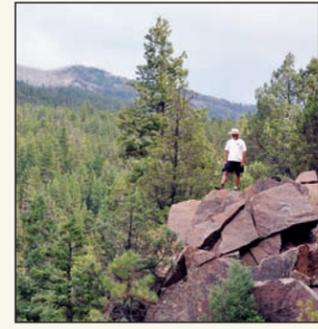




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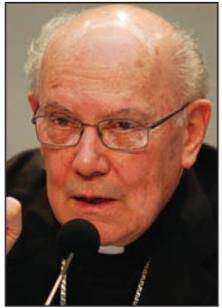
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Vatican orders bishops to draft guidelines to handle sex abuse cases

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Every bishops' conference in the world must have guidelines for handling accusations of clerical sex abuse in place within a year, said the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

In a letter dated May 3 and released by the Vatican on May 16, U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, congregation prefect, said that in every nation and region, bishops should have "clear and coordinated procedures" for protecting children, assisting victims of abuse, dealing with accused priests, training clergy and cooperating with civil authorities.



Cardinal William J. Levada

Describing sexual abuse of minors as

"a crime prosecuted by civil law," the doctrinal congregation said that bishops should follow local laws that require reporting cases of sexual abuse to police.

Since the early 1990s, about two dozen bishops' conferences, starting mainly with English-speaking countries, have drawn up guidelines for dealing with accusations of sexual abuse of minors filed against clergy and other Church employees. Other conferences—for example, the Italian bishops' conference—have said they did not draw up guidelines because bishops were obliged to follow canon law and special provisions enacted in 2001 by Blessed Pope John Paul II and in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the fact that conferences were given a precise deadline and only 12 months to draft their guidelines demonstrates how seriously the Vatican takes the matter.

"The aim is to give bishops a strong common denominator for drafting

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'God really does work in our lives'



In a moment of pure joy, Roni Carroll, left, of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis embraces Heather Neuroth, the daughter that Carroll placed for adoption nearly 35 years ago. The mother and daughter were reunited for the first time on Palm Sunday weekend in Indianapolis.

Mother unexpectedly reunites with daughter she placed for adoption nearly 35 years ago

By John Shaughnessy

Veronica "Roni" Carroll had waited for this moment for nearly 35 years.

As she listened to the woman share her incredible story on the phone, Carroll felt tears rolling down her cheeks.

At 55, Carroll wanted to believe that the woman on the line would finally bring a healing end to the terrifying time when Carroll was raped and became pregnant as a teenager.

More than anything, Carroll wanted to believe that the woman on the phone on this spring day in 2011 was the daughter she had placed for adoption as a newborn

in 1976.

As nearly 35 years of built-up emotion swept through her body, Carroll also felt herself being swept back to the most frightening time in her life.

It was a time when she had to choose between her fear and her faith, a time when she had to choose between the life and death of a child.

Making a deal with God

It was 1975, the year when Carroll was 19 and a soldier in the U.S. Army stationed in Fort Carson, Colo.

"I was a virgin when I became pregnant," recalls Carroll, a member of

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis. "We had a very small military company, and I attended a party at a house on a Friday. When I got there, I took a drink from a cup. The next thing I remember, I woke up in this house on a Sunday. I was partially clothed. There was no one around. When I later found out I was pregnant, I was terrified. I thought about getting an abortion."

A visit from a stranger changed her mind.

"I was living in base housing," Carroll continued. "Early in April, a young girl approached me and asked if I would come

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Holtz captures essence of Spirit of Service winners

By John Shaughnessy

For more than 45 minutes, Lou Holtz had delighted the audience with his stories of humor and inspiration.

The legendary football coach and motivational speaker had even performed a magic trick—ripping a section of newspaper into several pieces before apparently restoring it to its original, intact form.

As he neared the end of his keynote speech at the Spirit of Service Awards dinner in Indianapolis on May 11, Holtz had shared two of the three "rules of life" that he has used to guide his children, his players and himself:

Do the right thing, and do everything to the very best of your ability.

Now, Holtz looked at the large crowd in the Indiana Roof Ballroom to share the third rule.

"The last rule is probably the most

important one," said Holtz, 74, the former head football coach at the University of Notre Dame. "Show people you care.

"When you walk into a room, I don't want your attitude to be, 'Hey, here I am. Look at me.' I want your attitude to be, 'There you are. What can I do? How can I help you?' The great football teams we had were because players cared. That's all life is about—helping other people and caring about other people, and knowing you're making a difference in people's lives."

Those comments matched the theme of the awards dinner, an event that celebrated the volunteer spirit of four Catholics in the archdiocese, and raised more than \$150,000 to benefit Catholic Charities Indianapolis in its efforts to help the poor and vulnerable.

"This is such a great cause, and I'm happy to be here tonight," said Holtz, now a college football analyst for the cable

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Photo by Rich Clark



Lou Holtz delivers the keynote speech at the Spirit of Service Awards dinner on May 11.

Membership in archdiocese's Miter Society continues to grow

By Sean Gallagher

Each year, members of the archdiocese's Miter Society gather from parishes across central and southern Indiana to worship together during a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

This year's liturgy took place on May 4. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, was the principal celebrant.

Members of the Miter Society are Catholics who contributed \$1,500 or more to the Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community annual appeal.

The number of members continues to grow. This year, there were 657 households that met the society's criteria. That is a growth of nearly 25 percent from last year's Miter Society membership, which was 526 households.

The 657 households that make up the membership this year pledged \$1.6 million to the Christ Our Hope appeal.

"That's an amazing number, and really just speaks to your generosity," said Bishop Coyne during a reception following the Mass.

"We want to congratulate you and thank you for helping us carry out Christ's mission in the archdiocese through your generous gifts," added Bishop Coyne, who thanked Miter Society members on behalf of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, who continues to recuperate from a stroke.

"Your commitment to being good stewards makes it possible to provide care for the poor and vulnerable throughout the archdiocese."

Some of the people who attended the Mass are longtime members of the Miter Society.

Pat Byrne, a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County, drove two hours to attend the event because simply being a member of the society isn't enough for him.

He wants to get to know others in the archdiocese who, like himself, place a high value on supporting ministries that help proclaim the word of God, celebrate the sacraments and offer the ministry of charity to those in need.

"I think it's critical that when you're involved in something that you really get to



Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, right, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, speaks to members of the archdiocese's Miter Society on May 4 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

know the people," Byrne said. "... It's worth the two-hour drive to see individuals and feel their spirit.

"I look forward to any gathering—whether it's the archdiocese or the deanery. I'm not a St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Catholic. I'm a Catholic."

Byrne was encouraged to take this broader view of the Church by his former pastor, Father John Geis.

"He talked about the whole Catholic community," Byrne said. "It's not just St. Mary-of-the-Knobs. The whole archdiocese is one whole family."

The life and ministry of a priest like Father Geis was one of the motives that moved Byrne to make significant contributions each year to Christ Our Hope, which supports the formation of future priests and the care for retired priests.

Max Oldham, a member of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, is a first-time member of the Miter Society. Like Byrne, he was in part moved to make a large contribution to the Christ Our Hope appeal because of the pastoral leadership that he has seen in his pastor, Father James Wilmoth.

"Father Wilmoth is an inspiration at

St. Roch and, I would say, to everyone in the South Deanery because his [influence] is that far reaching," Oldham said.

"Seeing priests like Father Wilmoth certainly encourages all parishioners to support the Church to the degree that they are financially able to do.

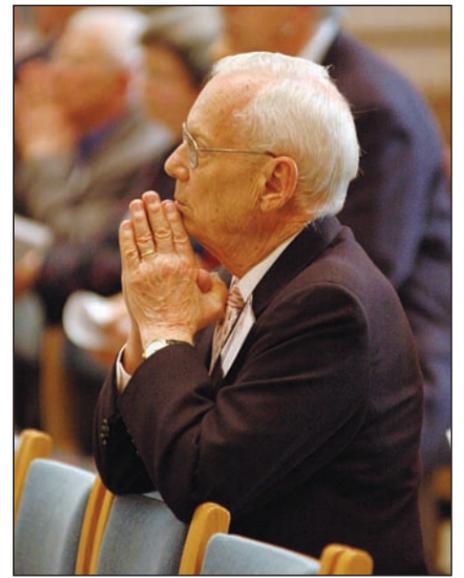
"It's very pleasing and prideful to be a part of all of the archdiocese's many [ministries] where they reach out to people across the archdiocese."

One of those ministries supported by Christ Our Hope is the archdiocese's deacon formation program.

There are now more than two dozen permanent deacons spread across central and southern Indiana extending the reach of the ministry of charity farther than in the past.

Ron Pirau, a member of SS. Francis and Clare Parish in Greenwood, is an archdiocesan deacon candidate who hopes to be ordained with his 16 classmates in 2012. He is also a member of the Miter Society.

He has a special awareness of the importance of the support of his fellow Miter Society members that has made



Larry Lamping, a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove, kneels in prayer during the annual archdiocesan Miter Society Mass celebrated on May 4 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

possible the nearly three years of formation he has received thus far.

Pirau knows deacon candidates for whom paying for such formation would be financially impossible.

"It's very, very much appreciated," said Pirau, "[especially] when you look at the whole cost of having quality instructors and room and board over the [formation] weekends."

While supporting vital ministries like the deacon formation program is important to Miter Society members like Terri Vallillo, simply coming to the society's annual Mass and reception is also a valuable blessing.

"Just coming together as a community is neat," said Vallillo, a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg "It's something outside your own [parish] community. With all of the parishes coming together, you can support [important ministries]."

(For more information on the archdiocese's Miter Society, log on to www.archindy.org/ChristOurHope/miter.html.) †

Fiscal management conference to assist parish leaders and volunteers

By Sean Gallagher

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sponsoring a conference next month that will help parish staff members and other Catholics involved in stewardship and finance councils.

The 2011 Fiscal Management and Discipleship Conference will be held on June 16 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

After participant registration from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the conference will begin with a Mass celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

A keynote address will be given by Jeffrey Stumpf, archdiocesan chief

financial officer. The rest of the conference will be made up of three series of workshops dealing with issues that range from human

resources, grant opportunities, capital campaigns, planned giving, building and renovation projects, and state legislation affecting Catholic schools.

"We have a full agenda this year, and are excited

about our offerings," said Julie Shewmaker, archdiocesan controller, who is helping organize the conference. "The workshop sessions have so many options [that] parishes should plan to send a couple of folks to make sure they cover the relevant areas."

Shewmaker said people ministering in a wide variety of areas at parishes will find the daylong gathering helpful.

"The conference is geared toward pastors, bookkeepers [and] business managers at the parishes plus volunteers from parish stewardship and finance committees," she said. "We cover various areas that impact our parishes, like health care and retirement topics,

risk management and insurance issues, education and school tuition, and expense topics."

The registration fee for the conference is \$30 per person and includes lunch. Those interested in participating in the conference must register by June 2.

(For more information or to register for the 2011 Fiscal Management and Discipleship Conference, log on to www.archindy.org/finance/fmdc.html, send an e-mail to charlie.feeney@archindy.org or call 800-382-9836, ext. 3374, or 317-236-3374.) †



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Pope Benedict names archdiocesan priests as monsignors

By Sean Gallagher

Pope Benedict XVI has honored four priests and one recently deceased priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis by naming them monsignors.

Father Paul Richart, administrator of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg; retired Father Joseph Riedman; Father William Stumpf, moderator of the curia; Father Anthony Volz, pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis; and Father Joseph Kern, who died on April 16, received the honor.

Pope Benedict named Father Kern a monsignor just five days before the late dean of the Terre Haute Deanery died.

All of the priests still living who were named monsignors said they were surprised when they learned of the honor, none perhaps more so than Msgr. Riedman.

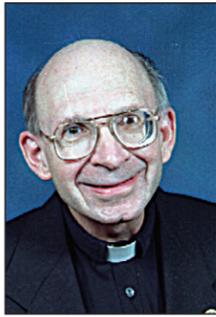
"It was a total surprise," he said. "I thought my next stop was going to be the grave. ... They must have run out of priests to make monsignors."

Father Volz also reacted with a dose of humility when Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, called to tell him the news.

"I remember saying to Bishop Coyne that I don't work harder than anyone else, but I won't turn it down, that's for sure," Msgr. Volz said. "I was very surprised and humbled by it."

Part of the humility, which the other new monsignors also experienced when they were told about the pope honoring them, came about in part because they know so well how much other people in their lives made them into the priests that they are today.

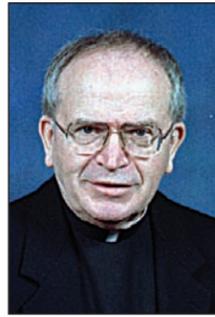
Some of those people are their brother priests. Of the various priests who influenced Msgr. Stumpf, he cited Father Paul Shikany, pastor of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, in particular.



Msgr. Joseph Kern



Msgr. Paul Richart



Msgr. Joseph Riedman



Msgr. William Stumpf



Msgr. Anthony Volz

"[He] was a young priest when I was in seminary and really made a big impact on my life, and helped me to feel comfortable," Msgr. Stumpf said.

One of the priests that Msgr. Richart looked up to when he was a seminarian was the late Msgr. Kern.

They both grew up in St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, and knew each other while they were in formation for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad Seminary in the 1950s.

Msgr. Kern was four years older than Msgr. Richart.

"He was one of the [young men] that I grew up knowing in the seminary," Msgr. Richart said. "Joe was somebody that you kind of always looked up to."

Msgr. Volz also knew him as a seminarian in the 1980s when Msgr. Kern was ministering at St. Michael Parish in Cannelton, St. Paul Parish in Tell City and St. Pius V Parish in Troy.

Later, he appreciated his help when

Msgr. Volz served as a pastor for the first time when he was assigned to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Terre Haute in 1990. Msgr. Kern had

already ministered in that deanery for nearly a decade.

"Joe was one of those guys who would do anything it would take to help somebody," Msgr. Volz said. "He was very saintly, always very friendly, always had a good word and a smile. I'm thrilled that he [received] the honor."

Bishop Coyne echoed the comments of the monsignors about their brother priests.

"This is an honor not only for these men, but for the whole presbyterate of our archdiocese,"

Bishop Coyne said. "It

is a recognition of all of the good work and dedication of our priests. In honoring a few, the Holy Father honors us all."

All the living priests named monsignors also said that their honor was due in part to the help given to them over the years by

the lay Catholics they have ministered to and with.

"We are always being continually formed," Msgr. Stumpf said. "And the way we are best formed is by the people in our lives. Other people help us to be our best selves. They really do time and time again, at least in my life."

Msgr. Riedman said that he and the other priests being named monsignors is a gift to the entire Church in central and southern Indiana.

"St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Ephesians that there are many gifts that the Lord has given us, the gifts of the Spirit," he said. "And this is one of those gifts. The gifts are given, not for the individual, but for the good of the community."

Msgr. Riedman said he hoped that the many parishioners he has served over the years "would experience joy" because of his honor, and that it causes them to consider "their own vocation in life and how they should live it."

The ecclesiastical title of monsignor is an honor given to priests by the pope. It does not give priests who receive it any additional authority or duty in the Church.

A liturgy in which the new monsignors are ritually installed in their new honorary title is expected to take place later this year, but a date has not yet been set. †

'This is an honor not only for these men, but for the whole presbyterate of our archdiocese. It is a recognition of all of the good work and dedication of our priests. In honoring a few, the Holy Father honors us all.'

—Bishop Christopher J. Coyne

Graduations set for 11 Catholic high schools in the archdiocese

Criterion staff report

As another school year comes to a close, 1,291 students are preparing to graduate this spring from Catholic high schools in the archdiocese.

For the graduates and their families, it will be a time of looking back and looking forward with a mixture of pride, relief, nostalgia and celebration.

It will also be a time to appreciate the impact of a Catholic education as more than 97 percent of the graduates will enter college.

"The typical graduate of one of our Catholic high schools is a person who has received a first-rate academic preparation, and strong moral and religious formation developed in the context of a vibrant community spirit that they will never forget," said Harry Plummer, executive director of the archdiocese's office of Catholic education and faith formation.

The archdiocese's superintendent of Catholic schools, Ron Costello, joined Plummer in extending his congratulations to this year's graduates.

"Our graduates will be able to do anything you have both the desire and motivation to accomplish," Costello said. "We encourage them not to lose their Catholic core values of acting honestly, working together, listening and responding to the needs of others, and caring for those things with which you are entrusted."

Here is a listing of graduation-related information for the 11 Catholic high schools—seven archdiocesan and four private—in the archdiocese.

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 123 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the school.

Two students are valedictorians—Kathleen Shaughnessy, the daughter of John and Mary Shaughnessy of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, and Daniel Soffera, the son of William and Amanda Soffera of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

Two students are salutatorians—Ellen Collier, the daughter of Randy and Linda Collier of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, and William Soffera, the son of William and Amanda Soffera of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented by Msgr. William Stumpf, moderator of the curia, and Plummer.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 194 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on June 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on June 5 at 4:30 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.

The graduation speaker will be Marisha Wickremsinhe, the daughter of Enaksha and Gaya Wickremsinhe of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. Stumpf and Costello.

Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 104 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on June 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis.

The graduation ceremony will be on June 3 at 7 p.m. at the school.

The valedictorian is Ryan Dimmitt, the son of Patrick and Lynn Dimmitt of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis.



Bishop Chatard High School seniors take part in the "turning of the tassel," which symbolizes a student's transition from candidate to graduate, during graduation ceremonies on May 23, 2010, at the Indianapolis North Deanery interparochial high school. Nearly 1,300 students will graduate from area Catholic schools in the next few weeks.

The salutatorian is Emily Metallic, the daughter of Joseph and Donna Metallic of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, and Plummer.

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 289 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 21 at 10 a.m. at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 22 at 1 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Four students are valedictorians—Nicholas Petrucci, the son of David and Kristi Petrucci of Holy Spirit Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese; Mary Ricker, the daughter of Richard and

Mary Ricker of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis; Jay Ruckelshaus, the son of John and Mary Ruckelshaus of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis; and Christine White, the daughter of Timothy and Kathleen White of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis.

Two students are salutatorians—Joseph Corsaro, the son of Dan and Francine Corsaro of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, and Sarah TeKolste, the daughter of Henry and Jeanne TeKolste of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Kathy Mears,

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Editorial

Catholic bloggers meet

If you Google “Catholic blogs” on the Internet and click on “Catholic Blog Directory,” you will learn that there are 2,399 Catholic blogs.

That means that there are at least that many websites of people who write regularly about Catholicism. Most of them have clever names.

One blog that doesn't have a clever name is www.JohnFFink.com. Our auxiliary bishop and vicar general, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, has a blog. A link to it can be found at www.archindy.org/auxiliary.

Beyond blogs, other Catholic websites can be useful. Many diocesan websites, including www.archindy.org, provide a wide variety of information. And many diocesan newspapers have good websites. *The Criterion's* website can be found at www.CriterionOnline.com.

The point is that there are a lot of people out there using the Internet to report on what the Catholic Church is doing, or giving their opinions on what is happening, or trying to evangelize. Many of these bloggers are relatively young men and women who grew up with the Internet while others are fairly recent users.

Church leaders have learned that they had better become proficient at using the Internet if they are going to reach people age 40 or younger. That's why the Vatican has its website, available to everyone at www.Vatican.va, and the U.S. bishops have a website at www.usccb.org.

However, that large number of bloggers can also present problems. Anyone can call himself or herself a Catholic blogger. How are we to know when a blog is teaching authentic Catholic doctrine or is just an opinion of the blogger? How can the Church learn from bloggers and work with them to get the Catholic message out?

It was those questions that prompted the pontifical councils for culture and social communications to recently sponsor a meeting of Catholic bloggers at the Vatican. The meeting took place the day after Pope John Paul II's beatification since so many bloggers were in Rome for that event.

The meeting was announced—through the Internet, of course—and bloggers were invited to apply. The requests to attend were divided according to geography, language and whether the blog was personal or institutional, and then 150 names were drawn. It was a four-hour meeting.

Rocco Palmo, who writes the popular “Whispers in the Loggia” blog, called the 150 bloggers at the meeting “many of the finest professional communicators” working for the Catholic Church. We are inclined to agree. Palmo proves that daily. However, not all bloggers are as professional as he is.

Another popular blogger at the meeting, Elizabeth Scalia who blogs as “The Anchoress,” called for charity among bloggers. Too much of what is blogged is “us and them” on both the conservative and liberal sides of the



Rocco Palmo, author of “Whispers in the Loggia,” speaks at a meeting of Catholic bloggers at the Vatican on May 2.

Church, she said.

Thomas Peters, who blogs as the “American Papist,” asked that bloggers be included with traditional media professionals when important news is set to break. However, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said that only accredited journalists who have been vouched for by their employers and have pledged to follow journalistic ethics have that kind of access.

Father Lombardi went on to say, though, that bloggers often play a key role in clarifying mistakes and confusion that sometimes exist when the secular press gets a story wrong.

In addition to the blogs already mentioned, here are just a few other popular blogs:

“American Catholic” is the website and the blog of the Catholic magazine *St. Anthony Messenger*.

“All Things Catholic” is John L. Allen Jr.'s blog. He is widely considered to be one of the best journalists covering the Vatican.

“Reflections of an RSCJ” contains daily reflections for prayer and growth in the spiritual life. It is written by Religious of the Sacred Heart Sister Helen Rosenthal. It also includes a list of spiritual books.

