Turning 21, college student discovers herself and her place in the world

By John Shaughnessy

Jenna Knapp savor ed the rare gift on her 21st birthday, part of a celebration that was different than the way many college students mark that milestone.

No one asked to check her ID, bought her an alcoholic drink or even wished her "Happy birthday.

Instead, the University of Notre Dame student from Indianapolis celebrated her birthday in Uganda, the African country where she had come to volunteer—teaching literacy and providing basic health care in a city slum during the day, and being a "mother" in a group home for 11 street children, all boys, at night.

"The night before my birthday, I was at my house with all of the boys and we sat in our circle on the floor and ate beans and posho with our hands like any other night," Jenna recalled in an e-mail she sent to family and friends. "I sang them to sleep and went out to bathe under the stars, laughing because it was so fitting that as I turned 21 I'd be in the middle of nowhere but so content to be there with my boys. "I went to bed at 9:30 and woke up to a beautifully misty morning. I didn't tell my boys or anyone it was my birthday because they don't have birthdays and that would have seemed odd to celebrate me but not them. But it was such a beautiful day. I went into the slum and came back to my kids at night and it was really, really beautiful.

A different kind of education

Consider Jenna's story as a "coming of age" tale, one of those times in a young person's life that change forever her view of the world and herself.

For nearly all of 2008, Jenna lived and volunteered in El Salvador and Uganda, in service to others at home and around the world.

During her volunteer efforts in the slums of Kampala, the largest city in Uganda, Jenna Knapp taught literacy and provided basic health care for children who lived in the streets. Left, the University of Notre Dame student from Indianapolis poses with two boys she met during her volunteer work. Right, she hugs a child she met in Uganda during 2008, the year when she split her time between studying and volunteering in that African country and in El Salvador. Both experiences solidified her belief that she wants to commit her life to service to others at home and around the world.

Love and marriage begin with a promise—

Christopher and Stephanie (Dittman) Fenton's love story began as students at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis with yet another special promise—A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality.

As high school peer mentors for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education's abstinence education program, they taught middle school students about the importance of living a chaste life and abstaining from sexual relations until marriage.

"We did a lot of group dates with friends during high school," Stephanie said, "and just got to know each other. They kept that promise of abstinence during their high school and college years until their wedding day on April 16, 2005, when she carried her A Promise to Keep pin tucked in her bridal bouquet.

And they discovered that the discipline of loving each other without the emotional pressures of premartial sexual activity strengthened their relationship and communication skills, especially when they were separated for his Army National Guard training during their engagement and his deployment to Iraq last year.

Now that Chris is home from the war, they thank God for their marriage every day. They met as sophomores during choir class at Roncalli High School. Before his overseas military service last year, they participated in the choir at St. Jude Parish, where they attend Mass.

"We knew that we were going to wait from the very beginning," Stephanie explained about their decision to postpone sexual relations until their honeymoon.

"We wanted to sanctify our marriage," she said. "We made a promise to God and to each other, and we kept it."

Their decision to remain chaste until marriage was based on their Christian faith, values and morals, they said, which were affirmed by their volunteer service as A Promise to Keep peer mentors during their senior year in high school as members of the Catholic schools and parishes, non-Catholic Churches and civic organizations, the campaign to convince Congress not to revoice current pro-life policies or make abortion a right is more important than ever, according to a pro-life official.

"To guard against the erosion of current pro-life measures—and to keep abortion from becoming a federal entitlement—our voice is needed now more than ever," said Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications at the U.S. bishops' Office of Pro-Life Activities.

"The massive campaign under way shows clearly that, regardless of how they voted, Catholics want to send a strong message to Congress to protect existing pro-life policies and to oppose the radical promotion of abortion," she added. "As the cards start flooding in, the new Congress will see that they should not divide our nation with policies that offend the pro-life values of the majority of Americans.

The national postcard campaign, launched on Jan. 24-25 and expected to continue until mid-February, asks members of Congress to oppose any measures similar to the Freedom of Choice Act, which "would overturn many existing widely supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing partial-birth abortion and taxpayer funding of abortion.

The majority of U.S. dioceses are participating in the postcard campaign, according to a Feb. 4 news release from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications at the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, said parishioners in central and southern Indiana have filled out and signed 39,319 pro-life postcards as of Feb. 10.

"The current campaign is unprecedented and is expected to exceed any sponsored by the Catholic bishops in the past," the news release said.

Through its partner organization, the criterionPage2
two settings marked by extreme poverty and desperation. It was a time when her faith and values were tested, a time when her faith and values also led her to clearly see herself—and her place in the world.

“It was a different kind of education, one that is much more in touch with reality,” says Jenna, a graduate of St. Pius X School and Brenbrook Jesuit Preparatory School, both in Indianapolis. “It’s made me realize how I want to continue living the rest of my life. I feel I’m more alive when I’m living in service and not removed from it. With what I’ve been given in life, I feel I owe so much back. I want to listen and love in a way that I hope can sustain all through my life.”

Jenna started her life-changing year by spending the first five months in El Salvador, a country where she has traveled six times since she was 16.

During her recent visit, she studied theology at a university there and also volunteered in a poor mountain village called Guayllaba.

“My first trip to Guayllaba was in my junior year of high school,” she recalls. “I saw their sense of hospitality and openness. I also witnessed their immense suffering. After my freshman year in college, I spent the summer there, I taught English to children. It’s made me become more invested in the community. When I was in El Salvador the last time I spent two months working in an urban slum in San Salvador. I was teaching English to children.”

Lessons in humility, love and parenting

She began her six months in Uganda by volunteering for a group that builds elementary schools in Africa. Later, she joined an organization that allowed her to teach and provide basic health care in the slums of Kampa, Uganda’s capital and largest city.

During that time, she became emotionally connected to a 4-year-old girl who had been severely burned. Jenna helped the child get treatment in a Ugandan hospital, but the girl died. “I felt that I loved that experience with her mom,” Jenna recalls. “I taught her a lot of humility to feel the pain of her family and feel the suffering all around me. For once, I couldn’t change the situation, but I could be there for them.”

Her most defining experience in Uganda involved a “house mom” to 11 boys—ages 4 to 13—who had been rescued from the streets. When the first met them, she viewed them as “incredibly thin, usually highly dirty boys who couldn’t handle physical contact and trusted no one,” boys who searched for food.

