests or religious but because it is the rightful place of the laity to collaborate in this work, Bishop Clark said.

Another difference of the new evangelization is that it focuses on adult faith formation.

"This is a reversal from our traditional ways of catechizing," Bishop Clark said. The challenge is "to develop new approaches to adult faith formation," and "to start with the adults, but not overlook the children."

This focus on adults before children has been called "whole family catechesis."

Bishop Clark explained that "in this approach to religious education, adults develop their own knowledge of the faith as they involve themselves in the religious formation and education of their children. The whole family learns together, but the emphasis is on teaching parents and enabling them to teach their children."

Because the new evangelization begins with a personal encounter with Christ, "retreats and prayer experiences" should be a part of religious formation at every level, Bishop Clark said. "Often, in the past, we taught adults and students about prayer, but beyond learning the words of basic common prayers we did not really focus on the experience of prayer and the multiple ways of praying."

Bishop Clark suggested that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults could serve as a model for the new evangelization of all adult believers.

He said that RCIA begins with "knowing the Lord Jesus and hearing his Gospel message. It progresses through a lived experience of the faith community based on the witness and mentoring of committed Church members."

"Religious instruction and formation in prayer are communicated within a community environment," Bishop Clark said. "And the process does not end with baptism and reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil, but continues for a period of time afterward until the new members are fully integrated into the faith community."

(Maureen E. Daly is an editor and freelance writer in Baltimore, Md.) †



Nancy Bechel, Jenna Wilson and Erin Klein, students at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., pray before Mass. Worshippers pack the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Mass during the annual Prayer Vigil for Life in January.

Conversion is authentic call to change

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

A new evangelization requires ongoing conversion. If the Gospel is to be proclaimed in a fresh way to new generations who live in different circumstances, then those who proclaim the Gospel must keep coming back to it so it will enliven and renew them.

The term "conversion" is a translation of Hebrew and Greek words which denote "a turning." In a religious context, conversion implies a twofold turning.

The first is turning away from sin and whatever separates us from God. This is usually the worship of false gods: wealth, power, status, materialism or the empty promises of religions created by humans.

The second turning is toward God as the true source of meaning in one's life. For those who once embraced this relationship then strayed from it, conversion has the added connotation of a turning back or returning home.

This type of conversion is the goal of the prophets, brought to fulfillment in the ministry of Jesus. He called people to change their lives by turning their

attention to what God was doing and joyfully entering the realm of God's influence.

Conversion involves a turning of the whole person from one way of living to another.

It often originates in one dimension of a person's makeup. For some, it begins as an intellectual conversion. For others, it is more of a moral conversion, seeing Christ in the poor in a way they had never seen before. For others, it is a cultural conversion.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is patterned on the assumption that conversion is a process and takes time.

The Second Vatican Council represented a conversion experience for the Church so it might be more effective in sharing the Good News in the modern world.

Conversion is not simply the response of an individual to external events. If it is an authentic call to change, it is sustained by God's grace and leads to a deeper, more genuine relationship with God.

(Father Robert Kinast is a pastoral theologian in Prairie Village, Kan.) †

Discussion Point

Serving others strengthens faith

This Week's Question

Briefly describe a program that you participated in or a decision you made that aided a revitalization of your faith.

"For almost 14 years, my husband, Lew, and I have been part of the homeless ministry, but it's become more his ministry. He has a garage sale about every three months to raise money so he can buy things like toiletries, socks, clean T-shirts and razors. ... Taking care of those who have so much less than you helps you appreciate your gifts. ... One man told us: 'It's not what you bring that's important, but that you come to visit every Sunday.'" (Ginny Palumbo, Valrico, Fla.)

"We take Communion to the homebound. It's made ... me realize when I'm sharing with others, especially

[the] shut-ins, how strong my own faith is." (Judy Mentzer, Troy, N.H.)

"On Dec. 10, 2001, I knelt before the Blessed Sacrament and asked Jesus to be my Savior. ... I gave my heart and soul to the Lord, and in return received a faith made whole, absolute and complete." (Karen Waitzman, Ketting, Ohio)

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Genesis: Jacob and family return to Palestine

(Sixth in a series of columns)

Last week, I summarized the story of Isaac and Jacob as told in Chapters 24-30 of the Book of Genesis.



It ended with the love story of Jacob and Rachel in Mesopotamia, where Jacob went to escape the wrath of his brother, Esau. Jacob then had children with his first wife, Leah, Rachel's older sister; with Rachel's maidservant; Leah's maidservant; and finally with Rachel.

The middle of Chapter 30 through Chapter 35 tells about Jacob's decision to return to his homeland, where his father Isaac still lived.