“The Black Biretta” is written by Father John Trigilio Jr. He is also the co-author of a couple of new books titled *Catholic Mass for Dummies* and *John Paul II for Dummies*.

“Standing on My Head” is Father Dwight Longenecker's blog. This author and homilist is always interesting. Then there's “Desperate Irish Housewife” by Susan Vigilante, one of the bloggers who attended the meeting at the Vatican.

We encourage you to check out the Catholic Blog Directory. You will surely enjoy the names that bloggers have given to their blogs. Many of them play an important role in the Church, and undoubtedly will do so even more in the future.

—John F. Fink

Be Our Guest/Joanie Nobbe

The Bible is a great tool to help us transform our lives of faith

I woke up this morning like I do every work day. The alarm goes off, and I hit the snooze button repeatedly until I know I can't possibly lie in bed any longer and still get to work on time.



I have never been a morning person, but I have been waking up happy. I feel that it is the renewed faith

given by the Easter season.

Easter is a time to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. For me, Easter is about rebirth.

In the spring of the year, Indiana comes to life with the colors of flowers and the trees blooming. That is a visual example of rebirth for me.

When I was young, I attended Catholic school and went to Mass, but I never really could comprehend the sacrifice that Jesus made for me.

How could a man that I never met give his life so that I can be saved? It was not until my early 20s when I attended a retreat, and it hit me like a lightning bolt. My eyes were opened to all that I didn't know, and my thirst to learn was unquenchable.

I owned a Bible, but had never opened it to read it. So that is where I started. I began a personal Bible study with no direction so I started at page 1. I quickly got bored and became discouraged.

Then I decided to find a new starting point so I went to the New Testament. I grew so much in my spirituality that year.

Lent is a time for personal growth and, even though that time has drawn to a close, it doesn't mean that we can't continue on our faith journey. I know we are all busy from day to day with our normal everyday lives, but if Jesus can sacrifice his life for us, couldn't we give back a half hour a day?

Now for my next excuse. We don't have a Bible study program at my parish. If we could get a few people interested and approach our pastor about our interest, maybe we could. A lot of us take our children to CCD every week. Maybe we could have a program that coincides with that.

Imagine the example we would set for our children by going to CCD as a family.

If that isn't an option, then how about creating a small group that meets once a week? We all have a group of friends that we spend time with. The next time you are together, bring up the topic. You may be surprised that they are interested, too. Remember that your pastor is a great resource for direction on a Bible study program.

The Bible is a great tool to help us cope with everyday life. Through parables and examples, Jesus teaches us how we must live. He dealt with troubles just like we do today. Jesus is the perfect example of what Christian life should be like.

If we devote more time to studying the word, then our lives will change. We will bloom into the person that God wants us to be.

(Joanie Nobbe is a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg.) †

Letters to the Editor

Assist St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry during its peak season by helping others

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at 3001 E. 30th St. in Indianapolis serves more than 3,000 needy households each week using an all-volunteer staff.

As we approach the peak of planting season for residential gardeners, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to invite the community to assist us in providing much-needed fresh produce to pantry clients. There are two ways to get involved.

First, if you have a vegetable garden on your property, consider expanding your plot and “plant a row for the hungry.” That is, plant a bit more than you need and donate any excess to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for distribution.

We ask that vegetables be packaged for more equitable distribution, for example, in one-gallon zip-lock bags.

Donations are accepted at the pantry any Monday through Saturday morning.

If a trip to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is not practical, log on to www.AmpleHarvest.org for an organization in or near your zip code that accepts donations.

A second option is to volunteer to help with an on-site vegetable garden. In partnership with “Keep Indianapolis Beautiful,” a large garden has been developed on the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 30th Street property.

Our plan is to grow fresh vegetables that can be distributed to pantry clients and, longer term, possibly teach clients how to grow their own vegetables if they have a small plot at their residence.

We need help with planning, tilling, planting, weeding and harvesting.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities or have questions, call 317-921-1401, ext. 236, or send an e-mail to

info@SVDPindy.org. You can also visit our website at www.SVDPindy.org.

Don Striegel
Pantry Volunteer Coordinator
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Indianapolis

Assisting those who are returning from incarceration is truly the Lord's work

I sincerely applaud Deacon Daniel Collier and the many dedicated volunteers who minister at the Indiana Women's Prison and other correctional facilities.

As Mary Ann Wyand's article points out in the May 6 issue of *The Criterion*, they are responding to “one of Christ's core teachings” (Mt 26:35-36).

As a Catholic who has made corrections work my profession for 38 years, I can attest to the need and benefits of ministering to those incarcerated in prisons and jails.

Keep up the good works! By the grace of God, others will be inspired by your example.

Ministering to the incarcerated, however, is not enough. A more robust and sustained community response to the needs of former inmates is required as these men and women return to the community.

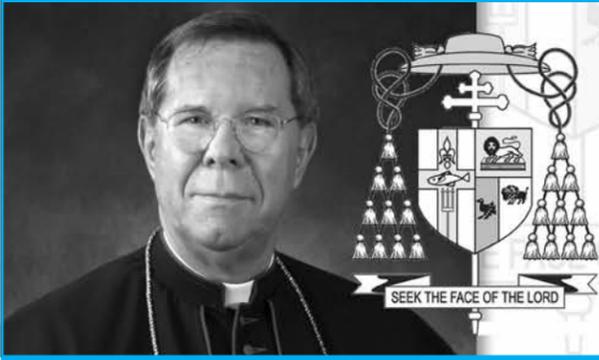
Most people in prisons and jails are incarcerated for relatively short periods. Most of them return to the community.

Statistically, their children are highly at-risk. Many of those returning need housing, transportation, addiction treatment, life skills, childcare, education, employment and other supports to increase the odds in favor of their success.

In the current difficult economy, their challenges cannot be understated. Assisting those who are returning from incarceration is truly the Lord's work. We make our communities safer as well.

Robert J. Ohlemiller
Indianapolis

ARCHBISHOP/ARZOBISPO DANIEL M. BUECHLEIN, O.S.B.



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

Genuine devotion, veneration always lead us to God

(Editor's note: While Archbishop Buechlein continues to recover from a stroke, we offer some reprints of his various columns for your enrichment. The following column is from the May 11, 2007, issue of *The Criterion*.)

A friend of mine asked me to help him review our Catholic teaching about our devotion to Mary and the saints and angels.

Fairly often, we Catholics are criticized for our devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary and the angels and saints.

We are sometimes accused of worshipping Mary or of making false gods of the saints. This month of May might be a good time to review our Catholic belief in regard to Mary, the Blessed Mother of Christ.

We do not adore Mary as we adore God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. True, we sometimes pray to the Blessed Mother, but it is a prayer asking for her intercession.

We believe her intercession is powerful with God because, of all human persons, she is the closest to Jesus as his mother. That privileged position of Mother of God does not render her divine, but it is powerful nonetheless.

When I try to help critics understand our belief about our prayers and devotions to Mary, I use the example of asking a friend to intercede with someone important whose favor we are seeking for some cause. We ask someone close to the important person (to whom we do not personally have

access) to help us, to intercede for us. So it is with our prayer to the Blessed Mother or to a favorite saint.

Through the ages, devotion to the Mother of God in our tradition has been consistent. The late Pope John Paul II brought new awareness to the important role of Mary in our faith. He was strongly convinced that she had interceded in his life on several occasions. Of course, he grew up with a great devotion to Mary inherited from his father and his Polish heritage.

Perhaps the most striking example of his conviction about the intercession of Mary in his life was at the time of the attempted assassination on his life. He was firmly convinced that while "one finger pulled the trigger, another finger," that of the Blessed Mother, directed the bullet less than a centimeter from a mortal wound.

He gave the infamous bullet to the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, where it has been placed in Mary's crown. He gave the bloodied white sash he was wearing that fateful day to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The sash hangs next to the famous icon of Our Lady.

These gestures of the late Holy Father are not acts of adoration of Mary; they are an expression of his love for her and his gratitude for her intercession.

Miracles are the work of God; they may be mediated through the intercession of Mary or the saints. Because of the holiness or merit of their lives, we believe they can court God's special favor.

When miracles were ascribed to

St. Theodora Guérin in the process of her beatification and canonization, we believe they were granted by God through her intercession. Her holiness, itself a grace of God, won God's special intervention as a response to prayer to Mother Theodore asking for her intercessory help.

I have a special devotion to St. Joseph as well as to the Blessed Mother. I pray for his intercession for particular intentions daily. There is a saying that St. Joseph's intercession is "slow but sure."

Does that mean I adore St. Joseph? No. It means that because of his having parental responsibility for Jesus in his childhood and youth he surely enjoys a down-to-earth relationship with him. He was a saint who worked with his hands and was attentive to God's directions.

I also have a special regard for Mother Theodore Guérin and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. They poured out their entire lives for Jesus in the most difficult circumstances. Surely the merit of their lives gives them intercessory power before God.

While we have favorite images and icons of Mary and the saints, we do not worship images as is sometimes believed by non-Catholic friends. Our statues and pictures are reminders of our veneration for

the Mother of God and the saints. It is much like our keeping photos of our loved ones before us as reminders of our care for them and their care for us.

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* notes: "Based on our faith in the Incarnation of Christ, we venerate images of Christ, Mary, the angels, and the saints. We do not worship the images themselves, but in venerating the image, we venerate whoever is portrayed—Jesus Christ, Mary a saint, or an angel. This, in turn, can lead us to a deeper contemplation of God himself" (p. 347).

Our veneration of an image or a saint is not adoration. Genuine devotion or veneration, in fact, always leads us to God. †

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

Archbishop Buechlein's
Prayer List
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
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Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

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

La devoción y la veneración genuina siempre nos conducen a Dios

Un amigo me pidió que lo ayudara a repasar las enseñanzas católicas sobre nuestra devoción a María, a los santos y a los ángeles.

Con gran frecuencia se critica a los católicos por nuestra devoción a la Santa Madre María y a los ángeles y santos.

En ocasiones se nos acusa de adorar a María o de hacer de los santos unos ídolos falsos. El mes de mayo quizás sea un buen momento para repasar nuestra creencia católica con respecto a María, la Santa Madre de Cristo.

No adoramos a María tal y como adoramos a Dios el Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Ciertamente a veces le rezamos a la Santa Madre, pero se trata de una oración pidiendo su intercesión.

Creemos que su intercesión es poderosa ante Dios ya que de todas las personas humanas, ella es la más cercana a Jesús por ser su madre. Ese puesto privilegiado de Madre de Dios no la hace divina, pero es indudablemente muy poderoso.

Cuando intento ayudar a que los críticos entiendan nuestra creencia en cuanto a las devociones y oraciones a María, utilizo el ejemplo de preguntarle a un amigo que interceda ante alguien importante de quien solicitamos su ayuda por alguna causa. Le pedimos a alguien cercano a esa persona importante (a quien no tenemos acceso personalmente), que nos ayude, que interceda por nosotros. Así funcionan nuestras oraciones a la Santa Madre o a nuestro santo preferido.

Nuestra tradición de devoción a la Madre de Dios ha sido una constante desde tiempos ancestrales. El difunto Papa Juan

Pablo II creó una nueva conciencia sobre el papel importante que desempeña María en nuestra fe. Estaba profundamente convencido de que ella había intercedido por su vida en muchas ocasiones. Por supuesto, creció con una gran devoción a María heredada de su padre y de su herencia polaca.

Quizás el ejemplo más impactante de su convicción sobre la intercesión de María en su vida fue cuando ocurrió el intento de asesinato en su contra. Estaba firmemente convencido de que si bien "un dedo tiró del gatillo, otro dedo," el de la Santa Madre, dirigió la bala a menos de un centímetro de una herida mortal.

Entregó la infame bala al santuario de Nuestra Señora de Fátima donde fue colocada en la corona de María. Entregó la faja blanca bañada en sangre que llevaba ese aciago día al Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Czestochowa. La faja cuelga junto al famoso icono de Nuestra Señora.

Estos gestos del difunto Santo Padre no son actos de adoración a María; constituyen una expresión de su amor por ella y su gratitud por su intercesión.

Los milagros son obra de Dios; tal vez por medio de la intercesión de María o de los santos. Debido a la santidad o al mérito de sus vidas, creemos que pueden conquistar la gracia especial de Dios.

Cuando se le atribuyeron milagros a Santa Theodora Guérin durante el proceso de su beatificación y canonización, creemos que éstos fueron concedidos por Dios por medio de su intercesión. Su santidad, una gracia de Dios en sí misma, obtuvo la intervención especial de Dios en respuesta a

la oración a la Madre Theodore pidiéndole su ayuda intercesora.

Le tengo una devoción especial a San José, así como a la Santa Madre. Rezo por su intercesión a diario para mis intenciones particulares. Hay un dicho que dice que la intercesión de San José es "lenta pero segura."

¿Eso significa que adoro a San José? No. Significa que debido a su responsabilidad como padre de Jesús durante su infancia y juventud, seguramente goza de una relación práctica con él. Es un santo que trabajó con sus manos y estaba atento a las instrucciones de Dios.

También siento un afecto especial por la Madre Theodore Guérin y la Beata Teresa de Calcuta. Ellas volcaron por completo sus vidas a Jesús en las circunstancias más difíciles. Seguramente el mérito de sus vidas les otorga un poder de intercesión ante Dios.

Si bien es cierto que tenemos imágenes e iconos preferidos de María y los santos, no veneramos imágenes, como creen algunos de nuestros amigos no católicos. Nuestras estatuas e imágenes son recordatorios de nuestra devoción a la Madre de Dios y a los Santos. Es similar a conservar a la vista fotos de nuestros seres queridos como recordatorio de nuestro cariño por ellos y del suyo por nosotros.

El *Catecismo Católico de Estados Unidos para Adultos* observa: "Basándonos en nuestra fe en la Encarnación de Cristo, veneramos imágenes de Cristo, María, los ángeles y los santos. No adoramos las imágenes en sí mismas, pero al venerarlas, veneramos a quienes ellas representan: Jesucristo, María, un santo, o un ángel. Esto, a su vez, puede llevarnos a obtener una contemplación más profunda del propio Dios." (p. 347).

La veneración de una imagen o un santo no es adoración. La devoción o la veneración genuina, de hecho, nos conducen siempre a Dios. †

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

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

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

Events Calendar

May 19-20

St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. **"Mayfest,"** games, rides, buffet dinners, music, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m. Information: 317-784-1763.

May 20

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis.

Catholic Business Exchange, Mass, breakfast and program, "Bringing Christian Joy to the Workplace,"

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, presenter, 6:30-8:30 a.m. \$14 members, \$20 non-members. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

May 21

St. Michael the Archangel

Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Helpers of God's Precious Infants, pro-life Mass,** Father Robert Robeson, celebrant, 8:30 a.m., followed by rosary outside abortion clinic and Benediction at church. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1569.

May 21-22

Kokomo High School, 2502 S. Berkley, Kokomo, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). **"Holy Family Catholic Conference,"** \$30 teen (not registered with family), \$50 single adult, \$90 married couple, \$115 family. Information: 765-865-9964 or www.holyfamilyconference.org.

May 22

St. Paul Parish, 9788 N. Dearborn Road, Guilford. **Ladies Sodality, hot breakfast**

bar buffet, 7:30 a.m.-noon, free-will donation. Information: 812-623-2349.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Monte Cassino Shrine pilgrimage, "Mary, Mother of Mercy,"** Benedictine Brother Elijah Luckett, presenter, 2 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

Queen and Divine Mercy Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. **Mass, 9:30 a.m., on third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in,** Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant, daily Mass, 9 a.m. Information: 812-689-3551.

May 23

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane,

New Albany. **Catholics Returning Home program,** session five, 7:30-9 p.m. Information: 812-949-7685 or 502-338-3158.

Coffin Golf Course, 2401 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Cathedral High School, Black Alumni Council, "BAC Golf Classic,"** 11 a.m., \$125 per golfer, registration deadline May 13. Information: 317-968-7366 or jean_22@sbcglobal.net.

May 25

St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. **Annual "Mini-500,"** 2 p.m. Information: 317-872-6420 or devsindianapolis@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

May 26

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Catholics United**

for the Faith, Abba, Father Chapter, meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Information: 317-236-1569, 800-382-9836, ext. 1569, or parthur@archindy.org.

May 28

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **"Black and White Dance,"** 8 p.m.-1 a.m., \$10 per person. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Starlight. **"Strawberry Festival,"** 10 a.m.-1 a.m., make your own strawberry shortcake, buffet style chicken dinner, rides, crafts, soap box derby, queen contest, games, street dance, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Information: 812-923-5785.

May 29

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Monte Cassino Shrine pilgrimage, "Mary, Queen of**

Peace," Benedictine Father Denis Robinson, presenter, 2 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

May 30

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass,** noon. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass,** noon. Information: 317-784-4439.

SS. Francis and Clare Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. **Memorial Day celebration,** music, Knights of Columbus flag procession, Mass, flag raising, 8:45 a.m. Information: 317-865-8953. †

Retreats and Programs

May 20-22

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Practical Christianity,"** Benedictine Father Adrian Burke, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

May 25

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Thomas Merton Seminar: Bridges to Contemplative Living—Entering the School of Experience,"** session three, Benedictine Sister Julie Sewell, presenter, 5:15 p.m. Mass (optional), simple supper, 6 p.m., presentation, 6:30-9 p.m., \$85.95 includes book and meal. Information: 317-787-3287, ext. 3032, or www.benedictine.com.

June 1

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Thomas Merton Seminar: Bridges to Contemplative Living—Entering the School of Experience,"** session four, Benedictine Sister Julie Sewell, presenter, 5:15 p.m. Mass (optional), simple supper, 6 p.m., presentation, 6:30-9 p.m., \$85.95 includes book and meal. Information: 317-787-3287, ext. 3032, or www.benedictine.com.

June 3-5

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive,

St. Meinrad. **"Living in the Spirit—Exploring the Christian Vocation,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

June 4

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Hildegard of Bingen—Mystic for Our Times,"** Franciscan Sister Olga Wittekind, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$45 per person includes lunch. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

June 7

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Woman Talk—To Begin Your Decorating Journey, Start with Something You Love,"** session five, Margy Nierman, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m., \$25 per person includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or www.benedictine.com.

June 8-29

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Thomas Merton Seminar: Bridges to Contemplative Living—Becoming Who You Already Are,"** Benedictine Sister Julie Sewell, presenter, four sessions, Mass, 5:15 p.m. (optional), simple supper, 6 p.m., 6:30-9 p.m., session, \$85.95 per person includes book and simple supper. Information: 317-788-7581 or www.benedictine.com. †

Five parishes change Mass times due to holiday and race

Five parishes in the Indianapolis West Deanery will change their weekend Mass schedule for the Memorial Day weekend on May 28-29 due to the annual Indianapolis 500 race on May 29.

- **Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., Indianapolis**—Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on May 28. No Masses will be celebrated on May 29.
- **St. Anthony Parish, 337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis**—Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on May 28 in English and 6 p.m. in Spanish, and at 8:30 a.m. on May 29 in Spanish. There will be no 11:30 a.m. Mass in English on May 29.
- **St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., Indianapolis**—Mass will

be celebrated at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on May 28. No Masses will be celebrated on May 29.

- **St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis**—Mass will be celebrated in English at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on May 28, in Spanish at 7 p.m. on May 28, and in English at 7:30 a.m. on May 29.
 - **St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis**—Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on May 28 and at 7 a.m. on May 29.
- For information about Mass changes at other parishes in the area, call the parish offices. †

Bishop Bruté Days set for June 14-17

Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis is again sponsoring "Bishop Bruté Days," a summer vocations retreat and camping experience for young men ages 13 to 17 who are open to the possibility that God could call them to the priesthood.

It will take place on June 14-17 at the Indiana Future Farmers of America Center in rural Johnson County near Trafalgar.

During past Bishop Bruté Days, participants have come from across and beyond the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including canoeing,

swimming and scavenger hunts.

There are also spiritual conferences given by priests and seminarians, daily Mass, opportunities for confession, eucharistic adoration, praying the rosary and other devotions.

Adult volunteer chaperones assist the priests and seminarians of Bishop Bruté Seminary in leading the vocations retreat and camp.

The registration cost for Bishop Bruté Days is \$60.

To register or for more information, log on to www.archindy.org/bsb, send an e-mail to sburris@archindy.org or call 317-924-4100. †



Hearts for Haiti

Paige Saylor, left, and Sydney Meadors, sixth-grade students at Our Lady of the Greenwood School in Greenwood, carry items to be sold at the Indianapolis South Deanery parish's "Hearts for Haiti" children's clothing, equipment and more sale on April 16. The sale raised more than \$4,700 to feed students and supplement teachers' salaries at St. Georges School in Bassin-Bleu, Haiti. An estimated 8,000 items were sold at the sale. Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, through its "Hearts for Haiti" ministry, sends \$2,500 per month to St. Georges Parish. The Greenwood parish also sponsors mission trips to Bassin-Bleu.



Haiti fundraiser

Pax the dog, accompanied by his owner, Cindy Schultz, left, greets students at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany on May 5. Pax visited the school and "asked" the students to support a nutrition clinic in Haiti. The students contributed \$113 for the clinic.



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ABUSE

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guidelines appropriate to their own national situation with its unique culture and legislation," he told reporters on May 16.

The guidelines of several countries, including the United States, have been adopted as mandatory norms in those countries and approved by the Vatican.

The guidelines the doctrinal congregation now is seeking throughout the world do not have to be binding, the letter said, although they must reflect the binding provisions of canon law and the special provisions enacted in 2001 and last year.

