Our New Shepherd

The Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Archbishop of Indianapolis
Reflections and insights from our new archbishop

By John Shaughnessy

Throughout this special supplement that celebrates Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin as the new spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, readers will find a series of his reflections and insights on a wide range of topics—from his views on coming to Indianapolis to the role of lay women in the Church, from his thoughts about growing up in a family of 13 children to his strong belief in Catholic education, from his reflections on the importance of a sense of humor in the spiritual life to the need to reach out to teenagers and young people in faith.

Archbishop Tobin shared these reflections and insights during interviews with Sean Gallagher and John Shaughnessy of The Criterion.

The words of Archbishop Tobin offer an insightful perspective into the heart, mind and soul of the person who will lead the nearly 228,000 Catholics in central and southern Indiana. These vignettes will appear throughout this special issue under the heading “In Conversation.”

The series of reflections begins here with Archbishop Tobin’s thoughts on “the gift of family” in his own life. †

The Tobin family poses for a photo in February 2009 at the home of Marie Tobin in Stoney Pointe, Ontario, Canada. They are, from left, in the front row, Patricia Steinhauer, Marie and John Tobin; second row, Molly Brustast, Gerarda and Margo Tobin, Sarah Broderick and Ann Tobin Leviger; and third row, Tom and then-Redemptorist Father Joseph, Jim, Therese and Dan Tobin, and Kathy Vandelinder.

Archbishop Tobin talks about ‘the gift of family’ in his own life

“As years go on, I become much more aware and more grateful for the gift of one’s family, beginning with my parents. My mother had five cousins and three aunts who were nuns. She was the first woman in several generations to marry.

“My dad’s mother immigrated to Boston and came from a rather poor, passionate and rollicking group of shutty Irish. ‘You have this wonderfully pious mother—and a father who came out of a really tough background and who was a great football player. They found a love that not only united them, but brought the best out of each of them. And we kids were the benefit of that.

“I think the greatest gift my father gave me was an image of manhood. A man in the best sense. A chivalry toward women. A self-sacrificing love for his family. My father was strong. He liked his occasional beer and a cigar. And he never once sent me to church. He took me with him. When I was kneeling next to him, I wanted to be like him.

“My dad died when he was 54, and he left my mother with 13 children, the youngest of whom were 5 and 6. So I know what it is to be in a troubled family, a family that has to struggle against odds. ‘So I hope the ministry of the Church in central and southern Indiana will have a special place in its heart for families, and not simply the nice and easygoing families, but the families who struggle—families like my family with a single mother who, with the help of her husband in heaven, had to raise 13 of us. And when people say, ‘Mrs. Tobin, how wonderful—we’ll try to have 13 children and they all went to college,’ her response is, ‘How wonderful!—13 children and they all practice their faith.’ † †

A note to our readers about this special issue

This week’s edition of The Criterion is a special keepsake issue meant to help readers get to know Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin on a more personal level. From family and friends to colleagues, to former parishioners and brothers in the Redemptorist order, people share their firsthand experiences with our new shepherd.

Although the majority of this Nov. 30 issue is dedicated to stories about Archbishop Tobin, you will find most of our regular weekly features on pages 50-55. Next week’s issue of The Criterion will include stories and photos from Archbishop Tobin’s Dec. 3 installation Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, along with coverage of several other events leading up to that historic day. For more information on Archbishop Tobin, log on to www.archindy.org/archbishop.

By Mike Krokos
Archbishop's mother says faith is cornerstone of Tobin family

By Mary Ann Garber

A cheerful MarÌe Therese Tobin reflects on the assignment of her oldest son, the Rev. Joe Tobin, as the next archbishop of Indianapolis.

"I had one thought when they told me that Joe had died," she said. "I thought, 'Joe is gone, but the little kids are going to have a happy life.'"

"A holy life," a priest said.

"Joe was a holy man. So if it had to be, it had to be, and I just knew God would provide for us because he had always provided for me," Marie said.

In addition to Archbishop Tobin, several other Tobin siblings travel internationally on a regular basis as part of their job responsibilities.

"As a parent, she said, "I try not to show my worries. But I have always had faith at home.""
New archbishop means refurbished bishop’s chair for cathedral

By Mary Ann Garber

Crossword puzzle fans will probably know the answer to this question.

What’s an eight-letter word that means “bishop’s chair”?

It’s “cathedra,” a Latin word that means “a bishop’s official chair or throne” and describes the symbolic seat for the bishop of a diocese in—where else?—a cathedral.

A cathedral is “the principal church of a bishop’s diocese, containing the episcopal throne,” according to The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language.

In Greek, the name of the bishop’s chair is spelled “kathedra.”

In ancient times, a chair was a sign of a person’s authority to teach others.

A cathedra is a symbol of a bishop’s authority to teach others through his preaching as well as an indication of his pastoral authority in the diocese. It also represents the unity of believers in the faith in the diocese. It also represents the unity of believers in the faith in the diocese. It also represents the unity of believers in the faith in the diocese.

It can only be used by the bishop or archbishop when he is the principal celebrant for liturgical services on his behalf. But even as the apostolic administrator of the archdiocese, Bishop Coyne did not use the archbishop’s cathedra.

After more than a year when no one sat in the cathedra, it will receive a new occupant during Archbishop Tobin’s Mass of Installation on Dec. 3 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

A key moment in that liturgy will take place when the apostolic nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, and Bishop Coyne will accompany Archbishop Tobin to the cathedra and he will sit in it for the first time.

The chair has been specially refurbished for him by Bob Hermann, the owner of Wm. Hermann and Son woodworking company in Indianapolis.

Craftsmen at Webbering Carving Shop on State Road 46 in Batesville carved Archbishop Tobin’s coat of arms in oak and painted it with bright colors for the top of the walnut chair back.

On Nov. 7, Hermann began the task of rebuilding the cathedra by removing the large, colorful, embroidered tapestry of Archbishop Buechlein’s coat of arms, which will be preserved in a picture frame.

The cathedra’s oak sides are carved in a square pattern to match the altar.

“I’m making a new walnut seat and walnut back [for the predominantly oak cathedral], and red cushions for the seat and back,” Hermann said. “Webbering in Batesville is carving and painting the crest—the new archbishop’s coat of arms—in oak for the top of the chair back, which will probably be about six and a half feet tall. … They’re very good carvers. Whenever I need carvings, I go to Webbering.”

It’s quite an honor to remake the historic chair for the archbishop, Hermann said, especially because he is a St. Jude parishioner and graduate of Cathedral High School when it was located across the street from the cathedral in the building that is now the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center at 1400 N. Meridian St.

“This is a special project that I’m enjoying working on,” Hermann said, with design help from Father Patrick Besedelma, archdiocesan director of liturgy and vice rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis.

Benedictine Brother Martin Exumper of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, a talented liturgical artist, created the new design for the cathedra, and Hermann is working from his detailed drawings.

“I’m the fourth generation of my family to do this work,” Hermann said. “My great-grandfather started the company in 1911. His first church job was making the carved pew ends for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. My grandfather built this place [at 1135 S. Pennsylvania St.] in the early 1960s. Over the years, we’ve done a lot of [custom] work for churches and schools.”

Not only is it an honor and privilege to rebuild the archbishop’s chair, Hermann said, it also is a labor of love.

Archbishop Tobin’s redesigned cathedra may not be used much during his first weeks as the spiritual leader of Catholics in central and southern Indiana, according to his official calendar, because he plans to travel to each of the archdiocese’s 11 deaneries to celebrate Mass at parish churches.

For those liturgies, the new archbishop will simply sit in the presider’s chair for the pastor at parish churches, and his first visits to parishes throughout the archdiocese will be historic and joyful occasions.

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Above: The 2012 San Damiano Scholars gathered around the Franciscan Heritage Fountain.

Right: Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin with Mark Erdosy, director of church relations and the San Damiano Scholars Program.
Big brothers are supposed to be good role models, and this big brother has also been a spiritual inspiration.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, the oldest of 13 children, is a great mentor and friend, four of his siblings said recently in phone interviews.

Joe has always done his best to help his parents, Joseph and Mary Tobin, as well as his eight sisters and four brothers, they said, even though he has lived away from home for much of his life and has said "yes" to God’s call to religious life and the priesthood as a teenager.

Yet, despite the geographic distance and passage of years, Archbishop Tobin and his family remain close-knit and he visits them in the Detroit metropolitan area as often as his busy schedule permits a trip home.

About 70 members of the Tobin family will travel to Indianapolis for his installation Mass on Dec. 3 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

“Treat people with respect”

“I believe the Lord Jesus could see the humorous side of human nature. If you look at the people he called—the disciples—he did have a sense of humor,” Tobin said, even though he has lived away from the family for much of his life and has said “yes” to God’s call to religious life and the priesthood as a teenager.

As a big brother, Joe would “make sure I knew my place in the pecking order,” Jim said.

And as a role model, Jim said, Joe taught his siblings to “treat people the way he called—the disciples—he did have a sense of humor.”

“A True Blessing for all of us”

“Treat people with respect”

“When Notre Dame playing at 8 o’clock on a Friday night, he would come home to watch the game. … after dinner and before homework started, we would all go in the living room and get down on our knees and say our prayers,” Margo said.

Throughout his life and ministry, Ann said, “Joe has had such a gift of peacefulness in his spirituality that he is able to reach many lives. … Joe is an amazing disciple.”

Both brother and godfather

“Joe is also my godfather,” John Tobin of Woodbury, Minn., said about his oldest brother.

He and his family are members of Guardian Angels Parish in Oakdale, Minn., and will travel from Minneapolis to Indianapolis to participate in Archbishop Tobin’s installation Mass.

“I am the 10th of 13 children,” John said. “Our mother and father told us, ‘You were all given unique talents, and it’s your responsibility to make the best of those talents regardless of whatever you want to do in the world.’ They were always focusing us and challenging us to be better.”

“John’s earliest memories of his oldest brother were that he was focused on the calling of the priesthood, and away from home much of the time for his priestly formation at Redemptorist seminaries in Wisconsin and New York.”

“You would learn more from Joe from his actions than words,” John said, “treating people the right way, finding common ground and working toward solutions.”
“Don’t worry. Be happy.”
That often-used cliche—which sometimes accompanies a picture of a bright yellow “Smiley Face”—basically describes the Scriptural message of Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin’s episcopal motto.

The new Archbishop of Indianapolis chose “Gaudete in Domino,” which is Latin for “Rejoice in the Lord,” for his motto when he was ordained an archbishop in 2010.


“It’s a characteristic, I think, it should be a characteristic, of Christians,” Archbishop Tobin said after the Oct. 18 press conference at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis during which he was introduced as the archdiocese’s new shepherd.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” (Phil 4:4).

“Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, remains a special day of worship for him, he said, that he remembers looking forward to since his childhood years.

“Every Advent, when I was a kid, I longed for when that [Scripture passage] would be read on the third Sunday,” Archbishop Tobin said. “ ‘Rejoice in the Lord always.’ Again, I say: ‘rejoice!’ God is near.”

Pope Paul VI issued an apostolic exhortation titled “On Christian Joy” in 1975, which was a jubilee year in the Church.

“Rejoice in the Lord always,” the Holy Father wrote at the start of his apostolic exhortation. “The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in truth!”

The pontiff encouraged “the People of God to correspond with joyful enthusiasm to the grace of the Jubilee, … essentially an appeal to interior renewal and reconciliation in Christ. It is a question of people’s salvation, of their complete happiness. In this time, when throughout the world believers are preparing to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, we invite you to implore from him the gift of joy.”

On the occasion of Pentecost, Pope Paul VI wrote, “Christian joy—joy in the Holy Spirit … is a sort of hymn to the divine joy that we would like to utter so that it may awaken an echo in the whole world, and first of all in the Church: May joy be poured out in hearts together with the love of which it is the fruit, by the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

(Reporter Sean Gallagher contributed to this story.)
Parish family says native son was instrumental in building community

By Tim Keenan

DETROIT—Catholic tradition dictates that when a bishop comes to a new diocese, it becomes his home.

