After 40 years, dedicated coach continues to promote values of faith, family and football

By John Shaughnessy

CLARKSVILLE—Laughter roared through the coaches’ office as Larry Denison shared his second favorite story about Gene Sartini.

The story was from the not-too-long-ago days when even a silver-haired Sartini routinely jumped into a play during football practice at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville—the school where Sartini is now in his 40th season as the head varsity football coach.

Lacking his lips and drawing from his experience as a college football player in the 1950s, Sartini stepped into one of his players’ positions to make a point. Yet when the play unfolded on that memorable day, a player drilled Sartini, sending him flying.

“He just got run over,” said a smiling Denison, a 1986 Providence graduate who played for Sartini for four years and has been an assistant coach for him for the past 17 years. “He jumped back up immediately and said, ‘Is that all you got? You’re going to have to hit a lot harder than that when we play this week.’”

When the laughter from that story faded, Denison shared his all-time favorite story about Sartini, a serious one that shows the heart of a hard-nosed competitor.

“My younger brother, Todd, played for Coach, too,” Denison recalled. “He graduated in 1988. We was diagnosed with leukemia in 1991. He was in the bone marrow unit, and one of the first people to come see him was Gene. He brought Todd his jersey. If you know anything about Coach, he treats those jerseys like gold. He gave Todd the jersey and asked to talk to him privately.

“Afterward, when we came back into the room, Todd’s spirits were 100 percent higher. Todd wore his jersey through a lot higher. Todd wore his jersey through a lot of chemo. “

Our Lady of Providence High School football coach Gene Sartini gives instructions to lineman Austin Richards, a junior, during an early season practice.

Our Lady of the Greenwood School is named National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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Our Lady of the Greenwood School in Greenwood, Indiana, is one of only 26 Catholic schools in the 1,100 Catholic schools in the United States to earn the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award.

The Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence award recognizes schools that are performing at high levels of student achievement or that are closing the achievement gap for all subgroups of students.

Cardinal John Henry Newman has been cleared by a Vatican lawyer to become a saint, it was announced by the Vatican on Sept. 9.

LONDON (CNS)—Catholic officials are investigating claims that a severely deformed baby was born in a perfectly normal condition after the child’s mother prayed to Cardinal John Henry Newman for a miracle.

Andrea Ambrosi, the Vatican lawyer in charge of Cardinal Newman’s cause for canonization, has revealed in a BBC program to be broadcast on Sept. 18 that he hopes the inexplicable healing may be the miracle needed to canonize Cardinal Newman as Britain’s next saint.

Pope Benedict XVI will beatify Cardinal Newman at a huge open-air Mass in Birmingham’s Cofton Park on Sept. 19, the last day of his four-day visit to England and Scotland. However, a second miracle is needed to name the 19th-century cardinal as a saint.

“I am about to leave for Mexico City precisely because that could be the miracle for his canonization,” Ambrosi said in the documentary—“Newman: Saint or Sinner?”—excerpts of which were released by the BBC on Sept. 9.

“We are in a very preliminary phase,” he added. “I cannot say anything yet, but this shows how the cardinal answers these prayers.”

Former British government minister Ann Widdecombe—who, like Cardinal Newman, was Anglican before becoming Catholic—will present the Newman miracle to the Vatican lawyer. She told Catholic News Service on Sept. 13 that the alleged healing occurred after prenatal scans revealed that the unborn baby was “severely deformed.”

The doctors, she said, were convinced they could do nothing to help the fetus, but the mother, a devout Catholic, insisted on going through with the pregnancy.
Carla Hill appointed new archdiocesan victim assistance coordinator

By Sean Gallagher

Carla Hill has been appointed the Archdiocese of Indianapolis’ victim assistance coordinator. Hill will coordinate the archdiocese’s response to provide emotional and spiritual support for victims of sexual abuse by clergy, religious, paid lay staff or volunteers in the parishes, schools and agencies of the Church in central and southern Indiana. Since 1999, Hill has worked for Catholic Charities as a counselor at several schools in the archdiocese. She will continue in that role while taking on the work of victim assistance coordinator.

Archdiocesan chancellor Annette “Mickey” Lentz, who is Hill’s liaison with the archdiocese in her work with victims of sexual abuse, is happy to have Hill working in this new capacity. “She sees herself as a good listener and able to give direction in a kind yet purposeful way,” Lentz said. “It is a pleasure to have Carla Hill working for the archdiocese in this new role.”

Lentz was especially pleased that Hill sees giving pastoral care to victims of sexual abuse as a ministry. “What I’m hoping is that help people ease some of their hurt—because there’s a lot of hurt,” Hill said. “She also said that her ‘ultimate goal’ will be to help victims come to ‘where they want to be with their faith.’

“But the other avenue of that is just to lessen the pain,” Hill said. “And if you lessen the pain, that’s the primary goal.” Prior to ministering in the Church in central and southern Indiana, Hill worked for nearly two years for the State of Kansas as a sexual abuse investigator. She also worked as a counselor for Catholic Charities in Kansas, and in that role ministered to victims of sexual abuse. At the same time that Hill became the new victims assistance coordinator, two new members were appointed to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Review Board.

The review board assists the archdiocesan chancery in carrying out the provisions of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The charter establishes protocols for dealing with the sexual abuse of minors by Church personnel. The new review board members are Mary Harty, a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, and Ellen Ahrens, a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

Harty is a retired Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer who worked as an instructor and detective in IMPD’s child abuse department. Ahrens previously was a caseworker for the Department of Public Welfare in Hamilton County, Ohio, and worked as an outreach coordinator for Adult Protective Services in Marion, Boone, Hamilton and Hendricks counties in Indiana. Victims of sexual abuse in archdiocesan parishes, schools and agencies should call Hill at 317-236-1548 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1548. She may also be reached by e-mail at chill@archindy.org. For more information about the archdiocese’s sexual misconduct policies, log on to www.archindy.org/abuse.

Second annual ‘Bishop’s Bash’ moved to Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary

Due to road construction around the residence of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, the second annual “Bishop’s Bash” will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 19 at its new location, Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, 2500 Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis. Mass will start at 5 p.m. followed by a cookout, games and an outdoor, big-screen showing of the football game between the Indianapolis Colts and New York Giants. Archbishop Buechlein will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. The Bishop’s Bash is sponsored by the archdiocesan Young Adults and College Campus Ministry. All young adults Catholics in central and southern Indiana are invited to this free event.
Don and Barb Horan contributed to the annual archdiocesan stewardship appeal in the past. They had a new perspective on the appeal when they volunteered with their four daughters for a day of service in 2008 at the Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis, which is supported in part by the appeal, put “Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community” in a new light for the couple, who are members of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg.

