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'Having a blast'



Photo by John Shaughnessy

Sports set the stage for opportunities to embrace and deepen the faith of young adult Catholics in the archdiocese's recently started Young Adult Catholic Intramural Program. Members of the Unstop-Purples volleyball team pose for a team picture after a game on March 4. Players are, front row, Jennifer Peterson, left, Veronica Fuentes, Katie Sahm and Sarah Pluckebaum. Back row, Eric Burns, left, Dan Klee, Katie Klee and Jose Del Real.

New sports program for young adult Catholics strives to deepen their connection to faith

(Editor's note: This story is another in a continuing series about the challenges that young adult Catholics face, the contributions they make to the archdiocese and the broader Church, and the efforts being made by the archdiocese to help them in their faith lives.)

By John Shaughnessy

For anyone who loves sports, there's great joy in being part of a team or watching a team when everything clicks—when all the preparation and effort lead to a magical moment of fulfillment.

Matt Faley has experienced that feeling every Tuesday evening for the past several weeks.

That's when young adult Catholics pour into the Knights of Columbus building at 13th and Delaware streets in Indianapolis for a groundbreaking program in the archdiocese that uses sports and friendly competition to create a sense of community and a connection to the Catholic faith for young adults.

"This is great," Faley said while watching two teams compete in volleyball, the first sport offered in the new Young Adult Catholic Intramural Program. "The first time it all came to fruition, it just made me smile. We've been trying to do this for two years. It's just an affirmation that God wanted this to happen."

The involvement of 115 young adult Catholics and 12 teams in the program's first sport has been exactly what Faley has

hoped for as the archdiocese's director of young adult and college campus ministry.

"We want to put our efforts into finding our young adults where they are," said the 31-year-old Faley. "We want to make sure we have opportunities for them to make the Church and the Church community a home for them."

"A program like this is attractive to young adults who have been in the Church but maybe not involved in depth, or those who maybe have been away from the Church for a while. That's who we're trying to target. And I can tell you there are a lot of new faces I haven't seen before, which is good. And they come from all different parishes."

Consider the team called

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Archbishop says 2015 meeting can help transform families, communities

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—A powerhouse team of religious, civic and business leaders will travel to Rome to plan for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia next year.

Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput led a news conference with Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter on March 7 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center to announce they will lead a delegation on March 24-26 to meet with Vatican officials to plan the international event. They also will have an audience with Pope Francis.



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

Throughout the news conference, speakers told of their confidence that the pope will visit Philadelphia in September 2015 and vowed to personally convince him to make his first pastoral visit in North America to the city for the conclusion of the eighth World Meeting of Families.

"I plan to extend to the Holy Father a warm, vigorous and hopefully very persuasive invitation to visit our state next year," said Corbett, who added Nutter and other members of the delegation also would "sell" the pope and Vatican officials on making a papal visit.

"It's only in Philadelphia that folks talk about trying to 'seal the deal' with the pope," Nutter quipped.

Pope Francis has not confirmed he will attend the last day of the meeting, which past popes have done.

Archbishop Chaput announced members of the leadership team planning the World Meeting of Families event, and they include some of the heaviest hitters in Philadelphia's civic and business spheres.

Robert J. Ciaruffoli, president of the big Philadelphia accounting firm Parente Beard, was named president

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Bishop's talk, father's love highlight annual Sanctity of Life Dinner in Indianapolis

By Natalie Hoefler

Early Church fathers, the rosary and the Roman feast of the sun gods—they form an unlikely mix to comprise the keynote address at a pro-life dinner.

But from those topics, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, vicar general, wove an interesting, historical and powerful pro-life message to complement the cause of the Sanctity of Life Dinner held in Indianapolis on March 6. The annual event celebrates and supports the works of the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life.

Before Bishop Coyne spoke, he and Rebecca Niemerg, director of the office, presented the Sanctity of Life Award to this year's winner, Michael Valesco, the first Indiana Knights of Columbus state pro-life director.

In her introduction of Valesco, Niemerg spoke of three components necessary to carrying out the Church's mission to build a culture of life.

"First is a deep conviction of our own dignity as a person made in the image and likeness of God," she said.

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Photo by Natalie Hoefler



Cooper Featherling, 12-weeks-old, is held by a member of Annunciation Parish in Brazil. Cooper's mother, Lindsay Featherling, also of Annunciation Parish, brought her infant son to the Sanctity of Life Dinner on March 6 in Indianapolis.

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of the 2015 World Meeting of Families organization, which is a separate group and not a Philadelphia archdiocesan office.

Named as co-chairs of the group were Brian L. Roberts, CEO of cable TV giant Comcast Corp.; David L. Cohen, a top executive with Comcast; Joseph Neubauer, chairman of food services firm Aramark; Daniel J. Hilferty, CEO of Independence Blue Cross; and James Maguire of the Maguire Foundation and leading philanthropist for Catholic causes in the region.

Corbett said he expected perhaps 1 million visitors if Pope Francis celebrates the public Mass on Sept. 27, 2015, the concluding day of the event. The most recent such meeting in Milan, Italy, in 2012 drew 1 million to that city.

Corbett also estimated the economic impact of the visit is "in the range of \$100 million."

Although Comcast's Roberts and Cohen will not attend the meeting at the Vatican later in March, the other members and Archbishop Chaput, Corbett and Nutter will begin meetings on March 25 with Vatican officials to plan logistics for the Philadelphia event.

Representatives of the Pontifical Council for the Family, which sponsors the World Meeting of Families every three years in a different city and of which Archbishop Chaput is a recently named member, will meet with the delegation on March 25. Later in the day, a news conference in Rome will include the archbishop and Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the council.

The following day, the delegation will have an audience with Pope Francis, who was clearly on the members' minds at the Philadelphia news conference.

Corbett invited people to pray that the

pope would visit Philadelphia, while Nutter addressed the logistical and security challenges of handling the expected 1 million visitors or more.

"There's not a doubt we can do this," Nutter said. "We do big events in the city of Philadelphia."

Whether 1 million or 2 million people attend, "we want people to come. We will do whatever we have to do to make this a very successful and great event here in Philadelphia. You can take that to the bank," he said.

As excited as the interested Catholics in the audience were about the prospect of the pope attending the event next year, Archbishop Chaput kept the focus on family life.

The World Meeting of Families "has the power to transform in deeply positive ways not just the spirit of Catholic life in our region but our entire community," he said.

The meeting will run on Sept. 22-27, 2015, and include three days of family gatherings, speeches and break-out sessions in a yet-to-be-announced space that would accommodate 20,000 people, the archbishop said.

Programs would include discussion of economic, psychological and spiritual issues facing families, among others, he said, though he added it was too early yet for specifics.

"We will talk about problems families have today, but we want to be very positive about the family," Archbishop Chaput said. "We hope to have all kinds of ways of helping families avail themselves of grace and holiness."

He said that the World Meeting of Families will need to raise significantly more than the \$5 million already raised, but anything left over from the conclusion of the meeting will be given to the poor.

"I hope we can give a gift to Pope Francis [for the poor]," the archbishop said. "That's a great focus of his, and I think he'd be very pleased with that." †



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter look on as Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett address the media during a March 7 news conference in Philadelphia. Nutter was announcing that they are leading a delegation to the Vatican later in the month to meet with officials about plans for the World Meeting of Families in 2015, taking place in Philadelphia.

Catholic officials: Release of kidnapped nuns was an answer to prayers

BEIRUT (CNS)—The release of at least 12 Greek Orthodox nuns who were abducted in Syria in December was an answer to prayers, said regional Catholic officials.

Melkite Patriarch Gregoire III Laham said on March 10 that he felt "a wave of joy" along with "thousands and thousands" of other people when he heard the nuns had been freed a day earlier. Islamist rebels claimed responsibility for the abduction of the nuns in December from Syria's ancient town of Maaloula, where Aramaic, the language of Jesus, is still spoken.

Two Orthodox bishops and three priests, including an Armenian Catholic and Italian Jesuit, also have been abducted in Syria and remain missing.

"I hope the initiative to release the sisters will be a door for more efforts to liberate the two bishops and also the priests," Patriarch Laham told Catholic News Service from his patriarchate in Rabweh, Lebanon.

The papal nuncio to Syria, Archbishop Mario Zenari, told Vatican Radio: "It was news we were waiting

for. We prayed for the liberation of these nuns who were taken hostage at the beginning of December."

In Damascus on March 10, Christians gathered at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross for a prayer service of thanksgiving.

Reports the nuns had been liberated coincided with the release of a new Save the Children report showing Syria's ongoing civil war was taking an even larger toll on the country's young than previously thought.

The report, "A Devastating Toll," said that in addition to the estimated 10,000 young people who have already perished in the 3-year-old civil war, thousands of Syria's children were dying due to their country's destroyed health care system.

"It is not just the bullets and the shells that are killing and maiming children. They are also dying from the lack of basic medical care. Syria's health system has been devastated," said the report.

As a result, it said, increasing numbers of Syria's children were suffering and dying from diseases that would have previously either been treated, or prevented altogether. †

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Catholic Community Foundation: 27 years of building funds 'critical to the legacy of the Catholic Church'

By Natalie Hoefler

In today's economy, raising enough money for day-to-day operations can be difficult for parishes and ministries in the archdiocese.

"Often [ministries and parishes] are more concerned with just keeping the lights on," said Ellen Brunner, director of the archdiocese's Catholic Community Foundation (CCF).

"But if you can set aside a little bit over time, it's amazing what those dollars can do just through time and investment."

That's why for more than 25 years, the Catholic Community Foundation has been ensuring the legacy of the Catholic Church in central and southern Indiana through financial investments for parishes, ministries and schools.

For these entities, said Brunner, "there's a chunk of money that's invested, and then there's [a percentage] that is distributed each year. That distribution is above any amount raised by [the parish or ministry] or funds raised by the United Catholic Appeal on an annual basis."

After more than 25 years of focusing on building 441 endowment funds for parishes, archdiocesan ministries and schools, the CCF needs to add a new focus, Brunner said.

"Now we need to spread the word of the good works [of the CCF]," she said. "We need to let people know the foundation is here to serve them, and that anyone can give [to the endowments]."

"[We offer] a ministry to help people understand the importance of [financial] planning, and how the CCF can help and provide resources," Brunner explained.

