Cardinal criticizes contraceptive mandate and calls exemption too narrow

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Department of Health and Human Services’ proposed “religious exemption” to the requirement that new or significantly altered health insurance plans cover contraceptives and sterilization for women is “so narrow as to exclude most Catholic social service agencies and health care providers,” according to the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston criticized the Aug. 1 announcement by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius that she had accepted the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine on eight “preventive services” that must be included in any health plan under the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

One of the mandated services is coverage of “all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.”

In announcing her decision, Sebelius also released an “interim final rule” that HHS said would “give religious organizations the choice of buying or sponsoring group health insurance that does not cover contraception if that is inconsistent with their tenets.”

But in a footnote to the list of mandated services, HHS defined a religious employer as “one that: (1) has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; (3) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; and (4) is a nonprofit organization” under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Those definitions “refer to Churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of Churches, as well as to the

A powerful witness

World Youth Day pilgrims’ task: Help pope revive the Catholic faith in Spain

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI will visit Spain in late August, celebrating the youthfulness and vigor of Catholic faith in a country where the Catholic majority often seems to have little or no impact on modern public life.

The primary focus on the pope’s trip on Aug. 18-21 will be on Catholic youths from around the globe participating in World Youth Day.

But Pope Benedict also will meet with Spain’s royal family and with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, whose government has promoted several policies opposed by the Church, including relaxing Spain’s divorce laws, easing restrictions on abortion, legalizing same-sex marriage and allowing gay couples to adopt.

Welcoming a new Spanish ambassador to the Vatican in April, Pope Benedict expressed concern that in certain sectors of Spanish society, “religion is considered socially insignificant, even troublesome,” with the result that faith is marginalized “through defamation, ridicule [and] even indifference to obvious cases of profanation” of religious objects and monuments.

The situation is particularly worrying because more than 92 percent of Spain’s 46 million citizens are baptized Catholic, observers say the Catholic majority seems to have no or little impact on public life.

St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany and Louisville Archdiocese eyeing collaboration of services

NEW ALBANY—When Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz visited St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany on July 27, agency director Mark Casper said, “We don’t consider the Ohio River a barrier. It’s just a little water we have to jump over.”

New Albany, which is located in south central Indiana, is directly across the Ohio River from Louisville, Ky. Many residents live in one state, and work or shop in the other.

St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Charities is the only maternity home in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It provides housing, counseling and other services to teenagers and women with unplanned pregnancies, as well as transitional housing after delivery. It merged with Catholic Charities in 2003.

Casper said the agency gives women with unplanned pregnancies “an alternative to abortion.”

The agency’s other programs include adoption services, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Floyd and Washington counties, and supported living for developmentally delayed adults.

Casper led a tour of the maternity and transitional homes for Archbishop Kurtz and other guests, including Father Anthony Chandler, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in LaGrange, Ky., the many interfaith contributions the agency receives, including baby clothes, diapers and car seats.
Memorial Mass for nuncio will be celebrated on Sept. 14 at national shrine

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio to the United States since early 2008, “enjoyed the highest respect and deepest affection” of the U.S. bishops and the nation’s Catholics, said New York Archishop Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Archbishop Sambi, 73, died on July 27 at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore apparently from complications of lung surgery performed approximately three weeks earlier. A memorial Mass for Archbishop Pietro Sambi will be celebrated on Sept. 14 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Archbishop Dolan will be the main celebrant of the noon Mass, according to an Aug. 1 announcement by the USCCB.

On July 29 and 30, Archbishop Sambi’s body lay in state at the apostolic nunciature in Washington then was transported to Italy for funeral services.

In Washington, the memorial Mass will be on the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, and will coincide with the fall meeting of the USCCB Administrative Committee.

Bishops from around the country will concelebrate, including Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington.

Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheme, charge d’affaires at the apostolic nunciature, also will be a concelebrant.

In a July 28 memo to the bishops, Archbishop Dolan said the Mass for Archbishop Sambi will be an opportunity to express “gratitude for his priestly example and timeless service to the Holy Father and to the Church.”

The Mass also will be an opportunity for the diplomatic corps to pay its respects to Archbishop Sambi. As Vatican ambassador to the United States, he was a member of the corps.

In a separate statement, Msgr. Walter Rossi, the shrine’s rector, said the late archbishop was a familiar face at the national shrine, serving as the celebrant and homilist for Christmas, Easter and other Church feast days.

He said the shrine is honored to be the site of the memorial Mass because “in many respects, the national shrine serves as the nuncio’s cathedral.”

On July 22, the apostolic nunciature in Washington announced that Archbishop Sambi had been “placed on assisted ventilation to attempt recovery of his lung function” two weeks after undergoing “a delicate lung surgery.”

“Archbishop Sambi understood and loved our nation,” Archbishop Dolan said in a statement on July 28. “He traveled throughout the country, often to attend the ordination of bishops, always eager to meet the faithful, and to share with them the affection that the Holy Father has for them and their country.

“He was open to the media as a conveyor of truth and welcomed journalists as representatives of the American people,” the USCCB president said. “He enjoyed everything from a stroll in the park near his residence in Washington to the diplomatic functions he attended as part of his service as the representative of the Holy See to the United States.”

Archbishop Dolan recalled “the indelible role” the nuncio had during Pope Benedict XVI’s trip to the U.S. in 2008, saying he had “enabled our entire nation to see the wonderful warm solicitude of the Holy Father for America.”

A veteran Vatican diplomat, Archbishop Sambi was named as papal nuncio to the U.S. by Pope Benedict XVI in December 2005. At the time of his appointment, he was the Vatican’s representative to Israel and Palestine, where he helped arrange Pope John Paul II’s historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2000.

After he arrived in the U.S. on Feb. 24, 2006, he said in an interview with Catholic News Service in Washington that he felt the “impact of the late nuncio’s work in the U.S. ‘will be felt for many years to come. ‘Both as a diplomat and a priest, Archbishop Sambi excelled through his gentle spirit and infectious goodness,” he said.

“A Churchman who served us with extraordinary spiritual insights, boundless physical energy and a compassionate generosity that reached out in all generations, Archbishop Sambi has been a great model to so many of us of full-hearted love for Christ’s Church and dedication to the Holy See and to the vicar of Christ,” Archbishop O’Brien said.

Cardinal Wuerl said everyone in his archdiocese felt “a particular bond” with Archbishop Sambi because of the planning that led up to the papal visit in 2008 as well as the events themselves. He added that he personally will miss his friendship.

“We all recognize his extraordinary work as the pope’s personal representative and the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, his sense of humor, his friendly and open manner, and his clear love for the Church and our Holy Father.”

Among other messages of condolences was a statement from Rabbi David Rosen, international director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, who said the archbishop’s “untimely death” is “a loss for the Catholic Church and for Catholic-Jewish relations.”

Rabbi Rosen and Archbishop Sambi worked closely together on Israel-Vatican relations and the establishment of the bilateral commission of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Holy See, an initiative of Pope John Paul II.

“Archbishop Sambi was a consummate diplomat even though he could often be unusually forthcoming for someone in his profession,” said Rabbi Rosen. “He was a genuine friend of the Jewish people, and a devoted advocate of Jewish-Christian reconciliation and cooperation.”

Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life/Gospel of Life Ministries, praised the archbishop for his efforts on behalf of the pro-life cause, saying, “At certain critical moments of our growth, he provided direct assistance and guidance to protect and strengthen our ministry.”

Correction

In the July 29 issue of The Criterion, an article about Joacut, a new youth catechesis sponsored by the episcopal conferences of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, mistakenly noted that Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn of Vienna authored Joacut. He supervised the writing of it by several bishops, theologians and youth.

Memorial Mass for military chaplain killed in Vietnam War is planned for Sept. 6

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services in Washington plans to be the main celebrant of a memorial Mass on Sept. 6 in Washington for Maryknoll Father Vincent R. Capodanno, a chaplain who was killed while performing last rites for dying soldiers in Vietnam.

