A leap of courage, obedience and faith

By Leslie Lynch
Special to The Criterion

LANESVILLE—The quarterly men’s fellowship meeting at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville typically begins with discussion of a faith-related topic, and ends with euchre and homemade wine. May’s gathering ended that way, too, but it began with a far different experience—one that set the stage for two seemingly different Catholic communities to come together in an inspiring celebration of faith.

The story’s roots took hold in July 2010 when Father Juan Valdes was assigned to dual roles in southern Indiana—administrator of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, and ministry to the Hispanic community in the New Albany Deanery. At first glance, the two groups have little in common other than shared faith. Lanesville, a rural community with deep German roots, has few non-English speakers and is known for its top-notch picnic and quilts. The Hispanic Ministry serves a fluid, primarily Spanish-speaking population known for its Latino traditions and lively music. Until recently, involvement between the communities has been minimal.

That began to change when Father Valdes invited members of an adult Bible study group in Lanesville to visit a Hispanic Mass. Fifteen people accepted, and attended in March. For many, it was their first experience of the Mass in a language other than English.

“Even though I couldn’t understand Spanish, I knew where we were in the Mass,” said Margaret Pickrell, a member of St. Mary Parish. “Not knowing the words sort of freed up my mind to experience its beauty in the moment.”

Rita Goss expressed appreciation for the hospitality and generosity of spirit exhibited by the Hispanic community. “I felt a little nervous at first, but those people are so kind and so welcoming. I really enjoyed it,” she said. Buoyed by the positive experience, the two groups share common bonds of worship and music.

Two faith communities with different cultures share common bonds of worship and music

Friends, family, parishioners praise new monsignors

By Sean Gallagher

When Pope Benedict XVI gave the title of monsignor earlier this year to the late Msgr. Joseph Kern, Msgr. Paul Richart, Msgr. Joseph Riedman, Msgr. William Stumpf and Msgr. Anthony Woltz, he singled out five priests who, combined, had ministered for 211 years in the Church in central and southern Indiana and in places around the world.

Over the course of that time, the priests led in faith countless parishioners, friends and family. More than 500 people gathered from all corners of the archdiocese on Aug. 14 to pay tribute to the monsignors as their ecclesiastical honors were officially conferred in an Evening Prayer liturgy.
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As the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, The Criterion is inviting readers to share their thoughts and stories on how the events of that unforgettable day had an impact on their faith lives that continues today.

We are also inviting police officers, firefighters and other public safety personnel to tell readers about how their work affects their faith and how their faith influences their service to the public on a daily basis. These stories could be used as the foundation for future articles in The Criterion.

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The Hispanic choir performs during a Hispanic music event at St. Mary Church in Lanesville on May 15. In the front row, from left, are Miguel Mendez, Elena Sanchez, Vanessa Moran, Fernando Hernandez, Manuel Hernandez, Dervi Bravo and Octavio Gomez. In the back row are Gustavo Sanchez and Federico Garcia.

The ability that some St. Mary parishioners had to write grants, which could be used to assist the Hispanic community. He recently learned that a grant for $7,000 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been awarded to the New Albany Deanery Hispanic Ministry. He also noted that the archdiocese has contributed $40,000 to Hispanic Ministry for Catholic education, evangelization and staff.

When the Hispanic Ministry hosted its annual outdoor Mass and picnic at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in Floyd County on July 17, members of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville enjoyed a warm welcome from members of the Hispanic community. Father Valdes and Father Dan Atkins, pastor of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, celebrated Mass. The Hispanic choir provided music. After Mass, members of both communities sang together in a moment of spontaneity.

Father Valdez summed up the experiences that have brought the two communities together.

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NEW CASTLE—Newly renovated and handicap-accessible, the St. Anne Parish Center architecturally and symbolically unites the campus of the Henry County faith community that has grown stronger in the midst of adversity during the past four years.

The brick building sits behind the new St. Anne Church at 102 N. 19th St., which was consecrated on Feb. 28, 2010, to replace the former church destroyed in an arson fire on Holy Saturday, April 7, 2007. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, blessed and dedicated St. Anne’s former school following a noon Mass on Aug. 14 then greeted parishioners as he toured the religious education and meeting space.

Two entrance doors centered on the north and south sides of the Parish Center enable parishioners and guests to easily walk from the parking lot on the north side of the campus through the building to the church entrance.

The center houses the parish offices, 11 classrooms, and two large meeting spaces with adjoining kitchens and restrooms.

Deacon candidate Russell Woodard, St. Anne’s parish life coordinator, said after the dedication that the $1.1 million renovation project transformed the outdated school floor plan into a functional multipurpose center.

“It’s a wonderful renovation,” Woodard said. “The school has been closed since the mid-‘80s. It’s been used for religious education and offices, but never was really fit to serve those purposes. It was built in the 1950s and never updated so we had large rooms that were not very usable. “With the momentum that was gained after the church was rebuilt, we were able to renovate this building,” he said. “It’s a blessing because now we have more appropriate sized rooms. We have been able to move our parish hall upstairs to where it is accessible. That’s especially important for our funeral meals and other large gatherings.”

Renovation of the Parish Center began in December 2010, Woodard said, and reflects the love that the people have for God and the Church.

“Even though many of the parishioners still have pledges on the church that they are paying, they stepped up and made additional pledges to help pay for this project,” he said. “The children are our future, and we recognize that having an appropriate place for them for religious education is important. That’s really what drove this project.”

During the liturgy, many parishioners appeared emotional as Bishop Coyne noted in his homily that, “Faith is easy when it isn’t tested.”

But we can be people of hope, the auxiliary bishop said, because “God gives each one of us what we need to follow him, what we need to grow in Christian love, what we need to hear. He gives it to each of us through the sacraments of the Church, through our prayer life, through the Scriptures, through the good works and words of others around us.

“What a joy it is for me to be here today with you to celebrate this Mass and to bless your new parish center … after much work and prayer by so many members of your parish,” he said. “… May all who come here know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of his friendship and grow in his love … We pray that the word of God may always echo from its walls.”