The need for "getting the word out" was confirmed recently when four new members and an advisor joined the CCF board.

"I didn't realize how extensive [the Catholic Community Foundation] is," said new CCF board member Marilyn Faulkenburg, a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County. "Seminarians, priests, schools—it touches so many different things ... critical to the legacy of the Catholic Church."

Faulkenburg is a faculty member of the graduate study program in Human Resource, Management and Leadership at Sullivan University in Louisville, Ky.



Earl Elliott



Marilyn Faulkenburg



Jim Laudick



Gary Libs



Christine Vujovich

"I hope to bring to the board thoughts on communication, education and to make the CCF more visible," said Faulkenburg.

New board member Christine Vujovich of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus agreed with Faulkenburg's assessment.

"So many people don't know it is here," said Vujovich, a retired vice president of marketing and environmental policy for Cummins, Inc., in Columbus, and a current member of the board of directors for Kimball International, Inc. "[CCF] has many directions from which it can draw funds to put into the community—not just in Indianapolis but throughout the archdiocese, especially for schools.

"I think people just need to know that it's here, that it exists, and what it can do for them."

As the Catholic Community Foundation places a renewed emphasis on education, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin gave the CCF board a refocused mission as well.

During the course of its 27 years, the CCF board took on an advisory role to the archbishop.

In reviewing the various consulting groups in the archdiocese, Archbishop Tobin saw a need to "sharpen the focus" of the CCF board by diminishing its role of advising the archbishop.

"I thought it would be cleaner and more focused for the CCF board to concentrate on their primary functions in order to sharpen their valuable service," he said. "I thought this would be the best use of their gifts."

Steven Stapleton, current president of the board, said the new focus has led to the development of three subcommittees on planned giving, endowments and investments.

"I think this will allow us to do a better job of informing people about the work of the foundation, and what a great resource it is for families throughout the archdiocese to do estate planning, realizing they can assist the Church, and that there's this wonderful entity that will act as a facilitator for all of that," said Stapleton, a member of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, who works as a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley.

Faulkenburg and Vujovich will be joined by new board members Earl Elliott and Gary Libs.

Elliott, a member of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute, is president of Sackrider and Company, a Terre Haute area accounting firm. He and his wife, Christina, currently serve as chairs for the Terre Haute Catholic Charities Food Bank campaign.

Libs is president and chief executive officer of Asphalt Supply Co. in Jeffersonville, and president and chief executive officer of Libs Paving Co., Inc., in Floyds Knobs. He is a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish.

Jim Laudick of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis will serve as a new advisor to the CCF board. Laudick works as the regional tax director for the east region of the Indianapolis accounting firm BKD.

Archbishop Tobin said the new members were selected for their "commitment and active participation in their own local communities and parishes, who had expertise that would equip them for the goals of the CCF, especially in financial management and education.

"I'm grateful to have three men and two women from different corners of the archdiocese," said the archbishop. "I think that represents the diversity of gifts throughout the archdiocese." †

Editor emeritus John F. 'Jack' Fink creates endowment for *The Criterion*

Criterion staff report

John F. "Jack" Fink, editor emeritus of *The Criterion*, recently donated \$50,000 to create the John F. Fink-Criterion Endowment Fund to benefit the education of *The Criterion* staff.

"The time was right," said Fink, who had a unique opportunity last year to donate an IRA distribution without being taxed for the income.



John F. Fink

"I'm very much aware of the need for training people so they can make a good contribution to tell the story of the Church," said Fink, who has worked in Catholic journalism for 60 years. "I thought that would be where I should put the money."

"This is why I love my job," said Ellen Brunner, director of the Catholic Community Foundation. "People have the opportunity to say, 'Here—this

is something I've saved a long time, and I want to give it here because this is what I care about.'"

While Fink intends for the money to assist in staff education, he said he will let Mike Krokos, editor of *The Criterion*, and Greg Otolski, associate publisher of *The Criterion*, decide the best use of the money to help train the newspaper's staff.

"Specifically, I was thinking about going to CPA [Catholic Press Association] workshops," said Fink. "As [past] president of the CPA and an active member for every year since 1952, I'm very concerned about the work of the CPA."

Fink served as editor of *The Criterion* from July 1984 to January 1998. Prior to that, he worked for *Our Sunday Visitor*, a national weekly Catholic publication, for 30 years, 11 of them as president and publisher.

From 1965 to 1975, he was on the board of directors and served as treasurer, vice president and president of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada. He was subsequently vice president and then president of the International Federation of Catholic Press Associations.

"Jack has spent most of his life working in Catholic

journalism and using his talents to help people live their lives fully as Catholics," said Otolski. "We're grateful that Jack has been so generous with his talents and his treasure.

"This endowment will support the work and mission of *The Criterion* to inform, educate and evangelize by supporting professional development opportunities for our staff as well as the training of young people interested in Catholic journalism" in the form of a stipend for interns, Otolski said.

Fink and his first wife, Marie, who died in 2010, had seven children. He married his current wife, Connie, in 2012. He is a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis and has 10 grandchildren.

(For more information about establishing an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation, please contact Ellen Brunner at 317-236-1482, 800-382-9836, ext. 1482, or e-mail her at ebrunner@archindy.org. She will be happy to assist you. You may also visit their planned giving website at www.archindy.org/plannedgiving.) †

Pope Francis says religious must be witnesses to Gospel even in use of money

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The world doesn't need a lesson in "theoretical poverty" from Catholic priests, brothers and nuns, but it needs a living example of how to be careful with money, live simply and share with others, Pope Francis said.

Every Christian is called to be a wise steward of resources and generous in helping others, but with their vow of poverty and their pledge to put God and their brothers and sisters first, members of religious orders must be especially attentive to what they do with money, the pope said in a message to the treasurers of religious orders.

The goods of a religious order must be "administered with care and transparency," and religious "cannot tolerate waste," he said in the message to religious attending a symposium organized by the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic

Life on March 8-9.

Religious orders "always have been a prophetic voice and a vivacious witness of the newness found in Christ, and of conformity to him who made himself poor to enrich us with his poverty," the pope said.

"This loving poverty is solidarity, sharing and charity," Pope Francis told the religious. The vow of poverty must be "expressed in simplicity, in the search for justice" and in being happy with just the essentials in order "to guard against the material idols that obscure the authentic meaning of life.

"There is no need for a theoretical poverty, but for the poverty one learns from touching the flesh of the poor Christ in the humble, the poor, the sick and children," he said.

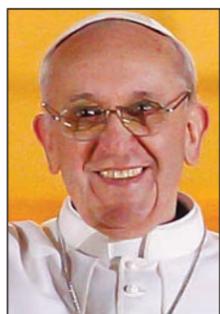
Opening the conference in Rome, Cardinal Joao

Braz de Aviz, prefect of the congregation, said, "for the Church, the correct administration of temporal goods is not simply an obligation of propriety or style, but a human obligation."

Material goods, he said, are needed for building and maintaining churches, ensuring the space and the dignity of liturgical celebrations; supporting clergy and other Church workers, including by offering them spiritual and doctrinal formation and education, and carrying out various ministries, especially those that help the poor, the sick and the needy.

In all that they do—including how they raise, spend and save money—religious orders and their members must reflect Gospel values, living "with the simplicity and the prudence appropriate to disciples of the Lord," the cardinal said.

Where possible and appropriate, he said, religious orders should share resources. They always must respect any conditions they agreed to when they accepted a donation; they must follow the highest standards of financial transparency; and they must respect the civil laws of the countries where they operate. †



Pope Francis



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Editorial



Solar panels are seen on the roof of the Paul VI audience hall at the Vatican. The 2,400 solar panels on the roof were installed in 2008 thanks to the work of Bonn, Germany-based Solar World. All recent popes have encouraged the faithful to be good stewards of the environment.

This Lent, take care of and share all of God's gifts

What does it mean to be responsible stewards of all God's gifts?

One of the Franciscan values that the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg have shared with the ministries they sponsor, including Marian University in Indianapolis, is "responsible stewardship."

The American bishops in their 1992 pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," described a responsible Christian steward as "one who accepts God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them generously with others out of justice and love, and returns them to the Lord with increase."

Christian stewards are grateful, responsible, generous and productive. They don't bury their talents—spiritual or material—but grow them and give them back to God with increase.

Stewardship is also the act of taking care of and sharing all of God's gifts. *Responsible* stewardship addresses our responsibility to take good care of *all of* God's gifts—our minds, our emotions, our bodies, our souls, our skills and talents, our spouses and families, our neighbors (especially the poor and vulnerable), our material possessions, our finances and, of course, our planet (air, water, land).

As stewards, we are to care for all that God has given us, and we will be held accountable for how we have taken care of (and shared) the gifts God has given us.

In his encyclical, "*Caritas in Veritate*" ("Charity in Truth"), Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI referred to environmental stewardship several times. He wrote about the "pressing moral need for renewed solidarity" on environmental issues both between countries and individuals, since God gives the environment to everyone. Our use of it thus entails a personal responsibility toward humanity as a whole, and in particular toward the poor and toward future generations (#49).

Pope Francis often reminds us of the link between environmental stewardship and care for our fellow human beings—especially those in need.

In a recent address to the Vatican's Diplomatic Corps, Pope Francis said, "I wish to mention another threat to peace, which arises from the greedy

exploitation of environmental resources. Even if nature is at our disposition, all too often we do not respect it or consider it a gracious gift which we must care for and set at the service of our brothers and sisters, including future generations. Here too what is crucial is responsibility on the part of all in pursuing, in a spirit of fraternity, policies respectful of this Earth which is our common home."

Then Pope Francis repeats a popular saying: "God always forgives, we sometimes forgive, but when nature—creation—is mistreated, she never forgives!"

As all recent popes have affirmed, the Church is not only committed to promoting the protection of land, water and air as gifts of the Creator destined to everyone, but above all she seeks to protect humankind from self-destruction.

By respecting, and caring for, human life, the Church insists we grow in our ability to respect and care for God's gift of creation. Respect for the sacredness of human life is a profound expression of Christian stewardship. To be pro-life is to be a responsible steward of God's most precious gift.