The Mass will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Crypt Church of the Basiliica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is being celebrated in observance of the 44th anniversary of his death.

His sainted cause was officially opened in 2006, and he received the title “servant of God.”

Fataley wounded by enemy sniper fire on Sept. 4, 1967, Father Capodanno was posthumously awarded the nation’s highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, “for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.”

Vietnam

Father Capodanno, a native of Staten Island, N.Y., requested an assignment as a U.S. Navy chaplain, according to his biography on the official website of his cause for canonization, www.vincentcapodanno.org. He reported to a Marine unit in Vietnam in 1966. When his first tour was complete, he requested an extension to continue serving with his men.

According to the biography, Marines affectionately called Father Capodanno “the grunt padre” for his ability to relate well with soldiers, and his willingness to risk his life to minister to the men.

“Grunt” is slang for a member of the U.S. infantry.

(For more information about the Sept. 6 Mass and Father Capodanno is available on the military archdiocese’s website at www.milarch.org.)
When Deacons Kerry Blandford and Michael East were ordained with their 23 classmates in 2008, they made history as the first class of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. But now with three years of life and ministry as deacons under their belts, the two men have been assigned as leaders—deacons and deacon candidates—in the archdiocese.

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Deacon Blandford is now serving as the director of deacon formation for the archdiocese, and is overseeing the 17 deacon candidates in the final year of their formation before they are ordained next June. As archdiocesan director of deacons, Deacon East helps to optimize the mission of deacon formation already transferring in central and southern Indiana.

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First it was the Catechism of the Catholic Church, published in 1992. Next came Youcat, Catholic Catechism for Adults, adapted specifically for American adults, published in 2006. At least one of these books should be in the home of every Catholic family.

Now we have the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, destined to be known as Youcat.

As we reported in an article in the July 29 issue of The Criterion, this new catechism, specifically for young people, will be launched closely with World Youth Day, which is being celebrated in Madrid, Spain, on Aug. 16-21. A copy of Youcat will be included in each World Youth Day 2011 pilgrim’s backpack.

Youcat was edited by Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, the Archbishop of Vienna. He was the chief editor of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, collaborating closely with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI. Cardinal Schoenborn was also close to Pope John Paul II. He conducted one of that pope’s interviews.

Pope Benedict thinks so highly of this catechism that he wrote the foreword for it.

But can an 84-year-old pope and a 66-year-old cardinal really write a book that will appeal to modern young people?

Cardinal Schoenborn obviously was concerned about that, so he enlisted the help of young Catholics. The result is a well-written, contemporary expression of the Christian faith written for high-school age people and young adults.

Teenagers and young adults will also appreciate the appealing graphics in this catechism. They will find questions and answers, highly readable commentary, Bible citations and thought-provoking quotations from saints and others in the margins.

Cardinal Schoenborn first presented Youcat to Pope Benedict at the Vatican this past April. Then it was translated into many languages. There was a brief controversy when the Italian translation seemed to endorse contraception, but it has been corrected. The English translation clearly teaches that contraception is morally wrong.

When the cardinal presented Youcat to the pope, he noted, “The young generation lives much more clearly and consciously in a multicultural and multi-religious society. The ability to give information about one’s own faith has become markedly more urgent than it was in my generation, for instance.”

He added, “In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which simply tries to restate Catholic teaching about the faith, the reader will find many things that are disagreeable and not so easy to accept. You will find some things that are strange, totally opposed to the current mentality. But I think that learning now to deal with what is disagreeable is one of the most important tasks of such a book and the work connected with it.”

In his foreword, Pope Benedict observed that the success of World Youth Day clearly shows that young people “want to believe, are seeking God, love Christ, and want fellowship on their journey.” That is why he thought that the catechism should be translated into the language of young people, he said.

However, he continued, “Many people say to me: ‘Youth of today are not interested in this.’” His answer: “I disagree, and I am certain that I am right. The youth of today are not as superficial as some think. They want to know what life is all about. A detective story is exciting because it draws us into the destiny of other men, a destiny that could be ours. This book is exciting because it speaks of our own destiny, and so deeply engages every one of us.”

The book explains what Catholics believe and why (doctrine), how Catholics celebrate the mysteries of the faith (sacraments), how Catholics are to live (morals) and how they should pray (spirituality). The English-language translation is being published in this country by Ignatius Press (www.ignatius.com), which publishes most of Pope Benedict’s books. Parents should consider buying a copy of the book for their teens.

We would like to see all Catholic teens in the archdiocese read this book. We believe it is that important for the future of the Church. It would be an excellent project for each of our Catholic high schools to raise enough money to purchase a copy for each student.

And perhaps at least some of our parishes could seek donors willing to subsidize the purchase of the books for teens who are not in Catholic schools.

—John F. Fink, Editor

Youcat is vital for our teens

Parish Diary

Fr. Peter Daly

Small miracles happen every day

Small miracles are all around us. Recently, they seemed to be popping up everywhere, reaffirming my faith in God and in people. Miracle one that comes to mind was the multiplication of the fish.

A lady in our parish cleans houses for a living. Three of her adult children recently lost their jobs and, with their children, moved back home with her. Now she has 18 mouths to feed in her house.

A man from our parish has been helping her by catching fish to feed her family. He asked if he could take two teenagers from our Catholic Heart Work Camp out fishing.

He said that it was a service project. I said that it sounded more like recreation. He insisted that it would be work.

The teens, who are from Minnesota, were not experienced fishermen and had never fished that river. Our camp is in Maryland.

So they prayed before their trip. Then, in a little more than two hours, they caught 40 fish—one every three minutes. It was enough to feed all 18 people for a couple of days.

The incident called to mind how, in Chapter 5, Verse 4 of the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus told Simon (Peter) to put out into the deep and ready the nets for a catch.

Miracle two was the oil tank that did not run dry.

A man in our parish has been going through rough times with a divorce and bankruptcy. He had to retire from his job. Now he works nights at a local motel for minimum wage. It is hardly enough to keep body and soul together. He is losing his house to foreclosure. He couldn’t afford oil to heat his water, and the oil company won’t give him credit.

When he came to see me, we prayed:

“Lord make a way here.”

As it happened, the oil burner in our parish center went bad after 20 years. That very week we decided to replace it with a natural gas furnace. We no longer needed the fuel oil. Our oil tank still had more than 1,000 gallons.

What to do with the oil? Ah-ha!

Our maintenance man uphosed the oil into a tank mounted on his pickup truck, and took it over to our struggling parishioner. He filled his tank. He was so ecstatic that he did a little “happy dance” in his driveway. Now he will have hot water and heat in the cold weather. It was a gift from God, by way of our parish.

Miracle three was a house. “Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Ps 127:1).

A couple of years ago, an elderly woman moved to our parish to take care of her dying daughter and her three grandchildren. She sold her house in Michigan and spent her savings on the move to Maryland.

But after her daughter died, her ex-son-in-law moved on in life and no longer wanted her in his home.

Where could she go?

She had no house in Michigan. She had no money in the bank.

She applied to the local housing authority, which had a two-year waiting list for an apartment in its housing facility for the elderly.

We asked God to make a way. Less than a month after she applied, an apartment opened up. For some reason, the other 20 people on the list ahead of her decided not to take the apartment. So Grandma was bumped right to the top of the list and moved right in. Talk about “moving on” up to a deluxe apartment.

These things happen every day. They are signs of grace and little miracles.

(Father Peter Daly writes for Catholic News Service.)

Letter to the Editor

Story failed to mention local connection at musician convention’s closing concert

The story on the National Pastoral Musicians Convention in Louisville was good.

But it failed to mention that the closing concert was presented by Voces Novae, a local semi-professional choir which has members from the New Albany Deanery, as well as the Louisville Archdiocese.