“When you see the faces of the people, [you see that] they’re real people,” said Barb of the homeless families served at the shelter. “That kind of personalized it for you.”

Don was impressed that day by learning that the shelter’s staff members provide more than hot meals and a place to sleep for their client families. They help homeless parents find jobs and put their families on firm footing for the future.

“It felt very rewarding to be part of it and be able to support that,” said Don. “We’ve supported [the appeal] for years. But I didn’t appreciate what they were doing for us until after we saw that.”

Now, two years later, Don and Barb are serving as the general co-chairs for the “Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community” annual appeal.

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein recently talked about the appeal’s focus, saying that it was largely inspired by Pope Benedict XVI’s first encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God is Love”), in which the pontiff wrote that this threefold ministry expressed “the Church’s deepest nature.”

“We can’t proclaim the word of God unless we continue to hand on the faith through our schools and religious education and faith formation programs,” Archbishop Buechlein said. “Without priests, we wouldn’t have the Eucharist, and without the Eucharist we wouldn’t have a Church, so we need to support our priests and deacons if we want to celebrate the sacraments.

“To exercise our ministry of charity, we need to support Catholic Charities and the many other ministries that our archdiocese and our parishes carry out to care for those most in need.”

Christ Our Hope this year will also put a special emphasis on five geographical regions within the archdiocese that group together in 11 Dioceses. They include Evansville and New Albany, Bloomington and Seymour, Indianapolis, New Albany and Tell City, and Terre Haute.

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“My visit to Holy Family Shelter gave me an immense appreciation for the Catholic Church in Indiana,” Rebecca said. “With our current economy, there are a vast number of unemployed and homeless men and women, and it is evident that the Catholic Church is reaching out to each and every one in need to help them in the best way [the Church] can.

“It makes me proud to be a member of the Catholic Church, and inspires me to continue this call to service as I get older.”

(To learn more about the “Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community” annual archdiocesan stewardship appeal, log on to www.archindy.org/ChristOurHope.)
Support new arms treaty

On April 8 of this year, President Barack Obama and President Dmitry Medvedev of Russia signed a new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START). The U.S. Constitution requires treaties to be approved by the Senate. Therefore, it was submitted to the Senate for ratification on May 13, and is now in the hands of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) has sent an Action Alert to its members in Indiana. An Action Alert is a call to action, urging people to take part in a civic duty. In this case, it is urging people to support the treaty. The Alert states:

"The Senate stands on the brink of approving a treaty to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the world. This is a historic moment for the United States. The Senate is poised to make a commitment to arms control that can assure peace for generations to come. This treaty, if it is ratified, will be a significant step in reducing the risk of nuclear war. It is a major achievement in efforts to limit the number of nuclear weapons in the world. It is a step towards addressing the threat that nuclear weapons pose to our national security.

We urge you to contact your senator and urge them to support ratification of the treaty. Ratification of this treaty is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons. Let us work together to ensure that this treaty is approved by the Senate and becomes law."
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Hace seis años sugerí a nuestros jóvenes que consideren la vocación al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa a través de su participación en una campaña que ofrece a aquellos que sean de nuestra comunidad, en homenaje a nuestras parroquias, la oportunidad de llegar a conocer a sus padres y hermanos en las numerosas maneras en las que puedo ayudar a aquellos que lo necesitan.

Los testimonios de Jóvenes, así como los de Jóvenes Católicos, expresan el valor de la servidumbre en la parroquia. A nivel nacional, los testimonios de Jóvenes Católicos destacan la importancia de la servidumbre y la manera en que puede ayudar a aquellos que lo necesitan.

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Events Calendar

September 17
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis.
Catholic Business Exchange.
Mass, breakfast and program.
Jack Swarbrick, athletic director, University of Notre Dame, presenter.
6:30-8:30 a.m., online reservations only.
www.catholicbusinessexchange.org
Information: 317-859-4673.

September 19-17
St. Malachy Parish, 326 N. Green St., Brownsburg.
“Country Fair and Hog Roast,” 4-11 p.m., food, games, prizes. Information: 317-853-3152.

September 19
St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 30th St., Indianapolis.
“Fall Festival,” 5-11 p.m., fish dinner, Sat. chicken dinner, food, rides. Information: 317-852-3195.

September 20
St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis.

September 21
Church, 23670 Salt 31st St., Indianapolis.

September 22
St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis.
“Fall Festival,” Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 1-11 p.m., games, food. Information: 317-576-2592.

September 25
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove.
“Africa Mission Trip,” 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on-site registration, virtual walkers welcome to make a pledge. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictevents@beneficent.org.

September 26
St. Christopher Church, 500 W. 16th St., Indianapolis.
Youth mission trip to Minnesota.
3:30 p.m., lighting of candles.
5:30 p.m., music.
6:30 p.m., performance.
Information: 317-241-6314.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1721 S. Broadmoor, “Octoberfest, Polka Mass and Fall Festival.” Mass, 5 p.m.; German food, 6-7:30 p.m.; games, 6 p.m. Information: 317-825-6753.

VIPS
Dan and Roseane (Roach) Zielinski, members of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Danville, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30.
The couple was married on Aug. 31, 1960, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Danville.
They are the parents of four children: Karen, Sharan, Dan and Ted Zielinski.
They also have three grandchildren.

Monastic experience retreat
Several women pray the Liturgy of the Hours on Aug. 22 with the Carmelite nuns at the Monastery of St. Joseph in Terre Haute. During the Aug. 20-22 “Monastic Experience Weekend” retreat, six women shared in the daily life of the Carmelite sisters to help discern if God is calling them to religious life.

Art teacher honored
Pamela Burroughs, an art teacher at the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg, received the Stadler North America Award for Exceptional Merit during the Colored Pencil Society of America’s 18th annual International Exhibition in July in Los Gatos, Calif.
Her award-winning painting, “The Jannah’s Bug Box,” depicts her 4-year-old niece, Burroughs received a $1,000 prize.

‘40 Days for Life’ services are set in Indianapolis and Bloomington
“40 Days for Life” services in Indianapolis and Bloomington next week mark the beginning of the annual pro-life prayer campaign in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.
Peter and Margie Breen of Chicago are the keynote speakers for the Indianapolis prayer service, which begins at 2 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged Chapel, located at 2345 W. 86th St.
He is the executive director and legal counsel for the Thomas More Society in Chicago. He is the interdictor and program manager for the Respect Life Office in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Bloomington prayer service begins with the rosary at 5:30 p.m. and continues with Mass at 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 at the Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center Chapel, located on State Road 48.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary parishioner Eric Slaughter of Indianapolis, a former “40 Days for Life” campaign coordinator, will speak after the liturgy about his regrets related to fatherhood from an abortion experience years ago.