In order for us to be good stewards of creation, we must first acknowledge God's role as the true owner of everything that exists. Our proper role as stewards is to express our gratitude, in words and in action, and to nurture and protect all that the Creator God has entrusted to our care.

For this to happen, it is essential to develop a profound relationship between the respect for human life—from the moment of conception until the experience of natural death—and a deep love and appreciation for everything created by God. This is stewardship in action: Taking care of, and sharing, all of God's gifts! The Oldenburg Franciscans don't claim responsible stewardship as a value that is theirs alone. All religious orders and all Christians share this responsibility to steward God's gifts responsibly. Still, there is something particularly Franciscan about an intense love for creation that commands a profound respect for all God's creatures and all God's handiwork.

This Lent, let's spend quality time reflecting on how our loving Creator God has lavished us with gifts and blessings. And let's renew our commitment to be responsible stewards who take care of, and share, *all of* God's gifts.

—Daniel Conway

Be Our Guest/L. Martin Nussbaum

Obamacare's religious winners and losers

In January 2012, Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ordered that health care insurance plans include free contraceptives, abortion-inducing drugs and devices, sterilization and related counseling (the "CASC mandate").

Because evangelical Protestant ministries conscientiously oppose abortifacients and the Catholic Church conscientiously opposes the entire CASC mandate, a historic number of religious employers—more than 200—sued the United States seeking freedom to practice what they preach.

The Supreme Court has now agreed to hear two of those cases—Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Specialties. Each involves a for profit employer operating according to its owners' religious values. The issue is not whether corporations have standing to invoke the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). Church and ministry corporations routinely receive such standing.

The issue is whether corporations lose such protection when they are privately owned and profit oriented. Thirty-three of the 39 (85 percent) lower courts hold they do not.

This is the first wave of religious liberty lawsuits. The second wave—well under way—will include more nonprofit ministry employers like the Little Sisters of the Poor. As before, many will invoke RFRA. Some will also raise Establishment Clause objections because Obamacare includes a seldom noted system of discriminatory religious classifications.

In its 1982 *Larson v. Valente* decision, the Supreme Court said that "[t]he clearest command of the Establishment Clause" is that the government cannot prefer one religious group over another. It struck down a Minnesota statute that imposed a charitable solicitation registration requirement only on religious groups receiving more than 50 percent of their income from nonmember donors. In 2008, the 10th Circuit similarly struck down a Colorado law that gave scholarships to college students attending "sectarian" colleges but not if the college was "pervasively sectarian."

Obamacare's religious classifications are far more extreme. It creates four classes of those religiously opposed to the CASC mandate: (1) those excused; (2) those "accommodated" if they hire surrogates to provide CASC benefits; (3) those eligible to plead for RFRA protection; and (4) those that must provide the coverage or pay fines up to \$36,500 per employee annually.

The first class is created by statute and regulation. The statute excuses two religious groups from the individual mandate—Anabaptists and those in health care sharing ministries. Anabaptists include Amish, Brethren, Hutterites,

Mennonites and the Bruderhof. The statute also exempts members of health care sharing ministries formed before Dec. 31, 1999. Only three Protestant groups qualify: Medi-Share, Christian Healthcare Ministries and Samaritan Ministries. Members of identical programs formed after 1999 need not apply.

By regulation, the administration also exempts "churches," "their integrated auxiliaries," "conventions or associations of churches" and "the exclusively religious activities of any religious order."

If a ministry of a church separately incorporates, it loses its exemption. An unincorporated parish social ministry is exempt. An incorporated one is not, even though its work is identical. The Little Sisters of the Poor religious order is exempt. Its separately incorporated nursing homes are not, even though they are staffed and run by the Little Sisters because of their religious calling.

The classification scheme also distinguishes "integrated auxiliaries" from nonintegrated ones. The primary test for "integration" is that the sponsoring church provides a majority of the funds. This is the same criteria violating the Establishment Clause in *Larson*. Determining whether the activities of religious orders are "exclusively religious" or "partially religious" has an additional constitutional infirmity because such analysis inevitably entangles the courts in religious doctrine.

Second-class religious employers include separately incorporated ministries like schools and colleges; faith-based charities; religious hospitals; and parachurch ministries. Under Obamacare, these do not merit full exemption from the CASC mandate. Instead, they are required to enter agreements and give notices to their insurers or third-party administrators obligating those contractors to provide CASC benefits to the ministries' employees.

This no more alleviates their religious consciences than the Civil War draft alleviated Christian pacifists' consciences by exempting them if they hired surrogates to fight.

The lowest class of religious employers is for-profit corporations owned by religious individuals or families and operated with religious values. They are further sub-classified. In her 10th Circuit argument in *Hobby Lobby*, the Department of Justice attorney allowed that if the for-profit employer was a sole proprietorship or general partnership, it had standing to invoke RFRA. But if the same business was a limited partnership or a corporation, it could not.

There is a word for this classification system: discrimination. It is government choosing religious winners and losers—a practice discredited by 1,600 years of Western history and forbidden in America as an establishment of religion.

(L. Martin Nussbaum is a First Amendment attorney in Colorado Springs, Colo.) †

Letter to the Editor

Reader encouraged by New Orleans archbishop's public stand against new abortion facility

It was reported recently in *The Criterion* that Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans told the Catholics in his archdiocese that participation in the preparation or construction of a new abortion facility proposed there would be cooperating in evil, and therefore sinful.

We are encouraged by Archbishop Aymond's strong stand for the sanctity of human life and his pastoral care for souls in his archdiocese.

May he and those affected remain firm and strong in their commitment to God's laws.

Patricia Gerke
Aurora

Chicago's Cardinal George to undergo new round of chemotherapy

CHICAGO (CNS)—Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George is preparing to undergo a new round of chemotherapy to address “current signs of activity of cancer cells surrounding his right kidney,” according to a March 7 announcement by the Chicago Archdiocese.

The cardinal has met with his medical team, which recommended the course of treatment based on the results of several recent tests.

Cardinal George, 77, was diagnosed with urothelial cancer in August 2012 and underwent chemotherapy at that time. The cancer, dormant for well over a year, is still confined to the area of his right kidney.

“After extensive testing, scans, biopsies and diagnosis, it was agreed that the best course of action is for the cardinal to enter into a regimen of chemotherapy, with drugs more aggressive than those used in the first round but for a more limited duration initially,” the archdiocese said.

Cardinal George intends to maintain his administrative and public schedule during this current round of chemotherapy, although it may occasionally be reduced because of lowered immunity.

In a column titled “Lent: Taking stock of our lives,” in the *Catholic New World*, the archdiocesan newspaper, the cardinal addressed his health and the cancer treatment ahead, saying that he will receive the chemotherapy treatments over the next two months. His doctors will then evaluate his reaction to

the treatments.

“I was able to maintain my administrative schedule well during that first round, although my public schedule was sometimes curtailed because of lowered immunity,” he wrote in the column. “As I prepare for this next round of chemo, I ask for your prayers, which have always sustained me, and for your understanding if I cannot always fulfill the schedule already set for the next several months.”

He said he is not currently experiencing any symptoms of his cancer, but acknowledged “this is a difficult form of the disease.”

“It will most probably eventually be the cause of my death,” he explained. “Chemo is designed to shrink the tumor, prevent symptoms and prolong life.”

In 2006, surgeons at Loyola University Medical Center removed his bladder, prostate gland and sections of his ureters—the tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder—to rid his body of cancer found there.

Cardinal George has often said that one of his goals is to live to see retirement since all of the other Chicago bishops died in office. His predecessor, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, died in 1996 at age 68 of pancreatic cancer.

A five-month bout with polio when Cardinal George was 13 damaged both of his legs, forcing him to use a brace on his right leg. He walks with a pronounced limp.

He served as president of the



U.S. Cardinal Francis George of Chicago talks with children after celebrating Mass at his titular church, St. Bartholomew on Tiber Island, in Rome on March 10, 2013, three days before he and his fellow cardinals elected Pope Francis. It was recently announced that Cardinal George will soon undergo another round of chemotherapy treatments for cancer cells that have been found around his right kidney.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2007 to 2010.

Appointed to head the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1997, he was made a cardinal in 1998. Before that, he was archbishop of Portland, Ore., and bishop

of Yakima, Wash.

Formerly a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Cardinal George was ordained a priest on Dec. 21, 1963. He served as his order's vicar general in Rome from 1974 to 1986. †

Pro-life bills in Statehouse close to becoming law in Indiana

By Brigid Curtis Ayer

Special to The Criterion

Two abortion-related bills designed to clarify Indiana law are in the home stretch toward becoming law.

One measure, Senate Bill 292, aims to improve informed consent regarding access to follow-up care and abortion doctor accountability. A second

bill, House Bill 1123, would prohibit elective abortion coverage in standard health insurance plans. The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) supports both bills.

Senate Bill 292, authored by Sen. John Waterman, R-Shelburn, passed the House in a bipartisan vote 88-9, and the Senate concurred with the House amendment on March 6, with a vote of 34-6. The House voted 75-11 on March 10 to approve the Senate-amended version of HB 1123. Gov. Mike Pence is expected to sign both bills into law.

House sponsor of the bill, Rep. Tom Washburne, R-Evansville, told members of the House Public Policy Committee, “This is really a simple bill and essentially

does four things.

“It clarifies that the State Department of Health may inspect abortion clinics one time per calendar year, and may conduct a complaint inspection if needed.”

Washburne also said that the bill adds to the informed consent law a requirement that women be given an emergency telephone number 18 hours before the procedure. “Finally, [it requires] that the admitting privileges [of the abortion doctor] be in writing.”



Sen. John Waterman

The bill requires an abortion provider to provide an emergency telephone number where the post-abortive woman could call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for medical follow-up care. It also requires a name and telephone number of a hospital where the abortion doctor has medical admitting privileges.

Current law requires abortion doctors to have hospital admitting privileges in the county or an adjacent county where the abortion is performed or have a backup doctor that has admitting privileges.

Liz Carroll, vice president for patient services for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, raised concerns about a provision in the bill requiring the

backup physicians' names to be made available to the State Department of Health as part of the admitting privileges, therefore making them accessible to the public. Carroll wanted these physicians' confidentially protected.

Rep. Tom Dermody, R-LaPorte, House chairman of the Public Policy Committee, offered an amendment to address this concern to protect the anonymity of the backup doctor while providing the accountability of the admitting privileges.