The four months they spent together transformed the boys and Jenna.

“Sometimes, it freaks me out when I realize how thin a mom I’ve become, but I really love it,” she wrote in December, a few days before she returned to the United States. “They all call me Mummy Nakanyi (my Ugandan name). I’m the one to pull the annoying ‘mom card’ and give them my love and my smile in the mornings. I can tell which one is telling you on my arm from behind just by the way they’re pulling me.

“I break up their fights, put them in ‘time out,’ and tell them I love them when it’s all said and done. I know each of their unique dance styles, and have taught a few of them to swing dance with me. I know which ones just need to swing up with me at times. Each of them is a miracle. In a few months, those boys went from being sickly and high to being transformed. Now, every one of them says they want to grow up and help other kids. They are amazing. I love them so much.”

A sense of communion and community

That love is the essence of Jenna, her friends say.

“She’s such a fun person to be around and she has so much energy!” says friend, Emma Cordes, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis who attends Xavier University in Cincinnati. “She’s so passionate about her friends and she’s passionate about serving the poor.”

Her passion for the poor also leads Jenna to serve others locally. She volunteers to help the Latino community near Notre Dame. Since high school, she has also continued a commitment to M-Incile Place, an inner-city, multi-service center run by the Sisters of Providence in Indianapolis.

“She still comes whenever her home,” says Providence Sister Rja Ann Wade. “She meets the needs of many people, especially the young children. She makes the children feel she loves them very much and they respond to that.”

Jenna has returned this semester to Notre Dame, focusing on her double major in Peace Studies and anthropology. In the midst of another snowy, bone-chilling winter in South Bend, she sometimes fondly recalls those African mornings when she watched the sun rise above the tall grass.

The scenery has changed, yet one element stays constant for her. Whether at home or abroad, she believes she needs to put her faith into action.

“It’s important to go out and encounter the poor, whether they’re in your own city or another country, and just listen to them,” Jenna says. “It’s in that communion and that community that solidarity can grow in a way that’s similar to Christ’s message to serve the poor.”

"While FOPA would accomplish the abortion promotion agenda all at once, other bills could realize the same agenda in a piecemeal fashion," M’Cuaide said.

"For example, the pro-life measures in appropriations bills are already at risk, including the long-standing Hyde amendment, which has prohibited the use of taxpayer funds for most abortions, and the Hyde/Weldon amendment preventing government discrimination against health care providers who do not perform or refer for abortions.

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, expressed similar concern.

In an unusual relay race involving the creation or destruction of human embryos or life, the pro-life campaign to include pro-life provisions in the appropriations bills they must approve to keep the government funded past March 5. The Hyde/Weldon amendment, which prohibits the use of public funds to perform or refer for abortions, was added. Cardinal Rigali wrote. "A time when more Americans than ever will require life-affirming assistance from the government for their basic needs, efforts to force Americans to subsidize the denial and destruction of life would be especially tragic."
By Mary Ann Wyand

Father Donald Schmidlin was a pastor, Catholic Charities Churches director

Father Donald L. Schmidlin, a retired diocesan priest, died on Feb. 5 in Indianapolis of complications from cancer. He was 78.

Father Schmidlin died Feb. 4, three days before his 79th birthday, at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, where he celebrated Masses, heard confessions, assisted with the Totit Weekend marriage preparation program for engaged couples, helped with other programs and ministered as a spiritual director.

In addition to his parish assignments, Father Schmidlin served as the director of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis from 1963 until 1976.

During a July 2007 interview, Father Schmidlin reflected on his 50 years of priestly ministry.

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An archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was the principal celebrant for the Mass of Christian Burial on Feb. 9 at St. Matthew Church in Indianapolis. Burial was in the Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Before his death, Father Schmidlin asked Father Farrell to deliver the homily. A usual choice was Paul Farrell, director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, was the homilist for Father Schmidlin's funeral Mass.

"Don always assured me of God's love," said Yoder. "I don't make me out to be a saint if they really want. I want to fan alive the flame of faith so it burns, to help people discover God as the deepest appeal in them, as what they really want. Have I done that? I'm trying. Am I there yet? No. Has God helped me do that for other people? Yes."

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By Brigid Curtis Ayer

Bill would encourage scholarships for low-income students

Parental choice in education is a privilege that is accessible mostly for higher income families or for those families who make big sacrifices to send their children to a non-public school. This option may become available to more families if Senator Carlin Yoder (R-Middletown) has his way through a scholarship tax credit proposal that he is offering this session.

Yoder's proposal, Senate Bill 528, would offer a 50 percent tax credit incentive to corporations or individuals for donations made to qualified Scholarship Grant Organizations (SGOs).

Thirty SGOs would be allowed to receive grants from the Indiana Department of Education for their work with low-income students. The grants would be used to provide financial assistance to students for tuition at private schools.

"The bill's purpose is to encourage students to choose to attend a private school if they really want. The bill provides the incentive to the donor. The SGO has the freedom to use the funds to help students," said Yoder, the Republican Senate minority leader.

The SGOs would be authorized to receive $500 tax credits for students in kindergarten through third grade, $1,000 credits for fourth through eighth grades, and $2,000 credits for ninth through 12th grades.

"This is an opportunity for students and parents to discover the joys of private school education that aren't found in the public schools," said Yoder.

To qualify, a school must be approved by the Indiana Department of Education, must follow the policies of the SGO, must be located in Indiana and be a private school.

"Our goal is to make private school education more affordable for families," said Yoder.

Other states have similar programs, and they are very successful. In Arizona, parents choose the program, which is called the "Voucher Program," and the budget is $20 million per year.

SB 528 was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Feb. 10. The Senate panel is chaired by Sen. Brandt Hershman (R-Middletown), who supports the measure. The Senate will vote on the bill at the beginning of March.

"When the Senate passes the bill, it will move to second reading on the Senate floor, where it will be amended," said Sen. Hershman.

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"He had sponsored a child through CFCA and wanted to experience the mission himself," said Yoder. "He didn't speak Spanish, but he communicated with everyone. He played a verse in English that "burned" to him, "I want to fan alive the flame of faith so it burns, to help people discover God as the deepest appeal in them, as what they really want. Have I done that? I'm trying. Am I there yet? No. Has God helped me do that for other people? Yes."