The special provisions issued in the past 10 years expanded or extended several points of Church law. They defined a minor as a person under age 18 rather than 16; set a statute of limitations of 20 years, instead of 10 years, after the victim's 18th birthday for bringing a Church canon law case against an alleged perpetrator; established an abbreviated administrative procedure for removing guilty clerics from the priesthood; and included child pornography in the list of serious crimes which could bring expulsion from the priesthood.

Barbara Dorris, a spokeswoman for the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, known as SNAP, said in a statement on May 16 that "the Vatican abuse guidelines will change little," particularly because they do not insist that the national

guidelines be binding.

"Bishops ignore and conceal child sex crimes because they can," the SNAP statement said, adding that "any 'reform' that doesn't diminish bishops' power and discretion is virtually meaningless."

The doctrinal congregation said new guidelines should reflect the fact that diocesan or national review boards "cannot substitute for the discernment" and decision-making authority of individual bishops.

Father Lombardi said the point of the letter was to make clear that an individual bishop "cannot abdicate his responsibility" for ensuring child safety and handling abuse cases even though he may avail himself of the advice of outside experts.

He said the fact that the guidelines do not have to be binding does not lessen a bishops' responsibility or the Church's commitment to ending abuse. Rather, he said, it is a recognition that in many countries all the bishops have agreed to follow the same procedures and, culturally, did not feel a need to have a Vatican stamp on them in order for them to be binding.

"The responsibility for dealing with the [crime] of sexual abuse of minors by clerics belongs in the first place to the diocesan bishop," the letter said. But the adoption of national guidelines is meant to "lead to a common orientation within each episcopal conference, helping to better harmonize the resources of single bishops in safeguarding minors."

Citing Pope Benedict's meetings with

representative victims of child sexual abuse during his trips outside Italy, the doctrinal congregation's circular letter encouraged bishops or their representatives to meet with victims and their families.

Bishops' conferences should consider introducing child protection programs aimed at creating "safe environments" for children, and educating Church workers and parents about the signs of abuse and how to handle suspected cases, the letter said.

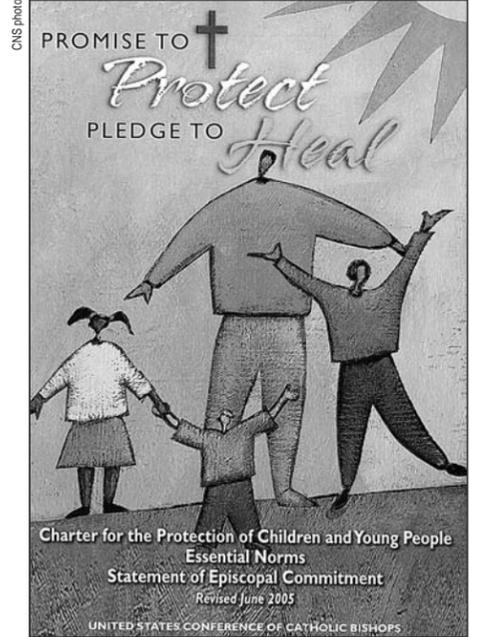
The letter reiterated the need for bishops and religious communities to exercise special care when accepting candidates for the priesthood or religious life, and to provide "a healthy human and spiritual formation" and a clear understanding of the value and meaning of chastity.

Special emphasis was given in the letter to the obligation of bishops and religious superiors to exchange information about candidates who transfer from one diocese, seminary or religious order to another.

The doctrinal congregation said bishops must act as fathers and brothers to their priests, ensuring their ability to live out celibacy, to understand how clerical sexual abuse damages victims, and "to recognize the potential signs of abuse perpetrated by anyone in relation to minors."

The Vatican letter offered bishops' conferences guidance in dealing both with those making accusations as well as with accused clerics.

People making accusations against a priest should be treated with respect, it said, and "spiritual and psychological assistance" should be offered to victims.



The "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' directives to dioceses in dealing with clergy sexual abuse, was approved in 2002 and revised in 2005. In a May 3 letter, the Vatican said that every bishops' conference in the world must have such guidelines for handling accusations of clerical sex abuse in place within a year.

The Vatican said when an accusation is made, a priest must be presumed to be innocent until it is proven that he is not. However, it said, a bishop can limit an accused priest's ministry until an investigation can be conducted. †

GRADUATIONS

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assistant superintendent of Catholic schools, curriculum and learning resources.

Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison has a graduating class of 27 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on June 3 at 7 p.m. at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on June 5 at 2 p.m. at the school.

Three students, listed in alphabetical order, are in contention for valedictorian and salutatorian honors as the school year draws to a close—Susan Goley, the daughter of Mark and Marjorie Goley of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison; Andrew Reuss, the son of Rick and Melissa Reuss of Madison; and Victoria Valkovci, the daughter of David and Jamie Valcovci of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Rob Rash, assistant superintendent of Catholic schools, administrative personnel and licensure.

Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 80 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 26 at 7 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 27 at 7 p.m. at the school.

The valedictorian is Andrew Bujna, the son of Jeffrey Bujna and Susan Bujna of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

The salutatorian is Danielle Kurasz, the daughter of Alan and Lisa Kurasz of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Bishop Coyne and Plummer.

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg has a graduating class of 55 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 29 at 1 p.m. at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg, followed by the graduation ceremony.

Two students are in contention for the honors of valedictorian and salutatorian as the school year draws to a close. They are listed in alphabetical order—Ali Langferman, the daughter of

Marvin and Margie Langferman of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg, and Meghan Wanstrath, the daughter of Jim Wanstrath and Sherri Wanstrath of St. Louis Parish in Batesville.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation ceremony by Plummer.

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville has a graduating class of 116 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 22 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany.

The graduation ceremony will be on June 5 at 5 p.m. at the school.

The valedictorian is Thomas Wiles, the son of Thomas and Ann Wiles of Holy Family Parish in New Albany.

The salutatorian is Joseph Becht, the son of John and Elizabeth Becht of Holy Family Parish in New Albany.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Mears.

Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 25 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on June 8 at 7 p.m., followed by the graduation ceremony.

The valedictorian is Darnell Bland Jr., the son of Robin Bland of Indianapolis.

The salutatorian is Anthony Jackson, the son of Christy Steger of Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented

at the graduation ceremony by Msgr. Stumpf and Costello.

Roncalli High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 262 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 27 at 6 p.m. at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 28 at 9 a.m. at the school.

The valedictorian is Taylor Shackelford, the son of Kenneth and Ellen Shackelford of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood.

The salutatorian is Matthew Blandford, the son of Deacon Kerry and Becky Blandford of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation ceremony by Bishop Coyne and Plummer.

Seton Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Richmond has a graduating class of 16 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on June 3 at 6 p.m. at St. Andrew Church in Richmond.

The graduation ceremony will be on June 5 at 2 p.m. at the school.

There are two valedictorians—Jenna Kolb, the daughter of Dr. Michael and Barbara Kolb of Richmond, and Joel Stocksdale, the son of Mark and Carol Stocksdale of Richmond.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation ceremony by Plummer. †

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Clouds roll in over mountains and a lake along the scenic route of the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad train ride to and from the former mining towns in southwestern Colorado.

Discover historic Durango and Silverton nestled in Colorado's mountains

By Mary Ann Wyand

SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO—You may have vacationed in Denver, but have you ever visited Durango?

If not, catch a commuter flight from the Mile High City to historic Durango for a memorable western-themed vacation in the incredible Rocky Mountains.

There are lots of things to do and see all year long in scenic Durango as well as at nearby Vallecito Lake, which is 8,000 feet above sea level, and in the massive San Juan National Forest.

While staying in Durango, you can enjoy a spectacular side trip in a historic, steam-powered train on the narrow-gauge rails—clickety-clack, clickety-clack—that are nailed into the rock faces up the mountain range to Silverton.

Or you can drive to that colorful Wild West mining town along the breathtakingly beautiful “Million Dollar Highway” carved into the mountainsides.

Telluride, Purgatory, Wolf Creek and several other popular ski resorts are nearby, but the region is best suited for a variety of summer recreational activities.

Longtime resident Suzanne Gamble likes to say that, “You can do anything

that ends with an ‘ing’ in Durango.”

That would include hiking, mountain climbing and skiing, of course, as well as gliding, camping, hunting, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, boating, fishing, swimming, cycling, shopping and sightseeing.

In the Rocky Mountains, bears, cougars, wolves, moose, elk and deer roam free. Sometimes bears visit the garbage cans in Durango at night, and make quite a racket as they forage for leftover food. Residents keep their windows closed and locked after dark for obvious reasons.

Downtown Durango's historic sites draw plenty of tourists interested in days gone by when customs were less civilized.

The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Train Depot and Museum are fun to visit, and the gift shop offers a variety of unique, rail-themed gifts ranging from educational books to

T-shirts, sweatshirts and boxer shorts decorated with steam locomotives and the words “toot toot.” Purdue Boilermakers fans will love them.

But your visit to the depot isn't complete unless you take the train up the mountain to Silverton. En route, you can watch for bears. You rarely see cougars, even while hiking, but they see you.

Ray Mayer, a Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum volunteer for 12 years, said four locomotives transport tourists up and down the mountains.

“The largest locomotive holds eight tons of coal and burns about six tons during the whole trip,” Mayer explained during a presentation at the train depot.

“It carries 5,000 gallons of water, which is about 20 tons,” he said. “The engineer stops to fill the water tank twice going up and once coming back.

Fully loaded, it weights close to 130 tons.

“The rides have been offered as a tourist railroad since the mid-1940s and 50s,” Mayer said, “but the main purpose of the original railroad—when it was the Denver and Rio Grande Railway—was for carrying gold and silver mined in the mountains.”

The stately Strater Hotel, a National Historic Landmark, has welcomed travelers since 1887, and the ornate Diamond Belle Saloon there offers a trendy, tasty menu served by waitresses dressed as barmaids in fancy, slightly scanty and brightly colored “can-can” costumes.

Tourists will enjoy authentic looking re-enactments of a Wild West shootout several times a week in front of the ornate Victorian hotel—just like those depicted in cowboy movies.

A museum in the nearby town of Animas still proudly promotes its claim to fame—the city marshal shot the county sheriff in a dispute over gambling on Jan. 9, 1906, which permanently ended their feud.

Durango now boasts an artist's colony, and stores display a variety of handmade items that include silver jewelry, which is an appropriate purchase in Colorado

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A carved Indian statue welcomes visitors to The Grand, an ornate Victorian hotel in Silverton.



Two of the historic locomotives operated by the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railway pass each other in the mountains. One train waits on a side track for clearance.



An expert rafting guide takes tourists for a whitewater raft trip along the rock-strewn Animas River in Durango, Colo.

P a r i s h F e s t i v a l s

**May 19-21**

St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., **Indianapolis**. "Mayfest," games, rides, buffet dinners, music, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m. Information: 317-784-1763.

May 28

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Black and White Dance," 8 p.m.-1 a.m., \$10 per person. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. John the Baptist Parish, **Starlight**, mailing address, 8310 St. John Road, Floyds Knobs. "Strawberry Festival," 10 a.m.-1 a.m., make your own strawberry shortcake, buffet style chicken dinner, rides, crafts, soap box derby, queen contest, games, street dance, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Information: 812-923-5785.

June 3-4

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., **Indianapolis**. Rummage sale, 8 a.m. Information: 317-357-8352.

June 3-5

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

June 9-11

St. Anthony Parish, 337 N. Warman Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Summer Festival," food, trash-to-treasures sale, games, 5:30 p.m.-close. Information: 317-636-4828.

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

June 9-12

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Parish festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 2 p.m.-midnight, Sun. noon-9 p.m., rides, games, food. Information: 317-888-2861.

June 10

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 222 E. 3rd St., **Bloomington**. St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. John Conference, hog roast, 5-9 p.m., food, music, silent auction. Information: 812-825-0634.

June 10-11

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., **Indianapolis**. "Music Festival," music, games, 3-10 p.m. Information: 317-926-3324.

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

June 10-12

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

June 11

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 3033 Martin Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Parish picnic and festival, music and booths, noon-midnight. Information: 812-923-3011.

June 12

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Pentecost picnic, noon-3 p.m., bring covered dish. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Paul Parish, 824 Jefferson St., **Tell City**. Parish picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., chicken and pork chop dinners, games for all ages. Information: 812-547-7994.

June 16-18

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

St. Bernadette Parish, 4838 E. Fletcher Ave., **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, games, rides, food. Information: 317-356-5867.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 114 Lancelot Drive, **Franklin**. "St. Rose Festival," rides, games, dinners, Thurs. 5-11 p.m.,

Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m. Information: 317-738-3929.

June 17-18

St. Bernadette Parish, 4838 E. Fletcher Ave., **Indianapolis**. Yard sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 317-356-5867.

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. "Street Dance Weekend," Fri. 5:30 p.m., Sat. 6 p.m.-1 a.m., games, food, music, dance Sat. night with \$10 cover charge. Information: 812-944-0417.

June 23-25

St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, **Indianapolis**. "Summer Festival," Thurs. and Fri. 5 p.m.-closing, Sat. 4 p.m.-closing, Thurs. pork chop dinner, Fri. larria's, Sat. fried chicken dinner, food, games, rides. Information: 317-786-4371.

June 24-25

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

June 25

Good Shepherd Parish, 2905 S. Carson Ave., **Indianapolis**. Parish picnic, hog roast, 5:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 high school students, \$1 children. Information: 317-783-3158.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 2322 N. 13½ St., **Terre Haute**. Parish auction, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-466-1231.

June 26

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, **Sunman**. Parish festival, fried chicken dinner, turtle soup, games, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., entertainment noon-4 p.m. Information: 812-623-2964.

St. Maurice Parish, 8874 Harrison St., **Napoleon**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m. Mass, chicken and roast beef dinners, games, country store, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information: 812-852-4237.

July 1-2

St. Bridget Parish, 404 E. Vine St., **Liberty**. Yard sale, Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 765-458-6818.

July 4

St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., **Indianapolis**. "Fourth of July ¡Ole! Festival," music, food, games, downtown fireworks, 3-11 p.m. Information: 317-637-3983.

July 7-9

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, Thurs. 6-11 p.m., Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 1 p.m.-midnight, rides, food, music, entertainment. Information: 317-353-9404.

July 8-9

St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. Ninth St., **Terre Haute**. "Community Festival," 5 p.m.-midnight, games, food, \$2 adults, children free. Information: 812-232-8421.

July 8-10

St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St., **Lawrenceburg**. Parish festival, food, music, rides, Fri. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight, German dinner, Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 812-537-3992.

July 10

Harrison County Fairgrounds, 341 Capitol Ave., **Corydon**. St. Joseph Parish, parish picnic, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., food, games. Information: 812-738-2742.

July 14-16

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**. "Midsummer Festival," Thurs. 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 4:30 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., food, games, rides. Information: 317-241-6314.

July 16-17

St. John the Baptist Parish, 25743 State Road 1, **Dover**. "Summer Festival," Sat. 6:30 p.m.-midnight; Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. chicken dinner, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., food, games, entertainment. Information: 812-576-4302.

July 17

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

July 21-23

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

July 22-23

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

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

July 24-30

Jackson County Fairgrounds, **Seymour**. St. Ambrose Parish and Our Lady of Providence Parish, Jackson County Fair, food booth 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Information: 812-522-5304.

July 30-31

St. Martin Parish, 8044 Yorkridge Road, **Yorkville**. Parish festival, Sat. 4:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., pulled pork dinner, Sun. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., fried chicken dinner, food, games, music. Information: 812-623-3408.

July 31

St. Augustine Parish, 18020 Lafayette St., **Leopold**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner, quilts, games. Information: 812-843-5143.

August 5-6

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Parish yard sale, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

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

August 7

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Highway 337, **Frenchtown**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken and ham dinners, quilts. Information: 812-347-2326.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, **Fulda**. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., famous soup, food, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

August 13-14

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, **Guilford/New Alsace**. Parish festival, Sat. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, music, Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 812-487-2096.

August 14

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, **Lanesville**. Parish picnic, fried chicken and country ham dinners, booths, quilts, games, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-952-2853.

August 19

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. "The Future of the African-American Catholic Family," Deacon Harold Burke-Sicers, presenter, reception, 6 p.m., presentation, 7 p.m., covered dish and free-will offering. Information: 317-632-9349.

August 19-20

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

August 20

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., **Indianapolis**. "5K Run and Walk," 9 a.m. Information: 317-357-1200.

August 20-21

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46th and Illinois streets, **Indianapolis**. "Sausage Fest," food, music, Fri. 6 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 6-11 p.m. Information: 317-253-1461.

August 21

St. Pius Parish, County Road 500 E., **Sunman**. Parish picnic, chicken dinner, mock turtle soup, games, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-623-8007.

August 25-27

St. Ann Parish, 6350 Mooresville Road, **Indianapolis**. Parish festival, rides, games, food, 5-11 p.m. Information: 317-821-2909.

Cliffs and canyons

Mysterious Mesa Verde National Park captivates visitors



Photos by Mary Ann Wyand



Above, the rugged and awe-inspiring Mesa Verde National Park in southwestern Colorado beckons visitors from all over the world.

Left, a National Park Service ranger explains how the early Pueblo Indians built homes among the treacherous cliffs, and lived there from about 1200 to 1300 then packed their belongings and migrated to unknown destinations.

By Mary Ann Wyand

SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO—Magical and mysterious, Mesa Verde National Park holds many secrets within its desolate, treacherous and windswept canyons.

It is considered to be holy burial ground by the Pueblo Indians, whose ancestors lived there on the mesa tops and later as cliff dwellers for 700 years from about 600 to 1300 then packed up their belongings and migrated to unknown destinations in the harsh wilderness of western North America.

“*Mesa Verde*,” which is Spanish for “green table,” is extremely rugged, mountainous land that is rich in history and thankfully protected by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service.

Within its boundaries are more than 600 cliff dwellings among 4,700 known archeological sites.

Visitors to the national park can tour Cliff Palace, Balcony House, Long House, Spruce Tree House and Step House, all large, well-preserved cliff dwellings with from 40 to 150 rooms that are accessible by sometimes steep trails.

These hikes are rigorous in the often hot sun of the desert country, and some climbing is required on rustic ladders because the cliff dwellings are built high in the canyon walls.

But it is worth the effort to stand in the primitive dwellings hewn into the cliffs where Indian mothers gave birth, nursed

their babies and lovingly cared for their children, hopefully keeping them safe from harm.

As I stood in a dwelling, I tried to imagine the women cooking simple meals of gritty, stone-ground cornbread for their families as well as climbing up and down the cliffs with small children secured close to their bodies.

The men must have worked hard to farm the meager soil and hunt for food. They left behind tiers of steps in the cliffs, which helped to protect the soil from wind and water erosion but offered very little space for growing corn.

I looked around these precarious living spaces with few sources of precious, life-giving water, and felt both admiration and wonder at the Pueblo Indians’ courage, determination, persistence and resilience as they struggled to survive each day so close to the treacherous cliff edges in all kinds of weather.

The ranger explained that larger rocks were often carved into hollows to collect

rainwater.

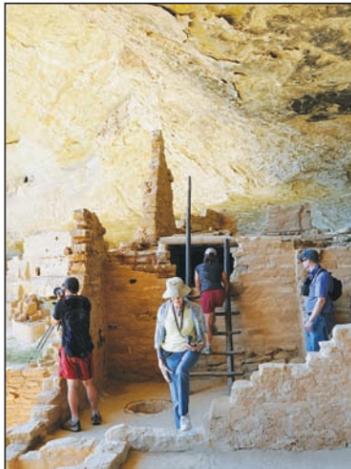
The earliest Indians settled on the mesa tops, he said, where they grew corn for centuries.

About 100 years before they migrated to parts unknown, they built cliff dwellings in the craggy faces of the canyon walls, perhaps for safety or to clear more of the mesa tops for farming.

National Park Service rangers offer guided tours with educational, interpretative materials on a seasonal schedule determined by weather conditions. Parts of the park are closed during the winter months when only packs of wild horses cross this desolate wilderness.

The one-of-a-kind national park was established by President Theodore Roosevelt on June 29, 1906, to preserve its historical sites and protect its natural resources.