After Jacob has worked for Laban (Leah's and Rachel's father) for 20 years, they start to have serious disagreements and Jacob decides it's best for him to return to Palestine. He has to outwit Laban to get away from him, but eventually he, Leah, Rachel and their children make their escape

and head back to Palestine.

Laban chases after them, catches up with them and demands the return of his daughters and grandchildren. Finally, though, the two men make a pact then Laban kisses his daughters and grandchildren goodbye and allows them to continue their journey.

On the way, Jacob has a wrestling match with another man, who turns out to be an angel. During the match, the angel wrenches Jacob's hip socket and the Bible passage says that that explains why the Jews do not eat the sciatic muscle that is on the hip socket.

Jacob prevails in the wrestling match and, in the morning, the angel changes Jacob's name to Israel "because you have contended with divine and human beings and have prevailed." (Later, God appears to him and confirms the name change.)

The next part of the story is Jacob's reunion with Esau. When Esau learns that Jacob is returning, he goes out to meet him—accompanied by 400 men. Jacob, naturally, is frightened. However, after all these years, Esau's anger has cooled, and the reunion is peaceful.

Now we get one of many salacious passages in the Bible. During the journey, Jacob's daughter, Dinah, goes to visit some of the women of the land.

While she is there, a man named Shechem rapes her. Then he decides he wants to marry her and sends his father to negotiate with Jacob.

Jacob's sons say that they could not give their sister to an uncircumcised man but would do so if all the men in the village would be circumcised. The men agree and then, while they are in pain after the circumcisions, Jacob's sons massacre all the men, sack the city and seize all their flocks, herds and women. I think I've warned you that not everything in Genesis is a pious story.

During their journey, Rachel is pregnant again. As they near Bethlehem, she goes into labor. She bears another son, Benjamin, but she dies in childbirth and is buried there. Today, Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem is one of the most popular Jewish shrines, especially for expectant mothers.

Jacob, now named Israel, settles in the land of Canaan with his 12 sons. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Remembering what patriotism really means

When I was little, World War I was something that had happened more than a generation earlier.



Thus, it was ancient history as far as I was concerned. I had no idea why it happened, nor did I care what it caused or failed to achieve.

All I knew was that World War I happened mostly in France. My

only personal memories of it were anecdotal stories in the family. My great-uncle, a young Norwegian immigrant, was a U.S. Army truck driver in France so we knew about that aspect of the war, but that was about it.

When World War II came along, I wasn't much more savvy about world affairs than I'd been about the so-called Great War. Most of my information came from the movies and film newsreels that I saw every week, with pro-American propaganda a natural component therein.

My four uncles serving in the U.S. armed forces gave me some details I might otherwise have missed. One was in the Seabees, a Navy unit which built installations and facilities for the military. The others, all Midwestern farmers or

small-town boys, naturally joined the Navy to "see the world."

The Seabee got as far as Hawaii, and one of the sailors ended up as a cook in Rhode Island for the duration. The other two saw action in the Pacific Theater, including one fleeing overboard when his ship was struck by a Japanese kamikaze pilot. So I learned something about far places, cultures that seemed strange, and the old truth that war is hell.

Still, I understood only vaguely what caused the war, what resulted from it, and even the geographical places where it occurred. I believed, and still believe as an adult, that it was a just war. But the politics and subtleties of it escaped me at the time.

From my own experience, then, I can understand why young Americans today seem unsupportive of, or indifferent to, national initiatives by the government and other sources beyond their personal control. They simply haven't lived long enough to make reasoned judgments about their world, nor are they given much time nowadays to reflect on whatever they do understand.

Of course, as the age group of people who will be called to fight and die in wars, they may not be enthusiastic about such initiatives. Nor will they see a need

for certain taxes or laws, or feel "patriotic" about embracing these things.

So where does what we used to call patriotism exist today, if it exists at all? We associate the word with certain wars, including the American Revolution and WW II, but also with honoring those who serve our country and its ideals, such as the military, firefighters, police, jurists, and plain old good citizens.

Ultimately, the ideals on which our country is based are what we have always valued, and should value today without cynicism or despair. Because they are truly valuable in a religious sense, we should be teaching our children these ideals so that they, too, may become good citizens, good children of God.

American ideals are based on "self-evident" truths that all (wo)men are created equal and endowed by *their Creator* with rights to life, liberty and the *pursuit* of happiness. We've been mandated the freedom to follow God's will in the best way we see fit, while encouraging others to do the same. That's what we should remember and feel patriotic about on this Memorial Day.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Reflections on a Memorial Day tradition

One of the blessings of living in one's hometown area is that family cemeteries are nearby.

However, because my husband and I raised our daughters 200 miles away from there, when Memorial Day weekends came along we were not able to place flowers or

wreaths or something else significant on the graves of our departed loved ones.