Rep. Tom Washburne

“If someone wanted to call the State Department of Health, the department will verify the hospital admitting privileges are on file,” he said.

He added that the document can be sent to anyone requesting this information, yet “the department can redact important information.” The purpose of information redaction allows the abortion physician's backup doctor's identity to remain confidential.

In spite of the changes, Carroll said Planned Parenthood still opposed the legislation calling it “unnecessary.”

Cindy Noe, representing Indiana Right to Life who testified in support of the bill in both the Senate and the House, said, “SB 292 is focused on the women's health,” and making sure the woman has “full knowledge” of who to call and where to go to get follow-up care.



Rep. Jeffery Thompson

Noe added, “The legislation is necessary to close loopholes in the language which was committed into law in 2011. It will now give the State Department of Health the tools to determine whether or not the providers are in compliance.”

Micha Clark, representing the Indiana Family Association of Indiana, who supported the bill, called the legislation “simply a transparency issue” that public policy leaders want and expect in Indiana.

Waterman explained to his fellow Senate colleagues that the House changed the original bill. “This bill dealing with hospital admitting privileges ties the submission of admitting privileges to clinics licensed application instead of having a separate submission. It requires the department of health to verify the information of the admitting privileges.”

House Bill 1123, authored by Rep. Jeffery Thompson, R-Lizton, would prohibit elective abortion coverage in standard health insurance plans. Under the bill, abortion coverage would be covered in a health policy only in cases of rape or incest or if necessary to avert death or substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily functions of the pregnant woman.

“Unless we bring further clarity to this issue, what's going to happen is that private health insurers will be required to cover abortion,” said Thompson. “Some private insurance companies should not be forced to do so because of religious beliefs.”

House Bill 1123 was approved with bipartisan support by the House by a vote of 80-14 on Jan. 24. The Senate amended the bill to extend the effective date of the bill giving insurance providers more time to make adjustments to their policies. The Senate passed the bill on March 4 by a 37-10 vote.

(Brigid Curtis Ayer is a correspondent for The Criterion. For more information about the Indiana Catholic Conference, log on to www.indianacc.org. To explore the ICC's electronic public policy tool and join the ICC legislative network, go to the ICC website and click on “Legislative Action Center.”) †



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Events Calendar

March 14
St. Lawrence Parish, Father Conen Hall, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **Fish fry**, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

Our Lady of Lourdes School, 30 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis. **Lenten fish fry**, 5-7:30 p.m. Information: 317-356-7291 or ollindy.org.

St. Joan of Arc, 4217 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis. **Lenten devotions**, Rosary 6 p.m., Mass 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross with Benediction 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508 or mrivelli@sjoa.org.

March 16
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **St. Joseph's Round Table to benefit Lumen Christi School**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children. Information: 317-632-3174 or admin@lumenchristischool.org.

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

March 19
St. Joseph Church, 1375 Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **Lenten Soup and Bread**, Mass 6 p.m. followed by light supper and presentation by Benedictine Sister Angela Jarboe on forgiveness.

Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave.,

Indianapolis. **Monthly Memorial Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

March 20
Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Monthly Memorial Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **Third Thursday Adoration**, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m.

March 21
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Mass, breakfast and program, "Faith by the Numbers, or Not," presenter John Ketzenberger, president of Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, 6:30-8:30 a.m., \$15 members, \$21 non-members. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

Sacred Heart Parish, Sacred Heart Hall, 1125 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Fish fry**, 5-7 p.m., adults \$7, children \$3, **Stations of the Cross**, Sacred Heart Church, 1530 S. Union St., 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

March 21-22
Seccina Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis. **Legally Blonde**,

The Musical, 7 p.m. \$10 reserved seats, \$5 general admission. Information: 317-356-6377, ext. 1212 or pbrake@seccina.org.

March 22
Indiana Convention Center, 500 Ballroom, 100 S. Capital Ave., Indianapolis. **9th Annual Women's Conference**, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m., \$50 per person or \$45 per person with a group of 10, \$20 students and religious, lunch included. Information: 317-888-0873 or indianacatholicwomen.com.

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklondon Road, Indianapolis. **Lenten Retreat for Women, "Embracing Change as a Time of Grace,"** 8:30 a.m., \$20 per person. Information: 317-578-7213 or SaintSimonMoms@gmail.com.

March 23
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. **Disabilities Awareness Mass**, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-787-8246 or www.stmarkindy.org.

Father Seger Knights of Columbus Council, 4218 E. Michigan Road, Shelbyville. **Chicken noodle dinner**, 3:30-6:30 p.m., \$8 adults, \$4 children 6-12. Information: 317-392-3082 or weimar63@mach1pc.com.

March 25
Marian University, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Global Studies Speaker Series, "God, Neighbor, Self,"** Carolyn Woo, Ph.D., president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services

(CRS), presenter, 7 p.m. Information: 317-955-6775 or maple@marian.edu.

Cinema Movie, 2347 W. Main St., Greenfield. St. Michael Young Adult Ministry and Adult Catechetical Team, **Mary of Nazareth movie**, 4:30-7:30 p.m., \$10 per ticket. Information: 317-755-6071 or jckube@comcast.net.

March 26
St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 7575 Holliday Drive East, Indianapolis. **Lenten Soup Supper and speaker, "The Light of Faith" and "The Joy of the Gospel,"** Jack Fink, presenter, Mass 5:30 p.m., soup supper 6:30-7:15 p.m., speaker 7:15-8:30 p.m., reservations requested for the soup supper. Information: 317-259-4373, ext. 256 or dcarlo@stluke.org.

The Columbus Bar, 322 4th St., Columbus. **Columbus Theology on Tap, "The Mass—Is it really worth waking up for every weekend?"** Father Aaron Pfaff, presenter, 6:30 p.m. gather and socialize, 7:30 p.m. presentation. Information: 812-379-9353 ext. 241.

March 28
St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild, rummage sale**, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-7625 or vlgmimi@aol.com.

March 29
St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. 25992 Cottonwood Road,

Bristow. **The First "Joy of the Gospel" Conference**, Servant of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, presenter, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (central time), free-will offering. Information: 812-357-2119 or sjhf@psci.net.

April 2
Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles, 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced. New members welcome. 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-370-1189.

April 4
St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis. **Young Adult Group, first Friday adoration**, 7 p.m., dinner and social, 8 p.m. Information: ksahm@archindy.org.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **First Friday devotion**, adoration, rosary, Benediction, 5:45 p.m.

April 5
Most Holy Name of Jesus School, 21 N. 16th Ave., Beech Grove. **Altar Society, annual spring rummage sale**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

April 8
St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild, National Volunteer Mass**, 11 a.m., lunch following Mass. Information: 317-888-7625 or vlgmimi@aol.com.

April 8-May 13

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 7575 Holliday Drive, E., Indianapolis. Peer Ministry program, **"Divorce and Beyond,"** six-week session, 7-9 p.m., \$30 per person includes materials. Information: 317-236-1586, 800-382-9836, ext. 1586 or dvanvelse@archindy.org.

April 9
St. Joseph Church, 1375 Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **Harvest House Seniors**, monthly gathering for adults ages 55 and older, noon Mass followed by luncheon and fellowship. RSVP: Shirley at 317-241-9878 or Rita at 317-244-0255.

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.

April 12
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.

April 13
St. Malachy Parish, 9833 E. County Rd 750 N., Brownsburg. **Mass in French**, 5 p.m., confession 4-4:45 p.m. Information: Dabrice Bartet, ccfindy3@gmail.com or 317-536-5998, or log on to www.facebook.com/messeinfrançaisindianapolis. †

Retreats and Programs

March 14-16
Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mt. St. Francis. **"Time Out for Moms."** Information: 812-923-8817 or retreats@mountsaintfrancis.org.

March 16
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Contemplative prayer**, 3-4:30 p.m., free-will offering. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

March 20
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Lenten Series**, session three of four, "When We Know Fear—Julian of Norwich," Franciscan Sister Barbara Leonhard, presenter, 6:30-8 p.m., \$15 per session. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

March 21-23
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, designed for women and men who seek healing from a past abortion, registration deadline March 10. Information: 317-452-0054.

March 23
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E.

56th St., Indianapolis. **Evening of Reflection, "The Way,"** Father Jeff Godecker, presenter, 6-10 p.m., \$25 per person includes a light dinner. Information: 317-545-7681 or cmcsweeney@archindy.org.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Friendship Tea: Hats Off to Hospitality**, 1-3 p.m., Rita Firentino, presenter, \$20 per person. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

March 24-28
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Biblical Spirituality and the Contemporary Priesthood,"** Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, presenter. Information: 812-357-6585 or mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

March 25
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Personal Reflection Day: Spend a Day with God**, \$25 per person. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org. †

Former 'America's Next Top Model' contestant to speak on fashion, modesty and faith on April 6 and 7

Noted Catholic speaker Leah Darrow, former reality television show "America's Next Top Model" contestant, who left the modeling industry for moral reasons, will give two different talks, one at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford and another at St. Mary Parish in North Vernon, on April 6 and 7.

Darrow will give a "Faithful Fashionista" talk on modesty and fashion at St. Vincent de Paul Parish's Shamrock Center, 1723 "I" St. in Bedford, at 6 p.m. on April 6.

Darrow will also talk about her conversion experience and reconnecting with her Catholic faith at St. Mary Parish's Family Life Center, 629 Clay St. in North Vernon, on April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Both events are free and open to the public. Free will offerings will be accepted.

St. Mary Parish asks that those interested in attending the April 7 talk notify the parish office at 812-346-3604.

For more information about Leah Darrow, log on to www.leahdarrow.com. †

Benedict Inn offers 'A Biblical Journey with Christ' on March 20 and 27

The Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave. in Beech Grove, is offering a two-part series titled "A Biblical Journey with Christ" from 7-9 p.m. on March 20 and 27.

The series allows participants to journey with Christ during the last days of his earthly life by examining Passion and Resurrection stories contained in each of the Gospels.

The sessions will be presented by Benedictine Sister Angela Jarboe, who

was a director of religious education and faith formation in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for 21 years. Sister Angela has been involved in leadership roles in Bible study and parish programs, and completed her master of arts degree in Religious Studies at the University of Dayton. She is currently an adjunct presenter at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center.