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A nurse makes a baby a priority, even when she is a patient at a hospital in Manila, Philippines last November. ("The Dignity of Person") has recently released a document on bioethical issues by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It encourages Catholics to be good stewards of life in all its forms, especially in its earliest and most vulnerable stages.

We are called to be stewards of the beauty of creation.

There are those who say that the moral teaching of the Church contains too many prohibitions. In reality, however, her teaching is based on the recognition and promotion of all the gifts that the Creator has bestowed on man such as life, knowledge, freedom and love.

"By these, [man] participates in the creative power of God and is called to transform creation by ordering its many resources toward the dignity and well-being of all human beings and of the person in his entirety. In this way man acts as the steward of the value and intrinsic beauty of creation."

The quotation is taken from the introduction to "Dignitatis Personae" ("The Dignity of Person"). It contains an introduction on bioethical issues from the last December of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It was an update of the 1987 instruction "Donum Vitae" ("The Gift of Life"). The new instruction deals with developments in biomedical technologies that have taken place in the past two decades.

One section of the new instruction deals with new problems concerning procreation, including techniques for assisting fertility. Another section deals with new treatments that involve the manipulation of the embryo or the genetic patrimony (gene therapy, cloning, therapeutic use of stem cells, hybridization and use of human biological material).

The instruction is technical and, therefore, may be difficult for non-specialists to read. But as the popes' representatives, Cardinal William Levada and Archbishop Louis Palma, make clear, the issues addressed in this instruction are of vital concern to "all people of goodwill, especially those who work in the medical field" because they speak to the most fundamental of all human values: the dignity of the person.

We are called to be stewards of the value and intrinsic beauty of all God's creation. That's why Pope Benedict has repeatedly called attention to environmental concerns, to problems of starvation and disease in many regions of the world, to the horrors of genocide and war (which he witnessed personally as a child in his youth), and to all threats against the dignity of the human person—especially those which arise from new technologies that appear to be humane and life-giving, but which fail to respect the most basic principle of ethical behavior: "the unconditional respect that is morally due to the human being in his bodily and spiritual totality."

Stewardship of the beauty of God's creation cannot be simply a sentimental attitude toward nature. It must be much more radical commitment to the preservation and development of all God's gifts. And it must start with the gift of life itself.

A stochastic stewardship requires accountability. Individually, and as a family of God, we will be asked to render an account of our stewardship of creation. What have we done with the gifts that God has given us? With the wonders of science as well as with the spiritual gifts we have received from our gracious and loving Father? Have we nurtured these gifts and shared them with the rest of the world? And have we neglected and abused them out of selfishness and pride?

The new instruction, "Dignitatis Personae," forcefully reminds us of the ancient ethical principle that the end does not justify the means. Yes, new biomedical technologies can do good things like assisting infertile couples and aiding in the research and treatment of otherwise fatal diseases. But at what price?

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**La asistencia a la Misa dominical es una profesión de fe en la Resurrección.**

Algunas personas me han sugerido que no hay razón para asistir a la Misa dominical. La asistencia a la Misa dominical sugiere que carecemos del valor apropiado a nuestra necesidad de la Resurrección, de la vida es buena.

"Pero Jesús no pasó rápidamente al Cielo. No se deshizo simplemente del tiempo como uno podría deshacerse de una prenda de vestir desgastada; al contrario, permaneció con nosotros." (1 Corintios 15:42)

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"Desde los inicios de la historia de la Iglesia los cristianos se preguntaban: ‘¿Por qué el Señor escogió este día?’ ¿Qué mensaje trataban de transmitir? ...El domingo era el primer día de la semana. Se trataban de transmitir que algo muy serio.

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"Pienso que el motivo principal de esta disminución, además de la desafortunada ignorancia sobre la importancia de la Eucaristía, puede ser el materialismo de nuestra cultura. Los valores espirituales se ven eclipsados por el deseo de conveniencia, en lugar del sacrificio. ¿Seré esto el motivo por el cual muchos padres que se sacrifican para enviar a sus hijos a escuelas católicas no asisten a la Misa dominical? Debemos rezar por la importancia crítica que tiene la Eucaristía dominical. Hay mucho en juego."

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**Archbishop/Arzobispo Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.**

**Seeking the Face of the Lord**

**Buscando la Cara del Señor**

**Attendance at Sunday Mass is a profession of faith in the Resurrection.**

Some people suggested that I devote one of my columns to the subject of attending Mass on Sunday. Attendance at Sunday Mass has declined, and it should be a cause of grave concern.

The importance of attending the Eucharist is demonstrated by the long-standing Catholic Church requirement that we attend Sunday Mass—and that we faithfully choose not to sin. It doesn’t get more serious than that.

So what has happened? Why does the Church consider this weekly Mass, attendance a grave matter? Is this a moral duty imposed by the Church as simply an arbitrary institutional requirement? Is the decline in Mass attendance of recent origin? Why is Sunday important?

It is helpful to begin with some questions with a look at why Sunday is given such importance in the Catholic Church.

Recently, I happened across a succinct reflection on the topic by Pope Benedict XVI (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger at the time). He wrote: “Christians are Sunday people. What does that mean? Before we ask ourselves how we observe Sunday, we have to consider what we Christians actually celebrate on Sunday.”

The real and paradigmatic Sunday lies in the fact that on this day Christ rose from the dead. In doing so, he inaugurated a new era. For the first time, someone returns from the dead and will not die again. For the first time, someone has broken the bonds of time that hold all of us captive.

“But Jesus did not pass quickly into heaven. He did not simply shed time as one might shed a worn-out garment; on the contrary, he remains with us.”

“Writing to the Church, Christians asked themselves: ‘Why did the Lord choose this day? What meaning did it have in concreto?...’ Sunday was the first day of the week. It was therefore the first day on which God created the world. Sunday...was the first day of the week, the day of creation. That means, then, that Sunday is also the day on which we give thanks for creation.” (Co-Workers of the Truth, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 1992, pp. 333-334)

If we are grateful for the beauty and wonder of our created life in this world, then the celebration of Sunday as the day of creation above all matters. Not to take Sunday celebration seriously suggests that we are deficient, either in the knowledge that our faith or we don’t appreciate our fundamental need to be saved from sin and death, or for whatever reason, we don’t care because other things are more important.