That will certainly be the case for Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin in central and southern Indiana, but he will always have strong roots in his native Detroit.

Born on May 3, 1952, in the Motor City, the oldest of 13 children in a good Irish-Catholic family, Archbishop Tobin was baptized five days later in the baptistery of Holy Redeemer Church on the city’s southwest side.

The huge Romanesque church, reminiscent both inside and out of an Italian basilica, would play a large part in the prelate’s life before and after his ordination as a Redemptorist priest.

Archbishop Tobin’s Redemptorist order was responsible for the aptly named parish for more than 100 years until 1999. That influence certainly shaped him as he attended Holy Redeemer School from 1958 to 1966 before starting on his path to becoming a Redemptorist priest.

Shortly after his ordination, Father Joseph returned to Holy Redeemer Parish in 1979 to become associate pastor of his home parish, which also served as a regional Redemptorist headquarters.

From 1984 to 1990, he served as pastor of the parish whose neighborhood had become predominantly Hispanic.

Rather than ignore the changing demographics, Father Joseph initiated pastoral service to the Hispanic community.

“There was a big change at Holy Redeemer (Parish) when the Hispanic people came in,” recalled Mary Kraatz, 92, a lifelong Holy Redeemer parishioner. “He was an excellent pastor for the Hispanics, integrating them into the church. And he was very good in dealing with the rest of us, including some of whom weren’t as accepting.”

Marie Ross, 69, Holy Redeemer’s former office manager, recalls those days of change very well.

“His knowing five languages made the Hispanic people feel very welcome because he was so fluent,” Ross said. “They said he spoke Spanish better than some of the native Spanish speakers.

“He was instrumental in bringing the Spanish and English speakers together,” she said. “At the time, we had Masses in the basement for Spanish speakers, and he made it comfortable for them to join in with the rest of the parish.”

During a visit to the church in 2010, Archbishop Tobin told The Michigan Catholic of those changing times at Holy Redeemer: “We had a clear sense of mission at Holy Redeemer, and the opportunity to share that sense of mission with my fellow Redemptorists and the sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

Although he moved on to national and international positions, the archbishop said he always keeps up with news of his home parish and of Detroit, “of both its struggles and victories.”

Maria Iglesias, a longtime member of Holy Redeemer Parish, told The Michigan Catholic during that 2010 visit, “I adored that priest. He gave the best homilies. They hit your heart, and you would wish he would never finish. He was a very humble person with a lot of humanity for the poor, and he loved the Hispanic people at Holy Redeemer.”

Parishioner Maria Socorro Hernandez, through an interpreter, said, “He knew the people by their name and made us feel that we were all welcomed in the church. He helped many people in need, and was loved very much by the parish.”

By all accounts, Archbishop Tobin is remembered fondly at his home church where he was baptized, educated, became aware of the order to which he ultimately professed and eventually was appointed the pastor.

Kraatz credits his family life for thinking of him as an archbishop. “He has that personality that just gathers people.”

Ross said she visited the archbishop in Rome not long ago and remembers “not thinking of him as an archbishop. You think of him as Father Joe.”

(Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.SS.R., newspaper of the Archdiocese of Detroit.)

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” (Phil 4:4)
The University of Notre Dame rejoices to welcome Archbishop Tobin to Indiana.

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Ring, pectoral cross and crosier are gifts from archdiocesan clergy

By Mary Ann Garber

Whenever Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin sees the episcopal ring on his right hand, places the pectoral cross around his neck or holds his crosier, he will be reminded of the generosity of the archdiocesan priests and deacons who presented them to him as gifts for his Dec. 3 installation as the new spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Archbishop Tobin’s new pontifical insignia will be blessed during a solemn evening prayer service with archdiocesan priests, deacons and their wives, men and women religious, parish life coordinators, visiting priests and other guests on Dec. 2 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

He will formally receive his episcopal ring, pectoral cross and crosier during his installation Mass the next day.

They will be “a lasting reminder of God’s blessings to us in our new shepherd,” Father Wilfred “Sonny” Day said, “… on this auspicious occasion.”

Father Day, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight and dean of the New Albany Deanery, represented the clergy on the archdiocese’s installation planning committee.

“In joyful anticipation of the installation of our new archbishop … and to mark the significance and gratitude of this moment,” Father Day said, members of the archdiocesan presbytery donated $10,000 to purchase the gold-plated pontifical insignia as well as an additional $1,000 donation that Archbishop Tobin designated for Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis.

The episcopal ring is decorated with crosses on the band, which holds a large amethyst.

It is a symbol of the bishop’s fidelity to, and nuptial bond with, the Church, his spouse. The ring signifies the bishop’s symbolic marriage to the Church and Christ, and is usually made of gold with an amethyst gemstone. It was first used as an official part of the bishop’s insignia during the early seventh century.

The large pectoral cross is adorned with four amethysts that accent its elegant design.

It is worn over the breast, or pector, and if the bishop is wearing a black suit with his Roman collar it is usually placed in the shirt’s breast pocket with the chain showing.

The ornate crosier, or bishop’s staff, has an intricate Celtic filigree pattern to represent the archbishop’s Irish heritage.

It is adorned with cloisonné fire enamel cabochons, which are shaped and rounded rather than faceted gemstones.

The pastoral staff is conferred on bishops and abbots during their installation as a sign of their office.

As is the custom in the Western Church, the top of the bishop’s staff is curved to remind him of a shepherd’s crook and his pastoral duties for the spiritual care of people entrusted to him. It is a sign of the bishop’s responsibility to keep watch over his entire flock.

Crosiers that date back to as early as the fourth century have been discovered in catacombs.

By the time of the Council of Toledo in 633, the crosier is mentioned as a liturgical implement.

Along with the archbishop’s new miter and vestments, the episcopal ring, pectoral cross and crosier are signs of the Order of Bishops.

Archbishop Tobin discusses his planned approach to leading the archdiocese in his first year

“What I hope to do at the beginning is [to follow the advice] of two wonderful aunts, my mother’s two older sisters, who lived with us. They were both administrators in Detroit public schools. When I was first named a pastor, they said, ‘Do nothing for six months. But learn, learn.’”

“Obviously, I’ll do what I have to do. But what I really want to do is learn. I want to learn about the interior workings of the Catholic Center and the people here. I want to begin to learn about the clergy and the religious.

“And, in a personal sense, I’d like, as much as possible, to develop the beginnings of a healthy life here. And a healthy life for me means, ‘When each day am I going to have time to pray in silence? When will I have time to study?’ I think one of the hard things is that if you get too busy, you really have nothing more to say to people because you haven’t studied, you haven’t thought.”

“I want to be patient. I’m not going to learn 39 counties overnight or in six months. I have no program for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It would be really arrogant to think that I do. I come with the Gospel in my hand. And I hope to listen to the people and, together, hear what the Gospel says to us today.”

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The faithful Catholic Community of Saints Francis & Clare Parish in Greenwood is proud to welcome Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.
Archbishop Tobin served the poor and mended hearts in Rome

By Sean Gallagher

During the past two years, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin’s office was in the heart of Rome and the very nerve center of the universal Church.

He was second in charge of the Vatican’s Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, helping to guide the life and ministry of 1 million men and women religious who lead worldwide orders.

But he also remained true to the spirit of the Redemptorist order that he joined in 1972 to be present with people in places where, in Archbishop Tobin’s words, “the Church can’t go or won’t go.”

During his two decades in Rome, those places included Primavalle.

It also included a relationship with John Heineman, an American ex-patriot, avant-garde musician and composer who, when Archbishop Tobin met him in 1992, was grieving the tragic death of his wife, Maura, in an accident in 1989 and holding onto long-time grudges against the Church.

“I didn’t know he was a priest when I first met him,” Heineman said. “I thought more along the lines that he might have been an ex-professional football line-backer. It took a while to get to know him, but … he showed a lot of empathy and helped me to feel at ease in talking about what I was feeling.”

Heineman may have felt at ease with Archbishop Tobin because his new friend was so unassuming—something he saw when they traveled to England together for a gathering with the family of Heineman’s late wife.

“We’ve had dinner and lots of people are standing around talking and laughing,” Heineman said. “Very quietly, someone starts doing the dishes—it’s Father Tobin.”

Archbishop Tobin’s empathy and humility helped Heineman cope with his grief, and also overcome long-held grudges formed during many difficult experiences while he was educated in the 1950s by members of the Christian Brothers order from Ireland.

“I hated it,” Heineman said. “I developed very strong resentments toward the Brothers, the Church and the Irish. I thought I would never forgive or forget.”

“Then I met Joseph William Tobin. And standing next to this man—I’m not sure when—but somehow all these resentments vanished.”

While Archbishop Tobin felt enough at home in the world of John Heineman to help his friend cope with shadows in his life, he still was very much involved with religious life in the Church—the reason he came to Rome in the first place.

For the last two years, Archbishop Tobin served as the secretary—second in authority—in the Vatican’s Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

He worked closely in the congregation with another person who came to Rome from far away—Brazilian Cardinal João Braz de Aviz, the congregation’s prefect.

“Archbishop Tobin brought to this congregation a wealth of experience and knowledge of contemporary consecrated life, which he generously shared with all and thus will be truly missed,” Cardinal de Aviz said in a statement. “The faithful of Indianapolis have truly

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Seminarians in Rome enjoy meeting new archbishop

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By Sean Gallagher

Some of Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin’s newest friendships were formed less than two weeks after Pope Benedict XVI announced that he would be the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis. After visiting Indianapolis for an introductory press conference and other events around the archdiocese, Archbishop Tobin returned to Rome. While there, he had lunch with four archdiocesan seminarians who are receiving their priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College.

“I was very impressed by his humility and his ability to relate to everyone,” said transitional Deacon Martin Rodriguez. “He was eager to know about our backgrounds as well, and it almost felt like it was him that was happy to finally meet us. Of course, we were very happy to meet him too, but he treated us like we were the rock stars.”

Transitional Deacon Douglas Marcotte also appreciated the personable way that Archbishop Tobin was open not only to him and his fellow archdiocesan seminarians, but also to others at the college.

“He has a great way with people,” said Deacon Marcotte, a member of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield. “He met several people during his time at the college for lunch, and what I noticed the most was the way in which he took the time to really listen to everyone.”

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by Sean Gallagher

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“I was very impressed by his humility and his ability to relate to everyone,” said transitional Deacon Martin Rodriguez. “He was eager to know about our backgrounds as well, and it almost felt like it was him that was happy to finally meet us. Of course, we were very happy to meet him too, but he treated us like we were the rock stars.”

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Archbishop Tobin reflects on his coat of arms and its meaning

By Mary Ann Garber

Finding humor in daily life situations comes easily for Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, the new shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

During an Oct. 18 interview with The Criterion after the press conference announcing his appointment, Archbishop Tobin discussed his coat of arms and the meanings of some of the heraldic symbols displayed on it next to the other half of the shield, which is the archdiocese’s coat of arms.

“On one side, there are three oak leaves, which is a rather pretentious symbol of the Tobin,” he said. “The Irish are as poor as church mice, but [many families] have their own coat of arms.”

Also depicted on his coat of arms is a gilded lily.

“The lily should not be seen as a symbol for the New Orleans Saints,” Archbishop Tobin said, smiling. “In heraldry, the gilded lily is a symbol for St. Joseph,” his patron saint.

A processional cross with five red gemstones above the shield represents the five wounds of Christ, and another cross on a green hill with a spear and sponge represent the Crucifixion on Calvary.

In the Roman Catholic Church’s heraldic tradition, the coat of arms of a metropolitan archbishop is normally composed of:

- a shield with its charges or symbols coming from family, geographic, religious and historical meanings, and/or referred to the name of the archbishop;
- a golden processional cross with two traversal bars to represent the rank of the archbishop “impaled” vertically behind the shield;
- a green hat, called a “galero,” with 20 attached tassels—10 tassels on each side;
- a pallium with small black crosses;
- a scroll with the bishop’s episcopal motto written in black below everything.

Archbishop Tobin’s coat of arms also features a gothic shape shield and processional cross with five red gemstones symbolic of the five wounds of Christ.