There were more than 1,000 people in attendance that evening.

Cary Dyson

Jeffersonville

Norway’s Minority Believers

About 4 million Norwegians — more than 80 percent — belong to the Lutheran Church of Norway. Others are members of religious or “life stance” communities outside the state church.

MEMBERS OF BELIEF COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF NORWAY

Norwegian Church

LIFE STANCE

18%

ISLAM

22%

OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

55%

SUDHISIM

3%

OTHER RELIGIONS

2%

“Life stance” can refer to followers of Humanism.

Sources: Church of Norway and Statistics Norway

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Las ordenaciones sacerdotales y episcopales representan el punto culminante del verano

El mes de junio fue la cúspide de nuestro verano gracias a la ordenación sacerdotal del padre Dustin Boehm y la ordenación episcopal del padre Charles C. Thompson de Evansville.

Se me ha solicitado mucho el texto de la homilía de la Misa Crismal de Dustin, hermanos sacerdotes, seminaristas, hermanas y hermanos en el Señor: "Dustin, hoy te pones a disposición de Dios para servir a su Iglesia. Hoy te servirá como sacerdote de este mundo real también te presentará desafíos. Y por ello, contamos con Su gracia, confiarnos en la mano de Dios." En la homilía de la Misa Crismal de 2007, el papa Benedicto expuso: "La teología del bautismo se repite de modo nuevo y con nueva insistencia en la ordenación sacerdotal. De la misma manera que en el bautismo se produce un 'intercambio de vestidos', un intercambio de destinos, una nueva comunidad existencial con Cristo, así también en el sacerdocio se da un 'intercambio': en la administración de los sacramentos el sacerdote actúa y habla ya 'en persona del Señor'. En los sacerdotes misioneros el sacerdocio no se representa a sí mismo y no habla expresándose a sí mismo, sino que habla en la persona de Otro, de Cristo."

El bautismo recibió un traje blanco que simboliza tu nueva existencia en Cristo. Hoy se te vestirá con túnica litúrgica que simbolizan una nueva relación, aún más definitiva, con Cristo. Dustin, hoy te pones a disposición de Cristo. Te ofreces para servir generosamente al pueblo de nuestra Iglesia local en persona Christi, el Sumo Sacerdote y promotor de la Iglesia. Hoy, rezamos contigo para que Jesús tome de la mano una vez más y te guíe en el ministerio sacerdotal. Que te ayudemos a construir tu confianza en él. Rezamos por ti para que seas un sacerdote y un hermano con una visión entusiasta e inquebrantable, al igual que los misioneros pioneros de nuestra Iglesia local, el obispo Simon Bruté y Santa Theodora Guérin, quienes se entregaron por completo a la misión de la Divina Providencia. Guérin dedicaron sus vidas a Cristo, especialmente en las del obispo Coney. La Iglesia nos dice que el obispo, pese a su naturaleza humana, es el "vicario y el legado de Cristo." Me gusta evocar las palabras del cardenal benedictino Basilio Hume, quien expresó: "Conscientes dos gestos: el beso de paz del obispo y la promesa de obediencia. La señal de la paz marca la pauta de la promesa, tu promesa es una expresión de tu voluntad de tomar parte en la responsabilidad del arzobispo de velar por el Pueblo de Dios." Light in the Lord (Luc en el Señor), p. 47"

También señaló: "Considero que la obediencia está muy unida al amor, de hecho, es un aspecto de éste." (p. 90). ¿Tiene una intención que desee incluir en la lista de oración del Arzobispo Buechlein? ¿Puede enviar su correspondencia a:

A través de la imposición de manos del obispo (Christopher J.) Coney, en esta mañana el Señor mismo impone sus manos sobre ti. Hace algunos años, a ti misma, escuchaste el llamado del Señor que te decía "sigueme." Quizás al principio, al igual que todos nosotros, lo ignoremos con precaución, mirando hacia atrás y preguntándote si realmente ese era el camino que te corresponde. Tal vez, al igual que lo ocurrió a San Pedro, haya sentido temor debido a tus limitaciones y estuviste tentado a regresar. San Pedro le dijo a Jesús: "¡Aparta de mí, Señor, pues soy hombre pecador!" (Lucas 5, 8). No obstante, Jesús le tomó de la mano con ternura, al igual que hace contigo ahora, hermano. Te acercará a él y te dirá "No temas. Estoy contigo. No te abandonaré." Recuerda que el obispo Bruté y la Madre Theodore son testigos valientes de la compañía de Cristo en nuestro camino como misioneros. Dustin, hoy remuevas tu promesa de obediencia y, al hacerlo, colocas tus manos en las del obispo Coney. La Iglesia nos dice que el obispo, pese a su naturaleza humana, es el "vicario y el legado de Cristo."

El Obispo Simon Bruté y Santa Theodora Guérin son los fundadores, que tu ministerio esté colmado de un amor profundo y sincero. Tal como nos ha enseñado, el sacerdote no se representa a sí mismo, sino que habla en la persona de Otro, de Cristo. Después de la Ordenación, el Señor mismo impone sus manos sobre ti. Hace algunos años, a ti mismo escuchaste el llamado del Señor que te decía "sigueme." Quizás al principio, al igual que todos nosotros, lo ignoraste con precaución, mirando hacia atrás y preguntándote si realmente ese era el camino que te corresponde. Tal vez, al igual que ocurrió a San Pedro, hayas sentido temor debido a tus limitaciones y estuviste tentado a regresar. San Pedro le dijo a Jesús: "¡Aparta de mí, Señor, pues soy hombre pecador!" (Lucas 5,8). No obstante, Jesús le tomó de la mano con ternura, al igual que hace contigo ahora, hermano. Te acercará a él y te dirá "No temas; estoy contigo. No te abandonaré." Recuerda que el obispo Bruté y la Madre Theodore son testigos valientes de la compañía de Cristo en nuestro camino como misioneros.

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

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

Dustin, hoy renuevas tu promesa de servicio al Señor. El Signo de Paz que se da a ti hoy es el signo de un nuevo comienzo, un nuevo comienzo que te impulsará a seguir adelante. Como un sacerdote, eres invitado a compartir vuestra vida con todos los miembros de la Iglesia. Dustin, eres lo suficientemente realista como para darte cuenta de que vivir tu vida como sacerdote implicará un compromiso de servicio y dedicación a Dios y a su Iglesia. Dustin, hoy te presentaremos a la Iglesia como el nuevo ministro de Cristo, alguien que lleva a cabo el ministerio de Cristo en la Iglesia. Dustin, hoy renuevas tu promesa de servicio al Señor. Dustin, hoy renuevas tu promesa de servicio al Señor. Dustin, hoy renuevas tu promesa de servicio al Señor. Dustin, hoy renuevas tu promesa de servicio al Señor. Dustin, hoy renuevas tu promesa de servicio al Señor.
August 5
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. Lumen Dei Mass, 6:30 a.m., breakfast following Mass at Sisters Place, 217 Terrace Ave., Indianapolis. Information: 317-435-3447 or e-mail mmlcrobb1921@hotmail.com.

August 6
Most Holy Name of Jesus School, 21 N. 16th St., Ave., Beech Grove. Rummage sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-784-5425, ext. 2.
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. Italian Night Under the Stars, 6:30 p.m. $15 per person includes dinner and entertainment. Information: 812-933-6437.

August 7
St. Lawrence School, 6950 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Open house, 1-3 p.m. Information: 317-543-4923 or saintlouise.org.
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, Pulaski. Parish picnic, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., famous soup, food, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.
Queen and Divine Mercy Center, New stations, located on Sunday Holy Hour at 11 a.m., Rita Sullivan Burwinkel, celebrant, daily Mass, 9 a.m. Information: 812-689-3529.

August 9
St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Ave Maria Guild, Mass for deceased members, 11 a.m., meeting, 2-5 p.m.

