A mother of eight grown children, Carolyn Mueller was recently honored by Indianapolis television station WFYI as a 2008 Child Care Provider of the Year for the care and love she has given to her “second family” of children for the past 34 years. A member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, Mueller reads a book to 3-year-old Maggie Smith.

By John Shaughnessy

Sometimes a good Mother’s Day story can’t wait until May.

Consider the story of Carolyn Mueller, a mother of eight who managed to be active in her parish even as she reared her growing children.

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Chrism Mass renews the Church in its mission

By Sean Gallagher

Lay, religious, deacon candidates and seminarians, deacons and priests from all corners of the archdiocese filled SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis to overflowing on March 18 for the annual celebration of the chrism Mass during Holy Week.

It was a liturgy marked by long processions of more than 110 priests, the renewal of their commitment to priestly service, the blessing of oils to be used in several sacraments and distribution of the oils to representa- tives of parishes from all 11 archdiocesan deaneries.

But although it was a liturgy where the body of the local Church was represented by so many members, it was the head of the body, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, who was conspicuous by his absence.

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Catholic educators descend on Indianapolis

Paul Parker, left, an administrator at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami, Gwenn Roche, Gloria Fellers and Kathy Cain, educators at Holy Cross Elementary School in Champaign, Ill., sing during the opening Mass of the 2008 National Catholic Educational Association Convention at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis on March 25. See next week’s issue of The Criterion for full coverage of the convention.

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Ordination will acknowledge that I have been granted the tools to properly minister to the faithful and the seeking. It will allow me to minister to a variety of people throughout the archdiocese outside of my home parish. My family understands that I will be called to minister to all people.

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In the darkness of night in St. Peter’s Basilica as well as under dark skies unleashing torrents of rain on St. Peter’s Square, Pope Benedict XVI said the risen Christ vanquished the darkness of sin and death.

It is true: In the solemn Easter Vigil, darkness becomes light, night gives way to the day that knows no sunset,” he said on March 23, giving his Easter blessing “urbi et orbi” (to the city of Rome and the world) in St. Peter’s Square during a storm.

“We pray that joy will be present among us despite these circumstances,” he said at the end of the blessing, which capped a Mass punctuated with thunder and lightning.

Even this darkness today is like light,” the pope said of the slate black sky.

The night before, Pope Benedict celebrated the Easter Vigil in St. Peter’s Basilica, lighting a fire and the large Easter candle in the darkened church.

During the Mass, he baptized five women and two men, including an Italian journalist who was born in Egypt to a Muslim family.

Magdi Allam, 55, attended Catholic schools in Cairo and moved to Italy as a young adult. Although he has described his published writings about Islam as a criticism of fundamentalism and terrorism, many Muslims have seen in them a misunderstanding of Islam and a criticism of the religion as a whole.

In an Easter Sunday letter published in Corriere della Sera, the Italian newspaper of the religion as a whole.

Allam said, “Last week I converted to the Catholic Christian religion, renouncing my previous Islamic faith.”

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Parish Diary/Fr. Peter Daly

Honoring our faith so people can die a happy death

My Aunt Pat died recently. She was a few days short of her 91st birthday.

A lot can be said about her long and satisfying life, but it is her dying that I want to focus on. Her death reminds us how important the presence of the Church can be in our living and dying.

The first thing to note about her death is that she was fortunate to be visited by a priest. I anointed her twice. It helps to have a priest in the family.

Two days before Aunt Pat died, I got a call from my cousin Mike. He asked me to go anoint his mother and pray with her. In the phrase of my generation, he asked me to “give her the last rites.”

Today it is nearly impossible to be sure that every Catholic is seen by a priest. There just aren’t enough priests.

In some dioceses in the Midwest, more than half of the parishes have no resident priest. In my own experience, I probably anoint three or four people per week, sometimes more. I have a nursing home and a hospital in the boundaries of the parish. I have 3,000 parishioners. I can’t be present to every person.

The second thing to note is that people wait too long to call the priest. Often they wait until the person is unconscious or even dead.

Sacraments are for the living, not the dead.

The “last rites” include confession, communion and the anointing of the sick. Two of these “rites” require consecrated substances.

I was glad that my aunt was still able to appreciate what we were doing. While she could not swallow, least we could touch the Eucharist to her tongue.

She was also able to pray along with us. When we made the sign of the cross, she followed. She joined hands and said the Lord’s Prayer with us. She held out her hands for the sacrament of the sick.

