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## 'Making sure not to forget ...'



A U.S. Border Patrol agent opens the gate to a holding room for undocumented women and children at the Chula Vista Border Patrol station in this photo from February. Chula Vista is in California, a few miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border and the city of Tijuana, Mexico.

## Millions of immigrant stories later, CLINIC celebrates 20 years of serving others

WASHINGTON (CNS)—At least as far back as the 1930s, the U.S. Catholic Church has been helping immigrants wade through the legal quagmires of immigration law. But it wasn't until the 1988 creation of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, known as CLINIC, that the Church's role in providing legal services to immigrants was formalized and expanded nationwide.

As CLINIC marks its 20th anniversary this August, people who have been a part of its history marvel at how far the network has come.

From 17 Church-sponsored immigration service agencies around the country in 1988, CLINIC has grown to 173 diocesan and other affiliated programs with 260 field offices in 48 states. Its affiliates employ about 1,200 attorneys and paralegals, and serve an estimated 600,000 people each year, CLINIC executive director Don Kerwin told Catholic News Service. Kerwin has been with CLINIC since



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1992, when he ran its political asylum program for Haitians. He became director in 1993.

He rattled off more statistics that define CLINIC's success: more than 1,000 training sessions run for attorneys and staff members, and more than 100,000 people

who have been helped to become naturalized citizens.

Operating in various dioceses under local auspices such as Catholic Charities or Catholic Community Services—typically with huge caseloads in every office—CLINIC's work usually goes on quietly.

The decentralized network means the affiliates tend to receive little attention for their efforts locally. Even less heralded is their cumulative record of having aided millions of immigrants from around the world with applications for asylum, work permits, family reunification visas, religious worker visas and other types of immigration-related legal cases.

CLINIC's files are filled with joyful outcomes for immigrants with heart-wrenching stories of difficult lives, separated families and legal nightmares.

For instance, take the case of Father Cathal Gallagher, a Columbian **See CLINIC, page 9**

## Pope offers best wishes to China and Olympic participants

BRESSANONE, Italy (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI offered his best wishes to China, the International Olympic Committee and all the athletes who will participate in the Aug. 8-24 games in Beijing.



Pope Benedict XVI

"I am happy to send the host country, the organizers and participants—especially the athletes—my cordial greeting with the hope

that each one can give the best of his or her self in the genuine Olympic spirit," the pope said on Aug. 3.

Beijing invited two Catholic bishops from outside the mainland—Coadjutor Bishop John Tong Hon of Hong Kong and Bishop Jose Lai Hung-seng of Macau—to the opening ceremony on Aug. 8, but did not invite an official Holy See representative, reported the Asian Church news agency UCA News.

Pope Benedict spoke about the Olympics after reciting the midday Angelus prayer with about 9,000 people gathered in the square in front of the Bressanone cathedral.

The pope said he would be following the Olympic Games. "I deeply hope that it will offer the international community a valid example of coexistence among people of the most diverse backgrounds with respect for their common dignity," he said.

He prayed that the Olympic events would be a sign of "brotherhood and peace among peoples."

The pope was spending his annual mountain vacation with his brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, at the Bressanone seminary.

In addition to thanking his hosts and everyone involved in assuring his comfort and the safety of the crowds who filled the city center for the Angelus, the pope said, "Naturally, we thank the good God who has given us this Earth and this Sunday flooded with sun."

The Sunday Mass readings, he said,

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## Lilly Endowment Inc. awards \$5 million capital grant to improve archdiocesan schools

By Sean Gallagher

Lilly Endowment Inc. recently made a major commitment of its resources to support archdiocesan schools in the center city of Indianapolis and in two of its urban high schools.

The archdiocese has determined to use the \$5 million grant the Endowment awarded to make much-needed capital improvements to the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies (MTCA) in the center city of Indianapolis, to Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in the Indianapolis West Deanery and to Father Thomas Seccina Memorial High School in the Indianapolis East Deanery.

More than half of the grant

money—nearly \$2.9 million—will be used to make major improvements to an aging St. Philip Neri School, while Central Catholic School and Holy Cross Central School have received \$75,000 and \$31,400 to make much-needed facilities improvements.

The two high schools received \$1 million each.

A facilities audit of the academies determined which facilities needed the most improvements, archdiocesan officials said.

The grant is one of the largest ever awarded to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz,

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Photo by Sean Gallagher



Construction workers make improvements in a hallway at Father Thomas Seccina Memorial High School in Indianapolis on July 23. The Indianapolis East Deanery interparochial high school is using a \$1 million allocation of a Lilly Endowment grant to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to make capital improvements.

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executive director of the archdiocesan secretariat for Catholic education and faith formation, said the grant means good things for the future of Catholic education in the schools benefiting from the grant.

"It's a promising sign," she said. "I think it says that we do have a future. ... There are so many challenges. But it allows us to take those challenges and turn them into the opportunities."

An opportunity that might arise from this grant award is the possible growth of support for archdiocesan schools from the broader community.

"The archdiocese appreciates this support from Lilly Endowment, and now we look forward to inviting other funders to add their support to the Endowment's," said Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general. "We feel that with Lilly Endowment's gift in hand, we can continue to invite corporations in Indianapolis to partner with us."

The grant is already having an impact on the school communities whose facilities will be improved as a result, according to Joseph Therber, executive director of the archdiocesan secretariat for stewardship and development.

"This initiative has already spurred renewed optimism for the future of our urban Catholic schools," Therber said. "We are very thankful for every gift and investment that we receive, especially this very timely and purposeful grant."

## Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School

Optimism bubbled out of Eddy Guanajuato, the band director at Cardinal Ritter, as he talked about the future of the school. With the improvements funded by the grant, his band room will grow from 835 to 3,300 square feet.

"Having a place large enough so that I can have the entire band in one room ... is such a support for me," said Guanajuato. "Now my program has no where to go but up. And I'm very, very happy where it's at right now."

From the funds received, Cardinal Ritter will also be constructing four new classrooms, two art studios and a new library in a new wing at the school.

The need for the major addition was brought about because the school's enrollment has grown by 50 percent—from 380 students to 570 students—over the past six years.

Cardinal Ritter president Paul Lockard said the grant will help the school be

more faithful to the legacy of its namesake, Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter, who, as bishop of Indianapolis from 1934-46 and later as archbishop of St. Louis, was an early champion of racial integration in Catholic and public schools.

"We're proud of his legacy, and we're trying to carry that on here," Lockard said. "We serve a diverse community: diverse learners, diverse religions, and diverse races and ethnicities."

"We are extremely grateful to Lilly Endowment. This couldn't have been done without them."

## Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School

Like Guanajuato, Scecina music director David Doebler is going to see major changes in his facilities at the east side high school.

"It's going to bring more kids into the music program," said Doebler, who noted that a third of Scecina students are already involved in music.

"It makes us, as a school, more attractive. Having a better facility, bringing more kids into our music department ... will continue to attract better students."

In addition to making major improvements to Scecina's music rooms, the grant is also funding a large makeover of the school's hallways and the heating and air conditioning system.

The hallways will have improved lighting and flooring, and will highlight Scecina's academic, service and athletic achievements.

Much of this work started as soon as the 2007-08 academic year ended last spring. Workers are now putting in long hours to get the school ready for the new academic year about to begin on Aug. 11.

Maribeth Ransel, Scecina president and a 1961 graduate of the school, is excited about all of the changes.

"As a graduate, I have always felt that Scecina was a place of great worth and value to people," she said. "I think it has always provided an exceptional educational experience."

"The changes inside the school will now mimic what goes on educationally here, which is a really fine educational program."

## Mother Theodore Catholic Academies

At Central Catholic School, the Lilly Endowment grant is providing funding for the connection of a portable classroom to the main school building, and connecting the school water supply to the new city water supply.

At Holy Cross Central School, the grant is making possible repairs to the



Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School students, faculty, administrators and supporters break ground on June 21 to inaugurate the construction of a new Fine Arts wing and chapel at the Indianapolis West Deanery interparochial high school. The school is using a \$1 million allocation of a Lilly Endowment grant to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to make capital improvements.

building's water pressure problems and in the fire prevention system as well as restoration work in a school entrance that will enhance the school's appearance and safety.

At Mother Theodore Catholic Academies, however, the bulk of the grant's funds will be used to make widespread updates to St. Philip Neri School, which was built in 1926.

The building's ceilings and its lighting, electrical, security, fire alarm, and heating and air conditioning systems will receive a total overhaul. In addition, its science rooms will see major improvements.

"When you want to move children as far as you can academically, you need the correct environment so that it promotes an optimum learning situation," said Connie Zittnan, MTCA director. "St. Philip Neri is in great need of [enhancing] its total learning environment to be able to move it into a positive environment for learning."

Zittnan said the major investment in the school's physical infrastructure will also have a positive effect on its students.

"They'll know that this has been done for them," she said. "The children, I think, will get a very good understanding of the value that people feel that they have, and the opportunities that they have, because that much money and that much thought is going into their school so that they can be successful."

## Stabilizing neighborhoods

The major influx of funds for St. Philip Neri in particular, said Zittnan, will say a lot to the neighborhood that surrounds it.

"St. Philip Neri has been the anchor in that neighborhood for years," she said. "And when you see that there are \$3 million in improvements being placed into the facility, it shows stability. And that community needs stability."

All of the schools who are benefiting through Lilly Endowment's grant serve students from neighborhoods destabilized in recent years by growing drop-out and crime rates, Msgr. Schaedel said.

"Business and civic leaders want safe, stable neighborhoods, and they want a well-educated and responsible workforce," he said. "And that's what we're trying to do. We're trying to be an anchor in the community."

"We're trying to make these neighborhoods a better place to live. And we are trying to produce responsible citizens and workers."

(For more information on the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies, log on to [www.archindy.org/consortium](http://www.archindy.org/consortium). For more information on Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, log on to [www.cardinalritter.org](http://www.cardinalritter.org). For more information on Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, log on to [www.scecina.org](http://www.scecina.org).) †

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"remind us that the greatest things in our life are things that cannot be acquired or purchased because the most important and elementary things in our life can only be given to us: the sun and its light, the air we breathe, water, the beauty of the Earth, love, friendship and life itself."

The Scriptures also remind people that "being loved by God, who knows us and loves each one of us in Christ" is something that "no dictator, no destructive force can steal

from us," he said.

The day's Gospel reading about Jesus multiplying the loaves and fishes is a reminder that "if we have received such great things from God, we must give in turn," the pope said.

"We must transmit to others the gifts of goodness, love and friendship, but at the same time we also must give material gifts to those who need us and who we can help," he said.

After reciting the Angelus, the pope visited the cathedral and spent time blessing children, the sick and the elderly gathered in the cathedral and in its courtyard.

In his main Angelus address, the pope spoke about Pope Paul VI, who died on Aug. 6, 1978.

Elected in 1963, Pope Paul was called to lead the Church "at the most delicate moment" of the Second Vatican Council, "when the intuition of Blessed John XXIII ran the risk of not taking shape," said the pope, who served as a theological expert during the council.

"How can we not thank the Lord for his fruitful and courageous pastoral action," the pope said, adding that as time goes on the wise guidance of Pope Paul seems "even larger, almost superhuman."

"Paul VI guided the people of God in contemplating the face of Christ, redeemer of humanity and Lord of history," he said. †

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# Countless lives were touched by 12-year-old Anna Molloy's big heart

By John Shaughnessy

If you want to know the impact that Anna Molloy had on people in her 12 years of life, there are countless stories of how she inspired others to give from their heart.

Just look at the organizations that bear her name. Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation helps children with disabilities, and Anna's House is a community center near downtown Indianapolis that offers food, dental care, medical help and educational services for people in need.

"I named it for her because of her hard work and her love of Jesus," said Lucious Newsom, the founder of Anna's House.

If you want to know how deeply Anna touched the hearts of people, the evidence was on display at St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis on Aug. 4, the day of her funeral Mass.

Inside the church, photographs showed a smiling Anna hugging her mother and father, Pete and Julie. Another snapshot captured her and her brother, Peter, looking at each other with love.

The stories and the photographs showed the spirit of a girl who had defied the odds from the time she was born with a rare genetic disorder that causes dwarfism until her death on July 31.

"If we had to use only one word to describe Anna, it would be compassion," said Margaret Molloy Brown, Anna's aunt. "Her ministry was the outpouring of her compassion."

Brown's words were part of her emotional eulogy to her blond-haired, brown-eyed niece who helped the poor from her motorized

wheelchair.

Brown said that Anna wasn't defined by her illness, but by the elements that her niece included in the scrapbook she made for herself: "friends, love, family, sports, good times, memories, vacations, boat rides, the Indianapolis Colts."

In his homily during the funeral Mass, Father Stephen Banet focused on the example that Anna gave to everyone she met during her brief yet full-to-the-brim life. He noted how she had a flair for wearing different outfits, but how she always "put on Christ."

"Today, we truly honor her family, Anna and, again, the mystery of God—how we are touched and how we are given the baton to continue that compassion, that gentleness," said Father Banet, the pastor of St. Jude Parish.

Anna's spirit of joy and generosity is now beginning to leave its mark in heaven, said Brown during her eulogy. She recalled how Anna once drew a picture of what she imagined her room in heaven would be like. When Brown saw the picture, there was only one thing in the room. Unable to figure out what that one thing was, Brown asked her niece about it.

"She said, 'It's God. He's enough,'"

Brown recalled.

Anna's aunt also mentioned one of her niece's favorite songs, "I Can Only Imagine," a popular song about what it would be like to meet Jesus for the first time in heaven.

"All of us imagine, from toddlers to grandparents, when she sees her Jesus and he swoops her up and the dancing begins," Brown said. "I can only imagine." †



Lucious Newsom, right, and Anna Molloy break ground for Anna's House in 2005. The clinic was named in honor of Anna, who helped feed the poor from her wheelchair during her life. She died on July 31.