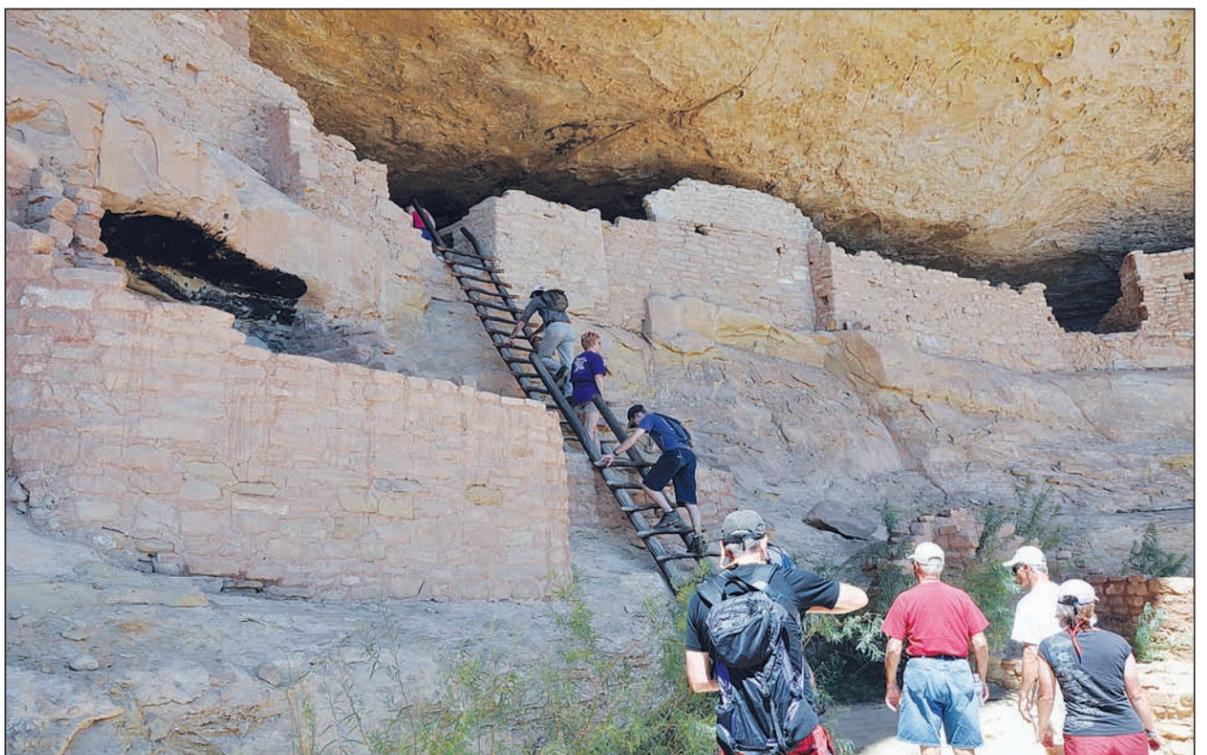
The mesas and canyons are starkly beautiful and fascinating to experience from a variety of vantage points and vistas throughout the park. It truly is sacred ground with countless burial sites over the centuries scattered among former living spaces.



Tourists find that the intricacy of their construction and the elevation of the early Pueblo Indian cliff dwellings are truly remarkable.



Above, standing inside a cliff dwelling, tourists listen as a park ranger describes the difficult life of the early Pueblo Indians as they grew corn for food on the windswept mesa tops and lived in the steep canyons.



Right, tourists climb rough-hewn ladders up the cliff to tour the ancient Pueblo Indian dwellings preserved at Mesa Verde National Park in southwestern Colorado.

Tourists often take photographs as Gustaf Nordenskiöld did in 1891 when he explored some of the cliff dwellings. Later, the Swedish scientist wrote *The Cliff Dwellers of the Mesa Verde*, a detailed report of his archeological discoveries there.

Far View Lodge, located near the Visitors Center about 15 miles inside the park entrance, accepts reservations from mid-April through mid-October, but many visitors drive from nearby Durango, Colo., for day trips.

The park amenities include a cafeteria near the Chapin Mesa Museum, where visitors can buy breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Tourists should carry in water, which is a must for hikers anywhere, as well as trail mix and other snacks.

Park regulations require that whatever food and packaging is carried on the trails also must be carried out to respect and preserve the pristine nature of the remote terrain.

Breathtaking in its raw majesty, Mesa Verde National Park is a geological maze of panoramic scenery.

Beyond the land’s rare and unusual topography, the amazing cliff dwellings leave visitors wondering about the Native American people who somehow survived and raised families by carving out homes among the rocks of the desolate canyons.

(For more information about Mesa Verde National Park in southwestern Colorado, log on to www.visitmesaverde.com or www.nps.gov/meve.) †

Glacier National Park

Rugged, mountainous country and starry skies grace Montana

By Cynthia Dewes

Special to *The Criterion*

NORTHWESTERN MONTANA—With the high price of gasoline these days, a long trip out West by car may not seem like the best way to vacation. But it's still less expensive than air travel, and a lot less aggravating to my way of thinking.

There's so much to see in that part of our country that traveling by car is the best way to do it.

Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Yosemite National Park in California are just two of the many popular western vacation destinations.

But my favorite is Glacier National Park and the Northern Rocky Mountains in northwestern Montana.

This is wild, rugged and mountainous country that is glorious in its natural beauty, historical significance and opportunities for spiritual respite. In short, it's God's country.

Glacier Park was established in 1910. Its land was obtained by the federal government from the Blackfeet Indian Nation, which hunted bison in the area and closely guarded the secrets of its mountain passes.

The Blackfeet had dominated the entire region from before the arrival of Europeans to North America, and today their large reservation lies just east of the national park.

Much of the park's development before automobile travel became common was due to the efforts of James J. Hill, the founder of the Great Northern Railway.

Hill envisioned the park as an attractive destination to increase tourist business along the route of his railway, which became a reality in 1891. This occurred after the discovery of Marias Pass made it possible to cross the mountains by rail.

With prospective tourists in mind, Hill built the Glacier Park Lodge as well as the smaller Izaak Walton Inn nearby to house his employees.

The 161-room lodge was also known as "The Big Tree Lodge" because of the gigantic Douglas fir trees which line the lobby.

Today, the Glacier Park Lodge, the Izaak Walton Inn and other inns welcome tourists from May to September.

The lodging idea was further developed by Hill's son, Louis Warren Hill, who built a series of rustic tourist lodges that were one day's horseback ride apart throughout the park.

Today, only one lodge survives as the camp store at Two Medicine Campground.

Among other things, the park offers the usual outdoor opportunities for its visitors, such as hiking, camping, fishing, horseback riding and boating.

It also provides unique vintage motor coaches called Red Buses, which are bright red, to shuttle people around to the major sights. They're a welcome service for the older or less-mobile traveler. The buses stop at good viewing or photography locations, and also wait while tourists explore the nearby area during short excursions on foot.

One popular walk is to see the Running Eagle Falls near Two Medicine Lake. These are also called the "Trick Falls" because one waterfall rushes over a cliff and another comes out of a hole in the cliff wall. Later in the summer, the upper falls dry up and the lower falls appear to be springing from solid rock—thus, the "trick."

You can see much wildlife in Glacier National Park, including 70 species of mammals that range from grizzly bears, lynx and gray wolf to elk, marmots, wolverines, moose, mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

Of most concern are the grizzly bears, which look fuzzily cute but are called wild animals for a reason.

To avoid meeting a grizzly bear, you should make noise as you walk along in the forest. Bears have very poor eyesight so if you encounter one you should stand stock still. You mustn't run because the bear will charge you. If he turns away, you can back

up slowly and take a deep breath.

Another favorite activity in Glacier Park is to take the Going-to-the-Sun Highway by Red Bus or in your own car.

This 50-mile-long, two-lane road is a designated National Historic Landmark because it was an engineering feat when it was built and remains so today.

I think it's the scariest when you're riding on the passenger side of your vehicle. The road covers every kind of terrain in the park, including pretty lakes, valleys of wildflowers, steep mountains and sharp curves along cliff faces.

Logan Pass marks the scenic Continental Divide, where the waterways on the east side flow to the Mississippi River and eventually to the Gulf of Mexico. The waterways on the west side of the pass flow to the Columbia River and then on to the Pacific Ocean. There's a hiking trail to the summit of the pass, and an interesting visitors' center.

The Blackfeet are not the only rugged individualists living in the area since the weather and the terrain can be too severe for many people to tolerate every day.

But in and out of the park are shops, restaurants, laundromats and other establishments catering to tourists, which usually are handicap-accessible.

There is wonderful pottery, clothing and other products for sale, which were made by area artisans from local materials.

One especially delicious example is the huckleberry, which is available in the form of jam, pancake syrup, salad dressing and even wine.

Although the season for tourists to visit Glacier Park is relatively short, it's certainly worth the effort.

Save up for gas, pile the kids in the car and make some great memories while traveling through one of the last truly wild and natural places to see in our country.

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Above, Running Eagle Falls, also called the "Trick Falls," is a popular hiking destination for tourists at the wild and rugged Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana. The park preserves more than a million acres of forests, alpine meadows, lakes, rugged peaks and glacial-carved valleys in the Northern Rocky Mountains. More than 750 miles of hiking trails traverse the national park.

Left, this realistic statue marks the entrance to the Blackfeet Indian Nation's reservation in East Glacier, a remote area of northwestern Montana. A Native American artist made the statue out of reclaimed materials.



Above, the Izaak Walton Hotel was built for use by Great Northern Railway workers and now offers lodging for tourists who visit Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana. The Native Americans called the majestic Northern Rocky Mountains the "Shining Mountains" and the "Backbone of the World."

Right, the view from the deck behind the Glacier Park Lodge offers a panoramic scene dominated by the Northern Rocky Mountains.



Lake Minnetonka

Minnesota lakeshore is popular vacation destination up north



More modest lake cottages are mixed among huge mansions on scenic Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota, which has been a popular summer resort near St. Paul and Minneapolis since the late 1800s.

By Cynthia Dewes

Special to *The Criterion*

WAYZATA, Minn.—They call Minnesota the “Land of 10,000 Lakes.”

Actually, there are lots more than that, and when I lived there having a natural lake handy was common.

As a result, I was surprised to learn upon moving to Indiana that lakes here are so few that even abandoned gravel pits qualify for that name!

“My lake,” as I like to call it, is Lake Minnetonka, which is located about 15 miles west of Minneapolis.

Lake Minnetonka has 125 miles of lakeshore featuring some of the most expensive properties and palatial residences anywhere.

But local residents also enjoy the same scenic beauty, good fishing, boating and other water sports as do their wealthier neighbors.

Lengthy articles in the *Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine* are devoted to this scenic lake.

Celebrities hang out there, and tourists have enjoyed its charm since the late 1800s.

In years past, streetcars connected the nationally popular resort locale to

Minneapolis, and several large tourist hotels lined the lake. A steamboat regularly ferried passengers from place to place.

About 1900, my husband’s grandparents came to a resort on Lake Minnetonka from St. Louis for their honeymoon.

We possess a beautiful antique maple bed and dresser set, which my own grandfather purchased at a fire sale when one of the big hotels burned down as most of them eventually did.

The two major towns on opposite sides of Lake Minnetonka are Wayzata and Excelsior. Both towns, according to their current advertising, are “noted for their boutique shops and restaurants.”

In contrast, “my” town of Wayzata was only a small community with James J. Hill’s Great Northern Railway rattling right down the main street.

At Wayzata’s western edge stands a neighborhood called Ferndale, which contained the homes of the wealthy movers and shakers from Minneapolis industry—the Pillsburys, the Bells of General Mills and other noted families.

In my day, Excelsior was smaller and known chiefly for its amusement park, now gone, and later the Old Log Theater, which is still popular today.

One of the early steamboats, called the

“Minnetonka,” has been restored, and now takes sightseers back and forth from Excelsior to Wayzata.

There are also commercial outfits like Al and Alma’s, which rent boats for cruises, some involving meals.

Last summer, 100 of my relatives and I enjoyed a luncheon cruise around the lake for our family reunion.

Large cruise boats such as we were on as well as sailboats, speedboats and rowboats with or without outboard motors fill the lake, especially on weekends or holidays.

Many marinas and dockside marina restaurants like the popular Lord Fletcher’s dot its shores.

Fishermen catch walleye pike, bass, crappies and sunfish galore, and swimmers and sunbathers enjoy clean, sandy beaches. The lake is big enough for jet skiers and sail gliders to have fun without bothering more passive sports enthusiasts.

Everyone living lakeside has a dock, a boat and often a small beach. In Wayzata, we had the “Lagoon,” a large pond behind the public swimming beach where picnics were held.

The Wise Boat Works where my grandfather built cabinetry for Cris Craft boats stood next door.

Today, a community center occupies that space and the train depot nearby now houses the Wayzata Historical Society. Volunteers keep the gardens in front of the depot and bordering the public dock in beautiful bloom.

In the winter, ice hockey, skating and ice fishing are popular recreational activities on Lake Minnetonka.

Despite its size, the lake usually freezes over completely and fishermen drive their cars onto the ice. They build ice “shacks,” which are often quite luxurious, with TVs and cots inside.

Everyone used to take bets on “when the ice would go out,” which usually occurred sometime in April. Of course, some fool would invariably go out on the ice too late in the spring and drop his car into the drink. Now, a stiff fine makes people more careful.

Visitors from outside Minnesota often rent cabins and cottages along the lakeshore. Many local people commute on day trips from Minneapolis, St. Paul or other towns in the area because they’re close by. But others go “up north in our own back yard,” as an article in the *Star Tribune* of Minneapolis reported.

Thanks to the dip in our economy, young single and married Minnesotans who used to vacation on Catalina Island or in the Carolinas now choose to rent a cottage on Lake Minnetonka instead.

One local man who brought his family to vacation on Big Island in Lake Minnetonka put it this way: “This is quite a unique take on a vacation for us. But with hectic kid schedules, we’re close enough that we’ll take one child to baseball practice at 8 o’clock tomorrow morning. And we’ll probably go home and mow the grass on Saturday morning.”

From an \$8.5 million home to the most modest residence, the people who live around Lake Minnetonka are a fortunate bunch. Luckily for the rest of us, the lake and its many winter and summer vacation attractions are accessible to everyone.

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Left, the Wayzata Depot, a former train station, features a waterfront garden at Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota. It is now the home of the Wayzata Historical Society.

Fall in love with London

Famous British city captivates visitors with history and pageantry

By Kamilla Benko

Special to *The Criterion*

ENGLAND—As a girl who grew up on Disney movies, England always represented a special place for me, a kind of quasi-magical country where real-life princesses lived. *Pride and Prejudice* heroine Elizabeth Bennet found love and King Arthur pulled a sword out of a stone.

I always wanted to visit there, and finally through an Indiana University journalism program I got the chance to live in London for eight weeks during the summer of 2010.

On the plane ride over the Atlantic, I worried that my expectations for England were set too high and could not possibly be met. But I could not stop myself from hoping that my Literary London would greet me upon arrival.

It didn't.

My first impression of London wasn't good. The hour bus ride from Gatwick Airport to my home for the next two months revealed gray skies, Hollywood billboards and McDonald's fast-food restaurants. America had triumphed there.

But as the bus pulled a sharp corner, Big Ben loomed into view then the majestic spires of Parliament.

Above the famous skyline, the London Eye, a Ferris wheel, revolved slowly with tourists on board for the ride and spectacular view.

Was it my literary London? No. But it was something much better.

It was real.

Navigating the famous British city

London offers everything that New York City does—high-quality musicals, wonderful art museums, historic sites and a lot of people. But it's less claustrophobic than the skyscrapers of New York. The British buildings, many dating from the 19th century, hug the ground and allow the sky to peep through.

Of course, New York—and even Indianapolis—have London beat in one respect. London does not have a systematic—or really any—street plan.

After the London Fire of 1666, the English rebuilt the city the exact same way. All the old cart paths remained, and as a result today's roads intersect at odd angles and change names around every corner.

This is fun for historical reasons. In the 1500s, Henry VIII's first wife rode along

Submitted photos: Kamilla Benko



Big Ben, which towers over the Houses of Parliament, is a famous landmark in London. Many people think it is the name of the clock, but Big Ben is actually the 13-ton bell which chimes inside the ornate clock tower.

Charterhouse Street and Gray's Inn Road to arrive at St. Etheldreda's Church—the exact same streets with the exact same names that I took 600 years later for a Mass in the exact same church.

But for practical reasons, this can make navigating the city a pain.

Enter the Tube

You will never get lost in London once you have mastered the Tube, the British subway system.

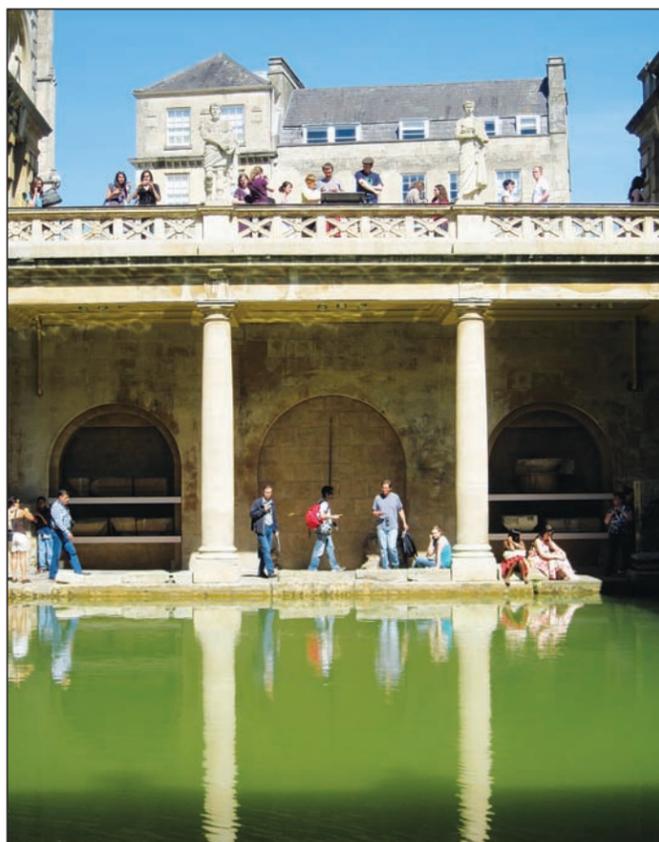
At first glance, the colorful web-like map may be confusing, but after riding on

it for a day you will feel like a native Londoner and be able to navigate the transfers with ease. To improve efficiency, invest in an Oyster Card. This little card allows you to bypass long lines and ride all three of the major transit systems—the Tube, trains and double-decker buses.

Churches, castles and palaces ... oh my!

The very modern transportation makes it easy to visit all of the historic destinations. Everyone should see the

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Above, Indiana University students Maggie Dumphy, left, of Chicago and Kamilla Benko of Indianapolis enjoy the British tradition of afternoon tea with a selection of tasty desserts at The Orangery, a famous restaurant at Kensington Gardens in London.

Left, the historic Roman Baths in London are a 2,000-year-old British landmark, which has been preserved as one of the finest thermal spas of the ancient world.

colorful changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, which is free, as well as the Tower of London, the medieval prison and current location of the crown jewels. The Beefeaters, the part of the army that guards the Tower today, offer tours that are both humorous and educational.

For more royal connections, visit Leeds Castle and Hampton Court Palace. Both palaces are located about an hour's train ride from London, and have beautiful rooms and gardens to explore at length.

But as much as I enjoyed touring the castles, historic Westminster Abbey, the venue of the recent royal wedding, was my favorite of the typical tourist destinations.

My first time in Westminster Abbey was for an afternoon prayer service, which only offered a tantalizing glimpse into the vast rooms inside the church. About 50 people attended the service, but it felt like less since the space was so large.

And this gigantic space? It was nothing more than a hallway in the huge Abbey. A hallway!

Besides the recent wedding of Prince William and Princess Catherine of Cambridge, the Abbey has many connections to the royal family.

Inside are the tombs of kings and queens as well as the Coronation Chair—the chair that every British monarch has been crowned in since 1308 A.D.

But my favorite part of the entire Abbey was a little door in a hall with a sign that read "Britain's oldest door."

I love how well the British have preserved their history and traditions. Even a small wooden door amid all the splendor of kings and queens has its own special place.

British cuisine

And, of course, one of the most famous British traditions is tea time. For anyone wanting to partake in this charming custom, visit The Orangery. This 18th-century building designed for Queen Anne is next to Kensington Palace, the former residence of the late Princess Diana of Wales.

They offer a wide variety of tea and other tasty afternoon treats from a range of prices. One of my favorite morning routines was walking to Kensington Gardens to get a scone with clotted cream for breakfast. And for an afternoon snack, I loved their finger sandwiches and chocolate pastries.

But it's not only the tea and desserts that are good. My British friends introduced me to what they call garlic butter, a mayonnaise-based sauce for French fries served in the pubs, and Pimm's, a classic summer drink.

But if you visit the pubs on a Tuesday night, prepare to get roped into a Quiz Game.

Every Tuesday, most pubs hold a



Roses bloom near historic Leeds Castle in Kent, England. The 900-year-old castle graces 500 acres of well-manicured parkland along the River Len near London. Construction of the fortified stone castle dates back to 1119.



Two British sentries in historic uniforms guard St. James Palace in London.

quiz competition, where the prize is typically free drinks for the rest of the evening. They love to get the tourists to play as the quiz questions usually relate to British news and politics. Fair warning.

London life

At the end of eight weeks in London, I felt as though I had only scratched the

surface of the city. There is so much to do in London—all the British museums have free admission—and in the scenic areas nearby that it can be overwhelming to try to do it all. But that's the beauty of London. There's always something new to explore, and there's always a choice between modern and old.

As English author Samuel Johnson

once wrote, "When a man is tired of London he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford."

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Hampton Court Palace is located about an hour's train ride from London, and has beautiful rooms and gardens to explore at length. The medieval manor was enlarged and modernized in 1494. King Henry VIII is among the British monarchs who stayed at the castle.



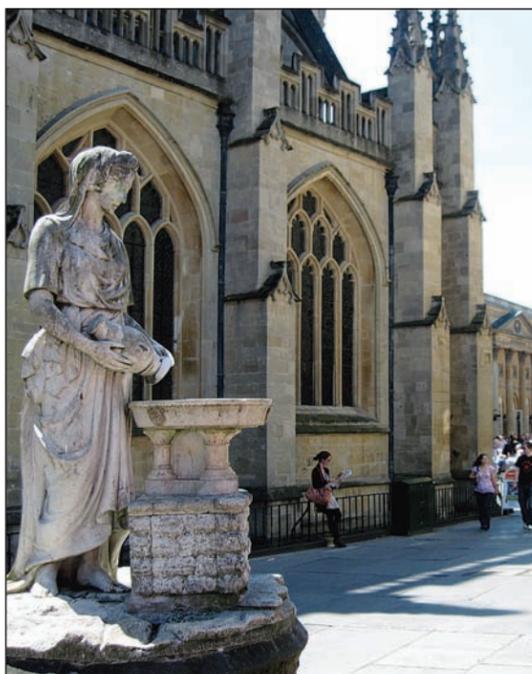
A woman dressed in a historic costume portrays St. Thomas More's daughter outside the Tower of London as part of an educational program for tourists.