She knew she was dying. She accepted it stoically, but she wanted the sacraments.

The third thing about my aunt’s death is that she was surrounded by those who love her as she went to God. Often this is not the case.

I was also glad that we had enough notice to allow me to pick up Aunt Pat’s sister, my mom. Mom is nearly 88. These two old women needed to see each other before death separated them.

After all, they had nine decades of shared life. Only they could bring and receive the comfort of a lifetime to each other. Catholics pray to St. Joseph for a happy death. By that we mean that we should die in a state of grace surrounded by those who love us.

My aunt had a happy death. But many don’t.

Often people die alone. Recently I was called to the bed of a woman in a nursing home. She was alone. No family members visited her. She spoke only Polish.

The staff told me that she was noncommunicative. But I suspected that she was dehydrated. So I took a straw and put a few drops on her tongue. She moved. I put more drops on her tongue.

She swallowed. Then she spoke weakly.

I started the prayers. She made the sign of the cross. She was not noncommunicative. She was ignored.

It is a great comfort to be recognized as a person when we are dying. We have a history. We have a faith. It should be honored, so as many as possible can die a happy death.

(Father Peter Daly writes for Catholic News Service)
La Confirmación ofrece un crecimiento de la gracia bautismal

La importancia de la confirmación de la gracia bautismal no se puede subestimar. Es un momento en el que los jóvenes reciben un regalo de Dios que los ayuda a profundizar en su fe y a crecer en su conciencia de ser miembros de la iglesia. En la confirmación, los jóvenes reciben un don de gracia que les permite unirse más firmemente a Cristo y a su iglesia. Es un momento de reflexión y de decisión personal, donde los jóvenes tienen la oportunidad de expresar su compromiso con la iglesia y con su fe en Cristo.

La confirmación es una oportunidad para que los jóvenes sepan que la iglesia es un lugar de encuentro con Dios y con la comunidad de creyentes. Es un momento para que los jóvenes sepan que la fe es una parte integral de su vida y que pueden confiar en la iglesia para guiarlos en su viaje espiritual. Es un momento para que los jóvenes sepan que la iglesia es un lugar de amor, de caridad y de servicio.

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Two monks transfer vows to Saint Meinrad

The archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education’s Special Religious Education Program (SPRED) will host its eighth annual dinner dance starting at 6:30 p.m. on April 12 at the Marten House Heritage Hall, 1801 W. 86th St. in Indianapolis. The dinner dance will also be a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the beginning of SPRED in the archdiocese. Kevin Gregory, WRTV Channel 6 chief meteorologist will serve as the event’s master of ceremonies. The event will include a silent auction, raffle, dinner and program at Priory Hall, Ken Ogorek, director of adult catechesis for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, apostle, presenter, $10 guests. Information: 317-919-5316 or e-mail OgorekK@archindy.org.

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April 4 events to commemorate Kennedy and King

On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Robert F. Kennedy, a presidential candidate at the time, was campaigning in Indianapolis that evening, and gave a speech about King’s life and legacy at a near-north side neighborhood park. The speech was later credited with maintaining peace in Indianapolis on a day when riots caused the deaths of 76 people in cities from coast to coast.

On April 4 this year, the 40th anniversary of Kennedy’s speech, a series of public events to commemorate the lives of Kennedy and King will take place at 3 p.m. at Public School #27, 745 E. 19th St., in Indianapolis. The following, and these events, there will be a free public premiere of a new documentary titled "Ripple of Hope," a project that was written and produced by Anderson University’s Covenant Productions, chronicles first-person accounts of the historic evening when Kennedy spoke in Indianapolis. The documentary will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Madame Walker Theatre, 617 Indiana Ave., in Indianapolis. It will be followed by a panel discussion.

The Indiana Catholic Conference is a community sponsor of the day’s events.

Pope Benedict’s Masses and New Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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On April 4, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI arrived in the United States during his first visit to the New World. His tour began in Washington, D.C., where he celebrated Mass at Nationals Stadium and shuttle from the residence of the Archbishop of Washington, Cardinal McCarrick. Later that evening, he addressed a group of religious leaders, and spoke to a large crowd of youth at the National Catholic Education Association Conference.

On April 5, he traveled to New York City, where he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and then held another closed audience with religious leaders.

On April 6, the Pope traveled to Chicago, where he celebrated Mass at the United Center and addressed the Chicago Archdiocese at the United Center.