This tradition was better upheld by the generations before us who stayed near home. The Memorial Day tradition has nearly been lost in our immediate family because our daughters now live elsewhere, too.

When Paul and I visit our hometown of Belleville, Ill., our time is usually so limited that we don't regularly visit the gravesites of deceased loved ones. But when we can do this, our cemetery visits are bittersweet and I am sure this must be the case for most families.

Memorial Day, formerly called Decoration Day, dates back to Greece more than 2,500 years ago when, according to ancient customs, garlands and flowers were placed on the graves of community heroes.

During the American Civil War, both the United States and the Confederate States observed Memorial Days. Allegedly, the city of Waterloo, N.Y., was recognized as being where the first such services were held after the Civil War.

However, I recently learned that Gen. John A. Logan was probably the first person to be inspired to promote Decoration Day after being the principal speaker at a cemetery service in Carbondale, Ill., close to my hometown.

Decoration Day was formally acknowledged in 1868. The civilian practice of families honoring their families came before and after that, but Memorial Day weekend is now more popular.

In Indiana, it seems that the traditional Indianapolis 500 race almost usurps the limelight from the old traditions for Memorial Day weekend. Yet, they are still practiced both

in public and in private, with the main public event this year being held on May 25 at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument downtown.

Private family traditions are important. I admire families who will not only decorate ancestral graves this weekend, but also regularly place timely tributes on the graves of loved ones throughout the year. My husband's mother always did this.

Because of distance, my family is an example of one that has slipped from such regular tributes, and I find that sad.

Yet, in my heart I know that my prayers and thoughts of dearly departed loved ones are just as valid even if I am nowhere near the cemeteries where they are buried. I can feel close to my parents when attending Mass or special devotions—and even when falling asleep at night or working quietly in the yard.

Being within the communion of saints is such a Catholic blessing!

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

Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

The challenge of seeing children as a blessing

On the morning of April 26, my wife, Cindy, gave birth to our third son, Victor



Thomas. He arrived less than an hour after we got to the hospital.

The birth happened so quickly that my father, who had come to take our two older sons to his home in Shelbyville, was still in Indian-

apolis when I called him on his cell phone to share the news.

When he told Michael and Raphael about their new baby brother, the former charmingly replied, "Oh shoot. I wanted a baby sister. Oh well, maybe next year."

Now, contrast those words with the reactions I've received from some adults in just the three weeks since Victor's birth.

"You know how those are made, don't you?"

"Do you need another television?"

To be fair, I believe these comments were made in lighthearted jest.

But I think they betray a deeply rooted and pervasive attitude in our culture that says that children are, at least in part, a burden to be avoided at best or one to be carefully controlled at worst.

This perspective on children has been with us for at least a generation. It is starkly displayed in the abortion industry and in the way that various forms of artificial birth control and elective sterilization are taken for granted by society at large as a good thing.

Now, I don't think that the folks who have made such comments to me see themselves as spokespeople for Planned Parenthood. I give them the benefit of the doubt and believe that they love children, especially their own—if they have any.

But this attitude is so widespread that it has affected to one degree or another most everyone, even those who truly love children.

Now, in all honesty, raising children isn't all rainbows and lollipops. Burdens—some small, some large—do indeed come every day with children.

But when my wife and I help each other with these burdens, we carry out the words of St. Paul to the Galatians: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2).

On the other hand, raising children isn't just a cross to bear. If parents are open to them, children offer them wonderful blessings every day. Children are, indeed, wholly and entirely blessings from God.

Even when they present us with burdens and we bear them, we are following in the steps of Jesus all the way to heaven.

I can only imagine how difficult it might be for couples who desperately want to have a baby, but have not yet been blessed with one, to have people all around them see children as a burden.

Now, the fact that my wife and I see children as a blessing does not mean that we have mapped out a plan to have as many children as possible.

No, we prayerfully discern together from month to month and year to year if God is calling us to be open to the conception of a new life at a particular moment. We take to our prayer and Natural Family Planning our obligations to our current children and other serious matters.

Our son, Michael, who recently turned 5, is still too young to take such a nuanced perspective on prayerfully considering being open to new life.

But, all things considered, I think he is on the right track with his comments. †

Feast of Pentecost/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 27, 2007

- Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
- John 14:15-16, 23b-26

This weekend, the Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost, after Easter and Christmas the most important feast of the liturgical year.



Pentecost is important because of the momentous event that the feast commemorates—the miraculous coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. It

occurred in Jerusalem, where the Apostles had gathered, some time after the Lord's Ascension.

The first reading for this weekend, from the Acts of the Apostles, recalls this event.