## As Chicago experiences violent summer, Catholic communities respond

CHICAGO (CNS)—It started in April, when headlines screamed "36 shootings, nine homicides" over the course of one weekend in Chicago. Since then, the violence has continued, with news of shootings nearly every day.

The violence has touched the Catholic community, with Catholic school students and adult Catholics among the victims, and violence occurring near and sometimes even on church property.

On June 30, a 15-year-old student at St. Francis de Sales High School was shot and wounded while he was walking home with several friends. An 11-year-old girl who was part of the group also was shot. Police said they don't think either young person was the intended target of the shooting.

On July 1, another 15-year-old was shot, apparently the victim of an armed robbery, in the basement of the rectory at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish. Two other teens, with whom he was playing dice, have been charged in the crime.

On July 2, Chicago police officer Richard Francis was killed during a disturbance when an assailant shot him with his own gun across the street from the local police headquarters. A 45-year-old woman, who was shot several times by officers who

responded to the scene, was charged with killing him.

Francis, 60, was laid to rest in the cemetery at St. Monica Parish on July 7.

In response to the violence, parishes have sponsored anti-violence marches; offered opportunities for young people to get off the streets and into activities, such as playing basketball at a church's gym; and helped people find employment by holding job training and mentoring programs.

The Church is called to respond to violence by praying, but it has to do more than that, said Nicholas Lund-Molfese, director of the Chicago archdiocesan Office for Peace and Justice, just as it must do something to feed people who are hungry, in addition to praying for them.

To that end, the office recently hired Meghan Mayo, a graduate student in social justice at Loyola University Chicago, to help parishes find ways to respond to and prevent violence. Mayo, who started about two months ago, said she is gathering resources and ideas so that she can offer real assistance to parishes.

"I don't want to just give them a list of things that they've already tried and didn't work," she told the *Catholic New World*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper.

Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis

used a July 12 march at St. Agatha Parish to release Chicago crime statistics for June 2008. Weis was under political pressure because of the rising crime rate, including shootings following the July 3 fireworks display, after coming into the department and cleaning house among its command ranks.

Overall, murders were up almost 13 percent from 2007. About 40 percent of the murders were classified as gang-related, and in most of the rest the victims knew their attackers, he said. Nearly 90 percent of the people charged in homicide cases had prior criminal records; so did more than 70 percent of the victims.

St. Agatha also was one of five Catholic parishes that participated in a July 26 gun-turn-in program organized by the Chicago police. The effort brought in more than 6,800 weapons overall.

At St. Monica Church, the two-hour funeral Mass for Francis, a 27-year veteran of the police force, was celebrated by Father Thomas Nangle, chaplain to the Chicago Police Department, who also delivered the homily.

Speaking to a church packed mostly with police officers, in addition to Francis' family, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Father Nangle spoke of the role the police play in society,

comparing it to the position of the Roman centurion who, in Mark's Gospel, was the first to look up at the crucified body of Christ and say, "Truly, this was the Son of God" (Mk 15:39).

The centurion, Father Nangle noted, was likely part of the company that did the actual crucifixion.

"The centurions were involved in the everyday mix and mess of life in the Holy Land," he said, as modern police are in their communities.

Father Nangle told the congregation—which included hundreds of officers in the parking lot who could not fit into the church—that Francis did not "give" his life in the line of duty.

"He did not give his life," the priest said. "It was taken from him."

It was taken while Francis was doing a necessary and important job, the same job the officers at the funeral do every day.

"You are the barbed wire that separate the sheep from the wolves," Father Nangle said.

Francis was a well-liked and respected officer whose catchphrase was: "Isn't life great?"

He was eulogized by his stepdaughter as "the best darn police officer I ever knew," a man who loved his family and his work. †

## Aug. 16 Mass and event scheduled to defend the faith against anti-Catholic commentator Bill Maher

Criterion staff report

It's about defending the Lord and the Catholic Church.

That's how Tim Thunell describes the Aug. 16 events that will take place at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish and later outside the Murat Theatre, both in Indianapolis, in conjunction with television host and political commentator Bill Maher's appearance at the Murat that night.

Maher, who currently hosts Home Box Office's "Real Time with Bill Maher," is known for his anti-Catholicism. For years, he has consistently ridiculed the Catholic faith and its leaders.

Father Dennis Duvelius, pastor of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, will be the celebrant at the 6 p.m. solemn traditional Latin Mass that will take place at Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., that evening. He will be assisted by

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father Michael Magiera, associate pastor of Holy Rosary; Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father Gerard Saguto, administrator of SS. Philomena and Cecilia Parish in Oak Forest; and other priests.

"It is a votive Mass for the defense of the Church," said Thunell, a member of Holy Rosary Parish. "Mass is the most powerful prayer there is."

After the Mass, people will walk or drive to the Murat Theatre, 502 N. New Jersey St., to pray the rosary and other prayers of reparation, and to sing hymns before, during and after Maher's appearance that night.

"This is not a protest. We are not going there to denigrate anyone," Thunell said. "This is a public act of prayer against blasphemies against our Lord and the Church."

People of all ages are expected to attend the public act of prayer and

reparation, Thunell said.

"We're the Church militant, and this is a great opportunity to publicly defend our Lord."

Thunell encouraged people who plan to attend to invite their family, friends and pastors to stand up for the faith as well. He also encouraged pastors to bring the Aug. 16 events to parishioners' attention.

Even if you cannot come for all the events which are expected to last until approximately 10 p.m., Thunell said individuals are invited to come for part of the time.

"We are hoping for large numbers to make an impression," he said. "Priests in union with the laity would be a powerful statement."

(For more information, call Tim Thunell at 317-784-2773 or e-mail [tim\\_thunell@yahoo.com](mailto:tim_thunell@yahoo.com).) †

### Flood relief funds are available for archdiocesan parishes

A fund has been established to assist in relief efforts for flood victims in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Approximately \$135,000 has been collected and will be distributed through a grant process.

Any archdiocesan Catholic parish, institution or organization may apply for the grant funds by utilizing the form found at [www.CatholicCharitiesIndy.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesIndy.org).

The following is a list of intended uses of the grant funds: medical expenses, food, temporary housing assistance, rent, utilities, transportation, school supplies, flood damage repairs, employment assistance, project staffing and related expenses, and special needs and projects.

For more information, contact David Siler at [dsiler@archindy.org](mailto:dsiler@archindy.org) or call 800-382-9836, ext. 7325, or 317-236-7325. †



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**Editorial**

**Plenty of reasons to watch the 2008 Summer Olympics**

True or false: You plan to spend time during the next two weeks watching the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China?

Admit it: If you're like most Americans—and millions of people around the world—you will keep up with the Games to some degree between now and Aug. 24, the day of the closing ceremonies.

And for good reason. Or in this case, if you live in this part of Indiana, let us suggest four good reasons.

In the Aug. 1 and Aug. 8 issues of *The Criterion*, we have shared the stories of four Olympic athletes—all teenagers—with ties to Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diocese of Lafayette.

Women's gymnastics team members Samantha Peszek and Bridget Sloan, both 16, were featured in our Aug. 1 issue. Samantha is a member of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, and will be a junior at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis this fall. Teammate Bridget is a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, and will be a sophomore at Tri-West High School in Lizton. (You can read their stories on our Web site at [www.criteriononline.com](http://www.criteriononline.com).)

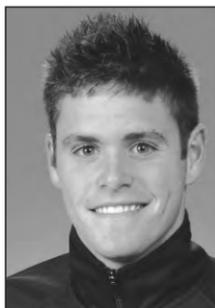
On page 10 this week, we feature a story about Mary Beth Dunnichay, 15, who will compete as part of a duo in women's 10-meter synchronized platform diving. Mary Beth, who is home-schooled, is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Elwood, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.

We also feature a story on page 10 about David Boudia, 19, who will compete in the 10-meter individual platform diving competition, and will also team with Thomas Finchum in 10-meter platform synchronized diving in Beijing. David, who will attend Purdue University in the fall, is a member of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Noblesville, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.

Although it is reason enough to root for these athletes because of their Indiana ties, we, too, laud them for the strong Christian values that are evident in each of their lives. It is no doubt a reflection of their families and how they have kept their children grounded despite the challenges that come with nurturing a world-class athlete.

Through hard work and dedication, Samantha, Bridget, Mary Beth and David have excelled to be among the best athletes in their respective sports in our country. But what makes these teenagers unique in our view is that they are not afraid to let their faith shine through as well.

We also feel it is providential that only days before the Olympics began, the Vatican announced the creation of the John Paul II Foundation for Sports. Vatican officials said the year marking



David Boudia



Mary Beth Dunnichay



Samantha Peszek



Bridget Sloan

the 2,000th anniversary of St. Paul's birth was also an appropriate time to begin the foundation.

Bishop Josef Clemens, secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, noted that the letters of St. Paul demonstrate an understanding of the grueling demands of sports.

The foundation was launched by five Italian organizations and businesses involved with promoting sports and good sportsmanship. Its mission is to strengthen parish-based sports programs, to further study about teaching values and good citizenship through sports, and to sponsor international celebrations highlighting good, sweaty fun.

Edio Costantini, president of the foundation, said it was named after Pope John Paul because the late pope spoke so often about sports as a way to bring people together in peace, and as a way to learn teamwork, self-control and respect for rules.

The foundation's promotional materials highlight six values taught by sports: respect for one's body, knowing how to lose, knowing how to win, discipline, practice and hard work.

Isn't that what the Olympics are all about?

The Olympics may be about more than just the competition itself this year. There are some people who will bring politics into the Games because of host China's consistent human rights violations in recent years, and we hope and pray that constructive dialogue will result and thus lead to a change of heart from the Chinese government.

As for the Games themselves, when all is said and done in Beijing, no matter what the medal count shows, we pray that Samantha, Bridget, Mary Beth, David and all athletes who participated in the Olympics will have lived the words spoken in St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy: "I have competed well; I have finished the race: I have kept the faith" (2 Tm 4:7).

—Mike Krokos

**Be Our Guest/Dr. Hans Geisler**

**The devil goes upscale with fancy, suburban Planned Parenthood clinics**

Not that man's old enemy, Satan, has ever not tried to lure his victims—rich and poor alike—into Hell, but suddenly one of his allies, the biggest abortion provider in the U.S., is going upscale even as it tries to imitate Wal-Mart in the scope of services that it offers to the public.



According to the headline over a front-page article in the June 23, 2008, edition of *The Wall Street Journal* titled "Planned Parenthood Hits Suburbia," some of the new clinics, either already built or on the drawing boards, will be upscale versions of the smaller Planned Parenthood clinics before which pro-life groups have picketed and prayed for years.

These new clinics will include mega-clinics like the one in Houston, which, when finished, will encompass 75,000 square feet.

In order to lure more customers through their doors, many of these new facilities will be situated in malls or smaller upscale shopping areas in or close to wealthy suburbs across the country from Boston to Seattle.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the new clinics will "feature touches such as muted lighting, hardwood floors and airy waiting rooms in colors selected by marketing experts," and provide an environment more suited to the wealthier suburban customers that the organization is trying to attract.

Some of the clinics will even "sell jewelry, candles, books and T-shirts" along with providing contraceptives and abortion services.

Trying to turn the grisly truth of induced abortions into a chic enterprise should not make anyone forget that, while the number of abortions in the U.S. has declined—really, the only number to cheer about would be zero—to about 1.2 million to 1.3 million a year, the number of abortions performed at Planned Parenthood clinics has risen to one in every five abortions.

This jump in the percentage of abortions carried out by Planned Parenthood has resulted in their income totaling \$1 billion in the last year for which figures are available.

With 3 million clients on an annual basis, the new outreach by

Planned Parenthood to suburban America is an obvious attempt to increase their bottom line.

According to *The Wall Street Journal* article, "The group makes a profit of nearly \$22 on each month of [artificial birth control] pills sold" to those "who can afford to pay."

Although listed as a non-profit organization, Planned Parenthood's year-end profit in their last financial report was \$115 million. The president of the organization accrued a salary in the \$1 million range last year.

As a further signal of being in touch with contemporary sentiments, Planned Parenthood is giving a nod to the environmentalists by going "green" and building a clinic in Massachusetts with "recycled and eco-friendly" materials.

However, one of the most sacred environments in our world is that of a mother's womb. This is a fact that the abortion providers fail to understand or don't care to think about.

The womb must be held inviolate when a pregnancy is present within it. Aborting babies is the most brutal of violations of that sacrosanct setting.

Let us hope that the prayers and the work of the pro-life community will continue to bring good results and finally result in the closing of all abortion clinics, whether in poverty-stricken areas or at wealthy suburban malls.

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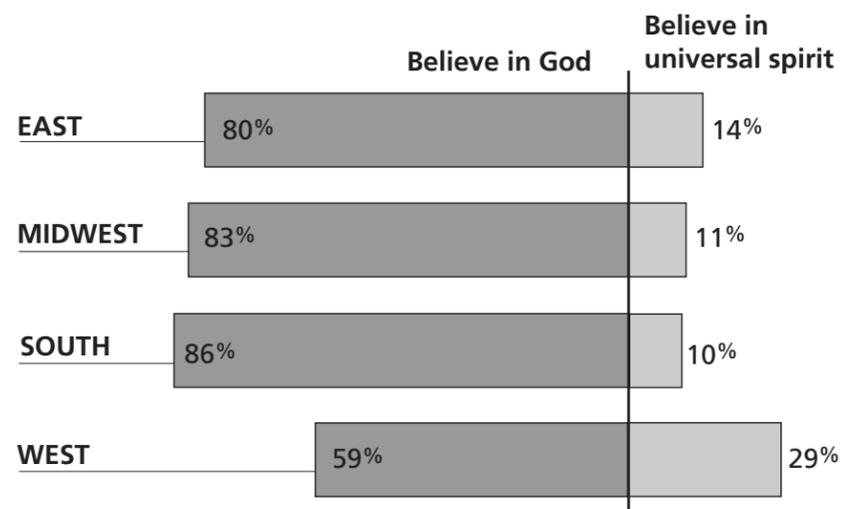
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**Belief in God**

The percentage of U.S. adults who say they believe in God is lowest in the West.