August 10

August 11

August 12
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. “Catholic Identity and Doctrine—The B and b of Catholicism,” session one of four, Mary Lynn Cavanaugh, presenter, 8:30-9:30 a.m., $25 per person. Information: 317-788-7581 or www.benedictinum.org.

August 14

August 15
St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary’s Drive, Laneville. Parish picnic, fried chicken and country ham dinners, booths, quilts, games, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 317-922-2583.

August 16
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center.

Events Calendar

Society of St. Vincent de Paul to sponsor benefit walk

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Indianapolis is sponsoring a fundraising walk titled “Friends of the Poor.” The Walk in My Shoes will take place at 2 p.m. on Sept. 24 at George Washington Park, 3120 E. 30th Street in Indianapolis. Participants will help raise funds for the society’s ministry by seeking pledges. Pledges can be designated for ministries of the Indianapolis council such as the food pantry, thrift store or distribution center or for parish conferences of the society. To register or for more information, log on to www.SVDPFriends4thePoorWalk.org or call 317-924-5709, ext. 236. Registration and pledge forms can also be found at www.SVDPIndy.org.

Those who register for the walk before Aug. 12 will receive a free T-shirt.

Four students earn awards in national prayer contest

Katelyn Blackwell and Casey Casoro, both students at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, and Jenna and Jillian Conrad, two sisters who are homeschooled, earned awards in the 2011 “Try Prayer! It Works!” contest sponsored by Family Rosary, a program of Holy Cross Family Ministries. Casey was awarded first place in the 11th-grade division for an essay that she wrote on how the Blessed Virgin Mary could be a positive role model for her. Katelyn earned second place in the same category for a short story about how people need to listen to God and accept his direction. Jillian was awarded first place in the 10th-grade division for a poem that she wrote about how she prays that God will direct and inspire her to do the right thing. Jenna earned third place in the sixth-grade division for a poem that she wrote about how she listens to God and prays for the grace to accept his will.

Katelyn and Casey are members of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove. Jillian and Jenna are members of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis.

Secular Carmelites

Secular Carmelites in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis met on July 10 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center in Indianapolis for their annual commitment ceremony. Those attending included, in front row from left, Anna Mlinicki, Wildred Cogliano, Carmelite Sister Jane Alice Mcllroy, Kirth Roach and Annette Boyle. Middle row, from left, are Eileen Cassidy, Ann Marie, Cindy Rosswurm, Jeanne Watson, Ann Marie, Chris Hagan, Inez Hayes and Sally Meth. Back row, from left, Matthew Render, Cheryl Shockley, Dorothy Darby, Lisa Prince and Mary Fisher. In the ceremony, Roach made definitive promises, Cogliano made three-year temporary promises and Mlinicki and Christine Niles (unable to be present) received ceremonious scapulars, and were formally received into the community.

St. Joan of Arc School to host Founder’s Day Celebration

St. Joan of Arc School, 500 E. 42nd St. in Indianapolis, will celebrate its 90th anniversary at its first Founder’s Day Celebration on Jan. 13, 2012. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. with a reception following Mass in Doyle Hall. An original icon of St. Joan of Arc, created by world-renowned iconographer Jan Joham, will be on display in the church starting in September and available for auction at the event.

For more information or to make reservations, call 317-283-1518 or send an e-mail to mmsharp@sio.org or cyndigrigl@siochelsal.net.
WASHINGTON (CNS)—Attorneys for two scientists who use only adult stem cells in their work said they were “weighing all of their options for appeal” after a Washington judge ruled on July 27 that federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research may continue.

Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed a lawsuit that had briefly ended all federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research in August 2010. The ban lasted only until late September, and was permanently overturned in April.

In his latest decision, Lamberth said using federal money to pay for research involving embryonic stem cells derived using private funds did not violate the Dickey-Wicker Amendment. The amendement has been approved annually by Congress since 1996 to prevent federal funding of research in which human embryos are harmed or destroyed.

Lamberth said his court “has become a grudging partner in a bout of ‘linguistic jujitsu,’” and was compelled to conclude, as a federal appeals panel had in April, that the amendment’s wording was ambiguous in relation to research involving embryonic stem cells created using private funds.

Alliance Defense Fund senior counsel Steven H. Aden had been among the attorneys representing researchers created using private funds.

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“In these tough economic times, it makes no sense for the federal government to use taxpayer money for this illegal and unethical purpose,” he added.

The Catholic Church opposes any research that harms the human embryo, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has backed the goals of the lawsuit against federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research.

“We believe that the language and history of federal statutory law on embryonic research fully supports a final ruling against the National Institutes of Health guidelines that permit federal spending on embryonic stem-cell research,” said Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, after a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia lifted the ban on such funding on April 29 and sent the case back to Lamberth.

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Doerflinger was not available for comment after the July 27 ruling.

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Young people deserve to live free of violence, papal nuncio tells United Nations

UNITED NATIONS (CNS)—The world’s young people deserve to live their lives free of violence and in stable family settings, the Vatican’s U.N. nuncio said on the last day of a worldwide meeting on youths.

“Each and every child, for the full and harmonious development of his or her personality, should grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding,” Archbishop Francis Chullikatt said on July 28 at the conclusion of the U.N. General Assembly’s high-level meeting on youths.

A main part of the meeting was a series of round tables on July 25-26, followed by a couple of days of debate.

The archbishop said a safe, loving and peaceful environment for children will promote responsible citizenship, an essential characteristic for the common good of humanity.

Highlighting the role of family as the fundamental unit of society, Archbishop Chullikatt urged world leaders to support the concept of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

“The family ... must be guaranteed protection by society and the state,” he said.

Archbishop Chullikatt also called upon delegates to the meeting to develop programs benefiting young people that take into account the special role parents have in the development of children. Parents he said, cannot withdraw from their essential role to help children become “virtuous citizens and leaders.”

Cautioning that the philosophy of relativism is becoming more widely embraced, the nuncio suggested that not having absolute points of reference upon which to build society will lead to “instability, confusion and blind conformity to the fads of the moment with which certain cultures around the world tempt our youth.”

“Young people are entitled to receive from previous generations solid points of reference to help them make choices on which to build their lives,” he said.

He pointed to the upcoming World Youth Day festivities on Aug. 16-21 in Madrid as an event where young people can foster the importance of the spiritual dimension in their lives “rooted in the truth of the human person.”

Archbishop Chullikatt concluded his presentation by encouraging the delegates to uphold and implement the principle that young people should be brought up in the spirit of peace, justice, freedom, mutual respect and understanding as enshrined in the U.N.’s Declaration on the Promotion of Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding Between Peoples adopted in 1965. **
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pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in LaGrange, Kentucky. Father Chandler’s congregation is one of several in that state that contribute to the New Albany agency. Both Catholic and non-Catholic faith communities contribute funds and supplies. Casper showed the archbishop and other guests two storage rooms full of donated diapers, diaper bags, car seats, baby clothes and toys. Some individuals and groups have also decorated bedrooms in the homes.

Others present to welcome the archbishop were David Siler, executive director of the Indianapolis archdiocese’s Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries, and several members of the St. Elizabeth advisory board.

The purpose of Archbishop Kurtz’s visit, according to Javaline Johnson, St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities development director, was to explore how the two communities can coordinate delivery of services to women and families.

“We want to collaborate with Catholic Charities in Louisville,” Johnson said. “They offer some services we don’t, and we offer some they don’t. We want to eliminate duplication of services.”

St. Elizabeth’s-Catholic Charities is already affiliated with Kentucky Adoption Coalition, and licensed to handle adoptions in both Kentucky and Indiana.

While most of their clients are from Indiana, 30 percent of their clients and 27 percent of their financial support come from Louisville. Some clients have come from as far as Tennessee, North Carolina or Alabama.