Special guests included several Providence sisters who served as principals or teachers at the former St. Anne School.

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By Mary Ann Garber

Renovated parish center dedicated at St. Anne in New Castle

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, blesses the new St. Anne Parish Center during a dedication ceremony on Aug. 14 in New Castle. Assisting the bishop are, from left, altar servers Timmy Welch and Margy Welch; Father Joseph Rautenberg, sacramental minister; Father Stanley Herber, dean of the Connersville Deanery and priest moderator; Fond Cox, executive assistant to the archbishop and auxiliary bishop and liaison for episcopal affairs; lifetime parishioner John McGrady; parishioner Brittany West; longtime parishioner Iris Niflis; and deacon candidate Russell Woodard, parish life coordinator.

After the dedication, Providence Sister Ann Marie Boyce, who ministered as a teacher and principal from 1966-76, said “it’s wonderful that the parish has been able to hold together despite all of the suffering that they’ve gone through.”

Parishioner and business manager Patty Hughes said she is “so proud of us as a parish. We had that tragedy four years ago, and we’ve really stepped up and come together as a parish family. It’s been wonderful. And it’s not just the parish. The community came together to help us.”

Father Stanley Herber, dean of the Connersville Deanery and priest moderator of the parish, said he is pleased “the old school is going to be used in many ways.”

Father Joseph Rautenberg, the parish’s sacramental minister, noted that St. Anne’s 250 households focus on their faith and hospitality.

“I’m very happy for the parish,” he said. “I think it will be both a symbol and a resource for parish life in the future.”

Parishioner Doug Magers recently published St. Anne and Her People, a 356-page history of the Henry County faith community featuring more than 700 photographs taken from 1872 to 2010. The book sells for $30 plus $5 for mailing costs, and can be purchased by contacting the parish office at 765-529-0933.

“The day the church burned was the worst day of my life,” Magers said. “That was the nudge for me to finish the book.”

St. Anne parishioner John McGrady, who is 86 and a lifetime member of the Connersville Deanery parish, helps cut the ribbon across an entrance door on Aug. 14 after Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, second from left, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, blessed and dedicated the newly renovated St. Anne Parish Center in New Castle. Altar server Margy Welch, left, watches the ceremony.

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Threat to religious freedom

Why do Catholic politicians so often neglect the teachings of Catholicism to make it more difficult for the Church? New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Catholic, signed into law a bill that permits mandated preventive services for women and serves non-Catholics.

Early, Catholic Charities in the city, not for any benefit to the Catholic Church. Catholic children often are taken that risk.

The physician returned, the father spontaneously restated that he would like his son baptized. With the nurse and the parents nearby, the physician took some tap water into his hand and poured it over the patient’s forehead while saying, “I have the honor and privilege of being one of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The patient died within the hour.

The physician later commented: “Hopefully, the patient was discovered to respect the religious belief of the patient’s existence.”

Some Catholic health care workers may take issue with the physician if he sees it as coming to address the spiritual needs of their patients. The physician or nurse may feel that some of the interventions are not really their pursuance or concern.

Yet, close collaboration between Catholic medical professionals and clergy is critical to effectively address the needs of patients approaching death. Even when a priest may not be available, physicians and nurses often will have opportunities to serve as unique conduits of God’s grace if they can help the patient, take some risks and bring Christ into the clinic.

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A short time after sharing the diagnosis, the patient was admitted to the hospital room with a priest, asking whether he would like to talk with him. The man became upset and asked the priest to leave the room, saying to his doctor, “Don’t ever do that again!”

Over the next few weeks as his condition worsened, the doctor worked tirelessly with the patient, addressing his medical and pain management needs. He became closer to his doctor, and spoke with him about a range of topics. A relationship of trust began to grow and develop.

When the patient’s condition took a sharp turn for the worse, the physician knew the end was approaching. Once again, he came to the door of the patient’s room accompanied by a priest and stood there for a moment. The patient caught the doctor’s eye and, with a glimmer in his own and rather cryptically, “Oh, what the heck, he probably knows me better than you do and lend him in here.”

The priest didn’t come out of the room for more than hour. The man ended up going to confession moments before receiving the last sacraments. Ninety minutes after the priest departed, the man passed on to the Lord.

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A continuación presenta la Parte 1 de su Instrucción.

Parte 1

Gracias, obispo Thompson, por decirle “sí” al Santo Padre. Gracias a tus padres, Joyce y Coleman, y a tu familia por apoyar y fomentar tu vocación sacerdotal durante estos últimos 25 años. Hermanos y hermanas, demostramos nuestro agradecimiento a la familia Thompson.


Cuando ordenamos un sucesor de los Apóstoles, no podemos evitar recordar a los Doce originales, especialmente en esta festividad de San Pedro y San Pablo. Ellos vertieron su sangre por amor a Jesús y a la comunidad de fieles. Sus vidas fascinantes y variopintas representan un maravilloso testimonio de que Dios hace cosas extraordinarias por nosotros a pesar de la pobreza de nuestra humanidad.

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**Aug. 20 marriage presentations are cancelled at St. Monica Parish**

A series of presentations on the sacrament of marriage scheduled on Aug. 20 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and featuring nationally known speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers has been cancelled due to low advance registration.

Deacon Burke-Sivers’ presentations about “The Future of the African-American Family—A Catholic Perspective” is still scheduled and begins at 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at St. Rita Parish’s Father Bernard Strange Family Life Center, 1800 N. Arsenal Ave., in Indianapolis.

A pitch-in dinner before the presentation will begin at 6 p.m. For more information or to sign up for this event, call Jane Cosley at 317-632-9349.

Deacon Burke-Sivers will participate in the Help of the Precious Infants Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 20 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3350 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis.

Following Mass, group supporters are invited to stay at the church for eucharistic adoration or gather outside an abortion facility at 3607 W. 16th St. to pray a rosary.