Survey based on telephone interviews with 1,017 U.S. adults, conducted May 8-11, 2008. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points.

Source: 2008 Gallup Poll

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# SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

## BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

### Jesus identifies with those who fall again and again

(Ninth in a series)

“Were you there when he fell a third time?”

The Ninth Station on the Way of the Cross brings to mind the words of Jesus: “Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Mt 11:28-30).

To be sure, Christ knows the challenges we face along our way in life. His falling three times on the way to Calvary is a measure of his love for us, and also his identification with our human limitations.

I suggest that we can see this third fall to the Earth as a sign that Jesus identifies with those who fall again and again, those who fall even when the end of the road is in sight.

By the time Jesus fell the third time, Calvary, the place of his crucifixion, must have been in sight.

Like any human person, Jesus must have experienced the embarrassment of being physically weak as he fell yet again before a jeering and hostile mob. But he rose from the fall, he got up one more time; so may all of us who call upon him.

One of the developing human afflictions of our times comes to mind. The matter of falling again and again happens to those caught up in enslaving addictions.

No doubt addiction has been a burden

for our human society through all the ages since the fall of Adam and Eve, but it seems like this affliction might be more prevalent in our contemporary world.

In addition to the addiction to alcohol, widespread drug addiction, sexual addiction, addiction to pornography and gambling seem to be on the rise.

For example, counselors and confessors mention that they hear a great deal about the suffering caused by addiction to pornography on the Internet. The development and easy accessibility provided by the Internet make pornography readily available and seemingly anonymous.

Any addiction degrades the human spirit. And, really, although it may seem otherwise, addictions are not private.

Others suffer the consequences alongside the addict. I think of wives who suffer because of a husband’s addiction to pornography. The situation is serious because overcoming addictions is difficult due to their overwhelming psychological power.

Fortunately, recovery programs have evolved and are available to assist people in dealing with a challenging affliction. However, recovery is only possible and effective if one who is addicted is able and willing to own the problem and to seek help. Surrender is difficult.

Our spiritual and moral tradition can be of enormous help to those who suffer so much. First of all, spiritual and moral strength are available in the reception of the sacraments of the Eucharist and

reconciliation. A confessor or spiritual companion can offer pastoral support and counsel, and accompany an addicted person in the difficult challenge of surrendering to the need for help.

The challenge of overcoming addictions of any kind is not the only burden people carry. There are other habits of sin, some quite grave, that are also enslaving. The sacraments of the Church are gifts from Christ that enable us to find peace of mind and soul.

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is a tribunal of God’s loving mercy. No sin is too great to be forgiven by God, whose love is greater than all the sin in the world. Jesus’ invitation, “Come to me, all who labor and are burdened” (Mt 11:28), is for anyone and everyone who is burdened in any way.

Confessors and spiritual directors are ready and willing to help troubled souls to find their way. In the person of Christ, they offer his peace. The purpose of his Passion, death and resurrection was to win our redemption.

We hear a lot these days about preventative health care. Our spiritual and moral health also benefit from preventative care.

The most effective prevention, of course, is friendship with Jesus. When he spoke to

our youth and young adults and seminarians in New York last April, Pope Benedict XVI told them: “I urge you to deepen your friendship with Christ. Talk to him heart to heart.”

Sometimes we might be reluctant to speak heart to heart with Christ because we have difficulty believing that our prayer is good enough or that we are worthy to be friends with him.

First of all, we have the help of the Holy Spirit, who assists us in praying.

Secondly, we need to remember that Jesus himself calls us friends. He did so at the Last Supper when he gave us himself in the Holy Eucharist.

He is here for all of us. †

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

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#### Archbishop Buechlein’s intention for vocations for August

**Parish Awareness:** that all parishioners will be aware of their role in promoting all vocations and have the awareness especially to encourage our youth to consider the priestly and religious life.

### Jesús se identifica con aquellos que caen una y otra vez

(Noveno de la serie)

“¿Estabas allí cuando cayó por tercera vez?”

La novena estación del camino del Vía Crucis nos trae a la mente las palabras de Jesús: “Venid a mí todos los que estéis fatigados y cargados, y Yo os haré descansar. Llevad mi yugo sobre vosotros, y aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón, y hallaréis descanso. Porque mi yugo es fácil, y ligera mi carga” (Mt 11:28-30).

Sin duda, Cristo sabe los retos que enfrentamos a lo largo de nuestro camino en la vida. Sus tres caídas en la vía hacia el Calvario son la medida de su amor por nosotros y también su forma de identificarse con nuestras limitaciones humanas.

Sugiero que enfoquemos esta tercera caída al suelo como una señal de que Jesús se identifica con aquellos que caen una y otra vez, aquellos que caen incluso cuando el final del camino está a la vista.

Para el momento en que Jesús cayó por tercera vez, el Calvario, el lugar de su crucifixión debió haber estado a la vista.

Como cualquier ser humano, Jesús debió haber experimentado la vergüenza de la debilidad física cuando cayó de nuevo frente a una turba hostil que le abucheaba. Pero se levantó del suelo una vez más; y así podemos hacerlo todos nosotros los que recurrimos a Él.

Me viene a la mente una de las afflictiones de los seres humanos de nuestros tiempos. El tema de caer una y otra vez le ocurre a quienes están atrapados en adicciones esclavizantes.

Sin duda las adicciones han sido una carga para la sociedad humana a través de los siglos desde la caída de Adán y Eva,

pero parece que esta afflictión tiene mayor prevalencia en nuestro mundo contemporáneo.

Además de la adicción al alcohol, la adicción ampliamente extendida a las drogas, la adicción sexual y la adicción a la pornografía y al juego parecen ir en aumento.

Por ejemplo, los orientadores y los confesores mencionan que escuchan muy a menudo el sufrimiento que causa la adicción a la pornografía en Internet. El desarrollo y la facilidad de acceso que proporciona Internet hace que la pornografía sea fácilmente accesible y aparentemente anónima.

Cualquier adicción degrada el espíritu humano. Y en verdad, aunque pueda parecer de otro modo, las adicciones no son un tema privado.

Otros sufren las consecuencias paralelas a la adicción. Pienso en las esposas que sufren por la adicción de un esposo a la pornografía. La situación es seria porque vencer las adicciones es difícil debido a su abrumador poder psicológico.

Afortunadamente, los programas de recuperación han evolucionado y están a disposición para asistir a las personas en el manejo de una afflictión agobiante. Sin embargo, la recuperación sólo es posible y efectiva si el adicto es capaz hacerse cargo del problema y desea hacerlo, y busca ayuda. Es difícil resignarse y someterse.

Nuestra tradición espiritual y moral puede ser de enorme ayuda para aquellos que sufren tanto. Primero, la fuerza espiritual y moral está a nuestra disposición por medio de los sacramentos de la Eucaristía y la reconciliación. Un confesor o un compañero espiritual puede ofrecer guía

y orientación pastoral y acompañar a una persona adicta en el difícil reto que representa someterse a recibir ayuda.

El reto de vencer adicciones de cualquier clase no es la única carga que llevan ciertas personas. Hay otros hábitos de pecado, algunos verdaderamente graves, que también son esclavizantes. Los sacramentos de la Iglesia son regalos de Cristo que nos permiten encontrar paz mental y espiritual.

El sacramento de la penitencia y la reconciliación es el tribunal de la amorosa misericordia de Dios. Ningún pecado es demasiado grande para el perdón de Dios, cuyo nivel de amor es mayor que todo el pecado del mundo. La invitación de Jesús; “Venid a mí todos los que estéis fatigados y cargados” (Mt 11:28) es para todos los que se sientan agobiados de alguna forma.

Los confesores y los orientadores espirituales están listos y deseosos de ayudar a las almas afligidas a encontrar su camino. En el nombre de Cristo, ofrecen su paz. El objetivo de su Pasión, muerte y resurrección fue ganar la redención para nosotros.

Escuchamos hablar mucho en nuestros días sobre los cuidados preventivos de salud. Nuestra salud moral y espiritual también se beneficia de los cuidados preventivos.

La prevención más efectiva, por supuesto, es la amistad con Jesús. Cuando habló a nuestra juventud y adultos jóvenes y

seminaristas en Nueva York en el pasado mes de abril, el Papa Benedicto XVI les dijo: “Les insto a que profundicen su amistad con Cristo. Hablen con Él de corazón a corazón.”

A veces podemos ser reacios a hablar de corazón a corazón con Cristo porque tenemos dificultad en creer que nuestra oración sea lo suficientemente buena o que seamos dignos de su amistad.

Ante todo, tenemos la ayuda del Espíritu Santo que nos asiste en la oración.

Segundo, necesitamos recordar que Jesús mismo nos llamó amigos. Lo hizo en la Última Cena cuando se entregó a sí mismo en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

Él está aquí para todos nosotros. †

¿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 del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

**Conocimiento de la Parroquia:** Que cada parroquiano sea consciente de su papel para fomentar todas las vocaciones y anime a nuestros jóvenes a considerar la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

# Events Calendar

**August 8**  
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Spiritual Directors of Central Indiana, "A Day with Dorothy Day,"** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581.

**August 8-31**  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Music and Musicality in Liturgical Prayer" exhibit.** Information: 800-682-0988 or news@saintmeinrad.edu.

**August 9**  
St. Roch Parish, Family Center, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Single Seniors**, meeting, 1 p.m., age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-1102.

Knights of Columbus, 1040 Post

Road, Indianapolis. **Our Lady of Fatima Ladies Auxiliary, garage sale**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 317-356-9941.

Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. **Electronic recycling day**, \$5 per item, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 317-626-1040 or fatimacounselor@sbcglobal.net.

**August 9-10**  
St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, Guilford/ New Alsace. **Parish festival**, Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., family-style chicken dinner, quilts, food, games, music. Information: 812-487-2096.

**August 10**  
St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, Lanesville. **Parish festival and picnic**, fried chicken and

country ham dinners, booths, quilts, games, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-952-2853.

MKVS, Divine Mercy and Glorious Cross Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. Mass, 10 a.m., on **third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in**, groups of 10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

**August 11**  
St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **Workshop for women with cancer, "Look Good ... Feel Better,"** noon-2 p.m. Information: 317-782-4422.

**August 12**  
Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information for annulment petitioners, **"Annulment-The Real Story,"** 7 p.m. Information: 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586, or mhess@archindy.org.

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild, meeting**, 12:30 p.m. Information: 317-885-5098.

**August 15**  
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Mass, 6:30 a.m., followed by buffet breakfast, "Faith in Business," Andy Ordling,

president, Zipp Speed Weaponry, presenter, \$14 per person. Information and registration: [www.catholicbusinessexchange.org](http://www.catholicbusinessexchange.org).

St. Michael Parish, 519 Jefferson St., Greenfield. Couple to Couple League of Indianapolis, **Natural Family Planning (NFP) class**, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-462-2246.

St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. **"Candlelight procession to commemorate Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,"** 8:30 p.m., followed by refreshments. Information: 317-872-6420.

**August 15-16**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish,

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

**August 15-17**  
St. Rose of Lima Parish, 114 Lancelot Drive, Franklin. **Parish festival**, food, rides, crafts, quilts, Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. noon-midnight, Sun. noon-5 p.m. Information: 317-738-3929.

**August 16**  
St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. **World Wide Marriage Encounter, "Day of Romance,"** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$25 per couple includes breakfast, box lunch, babysitting available. Information: 317-216-0979. †

## Mass on Aug. 14 to celebrate Catholic radio in Indianapolis

A special Mass for Catholic Radio Indy 89.1 FM will be held at noon on Aug. 14 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

The liturgy will be celebrated by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, on the feast day of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, the patron saint of Catholic Radio Indy.

The public is invited to attend the liturgy.

After the Mass, members of

the "Max-1000" program are invited to lunch at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

Members of the "Max-1000" program donate \$25 per month to keep Catholic Radio on the air.

To RSVP for lunch or to become a "Max-1000" member, call Catholic Radio Indy at 317-870-8400. †



St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

## Knights of Columbus to host supper for injured policeman

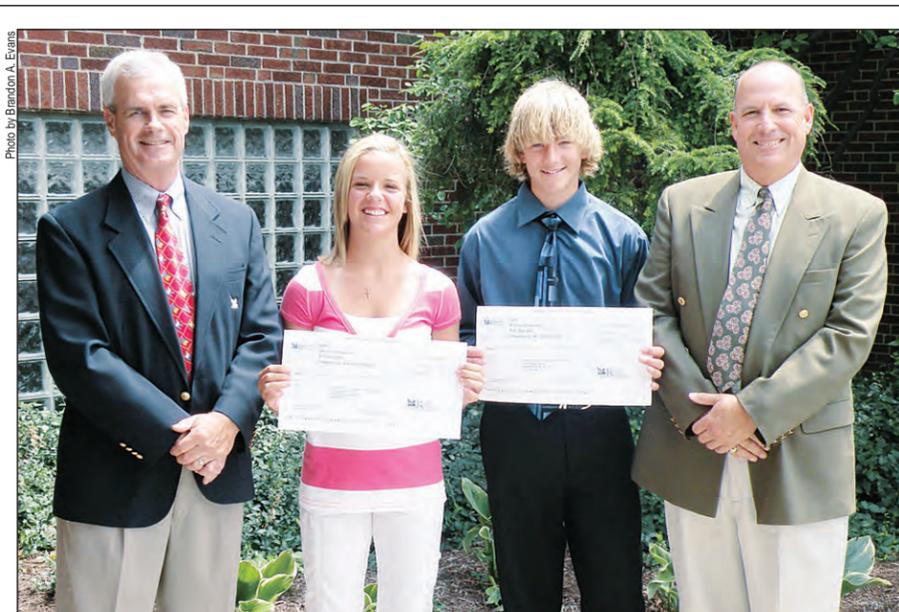
Members of the St. Joseph Council of the Knights of Columbus in Indianapolis will show their appreciation for police officers, firefighters and other rescue personnel by sponsoring a chili supper on Aug. 23.