The maternity home does not have a service area restriction. “Some women find us on the Internet,” said Leslea Townsend-Cronin, social services director. “They like what they see, and don’t care how far away it is. If they can find us, we take them.”

The agency’s various programs served 700 clients in 2010, including 70 women and 50 children in its residential facilities. The maternity home opened in 1989, the transitional home in 1996.

Since opening, the maternity home has assisted in more than 400 births. Women who have had their babies, and who are at least 18, can stay in the transitional house for up to two years—with their children—while going to school or finding employment.

“Before this program,” Casper said, “parents used to send a pregnant girl off to Aunt Becky in Nebraska.”

At St. Elizabeth’s, he said, young women receive a full gamut of services, from health care and labor coaches to counseling, parenting skills and money management.

“It’s a safe place for these girls to live,” Casper told Archbishop Kurtz. “Many of them come from bad situations with boyfriends or family members. Here, they know they are safe.”

Archbishop Kurtz remarked, “This [visit] is good timing.” He noted an upcoming annual meeting in his archdiocese at which he plans to encourage more Louisville parishes to become involved with St. Elizabeth’s. This summer, one group of Louisville high school students volunteered at the New Albany agency, painting, mulching gardens and organizing a clothes closet.

“We are sensitive to the fact that St. Elizabeth’s is part of the Indianapolis Archdiocese,” Archbishop Kurtz said, “but we are really just one community here.”

The archbishop closed the gathering with a prayer that, “through the intercession of St. Elizabeth, God might bless all those young people who come here, that they may come to lead good and fruitful lives.”

(Patricia Happel Cornwell is a freelance writer and a member of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon. For more information on St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany, log on to www.stelizabethcatholiccharities.org.)

Above, Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, left, and agency director Mark Casper visit one of the bedrooms occupied by a client and her baby.

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a long and proud Catholic history. Spain has given the Church some of its greatest saints and missionaries, and Spanish members of religious orders continue to serve as missionaries around the world, particularly in Latin America.

The organizers of World Youth Day 2011, which kicks off on Aug. 16, hope the throngs of young Catholics from Latin America will present Jesus Christ and the Church in a more accurate way, in a light that shows our joy. We aren’t crazy or sad or twisted, and we want people to come and see that,” said De la Cierva.

Part of the challenge facing the Church everywhere, but particularly in Spain and other parts of Europe, is to help people see that religion isn’t simply part of their cultural history, but can have a positive impact of their personal and social lives today.

One way the pope will demonstrate that is by holding two special meetings at the Augustinian monastery complex in El Escorial, north of Madrid. One of the appointments will be with about 1,500 nuns and other religious women younger than 35. While the sisters come from a number of countries, the idea behind the event was to demonstrate that although Spanish Catholicism faces some real challenges, there are still bright spots, too.

As the WYD organizers reported, Spain “is home to several orders of sisters who have experienced an upsurge of young vocations in recent years, much to the surprise of almost everyone.” The organization gave the example of the “Jesús Comunitario” order, based in Lerma, Spain. The average age of its 177 members is just under 30. The second meeting at El Escorial will be with 1,100 young university professors—specialists in a variety of academic subjects, but all under the age of 40. They must hold a doctoral degree, and be registered as World Youth Day pilgrims.

It is not unusual for the pope, who was a theology professor before becoming a bishop and cardinal, to address professors on the road or at the Vatican. In an age focused so heavily on education, technology and the rational and empirical, the pope has emphasized the importance of teachers and professors being open to truths they might not be able to prove in a laboratory.

Meeting with university students and professors at the Vatican in 2009, he said that whether studying math, science, art history or literature, a truly Christian scholar conducts all of his or her research trying to catch the glimpses of divine wisdom present in everything.

Of course, Pope Benedict also is traveling to Spain to pray with young people and help them solidify their relationship with God through the Mass and the sacraments.

World Youth Days always have been marked by the sight of thousands of young people lining up in fields, squares or pavilions to go to confession. But WYD Madrid will mark the first time that the pope will become one of the hundreds of priests hearing confessions.

Names will be drawn by lot from potential penitents among the corps of international volunteers working for WYD, De la Cierva said.

When the pope was told he would have an opportunity to offer the sacrament to three or four young people, “his response was ‘so few?’ But his schedule is very full,” so that all is the same time Vatican trip planners set aside, he said.

On a July 27 tour of St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities’ facilities in New Albany, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, left, and agency director Mark Casper visit one of the bedrooms occupied by a client and her baby.
Harlingen, Texas, in the Brownsville Diocese. Danielle Doty is a parishioner at St. Anthony Church in Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas on July 16. Doty by her predecessor, Kamie Crawford, at the Danielle Doty is crowned Miss Teen USA 2011. Vassani and Godfrey Schilling, was constructed in 1898 as a place for people who were unable to make the long journey to the Holy Land itself. The grounds of the monastery feature dozens of replicas of significant Christian sites from the Holy Land as well as from Europe, including many related to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The site now receives about 25,000 visitors a year, from as close as Alexandria, Va., to far away as China, Russia and Australia. “We really do have an international house here,” Father Jeremy Harrington told CNS during an interview at the monastery. Father Harrington, guardian and commissary, explained that the monastery is owned by the Holy Land Franciscans, to whom the Catholic Church entrusted the guardianship of the Holy Land 800 years ago. “We’re the supply chain for the Holy Land,” he said. “A lot of people say this is an oasis in the middle of Washington—places of prayer, solitude. So they come here and walk through the gardens.” WASHINGTON (CNS)—As the nation’s capital, Washington has been visited by millions since its official founding on July 16, 1790. With sites such as the Washington Monument, White House, the Capitol, Library of Congress, the National Archives, Smithsonian museums, and countless monuments and cultural happenings, tourists from across the world come to Washington for a taste of U.S. history. Lesser known perhaps, but no less fascinating, are the Catholic historical sites around the city that attract pilgrims. Catholicism in the U.S. was born in the Washington region, and the area still plays a vital part in the U.S. Catholic Church. The District of Columbia is home to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, seminaries, religious houses of prayer, and three prominent Catholic universities—The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University and Trinity Washington University. In 1634, Jesuit Father Andrew White celebrated what is believed to be the first Mass to be said in the original 13 English-speaking colonies. The Mass was on St. Clement’s Island, now a Maryland state park, about 60 miles outside of Washington. The site of the first Mass, marked by a large cross, can still be visited. Inside the St. Clement’s Island Museum, one can read the firsthand account written by Father White about his voyage and landing on the island with the first colonists of Maryland. He had accompanied Catholics on their voyage from England, where they had been persecuted. Perhaps the most famous and recognizable Catholic pilgrimage site in Washington is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Construction of the national shrine began in 1920 and was completed in 1959. It is the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America, and one of the 10 largest churches in the world. It houses one of the greatest concentrations of 20th-century art in the world. Its treasures include two mosaics from Ravenna, Italy, a relic of Pope Pius X, papal flags, a golden rose given by the shrine by Pope Benedict XVI, Venetian glass mosaics and glittering gold ceilings. In 1979, Blessed John Paul II visited the shrine and declared that it “speaks to us with the voice of all America. ... These people, speaking different languages and coming from different backgrounds of history and traditions in their own countries, came together around the heart of a mother they all had in common.” Pope Benedict visited the shrine in 2008 and said in an address to a group of bishops: “I commend the Church in your spiritual home, particularly to the maternal care and intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of the United States. May she who carried within her womb the hope of all nations intercede for the people of this country, so that all may be made new in Jesus Christ her son.” In the summer of 2010, the shrine had more than 60,000 people attend Sunday Mass, gave 542 guided tours to visitors and hosted 7,000 pilgrims visiting the shrine with a pilgrimage group. Veteran shrine tour guide, Sal Mazzuca, told Catholic News Service that these days around 20 percent of the visitors he shows around are non-Catholics, compared with the 100-percent Catholic audiences he had when he first began giving tours 53 years ago. “You’re looking at one of the shyest people you’ll ever meet in your life until I walk into this place,” Mazzuca said about his love for the shrine. Mazzuca’s favorite part is the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel because “it’s so quiet in there and when you need just a spiritual kick in the pants, as I call it, it’s in there and it helps things go away.” Another draw for pilgrims to the capital city is the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. The complex, the brainchild of Franciscan Fathers Charles WASHINGTON LETTER Alan B. Gottlieb, a U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Conference staff member, wrote this letter to the editor of The Criterion. From 1992 to 2004, Gottlieb was director of the agency’s Catholic Action for Healthcare Initiatives. Monuments, museums not only sites drawing tourists to Washington BROWNSVILLE, Texas (CNS)—When Danielle Doty, Miss Texas Teen USA, arrived in the Bahamas to compete in the Miss Teen USA pageant, she surrendered to God’s plan for her life, the Harlingen native said. “At let go and let God,” Doty told The Valley Catholic, newspaper of the Brownsville Diocese, in a telephone interview from New York City. “I was there. I had prepared. I had worked out, gotten in shape and from that point on, it was really in God’s hands. I knew what I would do was best.” Doty, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Harlingen, was crowned Miss Teen USA 2011 on July 16 at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas. “As soon as they called my name, I think you just go on pause,” Doty said a couple of weeks after her win. “You don’t hear anything, you’re not thinking of anything. You’re just taking in the moment.” After winning the Miss Teen USA title, Doty went from being a Harlingen resident to living in New York City. Almost as soon as she was crowned, she was whisked away for interviews and appearances. During her reign as Miss Teen USA, she will attend the New York Film Academy and study broadcast journalism. “It’s absolutely fantastic,” she said. “I am loving New York right now and having a blast. I still can’t believe it.” Doty graduated from Harlingen High School South in May, finishing in the top 10 of her class. She is the daughter of Kevin and Liz Doty and has an older brother, Dylan, 22. Doty was baptized, received her first Communion and was confirmed at St. Anthony Church. Her faith has given her the courage to face many challenges throughout her life, said her mother. “We brought up both of our children with the belief that with God in your life, you will make the right choices and you will always have someone with you,” Liz Doty said. Danielle Doty said that she feels a responsibility to make the most of this blessing that the Lord has bestowed upon her. She feels called to help others, especially girls. “His putting this in front of me is giving me the open door to take full action,” Doty said. “It’s not for me by any means.” Danielle Doty is crowned Miss Teen USA 2011 by her predecessor, Katie Crawford, at the Atlantic Resort in the Bahamas on July 16. Doty is a parishioner at St. Anthony Church in Harlingen, Texas, in the Brownsville Diocese. Danielle Doty is crowned Miss Teen USA 2011 by her predecessor, Katie Crawford, at the Atlantic Resort in the Bahamas on July 16. Doty is a parishioner at St. Anthony Church in Harlingen, Texas, in the Brownsville Diocese.
Attacker plant car bombs in front of churches in Kirkuk, Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A car bomb exploded outside a Syrian Catholic church in the northern Iraq city of Kirkuk, leaving at least 20 people injured.