Sessions are \$25 each. For more information or to register, call 317-788-7581. †



Prayer shawl ministry

Eileen Schellhammer, left, Anne Palmer and Rose Ann Smith knit blankets on Feb. 16 at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington for the parish's prayer shawl ministry. Members of the committee come to the parish center on the second Monday of each month to reflect, chat, and especially to knit or crochet prayer shawls, christening shawls and lap robes. The prayer shawls and lap robes are given to parishioners and others in the Bloomington area suffering through times of stress, illness, bereavement or discouragement. Christening shawls are given to every newly baptized infant at St. Paul Catholic Center as a gift from the parish family.

Archdiocese offers one-day pilgrimage to Shrine of Christ's Passion

By Natalie Hoefler

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is offering a one-day Lenten pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Ind., from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on April 9.

The Shrine of Christ's Passion, located in the northwestern corner of the state, is an outdoor, wheelchair accessible, half-mile pathway with 40 life-size bronze statues depicting the Passion of Christ.

The statues allow pilgrims to journey through the Passion in an interactive and powerful way—sit with Christ at the table of the Last Supper; pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane; stand beside Mary as she meets her son bearing the cross, and stand at the foot of the cross looking up at the crucified Savior.

Each stop along the way has an audio station allowing participants to hear a description of the scene and a meditation. Reflective background music plays along the entire length of the path.

The location offers two other stops of interest. A statue of Mary, hand-carved from Italian marble in 1954, serves as the focal point of the Marian Wayside Shrine. The other shrine, dedicated to the sanctity

of life, depicts a life-size bronze statue of Christ weeping, kneeling before a black tombstone in honor of the unborn. In his hands rests the small figure of an unborn child.

The shrine has a large bookstore and gift shop offering religious books, art, jewelry, carvings, rosaries, Easter gifts and more. All net proceeds go toward sustaining and supporting the upkeep of the shrine.

The bus will leave the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis, at 7:30 a.m. A bag breakfast will be provided for the two-and-a-half hour bus ride to St. John, Ind.

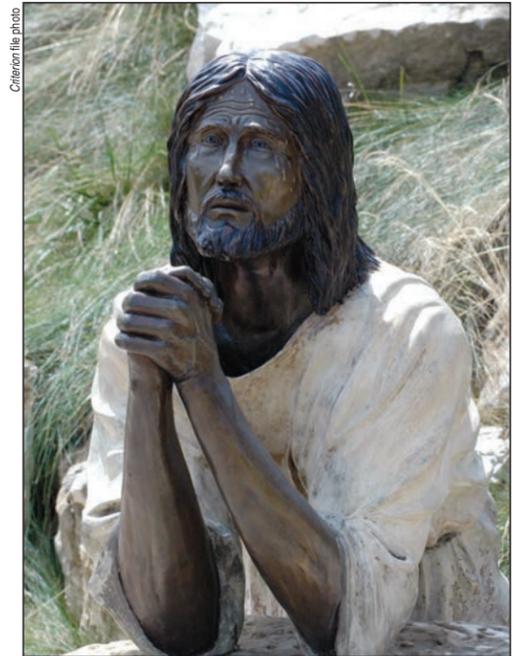
The day's activities include touring the shrine, time in the bookstore and lunch at Teibel's restaurant, family-owned for 85 years.

The bus will arrive back at the Catholic Center at approximately 6 p.m.

The cost of the trip, including deluxe motor coach transportation, bag breakfast and lunch, is \$65.

Registration is available online at www.archindy.org/pilgrimage, where payment can be made via credit card.

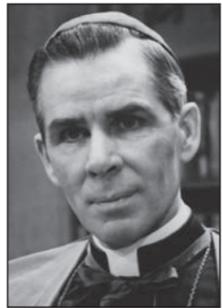
For more information on the pilgrimage, contact Carolyn Noone at 317-236-1428, 800-382-9836, ext. 1428, or via e-mail at cnoone@archindy.org.



This bronze sculpture of Jesus praying is among the statues on display at the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Ind.

Vatican medical experts OK reported miracle attributed to Archbishop Sheen

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS)—A seven-member team of medical experts convoked by the Vatican reported there is no natural explanation for the survival of a child delivered stillborn and whose heart did not start beating until 61 minutes after his birth.



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The survival of the child, James Fulton Engstrom, now 3 years old and developing normally, was credited by his parents to a miracle attributable to the intercession of Archbishop Fulton

J. Sheen, a Peoria diocesan priest who gained fame for his 1950s television show "Life Is Worth Living" and his 16 years at the helm of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The medical experts' report was announced on March 6 in Peoria by the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, which is headed by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria.

"Today is a significant step in the cause for the beatification and canonization of our beloved Fulton Sheen," Bishop Jenky said in a statement. "There are many more steps ahead and more prayers are needed. But today is a good reason to rejoice."

James' mother, Bonnie Engstrom, described what happened when she addressed a 2012 gathering of the Midwest

region of the Catholic Press Association in Peoria.

When Engstrom was pregnant with James, a feeling came over her that "God wants this baby to exist," she said. "Maybe he's going to be the pope. We didn't know, but we were shooting high."

During delivery, what caused James to be stillborn was that his umbilical cord had knotted itself, cutting off his blood flow and oxygen supply. The more he progressed through the birth canal, the tighter the knot became. "He was born stillborn," Engstrom said, remembering how "his arms flopped by his side" when she reached for him to hold him.

Others at the home birth did CPR and chest compressions for 20 minutes waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Engstrom said she had no pre-composed prayer asking for help from Archbishop Sheen. "I just kept repeating his name over and over in my head: Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen," she recounted. "I didn't know what else to do."

At the hospital, James was described as "PEA," for "pulseless electrical activity." Medics tried two injections of epinephrine. Neither worked. A nurse held one of James' feet in an effort to give him some measure of comfort, and Engstrom said she remarked later, "It was so cold, it was so cold. It was

like in the saying 'cold and dead.'"

Engstrom remembered that a doctor in the emergency room said, "We'll try for five more minutes, then call it," meaning recording the time of death. "If he had known about the previous 40 minutes" of efforts to revive him before arriving at the hospital, she said, "he would have just called it."

She added, "They were just about to call it when his heart started beating—148 beats per minute, which is healthy for a newborn. And it never faltered."

The case will next be reviewed by a board of theologians. With their approval, the case could move on to the cardinals and bishops who advise the pope on these matters. Finally, the miracle would be presented to Pope Francis, who would then officially affirm that God performed a miracle through the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. There is no timeline as to when these next steps might take place.

If the Engstrom case is authenticated as a miracle, Archbishop Sheen would be beatified, elevating him from "venerable" to "blessed." A beatification ceremony could conceivably take place in Peoria, according to the foundation, which promotes his sainthood cause. In general, a second miracle would need to be authenticated for canonization. †

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June 5th • 9 am - 2:30 pm

Topic #3
"Walking Towards Wholehearted Faith"
October 18th • 9 am - 4 pm

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Unstop-Purples, a team of five young women and three young men who represent the Indianapolis parishes of St. Mary, St. Monica, St. Joan of Arc and Christ the King.

“This is the best idea,” said Veronica Fuentes, 33, a member of the Unstop-Purples team. “We’re sharing our faith. We’re working as a team, but we’re working as a Church, too. It doesn’t matter if you win or lose. We pray together before the game, and we pray together after the game. It brings us together. We need to keep this going.”

Even after the team lost its game on March 4, the Unstop-Purples players were all smiles as they hung around together to enjoy some New Orleans-inspired food that the program provided on the evening before Ash Wednesday.

That combination of sports and socializing sets the stage for opportunities to embrace and deepen the Catholic faith—



Matt Faley

the goals of Faley and Katie Sahn, the archdiocese’s coordinator of young adult ministry.

“For us, the program is all about building relationships, so they can see the Church beyond the church pew, but at the same

time to call them to something deeper, to serve the Church more,” Faley said. “We have events in place that cover prayer, service and community. We plan around the intramural schedule so they can get involved.”

On the sidelines of the gymnasium, there’s a display of upcoming faith-related events for young adult Catholics from 18 to 35. The display mentions “First Fridays,” the first Friday of a month when there’s an



Above, volleyball league commissioner Cory Watkins, middle, talks about the rules with Rosie Arnold and Antony Turner before a best-of-three match of the archdiocese’s Young Adult Catholic Intramural Program.

Right, a display area on the sidelines of the Young Adult Catholic Intramurals Program shows the variety of ways that participants can get involved in faith-related activities and service projects.



hour of eucharistic adoration and reflection followed by a dinner and a speaker.

There’s also a sign-up sheet to participate on the archdiocese’s “Race for Vocations” team on May 3 as part of the OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon in Indianapolis.

And information is available about the Theology on Tap summer series. Featuring an informal setting where food and drink are available, the series is designed for young adults to learn more about the Catholic faith and build a sense of community.

Now 23, Krissy Vargo was looking for opportunities for faith and community when she moved to Indianapolis 15 months ago to start a new job.

“When I first moved here, I heard about Indy Catholic, the young adult group, and it was something I wanted to be part of,” said Vargo, now a member of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis. “I’ve been having a blast ever since.”

While she claims her athletic skills aren’t made for volleyball, her outgoing personality is a perfect fit for her role as the “official sideline reporter” for the intramural program. Vargo does videotaped interviews with players following each match.

“I just try to capture the fun of it,” she said. “I try to always incorporate some of the community part and the faith part, too. I think the intramurals are a great idea. There’s a group of people who aren’t ready to step back into the pew yet. This is meeting them halfway. We just want to give people the opportunity to reconnect with their faith.”

For Faley, the focus of the program all leads back to a question that Jesus poses at the beginning of the Gospel according to St. John.

“One of the first things he says to his disciples is, ‘What are you looking for?’” Faley said. “We’re trying to create an encounter where they can really answer that question.”

Faley shares the story of how the intramural program—which will expand to more sports in the future—has made a difference to one of the men in his Bible study group.

“He moved to the city about six to eight months ago to take a job here. He was looking for community. He signed up for intramurals on a whim, he didn’t know a soul, and he’s gotten to know his team.

“There’s just been a lot of energy with this program. People are excited it’s happening. There’s just a joy that is building.”