The chili supper will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the St. Joseph Council's Knights of Columbus Hall,

4332 N. German Church Road, in Indianapolis.

Free-will donations at the supper will benefit Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Officer Jason Fishburn, who was severely injured in the line of duty when he was shot in the head on July 10.

For more information, call 317-965-8781. †



## Scholarship winners

Two students in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are winners of QSP/Reader's Digest and Catholic Digest Leadership Awards. The \$1,000 scholarships were presented on July 31 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis to Shannon Heinzelman, who recently completed the eighth grade at St. Jude School in Indianapolis, and Sam Belcas, who recently finished the eighth grade at St. Mark School in Indianapolis. They will be freshmen at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis this fall. The scholarships were presented by Ken Cavellier, left, regional sales manager of QSP/Reader's Digest, and Tim Kurtz, right, QSP/Reader's Digest field sales manager. Shannon is the daughter of Angie and John Heinzelman. Sam is the son of Suzanne and Ted Belcas. They were honored for their leadership, good character, positive attitude, school attendance, class participation and community service. Only 30 scholarships were awarded in the U.S.

## Retreats and Programs

**August 18**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Day of Silence,"** 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or fatima@archindy.org.

**August 19-21**  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"The Virtue of Humility for Today,"** Benedictine Brother Thomas Gricoski, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

**August 22-24**  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"The Holy Spirit in Our Lives,"** Benedictine Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

**August 23**  
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Catechetical Ministry, "New Year-New Start,"** Franciscan Sisters Jeanne Hunt and Kathleen Mulso, presenters, 9-11:30 a.m., free-will donation. Information: 812-933-6437.

**September 8**  
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Men's Night at the 'Burg,"** Franciscan

Father Carl Hawver, presenter, 7-8:30 p.m., free-will donation. Information: 812-933-6437.

**September 16**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Morning for Moms,"** Mary Ann Schaefer, presenter, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$30 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or fatima@archindy.org.

**September 16-October 21**  
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Catholic Catechism for Adults,"** six-week series, Franciscan Sister Kathleen Mulso, presenter, 7-8:30 p.m., \$50 series. Information: 812-933-6437.

**September 17**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Day of Silence,"** 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or fatima@archindy.org.

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. Food and Growers Association, **"Tasting the Harvest,"** cooking demonstration and annual meeting, Kathy Cooley, presenter, 6-8 p.m., \$15. \$4 additional family member. Information: 812-933-6437. †

## VIPs

**Jerry and Nancy (McClamroch) Cranny**, members of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7.

The couple was married on Aug. 7, 1948, at St. Joan of Arc Church in

Indianapolis. They have seven children: Marcia FitzGerald, Beth Harlan, Janis Hehmeyer, Patty Hendrickson, Carolyn Siderys, Jody Zeph and Kevin Cranny. They also have 18 grandchildren. †



## Italian POW Mass

The color guard stands at attention in front of Our Lady's Chapel in the Meadow at Camp Atterbury near Edinburg on Aug. 19, 2007. The chapel was built in 1943 by Italian prisoners of war. The 19th annual rosary, Mass and pitch-in picnic to commemorate the building of the chapel will begin at 11 a.m. on Aug. 10. The event is sponsored by the Indiana National Guard and the Italian Heritage Society. For more information, call Salvatore Petrucci at 317-849-9731.

# Chastity Mass observes anniversary of 'Humanae Vitae'

By Mary Ann Wyand

Forty years to the day after Pope Paul VI promulgated "*Humanae Vitae*," Catholics committed to Church teachings on the sanctity of human life prayerfully observed the anniversary of this prophetic papal encyclical during a July 25 Mass in the chapel at St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis.

Father Brian Dudzinski, pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, was the celebrant for the liturgy then presided during exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The anniversary Mass for single and married Catholics from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diocese of Lafayette was held as part of "In His Presence—A Call to Chastity," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' national observance of Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week.

It was sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, the Pastoral Office for Parish Ministries in the Lafayette Diocese and the Couple to Couple League of Greater Indianapolis.

After the liturgy, two married couples who practice Natural Family Planning and teach NFP classes discussed the God-centered and Church-approved method of spacing children in marriage.

St. Luke the Evangelist parishioners Matt and Julie Miller of Indianapolis said they brought their young daughters, Molly and Sarah, to the evening Mass and Benediction because they believe in the importance of praying together as a family.

"We've been NFP teachers for about five years now and have taught many couples several series of classes," Julie Miller explained during a reception after the Mass.



St. Luke the Evangelist parishioner Matt Miller of Indianapolis proclaims the first reading during the Mass for chastity on July 25.

"If you can seek out the truth—and the truth really is there—and when you actually live NFP and follow the teachings of the Church, it's like a puzzle piece," she said. "Everything else just opens up from that. Other Church teachings unfold because of that."

Matt Miller, who proclaimed the first reading during the Mass, said they have experienced "a wide variation in responses" from engaged and married couples who register for NFP classes due to secular influences prevalent in popular culture.

"Some people you can tell have embraced it before coming to class," he said, "and they're on fire about it—they're very enthusiastic—and those are the people who are easy to teach."

"But it's somewhat challenging—because we live in a culture that does not promote NFP—to try and reach the couples who come with many preconceived [negative] notions," he said. "You are trying to teach them the faith and to give them the truth of the Church, and to do that in a charitable and generous way without being judgmental or really seeing the fruits of our work a lot of times."

In those challenging situations, the Millers said, "we just pray that we're planting seeds that will bear fruit later."

Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners John and Judi Phillips of Carmel brought their youngest son, 4-year-old Andrew, to the Mass to pray for greater respect for chastity in secular society.

They teach the Creighton model of Natural Family Planning in the Lafayette Diocese, and also have two older children, Josh, 15, and Lauren, 10.

John Phillips said practicing NFP and teaching the classes have strengthened their marriage.

"Celebrating the sacrament [of the Eucharist] is always a reminder of our marriage vows," he said. "It's nice to celebrate Mass as a family. We want to show Andrew how it should be when he is grown up, and to teach him the faith."

Judi Phillips said celebrating the Eucharist as a family is "our foundation" in life as Catholics.

She said practicing Natural Family Planning has blessed them as a couple and



Natural Family Planning teachers Ann and Mike Green, members of St. Alphonsus Parish in Zionsville, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, kneel in prayer with their children, Mary, John Paul and Jimmy, during the Mass for chastity on July 25 in the chapel of St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The liturgy was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Diocese of Lafayette and Couple to Couple League of Greater Indianapolis.

helped them learn how to communicate with each other more effectively.

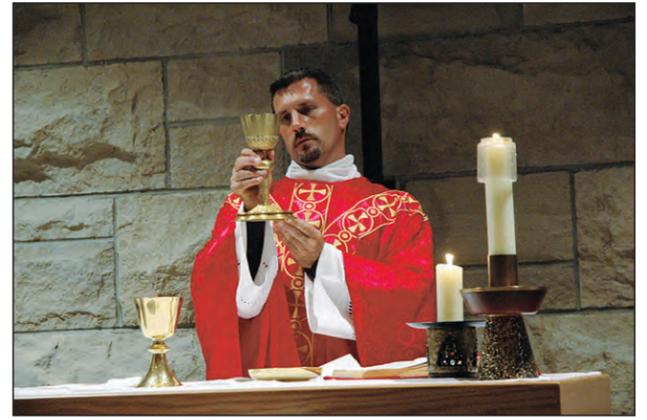
"I see more of a sense of willingness from both of us to be serving the other person more ... and really the idea of dying to ourselves," she said. "It's a softening of our own human wills to be receptive to doing what God wants us to do through the gift of Natural Family Planning."

In his homily on the feast of St. James, which concluded a novena of prayer for chastity, Father Dudzinski emphasized that the Mass must be a part of everything that Catholics do in daily life.

"The most important and most efficacious thing that will help us to truly do God's will is to come to Mass," he said, "... and to offer the Mass for that conversion."

Practicing chastity requires a spirit of humility, he said. "In humility, you're willing to do whatever is asked of you by God. ... True humility says, 'I want to do God's will, but I can only do it with him.' And so we must go to God every day, and ask for his guidance and ask for his support."

When people lack humility, Father Dudzinski explained, "then the rest of the virtues, the things that really make us true followers of Jesus, tend to fall by



Father Brian Dudzinski, pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, celebrates Mass on July 25 in the chapel of St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The liturgy for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diocese of Lafayette was part of the U.S. bishops' national observance of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week.

the wayside."

In marriage, the husband and wife have to sacrifice for each other and for their family, he said. "They have to sacrifice for the Kingdom so they can be witnesses to each other and to the world."

After the Mass, Father Dudzinski said he promotes Natural Family Planning to engaged and married couples by talking with them about how the unitive and procreative dimensions of intimacy nurture respect for each other and strengthen their relationship with God.

"I always try to help them to understand about having God at the center of their marriage," he said, "and to truly be co-creators with God and to be open to ... cooperating with God's plan." †

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# Oldenburg Franciscans honor 15 senior sisters

**Criterion staff report**

The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg honored 15 jubilarians during a July 26 celebration at the motherhouse.

Morning prayer, the Jubilee Mass, dinner and a reception were special events for the senior sisters.

Sister Alma Louise Kohnen celebrated her 80th year as an Oldenburg Franciscan, and Sister Julitta Steckler marked her 75th anniversary with her community.

Sixty-year jubilarians honored were Sisters Ruth Breig, Marie Cecile DiTullio, Rita Musselman, Rose O'Brien, Jean Michael Sauntry, Mary Peter Sterwerf, Therese Tackett, Rita Vukovic and Dolores Wright.

Fifty-year jubilarians honored were Sisters Mary Ammann, Laurina Schneider, Joan Schwacke and Mary Ann Stoffregen.

Sister Alma Louise Kohnen taught in the archdiocese at the former St. Mary-of-the-



**Sr. Alma Louise Kohnen, O.S.F.**

Rock School in Franklin County, the former St. Joseph School in St. Leon, the former St. Paul School in New Alsace, the former St. Martin School in Yorkville and the former St. Mary School in Lanesville.

She also taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese and in Ohio.

Sister Alma Louise also ministered as a nurses' aide at St. Francis Hall, which at the time was the infirmary for the motherhouse.

From 1982-97, she served in the communication and archives offices at the motherhouse.

Sister Alma Louise retired in 1998 and lives at St. Clare Hall. She serves as a minister of praise at the motherhouse.

Sister Julitta Steckler, a native of Haubstadt, Ind., ministered as a teacher or



**Sr. Julitta Steckler, O.S.F.**

principal at several Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

She served at St. Mary School in Greensburg, the former Sacred Heart School in Clinton and the former Holy Family School in Oldenburg.

In Indianapolis, she ministered at the former

St. Francis de Sales School, St. Mark School and St. Lawrence School.

Sister Julitta also taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese as well as in Missouri and Ohio.

She serves as a minister of praise and assists with community service at the motherhouse.

Sister Ruth Breig, formerly Sister Rose Michael, taught in the archdiocese at



**Sr. Ruth Breig, O.S.F.**

Holy Name School in Beech Grove, St. Mary School in New Albany, St. Louis School in Batesville and St. Mary School in Rushville.

In Indianapolis, she taught at Our Lady of Lourdes School, St. Christopher School, Little Flower School, St. Pius X School and St. Simon School.

Sister Ruth also taught at Catholic schools in Ohio.

She serves as a clerk in the human resources office at the motherhouse.

Sister Marie Cecile DiTullio served in the archdiocese as a teacher and organist at Our Lady of Lourdes School and St. Lawrence School, both in Indianapolis.

She also taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese as well as in Ohio,

Missouri and Kentucky.

Sister Marie Cecile ministers in community service at the motherhouse.



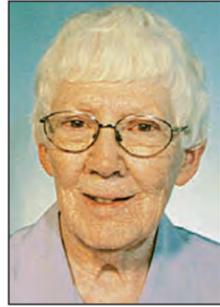
**Sr. Marie Cecile DiTullio, O.S.F.**

Sister Rose O'Brien, formerly Sister James Ellen, taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese as well as in Missouri, Ohio and New Mexico.

She ministers as a general education

degree teacher at Lower Price Hill Community School in Cincinnati.

Sister Rita Musselman, formerly Sister Robert Ann, taught in the



**Sr. Rose O'Brien, O.S.F.**

archdiocese at Father Thomas Seccina Memorial High School in Indianapolis from 1956-63. She returned to Seccina High School as dean of studies from 1965-69.

Sister Rita also taught at Catholic schools in Ohio.

She serves as the secretary and receptionist for St. Mary Development Corporation in Dayton, Ohio.



**Sr. Rita Musselman, O.S.F.**

Sister Jean Michael Sauntry taught in the archdiocese at the former Holy Trinity School in Indianapolis, St. Gabriel School in Connorsville, St. Vincent de Paul School in Bedford and the former Holy Family School in Oldenburg.



**Sr. Jean Michael Sauntry, O.S.F.**

She also taught at Catholic schools in Missouri and Ohio.