On April 7, the Pope traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, where he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis and spoke to leaders of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

On April 8, the Pope traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, where he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and spoke to the Archdiocese of Kansas City.

On April 9, the Pope traveled to Mexico, where he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and spoke to the Archdiocese of the Archdiocese of Mexico.

On April 10, the Pope traveled to the United States, where he celebrated Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and spoke to the Archdiocese of Washington.

On April 11, the Pope traveled back to the United States, where he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and spoke to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

On April 12, the Pope returned to Italy, where he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist and spoke to the Archdiocese of Rome.

The Pope’s visit to the United States was a significant event in the history of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It marked the first time a Pope had visited the United States, and it was a historic moment for the Archdiocese and its people. The Pope’s visit was met with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm, and it brought the Archdiocese together in a special way.

The Pope’s visit was also an opportunity for the Archdiocese to reflect on its own history and mission, and to consider the role of the Church in the world today. The Pope’s words and teachings were a call to action, and they inspired the Archdiocese to continue to be a beacon of hope and goodness in the world.

The Pope’s visit was a testament to the power of the Church and the importance of its mission. It was a reminder that the Church is a timeless institution that will continue to serve humanity for generations to come. The Pope’s visit was a powerful reminder of the ongoing relevance of the Church, and it was a sign of hope for a better future.
Legislators pass adult stem cell, anti-pornography bills

By Brigid Curtis Ayer

Property tax reform was not the only accomplishment made during the 116th session of the Indiana General Assembly. Two proposals supported by the Indiana Catholic Conference— a proposal to encourage adult stem-cell research and another to limit pornography in Indiana— will soon become law.

Increasing access to an ethical source of adult stem cells through the creation of a public umbilical cord blood bank was the goal of legislation authored by Rep. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington), which passed the Indiana General Assembly on March 13.

The proposal requires the state’s Family and Social Service Administration agency to 1) create a governmental nonprofit corporation to establish and operate an umbilical cord blood bank; 2) establish an umbilical cord blood donation initiative; and 3) promote public awareness concerning the medical benefits of umbilical cord blood.

The two most common sources of stem cells are embryonic and adult stem cells, but a less known source comes from postnatal tissue which is discarded after the birth of a child. The postnatal tissue includes the umbilical cord, the cord blood, the placenta and the amniotic fluid. Stem cells also can be taken from adult tissues and organs, such as bone marrow, fat from liposuction, regions of the nose and even cadavers up to 20 hours after death.

Rep. Welch explained that people would donate cord blood to a public cord blood bank the same way people currently donate blood.

“When a person donates blood, they do so in order that someone else may benefit from it. That would be the same motivation for donating to a public cord blood bank,” Rep. Welch said. “The priority of the cord blood bank would be for transplants. The secondary purpose would be for research.”

Dr. Scott Gorbels, who is a stem cell transplant doctor responsible for cord blood transplants at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, said, “We have children and adults in Indiana as well as around the country who die each year from the lack of a suitable hematopoietic stem cell [marrow or cord blood] donor, which is both regrettable and correctable with more cord blood banking.”

Only two out of 10 cord blood donations are of transplantable quality. The other eight would have research value.

“What is exciting about this legislation is that Indiana will be receiving hundreds of thousands of umbilical cord blood units with postnatal tissue for transplants and research,” Rep. Welch said.

“The goal is that we will increase the number of transplantable stem cells, help save lives of cancer patients, provide more research quality stem cells, and improve the quality of life for Hoosiers, both physically and financially,” she added.

Rep. Welch anticipates a public blood bank will bring more researchers and a significant amount of research dollars to Indiana, further helping the state’s economy. She said it is estimated that the public cord bank would be self-supporting in two to three years from its inception.

Private and public umbilical cord blood banks have proven invaluable to the medical community. Many blood and immune diseases have been successfully treated using cord blood. Doctors use cord blood cells to treat about 70 diseases, mostly anemias or cancers of the blood, such as leukemias and lymphomas.

An anti-pornography proposal authored by Rep. Terry Goodin (D-Crothersville) also passed the Indiana General Assembly.

A store which opened in Rep. Goodin’s district gave residents the impression it would be selling books, movies and snacks. But when the store opened, it was selling sexually graphic materials.

"Had the residents been notified, they could have petitioned to keep the retailer out," he said.

Rep. Goodin’s bill was not only a response to this incidence, but also is designed to create stronger, more consistent pornography regulation statewide.