I think the main reason for the decline, besides unfortunate ignorance of the importance of the Eucharist, may be the materialism of our culture.

Spiritual values are eclipsed by the desire for convenience rather than sacrifice. Is this why some parents who sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools skip Sunday Mass? We need to pray about the decisive importance of Sunday Eucharist. There is a lot at stake.

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**Archbishop Buechlein’s intention for vocations for February**

Young Adults: That they may realize the importance of their presence in our parishes and have the generosity and courage to consider service in the Church, especially as priests and religious.
February 13

February 14
St. Roch Parish, Family Center, 3603 S. Edwin St., Indianapolis. Single Seniors, noon, 1 p.m. age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-1102.

Dearborn Country Club, 170 Country Club Road, Asbury, Kan., Knights of Columbus 4111, ballroom dance, “Dances Like the Stars Ballroom Dance,” 7:30 p.m., $25 per person, includes dance lesson, hors d’oeuvres, silent auction. Information: 317-846-2221, ext. 32.

February 15
St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 45th St., Indianapolis. Mass and dedication of church addition, 10 a.m., Archbishop Daniel M. Schahler, celebrant. Information: 317-546-4065.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. “Day of Silence,” 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., breakfast, lunch. Information: 317-545-7585 or spassati@archindy.org.

March 5
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg.
“Centuring Pray,” Franciscan Sister Barbara LeBaron, presenter, 6-8:30 p.m., $25 includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinobeneficent.org.
Mass to mark anniversary of Archbishop Shulte’s death

By Mary Ann Wyand

Remembered as a visionary spiritual leader, the late Archbishop Paul C. Schulte served the Church in central and southern Indiana for 24 years and contributed his expertise to the Second Vatican Council in Rome during the 1960s.

The noon Mass on Feb. 17 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Archbishop Schulte’s death and honor his contributions to the archdiocese.

Mgr. Joseph F. Schardel, vicar general, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass.

Benedictine Father Julian Peters, interim administrator of the cathedral, said it is appropriate to remember Archbishop Schulte as well as the other archbishops and bishops during this year marking the 175th anniversary celebration of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

“Scripture says it is a noble thing to pray for the dead,” Father Julian said. “Especially in this anniversary year, I think it is an opportune time to remember those men who were the chief shepherds and pastors of the diocese.”

Archbishop Schulte was installed on Oct. 10, 1946, “for a number of years. Archbishop Schulte certainly left his mark on the archdiocese as a builder of [parishes and Catholic schools].”

Father Julian said, “It is appropriate to offer a prayer of thanks for his service to this local Church and helping us to become who we are, and we would certainly commend him to the loving mercy of God and pray for his eternal rest.”

Many parishes and schools in suburban areas of Marion County exist because Archbishop Schulte foresaw the future population growth and demographic changes when he established them in a number of outlying areas.

Archbishop Schulte also supervised the construction and development of the four interparochial high schools in the Indianapolis diocese. Bishop Chatard, Cardinal Ritter, Roncalli and Father Thomas Scevola Memorial high schools in Indiana.

“He also left a significant mark on international Church history with his participation in the implementation of the Second Vatican Council.”

A father of the Second Vatican Council during the 1960s, Archbishop Schulte helped make many of the liturgical decisions that have shaped the Catholic Church in modern times.

He died on Feb. 17, 1984, at the age of 83, at the Saint Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis. His body is interred at the Cathedral Cemetery Mausoleum in Indianapolis.

Students mix faith ingredients to make heavenly parables

By John Shaughnessy

Lorelei Cleary loves the unusual recipe that one of her students created during her religion class.

“Scripture says it is a noble thing to pray or ask for God’s help and get some kind of an answer,” Chris then shared the following ingredients for his creation:

½ cup of love (selfless, if you please)
1 ½ cups of grace and mercy
½ teaspoons of patience
1 teaspoon of wisdom
1 teaspoon of prayer
3 good deeds done that day

Chris then shared the instructions for completing the recipe:

Follow the Bible. Pray constantly. Follow the Golden Rule A.K.A. “What would Jesus do?” Never turn your back to God. Be the best you can be.

Chris developed the recipe in response to a challenge that Cleary gave to the seventh-grade students at St. Michael the Archangel School in Indianapolis.

After teaching a lesson about how Jesus taught in parables, the religion teacher asked her students to create their own parable to define the kingdom of heaven.

“The whole focus of this year for religion in the seventh grade is Jesus’ life,” Cleary said. “They definitely understand what Jesus was trying to teach through his parables. They also understand how difficult it can be to get an abstract idea across to others and the answer could come from your surroundings, or the teacher believes it’s all a part of having a good idea to arrive.

The teacher believes it’s all a part of having a good recipe for spiritual fulfillment.”

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Catholic Life Network dinner raises funds for pro-life ministries
By Mary Ann Wyand

For five years, the Catholic Life Network awards dinner has raised funds to support the life-saving work of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry and the Gabriel Project of Indiana, which help women experiencing crisis pregnancies and their babies.

The March 7 dinner begins with social time at 5 p.m. and continues with dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m. at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, 33 W. Ohio St., in Indianapolis.

The keynote speaker is Father Jonathan Meyer, director of youth ministry for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education and administrator of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County.

He plans to discuss the difference between tolerance and indifference relating to pro-life issues.

“We are called to be people who are willing to act,” he said, “and be motivated by the Gospel message for the sake of the pro-life cause. … I always tell young people that social justice issues should be very different for Catholics. … In a very anti-life culture right now, how do we all the more cling to Christ, cling to the cross, and not be indifferent?”

In January, Father M. eyer went on a 12-day silent retreat and sabbatical to Ars, France, where pilgrims from all over the world come to venerate the incorrupt body of St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars and patron saint of parish priests, at the shrine named for him.

He also plans to reflect on the saint’s healing ministry of reconciliation.

“This year is the 150th anniversary of his death on Aug. 4, 1859, which is his feast day,” Father M. eyer said. “I had the opportunity to celebrate Mass every day in the basilica church where his body is enshrined in the side altar.