From 1973-81, Sister Jean Michael ministered as a missionary in Kagua and Tari, both in Papua New Guinea. She served in Mendi, Papua New Guinea, from 1984-98.

She ministers in community service at the telephone operator at the motherhouse.

Sister Mary Peter Sterwerf ministered in the archdiocese as a teacher or principal at St. Gabriel School in



**Sr. Mary Peter Sterwerf, O.S.F.**

Connorsville, St. Joseph School in Shelbyville, the former Holy Family School in Richmond, St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis, St. Mary School in North Vernon and St. Mary School in New Albany.

She also taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese as well as in Ohio and Missouri.

From 1986 to the present, Sister Mary Peter has served as the pastoral assistant at St. Peter Parish in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sister Therese Tackett, formerly Sister M. Kenneth, ministered in the archdiocese as a teacher or principal at the former St. Francis de Sales School in Indianapolis and Holy Name School in Beech Grove.

In Oldenburg, she served as a counselor at the Oldenburg Academy of

the Immaculate Conception, as a team member in the office of personnel services and as director of life development at the motherhouse.



**Sr. Therese Tackett, O.S.F.**

Sister Therese also taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese as well as in Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kentucky.

She tutors students in the Christian

Appalachian Project in Lancaster, Ky.

Sister Rita Vukovic, formerly Sister Mary Anselm, taught in Indian-



**Sr. Rita Vukovic, O.S.F.**

apolis at Our Lady of Lourdes School, St. Michael School, Father Thomas Seccina Memorial High School and the former St. Mary Academy.

She also taught at Catholic schools in Ohio.

From 1970 until the present,

Sister Rita has taught at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis.

Sister Dolores Wright ministered in the archdiocese as a teacher or principal at St. Mary School in North Vernon, the



**Sr. Dolores Wright, O.S.F.**

former St. Anthony School in Morris, the former St. Andrew School in Richmond, St. Gabriel School in Connorsville and St. Mary School in Aurora.

She also taught at Catholic schools in Ohio, Missouri and New Mexico.

At the motherhouse, Sister Dolores served as director of life development for her community.

She is retired and lives at St. Clare Hall at the motherhouse.

Sister Mary Ammann, formerly Sister Mary de Sales, taught in the



**Sr. Mary Ammann, O.S.F.**

archdiocese at Father Thomas Seccina Memorial High School in Indianapolis and at the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception from 1965-98.

She also taught at two Catholic high schools in the Evansville Diocese.

Sister Mary lives at St. Clare Hall at the motherhouse and serves as a minister of praise for her community.

Sister Laurina Schneider, formerly Sister Mary Clara, a native of Batesville,



**Sr. Laurina Schneider, O.S.F.**

taught in the archdiocese at St. Mary School in Aurora, St. Mary School in Greensburg, St. Mary School in Rushville, St. Joseph School in Shelbyville, the former St. Mary School in Richmond, St. Mark School in Indianapolis and the former St. Rita School in Indianapolis.

She also taught at Catholic schools in Kentucky, Missouri, Mexico and Ohio.

Sister Laurina serves as activities assistant at St. Leonard's assisted living community in Centerville, Ohio.

Sister Joan Schwacke, formerly

Sister Mary Verna, a native of North Vernon, taught in the archdiocese at



**Sr. Joan Schwacke, O.S.F.**

the former Holy Trinity School in Indianapolis, St. Joan of Arc School in Indianapolis and St. Mary School in Greensburg.

She also taught at Catholic schools in the Evansville Diocese as well as in Illinois and Ohio.

Sister Joan serves at the Santa Maria Community in Cincinnati.

Sister Mary Ann Stoffregen, formerly Sister Mary Lenore, a native of



**Sr. Mary Ann Stoffregen, O.S.F.**

Charlestown, taught in the archdiocese at Holy Name School in Beech Grove, Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis and the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception.

She also taught at Catholic high

schools in the Evansville Diocese.

From 1980-84, Sister Mary Ann served as director of vocations at the motherhouse. She also ministered as a counselor for her community from 2000-06.

Sister Mary Ann serves as a spiritual guide and resident sister at the Prayer Lodge in Busby, Mont. †

## Vatican foundation looks to expand its donor base to North America

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Officials with the foundation established by Pope John Paul II to assist the indigenous and poor farmworkers of Latin America expressed hope to expand its donor base in order to help more people.

Since it was established in 1992, the Populorum Progressio Foundation has distributed grants totaling more than \$24 million, almost all of which has been donated by the Italian bishops' conference and Italian Catholics.

"The foundation is reflecting on the possibility of involving benefactors from the American continent," including North America, "in order to increase and diversify its sources of income," said a July 28 press statement.

The statement was released at the Vatican after the foundation's administrative council met in July in Guadalajara, Mexico, and approved grants totaling more than \$2.1 million to be distributed among 200 projects.

Msgr. Carlos Quintana Puente was invited to the meeting as a representative of the U.S. bishops' annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. With funds donated by U.S. Catholics, the collection supports more than 500 projects each year. In 2007, the U.S. collection distributed more than \$7.7 million.

The Populorum Progressio Foundation, which works with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, funds projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

The July 28 press release said the rapid urbanization of Latin America and changes in local cultures and local economies have pushed most of the region's indigenous and farmworkers deeper into poverty and further to the margins of society.

Many times, it said, "they have unjustly lost ownership of their lands." †

# Social action advocates discuss racism, study coalition-building

ATLANTA (CNS)—During a discussion on racism at an Atlanta institute for Catholic social advocates, a theology professor told participants the Catholic Church has not been a beacon of racial justice in the United States, but has the tools to be an advocate for racial reconciliation.

“U.S. Catholics have not been immune to the racial virus that has infected American society. In fact, in many ways, we have aided and exacerbated it,” Father Bryan Massingale said to a crowded room.

The priest, who teaches at Jesuit-run Marquette University in Milwaukee, was one of the speakers at the 23rd annual Social Action Summer Institute from July 20-25 at Oglethorpe University.

More than 200 Catholic leaders from across the country participated in the program, examining racism, digging into the Church’s moral teachings and studying how to build coalitions with people of other faiths.

The aim was for advocates to take home what they learned and enliven programs at local parishes in dioceses across the country, said Susan Stevenot Sullivan, director of parish and social justice ministries for Catholic Charities of the Atlanta Archdiocese. Her ministries office organized the program.

Father Massingale, who is writing a book about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s teachings and links with Catholic social teaching, said the U.S. bishops have not been as forceful talking about race as they are on other pro-life issues, despite Pope John Paul II linking racial reconciliation to the pro-life movement, he said.

“It’s a lack of passion, a lack of priority. Standing against racism is not a core component of Catholic identity,” said Father Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

However, he said the Church has the tools to be a voice for justice.

“We begin with hope. There’s nothing to decree from Mount Sinai that God said there must be racism in human society,” he said. “What human beings divide, break and separate, we can also heal, unite and restore



Precious Blood Father Clarence Williams preps his table leaders for his July 22 presentation on “Developing a Pastoral Response to Racism” during the Social Action Summer Institute on the campus of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. Father Williams is senior director of racial equality and diversity initiatives for Catholic Charities USA.

with the help of God.”

A frank discussion about racism can cause people to squirm, said some people.

“It’s a dirty little thing we don’t talk about. To think this is part of the Church is hurtful,” said James Satterthwaite, a campus minister in the Diocese of Richmond, Va.

Precious Blood Father Clarence Williams, of Catholic Charities USA, said that is what must be overcome.

“We’re in separate worlds,” said Father Williams, who spoke about building a pastoral response to racism.

Overall, he said, the Catholic Church has earned a B-minus on matters of race.

Bishops address racial issues with documents, but little is done to change behavior in parishes, he said.

Father Williams said people are paralyzed by conversations about race when they are controlled by the fears of looking ignorant and feeling guilty.

People need to approach the issue with “passion” and also “compassion,” said Father Williams, who is Catholic Charities’ senior director of racial equality and diversity initiatives.

He is the founder and director of the Institute for Recovery From Racisms. The organization’s Web site is [www.racialsobriety.org](http://www.racialsobriety.org).

“Feel guilty if you don’t respond [to new understanding]. But don’t feel guilty for history. You didn’t make the history,” he said.

According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, there are about 2.3 million African-American Catholics. There are 1,300 parishes that are predominantly African-American. Approximately 250 priests, 300 sisters and 380 deacons are African-American.

Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory welcomed the group at the institute’s opening Mass.

“Catholic social teaching is a proud legacy that we hold and cherish,” he said.

“The work of promoting and defending human dignity has never been popular since it so often flies in the face of prevailing public opinions and attitudes. Nonetheless, it flows from our identity as Christ’s followers to work for justice for those who live on the margins of society as did Jesus himself,” he added.

Archbishop Gregory said the Church’s voice on social justice must include care for the environment.

“We are summoned to see the environment as a common treasure and a joint inheritance that we must preserve for those generations that will follow us,” he said.

“Our concern for the Earth fits the parable paradigm quite appropriately since so many of Jesus’ parables begin with the things of nature, and presume that there will be seeds and fields and plants and vineyards that are capable of producing a harvest tomorrow—whether tenfold, or thirtyfold or even a hundredfold,” he said.

Sponsors of the institute were Roundtable, a national association of diocesan social action directors; the USCCB’s Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; Catholic Relief Services; the Catholic Campaign for Human Development; Catholic Charities USA; and the Atlanta Archdiocese. †



Saul Solis of St. Timothy Parish in Mesa, Ariz., talks with Nathalie Piraino after she shared her experience of racism and ethnic cleansing with an audience on July 22 at the Social Action Summer Institute in Atlanta. Unlike many of her relatives, Piraino survived genocide in Rwanda.

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missionary from Ireland facing deportation. His case was being handled by CLINIC



Fr. Cathal Gallagher

attorneys and championed by hundreds of South Dakotans. He learned on July 18 that he had been granted a permanent residency visa and would be allowed to stay in the United States. However, the files also describe cases that don’t seem headed toward happy resolutions, like the family of Texas-born Terry Lopez and her husband, Juan Solis, a Mexican citizen. They are struggling to get by in a remote small town in Mexico after their CLINIC legal adviser in Idaho worked unsuccessfully for more than a year to sort out their problems.

The Lopez-Solis family, with

three U.S.-citizen children, opted to move to Mexico where jobs are scarce rather than remain separated or risk Solis’ deportation while they pursue a legal residency card for him.

CLINIC was created at a time when the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 was being implemented. Based upon the Church’s success in resettling thousands of Vietnamese refugees, the U.S. Catholic Conference, as it was known then, was designated a national coordinator for the law’s legalization provisions, explained Carlos Ortiz Miranda, then and now an attorney on the general counsel’s staff of the bishops’ conference.

Ortiz said that at the time there were a handful of dioceses, such as Brooklyn, N.Y., which ran very sophisticated immigration service agencies. But they were the exception.

“One purpose for CLINIC was to professionalize immigration services,” Ortiz told CNS. That’s been true not only for diocesan service agencies but for the wide range of law firms, private and public legal service agencies that now employ former CLINIC personnel.

Some former CLINIC staffers and advisers

have gone on to be federal immigration judges, including Juan Osuna, the current head of the Board of Immigration Appeals, Ortiz and Kerwin noted. The program for the July 28-31 National Migration Conference in Washington included CLINIC alumni such as Ken Tota, chief of operations for the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, and Wendy Young, counsel to the Senate subcommittee on immigration.

CLINIC has provided a template for other organizations that model themselves after the network, Kerwin said. And it’s given birth to several related entities: the Detention Watch Network, the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition and the Immigration Advocates Network.

The founder of CLINIC, Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, said at a July 29 reception marking its anniversary that “CLINIC is important because it has brought the Church to the people who are becoming the Church.”

As director of Migration and Refugee Services in 1988, then-Msgr. DiMarzio was responsible for creating CLINIC. He has continued to be a board member or adviser to CLINIC over the years.

In a July 31 interview, Bishop DiMarzio

told CNS that one of CLINIC’s best achievements is the nationwide network of diocesan services that function under its umbrella.

“As you know, the Church is not great at collaborative effort at any level,” he joked.

Bishop DiMarzio also gave credit to the U.S. bishops for their ongoing support of CLINIC, particularly their financial assistance.

Kerwin said a combination of grants, member dues, fees for training programs and some client fees covers two-thirds to three-quarters of CLINIC expenses. In the beginning, the bishops’ conference paid 100 percent of its costs.

Kerwin said he is proud of how CLINIC has responded to the changing needs for immigration services—from those legalization applications in the late 1980s and early 1990s to the immigrants displaced by Hurricane Katrina and its recent work with victims of human trafficking and families separated by immigration raids.

He also takes particular pride in how CLINIC’s work represents Catholic teaching: “making sure not to forget the most vulnerable immigrants.” †



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# Going for the gold: Elwood teenager to compete in Beijing Olympics

## DIocese OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

By Caroline B. Mooney  
The Catholic Moment

ELWOOD—Nine years of hard work paid off in one phone call.

On July 7, 15-year-old Mary Beth Dunnichay received the news that she will represent the United States at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. She and Haley Ishimatsu, also 15, will compete as a duo in women's 10-meter synchronized platform diving.

"When I was little, I used to watch my cousin and my brother at their diving practices, and I tried to do the same stuff they did," said Mary Beth, a member of St. Joseph Parish in Elwood. "I could do the same things without any training, so they thought I should try diving."

Since 1999, she has done just that—for six to eight hours

a day, six days a week.

"When I got the call, I was so excited. It was just overwhelming—I started crying," she said. "It was fun. We had a party at the house and a parade through town."