The anti-pornography legislation requires that a person or business intending to sell sexually explicit materials, products or services must register with the Secretary of State. The bill imposes a $250 filing fee and requires the Secretary of State to notify certain local officials in the county where the new business will be located.

A person that offers for sale or sells sexually explicit materials without registering and filing the statement of intent commits a Class B misdemeanor, which can result in up to 180 days in jail or a $1,000 fine. The bill will apply to businesses established after June 30, 2008, or any existing business that moves to a new location. It is not retroactive to existing businesses that remain in the same location.

(Rep. Peggy Welch is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

Office promoting John Paul II’s sainthood cause seeks testimonies in English

ROME (CNS)— The office in charge of promoting Pope John Paul II’s sainthood cause is looking for English speakers who have a story to tell about their meeting with the late pope, their prayers for his intercession or graces received after prayer.

In a March 17 statement, the Rome diocesan office for the cause’s Web site were seriously falling behind those in Italian, Polish and French.

The Web site— www.vicariatusurbis.org —also has space set aside for testimonials in Spanish and Portuguese.

A spokeswoman for the office said: “It does not have to be a miracle or something extraordinary. We would like to hear and share stories about an encounter or a grace received or a hope.

“This part of the site is very active in other languages, but few English speakers seem to know we have a site and a magazine where they can send these things,” she said.

The monthly magazine is called Totus Tuus (Latin for “All Yours”), Pope John Paul’s motto.

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Speaker: Bring gifts to your tasks and honor God in doing them

By Mary Ann Wyand

Every person is God’s work of art. Internationally known author and inspirational speaker Kathy Coffey of Denver discussed ways to live an artistic and faithful life in her keynote address during the sixth annual Catholic Women’s Convocation on March 8 at St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis.

Coffey based her talk for the Lenten day of reflection on a Scripture passage from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians about how we are God’s work of art (Eph 2:10) as well as her new book, The Art of Faith, which explains how “art helps close the gap between faith and reality.”

Living “an authentic faith-filled life is an artwork,” she writes, that is “permeated by the astounding grace of God.” Her book explains the process of how faith “invites us to bring all our gifts to our tasks and honor God in doing them.”

Coffey also describes how “art lifts us up to the beauty we were born for, … [and] reminds us that we belong to God and nothing less will ever fulfill us.”

She challenged the women to consider the influence of art in their faith journeys. “All of what we do can be art,” she said, if it is done in positive, uplifting and nurturing ways.

“God pours into creation beauty and truth and goodness, lived, but that I have lived through it,” Coffey said. “When a close friend died, Coffey recalled, the woman’s life and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him” (Prv 8:22, 25, 30, 31).

Then she asked the women to imagine “sitting next to God, being daily God’s delight, playing next to God.”

Consider the metaphor of a mother who is a potter and gives her child a lump of clay to play with while she is working. Coffey said, or a mother who is baking and offers her child a bit of dough to form into a pastry.

“I think that’s where we stand in relationship to God,” she said, “that we work with the apprentices, and we play and we create and we delight beside God.”

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton had a difficult life after her husband died when she was 29. Coffey said. She raised their five children alone as well as her husband’s siblings. Two daughters died at young ages, and her sons were cause for worry.

She concluded her life by saying, “I marvel not that I have lived, but that I have lived through it.”

“[Parenting] can be a work of art.” A great Shakespearean play transforms tragedy into beauty, she said, and provides insight into mystery.

“How do we enter into mystery?” Coffey asked. “Through art and through spirituality.”

We need to make time for prayer and reflection so we can “stand back from the canvas” of life, she said, because when we’re too close we can’t see it clearly.

The complexity and beauty of human anatomy is truly a work of art, Coffey said. “God loves variety and paints with a whole spectrum of colors. Why would God be limited to just one?”

God intends for us to be Christ’s hands, heart and feet in this world, she said, and to give others a glimpse of divine beauty.

“One other art form that I think is accessible to all of us is the art of transformation,” she said. “ … Another art we can all master is that of appreciation. … What are we grateful for?”

Nancy Meyer, a pastoral associate at the Indianapolis West Deanery parish, said Coffey’s presentation was “an enriching, creative way to look at how we go about faith, [how] … we are continuing to be created by God in faith.”

Protesters charged with felony for disrupting Easter Mass

CHICAGO (CNS)—Six young people—all between the ages of 18 and 25—were charged with felony criminal damage to property and simple battery after spattering fake blood on themselves and nearby worshipers during a 11 a.m. Easter Mass in the auditorium at Holy Name Cathedral’s parish center in Chicago on March 23.