In the first part of the reading, the identity of the Holy Spirit is clearly given. The Spirit is God and comes from God. However, to understand how clearly this identity is given it is necessary to be familiar somewhat with the symbols for God used in the Old Testament.

First, a "strong, driving wind" comes up. Ancient biblical writings associate great winds with God.

Secondly, fire appeared. Fire also often symbolized God in the Old Testament as it symbolized God when Moses encountered God on Sinai.

So, the Spirit is God. The Lord's divine identity again is affirmed since Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come.

As a result of the presence of the Spirit, the Apostles suddenly had the power to speak in foreign languages. Very important is the revelation that the Spirit "prompted" them to speak.

The reading proceeds. After being empowered by the Spirit and "prompted" by the Spirit, the Apostles went into Jerusalem.

The city was crowded with many visitors who had come to celebrate the Jewish feast of Pentecost. These visitors came from all parts of the Roman Empire. Each person could understand what the Apostles were saying. Each person understood that God had accomplished marvels for all people, namely that God had provided salvation and eternal life through Christ.

For its second reading, the Church gives us a passage from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

In the reading, St. Paul makes an important point. Truly to believe that Jesus is Lord requires enlightenment and

strength from the Holy Spirit. A genuine confession that Jesus is Lord is more than an intellectual statement. To be authentic, it must be heartfelt in the most profound sense.

St. Paul then goes on to give the basis of the theology that would result, in these times, in Pius XII's magnificent encyclical "Mystici Corporis" and in the documents of the Second Vatican Council, especially its teachings on the Church.

In Christ, all the faithful are members of one body, bound to the Lord, but also bound to each other. No one is excluded from this body by gender or race.

The third reading is from St. John's Gospel.

The Risen Lord appears to the Apostles. He tells them to be at peace. Then Jesus gives them the authority to forgive sins. This authorization and power confers divine power itself upon the Apostles.

Reflection

Not too many days ago, the Church celebrated the Lord's glorious Ascension into heaven. However, Jesus did not exit the earth. His words and power remain. His life remains. His love remains.

Jesus remains, the Church expressly and joyfully tells us on this great feast, in the Church itself. The Apostles formed the Church. Their successors still preach the Lord's words, bringing Jesus to us.

Thus, the Church carefully protects its teaching. It is not arrogant in this. Instead, it never wants to lose the teachings—or even part of the teachings—of Jesus.

We are the Church, gathered around the Apostles, as were the first Christians in Jerusalem mentioned in Acts. We are bonded together with Christ. In Jesus is our peace, a peace drawn from the realization that in the Lord we shall live eternally.

If we are the Church, in one body, then we too must bring Jesus to others. †

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

It Seems to Me

Was there a pause in every day
When Joseph put his tools away,
And placed the Christ Child on his knee
For one fun ride coaxed into three?

Did Joseph's tools catch Jesus' eye
As childhood quickly passed him by?
Did he not sense the hammer's blow,
Hear nails pierce wood and hold it so?

Christ bore his cross, it seems to me,
From Joseph's bench to Calvary.

By Dorothy M. Colgan

(Dorothy Colgan is a member of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad. This painting titled "St. Joseph and Christ in the Workshop" by Pietro Annigoni hangs in the Church of San Lorenzo in Florence, Italy.)



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Daily Readings

Monday, May 28

Sirach 17:20-24
Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 29

Sirach 35:1-12
Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 30

Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
or Romans 12:9-16
(Response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Luke 1:39-56

Friday, June 1

Justin, martyr
Sirach 44:1, 9-13
Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, June 2

Marcellinus, martyr
Peter, martyr
Sirach 51:12cd-20
Psalm 19:8-11
Mark 11:27-33

Sunday, June 3

The Most Holy Trinity
Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm 8:4-9
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Readers disagree with recent column about suicide bombers

QI appreciate your clear and insightful answers on the Catholic faith, but I take exception to your recent answer about suicide bombers.



The wording of the Catholic catechism, which you quote, is carefully chosen. It says those who through no fault of

their own do not know the Gospel or the Church, but who seek God with a sincere heart and "moved by grace" try to do God's will as their conscience dictates can be saved.

Those words "moved by grace" are important. If we think God's grace would lead us to kill ourselves and slaughter innocent people, we make Christ's victory over evil meaningless.

A person could do these things and not be eternally condemned only if he is mentally ill or cannot choose between good and evil.

It is unthinkable that a sane person could believe that God is leading him to kill thousands of people. This is the core of our faith in God's power over evil. (Pennsylvania)

Some of the more cruel examples of destruction of innocent lives include:

- Carnage perpetrated in the course of the eight or more Crusades from the 11th century through the 13th century.
- Bloodbaths massacring Jews, "heathens" and other Christians.
- Merciless executions of thousands of real or suspected unbelievers, especially during the Spanish Inquisition, to mention only two Catholic examples.