The “40 Days for Life” campaign officially begins on Sept. 22 and concludes on Oct. 31 throughout the U.S.

(For more information about the Indianapolis pro-life prayer service and campaign, call Joseph Lehner, the coordinator of “40 Days-In,” at 317-213-4778. For more information about the Bloomington pro-life prayer service and campaign, contact Dale and Monica Siefer, the Bloomington “40 Days for Life” coordinators, at 812-330-1555.)
Work of Msgr. O’Grady defined Catholic charities as advocate of poor

(Editors note: Catholic Charities USA is observing it 100th anniversary this year. The centennial celebration concludes with the agency’s convention on Sept. 25-28 in Washington.)

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In examining Catholic Charities USA’s 100-year history, there have been nine chief executives, each with his own style of leadership and each with a specific vision of how faith-based ministry and service should be carried out.

But there’s one chief executive who is acknowledged by historians and social service leaders alike for raising the national network’s profile in government and in charitable circles during some of the most tumultuous times of America’s history.

Msgr. John O’Grady is widely revered as the man who understood what a nationwide network of Catholic charitable organizations could do to improve the lives of people on the margins. He is credited for his innovative approach to shaping what was known originally as the National Conference of Catholic Charities through imaginative management, the introduction of a strong advocacy component in the public policy arena and improved coordination across agency lines to minimize the duplication of services and a strong emphasis on staff training.

Msgr. O’Grady’s tenure as executive secretary spanned more than four decades, ending in 1961. Taking the helm in 1920 as the world was emerging from World War I and immigrants from strife-ridden Europe were flocking to the United States, Msgr. O’Grady positioned the agency as a major force for social reform.

“He was Catholic Charities for all intents and purposes in the mid-20th century,” said John Shepherd, associate archivist at the American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives housed at the The Catholic University of America.

Msgr. O’Grady’s emphasis on legislative advocacy continues to influence current staff, including Candy Hill, the agency’s senior vice president for public policy and government affairs.

“You look at Msgr. O’Grady, at the history that we have, that’s been the beauty of being able to stay in the middle and be able to work on behalf of the people who need our services,” Bill said.

Name a concern and Msgr. O’Grady probably addressed it at some point during his 41 years as executive secretary.

Immigration reform in the 1920s, the Social Security Act of 1935, public housing legislation following World War II and civil rights laws in the 1950s. He also guided the development of professional training for social service workers as dean of the National Catholic School of Social Service beginning in 1944.

In response to the ravages of World War II, he was instrumental in organizing the international network of Catholic charitable agencies known today as Caritas Internationalis.

The foundation for Msgr. O’Grady’s efforts can be traced to a Christian brother from New York by the name of Barnabas McDonald, who was recognized internationally for his work with orphans, abandoned children and juveniles in trouble with the law.

In 1909, Brother Barnabas suggested to Bishop Thomas J. Shanahan, rector of The Catholic University of America, that a coordinated effort among Catholic charities working with poor people might be beneficial, explained Maria Mazzenga, education archivist at the American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives.

In the first decade of the 20th century, ideas for new programs and collaboration across the country in their delivery also were being formulated by Msgr. William J. Kerby, director of Catholic University’s sociology department.

Mazzenga, who has studied Catholic Charities’ history in preparation for the agency’s centennial, described Msgr. Kerby as a creative thinker who wrote extensively about how the Church and society could better serve the poor, especially the mostly Catholic newcomers arriving from Europe in search of a better life.

The men decided to organize the first meeting of Catholic charitable agencies at the university on Sept. 25-28, 1910. The meeting attracted several hundred people, who agreed to form the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The organization became Catholic Charities USA in 1986 and will celebrate its 100th anniversary convention on Sept.25-28 in Washington.

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Msgr. Raymond Gallagher, Msgr. Lawrence Concannon, Father Thomas J. Harvey, Jesuit Father Fred Kammer, Father J. Bryan Hehir, Thomas DeStefano and Father Larry Snyder—has tackled new concerns and worked to implement new programs to meet growing needs.

Over the years, the organization has evolved to become one of the largest faith-based social welfare networks in the United States with 1,700 agencies and affiliates and about 337,000 staff, volunteers and board members who serve 9 million people annually.

Although Catholic Charities formally is marking its centennial, the history of Catholic charitable work in the United States can be traced to 1777 when Ursuline sisters from France arrived in colonial America.

The sisters settled in what is now the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, the neighborhood that was among the most devastated by flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. They sought to care for orphaned children and widows.

Even then, said Father Snyder, Catholic Charities USA’s current president, the ministries worked to move beyond simple charity to becoming a voice for people in need.

“It’s not simply enough to respond to human need,” he explained. “We have to ask why and then we have to advocate for people who have no voice to speak for themselves so we can look at systems and we can say, ‘Is this really benefitting people in need or do we need to make some changes?’”

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(More information about Catholic Charities USA programs can be found online at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.)
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‘Being Italian’

Those stories capture the essence of Saritini, who lives by the motto “Burning Desire”—the motto that has guided all his teams in a coaching career that now exceeds 50 years. His emotions even ran deep during a newspaper interview. As he talked about his family, his high school and his career, he was moved to the brink of tears several times. He attributed the emotional reactions to “being around”—a phrase that he shared proudly.

Indeed, the core of his beliefs and his approach to coaching “The Region,” where he traced to his childhood years during the Great Depression of the 1930s when he grew up as the third of four children born to two Italian immigrants.

“It was a time when your family extended out to your neighborhood, where everyone helped one another with food, clothing, even bills,” he said as he sat in his office. “My dad was a bricklayer, but there wasn’t any brick work. He’d go around the neighborhood and sell produce. Most times he’d give it away. Those were rough days. But anything got hard, you had to make a good thing out of a bad thing. It’s just a heritage that started with my parents.”

He grew up in Hammond, Ind., part of a tough neighborhood called “The Region,” where faith was strong, fights were common among children from different ethnic backgrounds, and football became his ticket to a new life.

“He’s a great guy. Everybody I grew up with was going ticket to a new life. I went to a school in the 12th grade where I moved to the brink of tears several times. He told us they had to work hard, too. But he also believes there’s a right way to do it.”