Following the rosary, participants return to the church to the Chapel of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction. The devotions conclude at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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**Manuscript exhibit**

This mid-19th century manuscript of John Cassian’s Institutes of the Coenobia is one of several centuries-old manuscripts related to monasticism that are on display through December at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library in St. Meinrad. For library hours, call 812-357-0401 or 800-487-7311 or log on to www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/library_hours.aspx.
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Back to School gathering: Educators are reminded that 'all are welcome.'

EVANSTVILLE—Early on Thursday morning, the gym at Holy Redeemer School in Evansville was filled with teachers from all over the Diocese of Evansville. They were there—all 700 plus—to attend a Back to School gathering which included Mass with their new shepherd, Bishop Charles C. Thompson.

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It’s an opportunity, she added, “to see friends we don’t see during the school year.”

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She talked about the diocesan theme for schools this year, “All are welcome,” asking the educators, “Who will you cordially receive in your school? In your classroom?”

Before Donna Halverson, the assistant superintendent of schools, did the roll call of schools, she thanked the pastors in attendance. “This is why our Catholic schools are as vibrant and vital as they are—because of our Catholic school pastors.”

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Bob Kelly says, “Kids today could look back, and people from those times could have memories of those days and those games. I’m just trying to connect the young generation with their moms and dads, their uncles and grandparents. It gives them more of a chance to relate through this common bond.”

Called “Yesteryear,” the feature will become a weekly staple on Kelly’s website, www.sportschronicle.net, beginning on the weekend of Aug. 27-28. To develop “Yesteryear,” Bob Kelly spent several weeks visiting the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis scouring microfilm of long ago issues of The Indianapolis Star. He will share summaries of games and highlights from as far back as 50 years ago.

In his research, Kelly came across one sports story that had a personal connection for him. “In 1971, there was a game where Roncalli was playing [the former] Latin School in boys’ basketball,” Kelly recalls.

“My dad had coached for Latin School then. The story stopped me in my tracks. Dad passed away in 1980. It brought back all the memories of being back in that gym.”

These kinds of connections are the ones that Kelly strives for in his coverage of high school sports today. “This will be the start of my sixth year,” he says. “I love it. I’m so thrilled about being able to do this. I remember playing golf in high school at Roncalli. The only time golf got coverage was in the state finals. We never made it that far. It would have been nice to have a site like this where you could read a story or two about it, and see pictures. That’s what I’m trying to do.”

“Football and basketball always get the publicity, but I want the swimmers, the golfers, the runners, and the volleyball players to get that feeling as well. It brings a lot of satisfaction for me, and hopefully the people who come to the site are getting that satisfaction, too.”

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Bishop Rhodes makes first visit to Provena Sacred Heart nursing home

AVILLA—For the first time since becoming the shepherd of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla on Aug. 5. He began by celebrating Mass, later touring the facility and learning how the staff there serves to meet individual needs and provides dignity to seniors. At least 40 residents, family and staff members filled the chapel for Mass at Provena.

“Angels of support”—drove the support van for the group. Msgr. Schooler biked part of the pilgrimage. He would make this pilgrimage on the ancient Camino de Santiago, we were interested in Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla on Aug. 5. He began by celebrating Mass, later touring the facility and learning how the staff there serves to meet individual needs and provides dignity to seniors. At least 40 residents, family and staff members filled the chapel for Mass at Provena.

St. Michael Schooler, a monsignor in cycling 681 miles of the pilgrimage.

“We visited churches and monasteries along the way, asking for the intercession of St. Augustine at the church where he was buried in Pavia, and the intercession of St. Catherine when we spent most of the day in Siena,” Msgr. Schooler said.

There was the natural beauty of the Alps, the physical beauty of structures such as the Benedictine monastery, and the spiritual beauty of the monks whose mission it is to serve people,” Paolo Carozza said.

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Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, presided at the liturgy for Archbishop Daniel M. Bechtlein, who continues to recover from a stroke that he suffered earlier this year.

“He is, unfortunately, not able to be here,” Bishop Coyne said in his homily. “That’s a shame because he was the one who actually got these honors moving. He knows and loves these men whom we shall acknowledge as having received these great honors from the pope.”

Bishop Coyne praised the new monsignors for their decades of dedicated priestly ministry.

“It was good to be that when you were made a monsignor, you could kind of perhaps settle back in the dignity of your honor and let others do a little bit of your work,” Bishop Coyne said. “But all of these men, save for our dear priest, Father Kern, who passed before this honor could be bestowed, are men who work very hard in the archdiocese and have done so for many years.”

Msgr. Kern died on April 16, just days after Pope Benedict named him a monsignor. “I think it is absolutely wonderful,” said Good Shepherd Sister Rose Kern, Msgr. Kern’s sister. “But I’m happy he’s already in heaven because he would never want the honor. He was happy to be just a simple parish priest.”

Robert Kern, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, received the framed letter from the pope that named his brother a monsignor.

The other new monsignors also received their own framed letters. As a sign of the conferral of their ecclesiastical honor, surplices were placed over the special caskets that designate their title of monsignor.

Msgr. Richart has ministered at St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg in the New Albany Deanery for the past 15 years. Prior to that, he served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 30 years in such faraway locales as Hawaii and Greenland. He retired with the rank of colonel.

Larry Richart, a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, was pleased to see his brother being honored in the past by the Air Force and now by the Church. “It gives you a lot of pride,” Larry Richart said. “You [already] knew how high quality of a person he was. That everybody else thought he was deserving of that office also verified it.”

Joyce Gambrall, a member of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg, made the trip to the cathedral with a friend to see her pastor honored.

“I wouldn’t have wanted to miss it for anything. It was wonderful,” Gambrall said. “He’s a very special man. He is very Christ-like, but yet he’s very down-to-earth and just a real person.”

Msgr. Richart said being named a monsignor in the same year in which he is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest was “the top of the heap.”

“I was impressed with the ceremony,” Msgr. Richart said. “And I was glad to be a part of this group [of new monsignors]. They’re very worthy priests to be honored this way.”

