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## Learning a lesson in love



Above, Lauren Gahimer of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood gives a hug to one of the children she recently taught in Ethiopia.

Right, Erin Gahimer of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood shares a smile with one of her students in Argentina where she has served a three-month missionary stint.



## Sisters grow in lives of faith through missionary service around the world

By John Shaughnessy

Erin and Lauren Gahimer are like many sisters: They have their own unique qualities, but they also have a bond that connects them at their core.

One connection that binds the sisters from SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood is the way they live their faith through service around the world.

So it seems fitting that there was a certain sisterly serendipity in the defining experiences they each had recently

as 23-year-old Erin did a three-month missionary stint in South America while 21-year-old Lauren spent a month in Ethiopia teaching English to children.

Both experiences involved interactions with little girls who cared enough to reach out to a stranger during an unsettling time.

"One particular Tuesday, I was walking to the market when a little 9-year-old Ethiopian girl in my class saw me and approached me," Lauren recalls. "We both entered the market and began shuffling through the large crowd of people. At one point, I became extremely overwhelmed.

There were animals on all sides of me, children yelling at me for money, and pressure to keep moving. However, I was at a standstill and did not know what to do.

"Suddenly, a little hand grabbed my own. Zubad was her name. She was my student, and she led me through the market safely. She also helped me make purchases and ensure that I was being treated with kindness and respect from her country people. It was truly a moment I will never forget. It really renewed my faith in the human spirit."

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## Cardinal to Congress: Disclose abortion coverage in health care law

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley urged members of Congress to support the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, a measure that would require health plans to disclose if they subsidize abortion coverage.

Cardinal O'Malley, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the legislation would address one part of the abortion-related problem in the Affordable Care Act.

In his Nov. 1 letter, the cardinal pointed out that under the federal health care law—unless state law requires otherwise—each insurer may

choose whether to include coverage of elective abortions in health plans it offers on a state health exchange.

He noted that if the insurer does cover such abortions, the overall health plan may still receive federal tax subsidies, which he said violates the policies governing all other federal health programs.

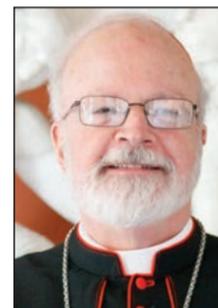
"In no other program may federal funds subsidize any part of a health plan that covers such abortions; and nowhere else does the federal government forbid insurers to allow an 'opt-out' from such coverage on conscience grounds," he wrote.

The cardinal added that the health care law also has "unique secrecy provisions" protecting the insurer from having to answer if the plan covers abortions—except when it lists all services at the time the consumer is already enrolling in the plan. The insurer also does not have to reveal how much of the person's premium goes into a separate abortion fund.

"In other words, not only may pro-life people have a very limited choice of health plans that do not violate their consciences—but the law makes it all but impossible for them to find out which plans they are," Cardinal O'Malley said.

He also cited a 2009 poll that showed

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Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley

## 'Pathway to Citizenship Pilgrimage' takes immigration proponents on 48-mile walk of faith

By Kevin Cullen

The Catholic Moment

ANDERSON, Ind.—They walked 48 miles to draw attention to their cause, but they couldn't get U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks to agree to co-sponsor a measure that would open a "pathway to citizenship" for 11 million undocumented immigrants.

The "Pathway to Citizenship Pilgrimage" began early on Nov. 1 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis, the home parish for the freshman Republican congresswoman.

During the next four days, the 11 marchers—each representing 1 million immigrants—walked to Carmel, Noblesville, Lapel and, finally, Anderson.

Their walk ended on Nov. 4, when they were joined by more than 150 other people. Together, they all marched from St. Mary Church in Anderson in the Lafayette Diocese to Brooks' office, a few blocks away. Most were Latinos. They carried banners and

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Maria Bordonave, a member of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis, right, walked from Carmel to Anderson. "Our sacrifice will bear fruit," she said.

# SISTERS

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Erin had a similar experience while working with students at a mission in Argentina. A little girl—a stranger—helped her navigate the streets of Buenos Aires during her first week there in August.

It was among the moments that led Erin to note, “These instances have just blown me away and given me a renewed sense of the human capacity to love and open one’s arms to the stranger.”

It’s the same gift that Erin and Lauren have been trying to share through their service this year.

## ‘God’s got it’

Erin describes her missionary stint in Argentina as “a complete leap of faith.”

After graduating from the University of Dayton in May, she wasn’t sure what direction she wanted to follow in her life, so she decided to do something “new, adventurous and meaningful” with her Spanish degree—volunteering in a Spanish-speaking country.

From early August through early November, she worked for a Catholic organization called the Marianist Mission Foundation. She served as a teaching assistant in two schools, one in the heart of a slum. She also helped at-risk college students.

“Coming to Argentina was a complete leap of faith,” she says. “I came by myself to a place, a continent to be specific, I’ve never been to in my life—to work with people I had only met via Skype. And it was just me, hoping it would all work out OK.”

The experience not only worked out better than she expected, it reinforced in her the Catholic sense of community that she felt as a student at Dayton, Roncalli High School in Indianapolis and Our Lady of the Greenwood School in Greenwood.

“The opening of people’s houses to me as a complete stranger, the hospitality to strike up a conversation with me, or the offering to help me navigate my way around Buenos Aires are all examples of how I felt right at home [thousands of] miles away from the U.S.

“This experience has also strengthened my faith in God and his plan for me. While I still am not 100 percent certain about my future career and study plans, this experience has helped me realize that everything will work out in its own time. When I was stressed out earlier in the year

about my post-graduation plans, God knew what was waiting for me in Buenos Aires.

“This faith experience has been a reminder to me that, as a popular Gospel song says, ‘God’s got it.’ Do your best, have faith and God’s got the rest.”

## Learning a lesson in love

As she taught English to children in Ethiopia in August, Lauren soon realized that she was also receiving an education from her students.

“The young girls, barely 9 years of age, had such a great influence on me,” she says.

“One day, while I was sitting with them, each one reached into their pocket and removed a hand-stitched bracelet. They each said they had spent their nights making the bracelet specifically for me. In addition to the bracelets, I began to realize that these children would give me anything and everything they owned. It really showed me that those who have the least give the most.”

The bracelets became a symbol of the kind of love and generosity that Lauren doesn’t experience often in her homeland.

“From my experience in the United States, I know that many people are very slow to truly love and trust another human being. Americans are very individualistic and therefore take a longer time to give of themselves to another human being. In Ethiopia, this is not the case. These children were so quick to love.

“I believe that this quality translates to their steadfast devotion to their faith and God. For me, I find it difficult to trust and give my everything to God, but watching the people of Ethiopia do this so naturally and effortlessly was inspiring. While watching the children pray, I wished that one day I would have a faith such as their own in which I could give of myself so willingly and effortlessly.”

That search for a deeper faith also led Lauren on a different journey in the past year.

## Living outside the comfort zone

During the 2012-13 school year, the nursing student at St. Louis University studied in Madrid, Spain. During her time there, Lauren walked 100 miles along the ancient pilgrimage path that leads to the cathedral of St. James at Santiago de Compostela. The path is known as the “Camino” in Spanish and “the Way” in English.

“Toward the end of my 100-mile stint, I was aching from discomfort,” she recalls.



Lauren, left, and Erin Gahimer of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood share a rare moment together during a year when the two sisters have traveled to different parts of the world to help others.

“My feet were covered with blisters, muscles throbbing, and tendons swollen. Each step was a tremendous effort.

“I decided to take a break. As I was sitting there, I realized that there were many pilgrims sitting and taking a rest. To my right, there were people speaking Spanish. To my left, people speaking French. In front, people speaking German. Behind, people speaking English. Like myself, these individuals had removed their shoes to observe and tend to their aching feet. For me, that was a moment of comfort. I was hurting, but not alone.”

As she rested, she noticed the message printed on a T-shirt worn by one of the pilgrims: “Sin Dolor, No Hay Gloria.”

“This translates to, ‘Without pain, there is no glory,’” Lauren says. “After reading this shirt, I made the connection to the Camino and life on Earth and eternal life.

Life on earth is like the Camino as it can be painful as a result of sin. Likewise, the cathedral is a metaphor to eternal life as it is the ultimate goal.”

Lauren’s journey on the Camino also reminds her of a lesson that she and Erin have learned in their efforts to live their faith through service.

“I never understood life on Earth and eternal life more than when seeing the eclectic group of individuals on the Camino—all suffering and walking toward a common goal,” Lauren says. “This really went to show for me that simply studying and being surrounded by religion would not offer all the answers I need.

“Sometimes, we have to go outside our comfort zones to really find those answers—and come to a better understanding of our purpose in this life.” †

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Effective Nov. 27, 2013

**Rev. Pascal Nduka**, Diocese of Isele-Uku, Nigeria, administrator of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Morris and sacramental minister at St. Nicholas Parish in Ripley County, completes a seven-year assignment in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

**Rev. Shaun P. Whittington**, returning from graduate studies, appointed pastor of

St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Morris and St. Nicholas Parish in Ripley County.

**Sister Linda Bates, O.S.F.**, parish life coordinator at St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman, appointed parish life coordinator of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan.

Effective Dec. 1, 2013

**Sister Shirley Gerth, O.S.F.**, parish life coordinator at St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon, appointed parish life

coordinator at St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood while continuing as parish life coordinator at St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon.

**The Very Rev. John A. Meyer**, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg, dean of the Batesville Deanery, and priest moderator for Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen, St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood, and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County, appointed

priest moderator for St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan and St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon, while continuing as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg, dean of the Batesville Deanery, and priest moderator for the parishes of Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen, St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County.

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# New endowments help CCF continue its mission of stewardship

By Natalie Hoefler

Brooke Lahr, a member of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis, was 25 and in her third year of serving as a volunteer missionary when she was struck by a car and killed in Mexico on April 21.

As they worked through their grief, her parents, Mark and Colleen Lahr, paid tribute to Brooke's love for mission work by establishing a fund in her memory through the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' Catholic Community Foundation (CCF).

"The week before her death, Brooke was very touched by the tragedy that happened in Boston with the marathon," said Mark. "She wrote about the idea that a small sapling will find its way through the charred ground and grow anew. It's very symbolic of what we're trying to do now."

"It's not just for Brooke," Colleen added. "It's for her age group. It's reinforcing [the decision] for anyone who follows this path [of international mission work]."

The Brooke Nicole Lahr Memorial Donor-Advised Fund for International Mission Work was one of 31 new endowments and funds created during the 2012-13 fiscal year through CCF.

The foundation serves as a resource for ensuring the long-term financial health of parishes, schools and ministry agencies in central and southern Indiana through endowments and planned gifts.

During the Catholic Community Foundation annual meeting held on Oct. 30 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin recalled his first official meeting with the group a year ago.

"I could not get my head around the reports," he said. "But I recognized I was in the room with very competent people."

"Today I understand what the CCF is about, and what it's supposed to do. I've grown in admiration of the real reverential care [the CCF] takes as stewards of the generosity of people who believe in the mission of the Church and want to do something about it."

The yearly meeting, which was preceded by Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tobin at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, provides an opportunity to review the state of the endowments that the CCF manages—all 437 of them as of June 30, totaling more than \$147 million.

In addition to establishing 31 new endowments and funds, the Catholic Community Foundation distributed more than \$6.7 million to parishes, schools and ministry agencies during the 2012-13 fiscal year.



Above, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin speaks with Teresa Horan, a member of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg, at the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) annual meeting on Oct. 30 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. Her son, Donald Horan, a past CCF board of trustees' member, died in a plane crash last December with his wife, Barbara, and their friends Stephen and Denise Butz. All were members of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg.

John and Melissa Duffy are among those who started a "donor-advised fund" this fiscal year under the CCF umbrella.

John, an investment advisor by profession, explained the term "donor-advised fund."

"With endowments, a certain amount is given out each year. But with a donor-advised fund, we [have chosen not to] have any limitation on how much we can give out. It's like a checking account. We can add money to [the fund] at any time, and we have [chosen] the flexibility to make unrestricted donations from it to meet archdiocesan needs, whatever they are."