Consider what happened after a memorable victory against Clarksville High School. “They’re our big rival,” recalled Ed Jackson, an assistant coach for 27 years at Providence. “After we beat them, we’re on the bus leaving their school property. The bus passes a couple of Clarksville guys wearing their jerseys. Some of the kids start giving them a hard time. Gene stops the bus. He brought the two Clarksville players on the bus and made sure they apologizes to them. Gene apologized to them, too. He told our guys they had to work hard, too.

Jackson left that story sink in before he added, “I’ve always felt like he’d get the most out of every kid. He’d get them to play above their capabilities because he believed in them.”

The assessment is shared by Spencer Corrao, one of the senior leaders on this year’s team. “He’s a great guy. He pushed me harder than anyone else ever. He’s the reason I’ve been as successful as I have,” said Spencer, the team’s leading running back.

“He also helps me off the field, reminding me to be a good person. His big thing is ‘faith, family and football.” He really lives by that.”

--- Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School football player Spencer Corrao ---

Jackson also marveled about the conversation he once heard between Saritini and one of the custodians at the school, a man who loved square dancing.

“Coach carried on a 15-minute conversation with him about square dancing,” Jackson noted. “Friends say that Saritini loves to get out on the dance floor. He certainly prefers dancing around any questions about his age. ‘Between you and me, I’m up there,’ he said with a smile. Still, when he started telling stories about growing up during the Great Depression and serving in the Korean War, he realized that he was sharing details that offer more than a hint of surprise people.

Unexpected highlights

Gary Rosenberger may know Saritini better than anyone, having been an assistant coach at Providence since 1983. He said Rosenberger’s philosophy of playing for 52 years: While his values haven’t changed, he has been able to adapt to the changes in young people through the decades. “That’s what has kept him successful,” said assistant coach Jackson.

Jackson and one of his former players, Anthony Denis describes Saritini’s attitude during games in this way: “He’s intense. He’s a real serious. He’s a competitor.”

As the youth went into Saritini’s office, the assistant coaches gathered nearby, expecting Saritini’s old-school reaction. Instead, he stunned them by giving the player his approval. “The assistant coaches now see that moment as a prime example how Saritini has continued coaching for 52 years. While his values haven’t changed, he has been able to adapt to the changes in young people through the decades.”

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We’re very excited,” said Kent Clady, the principal of Our Lady of the Greenwood School. “To celebrate Saritini’s 40th season at Providence, the school is honoring past teams at home games this year. Members of the 1973 and 1993 semi-state championships teams will be recognized at the Oct. 1 game. All of his former players have been invited to the Oct. 15 game against Clarksville.

Saritini appreciates the sentiment, but his focus on game nights has never wavered. Even now, quarterback Anthony Denis describes Saritini’s attitude during games in this way: “He’s intense. He’s a real serious. He’s a competitor.”

A glimmer of that passion surfaced during a Wednesday afternoon practice early in the season. An hour before the practice, Saritini sat in his office and answered a question about how he is different as a coach from when he started coaching. “You’re asking me about the future. I still holler at them. I still get after them. I’ve probably eased up a little. I’d jump in the drills before. I can’t do that now. But I can still holler.”

The practice session began with Saritini joking with one of his linemen, asking the player if he looked good. Rosenberger also shared a recent memory that a reporter was taking. Yet 10 minutes later, he was in the midst of the action, demonstrating to another player the right way to block for a certain play.

Standing nearby, assistant coach John Day smiled.

“He’s one of the few people who can honestly say they’ve done all their lives what they’ve wanted to do,” said Day, who played for Saritini from 1972-75. “Saritini is in no hurry to have his coaching career end. ‘If love it here,” he said. “They’ve treated me real good since I’ve been here. I love the kids, the families and the Catholic school system. I want to keep coaching forever if they let me. It’s just in my blood.”

The desire of Gene Saritini continues to burn.

Our Lady of Providence head coach Gene Saritini poses by a photo of himself taken when he committed to the southern Indiana school in 1971. Now coaching in his 40th season at Providence, Saritini has always stressed intensity in his players.
Documentary on Archbishop Sheen to get New York screening

WASHINGTON (CNS)—His television show may have been more than a half-century ago, but Archbishop Fulton Sheen continues to impress Catholics, and serve as a source of admiration and inspiration.

One way that will be demonstrated is with the screening of a new biography, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Servant of All, on Oct. 4 in New York at St. Malachy Church, the “actor’s chapel” in Manhattan’s theater district.

The documentary’s title is a play on words about Archbishop Sheen’s status on his path to sainthood. He was given the title “servant of God” by the Vatican after his canonization cause was officially opened by the Diocese of Peoria, Ill., the late archbishop’s home diocese, which is headed by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky.

The October screening is being promoted by Vivian Sherwood, who served as a press agent for Archbishop Sheen’s TV ratings rival, Milton Berle.

In the early 1950s, Berle ruled the roost on Tuesday nights. It got so that not even cinema and store promotions or giveaways could draw people away from the TVs on Tuesdays when Berle’s show was the recognized ratings king.

The old Dumont network, looking for something to counter Berle, offered Archbishop Sheen the time slot opposite him. There weren’t any fancy theatrics—just a blackboard to help the prelate illustrate a point—but from 1953 to 1955, when the two were head-to-head in the ratings, Archbishop Sheen, then a New York auxiliary bishop, had the first show to put a dent in the size of Berle’s audience.

The bishop grabbed headlines when he said on one installment of his show, “Life Is Worth Living,” that “even [Josef] Stalin must meet his judgment.” The Soviet strongman died two days later.

In a Sept. 8 telephone interview from New York, Sherwood, now 83, told CNS that when the archbishop won an Emmy Award for “Life Is Worth Living,” “I was the one who told Berle,” who good-naturedly groused, “Sure, look at his writers!”

When accepting his Emmy that later year, Archbishop Sheen said, “I want to thank three writers—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.”

Sherwood later became a Catholic, and has been as big a fan of Archbishop Sheen as she once was of Berle. Father Richard Baker, the pastor of St. Malachy Parish, never knew Archbishop Sheen, but said his telelegenic presence reverberates today.

“Go to TV and you watch all the preachers, and their shouting and ranting,” Father Baker told CNS. “With Archbishop Sheen, there’s no yelling. There’s just the truth in an accessible and presentable way.”

“If you really want people to know who God is, it’s not something that they have to figure out how to understand it,” Father Baker added.

“[Archbishop Sheen is] becoming as popular today as he was years ago.”

Father Baker may be on to something.

An official Facebook page for Archbishop Sheen has recorded at least 3,223 people who said they “like” the site. An unofficial page for the archbishop, created before the official version and which directs people to it, has 6,373 people who “like” it.