“In his time, abortion was not an issue, but sin was and mercy was,” Father M. eyer said. “Also very interesting is the fact that when he moved to Ars he realized that there were a lot of children born out of wedlock, a lot of children who were born because of sinful and lustful relationships. What he did as one of his first ministries was to open a school to care for the children. … He was doing exactly what priests do today … with our Catholic education in faith and morality.”

St. John Vianney lived from 1786 to 1859, and spent 17 hours a day in a confessional administering the sacrament of reconciliation.

He was known for his powerful sermons, personal example of holiness, ability to perform miracles and efforts to convert people through God’s grace.

Father M. eyer encourages people to read about this saint’s life and return to the sacrament of reconciliation more often.

Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, said the dinner provides much-needed financial support for several pro-life ministries in central and southern Indiana.

The event’s sponsors work together to promote the cause of life, she said, and the evangelization of a new generation of Catholics.

“Our post-abortion ministry will continue to offer healing and reconciliation to women and men scarred by abortion, and the variety of initiatives will intensify to educate, evangelize and form pro-life youth and adults in the parishes and schools.”

(Tickets are $50 a person or $450 for a table of 10. For more information or reservations, call the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life M. inistry at 317-326-1366 or 800-383-9836, ext. 1569, or by e-mail in care of plguest@archindy.org by Feb. 17.)
By Sean Gallagher

Agena Hurrle was struggling to complete the One America 500 Festival Mini-Marathon last May in Indianapolis. She was in the final, exhausting mile of the 13.1-mile race that took her from downtown Indianapolis, around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and back.

As a member of the Run for Vocations Team started by archdiocesan associate vocations director Father Rick Nagel, she was wearing a shirt that read in part, “Vocation… everyone has one. What’s yours?”

Someone along the side of the street must have seen the shirt that Hurrle and some 90 other members of last year’s team were wearing because as she ran that last mile she heard someone yell, “Go vocations!”

“I was really excited and I really needed that, too, because the last mile was really grueling,” Hurrle said after last year’s mini. Hurrle, a member of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis and the mother of three young children, valued being a part of the Run for Vocations Team so much that she is helping to organize this year’s team.

The Run for Vocations Team is made up of people who are registered to participate in this year’s Mini-Marathon, commonly known as the “mini,” or in the Finish Line Festival 5K, which is run at the same time.

The team members are encouraged to pray for vocations during the race and their training leading up to it. They’re also asked to collect prayer pledges for vocations from their family members and friends.

Father Nagel said that some 30,000 prayers were offered up last year by people across the country in connection to the Run for Vocations Team.

“I just want to get as many people praying for vocations as possible,” Hurrle said. “Last year, when I was collecting prayer pledges, I even asked Protestant and Jewish friends and family to please pray for us. It was great that they were compassionate about our vocations cause, and were willing to [help].”

For anyone interested in joining this year’s team, learning more about it or making prayer pledges, log on to the archdiocesan vocations Web site at www.heargodscall.com and click on “Run for Vocations.”

Transitional Deacon Christopher Wadelton, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, will be ordained a priest less than two months after he runs in this year’s mini as a member of the Run for Vocations Team. He was a member of last year’s team and was impressed by the scores of lay Catholics, especially young adults, who were nurturing a greater awareness of vocations in the archdiocese by joining the team.

“It’s a tremendous affirmation, that the laity really are very interested in promoting vocations…” Deacon Wadelton said. “It’s just very affirming to see people come and support the Church and the archdiocese in that way.”

There is no charge to be a member of the Run for Vocations Team. A special Mass for the team and its supporters will be celebrated the evening before the mini at 6 p.m. on May 1 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., in Indianapolis. A pasta dinner will follow the Mass.

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Mini-Marathon set to promote vocations again this year

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Roger Neal, left, J oli e Johnstone, Gabrielle Campo and Anthony Campo, all members of last year’s Run for Vocations Team, pose together after completing the 2008 One America 500 Festival Mini-Marathon in Indianapolis.

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March to November of last year, he sustained injuries to his legs which required surgery and extended recuperation there. In his absence, Stephanie kept busy with her job as a first-grade teacher and prayed for her husband’s safety every day. They also were able to visit by webcam and the Internet on most days during his tour of duty in Iraq. He would wake up at 3 a.m. for their cyberspace visits half a world apart.

“We both got service prayer books,” Stephanie said, which helped comfort them during his deployment. “We read them every night before we went to sleep. We would talk about how we were dealing with it, and remind each other to say a prayer and that God won’t give you anything you can’t handle.”

Now a sergeant in the Army National Guard, Chris works as a federal maintenance technician at Camp Atterbury in Edinburgh.

They said faith, love, respect and commitment are the foundations in their marriage relationship, but it’s still very challenging to live far apart.

As a military couple, Stephanie said, “you learn patience and how precious communication is. You become more understanding and think about the world in a different way. They have grown stronger as a couple in countless ways since he played football for the Roncalli Crusaders and she was a cheerleader.

Their commitment to the Promise to Keep message has also grown stronger, and they hope other young people will be inspired by their love story.

“Faith is everything,” Chris said during a phone interview in February 2008 from Fort Stewart, Ga., before his deployment to Iraq.

“Without my faith, it’s really hard to get through the day,” he said at the time. “With all the challenges and adversities that are ahead of me, sometimes my faith is all that I have other than the love I have for Stephanie, and that is a lot to do with it, too. Without God, I wouldn’t have the wife that I have, and the opportunity that I have.”

Teenage couples should enjoy spending time together as friends, Chris said during an interview at their home on Feb. 7, 2009, and need to focus on getting to know each other without the intensification of physical involvement while dating.

“I think all kids should learn about abstinence and really think about it because it helps... build a meaningful relationship,” Chris said. “It helps strengthen marriage. It’s about making the right choices in life.”

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Stephanie Fenton shares an emotional moment with her husband, Army National Guard Sgt. Christopher Fenton, at Stout Field in Indianapolis on Nov. 22, 2008, after he returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. Nine years ago, they were teenage peer mentors for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education’s A Promise to Keep: God’s Gift of Human Sexuality abstinence education program during their senior year at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. Recently, they said the chastity program’s focus on respect and communication helped them strengthen their marriage during his Army basic training, specialized training and while he was deployed overseas in a combat zone.