The Duffys prefer giving to the Church because "we can see our money at work in the archdiocese," said John.

"We can go to Holy Family Shelter and see families getting cared for and kids getting medical attention."

In addition to discussing CCF progress over the last fiscal year, the meeting also provided an opportunity for a report on the financial state of the archdiocese.

"We completed our eighth consecutive year with a break-even or small surplus in our operating budget," said Brian Burkert, archdiocesan chief financial officer. "For fiscal year 2013, we ended just \$1.8 million ahead of our almost \$32 million operating budget."

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Right, Patricia Marchino, left, and Agnes Sullivan of St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish in Zionsville in the Lafayette Diocese pray after Communion at the Mass celebrated on Oct. 30 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis preceding the Catholic Community Foundation annual meeting at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

## Foundation offers ways for people from all walks of life to give

Criterion staff report

As the archdiocese's Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) wrapped up its annual meeting on Oct. 30, *The Criterion* spoke with Ellen Brunner, the foundation's director, to learn more about what CCF is, what it does and how to participate.

Here is an edited transcript of that interview.

### Q What is the Catholic Community Foundation?

A "It's like a savings account for our archdiocese. Anyone who operates a household budget understands you've got to have resources to keep the lights on and pay the heating bill.

"But you also need to be planning for those times when you may need a little

more. I see the CCF as providing that safeguard. Like personal savings, you set those funds aside.

"People can donate through wills, charitable trusts and other ways, like endowments—which are perpetual—or donor-advised funds—which may not be perpetual, like a checking account. "It's a nice addition to work that's done on

an annual basis. What a great resource for people who want to remember their

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Ellen Brunner

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## Editorial



Pope Francis shakes hands with Argentine tennis player Juan Martin del Potro after his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on May 15.

## Bullying in the NFL, and a rosary that meant everything

They are so often put on a pedestal by some people, though many of them would argue they are really no different than the rest of us.

It should come as no surprise that many share stories of long days and countless hours honing their God-given gifts, which has allowed them to achieve the success they have in life.

The world-class athletes we see excel on their respective stages are role models to some, but we think there's an important question that is sometimes left out of the conversation when discussing these men and women: How do they live their lives away from the field, off the court or out of the limelight?

Some deeply personal stories have brought very different athletes to the front of sports pages—and websites, Twitter, Facebook and other forms of social media—in recent days, and they offer poignant lessons that are worth sharing with our children, young people and all of society.

Could anyone have ever imagined incidents of alleged bullying in the National Football League (NFL)? If you did, it probably didn't involve hulking linemen weighing more than 300 pounds, and standing well over 6-feet tall.

But that's exactly what is being reported in Miami, where offensive lineman Jonathan Martin left the team on Oct. 28 for unspecified reasons.

It was learned this week that teammate Richie Incognito, also an offensive lineman, had been allegedly bullying Martin for quite some time.

Media reports paint a picture of a profanity-laced voice mail, and racial slurs in text messages, among other things.

Incognito was suspended by the team on Nov. 3.

Other recent cases of bullying, including some through social media, have sadly led to some young people taking their own lives.

The message here should be simple: Bullying has become a big problem, and the NFL case and other recent examples that have made headlines should help all of us in society work together to address this issue—which affects young people and adults alike in all walks of life.

While he has not been bullied that we know of, professional tennis player Juan Martin del Potro made headlines in recent days, too.

Del Potro, a native of Argentina,

and one of the world's best at his craft, was robbed recently while signing an autograph in Paris outside a train station.

The robbers took his suitcase, which included his passport, money and other belongings.

But del Potro also lost one of his most prized possessions, a rosary blessed by Pope Francis when he met him in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on May 15 after the Holy Father's weekly general audience.

"I carried my rosary everywhere," said the 25-year-old del Potro. "That's what matters most to me."

In a feature recently published in *The Telegraph*, a British newspaper, columnist Simon Briggs shares an insight into del Potro's priorities in life. Faith is at the top of the list.

The tennis player said speaking to Pope Francis, who like him is from Argentina, during his trip to Rome was special.

"It was a big moment for me, maybe the biggest moment of my life," del Potro said. "I was able to speak to him about tennis and about his career. Everybody knows I am Catholic, and this was a fantastic opportunity to speak to him and hear what he is doing for the world."

This from an athlete who has won several world class tennis tournaments, including the U.S. Open in 2009.

Del Potro admits there are challenges to life as a professional athlete, but his faith, he says, is at the root of everything.

"I go to church in Argentina and I try to keep it up during the tournaments. Sometimes it is difficult to find a church, and then there is the problem that people follow you everywhere. But I try to be close to one whenever I can," he said.

"I am very Catholic. I am trying to be a good person every day, and do what my parents teach me when I was a kid. Some athletes can change because it's not easy when you became famous too fast. The money, the pictures, the fans following you everywhere. You can have everything you want. There are different temptations every time, but you have to be calm with your focus and your work."

When it comes to faith and athletics, del Potro is one of the athletes who is a role model.

—Mike Krokos

## Letters to the Editor

### Column leads to reader's change of heart about the death penalty

I read with interest the "For the Journey" column written by Effie Caldarola in the Oct. 11 issue of *The Criterion*. The article featured the headline, "We are all called to represent the presence of God on Earth."

The writer was relaying her experience with spending time with Sister of St. Joseph of Medaille Sister Helen Prejean, the author of *Dead Man Walking*, and spiritual director to inmate Elmo Patrick Sonnier, who was awaiting execution on death row.

Nebraska is very close to repealing the death penalty, and Sister Helen was invited to speak to officials in hopes of aiding in the success of the repeal.

I had seen the movie *Dead Man Walking* a number of years ago, and was very touched by Sister Helen's empathy, kindness, love and dedication to the inmate, but I was still in favor of the death penalty.

Many years ago, I had written a paper in college supporting the idea that the death penalty was a deterrent to capital crime.

However, when I read the column

in *The Criterion* where Caldarola states "that Nebraskans are too good for this failed system, this method of killing to prove killing is wrong," it opened my eyes to the absurdity of that practice. She also stated that repeal of the death penalty is a pro-life Catholic issue.

I had never looked at it that way, and being a pro-life advocate, that made sense

to me. The column went on to say, "Every human life deserves dignity no matter what sins we have committed, and we are all sinners before a merciful God."

Sister Helen told inmate Sonnier "to keep his eyes on her because she would be the face of Christ for him." Caldarola said, "We are called to be the presence of God, called to be his hands on this Earth ..."

This also made me think that God is

all-merciful. He forgave the thief on the cross at Jesus' crucifixion, and showed us that we should all show mercy to others.

This article changed my view of the death penalty. The idea of killing to prove killing is wrong is absurd.

**Barbara Davis-Hinkle**  
Connersville

## Final Mass at St. Mary Magdalene a time to remember and grieve

Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish in New Marion recently endured the pain and suffering of closing for the second time in the history of the church.

The church was closed the first time in 1941 when the the government took over, and it became the Jefferson Proving Ground. The church and the land they lived on was taken, and the beautiful church was bombed!

We cannot even walk on the ground anymore to look because of unexploded ammunition. This was done within weeks, leaving people physically, mentally and emotionally scarred. Our beloved and faithful dead had to be moved.

My uncle and aunt, ages 90 and 86, live two blocks away from our church, attended Mass every week but could not go to our final Mass because of the grief they are going through again. Our parish family, once more, is shattered and scattered. All we wanted was to keep Jesus in our small community.

God chose a small and simple place for Jesus our Lord and Savior to come to us. He gathered his disciples and Mary in a small room when the Holy Spirit came,

and thus began our Catholic faith, and then again in a small upper room to bring himself to us in the Eucharist.

Wow, this shows how strong faith is in our small and simple churches. Ours and many more to come will be extinct. Children from now on will not be able to experience the love of our small churches.

Our last Mass on Oct. 27 was celebrated beautifully by Father Joe Newton, who had only been our priest for about a month. He was joined by two of our former priests, Father Frank Eckstein and Father Darvin Winters, who concelebrated the Mass, and Deacon Mike Gardner. Our parish wants to very humbly thank them for coming back. It truly meant a great deal.

We thank all the ones who helped in any way, and for all who came and prayed with us. The church and hall were packed. A catered grand buffet was served to all.

We want to thank Our Blessed Mother, and St. Mary Magdalene for standing at the foot of the cross once more.

**Mary Jane Hunter**  
New Marion

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Letters from readers are welcome and every effort will be made to include letters from as many people and representing as many viewpoints as possible. Letters should be informed, relevant, well-expressed and temperate in tone. They must reflect a basic sense of courtesy and respect.

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# Seminarian's journey deepens his life of faith

By John Shaughnessy

The first interaction between seminarian Tony Hollowell and the stranger in Vietnam seemed headed for a heated confrontation.

The scene unfolded in a park in Hanoi, Vietnam—part of the amazing, recent three-month journey that took the 31-year-old Hollowell to three continents and six countries.

Hollowell was sitting on a bench after lunch when a stranger named Hung approached him.

"I was listening to music on a park bench, getting ready to lie down because the sun was hot and my stomach was digesting a few spring rolls from lunch, when a Vietnamese asks to sit down exactly where I was already leaning to lie down," Hollowell recalled. "I very angrily say, 'Sure,' and though I knew I was acting like a 5-year-old who was pouting, I couldn't help it."

Yet instead of turning into an ugly moment, what happened next led Hollowell into a surprising personal connection and an even deeper appreciation of his Catholic faith during the Year of Faith.

## An unexpected conversation

"Luckily, God prevents me from screwing up the entire thing," Hollowell continued. "We begin to talk about school. He is studying engineering. 'Cool,' I say. 'What do you do?' he says. 'I am studying to be a Catholic priest,' I say."

That's when the conversation took a turn Hollowell never expected. He recalled the exchange in this way:

Hung: "What's a Catholic priest?"

Hollowell: "Do you know what a Catholic is?"

Hung: "No."

Hollowell: "Do you know what Buddhism or Islam are?"

Hung: "No."

Hollowell: "Do you know what prayer is?"

Hung: "No."

That's when Hollowell asked the big question, "Do you know who God is?" When Hung said no again, Hollowell led him on a walk to the nearby Catholic cathedral.

Inside, Hollowell showed Hung a crucifix, explaining that Jesus is God and died to save people from their sins. He also showed Hung a statue of Mary, the mother of God.

When Hung said, "I know her! That is Maria!" Hollowell noted: "This guy doesn't know anything about Catholicism, religion, prayer or God, but he knows about Mary."

So Hollowell showed Hung the Mass schedule and told him he could come to the church any day to pray to Mary. He also told Hung that the church is where Catholic priests minister, and he could talk to one in Vietnamese if he ever wanted.



Seminarian Tony Hollowell poses for a photo in Jilin, China, with the city's Catholic cathedral in the background. The visit to the Chinese city was part of a recent three-month journey that led Hollowell to three continents, six countries and countless encounters with people who tested and strengthened his faith.

Outside the church, Hung and Hollowell continued their conversation, drinking watermelon juice and eating white chocolate cake before exchanging e-mail addresses and saying goodbye.

Hollowell later reflected on that connection, writing in his journal: "He was a very humble, kind, young man, and I wonder what that encounter was all about, and how God wants to use it in both of our lives to fulfill his plan. I am convinced that it was for not only the good of my soul, but also for the people I will one day serve."

Hollowell also added in his journal: "The most amazing thing that exists on this planet is the human person. It took me five continents, 16 countries and 31 years, but I leave the summer with this conviction firmly planted in my mind and my heart."

It was a summer during which Hollowell learned from Maryknoll priests in South Korea, taught English to students in China, and traveled with archdiocesan priest Father John Kamwendo to his home in Tanzania in Africa.

There, Hollowell had another

memorable encounter—this time with an 89-year-old German missionary living in Tanzania.

## 'We share a common nature'

The life story of Benedictine Father Ulrich Stoeckl fascinated Hollowell.

He learned that Father Ulrich was born in Germany in 1924, and was forced to fight in the German army in World War II. During those years, he was shot three times, captured by the Russians and forced into a labor camp for a few years.