These were ordered and carried out by people—from common folk to popes—who sincerely and absolutely believed that they were doing God's will.

We're still apologizing for that and coping with the consequences.

It is not at all unseemly or unfaithful of us to ask God's mercy on them all and on us.

QI am taking early retirement, have more than enough money to live on, and am considering giving some time, maybe a few years, perhaps volunteering with a missionary organization, in the United States probably.

Is there a list or catalog of groups who need help? (Oklahoma)

AThe United States Conference of Catholic Bishops publishes a *Directory of Lay Movements, Organizations and Professional Associations* listing groups here and abroad who have lay people as part of their mission and leadership.

It covers a broad range of opportunities and is available for \$6, including postage, in care of Lay Directory, USCCB Committee on the Laity, 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017.

Lots of information is also available from the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services by calling them at 202-529-1100.

(A free brochure answering questions that Catholics ask about Mary, the mother of Jesus, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

Sacraments rooted in Christ's dying, rising, priest explains

By Sean Gallagher

BATESVILLE— Speaking during the heart of the Easter season, Jesuit Father Mitch Pacwa recently reflected on how the sacraments are rooted in the death and resurrection of Christ during a daylong seminar on April 21 at St. Louis Church in Batesville.

The seminar was sponsored by the archdiocesan-based Abba Father Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith.

Regarding baptism, Father Pacwa, using the New Testament as his guide, explained how the baptized person is joined to Christ's dying and rising.

The grace of baptism then unfolds as the baptized person seeks to avoid sin.

"To be able to resist those temptations is not simply an act of my will," Father Pacwa said. "It's going to be dying with Jesus. And we need to make that explicit in the way that we call

ourselves to live our baptismal life."

Father Pacwa showed how baptism is more than simply dying with Christ.

"There's a peace that only Christ gives, that peace of Easter, that joy of Easter which permeates the Christian's life because in dying to ourselves, we truly have risen with Christ," he said.

Father Pacwa said that through confirmation the Holy Spirit is given in a special way not only to lead people to recognize their sins and so die to them, but also to empower them for a particular service within the Church.

During the middle of the seminar, Father Pacwa celebrated the Divine Liturgy according to the Maronite Rite, which is the liturgical tradition of the Maronite Church. It is historically based in Lebanon and an eastern Catholic Church in union with the pope.

During his homily, Father

Pacwa noted that at the Eucharist, the faithful, along with Christ, offer their spiritual sacrifices, which include "fighting against temptation, dying to ourselves [and] the charity we show others."

He explained how Christ, when we receive Communion, helps us to "live out [the] hope" that our sacrifices will be fulfilled in him.

Father Pacwa reflected on Christ's words from the cross, "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do" (Lk 23:34), when speaking about confession after the liturgy.

"It's in the confessional that you meet Jesus Christ and him crucified," he said. "And he's saying to you, 'Father, forgive him, forgive her, for they know not what they're doing.' He's repeating that and the power of his cross is there."

Father Pacwa also explained how on the night of the Resurrection, Christ



Jesuit Father Mitch Pacwa blesses the congregation during a celebration of the Maronite Rite Divine Liturgy on April 21 at St. Louis Church in Batesville.

passed on that power to his Apostles.

In reflecting on the other sacrament of healing, the anointing of the sick, Father Pacwa showed his listeners how through it we can join our suffering to Christ's pain.

"Part of the good news for us is that we who have

experienced pain [can] join it to Christ on the cross," he said. "It's not meaningless. It's not hopeless."

He also showed how through the anointing of the sick the faithful are brought closer to the healing power of the Resurrection.

"[Jesus'] scars are

glorified and that's why they are perpetually available to us to have healing given to us in the spiritual, emotional and physical realm," Father Pacwa said.

He ended the seminar by exploring the sacraments of vocation: marriage and holy orders.

Father Pacwa noted how spiritual writers throughout history have seen the creation of the Church, the bride of Christ, in the water and blood that flowed from Christ's pierced side.

He said with a chuckle that in dying for his bride, Christ "is not enthroned on an easy chair. He's not Archie Bunker.

"No, he's enthroned on a cross," Father Pacwa said. "This is the model for husbands to love their wives to death."

He next turned to the vision of the wedding feast of the lamb portrayed in the Book of Revelation.

"Marriage is a sign of that second coming of Jesus, that the fidelity that a husband and wife show each other is a sign of the second coming," Father Pacwa said.

In the final portion of the seminar, Father Pacwa reflected on how Christ's priesthood was lived out most fully in his death, resurrection and ascension to heaven. He showed how Christ's priesthood is perpetuated in a special way through priests who confer and stand as a witness to all the sacraments.