Episcopal motto—“Gaudete in Domino,” which means “Rejoice in the Lord,” from St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4, verse 4. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!”

Interpretation—In the right side of the shield—the observer’s left, being that in the heraldic shield one needs to consider the right and the left from the perspective of the soldier who, in ancient times, held his own shield—we find represented the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

It consists of a blue (azure) cross on a gold field. Here the fleur de lis symbolizes the faith brought to this area by French missionaries.

The fish and trident recall the Native Americans of this region, who spoke Algonquin, which means “at the place of spearing fish.”

The gold is considered the most noble metal in heraldry, and is the symbol of the first virtue, the faith. It is by the faith that we can comprehend the message of salvation of our Lord.

The silver (argent) is the symbol of the transparency then of the justice and truth, fundamental dowries on which the bishop articulates his pastoral service.

The cross between the perch with the sponge, spear and mount represent the Crucifixion on Calvary, and the green (vert) color recalls the hope and virtue which hold us in the pilgrimage toward salvation.

These figures come from the coat of arms of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), which Archbishop Tobin joined in the early 1970s.

The three oak leaves come from the crest of the Tobin family; beside this, the oak in heraldry is the symbol of strength, the strength which is necessary to follow the word of God to reach, at the end of our pilgrimage on Earth, the salvation of our souls. The leaves of oak stand on a blue (azure) field; this color symbolizes the separation from the worldly values and the ascent of the soul toward God, therefore the run of the celestial virtues which raise themselves from the things of the Earth toward the sky.

The fleur de lis is a classical symbol of the iconography of St. Joseph, the baptismal name of the archbishop, on a red (gules) field; this color symbolizes the love and the blood, the Love of the Father who sent the Son to shed His blood for us.

A sign of rank—A bishop’s coat of arms is distinguished by a sign of his rank. That sign, placed over the shield, is a particular version of an ecclesiastical hat that was worn in processions as late as 1870. The hat is low-crowned, flat and has a wide brim. On a bishop’s coat of arms, the hat is green, and hanging from it are 20 green tassels, 10 on each side.

There is also a processional cross above the shield. The cross on a bishop’s coat of arms has one bar, and an archbishop’s cross has two bars.

The design of the shield itself differs from bishop to bishop.

Description of the coat of arms of Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Definitions explain the parts of a bishop’s coat of arms

Impalement—The joining of two coats of arms side by side. Dexter—The right-hand side of the shield, which is on the viewer’s left.

Sinister—While sinister in heraldry means “left-handed,” on a coat of arms this is the right hand of the viewer. The right hand of the shield is the left hand of the viewer.

Azure in chief—Azure is a name for one shade of the color blue. The word comes from the Old French and Middle English languages.

Chief—The top of the shield.

Base—The bottom of the shield.

Sinister base quarter—The left-hand bottom quarter of the shield.

Dexter base quarter—The right-hand bottom quarter of the shield.

Charges—Figures on a colored field.

External embellishments—A type of ornamentation surrounding the shield, such as tassels.

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Our local church, now the Terre Haute Deanery, came to birth in faith through the “old evangelization” — the influx of men and women of missionary spirit. We were graced with pioneers in faith — Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, Servant of God Bishop Simon Brute, and the faithful clergy and women religious who broke the ground and nurtured that faith through teaching and preaching.

We stand poised, under your leadership, to explore and open the frontier of the “new evangelization” among those once our own but now distanced or alienated from the Church.

May God bless you greatly as you assume the gift and challenge of pastoring all of us in Central and Southern Indiana. We promise our loving and prayerful support!
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GOD BLESS YOUR MINISTRY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Staff and Seminarians of
Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary
Archbishop Tobin was a ‘kitchen priest’ with fellow Redemptorists

By Sean Gallagher

In the early 1970s, Redemptorist Father Gary Ziuraitis and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin were some of the lowest members of their worldwide religious order. They were students at Holy Redeemer College in Waterford, Wis., discerning possible calls to the religious life and priesthood.

One semester, they were assigned to take the college’s trash each week to a local landfill.

“At this gritty task led to some very interesting adventures through the Wisconsin countryside,” Father Gary said.

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“I like music, too. If you like music, you’re almost a sucker for liking languages because you learn to distinguish different sounds. I was trained in more classical music, but I also played in really shifty rock’n’roll bands. I played the keyboards. We used to play in some real dives.”

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“It’s the same challenge that the Redemptorists in India have faced. He encouraged us to go through those boundaries, and over those challenges and overcome them. He has a wealth of experience.”

But when Archbishop Tobin came to Nigeria, it wasn’t just in the role of an expert. He wanted to show himself as a true brother to some of the newest members of his worldwide order.

Father Kingsley saw that firsthand when, as a young Redemptorist college student, he had to pick up Archbishop Tobin at an airport in Nigeria.

“I was just a student and this was the superior general coming,” Father Kingsley said. “This was a big man coming from Rome. … But you couldn’t tell that he was the superior general. He sat with us and played with us. … He’s a very gentle giant and down-to-earth. He’s a gentle giant. A giant in so many ways—in experience and in his size. But he’s also very gentle.”

Redemptorist Father Donald Miniscalco saw those same qualities in Archbishop Tobin when he was his professor at the former Mount St. Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, N.Y., in the mid-1970s.

“As a professor, Father Donald was pleased to see that Archbishop Tobin was embracing an important message that he was trying to impart to his students—that openness to various cultures is critical to proclaiming the Gospel.”

“That’s very important for missionary people because they’re going to go to different places even within our own country,” Father Donald said. “They’ve got to be able to ask themselves, ‘How are these people understanding the Gospel? How can I get it across to them? How can I help them in the way that they relate to the Gospel?’”

But the first time that Father Donald met him, though, the professor didn’t expect Archbishop Tobin to be the quick-witted student that he proved himself to be. Father Donald first saw him working on a car in a garage at the seminary.

“Joe Tobin combines a lot of facets,” Father Donald said. “He was a very good automobile mechanic. He was also very quick to grasp something—exceedingly quick—and had very insightful questions.”

Father Gary, who has known Archbishop Tobin for more than 40 years, also recognized his friend’s intellectual and leadership skills, and so wasn’t surprised when he was chosen for leadership positions, first by his brother Redemptorists and later by Pope Benedict XVI.

“It was clear from his earliest days in the seminary that he had the raw talent—intellectual, spiritual and emotional—to be a leader,” Father Gary said. “And through the years, he just kept honing those gifts in various roles of service to people and to his Redemptorist congregation.”

Father Tony, though, said that Archbishop Tobin’s leadership is expressed as much through his personal example of love for ministry as it is through his intellectual and administrative gifts.

“He just knew that … we are called in our charism to preach the word, especially to the abandoned and the poor who need us,” Father Tony, who helped preach a parish mission in 2011 at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis, said. “That dedication of his and that enthusiasm of his has always impressed me and has helped me, too. And it continues.”

Redemptorist Father Michael Brehl, a native of Canada, is the current superior general of his order. He has known Archbishop Tobin for about 25 years. He said that he and all Redemptorists are proud that their former conferee has been chosen to be the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis.

“We Redemptorists have been very proud of Archbishop Tobin for many years,” Father Michael said. “I think that this appointment is a significant one. This is a sign of the trust that the Holy Father has in him.”

Father Michael also pointed out that Archbishop Tobin is following in the footsteps of two holy Redemptorists who ministered in the United States in the 19th century—St. John Neumann, who served as bishop of Philadelphia from 1854 until his death in 1860, and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

“Archbishop Tobin has a great love and devotion for both of these men, our Redemptorist brothers,” Father Michael said. “I am sure that their zeal has rubbed off on him.

“Like them, he speaks a variety of languages so that he can more effectively minister to immigrants of diverse countries and cultures. Like them both, he has already exercised leadership in both administrative and pastoral positions.

“Like them, he has a deep love for Jesus our Redeemer. And he is a man of prayer. In his ministry, I expect that you will find Archbishop Tobin—like these two great Redemptorist saints—reaching out to welcome all to the Church of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and serving their needs with generosity and compassion.”

Members of the XXVIIth General Chapter of the Redemptorists pose on Nov. 14, 2009, on the steps of the Redemptorist Church in Rome with outgoing and incoming Superiors General Joseph Tobin and Michael Brehl after a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving near the conclusion of the General Chapter. A General Chapter is the elected, worldwide body of governance for the Redemptorists that meets every six years.

Submitted photos

Then-Redemptorist Father Joseph Tobin, left, poses on Nov. 4, 2009, in Rome with, from left, Redemptorist Father Michael Brehl, who had just been elected superior general of the order, and Redemptorist Father Juan Lasso de la Vega y Miranda. Father Joseph served as superior general from 1997 to 2009 and succeeded Father Juan.

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The Redemptorists were founded in 1732 by St. Alphonsus Liguori. The members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, more commonly known as the Redemptorists,

Before Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin was ordained a bishop in 2010, he had spent 38 years as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, more commonly known as the Redemptorists.

This religious order was founded in 1732 in Naples, Italy, by St. Alphonsus Liguori, who lived from 1696 to 1787. According to a summary of his life found on the website of the Conference of Redemptorists of North America (www.redemptorists.com), St. Alphonsus worked as a lawyer in Naples before being ordained a priest in 1726. He was canonized in 1839, and declared a doctor of the Church in 1871.

According to the website of the Denver Province Redemptorists, the order stayed within Italy during St. Alphonsus’ lifetime. Within a few decades after his death, though, the congregation had spread across Europe. The first country outside of Europe where they ministered was the United States. The first Redemptorists arrived here in 1832—the 100th anniversary of the founding of the order.

According to the website of the National Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia (www.stjohnneumann.org), Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos was born in 1819 in Bavaria in what is today southern Germany. He joined the Redemptorists in 1842 with a desire to minister to German-speaking Catholics in the U.S. He came to this country the following year, and was ordained a priest in 1844. After being ordained, he served as an assistant pastor in Pittsburgh under St. John Neumann’s leadership.

Blessed Francis soon became a sought after confessor, spiritual director and preacher. He also served as prefect of students in his order, helping to form future Redemptorists.

In the 1850s and 1860s, Blessed Francis became an itinerant preacher, holding parish missions across the country. Although there appears to be no evidence that he preached in Indiana, he likely crisscrossed the state while traveling to parishes in Illinois, Ohio and Michigan to preach parish missions.

In 1866, Blessed Francis was assigned to the Redemptorist community in New Orleans. The following year, after caring for people suffering from yellow fever, he contracted the disease and died on Oct. 4, 1867. Blessed John Paul II beatified him on April 9, 2000. His feast day is Oct. 5.

According to the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org), Archbishop Tobin is currently the only former Redemptorist who serves as a bishop in the United States.

An online database for information about Catholic bishops, www.catholic-hierarchy.org, reports, however, that many Redemptorist priests have been appointed to serve as bishops in several countries—often developing nations—around the world.

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Now-closed Mount St. Alphonsus has a storied history

By Mary Ann Garber

The beloved “Mount” has a storied history. Redemptorist priests and brothers at Mount St. Alphonsus, the former Redemptorist seminary and later retreat center in scenic Esopus, N.Y., educated seminarians to serve God and the Church for 75 years as well as served retreatants in search of spiritual growth for 26 years.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin received his priestly formation at the Mount from the Redemptorists, the religious order that he joined in the early 1970s.

He earned a master’s degree in religious education in 1977 and master’s degree in divinity in 1979.

The historic campus on Route 9 West was closed by the Redemptorists on Jan. 1, 2012, due to “pressing pastoral needs and an aging membership.”

The congregation said the closing was a result of “re-examining their pastoral commitments in light of the increasing age of their members and the need to continue their primary ministry to the poor and most abandoned.”

A video history of the major seminary, titled “A Century of Blessings,” is posted on YouTube. It preserves decades of memories with historical photographs of future priests studying in classrooms, and enjoying swimming, boating, fishing and ice hockey.

“The Redemptorists have been at Mount St. Alphonsus for more than 100 years since it opened as our North American seminary,” Redemptorist Father Kevin Moley, provincial of the congregation’s Baltimore Province, said in a February 2011 statement announcing the closing.