After his release, he entered a Benedictine monastery and was ordained a priest in 1950. In 1955, he was sent as a missionary to Africa where he served for more than 50 years. During that time, he influenced Father Kamwendo, now associate pastor of St. Pius X Parish

in Indianapolis, who also assists with sacramental needs at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

"On the last day of my visit, Father John and I knelt on the wooden floor to receive his blessing," recalled Hollowell, a 2000 graduate of

Roncalli High School in Indianapolis and a 2004 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. "His hunched frame rose slowly. He extended his thin, frail hands, proclaimed his blessing in Swahili, and sent us on our way. When I stood up to shake his hand, he had tears in his eyes."

It was an emotional moment for Hollowell, too.

"I think it likely I will never see him again on this Earth, but he touched my soul in a deep way. I hope that his blessing works through my priesthood so that others can know the love of the Father."

Father Ulrich and Hung were among the countless people that Hollowell met during his three-month journey. Even though language differences were often part of those interactions, the encounters have deepened the faith of Hollowell, who has returned to his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

"I find the Catholic proposition to be quite convincing: I believe in one God, the Father almighty," he said. "There is one Father, and all people are his children."

"We share a common nature that comes from our common inheritance of being made in the image and likeness of God. What I was able to communicate with these people from all around the world was not some base, unimportant dimension of the human person. Rather, we were talking to one another about love and compassion, guilt and shame, peace and joy." †

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Tony Hollowell



Above, Seminarian Tony Hollowell poses with some of the college students to whom he taught English during three weeks in China.

Left, Seminarian Tony Hollowell, second from left, and Father John Kamwendo, at right, visited Father Kamwendo's hometown of Masasi in Tanzania in June. Father Kamwendo and Hollowell returned to the priest's hometown in Africa shortly after Father Kamwendo's May 18 ordination in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Also in the photo are Father Lucas Achinamalindi, left, rector of the Junior Seminary in Tanzania; Fredrick Alex, a nephew of Father Kamwendo; Faith Titus Livigha, a niece of Father Kamwendo; and Josephine Kamwendo, a sister of Father Kamwendo.

## Events Calendar

### November 8-9

St. Louis de Montfort Parish, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers, Ind., (Diocese of Lafayette), **Healing Hidden Hurts, post abortion healing seminar and training**, Fri. seminar, 7-8:30 p.m., no charge, Sat. facilitator training, \$108 per person, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 317-297-7578 or [Debbie@healinghiddenhurts.org](mailto:Debbie@healinghiddenhurts.org).

### November 9

St. Malachy School, gym, 330 N. Green St., Brownsburg. **Eighth grade garage and bake sale**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 317-858-0759 or [strelnek@gmail.com](mailto:strelnek@gmail.com).

St. Roch Parish, Family Life Center, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Single Seniors meeting**, 1 p.m., age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-4207.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Knights of Columbus Council #14449, A Knight in New Orleans, Cajun/Creole dinner to benefit Pro-Life Causes**, 5:30 p.m., \$25 per person advance or \$30 per person at the door. Information: 317-219-5903 or [nobulsvilman@comcast.net](mailto:nobulsvilman@comcast.net).

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, 1005 W. Main St., Danville. **Christmas bazaar**, vendors, gift baskets, lunch, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Slovenian National Home, 2717 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. **The Grape Arbor Dance**, 6-11 p.m., \$7 per person or \$17 with dinner, children under 16 no charge. Information: 317-632-0619 or [slovenianindy@gmail.com](mailto:slovenianindy@gmail.com).

St. Paul Hermitage, chapel, 501 N, 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Sisters of St. Benedict, Celebration of Light**, Memorial Mass, 5 p.m., following Mass until 7:30 p.m., walk the grounds lined with luminaries and enjoy cookies and cider. Information: 317-787-3287.

St. Paul Parish, 202 E. Washington St., Greencastle, **Christmas bazaar**, decorations, crafts, baked goods, chili lunch available, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

### November 9-10

Knights of Columbus, 1305 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charities Indianapolis Refugee and Immigrant Services Garage Sale**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 317-236-1445 or [rneport@archindy.org](mailto:rneport@archindy.org).

### November 10

St. Monica School, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. **School open house**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: 317-255-7153.

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane NE, Greenville. **Spaghetti dinner and Christmas bazaar**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., adults \$8 per person, children ages 4-11 \$4. Information: 812-364-6646 or [saintmichaelschurch.net](mailto:saintmichaelschurch.net).

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Twister Circle, Oldenburg. **Open house**, 1-3 p.m. Information: 812-933-0737, ext. 244 or [kwessling@oldenburgacademy.org](mailto:kwessling@oldenburgacademy.org).

### November 11

Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Veterans Day Mass**, 11 a.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Veterans Day Mass**, 11 a.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

### November 12

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild, Mass for deceased member, 11 a.m., meeting 12:30 p.m.** Information: 317-885-5098.

### November 14

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 14598 Oakridge Road, Carmel, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). **Catholic Professional Business Club, Mass, 6:30 a.m., breakfast following Mass, Dan Dutcher, NCAA Vice President for Division III, presenter, reservations due Nov. 13.** Information: [cpbc-ld.org](mailto:cpbc-ld.org).

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Media Center, 541 Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. **Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide support group**, 7 p.m. Information: 317-851-8344.

Our Lady of the Apostles Family Center, 2884 N. 700 W. Greenfield. **Men of Regnum Christi, monthly men's talk**, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Mass, speaker, men age 16 and up invited. Information: 317-755-6071.

Cinemark Movies 8, 1848 E. Stop 13 Road, Indianapolis. **Comunita Cenacolo Region 4, The Triumph, private movie screening**, 7 p.m., \$20 per person prior to the movie, no tickets sold at the door. Information: 317-727-1167 or [marywilltriumph2013@yahoo.com](mailto:marywilltriumph2013@yahoo.com).

St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. **Healing Prayer Service**, Father Jerry Byrd, presider, confessions, 6:30 p.m., eucharistic adoration, procession, Gospel, teaching, praise and worship, music, laying on of hands prayer. Information: 812-623-4450.

### November 14-16

Roncalli High School, Fine Arts Center, 3300 Prague Road, Indianapolis. **"The Sound of Music,"** Thurs., Fri., Sat., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., \$7 adults, \$3 Roncalli students and children under 14 years old. Information: 317-787-8277.

### November 15

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Charismatic Mass**, praise and worship, 6:30 p.m., Mass, 7 p.m. Information: 317-846-0705.

Knights of Columbus, 1305 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. **Theology on Tap, movie night, Les Misérables**, young adults ages 21-35, 7 p.m. Information: 317-592-4067 or [ksahm@archindy.org](mailto:ksahm@archindy.org).

### November 16

St. Joan of Arc Parish, Doyle Hall, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. **How to build better relationships**, Dr. Ray Guarendi, author and radio and TV host on EWTN, presenter, 10 a.m., \$15 per person, \$25

per couple includes lunch. Information: 317-225-8902, 317-283-5508 or [carolewill@hotmail.com](mailto:carolewill@hotmail.com).

Sahm's Tavern, 433 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis. **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Marriage on Tap**, John Cadwallader, presenter, 7-9:30 p.m., \$35 per couple includes food and program. Registration: [www.stluke.org](http://www.stluke.org).

Father Louis Gootee Council Knight of Columbus, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. **3rd Annual SIP for Scholarships**, 6-8 p.m., \$10 per person, must be 21. Information: 317-460-8488 or [council13105@indianakofc.org](mailto:council13105@indianakofc.org).

### November 17

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Organ recital**, Tom Nichols, organist, Danielle Hartman, guest artist soprano, 2 p.m., reception following recital. Information: 317-786-2261.

Catholic Community of Richmond, 701 N. "A" St., Richmond. **Charismatic prayer group**, 7 p.m. Information: [dicksoncorp@parallax.ws](mailto:dicksoncorp@parallax.ws).

### November 20

Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

Columbus Bar, 322 Fourth St., Columbus. **Theology on Tap**, "Am I my brother's keeper?" 6:30 p.m. socialize, 7:30 p.m. presentation. Information: 812-379-9353, ext. 241 or [tracanelli\\_stb@yahoo.com](mailto:tracanelli_stb@yahoo.com).

### November 21

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

Hendricks County 4-H Conference Center, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. **Hendricks County, Right to Life banquet**, 6-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-632-2242 or [irtl@protectinglife.com](mailto:irtl@protectinglife.com).

### November 22-23

St. Augustine Home, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. **Little Sisters of the Poor, rummage sale**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: [littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org](http://littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org).

### November 23

St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Rosary procession**, following 12:10 p.m. Mass, pray and process through the streets of downtown Indianapolis. Information: [faithfulcitizens2016@gmail.com](mailto:faithfulcitizens2016@gmail.com).

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Shop INNspired Gift Shop**, pre-Black Friday sale spectacular, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581. †

## All girls' school honoree



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The seventh annual Indianapolis All Girls' Catholic High Schools Mass and luncheon was held on Nov. 3 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The event is organized by a group of alumnae from the six former Indianapolis all girls' Catholic high schools—St. Mary Academy, St. Agnes Academy, Our Lady of Grace Academy, Ladywood School, Ladywood-St. Agnes and St. John Academy. The group raises funds during the year to give back to the three orders of sisters who operated those schools—the Franciscans, Benedictines, and Sisters of Providence. Pictured is Sara O'Brien, left, presenting the Distinguished Alumnae Award to Franciscan Sister Jackie McCracken, a member of the St. Mary Academy Class of 1963. To learn more about the group, contact Mary Pat McElhiney, chairperson, at 317-578-9323, or e-mail her at [mpmcelhiney@aol.com](mailto:mpmcelhiney@aol.com).

## Day of reflection offered for African-American Catholic women on Nov. 23

The Black Catholic Ministry of the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry is offering a day of reflection for African-American Catholic women at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E 56th St. in Indianapolis, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 23.

"Last Advent, 70 African-American Catholic women attended our day of reflection," said Franciscan Sister Jannette Pruitt, director of Black Catholic Ministry for the archdiocese. "We were filled with the Holy Spirit and energized enough to take us to the next year—and here we are again!"

The theme for this year's conference is "Where Two or Three Are Gathered in My Name," taken from the Gospel of Matthew 18:20.

The keynote speaker is Adrienne Curry of Christ the King Parish in Lexington, Ky. Curry, who holds a master's degree in divinity, currently serves as pastoral associate for parish social ministry at Christ the King.

Prior to coming to Lexington in 2012, Curry worked for 15 years in various positions for Catholic Relief Services and the Office for Peace and Justice in the Archdiocese of Chicago.



File photo by Mary Ann Gathers

Jerilyn Strong, a member of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis, prays during Mass at the African-American Catholic women's retreat on Dec. 15, 2012, at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

The check-in time for the event is 10 a.m., with a start time of 10:30 a.m. The day will close with Mass at 4 p.m.

The cost is \$16, which includes lunch. T-shirts are also available for \$10-12, depending on size.

To register, contact Sister Jannette at 317-236-1474. Registration ends on Nov. 13. †

## Sisters of Providence to host Taizé service on Nov. 12 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

All people of faith in the Wabash Valley are invited to gather with the Sisters of Providence for a Taizé prayer service from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 12 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The monthly Taizé services are a part of the Year of the River programming, which invites area residents to celebrate the local Wabash River. The theme for the November prayer gathering is "Wabashiki and the Native Peoples."

"The Wabash River gets its name from the Native American people. We thought that in this Year of the River while we are praying for all aspects of the river,

we certainly needed to pray for the Native Americans, for whom the river was a life source," said Providence Sister Paula Damiano, one of the event's organizers.

"The theme will be a prayer of thanksgiving for the care the Native American people gave to the river and to preserving it for many generations to come."

Incorporating song, silence and reflective readings, the candlelit services bring together people of varying faith backgrounds in united personal prayer.

For more information, contact Sister Paula at 812-535-2926 or e-mail her at [pdamiano@spsmw.org](mailto:pdamiano@spsmw.org).