"In each of our sacraments, [Christ] makes present to us what is forever present to him," he said. "And that's how we enter into these mysteries of his death and Resurrection."

"Our task is to proclaim that faith to the members of our own Church, but [also] to members of other Churches, to Muslims, to atheists, to let them know that this is good news," Father Pacwa said.

Diane Helcher, a member of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright, gained a new, challenging perspective on the sacraments from the seminar.

"I never really thought a lot about the sacraments as part of the death and Resurrection," she said. "Unfortunately, it's going to be hard. It's dying to yourself and being able to go out and to give to others." †

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CARR, Loraine, 95, St. Mary, New Albany, April 14. Sister of Bernice Brock, Virginia Cunningham, Mary Louise Heinze and Joseph Wisman.

CODY, Margaret V., 97, Holy Family, New Albany, April 13. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of three.

DIERCKMAN, Lorraine, 80, St. Louis, Batesville, May 10. Mother of Clara Jane Downer, Florence Giesey, Theresa Newmann, Margaret Schwier, Mary Ann, Alvin, Leo and Nicholas Dierckman. Sister of Alberta Fecher, Wilma Ripperger, Mary Thornsberry, Kenneth and William Flaspohler. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of four.

HAWKINS, Dolores B., 84, St. Paul, Tell City, May 5. Mother of Judy Kirk, Jim, Fred, Harry and Randy Hawkins. Sister of Wayteman and Wilbur Brinksneider. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of four.

HESS, Pauline P., 65, St. Mary, New Albany, May 5. Wife of Orman Hess. Sister of Margaret

Hess, Virginia Schuck, Eleanor Zurschmiede and Ernest Beach.

HORAN, Paul J., 72, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 3. Husband of Jane Horan. Father of Debbie Lyday, Denise, Richard and Steven Horan. Stepfather of Jason Tillman. Brother of Pat Gandolph, Marilyn Rabb and Eileen Reidman. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of two.

HUDDLE, John David, 83, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, May 2. Husband of Katherine Huddle. Father of Chris Fee, Jo Myers, Peggy Nokes, Susan O'Neal and Kenneth Huddle. Brother of Margaret Arduser and Harry Huddle. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of six.

KIESLER, Alma Roberts, 90, St. Michael, Bradford, May 10. Mother of Vi Branham, Naomi Hays, Donald, James and Robert Kiesler. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of eight.

KITTERMAN, Donald G., 77, St. Joseph, Corydon, April 26. Husband of Anetta Kitterman. Father of Christi Overton and Daniel Lee Cook. Grandfather of four.

LAMPERT, Martin A., 70, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, May 7. Brother of Fran Borders, Mary Richeson, John and Joseph Lampert. Uncle of several.

MARTIN, Jean B., 74, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, May 12. Wife of Henry Martin. Mother of Kelli Allen, Michael and Tony Martin.

MEYER, Monzell, 81,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, May 11. Mother of Paula Bulse and Michael Meyer. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of three.

MILLER, Robert, 85, St. Jude, Indianapolis, May 10. Husband of Betty Miller. Father of Julie, Pam, Dave, Jim, Joe and Robert Miller Jr. Brother of Vivian Hittle, Jean Naugle, Shirley Pettit and Martin Miller. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of six.

NEWTON, Alberta Rose, 86, St. Agnes, Nashville, May 7. Sister of Muriel Schilling.

PFISTER, Robert A., 50, St. Mary, Lanesville, May 7. Son of Elizabeth Pfister. Brother of Janet Hamilton, Teresa Pittman, Louise Richmer, Charles and James Pfister. Uncle of several.

ROTH, Joseph L., 74, St. Mary, New Albany, May 6. Brother of Therese Hibdon, Mary Ann Schuh, Jane, Dan, Jim, John and Mark Roth.

SABELHAUS, Francis B., 70, St. Paul, Tell City, May 5. Father of Robin Ambs, Laura Holmes, Diane James, Kathy, DeWayne, Frank Jr., Richard and Stephen Sabelhaus. Stepfather of Tonya Johnston, Benjamin and Lawrence Johnston. Brother of Rose Brumfield, Betty Evans, Ann Labhart, Clara Litherland and Lloyd Sabelhaus. Grandfather of 28. Step-grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of 16.

STICCO, James, 67, St. Andrew, Richmond, May 12. Husband of Barbara Sticco. Father of six. Brother of Nancy Murray and Tom Sticco. Grandfather of 16. Great-grandfather of three.

THUER, Patricia R., 64, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, May 9. Mother of Jennifer Addleman,

Christopher and Matthew Thuer. Sister of John and William Richardson. Stepsister of Barbara Livesay and Stephen Grubbs. Grandmother of five.