(For more information about the Young Adult Catholic Intramural Program or other events and opportunities involving the archdiocese’s Young Adult and College Campus Ministry, visit the website, www.indycatholic.org. Questions can also be directed to Matt Faley at mfaley@archindy.org, and Katie Sahn at ksahn@archindy.org. Kickball season is scheduled to start the week of May 12.) †

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“Second is a profound hope in Jesus Christ, and third is a heart of gratitude.”

Valesco “embodies these three characteristics,” said Niemerg.

“I wasn’t always passionate about pro-life,” Valesco told *The Criterion* in a private interview. “I guess I became pro-life when I became a dad, when I first held my son.” Valesco and his wife, Alicia, members of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Gary, Ind., in the Gary Diocese, have five children including one deceased

son, and five grandchildren.

Since taking the role of pro-life director for the Indiana Knights of Columbus state council in 2009, Valesco has among other efforts, organized trips to the annual March for Life in Washington, and established a fund into which each Knights of Columbus council donates a certain amount of money for pro-life efforts. As a result of the contributions, the state council can now supply up to seven ultrasound machines throughout the state.

Valesco told *The Criterion* that he would accept the award in recognition of “the good works of all of the 133,000 Knights in Indiana.”



Young women from St. Mary Parish in North Vernon enjoy the meal on March 6 at the Sanctity of Life Dinner.



Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, vicar general, delivers the keynote address at the Sanctity of Life Dinner on March 6 in Indianapolis.



Michael Valesco, Indiana Knights of Columbus state council pro-life director, says a few words of thanks after receiving the Sanctity of Life award.

After receiving the award from Niemerg and Bishop Coyne, Valesco embraced his wife of 47 years, then showed the award to his 95-year-old mother, June.

Bishop Coyne began his keynote address with a look at the rosary as a pro-life tool that goes beyond just prayer.

“We can use the rosary as a means of teaching about the Gospel of Life, in particular with the Joyful Mysteries,” he explained. “The first three—the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Nativity—each of those in many ways speaks to the life in the womb, the life of God made manifest in the womb.”

“It’s important for us to be able to talk about why the Church teaches what it teaches, and to show that some of the things we believe are not a recent innovation, but in fact have been part of our faith from the very beginning.

“If I were to ask you how come Christmas is celebrated on Dec. 25,” he said, many would respond that it arose from the Church adapting the pagan Roman festival of the sun gods, “... and as the light begins to return, we say that the Light of God came into the world.

“That’s been the operative theory up until about 50-60 years ago,” Bishop Coyne explained.

Then he offered a more recent theory proposed by Church scholars.

Drawing upon translations of ancient texts, scholars have discovered “that there was an early tradition in the Church that held that the day that Christ left this world, Good Friday, is actually the same day that he entered this life [33 years prior], the day that he was conceived in the womb,” said the bishop.

While stating there were other examples supporting this theory, Bishop Coyne quoted from the fourth-century doctor of the Church, St. Augustine.

“St. Augustine, in one of his teachings, writes, ‘For Jesus is believed to have been conceived on the 25th day of March, upon which day he also suffered. So the womb

of the virgin in which he was conceived, where no one of mortals was begotten before, corresponds to the new grave in which he was buried, wherein was never man laid, neither before him nor since. But he was born, according to tradition, on Dec. 25th.’

“It’s interesting to think that perhaps the day of Jesus’ birth is not so random as something connected with the ancient Roman sun gods,” Bishop Coyne said, “but goes back to an even more ancient tradition that he was conceived in the womb on the day that he died on the cross 33 years later.”

That means, said the bishop, “that the ancient Church understood clearly that the in-breaking of salvation was not when Christ was born in the manger, but when he was conceived in the womb, and that everything that made him Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, was found in the womb of Mary that day” rather than the day of his birth.

“So when we say the life of that person, of that human being, is in the womb of the woman from the very moment of conception, we’re not relying on a recent understanding—it goes back 2,000 years ago to the early Church that understood the in-breaking of God the Son was at that moment,” Bishop Coyne said.

As the bishop closed his address to nearly 400 members from around the archdiocese—from the deaneries of Terre Haute to Bloomington to New Albany, and even from as far away as the Tell City Deanery, a three-hour drive from Indianapolis—he quoted Blessed John Paul II.

“‘This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is a time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of the comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern world.’”

(To hear Bishop Christopher J. Coyne’s March 6 keynote address, log onto www.criteriononline.com.) †

New Albany Deanery parish sponsors bustling basketball league

By Sean Gallagher

“If you build it, they will come,” is the iconic line from *Field of Dreams*, a 1989 movie in which an Iowa farmer played by Kevin Costner obeys a mysterious voice that says those words to him by building a baseball diamond in his corn field.

Legendary baseball players from the past come to play and, at the end of the movie, hundreds of people in cars are seen approaching to watch the game, thus fulfilling the prophecy, “If you build it, they will come.”

Five years ago, members of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County didn’t work to build the Geis Activity Center in response to a mysterious voice.

Instead, it was a part of the vision that they and their former pastor, now-retired Father John Geis, had to help grow their faith community and open it up to the wider community.

Since the activity center was completed in late 2010, hundreds of children and their families have come to it for an annual six-week youth basketball league. This year’s league had 374 participants from age 3 through the fourth grade. Only about half the participants were from the parish, and many were not Catholic.

The parish built it, and the kids came.

“It reaches beyond our parish boundaries,” said Father H. Michael Hilderbrand, pastor of the New Albany Deanery faith community. “It’s become so developed that it’s incorporating so many other people of other denominations and religious backgrounds. It’s an opportunity to share our resources with others.”

Father Geis now serves in retirement as a part-time sacramental minister for Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen and St. Maurice Parish in Napoleon. He is pleased about how his former parish in Floyd County is making full use of the activities center there.

“It is thrilling to know that it is being used, and that the people there are opening it up,” Father Geis said. “We felt like the parish really has something to offer, not only to the parish’s members, but also to the community. That’s what we wanted to do, to bring them to the faith center.”

The league organizers are all parishioners, as are many of its coaches. But all of the participants know that it is a ministry of the parish.

That is seen from the beginning of each game where both teams pray the Our Father together to the virtues that are instilled in the players by coaches and league officials.

Svend Jansen is one of the parishioners who helps oversee the league.

“You look at this parish as an example of really setting your mind to something



Above, Claire Clemmer-Becht, left, Xavier Jansen, Drew Cassis and Knox Betourne were teammates on a team in the kindergarten division of a six-week youth basketball league that took place earlier this year at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County.

Left, boys and girls play a game of basketball in February at the Geis Activity Center at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County. The parish-sponsored six-week league, which recently completed its fourth season, drew 374 competitors from age 3 through the fourth grade this year.

and pushing through,” he said. “Good things happen to people of good faith.”

Jansen’s hopes in regard to the basketball league, however, are focused not so much on the parish, but on the children learning the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship.

Bryan Walsh, a parishioner who coached two league teams this year, works with parents and players alike in trying to realize those hopes.

“I try to set the tone first by reaching out to the parents,” said Walsh, who had four children in this year’s league. “I talk about the fact that we want them to get better and be competitive and to win if we can. But we also teach them sportsmanship and to not win at all costs and to play the game the right way. We treat the people on the other team the right way.”

The way the league is set up also helps

team members treat each other the right way. Each team member plays at least half of each game, something that Walsh said challenges him as a coach to work hard to teach basketball fundamentals to players who may pick up the game more slowly than some of their teammates.

He recalled one game where a girl, who had started the year having a hard time with the game, made a crucial play to help her team win a tight contest.

“In the championship game, our weakest player got the ball on a rebound, dribbled it down the floor and passed it to our best player, who scored a basket, Walsh said. “It was a fairly pivotal point in the game. To see that she had improved that much was gratifying.”

Seeing that connection between players of various skill levels helped Walsh see a further tie between the league and the faith

community that sponsors it.

“You’re connected to the Church and you want all of it to be healthy,” he said. “And it was neat to watch the kids and see lesser players make contributions. It could be something as simple as a rebound or bringing the ball up cleanly and making a pass.”

To help the players learn basketball fundamentals, the teams are given one-hour practice time slots on the two courts at the Geis Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the season. Games are played on the courts from 9 a.m. through 7 p.m. on Saturdays during the season.

“I’m just living the icing on the cake that Father John and the people that he worked with at that time put together,” said Father Hilderbrand. “It’s a whole facility designed for the future generations to come.” †

What was in the news on March 13, 1964? A new schema on ecumenism is prepared for the council, and a look at poverty in Indianapolis

By Brandon A. Evans

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



Here are some of the items found in the March 13, 1964, issue of *The Criterion*:

- **‘Bolder’ schema on ecumenism prepared for study by council**

“VATICAN CITY—Council Fathers and experts of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, closeted in a retreat house south of Rome for two weeks, have rewritten the Vatican Council’s proposed schema on ecumenism, including its statements on religious liberty and Jewish-Christian relations. An official of the Secretariat said after the conference that the rewritten schema is ‘bolder’ than the original. The new draft, reshaped along lines that emerged during debates at the council’s second session last fall, will be sent to bishops throughout the world. It is expected that it will be considered and voted on during this fall’s third council session. All five chapters of the schema were rewritten, including the final two on religious liberty and the Jews

which were not put forward for full debate last fall.”

- **Providence nuns name Regional Superiors**
- **Lack of low-cost housing crucial in ‘inner city’**

Editor’s note—As a follow-up to President [Lyndon B.] Johnson’s package proposal to Congress to combat poverty in the United States, *Criterion* News Editor Paul G. Fox is preparing a series of articles probing in depth the extent of poverty and its effects in the Indianapolis area. “From the steps of venerable St. Mary’s Church in downtown Indianapolis, one can view startling contrasts in the living conditions of parishioners. Towering into the skyline just three blocks to the northwest are the gleaming, half-occupied buildings of the luxurious Riley Center apartment project. This cluster of 30-story housing units is the pride of the ‘we-can-solve-our-own-problems’ attitude of conservative Indianapolis officialdom. Less than a block east of the church exist the more typical dwellings of the 700 parishioners of the 106-year-old parish. One can see dingy, one-family frame houses, shabby rooming houses and two and three-story apartment houses.”