Easter Masses, the Easter Vigil and all Holy Week services were celebrated in the auditorium and other locations because the cathedral has been closed for repairs since Feb. 26.

On March 24, a Cook County judge set a minimum of $25,000 for bail for each protester, according to the Chicago Tribune.

The three men and three women, calling themselves “Catholic SchoolGirls Against the War,” yelled slogans in support of ending the war in Iraq before they were removed by security guards and handcuffed by police.

The disruption came shortly after Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago started his homily, when the six moved from their seats into the aisle and yelled statements declaring the deaths of 4,000 U.S. service members in Iraq and untold thousands of Iraq citizens.

They then shouted that to demonstrate opposition to the war Cardinal George should not have met earlier this year with Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and President George W. Bush, whom they called “the chief architect” of the war. On Jan. 7, the cardinal, Bush and the mayors met while the presentation was in Chicago because of the anniversary of the passage of the federal program No Child Left Behind.

As the protesters were removed from the auditorium, they shouted, “Even the pope calls for peace,” according to parishioners.

Cardinal George responded, “And so should we all call for peace,” and he continued his homily.

After the Mass, Cardinal George told reporters, “We should all work for peace, but not by interrupting the worship of God. It’s an act of violence to come among a group of believers and try to manipulate worship to your own purposes, no matter how noble and good they are.”

Both the Vatican and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which Cardinal George heads as president, have opposed the Iraq War since it began.

The six people arrested and charged are: Donte D. Smith, 18, of Chicago; Erin Ramirez Jr., 22, of Chicago; Ryan Ziemba, 25, of Chicago; Mercedes Phinaih, 18, of Bloomington, Ill.; Regan Maher, 25, of Chicago; and Angela Haban, 20, of Prospect Heights, Ill.

Smith’s bail was set at $35,000 because he has a criminal record. He served time in a federal prison for trespassing at a military installation, according to provincial police.

The Tribune reported that the six protesters were charged with a felony because they damaged property owned by a religious organization, and it will cost the church about $3,000 for new carpeting and new chairs.

Author and inspirational speaker Kathy Coffey of Denver discusses ways to live an artistic and faithful life on March 8 at St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis. A painting by Los Angeles artist John August Swanson is displayed in the background.
265 popes have led the Roman Catholic Church

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

The papacy is the official structure through which the pope exercises his role as head of the Church. The term derives from the word for father, “papa.” Just as an individual father differs in how they understand and fulfill their paternal role, so the popes have shown a great diversity through the ages. Although the line of popes from St. Peter to Benedict XVI is unbroken, the papacy itself has undergone significant changes over the centuries.

The current practice of members of the College of Cardinals electing the pope, for example, began in 1059 under Pope Nicholas II. Prior to that, popes were chosen by synods of bishops or appointment by nobles and emperors and occasionally by popular acclaim. Many of the changes in the papacy were prompted by internal, ecclesial factors, such as relations between Eastern and Western Churches; settling doctrinal disputes; correcting erroneous practices, such as the buying and selling of Church offices (simony) or the appointment of relatives to those offices (nepotism); standardizing liturgical rites; promoting missionary endeavors; encouraging new religious orders; and centralizing the organization of the Church.

Other changes were the result of external, social factors, such as the conversion of Constantine and the establishment of Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire; the confrontation of tribes from the East and the collapse of the Roman Empire; the spread of Islam; the dominance of medieval monarchies and the formation of nation-states; the rise of European universities; the cultural renaissance of the 14th to 17th centuries; the philosophical Enlightenment and rationalist rejection of religion; and modern political movements.

In the first centuries, the Church of Rome, which became synonymous with the papacy, was one of five major centers (patriarchates) of Christianity, with the others being Jerusalem, Antioch (Syria), Alexandria (Egypt), and Constantinople (Turkey). The patriarchs viewed the pope as first among equals because of the association of Peter and Paul with the city of Rome, but they did not consider their superior with universal authority over them. The first pope to approximate this authority was Leo I (440-461), one of only two popes given the title “Great.” This stature was established when he persuaded Attila the Hun not to invade Rome, but his real claim to prominence was his influence on the Council of Chalcedon (451), which defined the unity of Christ as one person with two natures.