“Many of our conferees have wonderful memories of their years here so the decision to close was not an easy one,” Father Kevin noted. “We are grateful to have so many years in Esopus, and to have served so many people through our retreats and conferences. The Mount will always hold a special place in the heart of Redemptorists in the Baltimore Province.”

The huge brick seminary was built between 1904 and 1907 on top of a hill on property that grew from 235 acres to 400 acres on the west bank of the Hudson River. It had 92 bedrooms, large meeting and conference rooms, a library and other facilities.

More than 1,300 Redemptorist priests were ordained during the seminary years at Mt. Alphonsus Chapel—an ornate Romanesque worship space with seven altars and beautiful stained-glass windows.

The Redemptorists were self-sufficient through farming and raising livestock.

The priests also provided pastoral care and catechetical ministries for members of Presentation Parish in nearby Port Ewen, N.Y., and Sacred Heart Parish in Esopus.

Because of declining numbers, the congregation transferred the seminarians to the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C., in 1985 to continue their formation.

The order of priests and brothers was founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori in Naples, Italy, in 1732 to serve the spiritual and material needs of the faithful, especially the poor. The order’s priests are known for their preaching.

About 300 Redemptorist priests minister in the U.S. and 5,300 of the order’s priests serve in other countries throughout the world.

When the congregation began its retreat ministry at the Mount in 1987, the Redemptorists began serving the faithful in and beyond Ulster County as well as in the greater New York area, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Retreat programming offered spiritual growth opportunities for men, women, seniors and recovery groups as well as a facility for Lutherans, Methodists, and other Christian communities to use for the formation and selection of their pastors. After announcing the closure of the Mount in February 2011, the Redemptorists later issued a statement that they were pleased to lease the property to Church Communities—an international network of Protestant Christian communities founded in Germany in 1921—which plans to use the facilities to house a religious community and an educational center as well as farm the land.

The seminary and retreat center closings and new lease agreement mark the end of an era for the Redemptorists at Esopus, but the Mount’s enduring spiritual legacy continues in each of its graduates.

Archbishop Tobin shares his thoughts on his nearly 35 years of serving the Church since he was ordained a priest

“The experience is one of gratitude for everything. It’s like that phrase at the end of The Diary of a Country Priest where the dying priest says, ‘But all is grace.’ So even what I think are the disasters, the great failures of my life, they were moments of grace because the Psalms say God is close to the broken-hearted.

“The trust that people have shown me because I am a priest, before they knew anything about me, the opportunity to be invited into people’s lives, and the great questions they face, all of that is something that I know is not my accomplishment. There have been times when I’ve been kneeling down at night, and I say, ‘Thank you, Lord, because I didn’t know what to do there. I believe you helped me.’ ”

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, center, Vatican secretary of state, ritually lays hands on the head of then-Redemptorist Father Joseph Tobin during an Oct. 9, 2010, Mass in which Father Tobin was ordained an archbishop at St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican. Archbishop Tobin received his priestly formation at Mount St. Alphonsus, the former Redemptorist seminary and later retreat center in Esopus, N.Y., which was closed earlier this year by the congregation.
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Memories of family ... and faith

Above, in this family photo, 2-year-old Joseph Tobin poses for the camera at the cottage in Stoney Pointe, Ontario, Canada.

Left, then-Redemptorist Father Joseph Tobin stands with his mother, Marie Tobin, on June 4, 1978, at Annunciation Parish in Stoney Pointe, Ontario, on the occasion of the Mass of Thanksgiving of Father Joseph three days after his ordination on June 1, 1978.

Above, 2-year-old Joseph Tobin steadies himself on a sofa at his aunt’s home in this family photo.

Below, then-Redemptorist Father Joseph W. Tobin poses in 2007 or 2008 with a group of Redemptoristine nuns at their Mother of Perpetual Help Monastery in Esopus, N.Y.
The Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul welcomes our new Shepherd, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin CSsR

Congratulations, Archbishop Tobin, on the occasion of your Installation as our new Shepherd in Christ. We surround you with grateful prayer.

Rev. Noah J. Casey and Cathedral Community
Mama meets the ‘papa’—along with the entire Tobin clan

Right, Pope Benedict XVI and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, center in front row, pose on Oct. 11, 2010, with members of Archbishop Tobin’s family at the Vatican during a private audience two days after Archbishop Tobin’s ordination as an archbishop.


Bottom right, Pope Benedict XVI greets Marie Tobin, the mother of Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, on Oct. 11, 2010, at the Vatican during her family’s private audience with the pope.

Congratulations

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

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Lord Jesus, Eternal Shepherd, bless Archbishop Tobin that he may be your faithful witness among the people entrusted to his care.

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Congratulations to the Most Rev. Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR, on your installation as Archbishop of Indianapolis. We extend a warm Hoosier welcome to you as you begin your ministry in Indiana.

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SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral has a storied history

By Mary Ann Garber

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, the principal church of the 39-county archdiocese and the archbishop, adds a stately and spiritual presence to the near north side of Indianapolis.

The Roman classical church, with its four massive fluted columns and three huge bronze doors rising high above the sidewalk at 1347 N. Meridian St., is an imposing tribute to God as well as a symbol of the permanence of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

Bishop Francis Silas Chartard purchased the site of the future cathedral in August of 1890, and looked forward to the construction of a Romanesque church after the noise of the busy downtown streets around St. John the Evangelist Church, the then-diocese’s cathedral in Indianapolis at 126 W. Georgia St. from 1871 until 1906.

Designed by James Renwick Jr., a noted New York architect, a new chapel and rectory were built first from July 1891 to March 1892 with plans for a more elaborate cathedral put on hold.

Bishop Chartard dedicated SS. Peter and Paul Chapel and celebrated the first Mass there on the feast of the Annunciation in 1892.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin will be installed as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. This file photo of the cathedral was taken on Oct. 1, 2008.

After Pope Leo XIII transferred the seat of the diocese from Vincennes, Ind., to Indianapolis on March 28, 1898, Bishop Chatard was able to expand the cathedral. The still-unfinished cathedral could be used for Mass on Christmas morning.

Construction work continued until the summer of 1907. It would resume years later when additional funds were available.

Construction began on the limestone and brick church in 1905. On Dec. 21, 1906, Bishop Chatard officiated during a private, early morning dedication liturgy with a group of priests so the still-unfinished cathedral could be used for Mass on Christmas morning.

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The D. A. Bohlen and Son architectural firm designed the unfinishedSacrament Chapel, which was built between the rectory and cathedral.

That ornate chapel was dedicated by co-author Bishop Joseph Chartand on Sept. 7, 1918, also the date of Bishop Chatard’s death.

A decade later, design work resumed on the unfinished cathedral with architect Henry Schlacks of Chicago suggesting plans for redecoration of the interior and a fancier exterior façade.

The Great Depression, followed by Bishop Chartand’s unexpected death on Dec. 8, 1933, further delayed completion of the cathedral.

Bishop Chartand’s successor, Bishop Joseph E. Ritter of New Albany, did not proceed with Schlacks’ design. The selected architect August Bohlen to complete the expansion and renovation of the cathedral.

Shipments of Indiana limestone from Bedford—weighing 2,500 tons and carved by Harry Donato and his workers—helped transform the unfinished cathedral into its present majestic appearance.

Major changes to the sanctuary were completed in 1936 under the direction of former RCA Dome in Indianapolis that drew approximately 30,000 Catholics from across central and southern Indiana.

Father Beidelman noted that there are not enough of these vestments, known as the “jubilee vestments,” to accommodate all of the visiting clergy and those from the archdiocese that will participate in the installation Mass, and at other large conferences and conventions, such as the National Catholic Youth Conference, that the archdiocese has started to host in recent years.

Since the new set of vestments will be used for the first time on a large scale at the installation Mass, they will be known as the “installation vestments.”

They will be stored at the cathedral and will primarily be used for liturgies there or at other locations in Indianapolis.

The jubilee vestments will continue to be used for archdiocesan liturgies, such as the “installation vestments.” They will be stored at the cathedral and will primarily be used for liturgies there or at other locations in Indianapolis.

Father Beidelman is looking forward to seeing hundreds of bishops, priests and deacons wearing the new chasubles and dalmatics at the installation Mass.

I can’t wait,” Father Beidelman said. “It’s been watching other installations of other archbishops and bishops in these past few months. And it’s always breath-taking when that number of priests and bishops gather with the lay faithful for a celebration. I imagine that it will be a real moment of gratitude and joy.”

By Sean Gallagher

New chasubles and dalmatics are created for Dec. 3 installation Mass.

A diocesan bishop and his priests are one in their service of God and the Church.

That unity can be powerfully expressed when they come together for worship wearing vestments of the same design.

This is partly how Father Patrick Beidelman, archdiocesan director of liturgy, explained arrangements that he made in recent months, in conjunction with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, apostolic administrator, to have 300 chasubles made for major archdiocesan liturgies and allow liturgical planners to arrange the seating for a variety of needs.

The archdiocese first had a set of vestments made for the “Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee,” a Mass celebrated on Sept. 16, 2000, in the former RCA Dome in Indianapolis that drew approximately 30,000 Catholics from across central and southern Indiana.

“I can’t wait,” Father Beidelman said. “I think, we’re called to in the context of liturgy.”

—Father Patrick Beidelman, archdiocesan director of liturgy
Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes on your installation.

May the Archdiocese of Indianapolis grow in faith and love with your spiritual guidance.

The North Deanery Schools of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are honored to welcome Archbishop Joseph Tobin!
Installation liturgies will welcome Archbishop Tobin to archdiocese

By Sean Gallagher

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin will be installed as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis at a 2 p.m. Mass on Dec. 3 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. But the rites involved in his installation will actually begin the previous evening during the praying of a Solemn Evening Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent at 5 p.m. in the cathedral.

Prior to the start of that liturgy, Archbishop Tobin will ritually knock on the door of the cathedral three times. Father Noah Casey, rector of the cathedral, will open the door, receive him into the cathedral and offer a crucifix for him to kiss. Archbishop Tobin will then bless himself with holy water and sprinkle it on those around him.

This moment symbolizes the official arrival of Archbishop Tobin as the new shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

During the Evening Prayer liturgy, the archbishop’s insignia—a pectoral cross, crosier and episcopal ring—will be blessed, and Bishop Christopher J. Coyne will preach a homily. Archbishop Tobin will also make an oat of fidelity to the pope and a profession of faith.

At the start of the installation Mass on Dec. 3, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, will serve as the principal celebrant.

In the opening procession of the Mass, he will accompany Archbishop Tobin into the cathedral, who will be led by the priests who make up the archdiocese’s College of Consultants, the deans of the 11 deaneries in central and southern Indiana as well as Bishop Coyne, other archdiocesan clergy, and visiting cardinals, bishops and priests.

After the procession and an incensing of the altar, Archbishop Tobin will stand in his sanctuary and the congregation in making the sign of the cross. He will not, however, stand in front of the cathedral, the prominent chair in the sanctuary reserved solely for the archbishop of Indianapolis and a symbol of his office as teacher of the faith in the archdiocese.

Archbishop Viganò will then read the apostolic letter from Pope Benedict XVI in which the Holy Father appoints Archbishop Tobin to lead the Church in central and southern Indiana.

The College of Consultants will then examine the letter. It is then subsequently shown to the congregation.

Next, Archbishop Viganò will ask Archbishop Tobin if he is willing to accept the appointment given to him by Pope Benedict. After Archbishop Tobin confirms his acceptance of his appointment, the congregation will say, “Thanks be to God,” and will applaud.

Archbishop Viganò will next present the apostolic letter to the archdiocesan chancellor, Annette “Mickey” Lenz, who officially records the appointment of Archbishop Tobin.

Archbishop Tobin and Bishop Coyne will then lead Archbishop Tobin to the cathedral. Archbishop Tobin will seat himself in it and receive a crosier. Another acclamation by applause will then be made by all present.