In his 55 years as a priest, Msgr. Riedman has ministered in many large parishes in the archdiocese. Many former parishioners and family and friends gave him sustained applause when he received his ecclesiastical honor.

“It was very exciting for me,” he said. “I know that they wished me well. And I thought it was great that we had the other priests [honored] also.”

Jim Riedman was born two years after his brother. They grew up together in the 1930s as twins.

“The other men who were twins, they thought we were twins,” Jim Riedman said. “Our mother dressed us alike for a while. Then we served together at Mass.”

Of his brother being named a monsignor, Jim said, “It was wonderful. It was the most wonderful thing that could happen. It was very touching. I’m proud of his achievements.”

Quenia Rodriguez got a sense of how dedicated Msgr. Riedman was in his ministry as the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis when, as a newcomer to Indianapolis, she took her phone call about 12 years ago when she inquired about enrolling her daughter, Mercedes, in kindergarten at the parish’s school.

“He said he was going to have someone call me back, but he called me back with all of the information about the school,” Msgr. Rodriguez, who is now Holy Spirit’s parish secretary, said. “He and her husband, Isidoro, were impressed by how much Msgr. Riedman worked to get Holy Spirit’s now burgeoning Hispanic ministry off the ground. “That’s one of the reasons that I’m here, to let him know that we’re very grateful that he gave a chance to our Hispanic community,” Isidoro said.

Larry Stumpf said with a laugh that his younger brother, Msgr. William Stumpf, keeps him “on the straight and narrow.”

He was glad to be at the cathedral to see his brother, who serves as the archdiocese’s moderator of the curia, honored as a monsignor.

“It was very nice.” It was nice for him to achieve that honor,” Larry Stumpf said. “To know that he had that many friends and family show up to honor him [was wonderful].”

One of those friends was seminarian Michael Keucher, who assisted in the liturgy as an altar server.

Keucher, a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington, said his former pastor “opened a lot of doors” for him as he discerned a possible priestly vocation.

“He invited me to take a larger part in the [life of the parish],” Keucher said. “He’s a model of humility and the faith that I hope to one day exude myself as a priest.”

“It was so touching to know that people would actually take time to come and celebrate with you,” said Msgr. Stumpf of the liturgy. “I was just amazed that folks came from different times in my life to come and celebrate. I was very, very touched by their presence.”

Unlike the other priests honored along with him, Msgr. Anthony Volz, pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, has a small extended family who live out of state and weren’t able to present for the liturgy.

But many former parishioners were on hand to show him their love and support.

Helen Kurker, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, considers herself a sort of mother of her former pastor. That close bond is rooted in the time she spent by his side and in ministering to her family when she suffered a stroke shortly after he began his assignment at Christ the King.

“He’s very humble, very obedient,” Kurker said, “and he’s just a wonderful friend.”

If Msgr. Volz is like a son to Kurker, then he is like a father to Father Sean Danda, associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish.

They met years ago when Father Danda was a high school student at Cardinal Ritter Fr/Sr High School in Indianapolis, and Msgr. Volz was pastor of the adjacent St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

Later, Father Danda had a summer assignment as a seminarian at Christ the King when Msgr. Volz was pastor there.

Now they are ministering together at St. Barnabas.

“It has been a wonderful experience,” Father Danda said. “It’s almost like having a parent honored in a lot of ways, having known him so long and having had so much respect for him. It’s been a wonderful thrill to see him raised to this great honor.”

Msgr. Volz has a special appreciation for his honor because, over the past year, he has struggled with his own health challenges.

“Since I’ve recovered from my heart issues, it’s become an even more humbling experience,” Msgr. Volz said. “You have different life perspectives. I’m just grateful for all the people that I’ve been able to serve and will serve. And I thank God for this honor and thank the archbishop.”

(Read this article online at www.CriterionOnline.com and to see more photos from the liturgy honoring the new monsignors and to purchase photos of them.)
WYD and vocations: Young want to be heard, invited, challenged

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—While the Catholic Church seeks to help earthlings reach their true home in heaven, too often it treats its younger members as if they were from another planet, a top Vatican official said.

“Young people can find themselves in a lot of local churches on the margin of things, with a lot of people who don’t speak their language, who treat them as if they just descend from another planet,” said Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

For many young Catholics, World Youth Day can be the one Church event where they have the time, space and camaraderie they need to start pondering the way that God wants them to live their faith in the Church and in the world.

Added to the simple fact that they are sharing an experience with hundreds of thousands of their peers from around the world, the event provides them with opportunities for liturgical and silent prayer and catechesis.

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“Don’t soft-pedal the demands of the Gospel,” Archbishop Tobin said. “Say, ‘What are you looking for?’ And then: ‘If you think you can find it with me, I will follow up with you,’ ” he said. “If that’s your benchmark, it’s quite a long trip from America.”

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Any contact that any religious has with a young person “is a vocational moment” because youths are “trying to sort it out,” to see where they fit in, he said.

Religious need to listen to young people, be clear about their own identity and invite the young to see for themselves if the community would be the right fit.

“That’s it in a nutshell,” he said.

In the Gospel of St. John, “Jesus doesn’t try to make a sale. He appeals to what motivates people: ‘What are you looking for?’ ” said the 59-year-old archbishop.

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At opening of exhibit, Chilean miners say God was with them

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The dramatic and uplifting story of survival and a rescue that captivated the world one year ago unfolds in “Against All Odds: Rescue at the Chilean Mine,” a new exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington.

The exhibit opened on Aug. 5, exactly one year after the mine collapse in Chile, in which all 33 miners survived and were rescued 69 days later.

The technical skill of the rescuers can be seen in the drill bit that cut through nearly one-half mile of rock, and the Fenix rescue capsule constructed by the Chilean navy in consultation with NASA. That capsule was named for the phoenix, the legendary bird that is a symbol of rebirth.