The other pope designated as “Great” is Gregory I (590-604). He was a prolific author, whose treatise on Pastoral Care was the essential guide for bishops well into the Middle Ages. He codified liturgical differences in the Gregorian Sacramentary, gave his name to Gregorian chant and initiated the missionary effort to England. But he also moved the papacy in a new direction. When the Lombard tribes from Germany began invading northern Italy, he negotiated a peace treaty with them which gave him authority in civil matters. In addition, he reorganized the papal estates, which had begun with a generous land grant from the Emperor Constantine. This enabled him to provide needed relief to the poor, but it also moved the papacy into the realm of secular power and led to the establishment of the Papal States in the eighth century.

Over the next several centuries, the papacy played both a spiritual and temporal role. Although the later was supposed to support the former and had been declared subordinate to it by Pope Gelasius I (492-496), it often became a source of conflict and sometimes scandal as individual popes gave more attention to their secular responsibilities than their spiritual ones.

The entanglement of the spiritual and secular realms was epitomized by the dispute over lay appointment of bishops (the lay investiture controversy), and it precipitated the major schism between Eastern and Western Christianity (1054). This rupture became permanent during the Fourth Crusade (1202-1204) when Western armies, responding to the exhortation of Pope Innocent III, established political power and gained economic advantage in Constantinople.

The abuses of this spiritual/secular confusion, embodied by the Renaissance popes, came to a head with the Protestant Reformation. But beginning with Pius IV (1559-1565), the papacy led a counter-reform based on the Council of Trent, championed by the Jesuits and typified by the publication of the Roman Catechism, the Roman Missal and the reorganization of the Roman Curia more than by the Inquisition or the Index of Forbidden Books.

The 18th-century Enlightenment, the French Revolution and modern trends toward democracy greatly diminished the secular power of the papacy. In its place, beginning with Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903), popes have used their spiritual and moral authority to be advocates for justice, peace and human rights while continuing to promote, especially through the Second Vatican Council, changes within the Church and dialogue among the Churches and world religions.

The history of the papacy is the history of a dynamic structure within the Church. Its form and influence have changed over the centuries and will continue to do so as the Church and history move forward.

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

Discussion Point

The pope is our shepherd

This Week’s Question

Personally speaking, how is your life affected or touched by the pope?

“[Popes] are my example. They totally represent Jesus Christ on earth. When Pope John Paul II would pass by, people would weep because he just radiated the power of Christ.” (Annette Bonomo, Monroe, Conn.)

“Even if they’re not Catholic, everyone accepts the pope as an authority whenever he speaks or wherever he goes. That impresses me.” (Robert Stafford, Gravel Ridge, Ark.)

“I’ve always felt he’s our shepherd and he gets his graces from God. He tells us what we need to be doing and I try to follow that. Sometimes you raise your eyebrows because you don’t agree, but in retrospect ... if he’s our shepherd, we should be listening.” (Jan Kramer, Pierce, Neb.)

“He affects me very much because he is the leader of our faith and an example of faith for our children to aspire to. ... In our changing world, he brings stability and [reminds us] of the traditional doctrine.” (Julie Dohrmann, Des Moines, Iowa)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: What first comes to mind when you think about St. Paul?

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Biblical women: Herodias and Salome

(Thirty-third in a series)

Herodias and Salome, her daughter, appear in the 14th chapter of Matthew’s Gospel and the sixth chapter of Mark’s Gospel. Her daughter’s name is not mentioned in either story. Herodias has become her traditional name.

Mark’s Gospel account says that Herodias was married to Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee and Perea was east of the Jordan River in what is now Jordan. When King Herod the Great died in 4 B.C., his territory was divided among three of his surviving sons (he had had three other sons executed). Archelaus received Judea, Herod Antipas, Galilee and Perea; and Philip, the land north and east of the Sea of Galilee in what is now the Golan Heights. In A.D. 6, the Romans took over Judea from Archelaus.

According to both Gospels, Herodias (Herod the Great’s granddaughter) previously had been married to Philip. It was undoubtedly a great scandal when she left Philip for her half-brother, Herod Antipas.

At least the matter was sufficiently notorious that John the Baptist told Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife” ( Mk 6:18).

John quoted Leviticus, “You shall not have intercourse with your brother’s wife” (Lev 18:16).

The impertinence of this man angered Herodias. At her insistence, Herod had John thrown into prison. But that didn’t satisfy Herodias. She wanted John’s death out of grief for losing her beloved brother.

According to both Gospels, Herodias, Salome, Herod Antipas and Herod had a moving story to tell of people’s kindness, their grief, and their kindness of strangers.