Archbishop Tobin will next be greeted by representatives of the archdiocese’s clergy, religious and lay faithful, and representatives of other local Christian communities, other faith traditions and government leaders.

The rest of the Mass will proceed as usual with Archbishop Tobin serving as the principal celebrant and homilist.

Seating for installation Mass and Evening Prayer is by invitation only

By Sean Gallagher

Seating for the installation Mass of Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis will be by invitation only, and attendees will need a ticket to enter the cathedral.

Archdiocesan youths and young adults, archdiocesan officials and leaders in government, religious and lay communities will be seated in the cathedral. The seating capacity of the cathedral is the large number of bishops, priests, and religious and lay communities who minister in central and southern Indiana and as representatives of other area faith communities and civic leaders.

Two tickets to the Mass have been offered to each of the archdiocese’s 147 parishes. Those unable to attend the Mass will be able to watch it live on WHMB-TV40 in the Indianapolis metropolitan area, and on cable and satellite networks throughout the archdiocese that carry the television station. Also, the television feed from the Mass will be streamed live on the Internet and can be watched by logging onto the archdiocesan website at www.archindy.org.

Catholic Radio 89.1 FM and 90.9 FM, based in Indianapolis, as well as WFYI and CatholicTV Network, based in Boston, also plan to broadcast the installation Mass.

Like the installation Mass, seating for the Solemn Vespers for the First Sunday of Advent at 5 p.m. on Dec. 2 in the cathedral will also be by invitation only. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, apostolic administrator, will be the homilist.

Participating in this liturgy will be guests of Archbishop Tobin, archdiocesan clergy and parish life coordinators, religious priests living and ministering in central and southern Indiana, other members of the men’s and women’s religious communities in the archdiocese, and representatives of Catholic groups and fraternal organizations that have a special relationship with the archdiocese.

Other events connected to Archbishop Tobin’s installation are open to the public.

A Mission of Prayer: A Year of Faith with Archbishop Tobin will take place on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood. Although the event is geared especially for archdiocesan youths and young adults, Catholics of all ages are welcome to attend.

Exposition and eucharistic adoration will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 30 and will continue until 3 p.m. on Dec. 1. A holy hour with praise and worship music and witness talks will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 30.

A holy hour for vocations organized by the archdiocesan vocations office and seminarians will take place from 11 a.m. to noon on Dec. 1. At noon, Bishop Coyne will lead the praying of the “Angelic” and offer a reflection on Mary and the vocation to do God’s will.

A light lunch will follow in Madonna Hall. A rosary rally organized by the Archdiocesan Youth Council will take place from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. followed by praise and worship music from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Archbishop Tobin will be the principal celebrant of a 4 p.m. Mass on Dec. 1 for the First Sunday of Advent. Archbishop Tobin will celebrate a Mass in Spanish for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6 p.m. on Dec. 12 at Anthony Church, 337 N. Warman Ave., in Indianapolis.

In late January and early February, Archbishop Tobin will visit each of the archdiocese’s 11 deaneries. The time, dates and places of these events have yet to be determined.

Archbishops across central and southern Indiana will have an opportunity to meet Archbishop Tobin at these events.
Congratulations
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The Most Reverend
Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
as he begins his ministry as
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Thehistory of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

TheDiocese of Vincennes—now the Archdiocese of Indianapolis—was established by Pope Gregory XVI on May 6, 1834. The territory then comprised the entire state of Indiana and the eastern third of Illinois. The latter was separated from the Diocese of Vincennes upon the establishment of the Diocese of Chicago on Nov. 28, 1843.

By decree of Pope Pius IX, on Jan. 8, 1857, the northern half of the state became the Diocese of Fort Wayne, the boundaries being that part of the state north of the southern boundaries of Fountain, Montgomery, Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Delaware, Randolph and Warren counties. The remaining southern half of the state made up the Diocese of Vincennes, embracing 50 counties. It covered an area of 18,479 square miles extending from the north boundaries of Marion and contiguous counties to the Ohio River and from Illinois on the west to Ohio on the east.

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*May the LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!*  
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Bishop selection process is thorough and strictly confidential

By Sean Gallagher

Most priests who are named bishops and most bishops who are named to a different diocese use words like “shocked” and “surprised” after learning of their appointment by the Holy Father.

Most have no idea that the appointment is coming because the process by which bishops are chosen is marked by strict confidentiality—and for several good reasons.

Canon 377 of the Code of Canon Law stipulates that, at least once every three years, the bishops of an ecclesiastical province must submit to the apostolic nuncio a list of priests who, in their opinion, are qualified to be bishops.

An apostolic nuncio, also known as a papal nuncio, serves as an ambassador of the Vatican to a particular country and as a liaison between the Church in that country and the Holy See.

An ecclesiastical province is made up of the dioceses in a geographical area where an archdiocese also exists. All five dioceses in Indiana make up the Province of Indianapolis.

This same canon also states that individual bishops can recommend potential bishops to the nuncio at any time.

Since becoming a bishop in 1987, Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein has participated in the process of submitting the names of possible bishops several times.

“I give the process a great deal of thought and prayer, and try as best I can to provide a full and accurate biography of the priest whom I recommend,” he said in a 2009 interview with The Criterion.

“I take this responsibility seriously to help the papal nuncio in drawing up lists of potential candidates for the office of bishop.”

According to Father James Bonke, defender of the bond for the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal, when a diocese no longer has a bishop—either because the bishop has died, resigned or been transferred—the nuncio begins a process of assembling a list of three recommendations, known as a “terna,” to succeed that bishop.

Those three names have to be ranked in order according to his preference,” Father Bonke said during a 2009 interview.

Canon 377 sheds some light on the process by which this *terna* is created. Those who can be included in the list can be both priests who have not yet been ordained as bishops or bishops serving in other dioceses or at the Vatican, such as Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, who will be installed as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis during a Dec. 3 Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

The canon says that in ordinary cases when a diocese is awaiting a new shepherd, the nuncio will seek out the opinion of several groups of people to develop the *terna* of potential new bishops to be reviewed by the Vatican’s Congregation for Bishops and, ultimately, the pope.

These people include the other diocesan bishops in the province and the president of the bishops’ conference of the country. The nuncio can also seek out the opinion of members of the diocese’s college of consultants—a group of priests in the diocese who advise its bishop—other diocesan and religious clergy, and members of the lay faithful.

A 2009 Catholic News Service article explained that nuncios ordinarily gather 30 to 40 written evaluations of each of the recommended potential bishops. The *terna*, along with the evaluations, is forwarded to the Congregation for Bishops.

Archbishop Buechlein discussed being asked to assess potential bishops.

“When the papal nuncio seeks information and judgment concerning a particular candidate, the process becomes more focused. So does one’s prayer and responsibility,” he said. “Candidates proposed for nomination to the office of bishop may or may not be from the Metropolitan Province of Indianapolis. For thorough investigation, the nuncio ‘throws the net wide’ at times.”

“Those who are consulted are presumed to respond as completely and honestly as possible. Usually, a good number of people—clerical, religious and lay—are consulted.”

The bishops and cardinals who are members of the various congregations at the Vatican—such as the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints or the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith—meet only a few times a year at most.

The CNS article explained that the Congregation for Bishops ordinarily meets every two weeks for an entire morning at a time. Members of the congregation receive “extensive documentation” on each episcopal candidate to review in advance of the meeting.

American members of the Congregation of Bishops are cardinals Raymond L. Burke, William J. Levada and Justin F. Rigali.

Much of the paperwork on episcopal candidates that the congregation’s members receive is made up of the evaluations gathered by nuncios.

When asked to evaluate potential bishops, they are told that their answers and the name of the person they have been asked to assess are to remain strictly confidential.

“Their responses are supposed to be secret, equal to the seal of confession,” Father Bonke said.

Why?

“It is done so in order to protect the objectivity and integrity of the process,” said Archbishop Buechlein. “It is also kept confidential out of sensitivity for the potential candidate being considered.

“Obviously, it also obviates the possibility of politicizing the process. The Church has a long and vast experience of ensuring that competent and faithful candidates are selected to serve as bishop for the common good.”

The process of gathering evaluations of potential bishops and assembling a list of three recommendations is not specifically laid out in the Code of Canon Law, but is a procedure established by the Congregation for Bishops.

Although a nuncio and his staff will have done much work to assemble the *terna*, the Congregation for Bishops or the pope may reject all three recommendations. Then the nuncio may have to start work on a new *terna*.

But if one of the recommendations is accepted first by the members of the Congregation for Bishops and then by the pope, then the nuncio must pick up his phone and make that fateful call to the man chosen to become a bishop.

“The phone call to become a bishop changes one’s life immediately,” Archbishop Buechlein said. “It usually comes as a shock. One time when I visited the papal nuncio’s residence I asked him if I could see the phone that changed my life. He laughed, but he showed it to me.”

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Welcome Archbishop Tobin!
Bishops embrace education and faith formation

By Mary Ann Garber

Two commitments guide Catholic education in the archdiocese—creating a foundation of faith and shaping a vision of the future for children.

That twin focus has led to a 98 percent high school graduation rate in the archdiocese with 99.6 percent of those graduates pursuing higher education. Of those graduates, 91.4 percent attend four-year colleges.

The approach has also earned 32 national Blue Ribbons from the U.S. Department of Education for 26 Catholic schools in the archdiocese—more than any other diocese in the country.

This dual commitment has been shared by Catholic families, lay teachers, priests, and religious sisters and brothers.

It also has been a priority for the 11 bishops and archbishops who have served Catholics in central and southern Indiana since the Diocese of Vincennes, the predecessor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was established on May 6, 1834.

Here is a historic look at how each of those 11 spiritual leaders shaped Catholic education in the archdiocese in the past 178 years.

Servant of God Bishop Simon Bruté

A physician, priest and former Catholic college president, Bishop Bruté graduated from medical school at the University of Paris with the highest honors before deciding to enter formation for the priesthood as a member of the Society of St. Sulpice and then come to America as a missionary.

Upon his arrival in southern Indiana in late 1834, the first Bishop of Vincennes dedicated his ministry to educating people in the faith and preparing men for the priesthood.

He invited the Sisters of Charity from Kentucky to help him with the ministry of Catholic education in the new diocese, and archival records report that “before very long about 50 day pupils and four boarders were in attendance” at a school in Vincennes.

“In a comparatively short period of time, an educational system had been set up in Vincennes,” the archival records explain, “which included complete elementary, secondary and higher education for both sexes, and which was intended as a model for the entire diocese.”

Bishop Bruté worked hard to recruit 20 priests and seminarians as well as establish parishes and schools in the German Catholic settlements in southern Indiana.

Within five years, 130 students attended elementary schools, and both a college for men and an academy for women had been established in the diocese.

“In addition to that of being head of the diocese,” the archival records note, “the first bishop’s duties embraced those of pastor of the congregation, seminary professor and school teacher.”

Bishop Bruté was recognized as “one of the most learned and distinguished men as well as an outstanding Catholic educator in the United States.”

He died on June 26, 1839, in
Therefore, from the day we heard this, we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:9
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Bishop Charrand taught religion classes at Cathedral High School across the street from the Cathedral rectory, and was known for participating with [grade school] pupils in recess games on the playground of the former SS. Peter and Paul School.

During his 15 years as bishop, 112 parishes operated schools, the archival records explain, and more than 16,000 children were educated in Catholic schools.

Bishop Charrand also established a diocesan school board.

The archival records note that "educational progress in the Diocese of Indianapolis during the past quarter of a century is best shown in a See EDUCATION, page 45
The more than 1,400 students, faculty, and staff of Cathedral feel blessed to welcome Archbishop Tobin to our city.

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“God will pour down abundant blessings on our efforts, and our institutions will develop in every possible way.”

Blessed Basil Moreau
Archbishop George J. Biskup
As coadjutor bishop with the right of succession, Bishop Biskup also served as pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis before he was installed as archbishop on Jan. 14, 1970.

Archbishop Biskup is remembered for supporting the concept of total Catholic education and the establishment of lay boards of education to guide parish elementary schools and interparochial high schools.