But the human spirit and faith that helped the miners endure is also on display in the form of a small Bible, about the size of a hand, labeled Santa Biblia (“Holy Bible”), and the exhibit notes, “Miner Jose Henriquez, a committed Christian, read from this Bible when he led the men in daily prayer.”

Displayed next to the Bible is a scuffed blue miner’s helmet, with earphones on the side. In the front of the helmet, scrawled with a black marker, are the words, “GRACIAS DOMOY (“Thank God”).

The helmet belongs to miner Carlos Barrios, who also is seen in the exhibit in a large photo displayed behind the rescue capsule. As he emerges to the surface, smiling and waving, he has a simple white rosary around his neck.

At an Aug. 3 press preview for the exhibit, Barrios was among four of the rescued miners who stood together, holding a Chilean flag with the number “33” written on the white star. Different in age, build and looks, they shared a bond as brothers, fellow miners and survivors.

Media reports at the time said the men had prayed together underground, requested religious items when they made contact with the outside, and built small shrines to Mary in the mine as they waited together to be rescued.

Above ground, family members, friends and neighbors prayed together for the miners’ safety, their prayers joined by concerned people around the world, including Pope Benedict XVI.

At the press briefing, the miners helped introduce the Smithsonian exhibit about their survival and rescue, and answered reporters’ questions through interpreters.

Barrios was asked about the words he had written on his helmet, and how the miners’ faith helped them survive. “The miners, they never thought they were 33. They were 34 because God was with them,” he said.

Another reporter asked whether they considered the prayers or the rescued miners themselves to be heroes. Miner Jose Henniquez, an older, clean-shaven man with an air of quiet dignity, stepped to the podium. He was the miner who had led the men in daily prayer with that little Bible. “I do not consider myself a hero. If there was a hero, it was the 34th person. God brought us together,” he said, noting how they began praying together those first days, and then when contact was made on the 17th day, they asked for a Bible, and that little one was lowered to them. “It was God who guided us through this whole journey.”

The exhibit notes that Chile is the world’s leader in copper production, but on a nearby wall are the words of Chilean President Sebastian Pinera: “The principal wealth of our country isn’t copper, it’s the miners. It isn’t natural resources, it’s the Chileans.”

What was in the news on Aug. 18, 1961? A bigger role for laymen, and a suggestion by Boston pastor to close Catholic grade schools

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. 18, 1961, issue of The Criterion: Former U.S. delegate named top papal aid
• Chicago clergy unite to ease racial strife
• Bishop asks bigger role for laymen“ NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Religious superiors were urged (by Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop Leo A. Pyle) to provide lay people with the opportunity and encouragement of playing their role in the Church’s mission. … We shall not lose face, status, prestige, uniquely and irrevocably ours by holy orders or religious profession,” the bishop said, “if we take the hand of our lay brother in Christ and show him how he can help us in our task.”

• Close our grade schools, Boston priest suggests“ BOSTON—A Catholic pastor, who is a columnist for The Pilot, Boston’s archdiocesan news weekly, has proposed that the parochial elementary school system be abandoned in favor of a more productive investment in secondary and higher education … Mons. [George W.] Casey based his proposal on the presumptions that Catholic schools ‘are not going to get financial aid from the federal government,’ and that population trends will cause acute monetary and personnel problems in the elementary system. … Let us face it, the chief reason for the Catholic school system is the preservation of the faith. And I for one, have never seen a child lose its faith in the elementary grades, unless the parents lost it for him. But I have seen high school boys and girls lose it on their own. If we can only have Catholic influence around in some grades, let us have it around in the crucial years when the powers of reasoning are being strengthened; the inclination to challenge sharpened and vocations and careers are being decided.”

• School system head takes another view
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**Called to Glory**

High school and college students invited to be part of two national events in Indianapolis celebrating Catholic faith

By John Stearns

As an Indianapolis Colts fan, Kay Scoville would love to see the hometown team play in the 2012 Super Bowl on Feb. 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Still, as the director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, Scoville is more focused these days on another major event that will take place at the Indianapolis stadium on Nov. 17-19—the National Catholic Youth Conference for high school students, which is expected to draw about 25,000 people from across the country.

Scoville believes the stakes are even higher for the November event, which has the theme “Called to Glory.”

‘With being in the same venue as the Super Bowl, the conference is really going to look at, ‘What is glory? Do you see those athletes as representing glory?’ says Scoville, who is the archdiocese’s point person for this year’s NCYC.

‘And yet, here we have a man hanging on a cross that we are all worshiping and praising. As Catholics, that’s our ‘call to glory’—to take up our cross and follow him, and to give up to eternal life with him eventually.’

On those same November days, the archdiocese will also serve as the host for the National Catholic Collegiate Conference in Indianapolis, an event that hopes to deepen the faith of young adults ages 18 to 25.

The registration deadline for both events is Sept. 15.

The Criterion recently interviewed Scoville about these two major events, and her work for the archdiocese in youth ministry. Here is an edited version of that conversation.

Q. How do you think the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference will be important to the faith of high school students?

A. ‘The NCYC is one of the best examples I’ve seen of so many youths coming together to express their faith. We as Catholics often hesitate in being evangelistic or wanting to express our faith—especially the teens do.

‘But when they are at NCYC, they are in their comfort zone with all the other Catholics. They can talk about Jesus, they can talk about the sacraments and talk about Mary. There’s just that connection.

‘Usually, they go to church and they only see a couple of teens, maybe, in the pews. But to see all those teens together at NCYC, it’s amazing for them.’

Q. The National Catholic Collegiate Conference is new this year. Why did you also want to have a conference for young adults ages 18 to 25?

A. ‘So many of our young adult Catholics have gone to NCYC and had a great experience, and they want to come back. We don’t want them to repeat that experience.

‘The thought was to have an experience that is different from NCYC, but that would still have the excitement and feel of a national celebration of faith.

‘The young adults will have their own workshops, their own prayer space and their own liturgies. The biggest thing for them is to grow in their faith a step further. It’s a great frame of reference for them to see other young adults that are still practicing their faith, and still find it important in their lives.’