The early morning attack on Aug. 2 was the first time the Holy Family Syrian Catholic Church had been a target. Vatican Radio said.

Police defined two other car bombs—one in front of a Christian school and another in front of a Presbyterian church.

Chaldean Archbishop Louis Sako of Kirkuk told Vatican Radio that the blast set near cars on fire and damaged not only the church, but also about 30 surrounding homes.

Most of those injured were in their homes at the time of the blast.

The archbishop said he visited the injured in the hospital. “It’s terrible,” he said, as both Christians and Muslims were wounded in the attack. Many of the injured had been released by the end of the day, according to reports.

Reports said on Aug. 2 that a nun and two priests were among those injured.

“We hope this is the last act of violence,” Archbishop Sako said.

The bombing and planned attacks caused a great deal of sorrow because it happened just after the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, “a holy time of fasting and prayer and conversion,” Archbishop Sako told the Rome-based AsiaNews on Aug. 2.

“Christians are sad and in shock” because such a sacred place and innocent people were targeted, he said.

He said, “We are shocked because Christians play no role in the political games” in Kirkuk—an oil rich city rife with tensions between ethnic Arabs, Turkmen and Kurds.

“We are always for what is good, for dialogue, and we have good relations with everyone,” he added. †

A man stands amid debris inside Holy Family Syrian Catholic Church in central Kirkuk, Iraq, north of Baghdad, on Aug. 2. A car bomb and two unexploded bombs targeted three churches in northern Iraq in coordinated attacks that wounded more than 20 people in the ethnically and religiously mixed city.

Kenyan bishops challenge government to improve food security during crisis

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS)—A Catholic bishop has heavily criticized the Kenyan government on what he described as its ineffectiveness in handling the hunger crisis developing in the East Africa nation.

Bishop Cornelius Arap Korir of Eldoret said he was disturbed to see that some people in Kenya are starving, while in other parts, such as his diocese, people are harvesting plenty of produce with some vegetables reportedly rotting in fields.

“This, for me, would seem to mean that the left hand of the government is not aware of what its right hand is doing, which is very unfortunate,” the bishop said during a July 29 news conference the Catholic Church called to announce an appeal for food on behalf of Kenya’s growing hunger crisis.

Archbishop Zacchaeus Okoth of Kisumu, chairman of the Kenyan bishops’ Commission for Justice and Peace, joined Bishop Korir, the commission’s vice chairman, at the conference and said the crisis was worsened by the rise in basic food prices, deteriorating drought conditions for farmers with livestock and the high rate of inflation.

“There has been reported deaths due to famine in various parts of the country,” the bishops said in a prepared statement.

The current debate in the Kenyan parliament on food security and allocations for national intelligence should not only be guided by social structures, but also by the immediate need to protect and promote human life and dignity, the bishops said. †

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—World Youth Day 2011 will open after the 11th international gathering of the Catholic Church in Spain.

The bishop three-year struggle between the Nationalist forces, led by Gen. Francisco Franco, and the established leftist Republican government, nearly half a million Spaniards were killed over ideological differences that had increasingly divided the country.

“Everyone was forced to take sides, whether they knew much about the causes of the war or not,” said Jose Sanchez, an expert on the Spanish Civil War and professor emeritus at St. Louis University.

“The Church hierarchy was faced with the most intense crisis in Spain’s history, and for the most part supported the Nationalist cause, primarily because of the anticlerical fury that occurred when the war broke out,” he said.

With the establishment of the leftist Second Spanish Republic in 1931, discriminatory laws against Catholics were put in place—nationalizing Church property, instituting obligatory public education, which would ban nun and monks from teaching by 1933, and forbidding public displays of Catholicism. Convents were burned in Madrid, Malaga, and elsewhere in the early 1930s, followed by the desecration of the Jesus and sporadic killings of religious.

From 1936 to 1939, thousands of Catholic institutions—churches, monasteries, convents and schools—were burned and destroyed. Close to 7,000 bishops, priests and nuns were martyred, along with thousands of laypeople for the simple fact they were Catholic. Carrying religious objects, such as a medal, crucifix or rosary, was enough of a reason to be killed.

Nearby 1,000 of the Spanish Civil War martyrs have been beatified during the pontificates of John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

Auxiliary Bishop Rutilio J. del Riego of San Bernardino, Calif., grew up in a small northern province in Spain. Born a year after the war ended, Bishop del Riego told Catholic News about the challenges growing up in a post-war civil Spain.

“Even after the war you knew who was on which side in the village,” Bishop del Riego said. The bishop had two uncles who fought in the civil war, both on the side of the Nationalists “because that’s where we lived,” he said. He was named after his father’s brother, who died in the war.