## Free piano and violin concert to be held on Nov. 17 at Saint Meinrad Archabbey

A free concert featuring piano and violin will be performed at 3 p.m. central time on Nov. 17 in the St. Gregory Hall Gallery across from the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library in St. Meinrad.

Diane Earle, artist in residence and professor of music at Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Alfred Abel, visiting artist in violin at Kentucky Wesleyan, will present the program.

Earle's 2013-14 schedule includes two international tours, in addition to numerous local, state and regional performances. She is also director of the Owensboro Symphony Chorus and music director at Settle Memorial United Methodist Church.

Abel has been concertmaster of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra since 1986. He is associate principal second violin of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. Abel teaches violin and viola at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., and is in his 11th year as conductor of the Wabash College Chamber Orchestra.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will include compositions by Richard Strauss, Anton Rubinstein and Fritz Kreisler. Parking is available in the Guest House and student parking lots.

For more information, call Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at 1-812-357-6501. †



# IMMIGRATION

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signs, and at a vigil outside the office, many shared their stories.

A 30-minute meeting with Brooks failed to convince the Fifth District Republican Congresswoman to endorse House Resolution 15, a comprehensive immigration reform measure, supported by Democrats, that is 1,137 pages long.

"I am in favor of immigration reform, but I am a pragmatist," Brooks said. "... It is important to find strategies that can work and pass."

She said that because the resolution was introduced during the recent government shutdown, she has never been briefed on it.

Because it calls for wholesale reforms, she said she did not think that House Speaker John Boehner would bring it to the floor.

"The leadership knows it will not pass. The leadership will only bring bills to the floor that he knows will pass," Brooks said.

"Angry," "depressed," "disappointed," and "crushed" were the adjectives used by marchers to describe their feelings after the meeting.

"The success was the journey as we reached out through her district, not what she said," said marcher Cynthia Perez. "We need to find a way to get to her ears."

"God walked with us," said Father Mark Walter, associate pastor of St. Mary Parish and St. Ambrose Parish, both in Anderson. "God was with you in this pilgrimage. He will not let go of our hands."

The activists vowed to continue seeking congressional support for the House resolution.

"I have heard your stories," Brooks said. "I appreciate the struggles you are going through. I want to find solutions and find the best way."

The "best way," politically, she said, may be to take a piecemeal approach. That is the approach favored by the House Judiciary Committee, which is authorized to deal with immigration reform. Brooks is not a member of that committee.

Certain "pieces," such as opening citizenship to immigrant children and college students, have more political support than broader changes, she said.

"If you look at other movements, many things happen over time," she said. "You have shifted public opinion. ... I will continue to try to bring sides together and find places where we can reach agreement."

She said that although she was pleased that the marchers may have touched the lives of 10,000 people in her district, she noted that she represents 700,000 people.

The march received the support of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Congregation Action Network (IndyCAN). Although it began in Indianapolis, it made stops at three parishes in the Lafayette Diocese—Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel; Our Lady of Grace Church in Noblesville, and St. Mary Church in Anderson.

Jesus Ramirez, 16, is a native of Mexico City who now lives in Beech Grove. He entered the United States in 2004 on a tourist visa, but it expired after six months. He has lived here illegally ever since. His parents and two siblings also lack legal status.

He participated in the pilgrimage on Nov. 2, 3 and 4, and shared his story with church

congregations.

House Resolution 15, he said, would provide a "13-year path to citizenship, and we could get work permits, which would help us out. You'd get to work and still visit your family."

The U.S. immigration system is so unwieldy, Ramirez said, that some people would have to wait 140 years for U.S. citizenship if they followed the law.

Because he has no driver's license, he lives in constant fear of being arrested and found out, he said.

He said that he and his family are Catholics, and they consider themselves to be Americans, "no different in God's eyes. We all live on the same ground."

Another marcher, 16-year-old Janett Orozco, left Mexico when she was a year old. She also is an illegal immigrant, living with her family in Indianapolis.

"We need to fix the broken immigration system," she said. "The economy needs us. We are part of the economy. We are aspiring Americans, wanting to do what is right."

Her eyes welled with tears as she talked about the school counselor who tore her 21st Century Scholars application into shreds when she learned that Janett lacked a Social Security number.

"I didn't understand what a nine-digit number means," she said. "My life is here. I see my future in America."

Despite sore feet and cold temperatures during the pilgrimage, Janett said she was glad to have marched.

"I feel satisfaction that I made it this far," she said. "I know there will be a positive outcome. I know it is going to happen soon. Because of my faith in God, I know he'll do what is right."

Marleth Garcia, 13, of Indianapolis, has been an illegal immigrant from Mexico since age 4.

"Half of my friends are legal, and half are illegal," she said. "I hope that she [Brooks] gives us the legislation so we can have a happier life. I have a good feeling."

At the rally, Mayor Kevin Smith welcomed the marchers to Anderson and offered the use of the city building to them.

"I'm glad you're here. I'd love



Immigration reform marchers leave St. Mary Church in Anderson on Nov. 4.

to talk to all of you. Your problem is a very real issue for the city, the state and the federal government," he said.

The Rev. Gray Lesesne, an Episcopal priest at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, congratulated the marchers and praised the pilgrimage.

"I think you have been walking in the steps of our ancestors in faith," he said. "Think of the people who walked for 40 days in the desert, and those who walked for civil rights in Birmingham. You are searching for a home, searching for rights, searching for basic human needs."

"For me, the pilgrimage to citizenship is not a political issue; it's a faith issue. ... Today you ended your four-day journey, but our walk of faith goes on."

Michelle Williams, assistant dean of students at Anderson University, came to the rally to express her support. She tries to help undocumented students on campus.

"They can't get federal

aid, work two or three jobs, and when they graduate, they aren't guaranteed a job," she said. "I really support them [the marchers]. Part of my role is teaching students to fight injustice."

Chris Fleischman, a marcher from St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, noted that his mother's parents were Sicilian immigrants. They left home a century ago so that their children could have better lives.

One became an engineer, one became a priest, one became a businessman, and his mother worked in a school.

"My generation has benefitted from them," he said. "It is better to be citizens than to live in the shadows. This is not a people problem; the laws are the problem. We need to keep working until we get them fixed."

(Kevin Cullen is editor of The Catholic Moment, newspaper of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.) †



*'I have heard your stories. I appreciate the struggles you are going through. I want to find solutions and find the best way.'*

—U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks

## Appeals court OKs admitting privileges for abortion doctors in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS)—A panel of judges on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Oct. 31 that a provision in a Texas law requiring abortion doctors to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital can take effect.

The panel made the ruling three days after Judge Lee Yeakel of the U.S. District Court in Austin said the provision was unconstitutional.

The judges on the 5th Circuit said the provision can be carried out while a lawsuit challenging the abortion law's restrictions moves forward.

The U.S. Supreme Court, they said, has held that having "the incidental effect of making it more difficult or more expensive to procure an abortion cannot be enough to invalidate" a law that serves a valid purpose, "one not designed to strike at the right itself."

Yeakel argued that requiring admitting privileges would unreasonably limit a woman's access to abortion. The provision, he said in his ruling, was "without a rational basis and places a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion of a nonviable fetus."

His decision was appealed by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who argued that the state Legislature was well within its constitutional rights to require

admitting privileges.

"We were disappointed in part of [Yeakel's] ruling," said Jeff Patterson, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, in an Oct. 29 telephone interview with Catholic News Service.

"But the one thing I think the Catholic bishops would want to underscore to people is that most of the bill that was passed by the Legislature was upheld," Patterson said.

Yeakel upheld a second provision that requires doctors to use a particular drug protocol in nonsurgical, medication-induced abortions.

The Texas law requires doctors to use a protocol approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000, which allowed the use of higher doses of the medication through the seventh week of pregnancy. Yeakel ruled that requiring the protocol did not pose an unconstitutional obstacle, except in cases where the new regimen appeared necessary to save the life or health of the mother.

The regimen calls for two drugs to be used to induce an abortion, and the Texas law requires they be administered in person by a doctor within the first 49 days of pregnancy as determined by the woman's last menstrual period.

Yeakel did find—and the 5th Circuit

did leave in place this finding—that an exception to the state-mandated use of abortion-inducing drugs would be allowable for a subset of women whose physicians' "sound medical opinion" say that a newer regimen would be the only viable option for women needing abortion between the 50th and 63rd days of pregnancy.

"Planned Parenthood and the pro-abortion community were quick to say [Yeakel's decision] was a huge overturning of the law when it was nothing of the sort," Patterson told CNS.

The suit, brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Reproductive Rights, Planned Parenthood and the owners of abortion centers in Texas, did not challenge a ban on nearly all abortions starting at 20 weeks after conception. The ban took effect on Oct. 29.

Also not challenged in the suit was a provision that all abortion centers meet the standards of ambulatory surgery centers. The provision does not take effect until next September.

The 5th Circuit's Oct. 31 ruling means that up to 12 of Texas' 36 abortion centers will not be able to perform abortions. The circuit court's order is temporary, however, until the full court can hold a hearing in January. †

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most Americans, particularly most women, do not want abortion coverage in their health plans.

The cardinal said the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., and Rep. Daniel Lipinski, D-Ill., simply addresses the "unprecedented policy of government-enforced secrecy" by requiring health plans to report their abortion coverage and the extra payment they charge for abortion coverage.

He said such disclosure will enable Americans to "make an informed choice of a health plan for themselves and their families that does not violate their moral and religious convictions."

"This should be a point of agreement between lawmakers who consider themselves both 'pro-life' and 'pro-choice,'" he added. "Any claim of 'choice' is empty if the law conceals the facts needed to make that choice." †

# Petitions on high court docket ask intervention on health law

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Supreme Court now has petitions asking it to review lower court rulings in three different lawsuits that challenge the federal government's requirement for employer-sponsored health insurance to include coverage for abortifacients, sterilization and contraceptives.

Three petitions filed in the last six weeks involve private, for-profit companies owned by Christians who object to their employee insurance funds being used for treatments they consider immoral.

A fourth case related to the Affordable Care Act is Liberty University's appeal of the "employer mandate" to purchase government-defined health insurance for employees as applied to the Christian university.

The soonest the court might decide to take or deny certiorari in any of the cases would be at its conferences of late November or early December. The court typically holds conferences to review petitions three or four days each month.

The Justice Department on Oct. 21 filed three documents weighing in on whether the court should take the cases. The department's legal opponents now have time to respond to those filings before the cases are put on the justices' conference list. Meanwhile, organizations and individuals with an interest in the outcome of the cases also may file petitions arguing for or against the Supreme Court becoming involved. As of Oct. 31, a handful of such friend-of-the-court briefs had been filed for some of the petitions. They were filed on behalf of coalitions of employers, physicians, states and faith-based organizations.

The petitions related to the Affordable Care Act that are on appeal to the court and the core issues they raise include:

- *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores*: an appeal by the government of the

10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the owners of Hobby Lobby, a chain of more than 500 arts and crafts stores, could proceed with seeking an injunction to protect it from having to meet parts of the HHS contraceptive mandate for employee health care.

The Green family owns Oklahoma-based Hobby Lobby and Mardel, a chain of 35 Christian bookstores, which also is a party to the lawsuit. The Greens filed a brief agreeing with the Justice Department's request that the Supreme Court take the case, but arguing that the circuit court was correct in giving their legal challenge a green light to proceed under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

The 1993 law says that the government "shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion" unless that burden "is the least restrictive means to further a compelling governmental interest." The legal question raised in the case is whether RFRA protects a for-profit company from having to provide a benefit to which employees are entitled under federal law but to which the owners have religious objections.

The Greens say they object to that part of the Affordable Care Act's employer mandate requiring they provide emergency contraceptive coverage—such as the morning-after pill or Plan B—saying that violates their religious freedom. The family has no moral objection to covering "preventive contraceptives," and will continue to cover those for employees, they have said.

- *Conestoga Wood Specialties v. Sebelius*: an appeal by the Hahn family of Pennsylvania, the Mennonite owners of a cabinet-making company, Conestoga Wood, of a 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that they had to comply with



The front of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington is pictured in a file photo from 2012. The Supreme Court now has petitions asking it to review lower court rulings in three different lawsuits that challenge the federal government's requirement for employer-sponsored health insurance to contraceptive coverage.

the contraceptive coverage requirement. The circuit court ruled that as a for-profit, secular corporation, Conestoga Wood and its owners are not protected by the Free Exercise clause of the First Amendment.