Q. What would you tell high school students and college students that would make them want to come to these events?

A. ‘Ten years ago, I was a brand new youth minister at St. Simon [the Apostle] Parish [in Indianapolis]. It was my first time at NCYC, and I was just blown away. They do a lot to draw the young people. They have a lot of great Catholic musicians, they have activities that are fun, and they have service-oriented activities, and good speakers.

‘Still, when the youth leave NCYC, it’s the sacramental moments with the big crowds that they will remember. You will not forget celebrating Mass with 20,000 other teens. It’s just unbelievable. We did adoration with 20,000 [youths] in Kansas City. And you could have heard a pin drop. Those are the experiences that kids take away. It’s really amazing. You can try all different things, but it’s still the basis of our faith that really take away from it.’

Q. With these two events, what does it say about the Church’s desire to connect with teenagers and young adults?

A. ‘This is the biggest invitation to teenagers and young adults to know they are our Church. So many times, it’s phrased, ‘They are the future of our Church.’ But they are our Church. That affirms them. And hopefully it will excite them to go back to their parishes and continue the evangelization, the service and the excitement that they experienced when they were together.’

Q. The theme for this year’s conference is “Called to Glory.” What was that theme chosen?

A. ‘The closing liturgy, which is on Nov. 19, in the vigil of the Feast of Christ the King. So the Gospel [reading] is from Matthew 26:31-46. It talks about the end of time and how Christ will divide the sheep from the goats, and we’ll be called to his glory, to be in the glory of Christ. That’s where the whole theme came from.’

Q. How did the decision to host this year’s National Catholic Youth Conference and National Catholic Collegiate Conference?

A. ‘We had hosted it in 1991 and 2001. It’s come back every 10 years. They look at venues that can hold large crowds. And 14 dioceses have easy access by bus to our city. They also really like the layout of the city, the easy access to the airport, the hotels downtown and the fact that they had a great experience here in 2001.

‘We literally started on the archdiocese six years ago in January. It was just a week or two later when I found out we were hosting NCYC. I was completely overwhelmed by the whole idea. But it’s exciting. There’s a lot of buzz about it as it gets closer.

Q. From your work in youth ministry, are there any special moments that stand out to you about the faith of young people—and the difference it makes to their lives and the lives of others?

A. ‘The ones that impact me the most are when I’ve encountered people who were really struggling in their teen years. I’d walk that walk with them. There is one young person in particular who was really, really struggling with her whole home life. At the time, I didn’t know if this person would go to college or what kind of future she would have. But we’ve kept in touch.

‘She’s returned with her events. She went to a Catholic college, and she’s on a great path now. It’s always amazing when you watch that moment of conversion—when you meet a young person who feels they have no hope, and then they find their faith, and that’s what carries them through.

‘What’s youth ministry is about. As Pope Benedict XVI said, ‘Where there’s faith, there’s hope.’”

Q. From your experience, what approach works best in helping young people to grow in their faith?

A. ‘To meet them where they’re at. I’ve found that not one approach works best. I just see that from the different events we offer because they appeal to different youths. Some really are inspired by doing service for others so our Homeland Mission project works best—a week of service that gives them a sense of faith, a connection to the Eucharist and the need to do charitable works.

‘I have others who would prefer to take a weekend retreat, focus on themselves and the talks. For people who maybe aren’t as deep in their faith, I’d have them come to an event such as NCYC so they could see other youths in action, and catch the energy and excitement from the other teens—to help them to see this as not so foreign and why this is important in their life.

‘The great thing about youth ministry is you’re constantly thinking about creative ways to meet them. The success of an event depends on whether they’ve had an encounter with Christ, whether they’ve opened themselves up to Christ. You’re always trying to figure out, ‘How would Christ minister to these kids? ’ He always met people where they were at.’

Registration is under way for NCYC and National Catholic Collegiate Conference

High school students and college students are invited to register for two major national faith events in Indianapolis on Nov. 17-19.

The National Catholic Youth Conference is for high school students while the National Catholic Collegiate Conference is for young adults ages 18 to 25. The archdiocese will host both conferences.

To register for either event, log on to www.archindy.org/ncyc and fill out the online application form. Please note that all adults need to have completed the child protection protocol program and a background check.

More volunteers are needed to help with national Catholic conferences in November

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will host the National Catholic Youth Conference and National Catholic Collegiate Conference in November, and help is needed to make the events a success.

About 1,500 volunteers are needed to help support the events, which will draw more than 25,000 people from across the country at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Nov. 17-19.

To become a volunteer, log on to www.archindy.org/ncyc and fill out the online application form. Please note that all adults need to have completed the child protection protocol program and a background check.
Celebrating the blessings and importance of home

From the very beginning, the followers of Christ have been busy about the formidable task of saving the Church. It is a job that is never finished. Through the ages, the Church has blossomed down through the centuries, all the while teaching the truth or cleaning up the mess that others have left behind.

I find it interesting that, in spite of the many doctrinal and moral errors that have emerged over the centuries, we are still all one in Christ. Did you know that the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches clearly that all of those who adhere to Jesus Christ as Lord are considered members of the mystical body of Christ? That means that all Protestants are our true brothers and sisters in Christ, no matter what the specific differences of our belief systems.

One of the outstanding Protestant reformers of the 16th century was John Knox, the Scottish Presbyterian. He wrote his objective as a hgih calling of his church bishops for their widespread abuse of authority. He taught his followers to rely on their own conscience, not on the hierarchy for their guidance.

History tells us that chief among the many ecclesiastical abuses of those times was the practice of kings appointing bishops, who, very often, were relatives.

This gradually led to an era where many bishops and archbishops were merely self-indulgent figureheads, entirely lacking in moral authority. Many of these popes seemed to be more political than spiritual, and some of them had considerable estates. In a few cases, they made their sons cardinals of the Church.