Bishop del Riego said it took time for a country torn by contrasting ideologies to find healing and unity again. Nevertheless, a strong secularism and anti-clericalism still pervade the country, the bishop said.

According to a recent study by Georgetown’s Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, only 19 percent of Spanish Catholics attend Mass weekly. The numbers have waned especially in the past 15-20 years.

“I have seen that process, and it has pained me,” Bishop del Riego said. “I have verified it every time I have gone home [to Spain]. It is a different world.”

Pope Benedict commented on the crisis of secularism in Spain on his last trip to the country in 2010. He made a trip to Santiago de Compostela last November.

“Spain has always been, on the one hand, a foundational country for the faith,” the pope said in a press conference aboard the papal plane. “But it is equally true that in Spain a laicism was born, an anti-clericalism, a strong and aggressive secularism, as we saw precisely in the 1930s, and this dispute, more, this conflict between faith and modernity, both very lively, occurs today too in Spain.”

Despite the challenges it faces, Bishop del Riego said he maintains hope for the Church in Spain.

“Although I know we need to do the best we can, I am not in panic,” the bishop said. “In the great scheme of things … the one who is in charge is God, the Lord of history.”

One hopeful sign can be seen at one Spanish convent. Iesus Communio, a community formerly associated with the Poor Clares of Lerma, two hours north of Madrid, has experienced a steady increase in vocations since the 1980s.

Most of the women entering are in their 20s and early 30s, and have college degrees. Some are doctors, lawyers, engineers and the like. A large number of them have said their vocations were inspired at or through World Youth Day.

This year’s World Youth Day in Spain is set to kick off on Aug. 16 with a Mass in Madrid’s Cibeles Square. It is the 12th international gathering since the initiative was instigated by Blessed John Paul II in 1985.

Pope Benedict XVI will arrive in Madrid on Aug. 18. It will be his third visit to Spain.

That 75 years later Catholic youths from across the world will be celebrating their faith openly in the streets of Madrid this August, where at least 4,000 clergy were martyred during the civil war, is perhaps another sign of hope for the Spanish Church.

Bishop del Riego will be traveling to Spain with more than 250 youths and families from the San Bernardino Diocese for what will be his first World Youth Day.

He said he has “no doubts” that the pope and Spanish bishops hope the gathering will help foster a resurgence in the Catholic faith among Spanish youths.

“Even this is an excellent opportunity,” he said.†

Catholic clergy join 10,000 people in demonstrating for dalit rights in India

NEW DELHI (CNS)—A rally by Christians and Muslims demanding equal rights for their dalit members blocked traffic in the main streets of the capital for several hours on July 28.

More than 10,000 people, including a Catholic cardinal, bishops, priests and religious women from across India braved intense heat to march more than three miles from a park to the Indian parliament.

The march capped a four-day protest that began on July 25 with a fast organized by the National Coordination Committee for Christian and Muslim dalits to protest against allegeddalit rights in India. Repeated protests have not swayed the government to follow the recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities, which said in a 2007 report that denying the quota right to Christian and Muslim dalits violated justice.

The Indian parliament tabled the report in 2009.

The National United Christian Forum, comprising the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India, the National Council of Churches in India and the Evangelical Fellowship of India issued a statement in July 2011 supporting the rally and hunger strike.

The forum called the demands of Christian and Muslim dalits “genuine.”

“The NCFC strongly believes that it is only just and fair that the Christians and Muslims of scheduled caste origin should get the legal protection and other educational and employment benefits given to their counterparts in other religions,” the statement said. “The NCFC is convinced that change of one’s religious faith does not alter one’s social status in India, and the dalit Christians and dalit Muslims in India have been victims of social and economic exploitation for centuries.”†
The wisdom of the saints: St. Cajetan

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The The Sunday Readings

Sunday, August 7, 2011

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 1:1-2, 3-4
Romans 5:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

The first reading this weekend is from the First Book of Kings. First and Second Kings prominently mention the kings of the united kingdom of Israel, but they are not political histories. The chief purpose of these writings is to reveal God’s mercy, justice and identity. Thus, along with the kings, and often more emphatically and extensively than the kings, these books mention prophets, who spoke for God. So principal in the reading is the prophet Elijah. God speaks to him. Elijah learns that God will be visible and audible before him. Looking for God, Elijah is in the midst of a raging storm, but God was not in the wind. Next came an earthquake, never an unusual event in the Middle East. Elijah cannot find God in the earthquake. At last, Elijah hears a tiny whispering sound. It is the voice of God. Several lessons emerge from this reading. First, God communicates with humanity, and the communication is conveyed to humans by humans. Elijah, after all, was a human. Second, Elijah looked for God in these great outbursts of nature, in the storm and in the earthquake. God is supreme over nature, it is true. But the ancient Hebrew concept was that God did not so much punish wayward humanity, even through disasters, as much as that by his sin humanity brought misery upon itself. Sin so disrupted the order of life that even nature brought misery upon itself. Sin so extensively than the kings, these books possess the power of God. This is the central point in this weekend’s Gospel. The Lord literally walks on water. The reaction of the disciples is a crucial lesson in itself. Understandably, they are mystified, overwhelmed, and even frightened, as they watch Jesus walk on the water. This, however, is not the end of the story.

Reflection
Jesus alone is the source of life. He possesses the power of God. This is the central point in this weekend’s Gospel. The Lord literally walks on water. The reaction of the disciples is a crucial lesson in itself. Understandably, they are mystified, overwhelmed, and even frightened, as they watch Jesus walk on the water. This, however, is not the end of the story. Peter’s response is the end of the story. When Jesus calls Peter also to walk on the water, Peter does as directed. He has faith, but human nature overtakes him.

Peter begins to sink. Peter’s faith weakens. He begins to sink. Jesus, however, not outdone by Peter’s lack of faith, pulled Peter from the water, rescuing Peter from death.

Baptism during Mass: A good practice, but not required by the Church

Could you tell me if having baptisms during Mass is a practice that is required by the church? Years ago, all baptisms were on a Sunday afternoon. Having a baptism—or sometimes several baptisms—during Mass can result in a parking problem for the following Mass (Williamsburg, Va.)

A There is no “papal edict” or directive of the Church regarding that baptisms be done during Mass. The introduction to the Church’s official ritual book (in concert with Canon #851 of the Code of Canon Law) recommends that baptisms be done either at the Easter Vigil or on a Sunday since it is at those times in particular that the Church remembers Christ’s resurrection, the central belief of our faith.

As to the context of the baptism ceremony, that is, whether it should be within a Mass or outside of Mass, there is no fixed rule. That suggestion is found in the ritual itself simply that “on Sunday, baptism may be celebrated even during Mass, so that the entire community may be present.” Significantly, though, the text goes on to say that baptism within a Sunday Mass “should not be done too often.” In offering that caution, I’m not sure that the Church is warning against the idea of a child’s baptism. Instead, I think that the text is making the point that the baptism ceremony is most impaceted when they witness a baptism occasionally rather than every Sunday. In our own parish, we offer families the option. If they specifically request to have their child baptized during a regular Sunday Mass—and this generally happens no more than once or twice a year—do that. Otherwise, our baptsisms—40 or 90 annually—are celebrated early on Sunday afternoons when the parish’s Masses are over. There is a great wisdom, I think, in having a baptism from time to time in front of the whole Sunday congregation. First, baptism signifies the child’s entrance into an entire parish community of believers who will help that child to grow in holiness. Second, witnessing a baptism reminds the congregation of the mission that each member undertakes at his or her baptism and of God’s pledge to accompany them along the way.

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In this eternal garden, my life doth flow.
On bended knee, to Him I pray,
I’ll be your heavenly gardener if I may.

By Carol Mappes

(Carol Mappes is a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis. Wildflowers bloom on Mount Precipice in Nazareth, Israel, on April 14.)