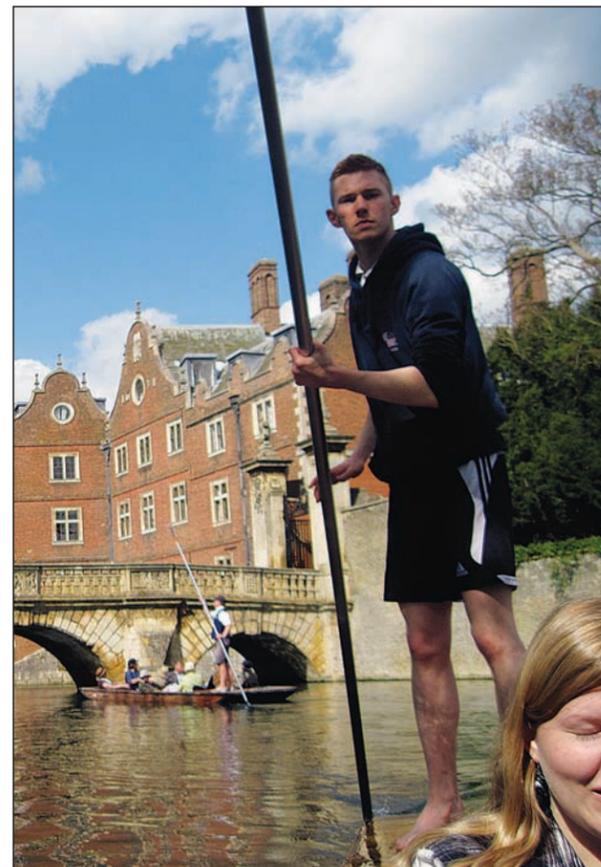
Indiana University student Maggie Dumphy of Chicago admires ornate murals above a stairway at historic Hampton Court Palace near London.



Stonehenge, a prehistoric monument near Wiltshire, England, is one of the most famous and mysterious sites in the world. The massive standing stones, which are arranged in a circle, date back to the Neolithic and Bronze ages.



Above, a Romanesque statue of a woman holding a jug of water greets visitors to the 2,000-year-old Roman Baths in London.



Right, tour guides skilled at punting steer the flat-bottomed boats, which are called punts, with poles along the River Cam in Cambridge.

Catholic France

Benedictine pilgrimage explores French art, culture and religion

By Thomas J. Rillo

Special to The Criterion

FRANCE—In late March, 37 pilgrims departed for a Benedictine Heritage Pilgrimage through France hosted by two monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

Benedictine Brother Maurus Zoeller, a guest master for the Abby, and Benedictine Brother Martin Erspamer, a well-known liturgical artist who works in a variety of media, guided the pilgrims through France, starting with a tour of Paris on March 24.

The “City of Light” has many parks, monuments, museums and churches.

Our first stop was Notre Dame Cathedral, and we were awed by its size and beautiful stained-glass windows.

Next we visited the Cluny Museum in Paris, known as the National Museum of the Middle Ages. It houses many medieval artifacts, including an ancient tapestry collection. Most impressive were the statues of beheaded martyrs of the early Church.

Another Paris stop was the Church of St. Germain des Pres, which was built in the sixth century and is the oldest church in Paris. Its abbey was the center of intellectual activity within the early French Catholic Church, and it was destroyed during the 1789 French Revolution. Only the church was left standing.

It was sad to see the damage to wonderful stone carvings and statues throughout France from the revolution.

That afternoon, some of the pilgrims visited the Louvre National Museum to view Leonardo da Vinci’s famous painting of the Mona Lisa and other noted works of art displayed there.

On the third day of the pilgrimage, we departed for Chartres, a beautiful city with a 13th-century Gothic cathedral that is famous for its soaring towers and most complete collection of medieval stained-glass windows in the world. Fortunately, few were damaged by the bombings during World War II.

The next day found us exploring the Abbey of St. Peter, called Saint Pere on Valies. The sanctuary of the abbey is known to go back to at least the seventh century.

Next, we visited the U-shaped crypt in Chartes Cathedral, perhaps the longest crypt of all the cathedrals in the world.

The day ended with a visit to the International Stained-Glass Center. Established in 1980, the center is just 50 meters from Chartes Cathedral and located in one of France’s remarkable Gothic cellars. A permanent exhibition presents the history of stained-glass art, how to interpret the stained-glass windows in Chartres Cathedral, and the restoration and manufacturing techniques.

A new day found the pilgrims visiting the Abbey of Saint Benoit sur Loire south of Chartres. The abbey has been a pilgrimage site since 673 when the relics of St. Benedict were reportedly brought there.

The Chartres abbey is an elegant example of 11th- and 12th-century architecture, and has a large collection of Romanesque and Gothic sculpture.

Father Jean Marcel, a French Benedictine monk, led our tour through the monastery then took us down to the crypt where the relics of St. Benedict are said to repose.

For Brother Maurus, this opportunity to pray near St. Benedict’s remains was one of the highlights of the pilgrimage.

In the small city of Nevers, we visited the hospital and convent home of St. Bernadette Soubirous.

Seeing the room in which St. Bernadette spent her final days was a highlight for many of the pilgrims. She died of cancer and tuberculosis at age 35.

St. Charles Borromeo parishioner Helen Coghlan of Bloomington remarked that it was the highlight of the pilgrimage to see the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette in her black and white habit, lying as if asleep below the altar top in a



Rowers pass Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris on Sept. 26, 2010. About 1,000 rowers and 300 boats took part in the rowing event to cross Paris on the Seine River.



glass enclosure.

Travel the next day brought the pilgrims to the city of Bourges, where they visited the early Gothic Cathedral of St. Etienne patterned after Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

The cathedral houses remarkable sculptures and beautiful 13th-century stained-glass windows in a collage of bright colors.

Leaving Bourges, we visited the town of La Chartre sur Loire, a monastic city founded by a Benedictine abbot from Cluny. Loire is the name of a large river that flows south in France.

After leaving the monastic city, we traveled to the small medieval town of Vezelay for a four-day stay.

The hotel is located at the foot of a hill that the pilgrims of yesteryear climbed reverently. It is a very small town with a very large church at the top of a very steep hill.

The town has centuries-old architecture, cobblestone streets and walks. Small shops line the one street climbing upward to the Basilica of St. Mary Magdalene.

Seashells placed in the cobblestone streets mark the early pilgrim path from the basilica to Santiago de Compostela in Spain and to the Holy Land. The seashell was the symbol of St. James, who was reputedly at Santiago de Compostela.

In 1870 and 1876, further relic donations of St. Mary Magdalen prompted anew the pilgrimage movement.

From Vezelay, we traveled to Cluny, the center of Benedictine monasticism in the Middle Ages. The abbey that was once the largest in Europe was the motherhouse of more than 1,000 monasteries. Only one wall remains of the historic monastery, which was destroyed during the French Revolution.

After Cluny, we visited the Abbey of St. Philibert, a fortress-like Romanesque church dating from the 11th century.

A short drive to Berze la Ville brought us to Chappelle Des Moines before returning to Vezelay.

The following day, we departed for Chateaufort en Auxois, one of the most beautiful villages in all of France. The turreted towers transform the village into a fairy-tale setting. The village dates back to the 11th century. The chateau and quaint houses have red tiled roofs.

We continued on to the 12th-century Cathedral of St. Lazare, which houses the relics of St. Lazarus and is renowned for its Romanesque sculptures.

A drive through Morvan National Forest brought us to Abbey de Pierre qui Vire, founded in 1850 by Benedictine monks who were famous for their pottery and cheeses.

Day 11 included a visit to the Cathedral of St. Etienne de Auxerre, a 13th-century Gothic cathedral.

Next, we went to Pontigny Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in 1114 along the Serein River. St. Thomas Becket spent two years in exile from 1164-66 at this abbey.



Above, the body of visionary St. Bernadette of Lourdes is seen through a glass encasement at the convent where she died in 1879 in Nevers, France. The Virgin Mary appeared to 14-year-old French peasant Marie Bernarde Soubirous at Lourdes beginning in 1858. Bernadette entered the convent at Nevers at age 22 and remained there until her death at age 35. Her feast is on April 16.

Left, pilgrims enter the small chapel at the convent in Nevers, France, where St. Bernadette Soubirous prayed daily before she became too ill to go there.

Day 12 found us traveling to Fontenay Abbey in Burgundy, a highlight of the pilgrimage for most of us. The abbey was founded in 1118 by St. Bernard of Clairvaux. It is one of the oldest Cistercian abbeys established from Citeaux, the first monastery of the Cistercian order started in 1098. The buildings are well preserved, and it is the most complete example of monastic life in Europe.

Brother Martin explained that the Benedictines built their monasteries on hills and the Cistercians constructed their abbeys in valleys.

Twelve of the pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis represented Bloomington, Tell City, Columbus, Nineveh and Ramsey.

The Benedictine Heritage Pilgrimage gave the 37 pilgrims a strong sense of heightened spirituality, and a great deal of knowledge about the artistic and cultural sites in France.

The beauty of the undulating green hills of rural France, the myriad of hedgerow fences, the antiquity of the small villages, and the images of the white sheep and cattle grazing in pastures will be forever remembered by the pilgrims.

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A priest's pilgrimage

Bologna and Turin entice tourists to visit northern Italy

By Fr. Louis Manna

Special to The Criterion

NORTHERN ITALY—Scenic Bologna and Turin are what I think of as “second-tier cities” in Italy.

Unlike Rome, Florence and Venice, where tourists may spend a few days, Bologna and Turin are cities that people come through on a tour bus, stay a few hours and then continue on to other destinations.

A few tourists may stay longer because these charming and historic cities have much to see and do.

In second-tier cities, you tend to find more of the Italy that has not been smoothed over for the tourists. You can experience more of how the Italian people live and work.

When people in Bologna and Turin say they speak very little English, they are not being modest. Often, after a couple of sentences in English, they are out of vocabulary. Unfortunately, that also describes my Italian—but we managed!

Beautiful Bologna

In the center of Bologna, the Cathedral of St. Peter and the Basilica of St. Petronius are located less than a five-minute walk apart.

The Basilica of St. Petronius has an interesting history. It was started with the plan that it would be larger than St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in Rome.

However, the pope decided to block the construction of the basilica with an educational building. Even so, St. Petronius is the world's fifth largest basilica.

The University of Bologna began in 1088 and is the oldest university in Europe. As I walked down the street, I could see many schools of this and institutes of that, all in addition to the university.

In the history of Western Europe, Bologna was one of the major universities for many years, and it is still significant.

Bologna has many arcaded porticoes, about 23 miles of them. They were started as a way of extending the rooms in the homes above the store and over the sidewalk. It was fine for the stores and the people.

However, this architectural practice created a legal problem. Who owned the porticoes and who was responsible for them—the property owners or the city? The dilemma was solved in a very political fashion. They were owned by the property owners for the benefit of the people of the city!

The Basilica of St. Dominic houses the tomb of St. Dominic. There are carvings on the sarcophagus done by a few artists, but I only recognized one artist's name—Michelangelo.

St. Dominic wanted his friars to be well educated for the task of preaching so they studied at Paris and Bologna.

I noticed that the same pope who declared St. Francis of Assisi a saint of the Church also declared St. Dominic a saint—Pope Gregory IX, who led the Church from 1227 until his death in 1241.

Turin—or Torino in Italy

When people hear of Turin, most would think of the Holy Shroud of Turin kept at the Cathedral of St. John or St. John Bosco, who centered his ministry and religious order there. Unfortunately, the shroud was not on display while I was there, although there were exhibits about it.

More recently, people may think of the 2006 Winter Olympics that were held in Turin, which is known as Torino in Italy.

This city is also the home of Fiat, which is an acronym for *Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino*. In English, that translates as “Italian Automobile Factory of Turin.”

While all this is quite impressive, there is much more to this unique city than sports and automobiles.

When people think of Rome, images of the Caesars come to mind.

With the Vatican, they are reminded of the various popes who succeeded Peter.



People walk across a plaza in Turin, Italy, near the twin churches of Santa Christina, left, and San Carlo.

In Turin, it is the House of Savoy and the part that it played in Italy's unification. On Sept. 17, 1861, the Kingdom of Italy was proclaimed with Turin as the capital. A few years later, the capital city was moved to Florence then later changed to Rome.

There is a large church in the hills near Turin called Madonna delle Grazie, which also is known as the Basilica di Superga. It houses tombs of the kings of Italy.

This basilica was built to honor the Blessed Mother because the Italian people were saved from invading French and Spanish armies during the Battle of Turin in the early 1700s after Victor Amadeus II of Savoy prayed to the Virgin Mary for help. Construction of the basilica began in 1717 and was completed in 1731. The hill offers a great view of the city of Turin.

However, to Italians, Turin has another meaning connected with soccer, a beloved sport in Italy.

In 1949, Torino had a soccer team that seldom lost a match and earned the nickname “The Invincibles.” Sadly, while returning home from a soccer match on a foggy night, their airplane hit the base of the basilica. Everyone on board was killed in the crash.

There is a small shrine at the site, and there is a procession there every year on the anniversary of the accident.

I took a tramline to get to the Superga, and that was steep enough. So when the people walk the two miles uphill to the Basilica di Superga and the small shrine in memory of the soccer team, it is a pilgrimage of love.

Part of the historic center of Turin is the Piazza San Carlo, where two churches were built next to each other—Santa Cristina and San Carlo.

This is great for tourists on Sunday because the Masses are celebrated a half hour apart. If you miss the 9 a.m. liturgy at one church, just go next door for the 9:30 a.m. Mass there!

Because Turin was the national capital as well as the home of the Savoy family, there are other interesting places to visit there. Tourists will enjoy seeing the National Museum of the Cinema, the Egyptian Museum and a former Fiat factory.

I have found that second-tier cities have a way of helping me to have a better understanding of the country and culture that I am visiting. Touring these less frequently visited places may be a bit of a challenge at times, but the results are memorable and it is well worth the effort to explore them.

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The Madonna delle Grazie, also known as the Basilica di Superga, was built on a hill above Turin to honor the Blessed Mother after Victor Amadeus II of Savoy prayed to the Virgin Mary for help in defeating King Louis XIV and the French army during the Battle of Turin. Construction of the basilica began in 1717 and was completed in 1731.



Left, the Basilica of St. Dominic in Bologna, Italy, houses the tomb of St. Dominic, who founded the Order of Preachers in 1215. Carvings on the saint's sarcophagus were done by Michelangelo and several other artists.



This memorial near the Madonna delle Grazie, which also is known as the Basilica di Superga, marks the May 4, 1949, deaths of the Torino soccer team and other passengers in a plane crash at the basilica caused by foggy weather in the hills that night.

Take a walk at 'The Woods'

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods offers an array of activities for visitors

By Dave Cox

Special to *The Criterion*

SAINT-MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—Who could resist walking along pathways under a canopy of dozens of species of trees, mostly native to Indiana?

Does an oasis away from daily commutes, deadlines and to-do lists sound appealing?

Want to find something interesting to explore, something not found anywhere else in Indiana, something that is rare in most of the United States?

If you are looking for an economical, calming, educational and spiritual vacation experience then Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the home of the Sisters of Providence, might be your ideal destination.

It is a perfect respite for travelers looking to stretch their vacation dollars by visiting a nearby location for a weekend, a day or even a few hours on a one-tank trip.

The congregation's motherhouse is open to visits by individuals, families, large groups and small groups. Guided tours or self-guided tours are available throughout the year.

Providence Center is the welcoming place for guests. It is known as "A Place to Meet, Learn, Grow."

Meeting facilities and retreat services are available for very small groups or for gatherings as large as several hundred people. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods also hosts numerous weddings, receptions and proms throughout the year.

Learning opportunities are readily available through many educational and spiritual programs offered on the grounds.

"Growing" is a prime subject, and there are many ways to do it on a personal level at the Woods.

Visitors can connect with the White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, where things literally grow daily.

The most popular opportunity for visitors is the National Shrine of St. Theodora Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence, who is lovingly called St. Mother Theodore by the sisters.

Indiana's first saint was canonized on Oct. 15, 2006, by Pope Benedict XVI. She came to Indiana in 1840 on a mission to educate Hoosier women.

Within her first year here, she started an academy that is now Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the oldest Catholic women's college in the United States. She and her companion sisters also opened Catholic schools throughout Indiana and later throughout the United States.

Her remains are at rest in the historic Church of the Immaculate Conception, where pilgrims have space to pray and can touch her coffin made of walnut lumber from the grounds.

Visitors can also learn more about her life in the Heritage Museum that often has some of her artifacts on display.

The ornate Blessed Sacrament Chapel

adjacent to the motherhouse church is a sacred space open for prayer each day.

Numerous shrines can be found on the grounds, notably the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, which is located in the Providence Center near the Heritage Museum.

A replica of the Grotto at Lourdes, which was built with some stones brought there from France, graces the scenic wooded campus, and provides a spiritual place to pray, relax and enjoy nature.

Another memorable shrine is the St. Anne Shell Chapel near the motherhouse church. The small chapel's interior walls are covered with mussel shells from the nearby Wabash River.

For those who enjoy architecture, several opportunities are available to examine different styles of buildings, most notably the Church of the Immaculate Conception that was dedicated more than 100 years ago. Visitors often compare it to European cathedrals.

The White Violet Center for Eco-Justice offers an education center, suitable for small meetings or group gatherings, and that's just the beginning.

The center's grounds feature a reflection pond surrounded by plants, perfectly situated for a place of prayer, meditation and quiet conversation.

There also are organic gardens and croplands, a nature trail, and the prize-winning herd of more than 60 alpacas, which are very family friendly and photogenic.

Visitors from all 50 states and all continents have traveled to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, many to

venerate the remains of St. Theodora, but also in search of ways to meet, learn and grow.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is located about 10 minutes northwest of Terre Haute and about 80 minutes west of Indianapolis.

The Providence Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Sunday brunch, the winner of the *Terre Haute Tribune-Star's* Readers' Choice Award for the past two years, is available each Sunday from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Food service can be available to visitors with prior arrangements.

Overnight accommodations are available in Terre Haute, just minutes away from the sisters' motherhouse and the beautiful campus of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, which also is home to the Mary Hulman George School of Equine Studies, the only college equine program in Indiana.

For equine studies majors, college is literally as challenging as taming a wild mustang. Visitors will enjoy watching the beautiful horses from afar as they graze at the farm.

(For more information about Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, call 812-535-4531 or log on to www.ProvCenter.org.) †



Submitted photo: Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
People from all over the world have visited the scenic wooded grounds of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and the campus of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College west of Terre Haute.

File photo by Mary Ann Wyszand



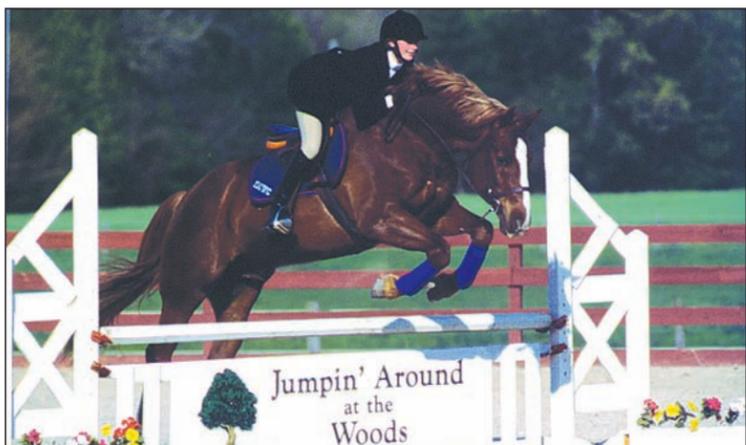
A banner of St. Theodora Guérin is displayed outside the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was canonized on Oct. 15, 2006, by Pope Benedict XVI.



Submitted photo: Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Ornate murals and beautifully restored stained-glass windows decorate the interior of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The national Shrine of St. Theodora Guérin features her remains displayed for veneration at the left side of the sanctuary.



Submitted photo: Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Above, a six-foot bronze statue of the French-born, 19th-century foundress of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods is near the entrance to the historic Church of the Immaculate Conception at the order's motherhouse. St. Theodora is the first person from Indiana to be declared a saint. A nearby bench enables visitors to enjoy prayer time or spiritual reflection.



Submitted photo: Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
A Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College student expertly guides a horse over a barrier during a competition. The Mary Hulman George School of Equine Studies, established in 1989, is the only equine program in Indiana and one of only 20 programs in the U.S. to offer a bachelor of science degree in equine studies.



Submitted photo: Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Left, alpacas and horses, not shown, are fun to watch at the farm adjacent to historic Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence, west of Terre Haute in Vigo County.

COLORADO

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mining country.

The town's Old World hospitality and Old West traditions are evidence that Durango residents appreciate the tourism industry.

Up the mountainside, Silverton's streets are dirt and the train engine steams right up the middle of a dusty side street near the restored shops, restaurants and The Grand, an ornate Victorian hotel complete with Grumpy's Saloon, built in 1882.