Archival records report that “it was during his administration that the archdiocese became known nationally for its holistic approach to Catholic education under the leadership of Father Gerald A. Gettefinger, then superintendent of Catholic education and later bishop of the Diocese of Evansville.

Archbishop Biskup died on Oct. 17, 1979, in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara
The former director of the American arm of the Church’s Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith was installed as archbishop on Jan. 10, 1980, and enjoyed visiting Catholic schools in central and southern Indiana during his 12 years of ministry.

The 1970s and 1980s ushered in an era that saw a dramatic increase in the involvement of lay people in teaching and operating Catholic schools.

As a result, the archdiocese received national recognition as a leader in lay governance of schools.

Archbishop O’Meara died in Indianapolis on Jan. 10, 1992—12 years to the day after his installation as archbishop.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.
Known as the “education bishop,” the former president-rector of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and the now closed Saint Meinrad College, both in St. Meinrad, focused on the educational needs of Catholics after his installation on Sept. 9, 1992.

For 19 years, Archbishop Buechlein built relationships with parents, parishes and corporate donors to raise funds to ensure that Catholic schools in the archdiocese remain affordable for all children.

In 1996, he established the “Celebrating Catholic School Values Scholarship and Career Achievement Awards” program, which has raised more than $5.5 million to benefit Catholic schools and tuition assistance.

Archbishop Buechlein also initiated the “Building Communities of Hope,” “Legacy of Hope” and "Building Communities of Hope," “Legacy of Hope” and “Legacy for Our Mission” capital campaigns to raise tens of millions of dollars to rebuild Catholic schools.

The first two of these successful campaigns enabled the archdiocese to build the new Holy Angels School and Holy Cross Central School in Indianapolis, which resulted in national news coverage as the first new inner-city Catholic schools constructed in the United States since the 1960s.

Each year, the four center-city parish schools in Indianapolis that are now Mother Theodore Catholic Academies help hundreds of students from low-income families rise above the cycle of poverty, achieve success in the classroom, and look to the future with hope and confidence.

The archdiocese also oversees two public charter schools through a secular board.

Since 1985, 26 Catholic schools in the archdiocese have earned 32 national Blue Ribbon Awards from the U.S. Department of Education.

A total of 23 Blue Ribbon Awards have been earned by archdiocesan schools since 2003—more than any other diocese in the country. †
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Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. and the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Louisville send congratulations and best wishes as

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.s.R. is installed as the Sixth Archbishop of Indianapolis
Open your hearts to receive God’s love and mercy, Archbishop Tobin says

By Mary Ann Garber

Smiles—lots of smiles—greeted Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin when he visited the Little Sisters of the Poor, elderly residents and guests on Oct. 19 at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis.

“My brothers and sisters, it’s a wonderful experience to be able to celebrate the Eucharist with you,” the new archbishop told the people assembled for Mass in the full chapel.

“When I first was assigned to Indianapolis—a city [and an archdiocese] I didn’t know a whole lot about—I was grateful to know that there is a community of the Little Sisters here because all over the world I have been privileged to visit the Little Sisters,” he said. “I happen to know your superior general [Mother Céline de la Visitation Raber, a native of San Francisco], who comes to [Rome] every once in a while from Paris to make sure the Vatican has been working correctly.”

Archbishop Tobin was the principal celebrant for the liturgy at the Little Sisters’ home for the elderly poor. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, apostolic administrator, and Msgr. John Duncan, the chaplain at the home, were the concelebrants.

“Even though I’ve been in Indianapolis for only a few days,” Archbishop Tobin said, “people have gone out of their way to make me feel at home. It’s not afraid because you sent Jesus to save me. I’m not afraid because I have the gift of the Holy Spirit, which gives me courage.”

God wants to welcome each of us into a life of faith, he said, and all we have to do to receive his love and mercy is open our hearts to him.

“That’s the [faith] we want to show God,” the archbishop said, “when we pray and say, ‘God, I’m not afraid because I know you love me. I’m not afraid because you sent Jesus to save me. I’m not afraid because I have the gift of the Holy Spirit, which gives me courage.’”

Christians need to remind themselves that they are truly loved by God, Archbishop Tobin said, and remember to ask God to be merciful.

During the prayers of the faithful, the archbishop noted that the world Synod of Bishops was meeting in Rome to consider new ways of preaching the Good News.

“Let us pray that [the bishops] will be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,” he said. “Let us pray for peace throughout the world, for peace among nations, for peace in our country and for peace in our lives. … Let us pray for those who need our prayers the most today.”

And especially, the archbishop said, let us thank God for his loving and merciful care.

“Nourish us with your word and the love of your Son,” Archbishop Tobin prayed, “and give us whatever else we need so that we might be faithful to you.”

After the liturgy, Little Sister Laetitia Kreft spent time in prayer in the quiet chapel then rolled her wheelchair to the hallway to greet the new archbishop.

“You have to take what God gives you,” Sister Laetitia said with a smile as she waited in line. “Everything is what God wants. This is his world, and we’re his people. He’s always there with everybody, but we don’t always see him. But he’s always there every minute. He’s always close to us.”

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CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Dale J. Melczek and the Church of Gary congratulate and rejoices with the Church of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the appointment of Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. as its new Archbishop.
CONGRATULATIONS
to Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin

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INSTALLATION
as
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

from
Bishop Charles C. Thompson
and the People of the Diocese of Evansville

The Catholic Church in Southwestern Indiana
Celebrating Church's universality, pope creates new cardinals

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Recalling that Christ’s mission transcends “all ethnic, national and religious particularities,” Pope Benedict XVI created six new cardinals from four different continents, representing the Latin rite of the Catholic Church as well as two Eastern Catholic Churches.

The Churchmen who joined the College of Cardinals on Nov. 24 were U.S. Archbishop James M. Harvey, 63, former prefect of the papal household; Lebanon’s Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai, 72; Indian Archbishop Basilio Cleemis Thottunkal, 53, head of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; Nigerian Archbishop John Olomunemi Onayekan, 68, of Abuja; Columbian Archbishop Rubén Salazar González, 70, of Bogota; and Philippine Archbishop Luis Tagle, 55, of Manila.

“I want to highlight in particular the fact that the Church is the Church of all peoples so she speaks in the various cultures of the different continents,” the pope said during the hour-long service in St. Peter’s Basilica. “Amid the polyphony of the various voices, she raises a single harmonious song to the living God.”

The six new cardinals later stepped up to the pope, who was seated before the basilica’s main altar, to receive symbols of their office—a ring, a “zucchetto” skull cap and a three-cornered hat called a biretta. The headwear was colored scarlet, like the cardinals’ casACKnows, to symbolize the blood they risk shedding in service to the Church.

The new Eastern Catholic cardinals received modified versions of the biretta, consistent with the distinctive clerical garb of their Churches. Cardinal Rai received the turban-like Maronite tabiha, and Cardinal Cleemis a head covering in a shape reminiscent of an onion dome.

Pope Benedict also assigned each of the new cardinals a “titanic church” in Rome, making them full members of the Rome clergy and closer collaborators of the pope in governing the universal Church.

Cardinal Harvey’s titular church is the Church of Saint Pius V a Villa Carpegna, a post-war church about a mile southwest of Vatican City. The pope has also named Cardinal Harvey to serve as archpriest of the Basilica of St. Paul’s Outside the Walls, one of Rome’s four major papal basilicas.

The Nov. 24 ceremony was a much quieter affair than the last consistory in February, when Pope Benedict created 22 cardinals, including three from the United States and Canada. This time, there was no overflow crowd in St. Peter’s Square, and only 99 of the 211 members of the College of Cardinals were in attendance.

Yet the congregation was spirited, with pilgrims applauding enthusiastically as the new cardinals’ names were called. Cardinal Tagle seemed especially moved as he knelt before the pope, and afterward was seen wiping a tear from his eye.

At the end of the ceremony, the College of Cardinals had 211 members, 120 of whom were under the age of 80 and thus eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

The new consistory raises the percentage of Asian electors from 7 percent to 9 percent. Catholics in Asia account for just over 10 percent of the worldwide Catholic population.

At the same time, the percentage of European electors dropped slightly, to just over 51 percent. But the continent remains statistically overrepresented since the Vatican reports that fewer than 24 percent of the world’s Catholics live in Europe.

Supreme Court clears path for health care lawsuit; Bible publisher wins injunction

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way on Nov. 26 for a federal appeals court to take up a Christian college’s challenge to the Affordable Care Act, reopening one of several lawsuits filed by religious and other groups who oppose elements of the law.

The court ordered the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to hear the argument of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., that the health care law infringes on the Christian university’s religious freedom. The court had rejected an earlier challenge covering in a shape reminiscent of an onion dome.

Pope Benedict also assigned each of the new cardinals a “titanic church” in Rome, making them full members of the Rome clergy and closer collaborators of the pope in governing the universal Church.

Cardinal Harvey’s titular church is the Church of Saint Pius V a Villa Carpegna, a post-war church about a mile southwest of Vatican City. The pope has also named Cardinal Harvey to serve as archpriest of the Basilica of St. Paul’s Outside the Walls, one of Rome’s four major papal basilicas.

The Nov. 24 ceremony was a much quieter affair than the last consistory in February, when Pope Benedict created 22 cardinals, including three from the United States and Canada. This time, there was no overflow crowd in St. Peter’s Square, and only 99 of the 211 members of the College of Cardinals were in attendance.

Yet the congregation was spirited, with pilgrims applauding enthusiastically as the new cardinals’ names were called. Cardinal Tagle seemed especially moved as he knelt before the pope, and afterward was seen wiping a tear from his eye.

At the end of the ceremony, the College of Cardinals had 211 members, 120 of whom were under the age of 80 and thus eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

The new consistory raises the percentage of Asian electors from 7 percent to 9 percent. Catholics in Asia account for just over 10 percent of the worldwide Catholic population.

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The mandate “affirmatively compels” the company to violate its religious beliefs, he said.

In another lawsuit against the mandate, a federal judge in Oklahoma City on Nov. 20 denied a request for an injunction against the mandate by the Christian-owned business Hobby Lobby, saying the arts-and-crafts stores must cover emergency contraceptives in their insurance policies even though the company argued that some are abortion-inducing drugs.

A day later, lawyers for Hobby Lobby appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, asking for “emergency relief” from fines of more than $1 million a day the company says it will face if it doesn’t comply with mandate.

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“The Lord bless you and keep you.
May He show His face to you
and have mercy.
May He turn His countenance to you
and give you peace.
The Lord bless you!”

St. Francis of Assisi

May the wind always be at your back Archbishop!
Advent: Preparing for Christmas

From all appearances, we are now in the Christmas season. Christmas has taken root in our cities and in rural areas and, with December arriving on Saturday, Christmas celebrations are ready to begin in earnest. Of course, the stores have already had their Christmas decorations up for a long time.

Soon Christmas parties will begin, people will mail the Christmas cards, and they will start to wish one another a “merry Christmas”—unless that sounds too religious in our secular society and they substitute “happy holidays.”

But what happened to Advent? Sunday is the first day of the Advent season, not the Christmas season. Doesn’t anyone observe Advent any more?

Yes, the Catholic Church, among others, does not rush in the season as our secular society does. Rather, it prepares for the season of Christmas.

Then it observes the Christmas season through the feast of Epiphany and until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated on Jan. 13 in 2013. That is long after most people have taken down their Christmas tree, stashed away their Christmas decorations and stopped listening to Christmas music.

It appears, then, that we have two Christmas celebrations—the secular celebration that is now in full swing and the religious celebration that will begin on Dec. 24. There is nothing wrong with participating in the secular celebrations as long as we remember the religious significance of Christmas as the birth of our Savior.

As Christians, though, we should take advantage of how to use Advent, the season of preparing for Christmas. Advent has a twofold character. In the liturgical season, it means to prepare us for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is commemorated, and a season when we should direct our minds and hearts to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time.

It is, therefore, a period for devotion and joyful expectation.