In its petition for the Supreme Court to review its case, Conestoga Wood argued that the 3rd Circuit's decision conflicts with rulings by other circuit courts that recognized religious rights of for-profit corporations.

- *Autocam Corp. v. Sebelius*: an appeal by the Kennedy family, the Catholic owners of Autocam, a Michigan-based manufacturer of automotive and surgical components, of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' denial of their request for an injunction protecting them from having to meet the requirement for contraceptive coverage.

The case also is based on whether Autocam, a for-profit, secular corporation, and the Kennedy family have standing to make a claim under RFRA that the

contraceptive mandate violates religious rights, and whether the mandate imposes a substantial burden on their Free Exercise rights.

- *Liberty University v. Lew*: an appeal of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the Christian university must adhere to the employer mandate part of the Affordable Care Act. When the Supreme Court ruled on the constitutionality of parts of the health care law in 2012, it didn't address the employer mandate to provide coverage.

Liberty University also argues that the law violates the institution's rights, and the individual rights of employees, under RFRA and the Free Exercise clause.

In the Justice Department's filings of Oct. 21, it urged the court to take the Hobby Lobby case and to hold off on considering the Conestoga Wood petition until after Hobby Lobby is resolved. It encouraged the court to deny the Autocam and Liberty University petitions. †

## All Saints and All Souls feasts are time to renew hope, Pope Francis says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—At the end of the feast of All Saints, just before the sun set, Pope Francis celebrated an outdoor Mass at Rome's Verano cemetery and urged Christians to hang on to hope as they reflect on the promise that earthly life ends with eternal life in heaven.

In his homily at the evening Mass on Nov. 1, Pope Francis set aside his prepared text, looked out at the thousands of people gathered between long lines of tombs and told them, "We reflect and think about our own future and about all those who have gone before us and are now with the Lord."

"The Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, the fullness of love—all that awaits us," the pope said. "And all those who preceded us and

died in the Lord are there," in heaven with God.

Even the best of the saints were not saved by their good works, the pope said, but by the blood of Christ.

"God is the one who saves, he is the one who carries us like a father—at the end of our lives—to that heaven where our forebears are," he said.

The feast day reading from the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation described a multitude of people from every race and nation standing before God. They were dressed in white, the pope said, because they were "washed in the blood of the Lamb. We can enter into heaven only thanks to the blood of the lamb, the blood of Christ."

"If today we are remembering these brothers and sisters of ours who lived before us and are now in heaven, they are there because they were washed in the blood of Christ," he said. "That is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, he will never disappoint us."

"We are children of God," he said, and live in hope of one day seeing God as he is.

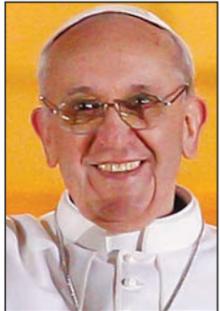
"On the feast of All Saints and before the Day of the Dead, it is important to think about hope," he said.

The early Christians used an anchor as a symbol of hope, he said, and "to have our hearts anchored up there where our loved ones are, where the saints are, where Jesus is, where God is—that is hope. That is the hope that doesn't disappoint."

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are "days of hope," he said. The virtue of "hope is like a bit of leaven that enlarges your soul. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope you go forward and keep your eyes on what awaits us. Today is a day of hope; our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God, and we, too, will be there in the Lord's arms if we follow the path of Jesus."

"Before sunset today, each one of us can think of the sunset of our lives," the pope said. "Do we look forward to it with hope and with the joy of being welcomed by the Lord?"

Throughout Italy, like in many predominantly Catholic countries, people take advantage of the All Saints public holiday to tidy up and take flowers to the graves of their loved ones on the eve of the Nov. 2 celebration of All Souls' Day. After the Mass, Pope Francis visited some of those graves, praying for the deceased and blessing their tombs. †



Pope Francis



Marta Valeria, 3, holds flowers as Pope Francis celebrates Mass at the Verano cemetery in Rome on Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

## Officials say 2014 family synod to be based on doctrine, not public opinion

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Although preparations for the 2014 extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family will include an assessment of Catholics' attitudes toward relevant Church teachings, the synod's work will be based on Catholic doctrine and not on current public opinion, officials said.

"Certainly the doctrine of the magisterium must be the basis of the common reasoning of the synod," said Cardinal Peter Erdo of Esztergom-Budapest, Hungary, at a Vatican news conference on Nov. 5. "It is not a question of public opinion."

As the synod's relator, Cardinal Erdo will synthesize the remarks and recommendations of his fellow bishops in two speeches during the gathering, which Pope Francis has called for October 2014.

In October 2013, the synod's general secretary, Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, sent bishops' conferences around the world a preparatory document that included a 39-item questionnaire asking about the promotion and acceptance of Catholic teachings on marriage and the family, and cultural and social challenges to those teachings.

Among the topics of the questionnaire were divorce and remarriage, cohabitation, same-sex unions and contraception.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales put the questionnaire online in late October, on the SurveyMonkey site, leading to news stories about "polling" Catholics for their opinions and suggestions.

Asked at the Nov. 5 news conference whether that action was something other bishops' conferences should emulate, Archbishop Baldisseri said the "question answers itself" and was "not worth considering."

The archbishop said that pastors were expected to provide summaries of the views and experiences of parishioners, and that their findings would be "channeled" in turn through national bishops' conferences for ultimate consideration by the synod.

However, Archbishop Baldisseri said, individual Catholics are also welcome to communicate their views directly to the synod's offices at the Vatican, for consideration by his staff during preparation of the synod's working document, which should be published in May 2014.

Italian Archbishop Bruno Forte of Chieti-Vasto, special secretary of the 2014 gathering, was asked if the consultation process might encourage a "rift" between Catholics who accept or reject controversial Church teachings.

"Listening so openly naturally means running these risks," Archbishop Forte said. "What we know in the Church is that there is an ultimate reference point, which is the discernment of Peter."

The synod will document any such disagreements as honestly as possible, he said, and "propose to the Holy Father the questions and possibilities that open up." †

# Order of Malta serves those in need in archdiocese, around the world

By Sean Gallagher

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis was established by Pope Gregory XVI on May 6, 1834, as the Diocese of Vincennes.

So at 179 years old, it is a bit unusual for a Catholic organization in central and southern Indiana to be celebrating the 900th anniversary of its founding.

But that is what happened on Oct. 14 when members of the Order of Malta in the archdiocese worshipped together during a Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin was the celebrant at the Mass.

In his homily, Archbishop Tobin noted that the Order of Malta and the Redemptorist order that he oversaw as superior general for 12 years both trace their origins to the Amalfi Coast in southern Italy.

He humorously remarked, however, that the Redemptorists were "relative newcomers" and "just kids" when compared to the Order of Malta since they were founded only in 1732.

Pope Paschal II gave his approval to the order, which originally involved the ministry of lay Catholics from southern Italy in caring for pilgrims to the Holy Land, in 1113. It came to be called the Order of Malta because it was later located on that Mediterranean island nation.

Today, the order has 12,500 members worldwide and 3,000 in the United States. Men and women alike can join the order. In the order, men are known as knights, and women have the title of dames. Today, its members lead pilgrimages of the sick and disabled to Lourdes, France, and help people in need around the world.

For example, the order established a refugee camp in southeastern Turkey last

year to give shelter to Syrians fleeing their country's civil war.

In his homily during the Mass, Archbishop Tobin noted that throughout its history the members of the Order of Malta have viewed the people they serve not as the world sees them, but through the eyes of faith.

"The order has seen things differently for 900 years, especially in the sick, in the lost, in those far from home," Archbishop Tobin said. "The order has protected and cared for them, seeing them with the eyes of Jesus. Or, rather, seeing the face of Jesus in the poor for whom they cared."

Brigitte Schutzman, who attended the Oct. 14 Mass, is among the people that local members of the order have helped.

A member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, Schutzman was 20 when she was involved in a car accident in 2007 that severely injured her and left her disabled.

In 2010, she participated in a pilgrimage to Lourdes sponsored by the order.

"The whole experience was beyond words, really," said Schutzman. "The knights made it so much more special. If I had just gone to Lourdes [by myself], it would have been nowhere near the experience that I had with the knights."

"It was perfectly organized. We were just there to enjoy the time in a very spiritual way."

The order pays all the expenses of the pilgrimages, and cares for all of the physical needs of the sick and disabled who travel with them. This allows the sick and disabled to focus entirely on the spiritual aspects of the pilgrimage.

Members of the order in the archdiocese also carry out ministry close to home by preparing and serving monthly meals for people in need at the John H. Boner Community Center on Indianapolis' near eastside.



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin stops to shake hands with Dr. Hans Geisler during the opening procession of an Oct. 14 Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The Mass celebrated the 900th anniversary of the formal founding of the Order of Malta, an order of lay Catholics that serves the sick, disabled and people in need. Geisler and his wife, Margie, right, are wearing the order's habit. They are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. Also attending the Mass and standing behind Geisler are John Fink, editor emeritus of *The Criterion*, and George Maley, a member of the order.

"The ladies of the order prepare the dinner, and then all of us serve it," said Dr. Hans Geisler, a member of the order since 2003. "We've had everybody participate. It's been a great ministry. I think we probably get more out of it than the people who eat the dinner."

Geisler's wife, Margie, also a member of the order, agreed.

"It just draws you more to God because of what you're doing," she said. "We defend the faith and take care of the sick and the poor."

As much as she appreciates the care that the Order of Malta gives to those in need both internationally and locally, Margie would like to see that expanded, especially in the archdiocese through an influx of new members of the order.

"It's marvelous. It needs to be done," Margie said. "That's why we need more members."

(For more information on the Order of Malta in the United States, log on to <https://orderofmaltaamerican.org>.) †

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## Hope helps Catholics persevere in doing God's will in life

By Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Faith, hope and love. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13:13, declares that these three things are the bottom line in the Christian life. They are called the theological virtues, the qualities that make us most like God.

We hear plenty about faith and love. But when is the last time you heard a rousing homily on hope? If hope is included in this short list, it must be important. But why? And what is it precisely?

To accomplish great things in life, you need a future goal that is big enough to keep you motivated. The promise of a diploma keeps college students up late writing papers when they'd rather be partying. The dream of Olympic glory gets the runner out of bed to put in miles while others are comfortably snoozing.

In the spiritual life, you'll never do great things for God unless you have your eye on the long-term goal: to experience indescribable joy in his presence forever. The ecstasy of gazing upon him, whose beauty eternally awes the hosts of heaven, the exhilarating company of friends, family and fascinating people from all ages—purified, glorified, finished masterpieces of divine love—this is what “the day of Christ Jesus” (Phil 1:6) will usher in for those who are ready.

The virtue of hope is the eager, energizing expectation of this glorious inheritance, and it's also the confidence that he who began the work of salvation in us will bring it to completion.

Some think Catholics live in fearful insecurity, perpetually worrying that they may not make the grade. There are other Christians, on the other hand, who believe that once people accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are saved. Period. God is faithful, they reason, and he never reneges on his promises. Once saved, you are always saved.

This is partially true. God's promise is sure. He gives us grace to accept Christ and salvation. But his grace never comes in a way that short circuits our freedom. In other words, God is a lover; he does not force his will on us. He never overpowers us and carries us away against our will.

The possibility always remains that we will use our freedom to walk away, as did the prodigal son. Fortunately, the prodigal son came to his senses and returned. But note that the father did not send out a posse. The wayward son returned of his own accord. The story could have ended otherwise.

So is there a Catholic version of “blessed assurance?” Yes. We call it hope. We have confidence that God will give us the grace to persevere and, even better, to grow stronger in his love right up to the “day of Christ Jesus” (Phil 1:6).

But hope is, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, a virtue not principally of the mind that believes in



A man kneels before a statue of Mary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The Christian virtue of hope strengthens people's desire for heaven, so that they will more and more consistently choose to do God's will in this life in the sure expectation that God will bring them to the glories of heaven.