Readers may submit prose or poetry for column submission

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry related to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the “My Journey to God” column. Submissions also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions. Send material for consideration to “My Journey to God,” The Criterion, Indianapolis, IN 46220, or e-mail to criterion@archindy.com.†

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Pope calls for compassion, sharing with hungry of Africa

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Christians cannot be indifferent to the suffering of hundreds of thousands of people starving in the Horn of Africa, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“It is inadmissible to be indifferent in the face of the tragedy of the hungry and thirsty,” the pope said, speaking in Polish after reciting the Angelus on July 31 with pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo.

When Jesus fed the multitudes by miraculously multiplying loaves and fishes, he gave his disciples an example to follow, the pope said.

“He encourages us to give them something to eat and to share bread with the needy. Following Christ, we must be sensitive to people’s poverty,” he said.

Commenting on the day’s Gospel passage, the pope said it was natural to read the story of Jesus’ miracle and think of “our many brothers and sisters who, in these days, in the Horn of Africa, suffer from famine aggravated by war and the lack of solid institutions.”

He told the 3,000 people gathered in the courtyard that Jesus set an example of meeting material needs while also addressing the deeper hungers of the human heart.

“The love of God is present in the bread of Christ; encountering him, we feed on the living God, so to speak, and we truly eat the bread come down from heaven,” the pope said.

“In the Eucharist, Jesus makes us witnesses to God’s compassion for every brother and sister,” the pope said.

He prayed that people would open their hearts with compassion for their neighbors and would share with those in need.

Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, reported on July 30 that Catholic charities are deeply involved in meeting the needs of people suffering from the famine in Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Kenya.

Suzanna Tkalec, who works for the U.S. bishops’ Catholic Relief Services, is assisting Bishop Giorgio Bertin of Djibouti and Somalia.

She told Fides that they are working in the Dadaab refugee camp in about 50 miles from the border with Somalia.

“On average, 2,500 people arrive at this camp every day; 80 percent are mothers with young children,” she said.

What was in the news on Aug. 4, 1961? Religion helps deter mine a family’s, and Finland plans for its first priestly ordination since the Refor mation

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 Aug. 4, 1961 issue of The Criterion.

• Red press prints data showing Polish youth remain Catholic
• Find religion determines family size
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• Catholic Intellectuals: Say “yes” to present age
• Church feels Pope’s loss of Cardinal
• Economists talk against health plan
• Train for the simple life, Pope advises seminarians
• Nuns’ story: Little food, no privacy in Cuba
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By Alice Bowling

At Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis, a new statue is now watching over the circle of priests who have been laid to rest there.

On July 16, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, dedicated a new bronze statue of Our Lady of Einsiedeln that was installed at the priest’s circle in the cemetery.

Father Joseph Newton, who led the project, was among those in attendance, along with Beth and Dave Martin, members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and the parents of Father Justin Martin, who is buried at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery.

A member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, where Father Newton is the associate pastor, funded the project.

“Generous, anonymous parishioner came to me one day and wanted to do something for the archdiocese in thanksgiving for the service of priests,” Father Newton said. “The parishioners [at St. Luke] have a great dedication to their former priests.”

Three priests who ministered at St. Luke are buried at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery—Father Paul Courtney, Msgr. Francis Toothy and Father Martin.

Father Newton consulted several other priests about the project, and they collectively decided to establish a monument dedicated to the priests buried at Our Lady of Peace.

Our Lady of Einsiedeln was chosen because the cemetery is Marian-themed, and “since the priest section was already named after Our Lady of Einsiedeln, it seemed the most appropriate tribute,” Father Newton said.

There are deep connections between many priests who have ministered in central and southern Indiana over the past 150 years and Our Lady of Einsiedeln.

Over that time, many archdiocesan priests went to seminary at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad.

This seminary is operated by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, a daughter house of Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland.

The shrine of Our Lady of Einsiedeln at that historic Swiss abbey has been a prominent pilgrimage site for more than 1,000 years. Devotion to her was brought to southern Indiana by the monks who founded Saint Meinrad.

July 16, the day on which the statue was dedicated, is celebrated in the universal Church as the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In Einsiedeln, Saint Meinrad, however, it is marked as the Feast of Our Lady of Einsiedeln.

The image of Our Lady of Einsiedeln is that of a black Madonna holding the Christ child in one hand and a scepter in the other. The dark color of the original statue was the result of candle soot collecting on the image for many years.

The statue was crafted in Orsini, Italy, by the same sculptors who make wooden statues of Our Lady of Einsiedeln for the Benedictines of Einsiedeln in Switzerland.

Statue of Our Lady of Einsiedeln dedicated at cemetery

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS)—The Diocese of Belleville’s Catholic Charities agency has joined three other Illinois Catholic Charities agencies in a lawsuit against the state seeking to continue operating their foster care and adoption programs since the passage of a law legalizing civil unions for same-sex couples.

The law stipulates same-sex couples have the same rights and benefits as married couples in the state, including the right to adopt children and provide foster care.

Officials with the Belleville diocesan agency, called Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois, took legal steps on July 26 in Springfield, the state capital, to join the suit filed by the Catholic Charities agencies of the Springfield, Peoria and Joliet dioceses.

The suit seeks to stop the state from discontinuing foster care and adoption programs. Officials with the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to prevent Catholic agencies from continued participation in state foster care and adoption programs.

Earlier in July, state officials announced plans to pull contracts with the Church agencies since they will not place foster children or adopted children with same-sex couples.

Sangamon County Circuit Judge John Schmidt issued a preliminary injunction on July 12 preventing the state from ending contracts with Catholic Charities agencies pending the outcome of the suit. The next hearing in the case is set for Aug. 17.

The judge also ruled on July 18 that the state’s Department of Children and Family Services must allow Catholic Charities agencies to operate as they had before the fiscal year 2011 contract expired on June 30, meaning the agencies could receive new referrals and continue foster care.

The Thomas More Society, a Chicago-based public interest law firm representing the Catholic agencies, announced on July 26 that the agencies planned to file another complaint against the state for violating their right to due process of law by terminating their rights to contract with the state without any substantive basis.

It also said the agencies were suing the state for not complying with the exemption for religious practice included in the Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act, which took effect on July 1.

The law firm said the agencies want the court to declare they have been and continue to be in compliance with Illinois law in their foster care and adoption practices. They are also seeking a permanent injunction against any further action by Illinois government officials.

The Catholic agencies only place children with married heterosexual couples or single people who are not cohabiting. State officials have said the law would not allow the agencies to refer same-sex couples to other agencies, as they have done for the agencies want the court to declare they have been and continue to be in compliance with Illinois law in their foster care and adoption practices.

In earlier reaction to Schmidt’s preliminary injunction, Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria said he was encouraged by the judge’s recognition of the “grave harm that would result if Catholic Charities was forced out of its long-standing mission of serving children in foster care and adoption.”

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield said he was grateful “for the sake of the children in our Catholic Charities foster care program” that the services will be allowed to continue.

In a statement he said the state of Illinois was violating the law by forcing agencies to act against their religious beliefs.

The law specifically says that “nothing in this act shall interfere with or regulate the religious practice of any religious body,” he noted.

Discontinuing the foster care and program supervised by the Illinois Catholic Charities agencies would affect 1,997 children in foster care, including some in the process of being adopted, said Kendall Marlowe, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

He said approximately 15,000 children are presently in foster care in Illinois.

“We cannot enter into a contract with anyone who has publicly, affirmatively stated that they will not follow the law in performing services under the contract,” Marlowe told Catholic News Service before the preliminary injunction was granted. “These agencies have made their choice, and we must now plan to transition these cases with the least disruption possible for the kids.”

But Bishop Paprocki said in his statement that “it is the state of Illinois that is violating . . . the law by seeking to force us to act against our religious beliefs.”

Belleville Diocese joins lawsuit against Illinois over foster care