Historically, some period of preparation for Christmas began at least as far back as the mid-fourth century, but its preparation and its duration have varied. In some places, the preparation was shorter than it is today. In Gaul (France), it began on the feast of St. Martin of Tours, on Nov. 11, while in other places it was rather brief. Even today, the length of the season varies. The Ambrosian Rite, one of the Catholic Church’s non-Roman rites, exists in and around Milan, Italy and was adapted after St. Ambrose, archbishop of Milan from 374 to 397. Its Advent lasts six weeks.

On the other hand, most of the Catholic Church’s Eastern rites observe only a short “pre-feast” period before Christmas.

For those of you who belong to the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, this year’s Advent is nearly as short as it is possible for it to be—three weeks and two days.

Advent was sometimes observed like Lent, as a time of penance, again mainly in Gaul. In 11th-century Scotland, St. Margaret and her husband, King Malcolm, observed “two Lents,” one before Christmas and the other before Easter, with fasting and extra almsgiving. In most places today, the penitential aspect of Advent has been tempered by a joyful anticipation.

During the first part of Advent, until Dec. 16, that joyful anticipation is directed toward Christ’s Second Coming. The first Scripture reading during Masses is usually from the prophet Isaiah while the Gospel readings show how Jesus fulfilled the prophetic promises. St. John the Baptist, with his emphasis on repentance, makes his appearance.

Beginning on Dec. 17, the Old Testament readings proclaim the eternal importance of Messianic prophesies while the Gospel readings describe the events immediately before the birth of Christ.

If you can’t get to Mass, we encourage you to read those scriptural readings during Advent. We list them in every issue.

One of the popular Advent devotions, in homes as well as in churches, is the Advent wreath. It is a circle of evergreens with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ, the Light of the World.

As our society joyfully celebrates the secular season of Christmas, let us Catholics also use the season of Advent to prepare for the religious feast.

—John F. Fink

Jesus calls us to love one another, not to judge one another

When I first read the letter to the editor in the Nov. 16 issue of The Criterion, I was upset and angry that a fellow parishioner at St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg—who I do not know personally—would place judgment on so many. Then I realized that in being angry with him I was acting in the same way.

But what happened to Advent? Sunday is the first day of the Advent season, not the Christmas season. Doesn’t anyone observe Advent any more?

My mother told me if you can’t say something good about someone, say nothing. I think the cardinal needs to practice that, and learn some common sense.

Mary Krumm

Versailles

As people of faith, we must follow the Church and its truths to get to heaven

In response to the letter to the editor in the Nov. 23 issue of The Criterion with the headline, “Election letter was mean-spirited and not very Christian,” I would like to say that his words were taken out of context.

The household of God, which is the Church of the living God, is the pillar and bulwark of the truth.” (1 Tim 3:15)

The Church, therefore, gives the truth of the will of the Father, and to follow the truth leads to heaven, our highest goal.

The Church tells us that abortion is a sin, and contraception is a sin, that homosexual activity is a sin, that assisted suicide is a sin. Giving a positive vote in the upcoming election to one who embraces and perpetuates these sinful activities when an alternative candidate is available is abandoning the Church, hence, abandoning the will of God.

The Catholic Church believes that God holds me accountable for my own conscience, but I choose to follow our Church’s teaching and beliefs in my own mind and thus I choose to see all people as loved and forgiven. I choose to focus on the goodness.

I have not walked in my neighbor’s shoes or experienced his or her life so I cannot judge what he or she does.

When Jesus told us not to judge another, I don’t think it was because it was necessarily a “bad” thing to do, but a realization that right judging another should be done because we will never know that person’s journey, let alone his relationship with God or his conscience.

Paul Kachinski

Indianapolis

Letters to the Editor

The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes St. Thérèse of Lisieux, “Love, in fact, is the vocation which includes all others; it is a universe of its own, comprising all time and space—it’s eternal!” (#826)

Make contribution to Retirement Fund for Religious collection a priority during this giving season

As we enter the annual period of stewardship emphasis and much competition for our charitable contributions, let’s not forget to affirm the numerous contributions of our retired and infirm sisters through support of the upcoming Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Fulfill your own life. Honor the religious traditions that have long rendered it as Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin. Join widely diverse people in their sincere effort to assist our growing needs of increasing numbers of retired religious who never cease to remember all of us in their daily prayer life.

Diane Liptack

Arlington

Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg

Cardinal Dolan’s congratulatory message to president is unnecessary and sends wrong message, reader says

I am saddened to read in the Nov. 15 issue of The Criterion that Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, congratulated President Barack Obama on his re-election.

How does the cardinal expect the laity to tell someone who does not know the truth that we should follow the Church with outright contempt?

When Jesus told us not to worry about what everyone was doing, but “to seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Mt 6:33), we will never agree how God’s kingdom is to be lived, each of us in our hearts feel we are good and that we are doing our “best.” Let us live in the peace of Christ, obsessively searching for good to praise and not evil to condemn. Yes, it is a choice.

Letters to the Editor
Quiet reflection can help bring unity to life in Advent

By David Gibson

Pull yourself together! Advent is a welcome season if you ever feel like, so many others, that the parts of your “self” are disdained and not working together.

Perhaps your work life seems out of sync with your home life. Maybe you worry that time devoted to friends or even your parish competes against time for children or other family members.

Some people are disturbed at having no time to themselves. They wish they had time to reflect on personal goals, ways to grow and more personal sources of satisfaction.

It is hard to do this when your life is broken up into fragments that enjoy their best separation. Can balance be restored to a fragmented life?

Countless voices tell us that quiet time in some measure is required for achieving a more balanced life. Without reflection, the competition continues between life’s fragments. That we do reflect or contemplate in a noisy room? Some can, but I suspect most cannot.

Advent offers encouragement for quieting down, at least a little. Despite the pre-Christmas season’s busyness and shopping, Advent invites quiet recollection. It is a good time to re-collect the fragmented parts of life, whether personally or in a family or another community.

Any perspective on contemplation’s value was offered by the October 2012 world Synod of Bishops. It spent three weeks in Rome contemplating the many dimensions of the new evangelization. Credibility and authenticity are needed by those hoping to communicate their faith to their families or others, according to the synod.

Two complementary aspects of the life of faith that shape agents of the Gospel who are credible and authentic in others’ eyes were discussed in a section of the synod’s concluding message.

These two aspects of the life of faith—contemplating God and remaining at the side of the poor—encompass both prayer and action in the world. Let me highlight what the synod said about contemplation.

“A testimony that the world would consider credible” will arise “only from the deep silence” in which Christ can be welcomed, the synod said. It added that “prayerful silence” is essential for preventing “the word of salvation from being lost in the many noises that overrun the world.”

The synod’s conviction was that “moments of contemplation must interweave with people’s ordinary lives. That means people need ‘spaces in the soul’ along with ‘physical’ spaces in which to be reminded of God.”

Contemplation in these spaces keeps “us from losing ourselves in a flood of experiences,” the synod insisted.

Two questions are common whenever the value of reflection and contemplation are discussed. Can we quiet down in this 21st century, even for a bit? Once quieted down, what will we contemplate? Walking is my preferred form of exercise. My usual means of quieting down is to go for a walk.

Others quiet down by listening to beautiful music. Some turn off the television and cell phone. There are those, too, who quiet down by making their way inside a church.

Contemplation and prayer might flow freely once people actually quiet down. For many, however, the mind goes blank, which is not always bad. Their quiet time could be spent listening for God’s voice.

Still, repeating a brief prayer several times can settle the mind and spirit. One of many prayers is derived from the litany of the saints—“All you holy men and women pray for us.”

This Advent, many possible short prayers suggest themselves in Mass responses for responsorial psalms.

“This, O Lord, I lift my soul” is the response on Advent’s first day. This one is offered on Dec. 13. “The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.”

But what will be the content of any ensuing contemplation? Advent is a season of expectation and hope related to Christ’s coming. Thus, hope’s meaning in our own situation deserves reflection.

The good thing is that contemplating hope may well prompt the anticipated realization that we are more hopeful than we imagined. Who gives you hope? What renews hope when you feel down?

In Advent 2008, at the start of the economic crisis, Cardinal Adam J. Maida, then-archbishop of Detroit, proposed that people reflect on their financial situation.

We may “feel we have little power over the circumstances around us,” he observed. Yet, people have the power “to express concretely and creatively our solidarity with our brothers and sisters, many of whom are profoundly suffering.”

Advent is a season of hope. Hope is “a real desire for something that is certain, but not yet realized.” By definition, the contemporary world is one of uncertainty. So, declaring hope is anything but realist.

But the hope Advent offers is a “different” hope. Advent’s hope is “a joyful anticipation,” as the synod’s concluding message put it.

Two complementary aspects of that hope are “the joy that is certain for us, and the joy that is already realized.”

“Gradually,” the synod said, “we will wish to awaken that hope in others.”

By David Gibson

"Advent” is derived from the Latin word for “coming.” If we can manage to meditate on any “coming” in December in the midst of the comings and goings of Christmas shopping, it’s usually Christ coming to Earth in a stable.

But the Scripture readings for Mass during Advent mainly focus on another coming—the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time.

From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus’ promise to come back. Many have claimed to recognize the signs of his imminent return and have even tried to predict the date.

But our Advent Scripture readings tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down, neutralized and utterly distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

St. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 3 to work to make greater progress in the life of holiness, putting on the character of Christ.

But as we engage in the challenging work of preparation, we are to labor in joyful anticipation. For Advent is a season of hope. Yes, mountains need to be leveled and valleys must be filled in (Is 40:4). But that is primarily God’s task. And we will do it. For “God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory,” says the prophet Baruch (Bar 5:9).

In fact, the third Sunday of Advent is so much about rejoicing that it is called “Gaudete Sunday.” “Gaudete” is the Latin word for “rejoice,” and is taken from Paul’s command to the Church in Philippes heard in the second reading on that Sunday—“Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice!” (Phil 4:4-7).

Yet, the Gospel from this same Sunday features the stark figure of St. John the Baptist, calling people to repent and reform their lives in preparation for the coming of someone who is much mightier than John.

Especially during this Year of Faith, we, like John, are also to prepare the way by calling others to Christ. Think about inviting someone to church during Advent. Evangelization can be as simple as that.

The final Sunday of Advent seems to fit in more with our idea of the holiday spirit. Mary visits Elizabeth and the talk is about the two babies to be born. John leaps for joy in his mother’s womb, Elizabeth acclaims Mary, and Mary magnifies the Lord (Lk 1:26-38).

But bear in mind that Mary, newly pregnant, has just made a bumpy 70-mile donkey ride and has two more to go before she gives birth in a stable. And Elizabeth, of advanced age, is about to have her first child—by modern standards, a high-risk pregnancy. Advent joy is not always comfortable.

Of course, there is no birth without labor. So as we rejoice in hope over the imminent coming of Christ, perhaps we ought to do everything possible to make sure that the labor goes successfully.

For if Christ is born anew in us this Advent, there will be no birth without labor. And for some, a Church that yearly invites us to “come” in this season—will definitely be levied and valleys must be filled in (Is 40:4). But that is primarily God’s task. And we will do it. For “God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory,” says the prophet Baruch (Bar 5:9).
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For the Journey/Effie Caldarola

Sitting down for what she stands for in the fight for life

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There will be family and friends who can't make it this year, some because of distance, cost or other commitments, and some because of grief. Our grief over that loss, still fresh and raw, will at times feel personal in ways that will be hard enough for the things we stand for, at some point we have to recognize that we don't really stand for them.

(Effie Caldarola writes for Catholic News Service.)

*From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Year of Faith: What we believe about heaven

This day was special, however. It was Norma's last day on the street corner. She's tired. I used to take an hour, maybe two or three-hour, nap every day, but yesterday I slept for five hours. Something has been building to this place: this whole time, the group moves up to the Capitol rotunda to demonstrate. There, the rules say “no chairs” so someone brings a wheelchair for Norma. Where I stand up for her.

This is the first extended Christian description of heaven in the Book of Revelation. After that, among those who speculated about heaven were Sts. Augustine, Gregory the Great, Anselm, Bernard, Thomas Aquinas and Bonaventure.