Tasty barbecue sandwiches and freshly brewed beer at the Silverton Brewery add to the ambience of this isolated mining town, where the residents who rely on tourism often get "snowed in" during major winter storms.

After the morning and afternoon trains depart, Silverton residents pretty much close up shop and go about their personal business. Motorists who arrive there too late in the day may find a lot of locked stores, which was surprising.

Silverton's sometimes deserted streets add to the feel of yesteryear, and you can imagine a cowboy greeting you with "Howdy, pardner!"

The old jail there is now a museum, and visitors can explore the heavily reinforced

Photos by Mary Ann Wiyand



Silverton's streets are dirt and the train engine steams right up the middle of a dusty side street near the restored shops, restaurants and The Grand, an ornate Victorian hotel complete with Grumpy's Saloon, built in 1882.

The official "Code of the West" is displayed in the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railway Train Museum.

brick building with thick steel bars on every window to keep gangs of outlaws on horses from breaking in with guns blazing to rescue bandit friends in days gone by.

But it's Durango—tamer than it was in yesteryear, but still rugged—that captures

your heart.

John Gamble, a former mayor of Durango, and his wife, Suzanne, moved to southwestern Colorado in 1983, and love the variety of recreational, cultural and social opportunities there.

"It's an old western mining town, a wonderful community filled with interesting and dynamic people," he said. "You can stay here a month and never eat at the same restaurant. It's a great place to live and a great place to visit." †

FESTIVALS

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August 26-27

Prince of Peace Parish, 413 E. Second St., **Madison**. "Community Festival," Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, food, rides, games. Information: 812-265-4166.

August 27

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Fall Kick-Off Fest," food, music, games, movies, \$1 adults, under 21 free, 4-11 p.m. Information: 317-257-2266.

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Drive, **Mount St. Francis**. Picnic, 11 a.m.-midnight, chicken dinner, games, quilts. Information: 812-923-8817.

August 27-28

St. Mary Parish, 302 E. McKee St., **Greensburg**. Parish festival, Fri. adult night, 5:30 p.m., Sat. family festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner, games. Information: 812-663-8427.

September 2-4

St. Joseph Parish, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Fall Festival," food, rides, games, Fri. and Sat. 6-11 p.m., Sun. 2-11 p.m. Information: 317-244-9902.

September 2-5

Sacred Heart Parish, 558 Nebeker St., **Clinton**. "Little Italy Festival," Water Street in downtown Clinton, Fri. 6-11 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon. 11 a.m.-closing, Italian food, entertainment. Information: 765-832-8468.

September 4

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 9995 E. Base Road, **Enochsburg**. Parish festival, fried chicken and roast beef dinners, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-934-2880.

September 5

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4791 E. Morris Church St., **Morris**. "Labor Day Picnic," chicken dinner, games, food, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-6218.

St. Peter Parish, 1207 East Road, **Brookville**. "Labor Day Festival," 10:45 a.m.-8 p.m., country style chicken dinner, turtle soup, quilts, games. Information and reservations: 812-623-3670.

September 9

St. Anne Parish, 5267 N. Hamburg Road, **Oldenburg**. Turkey supper, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-5854.

September 9-11

St. Mary Parish, 212 Washington St., **North Vernon**. "Community Festival," celebration of 150 years, Fri. fish dinner, 4:30 p.m.-close, Sat. 5K run, 8 a.m., kickball tournament mid-morning, Italian dinner, 4:30 p.m.-close, Sun. 150th anniversary Mass, 10:30 a.m., chicken dinner following Mass, rides, children's games.

Information: 812-346-3604.

September 10

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. "French Market," noon-10 p.m., French food, booths, children's activity area, entertainment. Information: 317-283-5508.

September 10-11

St. Michael Parish, 145 St. Michael Blvd., **Brookville**. "Fall Fest," Sat. grilled, smoked pork chop supper, Sun. pan-fried chicken dinner, Sat. 4-11 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

September 11

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

St. Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, 512 N. Perkins St., **Rushville**. "Community Fall Festival," music, dance, Sun. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 765-932-2588.

St. Pius V Parish, Highway 66, **Troy**. "Fall Festival," 11 a.m.-5 p.m., dinners, games. Information: 812-547-7994.

September 16-17

St. Malachy Parish, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. "Country Fair and Hog Roast," Fri. and Sat. 4-11 p.m., food, booths, games. Information: 317-852-3195.

September 16-18

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. "Fall Festival," food, rides, games, music, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., Sun. 1-6 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

September 17

Holy Cross Parish, 12239 State Road 62, **St. Croix**. "Flea Market," home-baked goods, jams and jellies, antiques, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-843-5701.

September 18

St. Louis Parish, 13 E. St. Louis Place, **Batesville**. "Fall Festival," 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 812-934-3204.

St. Michael Parish, 101 St. Michael Drive, **Charlestown**. "Septemberfest," fried chicken dinner, quilts, games, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-256-3200.

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

September 21

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

St. Mary Parish, 777 S. 11th St., **Mitchell**. "Persimmon Festival," downtown, Italian dinner, \$6 adults, \$2.50 children, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 812-849-3570.

September 23-24

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

SS. Francis and Clare Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road, **Greenwood**. "Fall Festival," 5-11 p.m., games, music, food. Information: 317-859-4673.

September 24

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Taste of St. Rita," 6-10 p.m., food, silent auction, \$30 per person. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Anne Parish, 102 N. 19th St., **New Castle**. "Fall Bazaar," 8 a.m.-2 p.m., crafts, bookstore, rummage sale. Information: 765-529-0933.

September 25

St. Mark Parish, 5377 Acorn Road, **Tell City**. Parish picnic, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., shooting match, quilts, games, homemade pies, chili. Information: 812-836-2481.

Fayette County Fairgrounds, 2690 N. Park Road, **Connersville**. St. Gabriel Parish, "Fall Festival," fried chicken dinner, country store, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 765-825-8578.

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane, N.E., **Bradford**. Parish festival, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., dinner, booths, games, quilts. Information: 812-364-6646.

October 1

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1723 I St., **Bedford**. "Oktoberfest," polka Mass and festival, Mass, 5 p.m., German dinner, 6 p.m., games, 6 p.m. Information: 812-275-6539.

October 2

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

St. Joseph Hill Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road West, **Sellersburg**. "Fall Festival," 11 a.m., turkey shoot, food, games, quilts. Information: 812-246-2512.

October 8

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4052 E. 38th St., **Indianapolis**. "St. Andrew Fest," homecoming, Mass, 4:30 p.m., dinner, entertainment, games, 5:30-8 p.m. Information: 317-546-1571.

October 9

St. Mary-of-the-Rock, 17440 St. Mary's Road, **Batesville**. "Turkey Festival," dinner, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-934-4165.

October 16

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, 6501 St. Isidore Road, **Bristow**. "Fall Festival," 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., food, games, shooting match. Information: 812-843-5713.

November 6

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Highway 31 and Highway 160, **Henryville**. "Fall Smorgasbord," homemade dishes, quilts, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information: 812-256-3200. †

Restaurant road trip



'THE BIG Z'

"The Big Z," one of the signature creations at the Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor in Columbus, features five scoops of homemade ice cream covered with whipped cream and cherries. It also comes with three syrup toppings.

Homemade ice cream tops off memorable visit to Columbus

By John Shaughnessy

COLUMBUS—Oh sure, some of you will say I was over-indulgent, gluttonous and even crazy when you learn that I stopped at the Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor for a late breakfast and ordered the shop's signature dish, "The Big Z."

But in my role as a restaurant critic for *The Criterion* once a year—which my boss thinks is even one time too many—I believe it's my journalistic duty to sample the culinary creations that are the pride of a particular place.

So for purely research purposes, I ordered "The Big Z," which comes with five scoops of homemade ice cream of your choice, covered with whipped cream and topped with cherries. Oh yeah, and you get to choose three syrup toppings.

I have to admit that I had to fight back tears of joy when waitress Wilma Hare placed this bowl of beauty, bounty and a bazillion calories in front of me—a dramatic and welcome contrast to the bowls of shredded wheat, crispy rice and crunchy oats floating in 2 percent milk that normally comprise my breakfast menu.

After tasting a sample of each of my five ice cream choices—mint chocolate chip, dreamsicle (my dreams should be this good), vanilla, chocolate and raspberry chocolate chip (Wow!—a professional term used by the best restaurant critics)—I had returned to my 10-year-old version of myself where my mom often chastised me, "Your eyes are bigger than your stomach," and envisioned eating the entire dish.

But I stopped halfway through the bowl after Hare discreetly dropped by to offer a gentle observation that families of five often share this dish. So I set aside my spoon and took a tour of the ice cream parlor, which is a wonder in itself—for its history and its stunning restoration.

Three brothers from Greece opened Zaharakos as a candy store in 1900, according to the ice cream parlor's website at www.zaharakos.com.

A visit to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis then led the brothers to turn it into an ice cream parlor, adding onyx soda fountains, a self-playing pipe organ of wood, tin and brass, and a 50-foot-long double back bar of mahogany, stained-glass, marble and mirrors.

For more than a century, the ice cream parlor was a Columbus landmark that even drew people to have some of their wedding and prom pictures taken in front of the bar. But in the early 2000s, the descendants of the Zaharakos brothers decided to close the place.

In 2007, the site was acquired by Tony Moravec, the owner of a pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution company in Columbus. And for the next two years, he seemed to spare little expense in restoring Zaharakos to its gleaming glory and its homemade ice cream roots.

The history of the place also comes alive in the people who work there.

After my walk through the parlor, I returned to my seat at the counter, where Hare offered to make me an

Photos by John Shaughnessy



Wilma Hare, a waitress at the Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor, makes a terrific ice cream soda and shares a touch of history about this Columbus landmark that opened in 1900.

old-fashioned ice cream soda, recommending cherry as a popular flavor.

Because I had been so good in eating just half of "The Big Z," a cherry ice cream soda—topped again with whipped cream and another cherry—seemed like a worthy reward for my restraint.

"I made this back in the day," said Hare, a 70-year-old Columbus resident who used to work as a "soda jerk" in the nearby community of Hope in her youth.

"This used to be a teen hangout," Hare explained. "All they hired in those days were boys. They worked behind the counter. I've always said the girls will come where the boys are. And they did."

As Hare reminisced, the pipe organ played *The Entertainer*, a Scott Joplin ragtime tune. The carbonation in the ice cream soda, another great treat, also seemed to be having the beginning of a rousing effect on "The Big Z" in my stomach.

So I took another break. And Hare suggested that I talk to a man eating at a table by the front door, an antiques conservator named Chuck Baker who spent 18 months helping to restore the historic ice cream parlor.

"Everything in the museum is prior to 1900, and everything on the ice cream side is 1900 or after," Baker said. "When we started, I had no idea what a jewel was sitting here. I was fascinated by the woodwork, but it had become run down. Now pride is one thing that comes to mind when I come here. I really enjoy hearing the comments that people make."

During breaks in our conversation, Baker ate bites of one of the specialty sandwiches of Zaharakos—a creation called the GOM Sandwich that the menu

describes as "the classic Zaharakos sloppy joe, spiced just right, and grilled on thick white bread."

"You should try one," Baker recommended.

My doctor will be happy to know that I resisted. Maybe next time.

Offering sandwiches and other food items on the menu was an addition that owner Moravec made when he reopened the ice cream parlor in 2009.

"We needed a full-service restaurant to make this work," Moravec said when he stopped by Zaharakos for lunch that day. "It couldn't just be an ice cream parlor anymore."

Still, more than a business, Moravec views the restored shop as a gift to Columbus and a joy for him.

"I thought if it could be revitalized, it would be a point of pride for the community and a destination point for people from all over the state to see," he said. "I love the feel of nostalgia and the sense of history here."

Add a taste of delicious ice cream and Zaharakos makes for a fun place to visit during a trip to Columbus.

Besides, you have to appreciate a restaurant whose website includes this advice: "Ice cream for breakfast? Yes."

(If you have a favorite dessert that can be found at a restaurant or parish festival within the archdiocese, here's your opportunity to share it with other readers of The Criterion. Send your dessert recommendations—and your reasons—to John Shaughnessy by e-mail at jshaughnessy@archindy.com or by mail to The Criterion, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206.) †

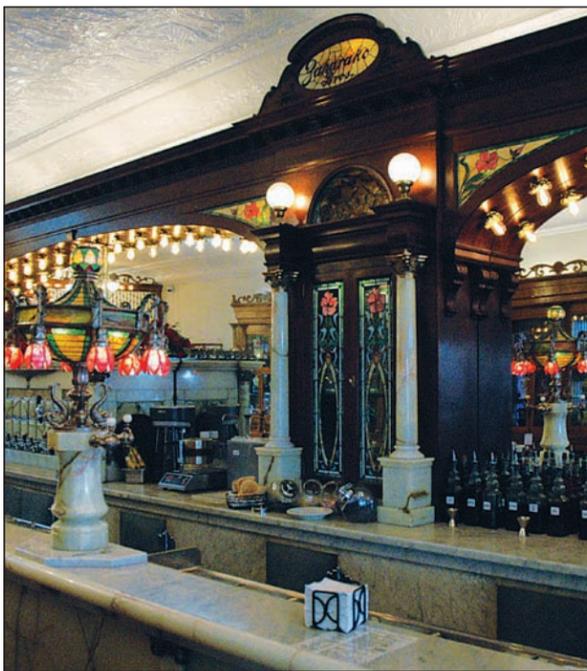
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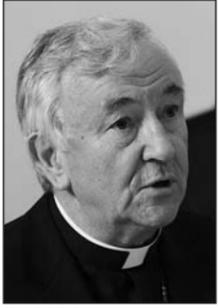
Above, after two years of extensive restoration work, the Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor reopened in 2009. A pipe organ from 1908 adds to the nostalgia and beauty of this Columbus landmark that was opened in 1900 by three Greek brothers.

Left, a Tiffany-style lamp from 1905 is one of the beautiful touches that mark the 50-foot-long double back bar of mahogany, stained-glass, marble and mirrors at the Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor in Columbus.

English and Welsh bishops reintroduce meatless Fridays

LONDON (CNS)—Catholics in England and Wales will be obliged to abstain from meat every Friday under a new rule brought by the bishops.

The “act of common witness” will take effect on Sept. 16, the first anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to Britain.



Archbishop
Vincent Nichols

The rule, announced at a news conference in London in mid-May, reverses a relaxation of the Friday penance regulations introduced in England and Wales in 1984. This allowed Catholics to choose their own form of Friday penance—such as offering additional prayers, attending Mass or abstaining from alcohol.

But critics have said that the end of a tradition in which Catholics ate fish or eggs instead of meat on Fridays led to a loss of common

identity with many Catholics today abstaining from meat only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The return to an obligation to abstain from meat was a key resolution of the bishops’ May plenary meeting held in Leeds, England, on May 9-16.

“Every Friday is set aside by the Church as a special day of penance, for it is the day of the death of Our Lord,” said the bishops’ resolution.

“The law of the Church requires Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the bishops’ conference,” the statement said.

“The bishops wish to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity,” it said.

The resolution said those “who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake.”

Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of

‘The law of the Church requires Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the bishops’ conference.’

—Resolution passed by the bishops of
England and Wales

the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, said the bishops wanted “to establish a shared practice, a shared habit, because habits that are carried out together are better learned and are stronger—we give each other mutual support.

“So that’s why there’s a simple, across-the-board expectation that this will be something that Catholics will do,” he added. †

What was in the news on May 19, 1961? The need to fix the race problem

By Brandon A. Evans

This week, we continue to examine what was going on in the Church and the world 50 years ago as seen through the pages of *The Criterion*, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Here are some of the items found in the May 19, 1961, issue of *The Criterion*:

- **Papal encyclical to examine social and economic issues**
- **High court backs ban on tuition aid**
- **Report: Growing faith among Cuban Catholics**
- **The position of Catholics on Church unity**
- **Urges prayers to Mary for success of Council**
- **Holiness starts in home: Pope says at canonization**
- **Emphasizes role of lay apostolate in foreign aid**

• Editorial: The race problem

“We Americans are an impatient people. We are proud of the fact. We want results, and we want them right now. We are impatient about most everything under the sun. Except one thing. And about this one thing we are extremely virtuous. We are not only most patient, we are most prudent about it. The race problem, we say, will not be solved in our lifetime and, more than likely, not in many lifetimes. It will be a gradual process, we say, requiring much education of both Negroes and whites. Those who are pushing us into precipitous action, we say, are really setting the cause back many years. We must be prudent; we must be patient. This is not the way Americans ordinarily approach a problem. This is untypical of America. And when you come right down to it, everything

about the race problem is untypical; it doesn’t fit into the American picture. And that is why we ought to get rid of it. Right away.”

• Peace Corps hailed by Vatican Radio

• Tiny Carmelite cloister ignites Swedish debate

• **No quick changes seen in nuns’ garb**
“NEW YORK—Don’t look for overnight changes in the traditional garb of nuns. ... According to

Sister Fides, an English teacher at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., ‘given the present uncertain situation ... most Sisters will undoubtedly retain the design of their tradition habits.’ Sister Fides, writing in America magazine, points out that the question of modernizing nuns’ garb has been much discussed in

recent years, especially since Pope Pius XII urged changes in 1951 and 1952. While some communities have made ‘conspicuous’ changes and other more minor ones, she says, ‘for the most part, in spite of goading to the left or to the right, Sisters have clung to their antiquated dress because of its tradition and symbolism.’ ”

• See underworld ‘frame’ behind Ratterman arrest

• **Pontiff lauds German bishops**

• **Catholic prelate fetes Anglicans**

• **Priest pleads cause of migrant workers**

• **Pope asks unified effort by Catholic Actionists**

• **[Jacques] Maritain denies he plans to enter religious order**

(Read all of these stories from our

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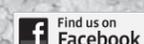
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to her room and talk. She told me she had a little boy, and she gave him up for adoption through Catholic Social Services. We talked all night long. That's when I realized there was an answer for me. I think God sent her to me because I never saw her before, and I never saw her again."

A few weeks later, Carroll met with a Catholic Social Services' staff member in Colorado Springs. Before she agreed to place her child for adoption, she had the counselor promise that her child would be adopted by a Catholic family. She also wanted her child to

have siblings. Then she made a request of God.

"I told him, 'If I'm going to give up my baby for adoption, I want you to watch over this child more closely than any child in the universe, and I also want you to give him or her a happy life.'"

Carroll gave birth to a baby girl on July 1, 1976. Three days later, she handed her child

over to be adopted. Before she did, she made sure of two things. She put together a small packet for herself to remind her of her daughter, a packet that included two photographs, a birth certificate and her baby's crib tag. She also had a priest baptize her baby as she held her.

As she said goodbye to her child, she knew that her adoption arrangement required her to never try to see or contact the child again.

"I was devastated and so sad," Carroll recalls. "I just had to have faith that I did the right thing, and God's going to take care of her. But I missed her so much."

'My heart stopped'

Flash forward to March 28, 2011—the day when a 34-year-old woman named Heather Neuroth from Ankeny, Iowa, once again renewed her search to find her birth mother.

"I started looking when I was 20," Neuroth says. "I've always had a wish to find my birth mother to say 'thank you'—not just for carrying me to term, but that she also had the insight to know she couldn't care for me like other families could. Every time I searched, I hit a

brick wall. Still, I prayed a lot and hoped that my prayers of thanksgiving would reach her if I was never able to."

At 34, Neuroth grew up in the loving, Catholic family of Dennis and Beverley Neuroth. She has an older brother, Erich, and a 4-year-old daughter, Emma. She also remembers having a wonderful childhood. But in March, she was struggling with depression because of concerns about finances and the future.

Unable to sleep in the early hours of March 28, she tried to do something constructive so she checked the Internet and eventually landed at the website

www.adoption.com, a database where birth parents and people who are adopted can post information. It was the first time she looked on the website. It's the same website where Carroll posted information in 1998, just in case the girl she placed for adoption ever wanted to find her.

Neuroth created a profile on the website, listing all the facts that her mom and dad had shared about her adoption. Seconds later, the website signaled that

there was one match.

"My heart stopped," Neuroth recalls. "I clicked on the link to go to the person's profile. Everything I read was a match. She had a girl. She gave her up for adoption at Catholic Social Services in Colorado Springs after giving birth in Fort Carson Army Hospital. I was numb. I couldn't believe it."

An overwhelming connection

Later that night, with the help of some connecting through the social network website Facebook, Carroll and Neuroth found themselves talking on the phone together.

The conversation was marked by more tears than words. Still, Neuroth managed to tell Carroll about her family and how her parents always praised her birth mother for making the sacrifice she did. And Carroll told Neuroth that she has two more brothers—Carroll's sons, Doug, 29, and Alex, 26. Three weeks later, Neuroth came to Indianapolis on Palm Sunday weekend to meet her birth mother and her brothers. They spent the weekend at a hotel, talking, playing cards, eating meals together and catching up on nearly 35 years of their lives.

Carroll and Neuroth also had DNA testing

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—Veronica "Roni" Carroll



Alex Carroll, left, and Doug Carroll finally know the joy of having a sister as they share a moment with Heather Neuroth. All three are the children of Roni Carroll, who gave Neuroth up for adoption nearly 35 years ago. The children met for the first time during Palm Sunday weekend in Indianapolis.

done to confirm they are related even though their physical resemblances are striking. The test results revealed an overwhelming connection. So did the reunion.