TURNER, Mark Lee, 62, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, May 8. Husband of Maria Turner. Father of Samantha Casedino, Mischa Woods and Marc Turner. Son of Robert Turner and Jean Reich. Stepson of Dorothy Turner. Brother of Suzy Nielson, Kim, Melisa and Doug Reich. Grandfather of four.

URBANCIC, Mary Frances, 96, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, May 8. Sister of Theresa Farnworth and Rose Tempey.

WEST, Mary K., 90, St. Joseph, Corydon, April 26. Mother of Paula Dirck, Evelyn Hollrah, Bobbie Martin, Rosetta Parker, Christina Stroud, Bernie, Jim and Walter West Jr. Sister of Pat Baldwin, Jeannie Heffren, Margie Kirsch, Bernard O'Bryan and Nina Olexlieger. Grandmother of 24. Great-grandmother of 38. Great-great-grandmother of two.

WISE, Joann, 65, Holy Family, New Albany, April 11. Wife of Charles Wise. Mother of Victoria Martin, Melissa Mendick, Christina West and Renee Wise. Daughter of Owen Sheroan Sr. and Catherine Vander Espt Hall. Sister of Juanita Veil, Irene Von Kannel, Douglas, Jesse, Kevin and Owen Sheroan. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of four. †

Providence Sister Marijo Lynch served at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Providence Sister Marijo Lynch, also known as Sister Marie Ignatius, died on April 29 at St. Mary's Academy Convent in Inglewood, Calif. She was 69.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on May 26 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial will follow at the sisters' cemetery at the mother-house.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on May 5 in Inglewood, Calif.

The former Mary Josephine Lynch was born on May 12, 1937, in Chicago.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on July 22, 1955, professed first vows on Jan. 23, 1958, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1963.

Sister Marijo served at Catholic schools staffed by the Sisters of Providence in Illinois, California and Indiana for 51 years, including 10 years as a principal.

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see both extremes. I see parents who push, push, push and talk up their kids—and think winning and competing are the most important things. I also see kids who don't come to practice and don't work hard. They don't learn the concept of working hard to overcome obstacles and learn something."

She especially enjoys the way sports can give girls confidence and help them develop friendships they wouldn't make otherwise. The payback she receives for her efforts can be priceless.

"Some girls say 'thank you' every day before they leave practice," she says. "I think that's cool."

Growing up in the Catholic faith

When a child plays basketball for Robert Hasty, he learns to look his coach in the eyes when they're talking. He learns to listen. He's also expected to hold his head high, win or lose.

"I've learned through coaching CYO that you teach kids to play and you teach them to play right," says Hasty, a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis.

"You want them to be successful, but you learn that being successful doesn't always mean winning. You learn a lot about life when you win and sometimes you learn even more when you lose.

"When you lose, some people say that's a failure. But it's not if you set a goal, you worked for it and you were willing to sacrifice for it. A lot of times you don't get what you want but you have to continue to strive."

Hasty always strives for certain goals when he coaches basketball.

"Teamwork is important," he says. "We're having fun and we want to be competitive, but we especially want to stress that we're young people growing up in the Catholic faith and we want to like each other and respect our traditions."

They need to have fun

Brian Treece gives a glimpse of his coaching philosophy when he talks about his approach to his baseball team of first- and second-grade students.

"You know what I tell a kid when he strikes out?" Treece asks. "I say, 'Nice swing.' When they're younger, they need to have fun. They need to learn the game but they need to experience coaching where it's fun and where the coach

encourages them."

Treece has followed that same approach as a basketball coach at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis for 17 years. He considers every day a great day, and every day gets even better when he steps into the gym with his players.

"As an adult, you can still have fun and show that to kids," Treece says. "The people who know me would say I have a great time. I married the right person, I have great kids, and St. Pius is a great place where I can give back. When we start a practice, we pray. And when we end practice, we pray. It's a way to show them how important prayer is."

Setting the example

Bob Tully has coached nearly every sport in 45 years as a teacher and a coach at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. He has also dedicated 40 of those years to helping the CYO, working at the organization's talent shows, one-act plays and Ping-Pong tournaments of the past as well as every City Track Meet since 1968.

"The CYO is a true volunteer organization," says Tully, a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis. "Everything that goes on is dependent on volunteers to make a difference in the lives of young people. I love volunteering for the CYO."

His volunteering is just one way he tries to set an example for young people.

"Character and values are the things I try to exemplify for them," he says. "They have to understand that character is not what you do when somebody is watching. It's what you do when no one is watching."

Stressing faith, family and education

In 20 years of coaching, Paul Kervan has always tried to stress the fundamentals of sports and life.

"I have a pretty simple philosophy when you play for me," says Kervan, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis. "The most important things for me are faith, family and your school. If we don't have those things right, we're not going to play sports. We'll work on those other things first. The child is more important than sports."