After taking two days off to let it all sink in, Mary Beth went right back to her daily training regimen. She left for California on July 28 for Olympic processing. The Olympic Games open in Beijing on Aug. 8 and run through Aug. 24.

"The night before a competition, I always pray and my church [community] has been praying for me. I know that has helped," Mary Beth said.

Her ritual before every dive is to dry off with her "sammy," a little sports towel—then kiss the towel and throw it down.

Mary Beth was in Beijing in February for the World Cup and competed in the pool that will be used in the Olympics.

"The venue was nice, and everything went really well," she said.

The home-schooled teenager trains at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis with Coach John Wingfield, who has been named head coach of the Olympic diving team. Her assistant coach, Wenbo Chen, was chosen as the Olympic assistant coach.

In synchronized diving, two divers of the same gender perform the same or complementary dives from different boards of the same level at the same time. The goal is to have the two dives mirror each other. They are judged on the synchronization and execution of the dives. Synchronized diving first became a medal sport in the Olympics in 2000.

"The Dunnichays are a very, very wonderful family," said Father Paul Cochran, pastor of St. Joseph Parish. "They are at Mass every week. They have been working hard at this for years. Mary Beth is a well-rounded, wonderful young lady, and a humble child. She is as active as she can be in the parish. She spends so much time with diving. The entire parish has been praying for her. I was at her house ... after they found out she had made the Olympic team—they were so excited. They always do things with style. Neighbors had



Mary Beth Dunnichay of St. Joseph Parish in Elwood will compete in synchronized platform diving in the Olympics in Beijing, China, in August.

already spray-painted Hula Hoops in the Olympic ring colors to decorate their yard. It was beautiful to see them."

"The things she's been able to see and experience at 15 are incredible," said Marian Dunnichay, Mary Beth's mother. "We have been blessed, truly blessed. ... It's hard to wrap yourself around it. The town is making shirts with pictures of her, and she's autographing them."

"Bishop [William L.] Higi has blessed her twice, Father Paul prays here at church and had everyone say a decade of the rosary for her. Her uncle's cloistered community of monks is praying for her—it goes from our little Catholic community all the way to the monks in Chile. We have lit a lot of candles. I'm still taking deep breaths."

"I am really proud of her," said her father, Ned Dunnichay. "All the hard work and commitment have really paid off—she's an Olympian. We will try to get all our family there somehow. The whole community, our church family, Father Paul and [St. Joseph] Sister Rosie [Coughlin] have been terrific." †

# Our Lady of Grace teenager to compete in diving at Beijing Olympics

## DIocese OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

By Kevin Cullen  
The Catholic Moment

NOBLESVILLE—Some say that Olympian David Boudia may be the most promising male platform diver that America has produced since gold medalist Greg Louganis.

The 19-year-old, 5-foot-8-inch Boudia is a member of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Noblesville.

Parishioners held a pancake breakfast in his honor before he left for the Kaiser Permanente Diving National Championships in Pasadena, Calif. There, on July 26, he and teammate Thomas Finchum captured their sixth national title. David left on



David Boudia

July 30 to compete in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"It's amazing to have so much support and so many people behind you. I feel absolutely blessed to be a part of this parish," he told *The Noblesville Daily Times* at the breakfast, which raised approximately \$2,000 to help pay for his family's trip to China.

"The people in the parish have been amazing," Boudia's sister, Shauni, said in a phone interview with *The Catholic Moment*. "Father John [Zahn, associate pastor at Our Lady of Grace Parish] has been following David for a while, and he came to the Trials. He has been very, very supportive, as well as the parish."

Father Zahn, who has known David for six years, described him as a mild, focused, dedicated teenager.

"He dives all over the world, but he has always just been very unassuming," Father Zahn said. "We'll talk for a while about what is going on in his life. There is absolutely no pretense."

He's spiritual, too, the priest said. At the time of the Olympic Trials, Father Zahn asked the parishioners to join him in raising their hands and offering a special blessing.

"He said, 'You don't know what this means to me,'" Father Zahn said.

"It's all very exciting and different," said Shauni Boudia, 20, a soccer player at the University of Southern Indiana.

"I'm very honored and proud of him. My parents have been awesome through this whole time, helping him. He practices from 7 [a.m.] to 4 [p.m.], six times [a week], with Sunday off."

"He is sort of like the boy next door," said Debbie Gysin, a parishioner at Our Lady of Grace who has known David for three years. Her daughter, Lindsey, and Shauni are close friends.

Gysin has seen Boudia dive at the natatorium in Indianapolis where he trains. At first, she said, she was amazed that anyone could perform so many precise moves in such a short distance and brief amount of time. But when she saw him compete in the Olympic Trials in June, "You knew there was more on the line, that he had to do well. Everything he had been working for came down to that moment."

Lindsey Gysin described David as "really laid-back, one of those people you can get along with instantly, a lot of fun." She knows him from Noblesville, but also has spent some time with him when he has competed at Ohio State University, where she is a student.

The Boudia family is dedicated to David's diving, she said. David attended Noblesville High School until the middle of his junior year, then was homeschooled. His intensive training schedule is "a job ... he goes to bed really early," she said.

David, a gymnast, switched to diving in 2000. He trains at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis and is coached by John Wingfield, who directs USA Diving. The son of Jim and Sheila Boudia, David was born in Texas. His other sister, Shaila, 22, has graduated from college. He will enroll at Purdue University this fall.

David earned his spot on the Olympic team on June 22 by winning the 10-meter individual platform finals with a record-setting performance in the Olympic Trials held in Indianapolis. Teamed with Finchum, of Indianapolis, he also will represent the United States in the 10-meter platform synchronized diving.

The U.S. men's diving team won no medals in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics. The U.S. men have not won a gold medal in platform diving since Louganis captured his second straight in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. †

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## Serra Club vocations essay

# Religious, priests and deacons cast nets to draw people into the Church

By Melissa Schopper

Special to *The Criterion*

Imagine a small fishing boat floating upon a vast sea that stretches as far as the eye can see.

The boat is filled with fishermen working together to cast their nets into the waters. The sun has almost receded beyond the horizon, and the fishermen have been working relentlessly since dawn.



Melissa Schopper

As if they are unaware of the darkening sky, the fishermen continue to cast their nets in hope that a few more fish will find their way into their nets. Their strong arms haul the nets back aboard the ship, but they see that only a handful of fish are caught in the worn net.

Yet the fishermen are content knowing that, through their hard work and dedication, their mission has been successful.

“I will make you fishers of men” (Mt 4:19). This simple statement spoken by Jesus to his first Apostles is the foundation of the ministry that deacons, priests, and religious brothers and sisters are called to perform.

Since the Holy Spirit was bestowed upon the Apostles, religious men and women have toiled ceaselessly to continue Jesus’ mission. Just as fishermen gather fish into their nets, religious men and women gather people into the Church.

Religious brothers and sisters represent the nets cast into the sea that catch the fish. Through the charitable acts and the service that the religious brothers and sisters take part in, they spread God’s benevolence.

Brothers and sisters travel the world as missionaries, gathering the poor and lowly into the Church. They also reside in our own neighborhoods, influencing the youth as teachers or volunteering at service foundations. God calls brothers and sisters to demonstrate God’s love by assisting those who are in need of compassion.

Priests and deacons answer the call to become the strong hands that draw people into the Church as fishermen drag their fish-filled nets into their boat. As pastors of parishes and

workers in dioceses, priests and deacons symbolize a tangible form of leadership in the Church.

By celebrating the sacraments, priests and, in some cases, deacons provide an opportunity for people to grow in their relationship with God. Priests and deacons also seek to assist laypeople to overcome spiritual obstacles through mentoring and prayer.

Priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters are willing to work from dawn until dusk to spread the promise of eternal life to all believers. They answer the call of God and are following the vocation established by Jesus 2,000 years ago.

Through perseverance and faithfulness, priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters draw people into the boat heading toward eternal life.

*(Melissa Schopper and her parents, Mark and Mary Schopper, are members of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg. Last spring, she completed the 10th grade at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, and is the 10th-grade division winner in the 2008 Indianapolis Serra Club Vocations Essay Contest.) †*

## Benedictine nuns in Indiana help employees with high cost of gasoline

EVANSVILLE (CNS)—Theresa Lampert said she was “pleased and blessed” when she found out the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand would help pay for her gas to get back and forth to work.

Lampert, a certified nursing assistant, helps provide nursing care for members of the Benedictine community. Now, the community is helping pay for her daily round trip of about 39 miles from her home to the Benedictines’ monastery in Ferdinand.

The religious community has begun a temporary program to help pay the amount above the baseline cost of \$3 per gallon. To determine the cost of gas, they will use the average retail price for the Evansville area on the last day of each month as listed on AAA’s media Web site for retail gasoline prices.

To establish the number of gallons each employee uses to commute, the sisters will assume they average 20 miles per gallon and use the distance between the employee’s home and the monastery as given on the Rand McNally Web site.

The Benedictine sisters currently have 73 lay employees—49 are full time and 24 part time.

“We value the contribution of our employees and feel it is important to acknowledge the burden that the recent sharp increases in gasoline prices have caused and to provide some assistance,” said Sister Kristine Anne Harpenau, prioress.

“I don’t know of anyone else who is doing this in the area,” said Dave Prechtel, the sisters’ mission advancement gift officer. He drives about 35 miles a day round trip.

“I think it is very thoughtful of the sisters to help us with the rising fuel costs,” he added.

The computation started on July 1, and employees were to see the difference in their first August paycheck.

“Mine will amount to about \$35,” said Prechtel.

The gas assistance amounts will be calculated each month and paid to employees in the first payroll check of the

following month. They will be included in gross pay and subject to tax withholding. All employees who are active on the last day of the month are eligible for the benefit.

The average distance

that employees live from the Ferdinand monastery is about 10 miles, or 20 miles round trip, said Carolyn Carpenter, director of personnel. The longest distance is 37 miles and the shortest is about

two-fifths of a mile.

For those distances, for example, assuming gas would average \$4 a gallon on July 31, payments for the 22 workdays in July would amount to \$81.40 for the employee coming

from the longest distance, and 88 cents for the person just two-fifths of a mile away.

Carpenter estimates that the total monthly payout will range from about \$1,300 to \$1,500.

Anita Aders said she is “just in love with the sisters and couldn’t even imagine working anyplace else, but this [gasoline assistance] will make it a lot easier.” She makes the 40-mile round trip to work five days a week. †

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Possible U.S. saints: Henriette Delille

(Eleventh in a series of columns)



Henriette Delille is the first U.S.-born African-American whose cause for canonization has officially been undertaken. She was born in New Orleans in 1812, and was known at the time as “a free woman of color.”

Her great-great-grandmother had been brought from Africa as a slave. Claude Dubruiel, a French colonialist, bought her and had her baptized as Marie Ann in 1745. Although he was married to a white woman, Claude and Marie had four children. One of Claude’s legitimate children freed his half-siblings after Claude’s death.

Naturally, the Catholic Church condemned it, but the practice of white married men having black mistresses was a tolerated institution in New Orleans society in those days.

The law prohibited free women of color from marrying white men, and there were few

free men of color so what was known as the quadroon system flourished.

A “quadroon” is a person of one-quarter black ancestry. As she matured, white men propositioned Henriette as part of the system, but she refused to become involved in that way.

She was only 17 when she gathered three other free women of color and they began to catechize African-Americans, both slave and free. After seven years of that, they formed a pious confraternity called the Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At first, they didn’t live in community, but took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and dedicated their lives to helping African-Americans and persons of color. Their rule said that each sister was to “seek to bring back the Glory of God and the salvation of their neighbor by a charitable and edifying behavior,” working together since “each woman alone could do little to evangelize or care for others.”

In 1842, though, the women began to live in community in a house bought for them by the cathedral’s pastor. The community affiliated with the international Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## Polish up those tarnishing golden years

Retirees are fond of saying they are so busy, they don’t know how they ever had time to go to work before they left the ranks of the employed.



For one thing, they have usually lived long enough to accumulate numbers of friends, relatives, “grands” and “greats” who need more and more attention.

In addition, they now have the time to do what they have always said they would do “when they had time.” These goals include things like volunteering for worthy causes or cleaning the garage or writing their memoirs.

There are perks to retirement, of course: going to bed and getting up whenever you feel like it without the constraints of shift hours or other obligations on your time, watching mindless television shows or reading a book straight through just because you can, or spending all day in the garden communing with nature.

There is not having to buy work clothes or eat lunch out every day or pay for downtown parking. There is more freedom to associate only with people you enjoy

rather than colleagues or bosses or clients you are not fond of. To put it nicely. And now you are at liberty to write, say, photograph or otherwise produce any dang thing you feel like, without hewing to a party line or a corporate image.

On the other hand, your income is usually a fixed amount, a pension, a Social Security check, whatever. It will never grow much and you will not get another raise or a bonus. It is also an amount that seems to be dwindling, due to corporate failures or political incompetence. Still, you can boost retirement income with part-time jobs, freelance or contract work. And there is always McDonald’s.

There are certain ironies to retirement, in addition to shrinking income just when you need it most. One is health.

Sometimes, even if you have taken reasonable care of your body, you may come up with chronic ailments that limit your abilities to enjoy your newfound freedom. Even if you have enough time and money, you may not be able to go skiing or travel or baby-sit the new guys in the family.

But then, aren’t there ironies to any stage in life? It’s ironic that you are often too clueless or just plain immature to make the most of your youth. It’s ironic that haste or

The number of sisters grew and Henriette formed the Association of the Holy Family, whose members helped support the congregation with money and prayers. In 1850, she purchased a home where the sisters conducted religious instruction for children during the day and for women at night.