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King Herod sobbed up quietly. He didn’t want that but, since his guests had heard what he said, he quickly sent an executioner to the prison with orders to behead John and bring back his head. And so it was done. John’s head was brought back on a platter and given to Salome, in turn it gave her to her mother.

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Behavior like the Easter people are

At a recent women’s club meeting, the women were asked to answer the roll call.

When we answer the roll call, we are remembering something really nice which someone had done for us. That probably happened only in a women’s group since we have a moving story to tell of people’s kindness, their grief, and their kindness of strangers.

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Easter Homes: Outposts of God’s kingdom

Last Saturday, parish communities across central and southern Indiana welcomed more than 1,000 people into their homes for their Easter Vigils.

As a former parish director who fell in love with young people, I suspect a lot of these folks were at least partly attracted to the Church through the ordinary way that their spouses, other relatives, friends or co-workers lived out their faith from day to day.

It would be good for us to give pause and remember that the primary place for the laity, and especially families, to live out their faith and play their indispensable role in carrying out the Church’s mission of evangelization is in the middle of the world—in homes, across the backyard fence, at work, in the marketplace.

These spheres represent a vast mission field. They are places where countless people are yearning for an encounter with Christ—even if they can’t yet describe it in so many words.

Yet this great harvest that awaits Christ and the Church is in a field where priests, bishops, and men and women religious do not directly minister.

And by large, it is up to the laity to lead these people closer to Christ. And this happens primarily through the ordinary way we live out our faith on a daily basis.

The more we live out our faith, the more we are able to lead our Church to live out our faith in both the large and small things of life, the more this faith will be attractive to others.

And yet, I have to sadly agree with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, who in his Easter Vigil homily, expressed his opinion that many of the “lesser” clericalize” themselves.

By that, Archbishop Chaput meant that many lay Catholics think that a diocesan chancery and parish staffs are “where the action is.”

I think this can be extended to include volunteer ministries. A lot of well-meaning folks who volunteer for these ministries, the more this faith will be attractive to others.

We are currently seeking parish volunteers to help continue to be a voice of hope and support for our Catholic faith.

When it comes to neighbors, my husband and I have been blessed in every area that we have lived.

On the day we moved from California to “young marrieds” and settled into an apartment in the Broad Ripple and Glendale area of Indianapolis.

Our three small children, our babies, arrived, we bought a small home. As our three daughters were in the college, high school and junior high, we moved to a home in the city of Indianapolis. Our three small children, our babies, arrived, we bought a small home. As our three daughters were in the college, high school and junior high, we moved to a home in the city of Indianapolis.

It is in these privileged places that parents are able to do and refrain from doing, through what we do and what we say, to be attractive to others.

But we can help unfold and bring to maturity their children’s encounter with Christ that began at their first home.

This happens through simple conversations where we can help our children come to see and know Jesus Christ.

But it happens in key ways through the way we parents live our lives. Through what we do and what we say and how we hold our tongues, we show our children how we love Christ and allow him to imitate him in us through our own lives.

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Jesus appears. He invites Thomas to see the wounds of his crucifixion and then of the great faith of Thomas.

Jesus truly had risen to life after having been crucified and sealed in the Lord’s humanity, life, death and triumph over death. Two points in the readings support the theme of divine mercy. The first is that absolute love for the Lord, seen in the second reading, brings forth divine mercy. This love is much more than a pious feeling. It means being faithful to the Lord’s example of total obedience to God regardless of challenges.

The second point is that of the Apostles. They were so much more than the Lord’s companions and most frequent students. They represented the Lord. They possessed the Lord’s authority and power, and bore this authority and power after the Ascension. Majestic among these powers was their ability to forgive sins, an ability expressly conferred upon them by Jesus. The first reading, from Acts, tells us how well the first Christians realized the role of the Apostles. It tells us that the first Christians lived as a community, united in trust in the Lord and loyalty to the Apostles and in the Eucharist. Through the Apostles, they found divine mercy.!
I feel like I'm one of her own. I believe she's had an effect on the person I am today. I feel like she's done that for all her kids,” Roesser said. “She's always been so encouraging at different parts of my life. I visit her at Christmas. I'm getting married in October, and she's on the invitation list. I consider her to be my grandmother.”

Or just ask Paula Smith, who has entrusted her two children to Mueller’s care.

“She’s more than a daycare provider,” said Smith, a member of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. “She’s a very dear friend and a second mom to many of us. My mom passed away 2 ½ years ago. Carolyn was my shoulder to cry on. She was my strength. She’s just an amazing person who has a heart of gold.”