As I said, the Church teaches that we will experience perfect happiness in heaven. A glimpse of our deep inner longings will be fulfilled. Yet, some people, because of their lives on earth, with their special talents and skills, will have greater opportunities in heaven. These people will be able to share their gifts with others who depend upon their lives on earth.

Just as both a large glass and a small glass can hold the same capacity, one will hold more than the other, so will some people have a greater capacity for happiness than others will. This is why we shouldn't just try to get into heaven by doing the bare minimum here on Earth.

When it gets right down to it, we humans cannot understand heaven. What we know, though, is that "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor. 2:9)

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Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

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First Sunday of Advent

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012

• Jeremiah 33:14-16
• 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

This weekend begins the Church’s liturgical year. Advent serves two purposes. It inaugurates a new 12-month cycle for the Church, especially in the sense of the weekend liturgies and the liturgical seasons. Imagine that this weekend is the first day of a school term. The Church calls us this weekend to anticipate the coming of Christ. At Christmas, the feast of the Epiphany and that of the Lord’s baptism, the Church will introduce us to Jesus. In a few months, we will prepare us for the climactic moments in the story of salvation, the Lord’s crucifixion and then the resurrection of Easter. Then the Church will urge us to ponder this means for us, and how we should respond. More particularly, therefore, Advent is much more than a time to prepare for Christmas. It is a temporal, penitential season for decision-making when everything around us is feverish in partying and commercialism. Without considering anything else, the clash between the spirit of Advent and the frenzy of preparing for Christmas in our culture reminds us that the Lord’s kingdom is ‘not of this world.’

The First Epistle to the Thessalonians supplies the next reading. It is an appeal to the Christians of Thessalonica, now the Greek city of Saloniki, to love each other. This love will be the sign of inwardly following the Lord. St. Luke’s Gospel gives this weekend’s liturgy its third reading. Quoting Jesus, it states that everything earthly is subject to change and will end. God is eternal. The perfection of God’s law is eternal. Jesus is eternal. Only in God does genuine permanence and security abide. Christmas, in every culture, is soft and lonely. Such befits the commemoration of the birth of the loving and forgiving Redeemer, Jesus the Lord. Although distractions abound, especially with all the materialism that has come to surround the season—and with all the making merry just to make merry—Jesus in any estimate remains at the center of Christmas. Advent urges us to remember this fact and to put Jesus in our hearts—literally.

The readings remind us that in the world good stands starkly opposite evil. Such is to be expected in an imperfect material state and in a population of human beings who, vested with free will, can be hurtful to others and themselves or choose to live virtuously in daily life situations. Where we are in this purview of creation, because of our free will, results from our decision to follow the Lord or not follow him. If we choose the side of right and of God, we will need strength. Evil is powerful, and it loves us to death. We must ask for God’s strength, and our request must be sincere. Advent is the time to decide—or to reaffirm our decision—to follow God, and to make our decision total and sincere.

My Journey to God

The Angel

The child was dead. Since he had been a good child, an angel was telling him a story:

When a good child dies, an angel appears and, together, they visit all the places the child has loved.

And that’s just what they did.

But the angel had plans of his own.

The angel told another story:

On that barren street there lived a poor little boy who had been ill

(Is nettie Farris a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County. She wrote this poem after reflecting on a fairy tale titled “The Angel” by Hans Christian Andersen.)

Daily Readings

Monday, Dec. 3

St. Francis Xavier, priest Isaiah 21:1-3
Psalm 122:1-9 Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec. 4


Wednesday, Dec. 5


Thursday, Dec. 6

St. Nicholas, bishop Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 7


Saturday, Dec. 8


Sunday, Dec. 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:10-14 Psalm 126:1-6 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

Question Corner

Fr. Kenneth Doyle

Priest determines eucharistic prayer used during celebration of the Mass

Q

What determines which of the eucharistic prayers is used at Sunday Mass?

When I try to follow along in my missalea, I often lose my place at this point because I am trying to figure out which eucharistic prayer the celebrant has chosen. Is it simply up to him?

I know that you’re probably thinking, ‘If the priest should be reading the missalea at that point anyhow, just listening to the priest. But I have a learning disability and become quickly distracted hearing the spoken word alone.’ (Superior, Wis.)

A

The Roman Missal contains four general eucharistic prayers, another two on the days of recognition as well as an eucharistic prayer for Masses for various needs and occasions, which has five options.

In addition, there are three eucharistic prayers for Masses with children, but those are now published in a separate volume.

To answer your question, the choice of which eucharistic prayer to use is left pretty much to the priest-celebrant’s discretion. There are, however, in the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal,” some guidelines that help the priest decide which prayer might be most appropriate—with respect, at least, to the four basic options (365):

• Eucharistic Prayer 1—which is sometimes referred to by its former title as the “Roman Canon”—is especially appropriate on major feasts since it provides for references to that feast to be included in the celebration itself. It is also suitable on feast days of those saints who are mentioned by name in the prayer.
• Eucharistic Prayer 2 is the briefest of the four options, and for that reason is often used for weekday Masses.
• Eucharistic Prayer 3 is “preferred on Sundays and festival days.”
• Eucharistic Prayer 4 “gives a fuller summary of salvation history.”

I tend to use Eucharistic Prayer 4 when I am celebrating with a congregation that is especially in touch with biblical theology or sometimes as a change of pace with a weekday congregation.

For your purposes in trying to find quickly in your missalea the particular prayer the priest has chosen, I would suggest that if you turn first on weekdays to Eucharistic Prayer 2 and on Sundays to Eucharistic Prayer 3 then the odds will be with you.

In our diocesan newspaper, I have noticed pictures of deacons wearing what I always considered to be “priests’ collars.” I am curious as to when this practice started and why.

I know that the number of new priests has decreased dramatically in the last few decades. Is this a look for “appearances”? (Harrisburg, Va.)

A

There are two categories of Roman Catholic deacons.

Those referred to as transitional deacons are those who are on their way to becoming priests. They are normally ordained to the diaconate one year before ordination to the priesthood.

On the other hand, permanent deacons are not on the path to the priesthood. They often have full-time jobs in secular professions and most of them are married.

Deacons of either type are members of the clergy. They can preach at Mass, administer the sacrament of baptism and instruct the young in the Catholic faith. They cannot, however, celebrate the Eucharist, receive the eucharist or pronounce blessings.

The permanent diaconate was restored to the Catholic Church in the early 1970s and I am assuming that your question probably relates to permanent deacons since there is some 15,000 in the U.S. but only a few hundred transitional deacons.

Permanent deacons most often do not wear clerical collars. In fact, national guidelines for deacons say that “because they (permanent deacons) are prominent and active in secular professions and society, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops specifies that permanent deacons should resemble the lay faithful in dress and matters of lifestyle.”

The guidelines note, however, that each bishop has the prerogative of determining the proper attire for permanent deacons within his own see.

Some dioceses prohibit clerical collars. Some grant it to the deacon himself to determine what is appropriate on which occasion to wear the collar will enhance his ministry. Many dioceses—perhaps most—generally discourage clerical attire, but make exceptions when a deacon is involved in hospital or prison ministry.

At least one diocese directs that, when deacons dress in clerical collar, they wear a gray shirt rather than a black shirt as a priest would wear.

For your purposes in trying to find quickly in your missalea the particular prayer the priest has chosen, I would suggest that if you turn first on weekdays to Eucharistic Prayer 2 and on Sundays to Eucharistic Prayer 3 then the odds will be with you. 
Advent penance services are scheduled at archdiocesan parishes

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Advent. The following is a list of services that have been reported to The Criterion.

**Batesville Deanery**
- **Dec. 1, 2 p.m.** for Immaculate Conception, Milltown
- **Dec. 3, 3-6 p.m.** for St. Nicholas, Ripley County
- **Dec. 19, 6 p.m.** at St. Joseph, Enochsburg
- **Dec. 21, 6 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Enochsburg
- **Dec. 24, 10 a.m.** for St. John, French Lick
- **Dec. 26, 6 p.m.** at St. Nicholas, Ripley County

**Indianapolis North Deanery**
- **Dec. 1, 7 a.m.** at St. Michael, Avon
- **Dec. 2, 7:30 a.m.** at St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church
- **Dec. 6, 7 a.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Dallas Center
- **Dec. 10, 6 p.m.** at St. Joseph, Westfield
- **Dec. 14, 6 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Greenwood
- **Dec. 19, 7 a.m.** at St. Joseph, Indianapolis South
- **Dec. 26, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Muncie

**Indianapolis South Deanery**
- **Dec. 2, 7 p.m.** at St. Joseph, Tipton
- **Dec. 6, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Martinsville
- **Dec. 13, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Indianapolis
- **Dec. 19, 7 p.m.** at St. Andrew, Bloomington
- **Dec. 23, 7 p.m.** at Sacred Heart, Indianapolis

**Indianapolis East Deanery**
- **Dec. 3, 7 p.m.** at St. Joseph, Clarksville
- **Dec. 7, 7 a.m.** at St. Joseph, Batesville
- **Dec. 10, 7 a.m.** at St. Joseph, Kokomo

**Indianapolis West Deanery**
- **Dec. 3, 7 p.m.** at St. Michael, Noblesville
- **Dec. 10, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Greenfield
- **Dec. 12, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Indianapolis
- **Dec. 19, 7 p.m.** at St. Joseph, Greensburg

**New Albany Deanery**
- **Dec. 3, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, New Albany
- **Dec. 10, 7 p.m.** at St. Joseph, Clarksville
- **Dec. 12, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Clarksville
- **Dec. 13, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Jeffersonville

**Terre Haute Deanery**
- **Dec. 6, 7 p.m.** at St. Joseph, Terre Haute
- **Dec. 12, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Terre Haute

**Vevay Deanery**
- **Dec. 3, 7 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Assumption, Vevay


St. Roch Parish, Family Life Center, 363 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Single seniors meeting**, 1 p.m., age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-4027.

**December 9**
- **9 Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5355 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Caracullies Senior Order meeting**, noon. Information: 317-345-7881.

Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **40th annual Christmas concert**, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., $8 per person. Information: 317-787-1882 or ladi@holynnn.com.

**December 13**
- **13 St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 7375 Holliday Drive, E. Indianapolis. **“Journey into Faith–Matthew: The King and His Kingdom,” Sun. 10-11 a.m., Mon. 9-10 a.m., Thurs. 7-8:15 p.m., $35 per person. Information: 317-259-4737, ext. 256, or phane@etczone.com.

**December 19**
- **19 Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5355 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Caracullies Senior Order meeting**, noon. Information: 317-345-7881.

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Frank and Mary Alice (Reid) Skinner, members of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 1. The couple was married on Dec. 1, 1962, at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church in Indianapolis.

They are the parents of four children, Ann Sutton, Andrew, David and Doug Skinner. They also have eight grandchildren. †
Holy Family mosaic

A mosaic of Mary and Joseph presenting the child Jesus to Simon converted the chapel of the Jesuit intimation in Rome. The Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments is establishing an office to promote the development and use of appropriate liturgical art, architecture and music.

Benedictine Father Simeon Daly was a librarian, author and monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey

Benedictine Father Simeon Daly, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, died on Nov. 10 at the monastery intimation. He was 90.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 14 at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln in St. Meinrad. Burial followed at the Holy Family Cemetery.

Father Simeon was a jubilant of profession and priesthood, and a participant in the Rush Religious Studies on Aging and Alzheimer’s disease.

John Philip Daly was born on May 9, 1922, in Detroit.

After completing his elementary education, he enrolled at Saint Meinrad’s former minor seminary.

He was invested as a Benedictine novice in 1943, he served as subprior, or third in leadership, of the monastery from 1975 to 1978.

He was the chairman or a member of the monastery’s liturgical committee for many years.

Father Simeon also served as subprior, or third in leadership, of the monastery from 1975 to 1978.

Most recently, he assisted at Saint Meinrad’s Development Office.

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The Knights of Columbus offers prayerful best wishes to Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin as he begins his apostolic ministry shepherding the Archdiocese of Indianapolis kofc.org