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Stephanie and Christopher Fenton of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis hold a framed picture containing their wedding invitation, flowers and her A Promise to Keep pin, which she carried in her bridal bouquet on their wedding day. The Fentons found that the communication and relationship skills they learned as chastity peer mentors during their senior year in high school in 2000 helped them stay close as a couple during his deployment to Iraq in 2008.

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Fire damages roof of Chicago’s Holy Name Cathedral

CHICAGO (CNS)—While parishioners stood and stared with tears in their eyes and firefighters continued to pour water on the roof of historic Holy Name Cathedral, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago told reporters the cathedral would “bounce back” from an early morning fire on Feb. 4.

“Chicago has bounced back from fires before,” said the cardinal. “We will bounce back from this.” He spoke to the media after taking a brief tour inside the cathedral.

The blaze, which was of unknown origin and size and took firefighters about three hours to battle, was under control by 7:30 a.m. CST and reported to be out a half-hour later, according to WGN-TV in Chicago.

Fire officials reported there was significant water damage inside. Firefighters had punched holes in the roof to battle the blaze. There apparently was extensive damage to the cathedral’s roof and attic, a chandelier and an area of the roof collapsed, according to Jimmy Lago, chancellor.

The cathedral was built in 1875 to take the place of two churches that were destroyed in the great Chicago fire of 1871. Pope John Paul II visited Holy Name Cathedral during his 1979 visit to the United States, Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performed in a concert during the papal visit.

In 1902, Holy Name Cathedral was built to house a tithe to the pope by John D. Rockefeller in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The rooftop was designed to house a 400-piece carillon, the largest in the world until it was blown out in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Chicago Sun-Times

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The Chicago Tribune reported that a piece-by-piece check of the ceiling found that more than 4,000 pieces were either loose or missing. According to Father Dan M. Ayali, rector and pastor of Holy Name Cathedral Parish, a worker who arrived around 5 a.m. reported the fire and set off alarms in the building. The pastor’s chief of staff was notified, and he told the priests living in the rectory, which is a separate building attached to the cathedral. The 13 priests who live there were evacuated as a precaution.

Father M. Ayali phoned the cardinal to alert him to the fire. Repairs were being made in the area where the fire started. But workers had not been using blowtorches or anything else that would seem to create a fire hazard, and fire officials were “puzzled” as to the cause, the cardinal said.

The fire apparently started in the attic area between the decorative wooden ceiling and the roof. In the area over the altar at the east end of the building. Because it broke out above the ceiling, the fire also was above a sprinkler system.

“The cathedral looks like the cathedral,” the cardinal said, explaining what he saw when he arrived. “Until you see the icicles on the pews and the water on the floor and the water coming out of the electric fixtures.”

Cardinal George expressed relief that no one was seriously injured and was grateful “the damage was not worse.”

“The priority is the safety and the happiness of all the people,” Father Alvaro Corcuera, director general of the Legionaries of Regnum Christi, said. “We found this out only recently,” Father Scarafoni said, referring to the fact that Father Maciel had a daughter.

A asked the Legion came to know about her, Father Scarafoni said, “Frankly, I can’t say and I can’t discuss this further, also because there are people involved” who deserve privacy.

The past six weeks Maciel had been accused of sexually abusing young seminarians in the order, accusations that Father Maciel denied in a prepared statement that some aspects of which were disputed by Church authorities.

CNS photo/Michelle Martin, Catholic New World

Father Alvaro Corcuera, director general of the Legionaries of Regnum Christi, acknowledged that the order is “living a time of pain and suffering,” in an undated letter to the 65,000 members of Regnum Christi, Legionarios y Confraternidad del Regnum Christi. Legionarios y Confraternidad del Regnum Christi.

Father Maciel’s life “were not appropriate for a Catholic priest.” At the same time, Fair said that Father Maciel would continue to be considered the Legion’s founder.

“IT’s one of the mysteries of our faith, that someone can have tremendous flaws, but yet the Holy Spirit can work through them,” he told CNS in a telephone interview from Chicago.

Despite the unsettling news, Fair said, the order will continue its ministries. Father Maciel founded the order and its various foundations “living a time of great suffering,” in an undated letter to the 65,000 members of Regnum Christi, Legionarios y Confraternidad del Regnum Christi.

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The elderly have an important place in the Church, society

By Sheila Garcia
Catholic News Service

Mary delivers Meals on Wheels on Monday and attends her parish’s support club on Tuesday. On Wednesday, she drives one of her friends to a doctor’s appointment. Thursday is set aside for household, and Friday includes her standing appointment at the hairdresser. She is 85 years old.

Is Mary the typical senior citizen? Probably no such person exists. To identify someone as a senior citizen is to say very little about the person’s abilities and interests.

Too often, older people have existed at the margins of society. Their physical and mental limitations and loss of social networks, coupled with society’s emphasis on youth, have often made older people invisible.

Today a new reality is emerging fueled by the tremendous growth of the over-65 population.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, during the 20th century the older population grew from 3 million people to 37 million people. These numbers will increase dramatically as baby boomers start turning 65 in 2011. In 2030, the older population is expected to number 71.5 million people, representing nearly 20 percent of the U.S. population.

The U.S. bishops recognized this in their statement on older people titled “Blessings of Age.” They declared that “aging demands the attention of the entire Church,” and called for new pastoral strategies that respond to the challenges of aging.

One newly retired woman expressed great delight that she no longer had to cut short her morning prayers in order to get ready for work. A going can prompt a “crisis of meaning” as people wonder if their lives have made a difference to anyone. Older people may engage in life review, thanking God for the blessings in their lives and letting go of past failures. Sometimes they need to forgive themselves first then extend forgiveness and reconciliation to others. Almost all older people will confront the unremitting losses that characterize this stage of life. Such losses can test, and ultimately deepen, their trust in God.

A grieving widow came to the realization that God must have a plan for her because her own life continued beyond her husband’s death. The loss of one’s personal abilities—such as hearing, mobility and memory—is particularly difficult. Older people often fear becoming dependent on others. “Blessings of Age” emphasizes that interdependence, not independence, is the true Gospel value. The bishops urge older people to ask for and accept help, noting that their dependency can be an occasion of grace for themselves and others.