Sue O’Connor has seen Mueller’s influence on people sticks, just like the nickname a little girl once gave her: “Maw Maw.” It’s an influence from a different time, a different generation.

“I try to teach the fundamentals,” said Mueller, who’s 69. “We let them socialize. We let them play dress-up. We let them be kids. They learn their manners and how to get along with each other—kindness and sharing with each other. They have to have a strong foundation to get through this world. They need to know they are loved.”

Now, after 34 years, Mueller plans to close her home-based daycare center at the end of May. She wants to retire so she can travel with her sisters, spend more time with her 12 grandchildren, and do more things with her husband of 50 years, John. She also wants to volunteer again at Christ the King Parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

“Retiring is going to be bittersweet,” she said. “But I know it’s time. I feel good about that, but I tear up when I think of all the kids and parents.”

She paused and then noted, “You hope you made a difference in a lot of their lives. You hope you were there for them when they needed you. You try to give them a lot of love and hugs. You try to encourage them in a lot of ways. You hope they’ll remember what you did.”

Kathleen Roesser speaks for a lot of people when she says she’ll always remember Mueller for what she did and who she is.

“I’m grateful to have her in my life and had her take care of me when I was younger.” Roesser said. “I consider her a blessing.”

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GRAU, Judy, 61, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Feb. 29. Mother of Gwendolyn Burr and Heather Harris. Sister of Anna Lyons and Mary Rose Redford. Grandmother of six.


JANSING, Marcella, 87, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, March 12.


LIOHOFF, Joseph Huber Jr., a Catholic philanthropist in southern Indiana, died on March 10 after a brief struggle with leukemia. He was 74.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 14 at St. John the Baptist Church in Starlight. Burial followed at the parish cemetery.

A native of Starlight, Huber was born on March 20, 1933. He was married to Bonnie C. (Kruer) Huber for 53 years.

Huber was a well-known fruit and vegetable grower and restaurant owner in southern Indiana.

He started the first “you-pick” farm in the Midwest in 1967 at Starlight, and opened the Joe Huber Family Farm and Restaurant there in 1983.

The restaurant, community center, animals, pony rides, hayrides and other attractions brought millions of people to his family’s restaurant owner in southern Indiana.

Huber was president of the Indiana Vegetable Growers Association for 17 years, and was a former director of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, the Harrison County R.E.M.C. and National City Bank.

He received an honorary agricultural degree from Purdue University.

In 2005, Joe and Bonnie Huber received the prestigious St. John Bosco Award from Catholic Youth Ministries in southern Indiana for their lifetime of distinguished service to benefit young people.

Ray Lucas, executive director of Catholic Youth Ministries in southern Indiana, recalled Huber’s trademark phrase, “Do good.”

Lucas said “Joe was a great believer in giving back through philanthropy, and he shared much of his resources and time” with a variety of charitable causes.

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By Mary Ann Wyand

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e with all who profess faith in him. “Believers—the baptized—are never truly cut off from one another,” she said. “Continents, cultures, social structures or even historical distances may separate us. But when we meet, we know one another on the basis of the same Lord, the same faith and same hope, the same love, which form us.

Thus faith is a force for peace and reconciliation in the world,” the pope said.

After celebrating the Easter morning Mass at St. Peter’s Square, which was attended by thousands of mostly white

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The Criterion Friday, March 28, 2008
**Oils blessed, priestly vows renewed at chrism Mass**

At left, Mary Wells, right, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, presents an urn of the oil of the sick for Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, far left, archbishop emeritus of Louisville, to bless during the annual archdiocesan chrism Mass on March 18 at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Also assisting Archbishop Kelly were, from left, transitional Deacon Aaron Jenkins and seminarian John Hollowell.

Mary Margaret Lynch, second from left, a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood; Francis Bay-Mockey, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis; and Sue Page, a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Aurora, kneel in prayer during the chrism Mass.

Members of the congregation at the chrism Mass applaud the approximately 120 priests present after they renewed their commitment to priestly ministry. From left are Father Larry Crawford, pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis; Father Paul Etienne, pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis; Father Thomas Kovatch, associate pastor of the Richmond Catholic Community; Father Robert Haustaden, associate pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis; and Father Robert Hankee, pastor of St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon and sacramental minister of Immaculate Conception Parish in Millican and St. Denis Parish in Jennings County.