Guests at the St. Malachy screening are to include Msgr. John Keane, the national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. The late archbishop was the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950-66. Others expected to attend are Msgr. Hilary Franco, who was Archbishop Sheen’s secretary for five years; Joan Sheen Cunningham, the archbishop’s niece; and officials of the Archbishop Sheen Foundation.

The documentary had its broadcast debut on Easter on public television station WTTW in Chicago. It also has aired in Peoria and Washington, and is being marketed nationally through public screenings at the parish and regional levels.

Msgr. Stanley Depaula, executive director of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation, served as the film’s executive producer. Filming was done in Peoria, Milwaukee, New York, and Houston.

The reflections of friends, family members and admiring Archbishop Sheen interviewed for the documentary are woven among numerous clips from the archbishop’s television work and preaching as well as dozens of historic photos. Among those interviewed were Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, Sheen biographer Thomas Reeves and television veteran Regis Philbin.

A general release to the public of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Servant of All DVD is scheduled for early 2011 and will sell for $19.95. Currently, it is available only for group showings.

(One more information about the documentary on Archbishop Sheen and his sainthood cause is available at www.sheenfilm.org.)

Delaware becomes 23rd state to allow pro-life specialty license plates

WILMINGTON, Del. (CNS)—Delawarans now may show their pro-life sentiment when they drive their cars as the first batch of “Choose Life” specialty license plates has been delivered.

“When I saw that plate—it’s hard to describe that feeling,” Choose Life executive director Jenky. Coridi of Dover said about the arrival of his license plate in the mail in late August. “It was some type of relief. There had been uncertainty.”

Choose Life Delaware still lacked 19 of the 200 applications for the plates required by the Department of Motor Vehicles to begin production when legislation that would have placed a three-year moratorium on specialty plates was introduced to the General Assembly.

The proposal, which languished in the Senate Executive Committee until the legislative session ended on June 30, increased the stress on Coridi, who had worked more than three years to acquire the plates. Now, he believes the proposed moratorium pushed supporters to turn in their applications.

“We went from 190 to 225 in a week just because of that fear factor,” he said.

To date, 230 applications have been accepted and forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles. When Deborah Ock, a learning specialist at Archmere Academy in Claymont, heard about the moratorium, she quickly finished the application that she had for several months. She put her new license plate on her car in early September.

“I’ve always been pro-life,” she told The Dialog, newspaper of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Archmere becomes the 23rd state to have Choose Life plates since the effort began in Florida in 2000. The plates have been offered in Maryland since 2003. Choose Life license plates have been available in Indiana since 2007. The Delaware plates carry the letters “PL” for “Pro-Life,” Coridi said. The Department of Motor Vehicles requires a letter or letters before numbers to avoid confusion with the state’s numeral system for its standard tags.

“We would have preferred ‘CL’ for ‘Choose Life,’” Coridi said, but “CL” is already in use by the state for commercial licenses.

More than 100 organizations, including the Knights of Columbus and alumni of the University of Notre Dame, have specialized license plates in Delaware. The work required of the Department of Motor Vehicles to oversee those plates prompted its director, Jennifer Coban, to seek the moratorium.

“The cumulative effect of additional specialty plates would place significant strain on the resources of DMV and create adverse impacts on our customers,” she wrote in a letter to legislators.

“Choose Life plates drew court challenges in other states from groups that claimed the wording drags the state, through its auto tags, into a political dispute over abortion.”

Money raised by the Delaware tags will go to pregnancy counseling centers, Coridi said. About $5,000 has been raised thus far, some of which reimbursed the start-up costs for Choose Life Delaware Inc.

The tags are available only to members of Choose Life Delaware, which must inform the DMV if a member goes inactive, Coridi said. The organization charges $20 annual dues, which makes the plate available for a one-time fee of $10 in addition to state registration fees.
Cardinal Newman's beatification could be teaching moment for colleges

WASHINGTON (CNS)—College campus ministry leaders hope the Sept. 19 beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman will make the British scholar, philosopher and writer more familiar to today’s college students.

Cardinal Newman, who died in 1890, always held universities close to his heart. He spent much of his life at Oxford University as both a student and a fellow. As an Anglican priest, he was the vicar at a university church and after his conversion to Catholicism, he founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham and a Catholic university in Dublin.

Many of his ideas on higher education are in his book *The Idea of a University* based on lectures he gave in the 1850s. The cardinal is often associated with campus ministry because of his emphasis on students developing and integrating their faith and intellect. He also advocated that Catholic students who attend public universities be given a place to gather to support and encourage one another in their faith.

In 1893, three years after Cardinal Newman’s death, the University of Pennsylvania formed the first campus Newman Club as a tribute to his ideas.

Today, Newman centers—where Catholic college students meet for liturgies, prayer, service work, discussion groups, social events and often food—are located on the campuses of many public university campuses. In recent years, several Catholic student groups no longer call themselves Newman Centers, but instead go by Catholic associations, Catholic student organizations or campus Catholic communities, possibly because students lack knowledge about Cardinal Newman.

Father Eric Nielsen, director of St. Paul’s University Catholic Center at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, said Cardinal Newman has had more of an influence on those who lead campus ministry today than the students themselves. In part, that is simply because “it’s a rare student who would pick up *Grammar of Assent* [one of the cardinal’s books] and get excited about Cardinal Newman,” he said.

The priest hopes sainthood is not far off for the cardinal as that would raise his profile even more and likely promote his writings to college students. But in the meantime, he told Catholic News Service, campus ministry leaders continue to take up the cardinal’s challenge to help students integrate faith and intellectual study and ultimately

“bring Christ to the world.”

Katherine Tillman, professor emeritus for the liberal studies program at the University of Notre Dame and co-editor of *Newman Studies Journal*, said college students don’t necessarily have to know about Cardinal Newman, but they should know his ideas about higher education which emphasized knowledge of “all the disciplines in a well-rounded way.”

This well-rounded intellect, in Cardinal Newman’s view, was meant to be formed by faith and also to influence one’s faith. Tillman noted that this can be a difficult balance for today’s students who may be oriented to social justice work without theological understanding or emphasize theological study without reaching out to those in need.

Barbara McCrabb, assistant director for higher education at the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, described Cardinal Newman’s beatification as a great opportunity for Catholic colleges and Catholic campus ministry programs to gain a deeper understanding of Cardinal Newman. This summer, she surveyed campus ministry programs around the country and found that many of them were linking campus programs to the beatification with special lectures, liturgies, courses and events.