"In the matter of three weeks, I was able to cross off the top three things on my bucket list," Neuroth says. "First, to find out who my birth mother is, to just find a name. Second, to talk to her and thank her for giving me life and a chance at a better life. And third, just to meet her and look at this woman who made the most unselfish choice a mother can. It's been better than I ever thought it could be."

Doug Carroll has seen the difference that the reunion has made in his mom.

"It's brought a completion to my mom's life," Doug says. "She's not one to dwell on regret, but to know she made the right decision to give her up and see what a wonderful person Heather is has given my mom a lot of peace."

'The hand of God'

In the weeks since the reunion, e-mails, letters and phone calls have deepened the bonds, and there are plans for visits to Iowa

and Indiana this summer.

"It's just been so much fun to talk to Heather, to bounce off ideas of what we're going through in our lives," Alex says. "It's really been a wonderful, wonderful thing for us. I love being able to say 'my sister' in conversation."

His mother has the same reaction to using the phrase "my daughter."

"When Heather came here, she had made me a book showing pictures of her through the years," Carroll says as the tears flow down her cheeks. "Pictures of her first birthday, her first day of kindergarten, her first Communion, pictures with her Mom and Dad, pictures of her teenage years. It was so amazing. In the back of the book, she wrote, 'To be continued.'"

"We're looking forward to that."

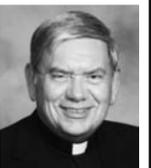
Both Carroll and Neuroth see "the hand of God" in everything that has happened to reunite them.

"The family just keeps getting bigger and happier," Neuroth says. "We just have a lot more love. God really does work in our lives even when we think he's not listening anymore." †

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Focus on Jesus for help in a painful grief journey

By Mary Ann Wyand

Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Like walking on a prayer labyrinth, which requires focus and concentration, looking to God for comfort and strength provides a sure pathway for grieving people who struggle to find meaning in life after the death of loved ones.

Bereavement specialist and registered nurse M. Donna MacLeod of Ormand Beach, Fla., the author of *Seasons of Hope*, a grief ministry support group curriculum published by Ave Maria Press, encourages people to turn to Jesus and place their sorrows in his loving and merciful care.

"Suffering brings us to the cross of Christ, whether we experience suffering ourselves or witness another person's suffering," MacLeod explained during a recent presentation for bereavement ministers and other caregivers.

And it is there at our own Calvary, she said, that we are closest to God.

Seasons of Hope support group facilitators help "bring Jesus to people that are hurting," MacLeod said. "He wants to console them. Let us be the vehicle. ... We're just doing what the Blessed Mother does. She points us to Jesus. We point people to Jesus, and he is waiting for them."

A former oncology and hospice nurse, MacLeod created the Scripture-based bereavement program after the death of her 9-year-old daughter, Erynne, on March 22, 1988, of complications from cancer. The curriculum was published in 2007.

This year, on the anniversary of her daughter's death, MacLeod was the keynote presenter for "The Joys of Serving the Brokenhearted—Living the Challenge" at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

"The Church teaches us that joy is

one of the 12 perfections of the Holy Spirit that we receive through baptism," she said. "It's a spiritual gift. Joy is also a fruit of charity."

Joy can also be defined as "Jesus, Others, Yourself."

That means placing God first in your life, she said, then helping others in need in order to find happiness even when faced with personal sorrows.

Being a charitable person "isn't just doing good things," MacLeod said. "It's doing good things for the Lord, for the love of God."

In his ministry, Jesus talked about having a positive attitude, an attitude of joy, she said, and trusting God.

"Trust in God and go forward with life," MacLeod said, as best as you can while grieving.

"The spiritual grace of joy is there when we accept what comes each day," she explained, "when we willingly share our time and gifts, when we resist temptation, when we do what we can to emulate the glory and love of God, and when we reach out to respond to the needs of others."

Basic principles to live by, she said, are best described by the

popular phrase "What would Jesus do?"

"He is our example," MacLeod said.

"He practiced his faith. He obeyed God the Father. He was a person of prayer, and he gave us guidelines on how to serve others.

"When we get to the point where we can really look at someone who is suffering and see the face of Christ, then we know that we have spiritual joy because we're getting that connection from God," she said. "He is showing us his own face. ... It goes along with [Blessed] Mother Teresa's wonderful teaching to find Christ in who you are caring for."

Her parish-based ministry was inspired by the kindness, prayers and support of the pastoral staff and members of Sacred Heart

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—M. Donna MacLeod



A woman walks along the prayer labyrinth at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis on a warm summer day. Looking to God for comfort and strength provides a sure pathway for grieving people who struggle to find meaning in life after the death of loved ones.

of Jesus Parish in Hopedale, Mass., while she and her husband, Bryan, cared for Erynne during her cancer journey.

"They were all so wonderful as she was in her dying stages," MacLeod said. "They just opened their arms to us. We were new in town, and had only lived there for a few months before Erynne died."

Providentially, MacLeod was working as an oncology nurse at the time of their daughter's cancer diagnosis at age 3.

MacLeod believes that coincidence was part of "God's plan to make sure that Erynne received really good care."

To truly experience a joyful life, she said, we must be eucharistic people.

"The Eucharist is central to our faith, to our life in Christ," MacLeod said. "Give yourself to him. ... When you receive the Eucharist, think about Jesus and give him thanks. ... Sit in front of the tabernacle or go to adoration and be present to the Lord in silence."

In addition to putting yourself in the hands of God, she said, another way to live a joyful life is to focus on people you know who are happy.

"Think of the most joyful people that you have known in your life and how they have influenced you," MacLeod said. "What did they do to let you know that they are joyful?"

Try to slow down, calm down, focus more on God, share your faith with others and enjoy life, she said, to get through the tough times in your grief journey.

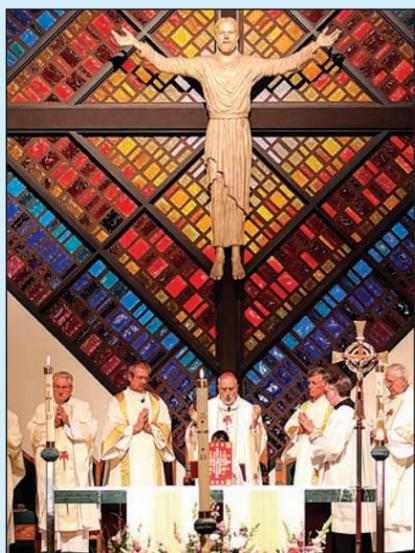
"Find humor wherever you can find it," MacLeod recommended, because "laughter and joy are phenomenal" in healing a broken heart.

Seasons of Hope participants often tell MacLeod that they find what they need in the Christ-centered support group.

"What I have learned from *Seasons of Hope*," a woman explained, "is that God is helping me through this, the worst time in my life."

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The Church's funeral rites offer a road map through grief



Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., celebrates the funeral Mass for 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Tucson on Jan. 13. Christina was killed in the Jan. 8 shootings that left six dead and 14 others wounded, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

One of the most intense emotions that we humans experience is grief. When someone we love dies, it often seems as though we will never recover from the pain and sense of desolation that engulf us.

While the journey through grief is somewhat unique for each person, there are some basic steps that we each have to take if we are to find a way through our grief.

At the time of the death, many people instinctively turn to the Church for help and support, and many parishes offer a wonderful ministry of caring assistance, often providing meals, helping to plan the funeral, house-sitting during the service and providing support after the funeral.

The funeral rites themselves are one of the treasures that the Church offers to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Developed over centuries, these rites offer a kind of road map through the grief process.

The Church recognizes that the journey through grief takes time, and that we do not complete that journey by

the time funeral services end. What the rites can do, however, is point us to the stages that we need to travel in the days and months that follow.

The funeral rites comprise three major ritual moments:

- The first is the vigil for the deceased, which is popularly called a wake. This rite offers a time for the family and friends of the departed to begin to come to terms with their loss. This is a time to share memories and stories of the deceased, to draw support from one another and to turn to the Lord as we face the reality of our loss.

- The central moment of the funeral rites is the funeral liturgy itself. This is normally celebrated in church, though it may be celebrated at the funeral home or at the cemetery. The Catholic tradition usually celebrates the funeral in the context of the Mass, but it may at times be celebrated without it.

During the funeral liturgy, we are invited to link our suffering with the suffering and death of Christ, and to find hope in the promise of Christ's

resurrection. As Jesus went through death to new life, we trust that those who have died with him will also share in his resurrection.

- The third step of the funeral rites is the rite of committal, usually celebrated at the cemetery. It brings us to the point of separation and invites us to let go. It reminds us of the need to go on without the physical presence of our loved one.

We do not complete any of these steps during the funeral rites. It is much too soon for that. But as we celebrate the rites, we practice the steps and chart the course ahead.

When the funeral rites are over, we continue to repeat these steps in dealing with our grief—embracing the pain of loss, linking our suffering to the death and resurrection of Christ, and moving into a future that is changed but not ended.

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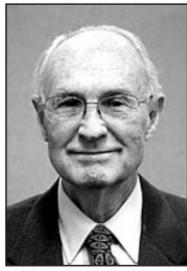
From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

The wisdom of the saints: St. Bede

Two weeks ago, I wrote that St. Athanasius lived the most tumultuous life of all the Doctors of the Church. Well, St. Bede, whose feast is on May 25, lived the quietest.

He was born on the lands of the Benedictine monastery of Sts. Peter and Paul at Wearmouth-Jarrow, England, in 673, entrusted to the abbot of that monastery when he was 7, and lived there until he died in 735. He left the monastery only once—to teach for a few months in the school of the archbishop of York.

Bede was learned in all the sciences, social and physical, of his day. He wrote 45 books on a variety of subjects, but is known particularly for his *Historia Ecclesiastica*, the history of the Church in England. He was an early popularizer of dating time from the incarnation of Christ as A.D.—*Anno Domini*. Thirty of his books were about the Bible, and he also translated books by other authors.



Here is some of what he said about the first part of Mary's Magnificat, which she recited during her visitation to Elizabeth (Lk 1:46-55).

It begins, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior" (Lk 1:46-47).

With these words, Bede said, Mary first acknowledged the special gifts that she had been given then went on to recall God's favors to the entire human race.

Whenever we devote all our thoughts to the praise of God, he said, we proclaim God's greatness. We have God's power in our minds when we observe his commands, and our spirit rejoices in God in the mere recollection of our Creator, who gives us hope for eternal salvation.

It was only Mary, though, Bede said, who could truly rejoice in Jesus, her savior. She alone was chosen to be the mother of God, "and she burned with love for the son she so joyously conceived."

She knew, he said, that the source of eternal salvation would be born in her body, "in one person both her own son and her Lord."

Her canticle continues, "For the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49). Mary attributes nothing to her own merits, Bede said. Rather, she refers all her greatness "to the gift of the one whose essence is power and whose nature is greatness, for he fills with greatness and strength the small and the weak who believe in him."

Mary did well, Bede said, to add "and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49), thus warning us who hear her words that we must believe and call upon his name. We, too, can share in everlasting happiness.

Those who pray the *Liturgy of the Hours* recite Mary's Magnificat every day during evening prayer. Bede wrote—back in the eighth century—that this is an excellent and fruitful custom because "By meditating upon the Incarnation, our devotion is kindled, and by remembering the example of God's mother, we are encouraged to lead a life of virtue."

This is especially appropriate, he said, in the evening when "our minds are ready for contemplation." †

Coming of Age/Karen Osborne

When teenagers go to Mass and sing, great things will happen

Last month, hundreds of students at one of Nebraska's biggest Catholic schools got an unexpected surprise. They were kicked out of Mass for not singing enough!

Young teenagers at St. Stephen the Martyr Church in Omaha were told to go back to class by their pastor, Father

James Tiegs, who thought that the teens were being irreverent because they didn't crank up the volume during the sung parts of Mass.

Now, honestly, the Mass isn't always the easiest thing to concentrate on. Sometimes the priest's sermon may not speak to them, and the cantors sometimes sound a little flat. Sometimes teens would rather be somewhere else—a soccer game, the movies—or asleep. And we already know that American Catholics don't always sing very loudly at Mass anyway.

But that doesn't mean that teens or Catholics in general should just give in to the urge to shut up and shut off.

What further complicates this dilemma that our ancestors never had is that modern Catholics live in a world that has become accustomed to constant entertainment.

For modern teens, entertainment is



everywhere from the phone in their pocket to the schoolwork that they do. It is always available and always on. Even their schoolwork is now being designed to keep them entertained!

They turn on the television, sit on the couch and zone out. They enter the movie theater, sit down and zone out. They watch sports. They watch politics. They hardly ever have to do something participatory.

There is a big difference between being an active participant in an event and simply sitting back as a spectator.

For one, being a spectator means that you rarely exert influence over the outcome of the event. Being a spectator means that you don't have a voice—that you will probably end up bored.

Remaining passive about the world around you does nothing but make boring things even more boring, and things that are wrong even more terrible.

Just watch how many people complain about the candidates for public office during an election year, but neglect to vote. Or people who say that the poverty they see around them is horrible, but never donate to helpful charities or volunteer in a soup kitchen or at a clothing drive.

Nothing happens. Still, they complain, complain and complain!

Nothing happens, however, until you make it happen.

Like life itself, the Mass isn't meant to be like a spectator sport or a movie to be

observed from the pew. It is meant to be an experience that everyone—from the smallest child to the oldest adult—participates in.

That's why liturgists do not allow recorded music during Mass and other liturgies.

That's why Father Tiegs thought that the teens' refusal to sing was "irreverent."

God wants us to open our mouths to sing and pray and praise together. God wants us to be active!

Something truly amazing happens when a person moves from being a passive observer to an engaged participant. The world starts changing. It becomes more fun. It becomes brighter.

And something happens to the person, too. He or she becomes less bored.

Teens who like movies and theater could try borrowing a camera and making a flick of their own. Those who like football but can't make the high school team might consider joining a town recreational league. And teens that have passionate opinions about politics, the poor or social justice could put some weight behind their words and make something happen by volunteering or starting their own campaign.

And when teens go to church on Sunday, they should sing!

Great things will happen.

(Karen Osborne writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Inspirational words often bolster our lives of faith

No matter when I have been distressed to distraction, at some point I perk up—not through my own strength, but through prayer and the grace of God. Often, I cannot "see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Some readers might scoff when I say that I find peace in some of the

smallest things—comforting a cat or carrying an indoor spider outdoors or seeing the first dandelions sprouting despite having the yard treated to prevent their growth.

From my computer, I can view my neighbor Frank's beautifully groomed backyard. His star magnolias took my breath away each morning as I captured the beauty in my mind for future recall. I call every squirrel "my favorite squirrel," and I make sure the bird feeder and birdbath are clean.



Perhaps most readers will not get past the first or second paragraph of this column because my ideas seem mundane. However, I believe nothing is mundane, and even the littlest things in life are important.

Recently, I read something by Nancy Sims at her website, www.nancyesims.com/it/creedwithhapplet.htm, that touched me. I share her "creed" that is part of her "Inspired by God" website here:

"Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special. ... Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

"Don't let life slip through your fingers by living in the past or in the future. By living one day at a time, you live all the days of your life. Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is the fragile thread that binds us to each other.

"Don't be afraid to encounter risks. ... Don't shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find. ... The fastest way to lose love is to hold to it tightly, and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

"Don't dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope, to be without hope is to be without purpose.

"Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been, but also where you are going. Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way."

As Catholics, we live by the commandments and through the wisdom of our Catholic faith. However, sometimes we do this so routinely that we miss what others have to offer that will enrich our lives.

Sims reminds me to look at my life in many ways that enrich the years ahead of me.

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Catholic Evangelization Outreach/
Peg McEvoy

A wedding invitation

It is almost guaranteed that, if you attend a Catholic wedding, there will be someone there



who is either unfamiliar with Catholicism or who has been "away" for a while.

Have you ever considered a wedding as an opportunity to invite people to "reconnect" with their faith? This may be true, especially if they have been "away"

from their Catholic faith. These "evangelizing opportunities" are possible with the couple themselves, their families and the guests who attend the ceremony. And each of us can do something.

It is countercultural to focus on marriage more than the wedding. That is why we, in the archdiocese, invite the couple to participate in meetings with their priest and possibly a sponsor couple as well as attend marriage preparation programs.

We ask them to set aside time to focus on the important "big picture" of their marriage. By asking the sometimes difficult questions in a prayerful and supportive environment, we encourage the future bride and groom to explore their readiness for the sacrament of matrimony.

It is an opportunity to focus on the often misunderstood teachings of the Church on marriage, the family and God's plan for them, and to be reminded of the special graces that God provides to couples who are open.

Joining the couple in holy matrimony is the most important part of a wedding, but there are some other important elements, too.

People who have stopped coming to church will often still attend a wedding. Do we welcome them? Do we have materials readily available to help folks who are unfamiliar with the Mass?

What can a parish evangelization team do? First, search for opportunities that exist for evangelization in the Catholic wedding process in your parish, especially with hospitality. Talk to your pastor and/or staff to see if there is something your team can do to help.

Could someone on your team be a cheerful contact person for weddings, especially involving people who are marginally connected to the Church? Could your team help by offering hospitality on the day of the wedding?

Your parish probably already has some materials available in the gathering space that explain some elements of Catholicism. Could your team make sure those materials are displayed prominently for weddings? There is a great, to-the-point pamphlet titled "Top Ten Questions Catholics are Asked" by Our Sunday Visitor publishing.

As Catholics, we need to always be open to being evangelized. We need to pray for the compassion of Christ as we reach out. We need to grow in knowledge about the sacrament of matrimony as well as the "what's" and "whys" of Church teaching.

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* is a handy resource for updating yourself on what the Church teaches and why. Also, consider the U.S. bishops' pastoral on marriage titled "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan," downloadable for free at www.usccb.org/loveandlife/. You might also enjoy the website www.foryourmarriage.org.

The most important thing we can all do is to be truly welcoming to the couples, families and friends before, during and after the wedding, inviting them in various ways to connect or deepen their connection with our Lord and his Church. We know our Lord wants to melt the hearts of all women and men—making room for him there. We also know, from Christ's participation in the Wedding at Cana, that miracles can truly begin with a wedding.

(Peg McEvoy is associate director for Evangelization and Family Catechesis. For questions about starting a parish evangelization team, contact her at pmcevoy@archindy.org or call 317-236-1430 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1430.) †

Fifth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 22, 2011

- Acts 6:1-7
- 1 Peter 2:4-9
- John 14:1-12

Once again this season, the Acts of the Apostles provides the first reading.

The early chapters of Acts marvelously reveal to us the lives led by the early Christians. Very obvious, and important, in this glimpse into events so long ago is the place of the Apostles, and among them the place of St. Peter.



The Apostles led the community because the Christians recognized the Apostles' special relationship with, and calling from, the Lord.

Indeed, reverence for the Apostles was so deep that the people placed their possessions at the Apostles' feet, allowing the Apostles to control even the material assets of the community.

In Acts, this community was situated in Jerusalem. Although it was the very heart of Jewish life and a city supremely symbolic for Jews, Jerusalem was not Corinth. It was not Antioch. It most certainly was not Rome. Therefore, it was not a very important city.

In Palestine, the Romans maintained the city of Caesarea, a seaport on the Mediterranean Sea, as their capital. In Caesarea, the Roman governor resided, and the Roman occupation had its headquarters. Even then, and in the Holy Land, Jerusalem was secondary.

The ruins of this city now are in the suburbs of modern Tel Aviv. It is interesting, incidentally, that the only relic of the administration of Pontius Pilate as governor, aside from his mention in the Gospels, is a stone carved with his name, which was found in the ruins of Caesarea.

Care of the needy, and of widows who were very needy, was a Christian priority. Evidently, the Apostles directed such care, but they also taught the Gospel.

To assist in providing this care, they chose seven holy men to be deacons. Calling deacons was an exercise not just of organization, but also of innovation in the name of Jesus.

First Peter provides the second reading,

centering Jesus as essential in salvation.

Jesus is the promise of God. The reading urges Christians to be true to Jesus.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading.

Not a Resurrection Narrative, it recalls the Lord's discourse with the Apostles, consoling them as to what they should expect in the future. As it looks ahead, and frankly suggests that obstacles await us, it is an appropriate reading for now as people contemplate Christian living amid modern troubles.

Reassuringly, Christ will be with us always. He is "the way, the truth and the life." He is the Son of God.

Reflection

Almost a month has passed since Easter. For weeks, the Church joyfully has told us of the Resurrection.

Christ lives!

Before long, the Easter season will end. We will return to life in 2011, with its burdens and uncertainties.

The Church tells us not to lose heart. Jesus is still with us. He is our rock and our shield. He lives in the community of Christians. However, if authentic, this modern community must be the same as the community described in Acts.

Applying the picture in Acts to the present is interesting.

Which Christian community actually resembles the gathering of Christians in Jerusalem long ago, precisely in their reliance upon the Apostles with Peter at their head?

It has to be the Roman Catholic Church. We can trace the modern Church to Acts.

The community in Acts profoundly was dedicated to the Lord, caring for the sick and the needy. Ever since, care for others has been the essence of the Christian religion.

Finally, the Church tells us, as the Easter season concludes, that Christ is with us. In turn, we must draw ourselves into the community that the Lord created.

However, being in the Church as a member of the Christian community is more than joining a club. We must give our hearts to the Lord. †

My Journey to God

My Easter Blessing

On Easter, she brought in a four-inch flower pot filled with limp, light green tulip leaves and wrapped in colored foil.

The sticker said "White Tulips/\$5.99." "I thought you'd like white tulips," she said hopefully.