When Knox declared that, henceforth, individual conscience would be the supreme authority of his Church, he established a precedent that departs from the practice initiated by Jesus. John made the Apostles the first generation of bishops. Most of them proclaimed themselves sinners. They even had one traitor among them so they weren’t perfect human beings. In fact, they were martyrs of the faith, proving to be men of wisdom and strength.

By eliminating bishops from his Church, Dan did not divide the problem of corruption in high places. Nevertheless, I admire his sincerity and fortitude, even through his actions divided the Church.

What a contradiction—this practice of continually dividing the Church in order to purify it! There are now more than 40,000 Christian denominations in the world.

Where will it end?

There is something to be said for righteous indignation. The Church has been outraged by the abuses by those in religious authority in his own day. His very rebuke of the local bishop is a case in point. In a few cases, they made their sons cardinals of the Church.

In conclusion, he wrote, “I give you every blessing that a loving father can give you.” Many of those who have embraced the Holy Trinity and all the saints protect you from every evil. And may the Lord give you the grace to do his will so that he may be served and honored through you, that in the next life we may together come to see him, love him and praise him unceasingly. Amen.”

Spiritually for Today/ Fr. John Catoir

Continuously reforming the Church so we remain one in Christ

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Celebrating the blessings and importance of home

After a previous column about the blessings of home and family was published recently, I received more positive comments than for any other column that I have written through my years as a Crisis editor.

Shortly after that column appeared in print, I read an essay in the January 1995 book on a shelf that focused on the importance of homes.

Where the Heart Is—A Celebration of Home

is dedicated to all those who make their own homes sanctuaries of peace and safety, work to make their communities better places to live, and help to conserve and preserve the homes their parents or grandparents called home.

And if wishes were houses, may everyone on this Earth have a decent, clean, safe place to live.

I have read many of the essays and poems written by a variety of authors—with all of the essays reflecting the writers’ love of home. I have not “Googled” the Wildcat Canyon Press to see if the books is still in print.

A long poem by a former Indiana resident, Laura Gilpin, is published in the book. I had never heard of the woman who grew up in Indianapolis. Her father, Robert “Mac” Gilpin, taught philosophy at Butler University. His mother taught Spanish at Park Tudor School.

Unfortunately, Laura, who was a writer and registered nurse, died in 2007 at her then Fairhope, Ala., home at the age of 56 because of a brain tumor. Gilpin was an Al) means Award for The Hocus-Pocus of the Universe in addition to other literary honors.

She published the very last of her poems titled "Root, Leaf and Flower." I purchased the book, in the book, in the book, in the book.

Her poem titled “Root, Leaf and Flower,” published in the book, is a jewel. I am filled with hope for the Church and her teachings on chastity because I find most teens are searching for truth and honesty in their relationships.

From my experience, this search for knowledge and understanding of our faith continues as they make their way into college and the workforce, and especially as many of them prepare for and enter into marriage and start their families.

Over the years, I am always honored to be the mentor to the marriage of these young adults. It is in this context that I came to realize that APTK is not just about the marriage of these young adults. It is in this context that I came to realize that APTK is not just about the marriage of these young adults. It is in this context that I came to realize that APTK is not just about the marriage of these young adults.

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Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011

Matthew 16:13-20
Romans 11:33-36

The Sunday Readings

St. Matthew’s Gospel.

“people. People communicate with God. “counselor” of the faithful, to quote this God. As such, it is a great profession of weekends. during Masses for the past several people and the people to God. agents commissioned to bring God to the words to people.

The dome of sky, the towering tree, And listened to the forest silence all I walked through the green leafy door All and everything He created

Selections from Romans have been read An important point in this reading is that Jesus is the “Son of the living God,” which Church will stand and act. Peter confirms with Peter as the first. Upon St. Peter, the can anticipate equal rejection. predicts the horror of the Crucifixion. They the Lord’s special students. The Lord does handing to future generations the words of Jesus.

And in its being offers its worship to By Carol Mappes

Church accepts homosexuals while not permitting homosexual acts

Q am a 19-year-old college student. I was not Q uoted: “They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided” (#2358).

The Church specifies that cremated They note that, generally, homosexual The Catholic Church, while it prefers a traditional burial or entombment of the body. But in 1997, the bishops of the United States approved for and received permission from the Vatican to have memorial Masses celebrated in the presence of cremated remains. Pastorally, the bishops felt, this would allow mourners to have something of the deceased present when gathering for a final farewell.

The Church has to offer and enlightening reading. The occasion occurs at Caesarea Philippi, a place northeast of Capernaum, which at the time of Jesus was a resort. The Jordan River forms here from springs and small creeks. It is picturesque, and is still a popular place for recreation and enjoying the natural loveliness of the region. Central to the reading is St. Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus. The Lord asks his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

Q uestion Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

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DAVIS, Danny, 60, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 22. Father of Doreen Thompson. Son of Viola Gannick, Brother of Larry Davis. Grandfather of two.


WOOLWORTH, Frances, 90, St. Mary, Richmond, June 18. Mother of Ann, Barbara Jean, Margaret and Vivian Woolworth. Great-great-grandmother of four.

YOUNG, Eric Daniel, 48, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, Aug. 9. Husband of Kimberly Young, Son of Patricia (Harris) Young. Brother of Beverly, Michelle, Michael, Robert and Walter Young. Brother of 15. Great-grandfather of six.

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Getting off the grid and leaving behind the city is a great way to bring some much-needed silence to one’s life, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“Silence is the condition of one’s surroundings that best fosters contemplation, listening to God and meditation,” he said on Aug. 10 as he held his weekly general audience in the courtyard of the papal summer villa at Castel Gandolfo. “Just the fact of being able to enjoy silence, to let oneself, as it were, be ‘filled’ by silence, predisposes us to prayer,” he said.

Many people spend a few days at a monastic community or spiritual center, which, as “places of the spirit, are a backbone of the world,” he said. Monastic communities have been built in beautiful places that are close to nature, and he said.

He said such places bring together two important elements—the beauty of creation and the Creator, and silence that comes from “being far from the city and major channels of communication.”