Msgr. Gregory Ketcham, director of St. John’s Catholic Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, said the campus center plans to mark the beatification with a noncredit course on the life and teachings of Cardinal Newman, a campus presentation and by the singing of hymns composed by the cardinal at the Sept. 18-19 weekend Masses.

He said the center’s statue of Cardinal Newman also was moved into the chapel sanctuary for private prayer and devotion. The St. John’s Catholic Newman Center is one of the largest in the country, and is one of the few to also include student housing. The priest said Cardinal Newman’s message—particularly about active laity—is important for today’s Catholic college students as they help each other in their faith and “progress outward to the larger society in evangelization.”

Newman founded the university in Wichita, Kan., the only U.S. university named after Cardinal Newman, plans to mark the beatification by sending a delegation to the event and to visit places where the cardinal lived.

The trip was coordinated by Sister Charlotte Rohrbach, a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, the order that sponsors the university. Those in the delegation include administrators, alumni and school trustees.

The nun, who is the university’s director of mission and archives and professor emeritus of history, said students will be invited to watch a video of the beatification on campus. Those making the trip also will make videos and send up-to-date messages through the online social networking tool Twitter.

An undated photo shows a statue of Cardinal John Henry Newman on the campus of Newman University in Wichita, Kan. College campus ministry leaders hope the Sept. 19 beatification of Cardinal Newman will make the British scholar, philosopher and writer more familiar to today’s college students.

*The Criterion*
Charity is the tie that binds the vocations of all believers

By Edward P. Hahnenberg

There are days when I feel like I was born to teach. On those days, it’s hard to imagine doing anything else or enjoying anything as much as seeing a light go on in a student’s eyes, finding just the right example to illustrate a point, and spending my days discussing things I find interesting and important.

What a gift to have discovered my calling! But can I talk about my work as a calling? Can I consider it a vocation?

Catholics have long limited the word “vocation” to the call to priesthood or religious life. The Latin root of the word vocation means “call.” It is in our Protestant brothers and sisters who have always been more comfortable talking about a career as a calling.

The reason for this difference goes all the way back to the time when Martin Luther, the German priest and professor of theology who initiated the Protestant Reformation, argued that God calls everyone—merchants and mothers, princes and peasants, magistrates and milkmaids—to serve him by loving others. Any type of work, therefore, no matter how humble, could be considered a calling from God.

Although this view goes back to the earliest days of the Church, it was a new way to talk about vocations for many in Luther’s time. For them, it radically broadened the concept. But it also focused it.

How?

It underscored the reality that all genuine vocations are held together by one thing—the call to Christian charity.

Christ commands us to love our neighbor. But who is my neighbor?

Our neighbor is the one we meet in and through our daily lives and work in the world. The mother meets her neighbor in her children, the farmer in his co-workers and the shopkeeper in his customers.

We don’t have to go looking for our neighbor. He or she is usually right there in front of us.

Because every honest work offers the opportunity to serve our neighbor, then every honest work can be considered a calling.

We respond to God’s call where we are—by being a loving father, a generous friend and an honest worker.

Initially, Catholics reacted against this broader notion of a vocation. But in recent years, we have come to embrace what the Second Vatican Council called “the universal call to holiness.” In doing so, Catholics have affirmed the wideness of God’s call—but in a way that differs from Luther’s approach.

What was helpful in Luther was that this affirmation of the lay vocation came at the expense of the vocations of the monach, the laity and the religious. Rather than lift up the laity by putting down the clergy, the council fathers raised up all of these vocations as various and complementary ways of responding to the one universal call to holiness.

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Pope John Paul II would go on to recognize the callings of mothers, fathers, workers, youth, theologians, political leaders, the sick, those who suffer, the elderly, those who care for them. The list goes on.

And it doesn’t stop there. For even if we think of a vocation as a relatively stable state of life, we have to admit that there are often callings within a call. The priest can also be called to be a writer or a missionary. The wife and grandmother can also be called to serve full time as a lay ecclesial minister.

In any one life, vocations can be multiple, interrelated and overlapping.

What stands as the common denominator to all of these vocations is love. Insofar as we see what we do, whatever it might be, as a response to Christ’s command to love our neighbor, then we are embracing a vocation.

In my own life, it is this command that helps me to see my work as a teacher as not only a chance to do something I love, but also an opportunity to do something out of love. It is a way to serve others for the sake of the God who calls us all to holiness.

(Edward P. Hahnenberg is associate professor of theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati. These reflections are developed in his latest book, Awakening Vocation: A Theology of Christian Call, published by Liturgical Press in 2010.)

Discussion Point

Passing on the faith is part of vocations

This Week’s Question

What is the one thing you enjoy most in your life? Would you consider this part of your vocation?

“We have a large family, eight kids, and I come from a large family. I thoroughly enjoy children of all ages, and see them as a true gift for the family and for the future of the Church. Part of my vocation as a wife and mother is raising children for God.” (Barbara Donovan, Deerfield, N.H.)

“I like writing, following in the spirit of St. Thomas, St. Francis and G.K. Chesterton. In a sense, it’s another venue for evangelization, one which I can do as a husband and father. I ran a grocery business for many years, providing food for the body. With my writing, I hope I can provide food for the soul.” (Joe Campbell, Superior Township, Mich.)

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“Play. Some of us have organized an ‘adoration night’ to pray and sing together before the Eucharist. It’s very important to go and get filled up spiritually as a wife and mom, … and have quiet time with the Lord.” (Maria Regan, Cincinnati, Ohio)

“I have always enjoyed reading and investigating. So when I had my first child, I became involved in the awesomeness of the experience, and I felt overwhelmed with the responsibility of passing on the faith to this little soul. This sent me on a wonderful journey to discover the depth of my faith and my vocation.” (Teresa Knorr, Austin, Minn.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: If you and your spouse needed help in communicating or in navigating a particularly difficult situation, where would you turn?

To respond for possible publication, send an e-mail to cgreene@catholicnews.com or write to Faith Alive! at 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100. (Barbara Donovan, Deerfield, N.H.)
Effie Caldarola

From the Editor Emeritus/Wisdom of the saints. Too often, we hear Sept. 17, was born in 1542 and died on Church in 1931. 