Ultimately, growth in lifelessness leads to wisdom. While wisdom does not come automatically with age, prayerful reflection on one’s experiences can cultivate a wisdom that is passed on to future generations.

People become holy within a community, primarily the family. Seniors can unexpectedly find themselves caring for grandchildren. On the other hand, after years of family life, some older people find themselves isolated as their children relocate and spouses and siblings pass on.

Parishes can play a valuable role in connecting older people with each other and with the larger community through senior groups, daytime Bible study classes or service opportunities.

In these settings, older people can meet others who share their values and experiences. This can be fertile soil in which friendships blossom.

The Church can help older people to respond to the call to service. Too often, older people are seen only as recipients, not providers, of care. People who retire at age 65 can expect to have a decade or more for productive service in which to give something back to the Church and community, thus enriching their lives.

In his “Letter to the Elderly,” Pope John Paul II wrote, “The Church still needs you... The service of the Gospel has nothing to do with age.” New opportunities for service are arising for seniors interested in volunteer work. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps offers a structured program for people over 50 to work for social justice and to reflect on the experience with others.

Some seniors have entered the political arena, expressing concerns about such problems as end-of-life issues and health care reform.

Service to others can continue even if a person is frail or homebound through prayer for, or notes to a struggling family member or friend.

Growing numbers of older people have already begun to change society and the Church. The wise community will utilize the gifts and experience of its older members and support them through the aging process.

Sheila Garcia is the associate director of the U.S. Bishops’ Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. 
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Pope, German chancellor discuss Holocaust-denying bishop

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI and German Chancellor Angela Merkel spoke to each other on the telephone about the recent controversy surrounding a traditionalist bishop who has denied the Holocaust.

“It was a cordial and constructive conversation, marked by a common and profound agreement that the Shoah is a perpetually valid warning for humanity,” said a statement released on Feb. 8 by the spokesman for the pope and for Merkel.

But that will take time. Bishop Williamson e-mailed Der Spiegel from Argentina, where he had been the head of a seminary of the Society of St. Pius X in La Reja for the past five years.

The Argentine newspaper La Nacion reported on Feb. 8 that Bishop Williamson has been removed as the rector of the seminary.

In an e-mail to the newspaper, Father Christian Bouchacourt, the society’s South American district director, said Bishop Williamson had been removed from his duties, and he repeated the society’s position that “the affirmations of Bishop Williamson do not reflect in any way the position of our congregation.”

In the meantime, Father Davide Pagliarani, superior of the society’s Italian district, issued a statement on Feb. 6 saying that another Holocaust denier, Father Fioriano Panzavecchia, had been expelled from the Society of St. Pius X.

As the controversy surrounding Bishop Williamson grew in late January and early February, Father A. brahamowicz gave several interviews in which he, too, denied the Holocaust, and in which he claimed that the Nazi gas chambers were used to disinfect inmates upon arrival at Nazi concentration camps.

The Society of St. Pius X was founded in 1969 by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. It does not accept the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council and it’s teachings on religious freedom and ecumenism.

Pope Benedict was scheduled to meet on Feb. 12 with more than 60 U.S. Jewish leaders, members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

A Vatican official told Catholic News Service on Feb. 9 that the group had requested the papal audience before the Bishop Williamson controversy erupted, but that the German-born pope would use the occasion to reaffirm his respect for the Jews, and his position that the Holocaust was real and was a horrific proof of the existence of evil.

PSSM opens apartments for low-income seniors

Special to The Criterion

Providence Self Sufficiency Ministries Inc. (PSSM) is accepting applications for residency at The Meadows of Guerin Inc., 24 one-bedroom, independent living apartments for people age 62 and older with low incomes.

Conceived with Section 202 funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Meadows joins Guerin Woods on Cristiars Way in Georgetown in southern Indiana. The apartments will be ready for occupancy in April.

Section 202 funds provide affordable, accessible and discrimination-free housing and help people age 62 and older with low incomes to live independently.

The Meadows includes three buildings, each with eight ground-level apartments, and a fourth structure with a community center and an apartment for a live-in manager. Laundry facilities are located on site. Each apartment consists of a living room, kitchen with dining area, bedroom, bathroom and porch.

“We are grateful for the opportunity of providing these safe and affordable apartment homes for seniors in the community,” said Providence Sister Barbara Ann Zeller, president of PSSM. “We are wonderfully eager for the day when seniors are living at The Meadows.”

For senior citizens struggling to stretch fixed incomes to cover rent, utilities, food, health care costs and medications, Sister Barbara Ann said, the availability of The Meadows could not arrive at a better time.

Eligibility for residency is based on income and rental assistance is available, said Providence Sister Joanna Valentino, manager of The Meadows.

While residents at The Meadows have a community center on site, they also will be encouraged to participate in programs and activities at Guerin Woods Senior Center, which include blood pressure checks, a walking circle, quilting, exercise, cards and games, bingo, a lending library and bi-weekly homemade lunches.

Guerin Woods features 22 two-bedroom apartments for individuals and couples age 62 and older with limited incomes, a seniors center open to all seniors in Floyd and surrounding counties, and The Village of Guerin Woods, providing assisted living and skilled nursing care in the “small house” model.

“In just a few short years, Guerin Woods has evolved into a true community, with residents sharing conversation and looking out for one another,” Sister Barbara Ann said. “We anticipate and look forward to the same sense of community at The Meadows.”

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Providence Sister Joanna Valentino at 812-951-1878.
Older adults want to share their wisdom, faith and love

By Mary Ann Wyand

Chester Hoppe was the last surviving veteran of World War I from Plymouth, Ind., and he was as much a landmark as the historic Marshall County Courthouse. He died many years ago, but left a lasting legacy.

"There goes Chester," people would say as he proudly rode in the Memorial Day parade in a convertible provided by the American Legion.

He was tall, but his stooping posture and dependence on a cane shortened his height considerably. Each slow step was evidence of his advanced age. His kind face became a dignified portrait of patriotism who saluted the flag.

Chester always dressed in a black suit, and walked downtown every morning. If you asked how he was, he would smile and reply, "Right as rain."

The last time I saw Chester he was struggling to open a heavy door.

"Let me help," I told him, grasping the handle.