I gave her a hug and sat them on the table.

"Thank you."

She had thought of me when she moved through the grocery at the speed of lightning, picking up cookies to bring to our small afternoon repast. She also brought her ailing mother and her son. Others were invited, but they were the only ones who came.

She had thought of me.

On Monday, I watered the dry soil and sat the forlorn little pot on the porch, and walked away. Not much hope here.

By Wednesday, the leaves had taken charge, and there were three sturdy, slender stems, each topped with a fat bud.

Oh my!

On Saturday, I brought the pot into the house hoping to watch the tulips open.

They were in imperceptible motion. By Saturday afternoon, white blooms were lying open and flat as the palm of my hand in the warm house air.

What's that about?

By Sunday, they had resumed their upright tulip petal shape, still only half open.

That's probably all they'll do.

But, no! Every day, a surprise! The tulips got taller and larger, maturing into full bloom. Every day, the blossoms developed further into their own promise.

On Mother's Day, the petals were open wide. They were elegant, curving and graceful like dancers—synchronized, but each one separate from the others, perfect unto itself.

Adagio.

By Cindy Leppert

(Cindy Leppert is a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis.)

Daily Readings

Monday, May 23
Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-5, 15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 24
Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-13ab, 21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 25
Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor
Gregory VII, pope
Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin
Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 26
Philip Neri, priest
Acts 15:7-21
Psalm 96:1-3, 10
John 15:9-11

Friday, May 27
Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-10, 12
John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 28
Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1-3, 5
John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 29
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Go Ask Your Father/Fr. Francis Hoffman

Confirmation sponsor should share Church teachings and traditions

QI have been asked to be a sponsor for a neighbor's daughter at her confirmation. This will be a first for me. What is my role and what is expected of me?



AIt is an honor and a privilege to act as a sponsor at confirmation. It also brings a special responsibility to support that young woman with your good example and daily prayer so that she might grow to be strong in the faith, with a heart filled with generous sentiments of service to God and others.

Don't let this event just be a social occasion. It has deeper spiritual meaning. The Church recommends that the baptismal godparents also be the confirmation sponsor, but it's not required. To be a suitable confirmation sponsor, you should be at least 16 years old, already confirmed and strong in the practice of your Catholic faith.

To strengthen yourself for this role, try to pray often and receive the sacraments frequently, especially the sacrament of reconciliation and the holy Eucharist. You might want to take advantage of this occasion to deepen your friendship with your neighbor's daughter and ask her about her faith.

For instance, does she attend Mass regularly? If not, perhaps you could facilitate Sunday Mass attendance for her. Does she go to confession? If not, perhaps you could teach her how to do that. Has she ever prayed the rosary at a shrine of the Blessed Mother? If not, perhaps you could teach her how to make a Marian rosary pilgrimage.

Does she know anything about St. Thérèse of Lisieux or St. Maximilian Kolbe or St. Padre Pio or any of the other saints? If not, perhaps you could tell her about these or other saints.

Does she know and practice the corporal or spiritual works of mercy? If not, perhaps you could introduce her to these practices and bring her closer to Christ in that way. As you can see, the sky is the limit. Use your imagination and have no fear.

You are passing along the greatest treasure—the Catholic faith—to the younger generation, and they are the hope of the Church!

QMy husband and I are both Catholic, but we are not married in the Church yet.

Is it acceptable for us to receive holy Communion? What rules do we need to follow?

AI would like to ask you a few questions about your marriage before responding to your question about holy Communion.

If you are both Catholic, why were you not married in the Church? Were either of you married before? If so, were those marriages annulled? If not, why not?

If it is simply the case that you got married by a civil court, then you need to have your marriage blessed by the Church.

In the eyes of the Church, you are not completely married until you are married in the Church, following the proper canonical form—the pastor of the parish plus bride and groom plus two witnesses.

That would be a real and sacramental marriage. If you and your husband want to remain married, then you need to speak to your local pastor, explain the situation and ask for a validation of the marriage or a retroactive validation as the case may be.

Once that is taken care of, you will be free to receive holy Communion at Mass after you make a good confession.

QThe words for the rite of baptism are, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

I recently heard instead, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Spirit."

The first wording supports the teaching of Three Persons in one God.

The second statement appears to support the notion of three gods.

The first is from the Gospel of Matthew and from the Church's official rite. I cannot find the second wording anywhere.

Is it allowed, and does it challenge the belief in one God in Three Persons?

AThat formula is not allowed, and it could be interpreted to challenge the belief in one God in Three Persons.

When a child or adult is baptized, the minister has a serious obligation to speak the exact words of the rite: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Anything else in English would be illicit and potentially invalid.

Recently, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was asked whether baptisms performed "in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sanctifier" were valid, and the response was negative. †

Rest in peace

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

ALVIS, Jane, 74, Christ the King, Indianapolis, April 25. Wife of Joe Alvis. Mother of Amy Davis, Alison Giblin and Jennifer Wynn. Sister of Sarah O'Leary, Dr. James and Peter Manning.

BEESON, Rosemary (Warth), 89, St. Mary, New Albany, May 5. Mother of Vicki, David and Jim Beeson. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of one.

BROUILLARD, Raymond Robert, 70, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, May 4. Husband of Anne Brouillard. Father of Giselle, Mark and Thomas Brouillard. Brother of Loraine Butler, Therese Vaillancourt, Aurise, S.R. Giselle, Gerald, Guy, John and Marcel Brouillard. Grandfather of two.

BURTON, Catherine S., 44, St. Jude, Indianapolis, May 5. Wife of Mark Burton. Daughter of Suesta Wiksten. Sister of Lenny Wiksten.

FARRAR, Rosemary A., 84, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, May 5. Mother of Patricia Courtney, Dennis, Jim and Tim Farrar. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of eight.

GARVEY, Michael R., 55, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, April 26. Husband of Sharon Garvey. Father of Roseanne Abacherli, Sabrina Rashidfarokhy, Bruce Henderson, Daniel Wilson, Sean and Stefan Waiss. Brother of Margaret Bennett, Gustina Currie, Patience Danz, Landry Foley, Kate McKnight, Kristin Michel, Rachel Morris, Mary and Neil Garvey.

HARVELL, Alfreda M., 85, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, Feb. 8. Mother of Valjin Harvell.

Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of eight.

MENONNA, John Frank, 79, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, May 9. Husband of Mary Catherine Menonna. Stepfather of Mary Jo Catt, Cathy Schmidt, Dan, Joe and John Lawson. Brother of Rosina Schuler. Step-grandfather of five.

MERTZ, Richard D., 77, St. Peter, Harrison County, April 17. Husband of Cleo (Lucas) Mertz. Father of Nina Atherton, Toni Greanias, Paul, Richard and Tod Mertz. Brother of Karen Byland, Pat Dilley, Barbara Edinger, Sandy McCammack and Sharon Robertson. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of four.

PARAS, J. Lingkod, 87, St. Louis, Batesville, May 8. Father of Maria Corazon-Paras, Felecia Krakowka and Teresita Romweber. Grandfather of three.

PHILLIPS, James A., 77, St. Paul, New Alsace, May 11. Husband of Darlene Phillips. Father of Judy Anderson, Karen Apsley, Sandy Gill, Lisa Harrington and Jayne Stiffler. Brother of Kathy, Larry and Toby Phillips. Grandfather of 20.

SCHOEFF, Dale, 92, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, May 11. Husband of Martha Schoeff. Father of Linda Lepore, Sue Ellen, Andy, David, Donald, Gary, Richard, Rob and Tim Schoeff. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of two.

SUHRE, Edgar D., 89, Holy Family, Oldenburg, May 7. Husband of Mary Jane Suhre. Father of David and Roger Suhre. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of seven.

TIBBETTS, Clarence, Sr., 92, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, May 7. Father of Diana Hayes and Clarence Tibbetts. Brother of Gene Tibbetts. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of one.

WRIGHT, Ruth E., 81, St. Mary, New Albany, May 6. Mother of Pamela Fowler, Linda Groonek and Teresa Wright. Sister of Paul Christian. †

Memorial Day



U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Michael Kelly raises an American flag during a Memorial Day prayer service on May 31, 2010, at SS. Francis and Clare Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road in Greenwood. The Indianapolis South Deanery parish will host a Memorial Day prayer service this year starting at 8:45 a.m. on May 30. It will include the recognition of veterans, the playing of "Taps," a 21-gun salute, and a reception with a display of military memorabilia and military vehicles. For more information, call 317-859-4673.

Precious Blood Father Cornelius Fenton was Beech Grove native

Precious Blood Father Cornelius Fenton died on May 8 at St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio. He was 89. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 12 at the St. Charles Center Chapel in Carthagen. Burial followed at the order's cemetery. Father Cornelius was born on Feb. 16, 1922, in Beech Grove. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1936,

and was ordained to the priesthood on March 25, 1949.

Father Cornelius ministered for 62 years at parishes in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Virginia.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Society of the Precious Blood, St. Charles Center, 2860 U.S. Highway 127, Celina, OH 45822. †

Marie Day was the mother of Father Wilfred 'Sonny' Day

Marie M. Day, the mother of Father Wilfred "Sonny" Day and the oldest member of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, died on May 7 at her residence following a brief illness. She was 98.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 11 at St. Mary Church in Lanesville. Burial followed at the parish cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol Ullrich; three sons, Don, Jerry and Father Wilfred "Sonny" Day; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School, 707 Providence Way, Clarksville, IN 47129 or St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, Lanesville, IN 47136. †

Providence Sister Mary Stella Morrissey was a teacher and nurse

Providence Sister Mary Stella Morrissey died on May 12 at Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 80. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 18 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Mary Frances Morrissey was born on May 11, 1931, in Newton, Iowa. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on July 22, 1949, and professed her first vows on Jan. 23, 1952, and her final vows on Jan. 23, 1957.

Sister Mary Stella attended St. Agnes Academy in Indianapolis then earned a bachelor's degree in education at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. She also earned a licensed practical nursing degree at Indiana Vocational Technical College in Terre Haute.

During 61 years as a Sister of Providence, she ministered for 19 years as a teacher at Catholic schools in Indiana, Illinois and California.

In the archdiocese, Sister Mary Stella taught at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis from 1961-62.

Sister Mary Stella left teaching for the ministry of nursing. After becoming an LPN in 1976, she ministered in health service at Providence Health Care at the motherhouse from 1971-77, 1988-89 and 1991 to 2005 as well as at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

She retired from active ministry in 2005, and continued to serve as a companion to other sisters during their visits to doctors.

In 2006, Sister Mary Stella began her prayer ministry full-time with the senior sisters.

Surviving are a brother, Jerry Morrissey of Hollywood, Calif.; and three sisters, Veronica Amaral of LaCrescenta, Calif.; Pat Kvidera of Traer, Iowa; and Barbara Lieb of Dixon, Calif.

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Priest takes unique approach to raise World Youth Day funds for young adults

By Mary Ann Wyand

How do the scenic country roads in Jennings County connect to the route to World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain, this August?

And how can a car instead of an airplane or boat help get the World Youth Day pilgrims from Jennings County overseas to Europe to pray with Pope Benedict XVI and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from all over the world?

Ask Father Jonathan Meyer, who has ministered as the pastor of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon as well as St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County for nearly three years.

Better yet, support his clever World Youth Day fundraiser with generous donations before it ends on May 28.

If you do, Father Meyer might give you the keys—and the car title—to his black 2009 Toyota Corolla!

That would definitely make for a memorable Memorial Day weekend, he said, and at the very least you will be helping to defray the cost of participating in World Youth Day on Aug. 16-21 in Spain for nine Jennings County young adults.

You could say that Father Meyer “felt driven” to give up his car for the good of the young Church.

He hopes to raise \$25,000 by selling \$5 tickets—or five tickets for \$20—for the car during May.

“I thought about the possible revenue and was inspired to help the young Catholics of my area,” Father Meyer explained.

“... I was looking for a way to alleviate—to the best of my ability—the burden of the cost of World Youth Day and to make it a reality for the young people.”

He will give away his car at 8 p.m. on May 28 during a concert from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the St. Mary Parish Center, 212 Washington St., in North Vernon.

In recent weeks, he said, people have looked at him incredulously and asked, “You really want to give away your car?”

Yes, he assured them, but not his personalized license plate, which reads, “GO2MASS.”

“I’ve had a lot of compliments,” Father Meyer said. “A lot of people are very appreciative of it as an act of generosity and kindness. I hope that it’s also an example of stewardship and of giving back. I look at what I’ve received from God and the Church and my parishioners, and I do want to give back to that.”

“This fundraiser is about people donating money to the young Church and to the young adults who are excited about their faith,” he said. “It’s about helping them to have the opportunity to pray with the pope. Every dollar that is given is really a dollar given to furthering our young people’s faith. The car is just a small side note to what this fundraiser is all about. ... Investing in our youth is the best thing I can do. We need good families, and they will come from strong, young people who are striving to be saints to God.”

In addition to giving away his car, Father Meyer is promoting devotion to Jesus and Mary through the sale of a rosary CD



Father Jonathan Meyer, pastor of St. Mary, St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County, sits behind the wheel of his 2009 Toyota Corolla, which he is giving away to raise funds to help nine young adults attend World Youth Day on Aug. 16-21 in Madrid, Spain. Six young adults from Jennings County parishes posing with Father Meyer to promote the fundraiser are, from left, Danny Capes, Kelly Ertel, Charlotte Leach, Amber Andrews, Laura Coons and Kate Eder. Capes, Ertel, Leach, Coons and Eder are among the World Youth Day pilgrims.

that he co-produced as another unique World Youth Day fundraiser.

Jennings County Young Catholics are hoping to sell thousands of the CDs for a 100 percent fundraising profit.

Danny Capes, a member of St. Ann Parish in Jennings County, is excited about participating in the international Catholic gathering with the pope, and grateful to his pastor for helping to make the pilgrimage more affordable.

“[Father Meyer’s] generosity is the reason why I can go to Madrid and to World Youth Day,” Capes said. “Without that, I would not be able to be a part of something wonderful—something that may have an incredibly profound impact on my faith and on my life.”

(For more information about the World Youth Day car and rosary CD fundraisers, log on to www.stmaryscc.com/jcyc.) †

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That role of reaching out to help others has increased dramatically for Catholic Charities Indianapolis, according to its executive director, David Bethuram.

"For more than three years, the recession has disrupted lives, strained families and created an extraordinary need for basic services," Bethuram told the audience at the awards dinner. "Many who have never sought our help before are now seeking assistance due to a job layoff or home foreclosure."

"Over the past year, Catholic Charities Indianapolis experienced a 30 percent overall increase in the amount of people requesting help from the programs [that] we offer. We served 28,000 people in need of food, of whom 15,000 were children. We provided more households with financial assistance to avoid disconnection of their utilities and possible eviction from their homes."

The agency also strives to make the most of donations as 91 cents of every donated dollar goes toward delivering services to help people, Bethuram said. He also stressed the blessings of being able to assist people in need.

"The chance to serve Christ through the poor and vulnerable in our community is truly a blessing—both for those who come to us for help and for those who give of themselves."

Those last words are evident in each of this year's award winners.

Consider the life of Fiorella Gambetta-Gibson. An immigrant from Peru, she came to the United States in 2001 to further her education. Since then, she has volunteered to teach financial education classes to refugees as part of the Refugee Resettlement program of Catholic Charities Indianapolis.

She also serves as an example of hope to the refugees from Burma, Congo, Iraq, Nigeria and other countries, knowing that she once made the transition to a new world and a new life.

"We all like to feel that somebody cares about us," she said.

That same feeling has motivated Leo Stenz in his service to others during the past 30 years. He is chairman of the board of the foundation for Visiting Nurse Service, a foundation that has created a home in Indianapolis where homeless people come to live the last days of their lives.

He is also chairman of the advisory board of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. And every Saturday, he volunteers for a group called Beggars for the Poor, a ministry that is part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Indianapolis. Stenz helps distribute food, clothing and toiletries to homeless people.

"When you get outside yourself and help others in an unconditional way, you understand life a little better," Stenz said.

David Jackson has followed that approach as a volunteer by using his construction skills to benefit Holy Family Shelter, St. Mark the Evangelist Parish and elderly people who seek help from the Central Indiana Council on Aging.

He also serves as vice president of the Wishing Well Fund, a small, not-for-profit organization that provides food and gifts for 144 families at Christmas each year.

"The most rewarding aspect of giving is that I am answering what God has

Photo by Ron Clark



Spirit of Service winners, seated from left, are David Jackson, Fiorella Gambetta-Gibson and Charles Guynn. Standing, from left, are award recipient Leo Stenz, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne and former University of Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz.

called me to do by using the vocations he has blessed me with," Jackson said.

Charles Guynn also epitomizes that way of life. He has been a teacher, parish council president and longtime Catholic Youth Organization coach at St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis.

He has taught classes in diversity education to law enforcement officers and college students at Indiana University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He has also served as the treasurer of the Indiana Black Expo for 17 years.

"You have to get down and help," Guynn said.

That deep commitment to help others is at the heart of the Catholic faith, said Bishop Christopher J. Coyne,

auxiliary bishop and vicar general.

"You know, Catholic Charities, that phrase is kind of redundant because charity is what Catholics do," Bishop Coyne said at the end of the program.

"We just do charity. It's who we are. It's what we are. It's Matthew, Chapter 25: 'When I was hungry, you fed me. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me. When I was alone, you came to visit me. When I was sick, you comforted me.'"

Heeding that Gospel call makes a difference to the Catholic community and the people who need our help, he noted.

"Thanks be to God that we're able to

bring God's love and God's charity and God's helping hands through all that we do," Bishop Coyne said. "It's how we spread the good words of faith."

His words tied in nicely to a comment that Holtz shared earlier about the difference between being successful and significant.

"When you're successful and you make a lot of money, you die and that ends," Holtz said. "When you're significant is when you help other people be successful. And that lasts many a lifetime. And I promise you, there will be many that you help that will turn their lives around and help others in the future. Your kindness will continue to generate for years to come." †

Holtz inspires with his humor, words of wisdom

By John Shaughnessy

Lou Holtz offered a bountiful combination of humor, inspiration and stories when he served as the keynote speaker at the Spirit of Service Awards Dinner on May 11 in Indianapolis.

Here are some of the thoughts and stories that the former University of Notre Dame football coach shared during the event which honored four Catholic individuals from the archdiocese for their outstanding volunteer service:

The one question we all need to ask ourselves—"If I didn't show up, who would miss me and why? If you didn't go home, would your family miss you? And if they did, why? If you didn't show up for work on Monday, would anybody miss you?"

"We should all aspire to make sure that we live our lives in such a way that if we didn't show up, somebody would miss us. Not because we're valuable. Not because we're talented. But because we add value to other people's lives."

Questioning Catholicism—"In seventh grade, I had a nun named Sister Mary Harriet who disliked me and probably with good justification. Because there are certain things about Catholicism that I really didn't like.

"For example, I don't like fish, and there was a time year-round when Catholics couldn't eat meat on Friday. So every Friday, I'd complain to her, 'I wish the Apostles had been ranchers rather than fishermen.' And I always asked her the questions she couldn't answer: 'Why did Paul keep writing to the Corinthians when they never wrote him back?'"

Showing love—Holtz shared this story about his wife, Beth, who has recovered from a diagnosis of cancer. The couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22.

"My wife doesn't do many interviews because she said one person in the public life is enough. But she gave one interview ... and that was about her cancer. I'll never forget, the question was, 'What did you learn from having cancer?' She said, 'I learned how much my family loved me.'

"We didn't love her any more because she had cancer. We showed her more. Isn't it a shame that we had to let somebody have a catastrophe before we say, 'We love you. We appreciate how special you are.'"

Avoid bitterness—"There's not an individual in this room who doesn't have a right to be bitter. At the University of

Arkansas, we were there [when he was the head football coach] for seven years—seven bowl bids, four top 10 finishes, ran an honest program, graduated our athletes. [Yet] after seven years, on a Sunday morning, I got fired. They would not give me a reason.

"I was so mad. I wanted to go to the media. I wanted to blast everybody. My wife said, 'No, you know what we'll do. We'll move on. We're not going to be bitter.' We went to [the University of] Minnesota. Two years later, Notre Dame is looking for a football coach. They called Frank Broyles, the guy that fired me. They said, 'What about Coach Holtz?' He said, 'If you can, hire him immediately. The dumbest thing I ever did was let him go.'

"I ended up at Notre Dame because of the guy that fired me at Arkansas. And the only thing that saved me was my wife not allowing me to be bitter."

Keep growing—"There's a rule of life that says you're either growing or you're dying. Trees either grow or they're dying. So does grass. So does a marriage. So does a business. So does a person. It doesn't have anything to do with age. It has everything to do with, 'Are you trying to maintain or are you trying to get better?'"

"Any time you try to maintain anything in this world, you never have a reason to celebrate, you never have new ideas. Being enthusiastic about what you do is critical. It's about having dreams and goals. Regardless of what age you are, there have to be things you want to accomplish, things you want to do."

The three questions everyone will ask about you—"Everybody has three questions. I don't care if you're in business, married or a football coach. Number one, 'Can I trust you?' Without trust, there can be no relationship, and the only way you can have trust is when both sides do the right thing. The second question is, 'Are you committed to excellence?' That can only be answered if you do everything to the very best of your ability.

"And the last question everybody asks is, 'Do you care about me?' That can only be done when you reach out and show people on a consistent basis that you care. I guarantee you, the person you admire and respect, you've said 'yes' to all three questions." †