“God speaks in silence. However, it’s necessary to know how to listen to him. For this reason, monasteries are oases in which God speaks to humanity,” he said.

The pope recalled the Aug. 11 feast day of St. Clare, founder of the Poor Clares, and the Aug. 9 feast day of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) as saints who show people how to draw closer to God through quiet prayer and contemplation. He asked that Mary help people learn to love silence and learn to pray.

After his catechesis, the pope greeted some 2,000 pilgrims in eight languages, especially young people who were en route to World Youth Day in Sydney. The pope’s words were met with roaring enthusiasm as young people cheered and waved their country’s flags and homemade banners. One small banner read “With Benedict in Madrid.”

Silence is needed to hear God speak, pope says during general audience

Steel recovered from the World Trade Center that has been cut to make memorial crosses sits inside Hangar 17 on June 16 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. The World Trade Center steel program, operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, is selecting portions of steel beams recovered from the center’s collapsed towers and donating them to cities, towns, firehouses and museums around the U.S. and the world that request the pieces to use in 9/11 memorial sites in time for the 10th anniversary this year of the terrorist attacks. The City of Indianapolis is planning to erect a 9/11 memorial downtown near the canal.

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Archbishop O’Brien objects to governor’s support for same-sex marriage

Baltimore (CNS)—Two days before Gov. Martin J. O’Malley announced his July 22 decision to sponsor legislation legalizing same-sex marriage in Maryland, Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien of Baltimore sent him a private letter urging O’Malley, a Catholic, to refrain from promoting the redefinition of marriage.

“I am well aware that the recent events in New York have intensified pressure on our state to lend your active support to legislation to redefine marriage,” Archbishop O’Brien wrote, referring to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s signing of legislation legalizing same-sex marriage in the Empire State. Cuomo is also Catholic.

“As advocates for the truths we are compelled to uphold,” Archbishop O’Brien said, “we speak with equal intensity and urgency in opposition to your taking such a step, given the fact that our requests last year for you to sponsor legislation to repeal the death penalty, and support students in Catholic and other nonpublic schools went unheeded.”

Archbishop O’Brien was referring to a long-sought business tax credit that would benefit students and teachers in Catholic and nonpublic schools.

O’Malley supported the credit, but did not take a leadership role in trying to pass it. The measure failed.

In an Aug. 4 response to Archbishop O’Brien, the governor cited a long list of items on which the two agree—including repealing the death penalty, reducing the incidence of infant mortality, “promoting the dignity of work and the justice of fair wages,” protecting the environment, feeding the hungry and healing the sick.

“I do not presume, nor would I ever presume as governor, to question or infringe upon your freedom to define, to preach about, and to administer the sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church,” O’Malley said. “But I disagree.”

O’Malley said he was “willing to uphold the law without partiality or prejudice. When shortcomings in our laws bring about a result that is unjust,” he asserted, “I have a public obligation to try to change that injustice.”

O’Malley said it was unjust to “discriminate” in marital laws, and he added that it is also “unjust” to treat the children of families headed by same-sex couples “with lesser protections” under the law than the children of families headed by heterosexual couples.

Archbishop O’Brien noted that members of the Maryland General Assembly decided against legalizing same-sex marriage during the last legislative session even though they were subjected to “intense pressure, both from the public and from legislative leadership—despite leaders’ claims that this was a ‘vote of conscience.’”

“Admirably, many legislators, prompted by their deeply held moral convictions and the values of the constituents they were elected to represent, courageously resisted the all-too-familiar pill of partisan allegiances and political ambition in making their decision to uphold Maryland’s marriage,” Archbishop O’Brien said. “Such courage is rare in politics, and can best be rewarded if we serve as an example for others to emulate.”

The archbishop noted that “Maryland is not New York.”

Archbishop O’Brien said he welcomed the opportunity to speak personally with O’Malley on the issue of same-sex marriage. Archbishop O’Brien’s letter to O’Malley was private, and was released to the media, along with O’Malley’s response, by the governor’s office.

Student sees love in priestly roles from around the world

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Following is the final installment in a series featuring the winners of the Indianapolis Serra Club’s 2011 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.)

By Christine White

Special to The Criterion

Jesus’ call to universal and unconditional love is undoubtedly a difficult, yet necessary message to our Catholic faith. Through the ministry of ordained priests and deacons, I am lucky to have wonderful examples of this love and acceptance.

I can also see the love, care and compassion exhibited by men that teach and work at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis—one of them my history teacher as well as one of my chaplains, Father William Munshower.

However, in today’s globalizing world, the Church finds itself stretched across cultural and social boundaries in its mission and realization of Christ’s love. The influence and consequences of the significant similarities of the worldwide Church inspire me to a greater sense of global participation in my faith.

My own parish priest at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis is a living example of this growing world of faith. Father Varghese Malakkal came to our parish from a mountain diocese in India, leaving behind family and familiarity to embrace a new ethnic and spiritual home.

His enthusiasm for the beauty and complex mystery of the Mass can be clearly seen in his homilies and involvement in various aspects of the parish.

When Father Malakkal celebrated his silver jubilee with us in the fall, other priests from his home diocese as well as his own archbishop joined us for a wonderful multicultural Mass. These priests can inspire in us the similarities that we see across the cultural lines that we face, and whatever slight differences we observe can enlighten us to the varying facets of our faith.

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Christine White and her parents, Tim and Kate White, are members of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis. She completed the 12th grade at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis last spring, and is the 12th-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club’s 2011 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.)
Since he joined the university on August 1, 2001, Marian University has doubled its undergraduate enrollment, achieved university status, started a football team, built a new residence hall and an athletic facility, raised $140 million, and is about to break ground on a new medical school for Indiana.

Please pray that Marian University continues to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to love and serve God and others as Christ did.

Join us for Marian University’s first home game of the 2011 season on August 27, 2011, at 6 p.m. We will celebrate the president’s 10th anniversary with fireworks and much more.

Go to www.marian.edu/tickets to purchase tickets or get more information.

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