Kervan also emphasizes the basics in basketball when he coaches boys and girls on his fourth-grade teams.

"We focus on having fun, learning the fundamentals and



Six individuals recently received the St. John Bosco Medal. The awards were presented by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, archdiocesan vicar general. From left are Paul Kervan, Bob Hasty, Father Robert Gilday, Msgr. Schaedel, Bob Tully, Brian Treece and Carol Pitzer.

sportsmanship, and representing our school and our parish well," he says. "Basketball is just a game. It's not life and death. If the kids are learning about sports and learning about life, that's what matters. The basketball game is secondary."

A priest's perspective on potential

If you're at a kickball game and you see Father Robert Gilday umpiring or cheering from the sidelines, feel free to ask him about the rules. After all, he's helped to write and revise them during the nearly 25 years that he's served on the CYO board of directors. His role has also given him an interesting perspective on the inspiring reality of CYO athletics and the greater potential for them.

He has never forgotten the wisdom of a coach who once told him that a coach's main goal should be for each person to improve during a season.

As a parish priest, he has seen how students often do better in school when their coach stresses academics.

"I would like to see coaches really be role models for the kids, not just in coaching but in terms of our Catholic faith," says Father Gilday, the pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis. "Children should see their coaches in church. They should also see them involved in other activities of the parish.

"Our coaches also need to be mentors. With fewer two-parent homes, having another adult as a role model and someone a child can count on is a good thing."

He also calls for parents and coaches to display the right way to act toward other teams and their fans.

"Kids learn what they live," he says, "and they live what they learn." †

CYO recognition highlights work of both adults and young people

The Catholic Youth Organization recently honored six individuals from Indianapolis parishes with its highest honor. The 2007 St. John Bosco Medal recipients for distinguished service to youth are:

Father Robert Gilday—pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish

Bob Hasty—Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish

P. J. Kervan—Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Carol Pitzer—St. Mark the Evangelist Parish

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Bob Tully—St. Jude Parish

The Catholic Youth Organization also honored 18 young people with the 2007 Spirit of Youth Award for outstanding volunteer service. Here are the recipients by parish (all parishes are in Indianapolis unless noted otherwise):

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St. Susanna (in Plainfield)—Nick Rosner

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The Catholic Youth Organization also honored 25 adults with the 2007 Msgr. Albert Busald Award for their outstanding volunteer service to youth. Here are the recipients by parish (all parishes are in Indianapolis unless noted otherwise):

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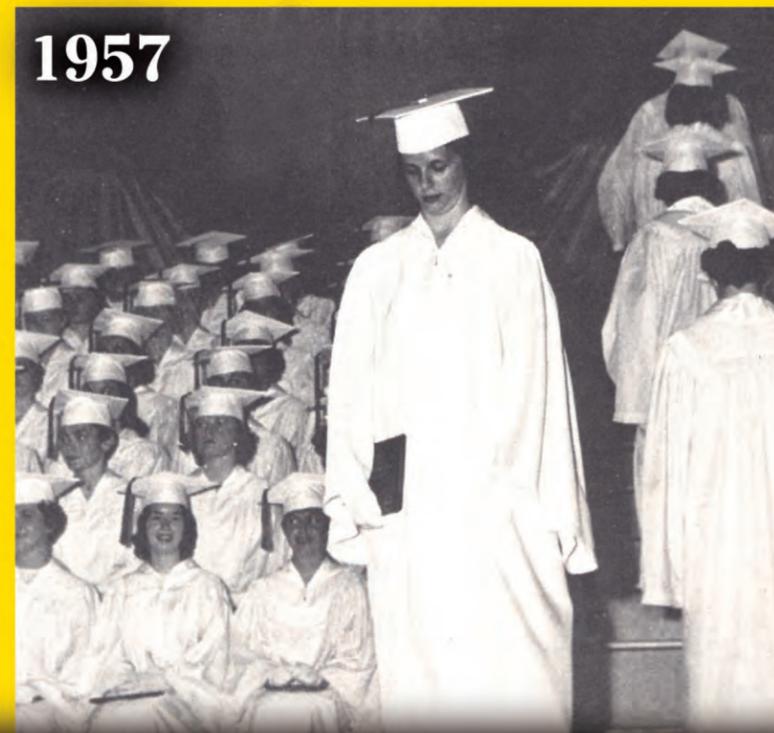
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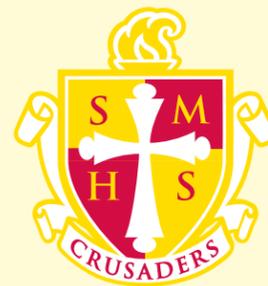
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