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Peg McEvoy (1847-1909) will be sung at mine: (1) In his treatise (2) Mother, the church for God's glory and his or her eternal salvation, St. Robert said. That is our goal, we will find happiness. If we don't we will find misery. We must, therefore, consider good whatever leads us together as friends. Ironically, Stevens' story to what feeds our own world or religious

One evening months ago, I flipped through the possibilities on TV to find something soothing to watch after a stressful day. Despite "surfing" countless channels, I wasn’t seeing any appropriate programming. Finally, I found a movie featuring two women singing a beautiful, soothing song, but wasn’t familiar with it. However, the tune has stayed with me ever since. So I mentioned this song in an e-mail to other members of a Catholic Writers List, which serves as an Internet support group. After sharing the first stanza of the song, I was pleased when Maria Ruiz Scalander responded with an on-line query. She monitors our group and is always an inspiration. She suggested a website that provided all the words to the song and noted that the hymn was sung in the 1985 Academy Award-winning movie The Trip to Bountiful. I remember that wonderful film. 

She also noted that the song was used at a memorial service for American civil rights leaders holding Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., on April 9, 1968. Coincidently, I had already wondered if the song was ever used at funerals. A few other Catholic writers indicated that the song originates from Protestant sources, but that Catholics sometimes look for it at funerals. I hope the following song—now in both domine L. L. Thorpe (1847-1909) will be sung at mine:

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, "Calling for you and for me; "See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching, "Watching for you and for me." This refrain follows each verse:

"Come home, come home; "You who are weary, come home; "Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, "Calling, O Sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, "Pleading for you and for me?"
The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010

- Amos 8:4-7
- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The first reading for this weekend is from the Book of Amos. This prophet, regarded as one of the earliest prophets, was from Tekoa, a rural area of Judea. It was about 10 miles from Jerusalem.

Amos was a shepherd, and obviously he knew well the religious traditions of his ancestors. He also had a sense of events occurring beyond his own environment, even events happening in other lands. His pastoral occupation and keen knowledge—not only of tradition, but also of far beyond his immediate situation—gives his book of only nine chapters a special quality.

Money dominates the wording of this reading. Indeed, the passage even mentions ancient units of currency, such as the shekel. Money, it is said, is highly critical of any quest to gather great sums of money. Instead, it insists that a higher standard exists. Obviously, a reward greater than monetary gain is to be desired, and it is available.

For its second reading, the Church presents St. Paul’s First Letter to Timothy.

Early Christian history, including that of the Apostolic Era, includes the names of deeply committed pioneer converts to Christianity. Timothy was one of these converts. He was so close to the Apostle Paul that Paul referred to him as “beloved son.” Although, of course, nothing suggests that Timothy was, of course, Paul’s biological child. Of course, nothing suggests that Timothy referred to him as “beloved son” although, of course, nothing suggests that Timothy was Paul’s biological child.

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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 who are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.


FARMER, Gregory T., 58, St. Theresa of the Infants Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Aug. 29. Father of Marfour Dukes. Brother of Maryann Hayes and Suzanne Rodell-Carson.


JENNINGS, Dea Means, 86, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Sept. 5. Sister of Julia O’Farrell and George Jennings.


LUTTRELL, Gene Scott, 61, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Aug. 9. Wife of Dr. Domingo Lee Mother of Christine Lawrence and Anthony Lee. Sister of Sister of 10. GREAT-grandfather of one. GREAT-grandmother of five.


MATERN, Glenda M., 54, St. Ann’s Jennings, Aug. 23. Mother of Mike and Paul Matern. GREAT-grandfather of four. GREAT-grandmother of four.

MERRICK, Wanda Luers, 46, St. Mary, Richmond, Aug. 23. Mother of Mike and Paul Matern. GREAT-grandfather of four. GREAT-grandmother of four.


PROVENZANO, Marie, 95, St. Susanna, Plainfield, Aug. 20. Mother of Linda Collins and Marie Hollanda. Sister of Clare Waltham and Joe Salamonie. GREAT-grandfather of seven. GREAT-grandmother of four. GREAT-grandfather of four.

SCHEIBLE, Lorette Sue, 59, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Aug. 7. GREAT-grandfather of one. GREAT-grandmother of four.


SMITH, Patricia Ann (Flynn), 68, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Aug. 15. Wife of Raymond Smith. Mother of Carli Borkowski and Lisa Smith. GREAT-grandmother of three.


WALTON, Ramona, 63, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Aug. 21. Wife of Clarence Walton. Mother of Richard Jewett and Mary Tow. Sister of Kate Hollows, Susan Sons and Charles Young.


WITTMAN, John, 91, St. Paul’s, Indianapolis, Aug. 17. GREAT-grandfather of four. GREAT-grandmother of one.

WITTMAN, Anna, 85, St. Paul’s, Indianapolis, Aug. 17. GREAT-grandfather of four. GREAT-grandmother of one.

Zoela, her daughter, Ariana and her siblings sponsored by Appalachia.

TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL GIBBONS

A statue of Cardinal James Gibbons is seen through the trees on Aug. 6 in a small public plaza in Washington, D.C. The son of an Irish immigrant, Cardinal Gibbons served as the archbishop of Baltimore from 1877 until his death in 1921. He wrote a popular treatise The Faith of Our Fathers, a defense of the Catholic faith.

Franciscan Sister Anna Marie Stier was a teacher and principal

Franciscan Sister Anna Marie Stier, formerly Sister Mary Prudence, died on Aug. 30 at St. Clare Hall, the health care facility for the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, at the motherhouse in Oldenburg. She was 100.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 5 at the motherhouse chapel. Burial followed at the sisters’ cemetery. She was born on July 20, 1910, in Greensburg. She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community on Aug. 15, 1930, and professed her final vows on July 2, 1971.

Sister Anna Marie celebrated her 80th year in religious life and marked her 100th birthday this year.

Two of her sisters were also Oldenburg Franciscans.

Providence Sister Grace Stewart was a teacher and nurse’s aide

Providence Sister Grace Stewart died on Sept. 1 at Mother Theodore Hall at a New Albany, Indiana, hospital. She was 96.

The mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 8 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse. Burial followed at the sisters’ cemetery.

The former Mary Elizabeth Stewart was born on Feb. 20, 1914, in Indianapolis.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on Aug. 20, 1929, and professed her first vows on Jan. 23, 1932, and her final vows on Aug. 15, 1937.

Sister Grace earned a bachelor’s degree in education at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and master’s degree in education at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

She ministered in Catholic education as a teacher and principal for 50 years.

In the archdiocese, Sister Anna Marie served at St. Mark the Evangelist School in Indianapolis, St. Michael the Archangel School in Indianapolis and St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg.

Sister Anna Marie also ministered at Catholic schools in Ohio and Missouri.

She retired to St. Clare Hall at the motherhouse in 1991.

Surviving are two sisters, Margaret Feldman of Virginia and Lorretta Ziolkowski of Des Moines, as well as several nieces and nephews.