In their book *Henriette Delille: Servant of Slaves*, Virginia Meacham Gould and Charles E. Nolan wrote, “Many were the times that the foundresses had nothing to eat but cold hominy that had been left from some rich family’s table.” They described their clothing as “more like Joseph’s coat that was of many pieces and colors, darned until darn was not the word.”

In 1852, Henriette and some of the other sisters traveled to Convent, La., north of New Orleans, where Archbishop Antoine Blanc arranged for them to receive formal instruction in religious life from the Religious of the Sacred Heart. They stayed there for several months.

Henriette died when she was only 50 in 1862 during the Civil War. Seven years later, the Vatican gave formal recognition to the religious community. †

lust disguised as love causes you to choose the wrong marriage partner and eventually wind up damaging yourselves and your kids.

And it’s ironic that you enter a profession or take a job motivated by greed or a need for social status, only to find yourself unhappy, in therapy or fired. Most of all, it’s ironic that you often ignore those who love you most in favor of gaining attention from those who don’t even know or care who you are.

Of course, by the time you’re retired, you’ve learned from all these ironies. The difference is that before retiring you think of the future as endless. You tend to put off the hard stuff until—hello! You’re there, and every utterance may be your famous last words.

So, I figure you should make the most of it. All those sappy urgings you have heard to “stop and smell the roses” actually apply now. Most retirees have more time than anything else, so let’s use it to assess and reconsider how you are living. Don’t beat yourself up over the past, but enjoy whatever present is left. And remember that the future is eternally with God.

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Our Turn/Therese Borchard

## The vocation of marriage: It’s holy, but no fairy tale

It’s that season of the year when the bridal magazines weigh more than the brides themselves, and 4-year-



olds like my daughter flip through the pages as they dream of their own Cinderella wedding.

Ironically, as a young girl I never dreamed of a Prince Charming sweeping me off my feet as he professed his undying love for me. I pictured myself more like Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*, except that I wanted to stay in the convent and preferred to keep a safe distance from a bunch of singing kids.

One of my first conversations with my husband, Eric, went like this:

Eric: “What do you see yourself doing in, like, five years?”

Me: “Feeding a bunch of hungry kids in a Third World country as a missionary. I want to join the convent.”

Eric: “Oh. That’s interesting.”

Why he asked me out after that still baffles me. All I can think of is that maybe

he knew more about the vocation of marriage in his 20s than I did.

I mistakenly thought that in order to do good in this world one needed to join the religious orders. I categorized “marriage” in that secular place that everything average and dull and normal went, the classification of people who had no “real vocation.”

Now, having been married for 12 years, I take back my black-and-white thinking regarding married life (and practically everything else) of my goody-two-shoes days.

The vocation of marriage is anything but boring. And it is sacred. We are just as holy as the folks who have professed vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. In fact, “poverty, chastity and obedience” is a fitting description of marriage some days!

In his 1987 pastoral visit to the United States, Pope John Paul II said, “The bond that unites a family is not only a matter of natural kinship or a shared life and experience. It is essentially a holy and religious bond. Marriage and the family are sacred realities.”

Most of my married friends appreciate the truth of these words after they’ve been through a family crisis: when a family

member is sick or dies, or something else substantial happens.

In my life, that happened three years ago when I became very ill and stayed ill for close to two years. The stress in our household challenged our vows more so than at any other time. And I realized why the promises we exchanged on our wedding day were so holy: Only God can keep together two people torn in several different directions and so easily distracted.

A friend of mine once told me that a marriage is like a braid of three strings. God is the third string and, without his presence in a marriage, the other two strings can easily split.

That’s no fairy tale, unfortunately. It’s not as easy as Prince Charming showing up on his valiant steed. There is no “happily ever after” without lots of work and even more prayer.

And yet, when a couple involves God and stays committed to their nuptial vows, the vocation of marriage becomes very sacred indeed.

(Therese J. Borchard writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Twenty Something/Christina Capecchi

## A firm foundation for trying times

I have been stepping through the debris, at once disturbed and intrigued; I have been touring foreclosed homes.



As the number of foreclosures climbs, “for sale” signs keep cropping up in my neighborhood.

I’ve entered these abandoned homes, encountering an emotional residue as

sticky and dense as the physical mess left behind. Personal belongings strewn across stained carpet. A prescription bottle lying on a Mercer Mayer children’s picture book. Cross-stitched dreams kicked to the curb.

For a reduced price, many buyers are rolling up their sleeves and attempting to repair the damage, taking on punctured walls, stripped closets and snipped pipes. Young adults, schooled by HGTV and emboldened by wild imaginations, are paving the way.

Surface problems are easy to fix, a real estate agent told me. Scratches and scars can be remedied, repainted and re-laid.

“Cosmetics,” he called it.

But, he warned, there is one problem you absolutely do not want to inherit, one fatal flaw that should send you running: a weak foundation.

I discovered that defect in one suburban home, a place that sparkled above ground with marble floors, granite counters and Roman columns. The master bathroom even featured heated tiles.

But when I stepped into the basement, the asking price that had seemed too good to be true suddenly explained itself. A deep fissure in the foundation had sent a crack from one side of the floor to the opposite wall.

Deal breaker.

Like the real estate agent, Scripture urges us to seek a strong foundation. “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock,” Jesus says in St. Matthew’s Gospel (Mt 7:24). “The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock” (Mt 7:25).

Conversely, the house built on sand—like the person who dismisses the word of God—collapses in the storm, “completely ruined” (Mt 7:27).

We must build on rock in order to surmount the inevitable storms of life. This is an important reminder for young people like me who are eager to begin decorating. Before we chase our goals, we must forge a foundation of faith, building on the grace of the sacraments, the wisdom of the saints, the insight of Scripture, the support of believers and the power of prayer.

Then, when the storms come, we may quiver, but we will not collapse.

If there’s one thing the news has made clear lately, it’s this: Storms do come. Floods take out entire neighborhoods. Tornadoes hit quiet towns. Hurricanes upend sunny shores.

Then there are financial disasters—layoffs, foreclosures and repossessions—which can overthrow relationships and uproot mental health.

This month’s Scripture readings illustrate the power of faith to overcome such storms. Jesus heals the Canaanite daughter and multiplies the loaves of bread.

We hear that nothing can separate us from Christ’s love—not “anguish or distress or persecution or famine . . .” St. Paul writes “All these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us” (Rom 8:35-37).

And we remember St. Peter’s timid walk on water. “When he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened” (Mt 14:30) and began to sink. But Jesus reached out and caught him.

We, too, are easily frightened by fierce winds. But do not be afraid: When our homes are built on foundations of faith, we can withstand any storm.

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

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008

- 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:22-33

The First Book of Kings is the source of this weekend's first reading.



The two Books of Kings highlight the kings of the united kingdom of Israel—Saul, David and Solomon. However, neither book is a political history. Both books are religious works.

The chief purpose of these writings is to call the people to be loyal to God. Thus, along with the kings—and often more emphatically and extensively than the kings—these books mention prophets, who spoke for God.

For example, this weekend's reading centers on Elijah, the prophet. Elijah tries to hear God, believing that God will speak to him. But Elijah is looking for God in all the wrong places. He expects to hear the Almighty in raging storms and in natural upheavals.

But such are not the media through which God communicates to his people. At last, Elijah hears a tiny whispering sound. It is the voice of God.

Several lessons are apparent in this reading.

First, God communicates with humanity in ways that they can perceive.

Second, in communicating with humans, God does not always meet their expectations.

Elijah looked for God in great outbursts of nature, in the storm and in the earthquake. He believed that God is supreme over nature, as indeed God is.

But, as the New Testament eventually would specifically teach, God's ways are not human ways.

Finally, not acting in human ways, God appears in places and events and forms that are least expected, such as in tiny whispering sounds in the middle of storms and earth tremors.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans again furnishes the second reading for this weekend.

In this reading, Paul verifies his own

status as an Apostle and his own truthfulness. He had to identify himself. He faced imposters. His writings make clear the fact that some disputed Paul, questioning his vocation as an Apostle.

Paul also mourns that many of his kin do not accept God. But, despite the fact that some walk away from the Gospel, Paul insists that he will remain true to his calling as a Christian and as an Apostle. He urges the Romans to also be faithful.

For its last reading this weekend, the Church turns to St. Matthew's Gospel.

In this story, the Lord literally walks across water to reach the boat from which the Apostles were fishing. Peter, impulsive as was his personality, leaped from the boat, attempting to meet Jesus on the water. Indeed, Jesus invited Peter to come forward.

However, also as often happened, Peter's impulsiveness gave way to uncertainty and doubt. When these feelings took hold, Peter's own ability to walk on the water failed and he began to sink beneath the surface of the lake.

Jesus, however, was not outdone by Peter's lack of faith, and pulled him from the water, rescuing him from death.

## Reflection

It is a truism to say that God's ways are not our ways. More precisely, the message is that we are limited. Our perceptions are blurred. Selfishness and fear confound us.

Life cannot be measured just by earthly standards. It must be measured by its totality, in other words, with attention given the fact of eternity.

Jesus is the Son of God. He walked on water. He is the source of life. He is the only security. He alone gives eternal life.

The greatest practical lesson to learn from these readings is that, in fact, we are limited. Our outlook is not necessarily on target. Our wishes are not always that pure. We may love the Lord, and we may attempt to be with the Lord, but at times we try to reach Jesus by relying upon ourselves. We try to walk on water.

We need God's strength even in our effort to find God. But first in the process, however, we must be humble. We must recognize who and what we are. †

## Daily Readings

**Monday, Aug. 11**  
Clare, virgin  
Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c  
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14  
Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday, Aug. 12**  
Jane Frances de Chantal, religious  
Ezekiel 2:8-3:4  
Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday, Aug. 13**  
Pontian, pope and martyr  
Hippolytus, priest and martyr  
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22  
Psalm 113:1-6  
Matthew 18:15-20

**Thursday, Aug. 14**  
Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr  
Ezekiel 12:1-12  
Psalm 78:56-59, 61-62  
Matthew 18:21-19:1  
Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2  
Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14  
1 Corinthians 15:54b-57  
Luke 11:27-28

**Friday, Aug. 15**  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Psalm 45:10-12, 16  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

**Saturday, Aug. 16**  
Stephen of Hungary  
Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32  
Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19  
Matthew 19:13-15

**Sunday, Aug. 17**  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

## Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

### Heresy is obstinate denial or doubt of truth believed by Catholic faith

Q When I was growing up, the catechism said all Protestants are heretics. A priest told us, however, that this is not what the Church teaches today.



What exactly is heresy, and how does a person become a heretic? (Illinois)

A During the last several centuries, the primary context of Catholic teaching about heresy and other sins against faith was the Protestant Reformation.

The Church was trying every way that it could to react to the complex of divisions and errors it saw as arising from that event.

In that perspective, non-Catholic Christians, in general, were considered heretics.

*Baltimore Catechism No. 4*, for example, published in 1891 and 1921, identified as heretics all baptized people who claim to be Christians, but who do not believe all truths taught by our Lord as professed by the Catholic Church.

This understanding also led to the Church's prohibition of any participation in non-Catholic worship, by which a Catholic would sin "against faith by apostasy, heresy, indifferentism" (*Baltimore Catechism No. 2*, revised during the 1960s).

As one canon law commentary put it in 1951, even passive (non-active) presence at non-Catholic worship, if accompanied by an internal intention to approve or encourage that worship, was "formal cooperation in an evil act," and forbidden by natural law.

This was the atmosphere that you and I and other older Catholics grew up in.

In the wake of the teachings of the world's bishops at the Second Vatican Council, that understanding of heresy changed dramatically.

The word now applies only to those baptized in the Catholic Church, or to those baptized in another Christian faith and who later converted to the Catholic faith.

Specifically, heresy "is the obstinate (Latin *"pertinax,"* which means "stubborn or adamant") denial or obstinate doubt, after reception of baptism, of some truth which is to be believed by divine and Catholic faith."

Each phrase in that description is essential and complex, and must be understood clearly and correctly.

For example, it does not apply to all the truths taught by the Church, however firmly, but only to those one must believe "by divine and Catholic faith."

Those are the beliefs contained in the word of God, and "proposed as divinely revealed either by the solemn magisterium of the Church or by its ordinary and universal magisterium which is manifested by the common adherence of the Christian faithful."

Other Catholic beliefs are taught with varying degrees of authority. There is a "hierarchy of truths," which differ in their relation to the basics of the Christian faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #90).

Some of these are "definitive" teachings to be held and accepted, but not "believed" since they are not themselves presently taught as revealed by God. To deny them, particularly publicly, could result in some sanction or punishment, but it would not be heresy.

For example, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) explained that the teaching that priestly ordination is reserved only to men is presently one of these definitive, but not divinely revealed doctrines (*Commentary on the New Profession of Faith*, June 29, 1998).

To appreciate better the background and reasons for these developments concerning heresy, it would be valuable to read some paragraphs of relevant Vatican II documents, especially the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #14-#15; the *Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism*, #3; and the *1993 Catholic Ecumenical Directory*, especially #11-#25.

Those who don't have these documents can Google search them by title. The canons cited are #750, #751 and #1371. †

## My Journey to God

### The Pool of Life

A father and his handicapped child are spending time at the swimming pool.

The child is afraid, unsure, shaking and restless.

The father speaks softly and gently places the child in his strong arms then whispers, "You'll be OK."

The child, trusting his father, feels the love, gentleness and kindness, and is now without fear.

The child relaxes in his father's arms to enjoy a day at the pool.

Tears clouded my vision while watching the father and child enjoy their special day, and realizing that we, too, are handicapped and our Father wants us to trust him every day in the pool of life.

By Nancy Melloh

(Nancy Melloh is a member of St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese. She wrote this reflection after encountering the father and child at a swimming pool last summer. She said the Holy Spirit instructed her to write it down. In this Catholic News Service file photo, a father helps his young son with a fishing pole on a beach.)



# Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.

**ANDRES, Adora L.** (Goedeker), 93, St. Paul, Sellersburg, July 17. Stepmother of Janet Broady, Joyce McCoy and Carolyn Thornton. Sister of Elizabeth Smith and William Badger.

**BEARDSLEY, Nelson L.**, 86, Prince of Peace, Madison, July 20. Husband of Lydia Beardsley. Father of GERALD STRAUB, Charles and Samuel Melton. Grandfather of 14. Step-grandfather of nine.

**BEEDIE, Clyde H.**, 69, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, July 18. Husband of Janice Beedie. Father of Janna Abell, Lesa Bell, Debra Gratzler and Mike Beedie. Brother of Sue Ellen Ellis, Lucille Pearson and Rosalyn Stiles. Stepbrother of Joe Conley. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of three.

**BILTZ, Eleanor F.**, 86, St. Michael, Brookville, July 17. Mother of Jody Biltz and Brenda Reynolds. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of four.

**BOARMAN, Mary R.**, 86, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 10. Mother of Mary Jo Eggers, Lisa Freije, Penny Shope and Mark Boarman. Sister of Maxine Johnson. Grandmother of one.

**BOLLINGER, Martha**, 66, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 17. Mother of Charles Bollinger. Sister of Kenneth Craig. Grandmother of three.

**CARSON, Helen Caroline** (Schneider), 94, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, July 30. Mother of Jo Ann Nevitt. Sister of Lucille Schneider. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of nine.

**CATELLIER, James C.**, 89, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 21. Father of Jeanne O'Brien, Barbara Short, Michele Sylvester, Andy, Bill, Dan, Dave, Jim, John, Ken, Mark and Steve Catellier. Brother of William Catellier.

Grandfather of 31. Great-grandfather of 26.

**CISSELL, Stephan L.**, 59, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 23. Husband of Marla Jo Cissell. Father of Erin Pangallo, James and Stephan Cissell. Son of Catherine Cissell. Brother of Teresa McCurry, Pamela Poland, Kim, Tina and Kevin Cissell. Grandfather of 10.

**FARNWORTH, Danny**, 52, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, July 12. Husband of Jeanne (Hall) Farnworth. Father of Morgan, Nicole and Jake Farnworth. Son of Fonda (Lawson) Farnworth. Brother of David, Marty and Michael Farnworth.

**FERGUSON, Steven Michael**, 58, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, July 3. Husband of Maureen Ferguson. Father of Haley and Lauren Ferguson. Son of Philip Ferguson and Maxine McClanahan. Brother of Kathy Fonda and Mark Ferguson.

**GLENN, Glenward**, 79, St. Michael, Cannelton, July 3. Husband of Maxine (Mueller) Glenn. Father of Jacquelyn Avery, Paul and Steven Glenn. Brother of Shirley Kendall. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of nine.

**GOOSE, William**, 78, Prince of Peace, Madison, July 14. Father of Bernadette Brasil, Jamie Fish, Mary and David Goose. Brother of Catherine Shea and Donna Warren. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of two.

**HERTZ, Francis W.**, 82, Prince of Peace, Madison, July 15. Husband of Audrey Hertz. Father of Vickie Lohrig, Cathy Volt and Connie Welsh. Brother of Mary Ann Bear, Marion Lynch, Susie McKay, Joan Tucker, Albert, Bernard, Joe and Tony Hertz. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of seven.

**HIPPLEHEUSER, Guy**, 72, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 6. Husband of Mary Jo Hippleheuser. Father of Jolene, Guy, J.J. and Pete Hippleheuser. Brother of Lynn, Maurice and Robert Hippleheuser. Grandfather of eight.

**HOEHN, Raymond, Sr.**, 81, St. Michael, Bradford, July 24. Husband of Birdie (Kruer) Hoehn. Father of Donna Jones, Johnna Melton, Tamara Pearce, Janine Spurlock, GERALYN WETZEL, Monica, Daryl, Greg, Mike, Ray and Ron Hoehn. Brother of Mary Louise, Herbert and Norbert Hoehn. Grandfather of 35. Great-grandfather of 15.

**HOOVER, Jacqueline Marie**, 49, Holy Family, New Albany, July 25. Daughter of Patricia Bomar. Sister of Deborah Drescher. Stepsister of Bonnie Cotner, Suzanne, Robin and Bob Bomar.

**HUFFMAN, Vernon L.**, 78, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, June 23. Husband of Alice (Rosner) Huffman. Father of Dianne Abercrombie, Mary Ann Johnson, Daniel, David, Donald, Jeffery, Mark and Michael Huffman. Brother of Norma Brewer and Sandra Collins. Grandfather of 26. Great-grandfather of 17.

**KIRK, Clarence R.**, 89, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, July 18. Husband of Thelma Kirk. Father of Brenda Outcalt and Herschel Kirk. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of two.

**KLEEMAN, Fern**, 90, St. Paul, Tell City, July 19. Wife of Arthur Kleeman. Mother of Kathy Blackford, Becky Kress, Linda Noble and Connie Simpson. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 12.

**MARGUET, Margaret**, 72, St. Mary, New Albany, July 26. Sister of Sissie Nord and Patrick Marguet. Aunt of several.

**MATHENA, Shirley A.**, 88, St. Michael, Cannelton, June 18. Wife of Harold Mathena. Mother of Martha Lehmkuhler, S. Carolyn, Allen and Frederick Evrard. Stepmother of Dennis and Harold Mathena. Sister of Marcella Busby and Clyde Pyle. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of 14.

**MATTHEWS, Amy**, 35, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, July 6. Mother of Christian Botkin, Brett, Hanna and Jesse Matthews. Daughter of Jack Matthews and Lois Reeder. Stepdaughter of James Reeder and Carrie Matthews. Sister of David Matthews. Granddaughter of Mary Lou Piccione.

**MEYER, Clifford J.**, 81, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 16. Father of Julie Peck, Denise, Brian and Jeff Meyer. Brother of Edith Albers, Adrian, Gilbert and Leon Meyer. Grandfather of five. Step-grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of one. Step-great-grandfather of six.

**MISKUF, John W., Dr.**, 63, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, July 23. Husband of Sheila Miskuf. Father of David, Jason and Michael Miskuf. Grandfather of three.

**NORDHOFF, Glendora M.**, 66, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, July 24. Wife of Walter Nordhoff. Mother of Laura Jo Brady, Julie Ingles, Cindy Mason, Jennifer, Teresa and Michael Nordhoff. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of three.



## Chapel crucifix

Contractor Joe Helming, left, of Jasper, Ind., and Christopher Pelrine, project coordinator for the Intermuseum Conservation Association based in Cleveland, Ohio, hang the restored crucifix in the historic St. Patrick's Cemetery Chapel in Madison on July 28. Restoration of the chapel was made possible by Geoff and Josie Fox, members of St. Christopher Parish in San Jose, Calif. She grew up in Madison.

**OURY, Daniel J.**, 56, St. Agnes, Nashville, July 21. Father of Rhiannon Buell, Hillery Kemp and James Meinzen. Son of Dorothy Oury. Brother of Joann Hennesey, Jane Minnick, Donald, David and John Oury. Grandfather of three.

**PRIEST, Linda L.**, 64, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville, July 1. Wife of Gerald Priest. Mother of Christopher and Kevin Priest. Sister of Sally and William Weidner. Grandmother of two.

**QUICK, Mary Rose**, 92, St. Michael, Brookville, July 26. Aunt of several. Great-aunt of several.

**SLICER, Bette**, 81, St. Bridget, Liberty, July 23. Wife of Allan Slicer. Mother of Gayle Poland, Mike and Rusty Doran. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of one.

**SMITH, Joan C.**, 83, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 23. Mother of Kathleen Wise, Gerald and Kenneth Smith. Sister of five. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 10.

**STEPHAN, Louis F.**, 86, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 23. Husband of Catherine Stephan. Father of Jan Campbell, Joyce Towe and Fred Stephan. Brother of Ellen Henderson. Grandfather of six.

**TEKULVE, Maxine A.**, 87, St. Louis, Batesville, July 18. Mother of Gerald Tekulve. Sister of Paul Miller. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.

**VOLLMER, Rita M. (Richter)**, 75, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, July 20. Mother of Rita Ward. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of two.

**WENNING, Albin J.**, 92, St. Maurice, St. Maurice, July 26.

**WIESER, Jane Flanary**, 89, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 14. Mother of Thomas and William Flanary. Stepmother of Don, Kenneth and Richard Wieser. Grandmother of six.

**WILKINS, Mary Margaret (Swartz)**, 79, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, July 11. Wife of Donald Wilkins. Mother of Julie Zahn, Brian, Chris, Don, Jeff, Patrick and Terry Wilkins. Sister of Suzanne Wells, Jack Jr. and Roy Swartz. Grandmother of 20. Great-grandmother of 15.

**WOODARD, Patricia Joan**, 73, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 9. Mother of Lisa Kehrt, Angelyn, Michelle and Leon LaTour, and Allen Bunch. Grandmother of two. †

## Providence Sister Marie Consolata Gallagher taught for 63 years

Providence Sister Marie Consolata Gallagher died on July 24 at Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 93.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 29 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery at the motherhouse.

The former Mary Gallagher was born in County Donegal, Ireland.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on June 13, 1932, professed her first vows on Jan. 23, 1935, and professed her final vows on Jan. 23, 1941.

Sister Marie Consolata earned a bachelor's degree at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master's degree at the Catholic University of

America in Washington, D.C.

During 76 years as a Sister of Providence, Sister Marie Consolata ministered for 63 years in education, serving at Catholic schools staffed by her order in Indiana, Illinois, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

In Indiana, she taught at Catholic schools in Lafayette and Vincennes.

Sister Marie Consolata retired from active ministry in 1998 then did residential service in Illinois and at the motherhouse.

In 2004, she began her full-time ministry of prayer at the motherhouse.

Surviving are several cousins.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876. †

## Benedictine Sister Gemma Gettelfinger was a teacher, nurse

Benedictine Sister Gemma Gettelfinger died on July 23 at the Hildegard Health Center at the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese. She was 91.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 26 at the monastery church. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery at the monastery.

Gemma Gettelfinger was born on Sept. 14, 1916, in Ramsey, Ind.

She entered the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand in 1934, made her first profession of vows in 1936 and made her final profession of vows in 1939.

Sister Gemma served as a teacher and nurse during her

years of ministry.

Beginning in 1937, she taught at Catholic schools in Poseyville, Rockport, Elberfeld, Columbus, Siberia and Troy, all in Indiana, and in Belcourt, N.D.

For almost 50 years, Sister Gemma ministered as a nurse at two hospitals as well as St. Ann's Nursing Home in Huntingburg, Ind., and the monastery's infirmary.

She also served as an organist for the infirmary and helped with other supportive services at the monastery.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of St. Benedict, Monastery Immaculate Conception, 802 E. Tenth St., Ferdinand, IN 47532. †

## Franciscan Sister Francis Ellen Hannigan taught at high schools

Franciscan Sister Francis Ellen Hannigan died on July 13 at St. Clare Hall, the health care facility for the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, in Oldenburg. She was 86.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 17 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery at the motherhouse.

The former Margaret Louise Hannigan was born on July 10, 1922, in Indianapolis.

She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community on Sept. 8, 1940, and professed her final vows on Aug. 12, 1946.

Sister Francis Ellen taught at Catholic secondary schools then served at parishes and in hospital ministry.

In Indianapolis, she ministered at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, Father Thomas Sccecina Memorial High School, the former St. Mary Academy and Cardinal Ritter High School.

She also taught at Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse as well as at Catholic schools in Ohio and Missouri.

Sister Francis Ellen retired to the motherhouse in 2000.

Surviving are a brother, Raymond Hannigan of Indianapolis; a sister, Rosemary Hudson of Jupiter, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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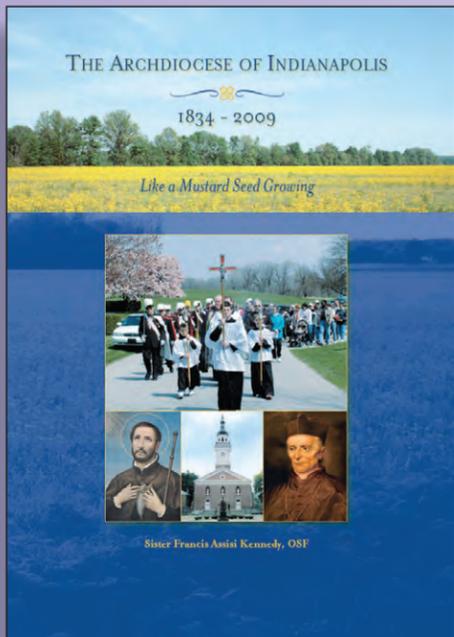
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<b>SEP 6</b>	<b>William Penn</b>	<b>Pike High School</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
SEP 13	McKendree	Leemon Field	Lebanon, IL	8 p.m.
SEP 20	Valparaiso	Brown Field	Valparaiso, IN	2 p.m.
SEP 27	BYE WEEK			
OCT 4	Malone	Fawcett Stadium	North Canton, OH	2 p.m.
* <b>OCT 11</b>	<b>Saint Francis</b>	<b>Pike High School</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>OCT 18</b>	<b>Grand View</b>	<b>Pike High School</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
OCT 25	Saint Xavier	Bruce R. Deaton Memorial Field	Chicago, IL	7 p.m.
NOV 1	Taylor	Wheeler Stadium	Upland, IN	12 noon
<b>NOV 8</b>	<b>Walsh</b>	<b>Pike High School</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>NOV 15</b>	<b>Urbana</b>	<b>Pike High School</b>	<b>Indianapolis, IN</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>

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