God's faithfulness, but of the will that longs for heaven with a desire that propels it forward to ever greater spiritual growth.

One opposite of hope is despair, which is the failure to believe that God's mercies are never exhausted. But hope has other opposites as well, such as sloth, or spiritual laziness. When faced with the prospect of life forever with God, sloth yawns and says, “Boring.” Sound familiar?

Or how about presumption? Hope is humble confidence that God won't give up on me. Presumption is the arrogant and lazy expectation that God owes me mercy, regardless of how neglectful I am of the means of seeking grace via sacraments or obligations of our faith, such as Mass, prayer and confession.

Hope is a spiritual muscle. But like all muscles, it must be exercised. Unused muscles atrophy. The “use it or lose it” sentiment applies.

How can we exercise our desire for the glory of heaven? By stimulating our souls with the scriptural images that suggest what words can't fully describe.

The Bible does not depict heaven as an endless church service with yawning angels strumming harps. Instead you

find a joyous wedding feast, zealous singing as on a day of festival, rich, savory food and pure, choice wines, a city glittering with gold, pearls and every sort of gem, a river bright as crystal with trees on each bank laden with luscious fruit.

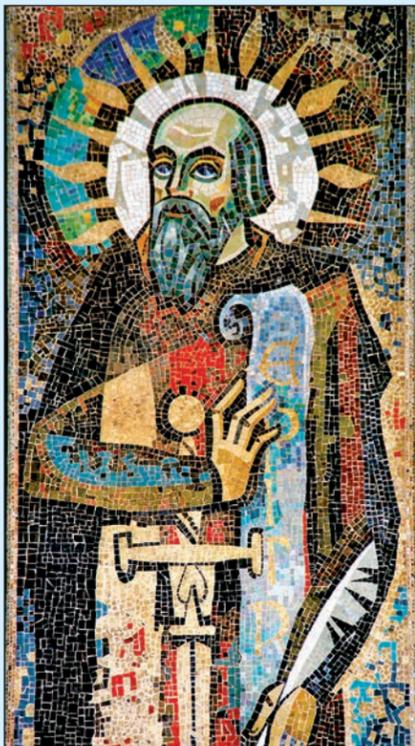
Of course, it is love that fuels the merriment of a wedding feast. And all human love, friendship and intimacy is only a pale reflection of the fulfillment that we will experience when we see the luminous beauty of the face of God and, in its light, the fascinating and unique beauty of each one of the redeemed.

St. Paul says in Phillipians that “whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... think about these things” (Phil 4:8).

To consciously turn our gaze from our daily worries to the glory of heaven is the spiritual exercise that builds the virtue of hope. And it is this hope that will be the anchor preventing us from being swept away by the inevitable storms of earthly life.

(Marcellino D'Ambrosio writes from Texas and guides pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land.) †

## Hope is portrayed as a key theological virtue throughout the Bible



By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

One of the more depressing lines in the Bible, it seems to me, comes from the book of Job: “My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope” (Jb 7:6). Many of us have had times when we felt like Job, when life seemed bleak and we had a hard time believing that the future would be any better.

At such times, we most need the virtue of hope. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines hope as “the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (#1817).

Hope is a frequent theme in the Bible,

St. Paul is depicted in a mosaic at Notre Dame Church in Louviers, France. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul identifies hope, along with faith and love, as the three principal virtues in the life of all Christians.

but interestingly, Hebrew has no word that exactly corresponds to hope. The Old Testament most frequently expresses hope with words that mean “to expect” or “to trust and have confidence.”

This points us to the close relationship between hope and faith and love. St. Paul, in his famous passage in 1 Corinthians 13:13, links these three theological virtues: “So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” While we speak of them as separate virtues, they are linked. We are able to hope because we believe in God and his promises, and we believe in those promises because we are embraced in God's love.

Sometimes, hope appears in the Bible in a superficial sense: I hope to see you soon, or I hope to gain your favor. But most often, hope refers to a trust in God's providence and love for us. We are urged to hope in God or in his word.

The psalms frequently express such hope: “Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord” (Ps 31:25). “May your kindness, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in you” (Ps 33:22). “My soul longs

for your salvation; I put my hope in your word” (Ps 119:81).

In the New Testament, hope is often linked to the Resurrection. This central event of history grounds our hope that God will be with us and sustain us no matter what we face, even death.

The Book of Hebrews urges us, “Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy” (Heb 10:23). As God was faithful to Jesus in raising him up from death, we trust that God will be faithful to the promise of new life made to us. St. Paul's Letter to Titus speaks of awaiting “the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ” (Ti 2:13).

Hope is a virtue that looks toward the ultimate outcome. We may have to endure many trials, but in the end God will triumph and bring us home. Holding onto that hope can give us strength to cope with the difficulties of the journey.

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Year of Faith: Devotions and sacramentals

Many people through the centuries have been attracted to the Catholic Church



because of its many devotions. Catholics always seem to be doing something special, whether it's getting ashes put on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday, using incense at Mass, or blessing themselves with holy water.

Some of those devotions are known as sacramentals. Like the sacraments, they are sacred signs, but they differ from the sacraments in that they were instituted by the Church rather than by Jesus. (There are a couple other technical differences, too.)

Sacramentals include blessings, ceremonies such as processions, prayers such as the Divine Praises or the rosary, and various objects that are used for religious purposes such as candles, medals or palms.

First among the sacramentals are blessings. Catholics seem to have blessings for everything, or everyone—for sacred vessels used at Mass, for rosaries

and medals, for leaders of congregations, for mothers and fathers, and the list could go on.

A popular blessing is the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day, Feb. 3, because of the legend that this otherwise obscure martyr once cured a boy who had gotten a fishbone caught in his throat.

Catholics, of course, also bless themselves when they make the Sign of the Cross while invoking the Blessed Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When entering or leaving a Catholic church, they bless themselves with holy water from a font by the entrance, and holy water is also used in the blessing of other objects.

Parents teach their children from an early age to bless themselves with the Sign of the Cross. We also ask for God's blessing when we say grace before meals.

Processions don't seem to be as popular among Catholics in the United States as they are in other countries, but they still occur in our parishes. In many countries, especially in Italy and Latin America, processions through the streets of cities on a saint's feast day are quite popular.

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## Netflix may even offer spiritual advice—who knew?

Movies can be much more than mere entertainment. I've said this many times, and I'm saying it again: I'm forever



struck by the insights, emotional support and even spiritual clarity that films sometimes provide.

Now, I'm not talking about science fiction movies with fantastic plots or characters. Nor talking about strictly action

films in which beefy he-men are busting out of their muscle shirts, and the heroines out of their skimpy gowns. These may be exciting and titillating, but they're just not meaningful. Still, I totally understand the concept of escapism.

Back in the 1930s, films were often funny and always upbeat. This suited the mood of the Great Depression because it distracted people from the deprivations most of them were experiencing.

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During World War II, the mood turned serious. Movies displayed patriotism and bravery, both at home and on the battlefield. Sure, they were propaganda, but

they made people feel good and verified the righteousness of their cause.

Post-war films grew lighter, with romantic comedies and stories focused on a future full of hope. And so on they went, through the gritty post-war realism of European films and commentaries on social problems like anti-Semitism and racism. Animated films for all ages were made. And while there's always escapism, now it was only one of many film genres.

Good movies that make us think turn up everywhere. On a cruise, of all places, we saw an unexpected gem called *A Place in the Pines*. This is a moving example of moral complexity, about a good man, a policeman, who kills someone when his life is threatened. The guilt over this act festers in him over many years until the dramatic climax brings resolution to him and others involved.

The Heartland Film Festival, known as the place for "truly moving pictures," offers another place to find meaningful movies.

One of this year's selections, which earned the top award given to a documentary, is called *The Network*. It's the true story of a radio/TV station created in Kabul, Afghanistan, during the past decade by native Afghans and some foreign advisors with media experience.

Their aim was to educate and uplift the Afghan people, most of whom are illiterate

and all of whom are still recovering from the destructive rule of the Communists and the Taliban. Using Afghani versions of Sesame Street characters, for example, they are teaching basic literacy, not only to children but to adults.

The station is always respectful of Islam, but at the same time tries to change—or at least draw critical attention to—certain medieval social customs and attitudes in Afghanistan. Chief among these is the position of women. The station purposely airs programs showing capable women at work in professions or other responsible jobs, often alongside men.

The true test of this effort will come when foreigners leave Afghanistan and the media professionals hand over to their young Afghani directors, actors, producers and script writers the task of educating their peers. The hope is that, by then, the Afghan people will not only embrace but also demand their right to truthful information and entertainment.

A good movie can be so much more than just a way to fight off boredom or waste time. That yellow brick road really can lead to enlightenment and reveal the Wizard behind it all.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

Twenty Something/

Christina Capecchi

## Door-to-door seminarian finding new roads

Going door to door to tell strangers about Catholicism and his plan to become a priest had



to be the most daunting assignment Neil Bakker had ever received.

The 34-year-old from Austin, Minn., had never done anything like it—never gone door to door to sell coupon books or magazine subscriptions, let alone the Catholic Church. Before he entered

the seminary, the self-described introvert had worked in information technology.

Yet there he was, a broad-shouldered 6-foot-6-inch man with a youthful face and a neatly trimmed goatee, staring down a long block, sweating in the summer heat and feeling totally unprepared. It was Neil's first week participating in "Evangelization in Action," a new program of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, Minn., that enlists seminarians to study evangelization in the morning and practice it by evening. Neil and two other seminarians were asked to pound the pavement around a small parish in an old suburb, and they started on an adjacent street to the east.

The men took turns leading the conversation, a role that fell to Neil when they approached a red two-story house on the corner. A brunette baby boomer appeared, staying behind the screen door as she sized up the seminarians. She had been a member of the parish but was no longer Catholic, she said.

It almost sounded like a case-closed comment, but there was something in her voice that lacked finality. Neil stumbled through the script he'd been running in his mind until she interjected, signaling to the kitchen where she'd been making dinner.

"I'm forcing this," he thought. He decided to ditch the script, look her in the eyes and ask why she'd left the Church.

The question hung in the air a moment—honest, earnest. Decades ago, the parish priest had made a comment she found offensive. It compelled her to leave the Church.

"No one ever called," she told Neil. "I just disappeared, and they didn't care."

She kept talking, Neil kept listening, and then she opened the screen door and stepped outside. Standing on the front stoop with Neil on the walkway below her, the two were eye level.

"I found the best thing I could do," Neil told me, "was apologize and say, 'I'm sorry that the priest said what he said. I'll learn his lesson for him.'"

Those simple words unlocked her. To know her wounds were recognized and would go toward a future good was powerful. A wrong, at last, had been righted.

The conversation continued for half an hour. She'd been attending a Methodist church, but when they got to discussing the Catholic sacraments, Neil sensed a yearning in her, a wistfulness.

"God loves you," he told her, "and he's always inviting you back into his Church."

The woman didn't reclaim Catholicism on the spot, but Neil imagines that she feels less hurt when she looks out her back window at the steeple and bell that once drew her in. He prays for her often. The rest he leaves to God.

One in three Americans raised Catholic leaves the Church. Neil wants to invite them back and help with the healing. He is challenged by Pope Francis' call to action issued in his recent interview with Jesuit publications.

"Instead of being just a Church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a Church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent," Pope Francis said. "The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage."

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Your Family/Bill Dodds

## A few easy ways to ruin the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays

Yes, the stores started displaying Thanksgiving and Christmas items weeks



ago, but there's still plenty of time to get ready to ruin the holidays for you and your family. It's easy! Just follow these easy instructions.

Say "yes" to every invitation and request. Sure, that may mean dragging the family

to Thanksgiving dinner at one household at 1 p.m. and to another at 6 p.m., where you've been asked at the first place you visit to bring your famous pumpkin pies and those wonderful homemade rolls you make at the second dinner.

Never end a holiday tradition. Ever. Not even as your family continues to add more of them year after year. This includes decorating the outside of the house. Less isn't more. Only more is more. Show those neighbors how it's done.

During Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, drink a lot, drink too much.

Expect and demand that the day be perfect. Perfect meal served on a perfectly set table, with perfectly chosen and wrapped gifts under a perfectly decorated Christmas tree with a perfect spouse and children at all holiday gatherings—especially at the in-laws.

When it comes to shopping for gifts, charge everything. Even if your budget is tight or loved ones don't really need those expensive items, remember that credit card bills don't show up until way into next year. At least a couple of weeks into the new year, right? There's no better way to show love than to overspend. True affections don't come from the heart; they come from the wallet.

Whenever the extended family gathers, prepare to do battle. This isn't the time to let bygones be bygones. Be on high alert for any look, word or gesture that might be, just might be, some kind of shot at you.

And speaking of gatherings, no matter the occasion, never hesitate to bring up politics or religion. Everyone enjoys a lively and spirited conversation. And what better time to educate others who are (let's be honest here) remarkably wrong?

"Guilt" your nonpracticing-Catholic adult children into attending Mass with you. Mention that this might be the last Christmas all of you are together. And that, for all they know, next year you could be dead.

Holiday? What's a "holiday"? Keep up a steady barrage of work-related phone calls, e-mails and texts. Confine Christ to the 60 minutes of Mass on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's—90 minutes if you attend the Christmas Eve Mass. And while you're at it, shoot a few pointed glances at all those twice-a-year-in-church Catholics who are packed in everywhere and have even commandeered your pew. Your pew!

Or this year you could practice a little more kindness and patience, especially with yourself. This year, you could just enjoy times and celebrations with your unique family and friends, thanking God for them, and asking him to richly bless each and every one of them.

(Bill Dodds writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# Sunday Readings

Sunday, November 10, 2013

- 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
- Luke 20:27-38

This weekend, observed by the Church as the Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time, has as its first reading a section from the Second Book of Maccabees.



Maccabees, First or Second, rarely appears as a reading at Mass. These books are late in the formation of the Scriptures as we now have them. They date from a period only two centuries before Christ,

describing a very dark period in the history of God's people.

When Alexander the Great, who had conquered so much of the present-day Middle East, died, his generals scrambled to succeed him. One of them, Ptolemy, became the pharaoh of Egypt. Another of them, Seleucus, became king of Syria.

A successor of Seleucus, Antiochus IV, believed himself to be divine. He demanded that his subjects, including the Jews, worship him. Anyone who refused this demand paid dearly. This weekend's reading reports quite vividly the penalty Antiochus IV reserved for those who denied that he was a god.

Maccabees I and II were written about martyrs who defied Antiochus.

These two books of Maccabees lionize these pious Jewish martyrs, who refused to forsake the one God of Israel.

Heroism, therefore, is one lesson. Another is about the afterlife, and it mentions the afterlife as a reward for holy living on Earth. The afterlife as a doctrine was not very refined in the more ancient Hebrew writings. Maccabees expands the notion.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Thessalonians provides the second reading. This work, too, was written when times were very hard for true believers. The epistle is challenging but encouraging. Regardless of whatever may lie ahead, Paul insists that disciples must hold firm to their bond with the Lord. Times may be bad, even terrifying, but God

will be victorious!

St. Luke's Gospel, the source of the last reading, continues the theme of the afterlife. Its message is clear. Those faithful to God in this life will live with him, triumphantly and eternally, in the next life.

This reading also says that the ways of God are beyond our experience and our understanding. We are humans, nothing less but nothing more. We are nothing less in that we can decide to live so as to receive as God's gift eternal life itself. We are nothing more in that we need God.

### Reflection

On Nov. 11, our country will celebrate Veterans' Day, a commemoration of the day in 1918 when Germany and its allies surrendered, and the First World War ended.

No war has been fought without great suffering and death. The First World War, however, was new to human experience in the untold number of human lives that it took. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives on battlefields or in bombing raids. Millions of others starved, were maimed or died of disease because of the war.

Today, historians look back upon this tragic time and wonder why it all happened. It happened because of bad human judgment, human greed and human disregard for human life. Humans can make life very bad for themselves and for others, especially when they ignore or disobey God.

Evidence of this same reality is seen in the story of the Maccabees. The mighty Antiochus brought death and anguish. In the end, however, the just triumphed, not the king. We celebrate the Maccabees. For the Thessalonians, imperial Rome brought terror and agony. The just triumphed. We honor them today. Imperial Rome is gone.

These readings remind us again that peace, justice, and security come only when humans respect God. They also warn us of the allurements that so often drive humans to hurt themselves and others inevitably will pass away.

Without God, we are doomed, condemned by our own human inadequacies. Again and again in history, we find proof of this fact. †

## Daily Readings

### Monday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours, bishop  
Wisdom 1:1-7  
Psalm 139:1-10  
Luke 17:1-6

### Tuesday, November 12

St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr  
Wisdom 2:23-3:9  
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-19  
Luke 17:7-10

### Wednesday, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin  
Wisdom 6:1-11  
Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7  
Luke 17:11-19

### Thursday, November 14

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1  
Psalm 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175  
Luke 17:20-25

### Friday, November 15

St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church  
Wisdom 13:1-9  
Psalm 19:2-5  
Luke 17:26-37

### Saturday, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland  
St. Gertrude, virgin  
Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9  
Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43  
Luke 18:1-8

### Sunday, November 17

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Malachi 3:19-20a  
Psalm 98:5-9  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

## Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

### Catholics may receive Communion twice a day during celebrations of the Eucharist

Q What are the Church's guidelines for someone receiving Communion more than once a day?



Can a person attend Mass on a Saturday morning, a Saturday evening vigil Mass and Mass again on Sunday morning and receive Communion at all three liturgies? Or what if a person attends a weekday Mass in the morning and then a healing Mass that same evening?

A Succinctly put, a Catholic can receive Communion twice a day, within the context of a Mass.

Canon #917 of the Church's *Code of Canon Law* states: "A person who has received the most holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which the person participates."

The canon goes on to explain that a person who is in danger of death may receive the Eucharist as viaticum no matter how many times he or she has already received it on that same day.

The rationale behind the rule is that the holy Communion is an integral part of the Mass, uniting the recipient to Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the cross.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it this way, referencing the words of the Second Vatican Council: "That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest's Communion, receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice is warmly recommended" (#1388).

In each of the examples your question

offers, you may certainly receive Communion at the second Mass. Some other frequent situations that allow the same are: a weekday Mass in the morning, with a funeral Mass or wedding Mass later in that day; or a Saturday morning wedding or funeral with a vigil Mass for Sunday celebrated on Saturday afternoon.

I know of a man who takes a bus to several churches on the same day and adjusts his schedule to arrive in time to "pop in" and take holy Communion at each of those Masses. I believe that this man is doing what he thinks is helpful and admirable, but objectively he is violating the Church's guideline on two counts: first, by receiving Communion more than twice a day; and secondly, by simply "grabbing" the Eucharist on his "fly-by" and not participating in the Mass at which he receives.

Actually, the Vatican had envisioned this fellow some years ago. A number of bishops had written to the Holy See and asked whether the word "again" in canon #917 meant that the Eucharist could be received only twice a day (except in danger of death) or whether someone could take Communion even more often, so long as he or she participated in the Mass.

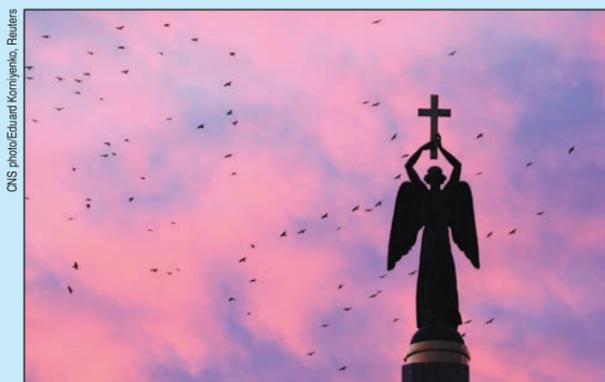
The Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts wrote in 1984, with the approval of Blessed John Paul II, and said essentially that twice is the limit. The council recognized what a special gift the Eucharist is, and wanted people to maintain the proper respect for its uniqueness.

(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.) †

## My Journey to God

### The Other Side of Sunset

By Cindy Leppert



Brilliant, the late evening sun, as I commute westward on my way home. There is wildfire in the sky and the clouds are all versions of wild pink and salmon, ivory and lavender, gilded with absolutely no sense of restraint. The scene is ever more dramatic because of its frame of blackened trees and houses and all earthbound things.

I get smaller, moving into the darkness, until I am no more than a participant of the night, and I watch as the blaze before me shrinks into a rosy glow. Soon the sky is black, too.

In the dark now, I think about the journey of my spirit and my numbered days, and wonder,

"What's on the other side of the sunset, Lord?"

(Cindy Leppert is a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis. Birds fly near a statue of an angel holding a cross, the symbol of the city, at sunset in Stavropol, Russia.)



### Agnes of Assisi

1197 -1253  
November 16

Moved by the example of St. Francis of Assisi and her older sister, St. Clare of Assisi, Caterina Offreduccio left home at 15 to become a nun committed to living in radical poverty. She joined Clare at a Benedictine convent while their convent at San Damiano was under construction, and took the name Agnes. One account says her family's violent effort to retrieve her was thwarted by a miracle, but this was omitted from her canonization documents. Around 1220, Clare became the abbess of a new foundation of Poor Clares near Florence, and supervised their expansion to Mantua, Padua and Venice. She also supported Clare's struggle for the order to continue in complete poverty. The sisters are buried together in Assisi.



# Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.

**ALBERS, Paul B.**, 80, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Oct. 23. Husband of Mary Ann Albers. Father of Elizabeth Henderson, Karen Ratliff, Ann Rose, David, Joseph and Paul Albers. Grandfather of 13. Great-grandfather of 11.

**ALLEN, Ruby Joan**, 84, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Oct. 25. Wife of Richard Allen. Mother of Diana Castner, Linda King, Nancy Mills, Daniel and David Allen. Sister of Sandy Cottey. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of two.

**BELCHER, Richard D.**, 70, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, Oct. 19. Brother of Deborah Andres, Barbara Harlow and Donald Belcher.

**COHOON, Stephanie (Surratt) Gratien**, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Oct. 22. Mother of Karyn Gratien Bellamy and Kelly Gratien. Sister of Nancy Ahlrichs and Catherine Delaney. Grandmother of two.

**CRONIN, Robert E.**, 89, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus

(Little Flower), Indianapolis, Oct. 13. Husband of Ellen Cronin. Father of Susan Black, Sharon Galbo, Kathleen Lott, Karen, Robert and William Cronin. Stepfather of Karen Branson, Anne Burns, Maureen Carr, Kathy Forestal, Jean Greiner, Susan Lienhop, John, Joseph and Patrick Naughton, Brother of M. Patricia Cronin. Grandfather of 30. Great-grandfather of 25.

**DIAS, Russell J.**, 76, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Oct. 26. Husband of Judith Anne (Couvillion) Dias. Father of Denise Broussard, Rhonda Spencer, Randy, Rick and Todd Dias. Brother of Alvin Dias, Jr. Grandfather of 16. Great-grandfather of three.

**DUNHAM, Barbara A.**, 83, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Oct. 20. Mother of Suzanne Magisa, Jeannie and Patty Williams, Joe and Ron Stoneking. Sister of Larry Songer. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of five.

**FIELDS, Marguerite Louise**, 82, Holy Family, Oldenburg, Oct. 21. Mother of Paula Johnson, Connie Johnston and Jane Weigel. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of 10.

**FRENZER, Antoinette Agnes**, 87, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Oct. 17. Aunt of several.

**GULLETT, Wayne S., Sr.**, 70, St. Mary, New Albany, Oct. 27. Father of Donnie, Wayne Jr. and William Gullett. Brother of Sharon Gullett. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of two.



## Autumn in Indiana

Autumn leaves show off their colors around a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in rural Decatur County on Oct. 27.