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Bishop Chatard graduate Ryan Moran empowers teenagers

By Mary Ann Wyer

How do you define success? Youth motivational speaker Ryan Moran of Indianapolis describes it as character development.

The 2000 graduate of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis teaches teenagers at school assemblies and leadership conferences throughout the United States how to have a positive attitude in daily life situations as well as ways to be open to new experiences, people and places. He encourages students to develop their gifts and talents, be honest and sincere, demonstrate school and community spirit, and affirm others whenever possible.

Those characteristics, Moran explains, are the keys to living a happy and successful life. Students learn a lot of important life lessons in junior and senior high school, he said during an interview, but unfortunately not all of them are positive.

But if teenagers make the right choices early in life, Moran said, they can guarantee their success today, tomorrow and in the future.

He enjoys helping teens learn how to make healthy choices in the midst of so many inappropriate media messages and so much negative peer pressure inherent in contemporary society.

“Every day is a choice,” Moran said. “Your attitude decides your day, and nobody can decide your attitude but you. If you choose to have a positive attitude, you’re going to be happy. If you’re miserable now, look at the choices you’ve made in life. Look at someone that is happy. Then look at the kinds of choices that he or she has made: what kind of people need affirmation and encouragement more than he or she, in order to develop their unique gifts and talents, which will lead them to happiness.”

“People often ask me, ‘What is your greatest fear?’” Moran said. “I always say a quick prayer that it will go well, that others will enjoy my presentation, and that I will be remembered.”

Society places a high value on success, Moran said, but learning to appreciate the intangible things in life leads to happiness regardless of income.

“Encourage students to set positive goals that are attainable then move on to the next one,” he said. “I try to inspire them to work hard for those goals, and be happy and decide that they’re good with what they have right now.”

He said his parents, St. Luke the Evangelist parishioners Pat and Donna Moran of Indianapolis, have been his biggest cheerleaders and most supportive fans.

“They’ve been great mentors and role models,” he said. “They’ve encouraged me in everything that I’ve set out to do.”

Ryan Moran, who is a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, believes that God called him to his motivational and leadership career.

“Right before I got out on a stage to speak,” Moran said, “I always say a quick prayer that it will go well, that the students will enjoy my presentation, and that I will be able to make a positive difference in the life of at least one student.”

(For more information about Ryan Moran’s presentations, log on to www.heavypenguins.com, his website name inspired by a funny story that he likes to tell teenagers.)

U.S. Deacon Jack Sullivan of Marshfield, Mass., whose healing from a crippling spinal condition in August 2001 was the miracle that allowed for Cardinal Newman’s beatification, will read the Gospel during the beatification Mass.

Cardinal Newman was an Anglican theologian who became a Catholic after first founding the Oxford Movement to try to return the Church of England to its Catholic roots.
Second bus added for pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Snows

Due to an overwhelming response, a second bus has been added for a Christmas Pilgrimage on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 to the Shrine of St. Joseph, the site of the First Sunday of Advent. The trip will also include a visit to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, begin with Mass at 9 a.m. on Nov. 30 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis then board the bus at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

En route to Illinois and Missouri, the pilgrims will visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence and the National Shrine of St. Therese Guerin at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, where they will have an opportunity to venerate the relics of the foundress of the Sisters of Providence.

At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the pilgrims will tour the Providence Center museum and have lunch at O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Activities at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows include a bus tour of the outdoor “Way of Lights” after dark as well as to see dozens of ornately decorated Christmas trees inside the shrine and an opportunity to visit the gift shop.

On Dec. 1, the pilgrims will also tour the historic Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis, where they will have an opportunity to celebrate Mass and venerate a relic of St. Peter Claver.

“Complaining can be heard in various corners of the world, the knowledge that we are especially loved by God. We want young people to learn that this is how we do things, this is how we live,” she added.

Ristau told her listeners that Catholic educators has changed since she and many others in the room attended Catholic schools, and certainly since Catholic Central became the nation’s first private, coeducational high school in 1906. Where religious once dominated the classrooms, she said, now 96 percent of teachers in Catholic schools are laypeople.

Today these teachers fall into three categories, she said. They are those who chose to teach in a Catholic school and consider their job a vocation; those who came to teach in a Catholic school because they needed a job, but now love it and also consider it a vocation; and those who thought they wanted to teach so they have landed at a Catholic school, but will be gone when a better job comes along, either in a public school or somewhere else.

She asked the educators to think about why they teach at a Catholic school, telling them that she believes “the answer is crucial to your personal sanity and morale. Why are you teaching in a Catholic school?”

“You students probably should know your answer because it is essentially important to them that you articulate why you are doing what you are doing,” Ristau said.

“Students and parents are not inspired by neutrality, by teachers and administrators sitting in neutral. They are asking for your excitement and passion,” she noted. But she also said excitement and compassion are not enough, and that schools need to be vibrant and current to reach today’s students.

“Complaining can be heard in various places,” she said. “Questioning whether we even teach children to handwriting anymore. We would be laughed out of our profession if our schools did not use computers and the many ways technology can help us learn.

“We need to be up-to-date. Our teaching methods, our programing, our teaching need to be appropriate to our time and not hesitate to find appropriate ways to meet today’s young people,” she said. “We have a powerful message to share with young people. We have a powerful knowledge to share, and we need to seek to find ways to engage young people so they hear us.”

Catholic educators, Ristau said, must always remember the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd and must model themselves after him in their life and in the classroom.

“We are asked to be shepherds in our own way,” she said, “to look after God’s people, to teach them how to live in the world, to share and celebrate the Good News. But people, the reality is shepherding can be hard. It can be difficult. It can be messy. And it can be lonely.”

She encouraged the teachers to find meaning in their work by taking time to reflect on their important role.

“Sometimes a sacrament to your students,” she stressed. “You are making the Word real to them in the lives they live right now.”

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Academics and faith should go together, says head of education association

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (CNS)—As the new school year gets under way, Catholic educators may wonder if academics or faith should get more emphasis in the classroom.

Karen Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association, believes the two should go hand in hand.

“My big question is how can we talk about Catholic identity and excellent academics in the same sentence, the same paragraph,” she said in an Aug. 30 address to nearly 500 educators at the Diocese of Grand Rapids’ back-to-school kickoff at Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids.

Ristau urged the group of staff members and pastors from Catholic schools to remember that their schools promote “a Catholic way of life,” and would cultivate a sense of awe and gratitude, a desire for truth, an ability to continue learning about the world and the knowledge that we are especially loved by God.

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