- **Pope urges new efforts for unity**
- **Liturgy Commission expanded by pontiff**
- **Laymen and the Council: The layman as a prince**
- **Maryknoll nuns study everything from journalism**

to witchcraft

- **Official cites Church’s role in urban renewal**
- **Pope Paul names two new bishops**
- **Former Jewish officer defends Pope Pius XII**
- **Anglicans oppose separate council**
- **Deplores Church’s neglect of youth**
- **Requiem offered for priest-editor**
- **CYO slates Jubilee Ball**
- **Mission of the ‘Hoodlum Priest’**
- **Eucharistic Congress plans are underway**
- **Won’t let church doors go**
- **Pope Paul receives ousted missionaries**
- **Mayor pays tribute to Little Sisters**
- **Terre Haute men plan annual Recollection**
- **Debate grows on role of Catholic education**
- **Debate rages in the Netherlands over moral aspects of the ‘pill’**
- **Hibernians name breakfast speaker**
- **Specialist cites role of churches in civic problems**
- **Teachers given fast dispensation**
- **Medical-moral center started**

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Life's surprises are opportunities to deepen faith in God

By David Gibson

Surprises should make people happy, right? Some surprises, arriving out of the blue, are reason enough to celebrate wholeheartedly: an unforeseen job offer promising a better future for a family or a child's stellar, third-quarter school report card, following dismal grades nine weeks earlier.

But surprises are not all of a kind. Some surprises short-circuit current goals of ours, making them appear unattainable. I think, for example, of the larger home a growing family wanted and that was almost within reach, but that now, due to unexpected financial hardships, seems out of the question.

It is a surprise, too, and not a happy one, to learn with little warning that profound illness threatens the well-being or even the life of someone we love.

A fair number of life's surprises leave people feeling disappointed, devastated or just plain angry. Some people want to scream, "This isn't what I wanted!" After an unwelcome surprise, they wonder if their hopes are dashed.

But are their hopes dashed? Or are they, perhaps, on track toward transformation? Is this part of a journey?

It is at least worth considering the possibility that an apparently unwelcome surprise will serve as a signal that one's life journey is about to reach a new point of beginning.

Any true surprise falls into the category of "the unexpected." It possesses a capacity to startle us into wakefulness, either delightfully so or in ways that give rise to fear, anguish or confusion.

It is often said that the unexpected is such a routine part of human life that it really ought to be labeled "the expected." Nonetheless, unexpected developments may prompt great worry. Many surely wonder if God is absent when they occur.

Yet, many testify that in handling unexpected developments they grew as human beings and people of faith. It wasn't easy, but a hidden resilience emerged and they found, surprisingly, that in handling the unexpected, they matured.

Rather than believing God was absent, they began to converse with God in this all-too-real, daily life context. Courage displaced fear for them. Rather than collapsing, their life's journey advanced.

I suspect that for Pope Francis, this does not sound strange. We cannot expect life always to go according to plan, he suggested in the interview with him published by major Jesuit journals in September 2013.

"Our life is not given to us like an opera libretto, in which all is written down, but it means going, walking, doing, searching, seeing," he said.

Furthermore, Pope Francis commented that "God is always a surprise, so you never know where and how you will find him. You are not setting the time and place of the encounter with him. You must, therefore, discern the encounter."

We all, I suspect, are far more experienced and adept than we imagine at handling life's unexpected developments. I often think of this when planning to visit a great city or region for the first time.

My expectations heighten monumentally before such a trip. Yet, I know by now that once I arrive, my destination's reality never will match my expectations. It will differ from them in positive and negative ways.

What then? What should we do if, somewhat unexpectedly, we discover that the beautiful and exciting place, the journey we planned, is not what we expected?

We could resign ourselves to disappointment. Or we could begin to explore this new place or circumstance by opening our eyes to its virtues and allowing our vision of the world to expand in wonderful, unanticipated ways.

It is always possible that this kind of trip will be remembered later as one of our best journeys ever. Something that initially feels like a bit of a letdown may well prove to be a rich source of gifts and blessings.

Marriage is one such journey.

Lasting marriages might be few and far between if couples could not manage



Pope Francis reacts to children as he addresses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Oct. 26, 2013. He addressed an estimated 100,000 people taking part in a Year of Faith celebration of family life. In his speech, he described marriage as a "long journey" in which couples walk together with the Lord.

'... many testify that in handling unexpected developments they grew as human beings and people of faith.'

to survive and thrive when unexpected developments make themselves known. Pope Francis talked about this in an October 2013 speech to families, underscoring the reality of marriage as a journey.

At the moment of their wedding, a couple "does not know what will happen or what joys and pains await them," said Pope Francis. He explained that couples set out, "like Abraham, on a journey together. And that is what marriage is! Setting out and walking together, hand in hand, putting yourselves in the Lord's powerful hands."

In fact, this becomes "a long journey," the pope added. Marriage is a journey "not for a brief spell but for an entire

life!" As their journey unfolds, couples will need Jesus' help in order to walk together "in trust, to accept one another each day and daily to forgive one another."

If marriage is a long journey, it is a journey of growth, too, according to many long-married couples. They only learned over time what love really means, they report.

They learned this, not incidentally, amid many unforeseen and even unwelcome developments that demanded much of them, complex situations in which they perhaps came to realize that God wanted to address them.

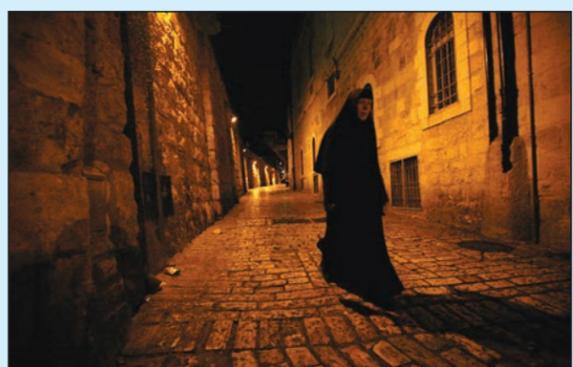
(David Gibson served on Catholic News Service's editorial staff for 37 years.) †

Journeys of faith begin with an invitation from God to his people

By Daniel S. Mulhall

The season of Lent is often referred to as "being on a journey." This idea of a journey is central to the Judeo-Christian identity, and is rooted firmly in the Bible.

The faith tradition of Jews, Christians and Muslims begins with Abram, who lived in or near the city of Ur in modern Iraq. God invited Abram to take a journey of a lifetime: to leave behind his established life and go to



A nun walks the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem's Old City. The street is believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. Throughout the Bible, God called people to make journeys in which they were to place their trust in him.

the land of Canaan, where he would become the father of many nations and wealthy beyond belief.

We know from Genesis 17 that he is given the name Abraham at the covenant ceremony, and our religious faith begins with his decision to accept God's invitation and begin this journey.

Journeys then, as now, played significant roles in the development of the Jewish and Christian faiths. Biblical scholars point out several significant journeys.

We see in Genesis in the story of Joseph that Jacob, Abraham's grandson, journeyed with his family to Egypt in order to survive a terrible famine. The Book of Deuteronomy tells us that following their escape from Egypt, the Hebrews remembered their heritage in this way: "My father was a wandering Aramean who journeyed to Egypt. When he arrived we were few in number, but now we have become a great nation" (Dt 26:5).

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and Joshua tell the story of the Hebrew's escape from Egypt and their 40-year journey to find their new home in the fertile land that God had promised.

In the New Testament, Matthew 2:13-15 tells of the Holy Family's journey into Egypt in order to escape the murderous intentions of King Herod.

The Gospel of Mark presents Jesus' life story as a journey from his baptism to Jerusalem, where he goes to

die and rise from the dead.

Is there something that we can learn from these biblical journeys, something that will help us in our personal Lenten pilgrimage?

Religious journeys are always in response to an invitation from God. They seem to always take us from where we feel comfortable to a place of great opportunity, even if we encounter obstacles along the way. These journeys always change us, forcing us to leave behind what is insignificant for the promise of something better.

Journeys are life-giving, saving us from some calamity that would have happened had we stayed on our current course.

As you begin your Lenten journey, consider where you are being called to travel. What lies ahead for you if you stay on your current path? How might your life be changed by taking a different path? What are you willing to leave behind as you begin your trip? What does God have in mind for you?

The proverb "the longest journey begins with a single step" applies as much to religious journeys as any other. As Blessed Pope John Paul II challenged us, be not afraid to take that step and begin your journey of faith.

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Old Testament: Joseph confronts his brothers in Egypt

(Tenth in a series of columns)

Last week's column left the patriarch Joseph a slave of Potiphar, the chief steward of the Egyptian pharaoh. We pick up the story with chapter 39 of Genesis.

Joseph got along well with Potiphar, so well, in fact, that he was put in charge of his whole household.

But Joseph was handsome, and soon Potiphar's wife took notice. She tried to get him to sleep with her, but he refused.

"She tried to entice him day after day" (Gen 39:10), with no success. On one occasion, Joseph fled the house. The spurned woman then told Potiphar that Joseph had tried to lie with her. Enraged, Potiphar threw Joseph into the prison where royal prisoners were confined. Joseph soon made friends with the chief jailer.

Later, Pharaoh's royal cupbearer and chief baker angered him and were thrown

into prison. They each had a dream and Joseph interpreted its meaning—that the cupbearer would be restored to his position and the baker killed. That's what happened.

Two years passed. Pharaoh had a dream, and then a second. He called the magicians and sages together and asked them to interpret the dreams. When none could do so, the cupbearer told Pharaoh about his experience with Joseph.

Joseph was brought into Pharaoh's presence and asked to interpret the dream. He replied that it wouldn't be he, but God who would give Pharaoh the right answer.

After Pharaoh described his dreams (in chapter 41), Joseph told him that both of them indicated that Egypt would have seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. He suggested that Pharaoh seek a wise man and put him in charge of the land so he could appoint overseers who would store the food during the seven good years.

Pharaoh was so impressed that he put Joseph in charge of the whole land of Egypt, second in rank only to Pharaoh himself. He also gave him in marriage to Asenath, daughter of an Egyptian priest.

Joseph was then 30 years old.

During the next seven years, Joseph saw to it that food products were stored throughout Egypt. He and Asenath also had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. When the famine began, Pharaoh told the people to go to Joseph, who rationed the food that had been stored.