**HADDIN, George R.**, 82, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Oct. 12. Husband of Martha Haddin.

**HAGERTY, Agnes C.**, 91, St. Mary, Greensburg, Oct. 26. Mother of Alice Back, Nancy Schroeder, Dorothy Scudder, Teresa Diedrich, Bernie, Dale, Dennis, Jim, John and Larry Hagerty. Sister of Viola McMillan. Grandmother of 36. Great-grandmother of 44.

**HALL, Thomas E.**, 71, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, Oct. 19. Father of Brian and Joseph Hall. Brother of Sally Bennett. Grandfather of two.

**HEMME, Agnes Mary**, 78, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Oct. 24. Wife of Richard Hemme. Mother of Bernadette, Michael and Pete Hemme. Sister of Paula Hulmeyer. Grandmother of 10.

**HERKLESS, Margaret**, 83, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Indianapolis, Oct. 19. Wife of Michael Herkless. Mother of Diane Gordon, Edward, James, John and Michael Herkless. Sister of Rosemary Johnson. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of one.

**HESSLER, David**, 71, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Cambridge City, Oct. 17. Father of Scot and Sean Hessler. Brother of Mary Ann Hindman, Ken and Robert Hessler.

**HIGGINS, June C.**, 86, St. Mary, Greensburg, Oct. 24. Mother of Theresa Williamson, Daniel, Michael and Paul Veerkamp. Sister of Edward Shoop.

**HOPKINS, Mary M.**, 85, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, Oct. 21. Mother of Rita Archer, Vicky Bundy, Linda Justice, Patricia Moore and Thomas Hopkins. Sister of Betty Hubner and James Flickinger. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 28.

**JONES, Rita A.**, 56, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Oct. 24. Wife of Jeffrey Jones. Mother of Janet, Julie and Jeffrey. Daughter of Robert and Norma Evans. Sister of Cindy Barrell, Joan McDivitt, Pam Northern, Cathy Whitecotten, Danny David and Michael Evans.

**LASKOWSKI, Patricia A. (Wegenka)**, 82, Prince of Peace, Madison, Sept. 30. Mother of Daniel, John and Michael Laskowski. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of seven.

**LOVISCEK, Apolona**, 94, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Oct. 3. Mother of Madeline Barnette, Phyllis Fon, Arleen Krebs, Sheryl Thorpe, Louis Jr., Paul and Robert Loviscek. Sister of Margaret Ford and Mary Zupancic. Grandmother of 20. Great-grandmother of 30. Great-great-grandmother of four.

**LUNDSTROM, Cecelia C.**, 79, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, Oct. 25. Aunt of several.

**LUTTRELL, Mary C.**, 73, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Oct. 20. Mother of Debra Irwin and Mark Duncan. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 14.

**MORRISON, John Henry, Jr.**, 91, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, Oct. 10. Father of Sally Huber, Eileen, Michael and Tom Morrison. Grandfather of eight.

**MURPHY, Mary Helen (Grinstead)**, 69, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, Oct. 17. Wife of David Murphy Jr. Mother of Damian and David Murphy. Daughter of Helen Grinstead. Sister of Margie Stahley and Jo Ellen Thompson. Grandmother of three.

**MURPHY, Paul J.**, 84, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Oct. 18. Father of Karen Chase, Susan Moster, Daniel, Kevin, Michael, Richard, Tim and Thomas Murphy. Grandfather of 21. Great-grandfather of three.

**NICHOLLS, John J.**, 56, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Oct. 23. Father of Cole and Kelsey Nicholls. Brother of Beth Yeadon, Bill, Bob, Don and Ron Nicholls.

**O'CONNOR, Thomas J.**, 82, St. Michael, Brookville, Oct. 19. Husband of Joann O'Connor. Father of Patricia Hull, Therese Kettle, Brian and Kyle O'Connor. Brother of Anna Raja, Myra

O'Connor and Barry O'Connor. Grandfather of nine.

**O'LOUGHLIN, Margaret**, 90, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Oct. 18. Mother of Barbara Turner, John, J. Patrick, Robert and Stephen O'Loughlin. Sister of Rose Guinnip and Carol Sullivan. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of one.

**POEHLEIN, Georgia Ann**, 74, St. Paul, Tell City, Oct. 22. Mother of Kathy Voiles, Janie, Ed, Fred, Joe and Ted Poehlein. Sister of Marilyn Mogan, Margie Roberts, Carolyn Schmidt, Bill, Carl, John, Mark, Paul and Steve Bieber. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of nine.

**SCHMEISSER, Dolores**, 74, St. Anne, New Castle, Oct. 9. Wife of Richard Schmeisser. Mother of Barbara Budek-Schmeisser, Glen and Gregory Schmeisser. Sister of Garnet Damico. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of one.

**TUNNY, Amalia**, 82, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Indianapolis, Oct. 22. Mother of Charmaine Crosley, Carolyn Moore and Edward Tunny. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

**URBANCIC, Justin A.**, 94, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Oct. 14. Father of Kay DeHart.

**WATSON, Josephine**, 94, St. Mary, Richmond, Oct. 21. Sister of Virginia Cones and John Grasse.

**ZIMMERMAN, Mildred L.**, 78, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Oct. 26. Wife of George Zimmerman. Mother of G. Ray Zimmerman. Stepmother of Kathy Lowe. Sister of Maynard Smullen. Grandmother of one. Step-grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of four. Great-great-grandmother of one. †

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### Providence Sister Frances Joan Baker ministered in education for 52 years; taught in archdiocese

Providence Sister Frances Joan Baker died on Oct. 26 at Lourdes Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 97.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 31 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Sister Frances Joan was born on Feb. 23, 1916, in Washington, Ind.

She entered the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Jan. 27, 1932, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1939.

Sister Frances Joan earned a bachelor's degree in education at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master's degree in education from Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

During 81 years as a Sister of Providence, Sister Frances Joan ministered as an educator for

52 years in Catholic schools in Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts and North Carolina. She later ministered at Woods Day Care/Preschool in St. Mary-of-the-Woods and at her community's motherhouse. Beginning in 2009, Sister Frances Joan dedicated herself entirely to prayer.

In the archdiocese, she served at the former St. Mary School in Richmond from 1939-41, and in the following schools in Indianapolis: St. Thomas Aquinas School from 1953-58; the former St. James School from 1965-67; Immaculate Heart of Mary School from 1967-68; St. Simon School from 1977-81; and Holy Spirit School from 1981-86.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of Providence, 1 Sisters of Providence Road, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876. †

# MISSION

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“The surplus was generated mostly from an unexpected bequest donated during the fiscal year.”

But “just enough” is what Archbishop Tobin said God would provide for the archdiocese to fulfill its mission.

“What we’re trying to do is not simply amass resources,” he said. “We need to be looking at where God is inviting us to enter in central and southern Indiana. Once we’ve identified that, we’ll have what we need to do it. We may not have much more, but God will see we have enough.”

CCF president Patrick Byrne, a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County, reinforced the importance of the foundation’s emphasis of charity rather than

simply building up funds.

He shared a saying of Donald Horan, a past CCF board of trustees’ member, who died in a plane crash last December with his wife, Barbara, and their friends Stephen and Denise Butz. All were members of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg.

“To use Don’s own words from his remarks as co-chair,” said Byrne, “‘A pessimist sees a glass of water as being half empty. An optimist sees the same glass as half full.’

‘A giving person sees a glass of water, and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.’”

(For more information on the Catholic Community Foundation, contact Ellen Brunner, CCF director, at [ebrunner@archindy.org](mailto:ebrunner@archindy.org), call 317-236-1427 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1427 or log on to [www.archindy.org/ccf](http://www.archindy.org/ccf).) †

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Catholic Community Foundation president Patrick Byrne speaks about the foundation’s progress in the 2012-13 fiscal year on Oct. 30 during the annual CCF meeting.

# FOUNDATION

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Church and loved ones.”

**Q Do only the wealthy participate in the Catholic Community Foundation?**

A “Definitely not. I work with all ages, a mixed bag in terms of demographics and resources they’re available to give.

“Planned giving and charitable giving is a mindset. To be philanthropic is not just for the wealthy. The people I work with are faith-filled and passionate about the works of the Church.

“For instance, with a will you can say, ‘I want X percent to go to the Church’ rather than specifying a certain amount. I think it’s good to talk of percentage. That makes philanthropy reachable for all of us, not just the wealthy.

“The minimum to start an endowment or donor-advised fund is \$5,000, but we can work with individuals or ministries over time to get to that level. It’s just like when you set aside money for a saving account. Rarely do you start with the end goal amount. You say, ‘I’m going to set aside some a month until I reach \$5,000.’

“You can also look at the existing funds and donate. You can mail a check, or do a direct deposit, or make a monthly contribution—there are all kinds of things you can look at doing.”

**Q How varied are the choices of the existing funds and endowments?**

A “With 437 existing endowments and funds, the list is pretty varied, from CYO to Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House to Catholic Charities. Almost every parish and school has a fund. Some are missing, and we encourage people to make sure their parish and school are

represented. Some funds are set up for ministries that are a single representation of a certain work. There are a number of funds that are named for people.

“If you think about the three-fold mission of vocations, Catholic education and charitable outreach, those funds are all strongly represented. But we still have stones unturned.”

**Q Where do people start if they’re interested in setting up a fund under the CCF umbrella?**

A “We help people get where they want to go but are afraid to take that journey. When you get to that fork in the road about where and how to donate, which way do you go, we serve as a resource. We say, ‘Let’s talk about what’s been important to you.’ All of a sudden, there’s a lot of clarity.

“As a resource for suggestions, I understand that there are other good

charities out there, and I want people to give where they’re passionate. It’s all about making people comfortable.”

**Q You refer to CCF as a resource for offering suggestions. How so?**

A “We do consulting to parishes, schools, individuals and ministries to encourage legacy planning. No matter how much they have to work with, we talk about what’s the best way to do that, planning strategies, and they’re not always complex.

“We share our knowledge and talk about what is the best way for them to donate, like a bond, a will, a give collection, an endowment, a donor-advised fund and so on. They can then talk it through with their tax advisor and financial advisor to see what’s best.

“Plus we keep in mind the teachings of the Church, and make sure the assets are aligned with those teachings.” †

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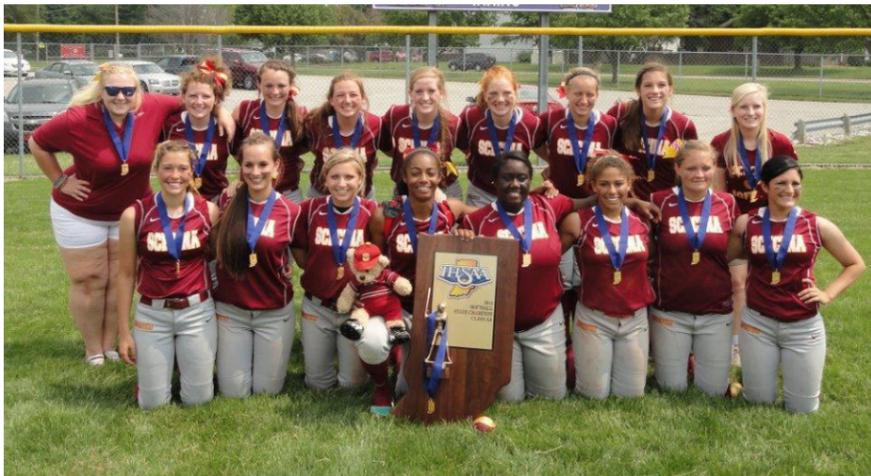
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# NOVEMBER 21

## 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Prospective students and families are invited to explore academic, spiritual, and co-curricular areas of Scecina Memorial High School during the 2013 Open House.

Students and their families will create an individualized course schedule to follow throughout the evening. Courses will include a brief presentation of the subject area or department, followed by a short Q&A with our faculty and staff.

### OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

**5:30 PM | Registration Opens**

*Families are encouraged to arrive early to create their course schedule for the evening and ensure a positive and informative Open House experience.*

**6:00 PM | Prayer and Opening Presentation**

*Hear from President Joe Therber and Principal John Hegarty*

**6:30 PM | Academic Presentations**

*Visit classrooms using your course schedule*

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