"Thank you," he replied. "If you know, every time I get ready to open a door it seems like the whole world is at my back in a hurry to get in."

Chester lived a solitary life in his own home, unlike Father Albert Ajamie, an 85-year-old priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis who resides at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis and receives loving care from the Little Sisters of the Poor and lay staff members.

"I don’t buy green bananas anymore," Father Ajamie explains with a smile, enjoying the joke about his mortality.

Older adults are a diverse group

By Carol Norris Greene

There is no set age when a person becomes old or elderly. These terms are always relative to ability.

While the United Nations uses the ages of 50, 60 or 65-plus as "old" depending on what issue that researchers, statisticians and policymakers are looking at, ages 60 or 65 are generally used to determine if people can be young at heart during their senior years in spite of health problems.

"If you've been an outgoing, generous and fun-loving person with a good sense of humor," she said, "you’re going to be like that when you’re 80, 90 or 100 years old."

60 is the new 40! In fact, they prefer that the term "elderly" be dropped entirely because of the stigma of frailty and incapacitation associated with it, using instead words such as "seniors" or "older adults" to describe themselves.

Today's older adults are indeed a very diverse group, too. They differ in their resources, needs, abilities, and physical and mental health.

Most attribute their longevity to better knowledge and appreciation of the role of a healthy diet, routine exercise and mental health.

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It should be obvious that Catholics believe in God. In this, of course, we are hardly a minority, at least in the United States. Recent polls show consistently that more than nine out of ten Americans share that belief. In fact, a 2008 study by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life revealed that only 1.6 percent of Americans are atheists, and only 2.4 percent call themselves agnostics. Believe in God is also shared by most of the people in the history of the world—the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Orientals, Arabs, inhabitants of the Middle East, a great World discovered by the early Christians and those in Indonesia. Although atheism is making inroads in Western Europe, most people in the rest of the world believe in God. We believe that, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The desire for God is written in the human heart” (1534).

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True love is unconditional, life-giving and joyful

It’s amazing to see what people will do in the name of love. Religious zealots Historically waged, and continue to wage, wars for God, trying to protect the faith they love.信息化 World discovered the private lives of their objects of desire because they love them so much they can’t bear to be rejected by them or be with anyone else. In fact, some people are so upset by the pain they have experienced by their ill or dying beloveds that they kill them to end their suffering. It’s euphemistically called euthanasia, but in fact, it’s nothing like God’s love, which is unconditional and life-giving. And in the end, which is not always pleasant, it will bypass summarizing them. For most people, though, the order, harmony and beauty of the world are reason enough to believe in an Intelligent Creator.

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Catholics do not. We believe in a personal God who loves each one of us and wants what is best for us. That is why we can, and must, pray to God with prayers of aboration, praise, petition, thanksgiving, intercession and contrition. Catholics, along with most other Christians, believe strongly in the power of prayer.

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Basic Catholicism: ‘We believe in one God’

(First in a series of columns)

It’s too late to return to the old days of being unbound, a kind of reverse (or perverse) love. There are genetic techniques to determine if parents (or a parent, no matter what age) love the idea of parenthood so much they will do anything and everything to achieve a polygamy, supposedly illegal, which is chronicled sympathetically on a television show called “Big Love.” Yeah, right. Well, excuse me if I don’t see much love in that. It’s just a show. Most of us know love when we see it or experience it, and also know that stuff is not love. It’s just not love. It’s not love like God’s love, which is unconditional and life-giving. And in the end, which is not always pleasant, it will bypass summarizing them. For most people, though, the order, harmony and beauty of the world are reason enough to believe in an Intelligent Creator.

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I first heard of a “Facebook” a couple of years ago. A friend of mine described a group of people in her own city who had formed a “Facebook” for people who lived in the same city. She went on to explain that she had been contacted by another person in the same city and they were able to talk to each other and arrange to meet up. She also explained that they were able to stay in touch with each other even when they were away from each other. She said that she had never thought that this would be possible before.

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009

- Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-11
- Mark 1:40-45

The Book of Leviticus supplies the first reading for this weekend.

As one of the first five books of the Bible, all attributed to Moses, Leviticus is part of the collection known as "Pentateuch" in Greek and "Torah" in Hebrew. These five books, comprising the Torah, formed the basic theology and code of conduct for Jews at the time of Jesus, and even still today the Torah is the basic religious document of Judaism.

This reading is in the style of a report. God speaks to Moses and to Aaron, the brother of Moses. Leviticus is the issue. Both the Old and New Testaments, in many places, refer to persons suffering from leprosy.

Today’s medical historians cannot decide if this malady mentioned often in the Bible was, in fact, Hansen’s disease or some other illness. However, whatever the exact scientific nature of what the ancients called leprosy, the problem was chronic and severe.

It was assumed to be contagious or communicable. For this reason, contacts with persons afflicted with leprosy, as it was called, were avoided at all costs.

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The poor leper was in an awful condition, the planters and his family was ostracized. The leper was not only forced to leave the source of the community because of his illness. The priests could reinstate him, but he had to see that he was free of disease.

Reflection

This week after Christmas, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church continues through these Scriptural readings at Mass to introduce us to the person and ministry of Jesus.

In the readings this weekend, the horror of leprosy, as it was seen among Jews long ago, is critical to understanding the readings. In particular, it is necessary to realize the connection in the ancient mind between sin and death. Sin indeed leads to death. Furthermore, it separates us from the one community of faith in the Lord. As outcasts, as sinners, we are left to struggle and our efforts are never adequate.

Jesus, always moved by pity, cures us by forgiving our sins when we show sorrow for them. Forgiven, we enter the family of God again. Life, not death, is our destiny. The key is to have faith, to repent and to live according to the Lord’s model in every respect.

As St. Paul lived after his conversion, 1

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the “My Journey to God” column. Seasonal reflections are also appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

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

My Journey to God

Recovery

“No pain, no gain.” These words I heard again and again, so in pain I remain. Hoping it will pass—hoping to be whole once more. Once more I seek the pill, but Remember the instructions. Where pain never ends, but love begins. Dare I be his special friend? I look into that bloody faced and try to keep pace. With that inner peace I see, I can see using the title in other ways (father of a family, etc.), but it does seem maybe wrong to use it in a religious way. (M Isour)

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