The famine affected Canaan, too. When Jacob learned that there was food in Egypt, he sent his 10 sons (all except Benjamin) down to procure some. Joseph, of course, immediately recognized them, but concealed his own identity and spoke to them through an interpreter. He accused them of being spies and threw them into prison.

After three days, he told them that one of them must remain in prison until the others returned with their youngest brother. Talking among themselves, and not realizing that Joseph could understand them, they said that they were being punished for what they did to Joseph.

Leaving Simeon behind, they returned home with food. When they emptied their sacks, they discovered the money they had taken for payment. †



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It seems that life is an endless cycle of cycles

Beware the Ides of March. That's what Julius Caesar was told to do and, apparently, did not. He had Brutus

to contend with, but we have our own villain to deal with. Namely, the weather.

As I'm sure everyone has said, and is tired of hearing, this has been a winter for the record

books. Constant ice, snow and below-zero temperatures. And not only up north, either.

One of our sons, who lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia, recently sent us a photo taken at his home. There's a foot (twelve inches!) of snow on his front lawn. You would think it was a scene in Wisconsin.

About the same time, our daughter-in-law living in South Carolina told me she was home from work because the blood center she manages was closed because of ice. Imagine, closing a blood center because of ice on the roads! In South Carolina!

Naturally, all this is the result of global warming. But then, isn't everything lately? Still, we are certainly

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

A pope who speaks to the good, and the pain, in reality

What quality most marks Pope Francis after his first year as pope?

One answer is contained in the definition of "prophetic spirituality" found in *The New Dictionary of Catholic Spirituality*.

"A spirituality that is prophetic is rooted in social, economic and political reality.

One cannot be ignorant of or removed from the needs, aspirations, movements and accomplishments of society and presume to be prophetic. It is within this reality that God is revealed, either reassuring the people of divine compassion and care or warning them of God's indignation and justice."

Prophets know the lay of the land and feel the pulse. Like poets, they know the daily challenges and reality that people face. A talk Pope Francis gave recently on marriage exemplifies

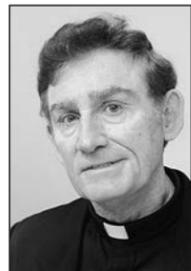
in an extreme weather pattern, which I believe is part of a natural cycle. Since most of us don't live much beyond 100 years, and recorded history only goes back so far, this weather seems brand new because we've never experienced it before in our collective memory.

Like so many other aspects of life, this is one cycle which is part of a larger natural arrangement. There's a natural life span from birth to death in people, animals and even plants. The moon and sun follow cycles, as do the solar systems. The seasons of the year illustrate the cycle of nature's death and regeneration.

Even human things like our moods, fertility and female menstruation are cyclical. Digestion of food follows a cycle. Sometimes we create our own cycles with habitual behavior: We eat three meals a day at approximately the same times; or we go to bed at a certain time and get up at a certain time.

Now, if the world depends upon natural cycles, how does that leave much room for free will? It's depressing to think in such a fatalistic fashion. Surely we're not just weak pawns in some giant chess game?

Well, no. When Jesus came, he entered history, showing us in his



One cannot be ignorant of or removed from the needs, aspirations, movements and accomplishments of society and presume to be prophetic. It is within this reality that God is revealed, either reassuring the people of divine compassion and care or warning them of God's indignation and justice."

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this quality.

He observed, "But the most important thing is to walk together by working together, by helping one another, by asking forgiveness, by acknowledging one's mistakes and asking for forgiveness, and also by accepting the apologies of others by forgiving—how important this is! Sometimes I think of married people who separate after many years. 'Oh ... no, we didn't understand each other, we drifted apart.'"

Perhaps they didn't know how to ask for forgiveness at the right time, the pope said. Perhaps, at times, they did not know how to forgive.

"And I always give this advice to newlyweds: 'Argue as much as you like. If the plates fly, let them! But never end the day without making peace! Never!'"

Married people need to learn to say: "Excuse me, I was tired," or even a little gesture, this is peace. Then carry on with life the next day," the pope advised.

"This is a beautiful secret, and it

humanity how we should live as beloved children of a good God. Even without sinning himself, he taught us how to use our gift of free will. Amid all the natural cycles of life, we may still choose our fates. Christianity is a hopeful, forward-looking faith which can lead us to everlasting joy.

The natural cycles were set up as part of God's creation, to serve us and our human needs, but if we're feeling ornery we can change them. We can try to sleep by day and carouse by night, or try to plant the garden in September and harvest it in April. Good luck with that.

More likely, we can try to change our man-made cycles. Sometimes we may feel trapped in an impossible work situation, but we can will ourselves to plan for the future instead of giving in to inertia or despair.

Sometimes we may be upset about a troubled marriage or kids who are acting out. But we can improve the cycle of our family life by willing to be a more positive, proactive member. We can be patient and persevere. Because when we do these things, the Ides of March won't be so scary.

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

Twenty Something/

Christina Capecchi

Let's hear it for the nuns!

When Mary Margaret Gefre's boyfriend drove her to the train station in their small



North Dakota town, the 19-year-old farm girl didn't tell him where she was headed on that brisk December day, clutching a small bag containing a rosary, her childhood prayer book, a few dresses and a pair of shoes.

She was bound for a cloistered convent in St. Paul, Minn. She was going to become a nun.

Today, at age 84, she marks the passage of that heart-wrenching winter by three feast days.

It was on Dec. 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, that her boyfriend Baltzer took her to the train station, giving her a peck on the cheek before driving away. The dark-haired young man had won her over with his deep faith and gentle ways. "I was sure he was going to be my husband," she told me. "I could envision a happy life with him, babies."

It was on Feb. 2, the Feast of the Presentation, that Mary Margaret officially entered the Sisters of St. Joseph's community, a bundle of hopes and fears. In the open fields back home, she could see for miles: every sunrise engulfed her, every cloud floated overhead, every star pierced the midnight sky. But in the city, trees crowded in on her. "I felt imprisoned," she said. "It was sort of like the end of world."

It was on Feb. 14, the Feast of St. Valentine, that Mary Margaret received a love letter from Baltzer. Her superior, Sister Sara Claire, had already read it and handed it to Mary Margaret soberly. The sight of his neat cursive and urgent plea to come home opened a floodgate of emotion. "It all came back to me. I had to do lots of thinking. It was very hard to give him up, but I just knew my call by then. In my heart, I felt that this was my home."

To modern ears, this may sound like a tragedy, but Mary Margaret—who for 65 years now has been Sister Rosalind—describes it as a happily ever after that keeps getting sweeter. Her life has been wildly, richly full: working as a nurse and witnessing childbirth, establishing an esteemed massage school to bring the healing touch to people in pain, fielding teary confessions and appeals for prayer at every turn.

She is a short, wrinkled woman with stardust in her eyes and a mile of joy coiled in her body, compelling her to hug repairmen in the elevator and hold your hand as you walk to lunch. "I am so glad I chose the sisterhood!" she said. "I would not exchange it for anything in the world."

I believe her.

Many sisters have told me that religious life enabled them to do more than they ever could've hoped, opening up new avenues and awakening new desires. For 20-something women facing big decisions, sisters have surprising wisdom to offer. They've been there, they get it. And for those of us who feel frustrated by times when the urgent-but-not-important manages to trump the important-but-not-urgent, as Stephen Covey puts it, sisters model an integration—daily actions that perfectly correspond with their dearest values. Walking the walk, seldom needing to talk the talk.

Their profound impact is being recognized this March through Women's History Month. National Catholic Sisters Week is a worthy addition to a month that celebrates movers and shakers, sisters who lead by serving, who show up with great faith and open hearts, seeing God in each stranger on the street. I can't imagine our country, our Church or my life without them.

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(Father Eugene Hemrick writes for *Catholic News Service*.) †

Second Sunday of Lent/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 16, 2014

- Genesis 12:1-4a
- 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
- Matthew 17:1-9

The Book of Genesis is the source of this weekend's first biblical reading. As its name implies, Genesis reveals the divine origin of life. It also reveals the divine plan in the forming of the Hebrew race.



Genesis is a splendidly vivid revelation of God's majesty and power, and indeed of the dignity of humanity. It is a great pity that this marvelous

book has been so tortured and misconstrued by well-meaning but uninformed readers over the years. In their earnest attempt to preserve the divine character of this book, they lose much of its impact.

This weekend's reading is about Abraham. Considered by scholars to have been an actual person and not a myth, Abraham is regarded as the father of the Jewish people.

The reading makes several points. The first is that God is active in human affairs, and that humans can communicate with God. Abraham has very strong faith. God rewards this faith by pledging that Abraham's descendants, until the end of time, will be God's special people. It is a dignity conferred with obligation, however. Abraham's descendants must be loyal to God and, by their lives of faith, reveal God to the world.

For its second reading, this weekend's liturgy presents a passage from St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy.

Timothy was a disciple of Paul and is venerated by the Church as a great saint, important in the formation of Christianity. According to the New Testament, Timothy was the son of a pagan father and a devout Jewish mother. He was Paul's secretary at one point. He once was imprisoned with Paul but was released.

According to tradition, Timothy was the first bishop of Ephesus.

In this reading, Paul encourages Timothy to be strong in his Christian belief despite the difficulties and obstacles that

will arise.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the story of the Transfiguration. Similar readings appear in the other Synoptic Gospels—Mark and Luke.

As often occurs in all the Gospels, this is a scene in which only Apostles experience the full reality of Jesus, or hear the more complete message of Jesus. They were the Lord's specially chosen followers. Jesus had called them for a purpose of their continuing to reconcile God with humanity, humanity with God, as had Jesus.

For this purpose, the Apostles were educated. Since this purpose would take them far and wide, and inevitably into unfriendly conditions, their faith needed reinforcement.

There can be no doubt that the Transfiguration revealed the Lord's divinity. The imagery would have been familiar to Jews contemporary with Jesus.

Brilliant light symbolized God. Mountaintops symbolized God. Pure white symbolized God. Finally, surrounding Jesus were Moses and Elijah, the great heroes of the Hebrew religious tradition.

Reflection

Lent is just more than one week in progress, and already the Church is encouraging us and reinforcing our faith, as Jesus strengthened the faith of the Apostles who stood trembling and in dismay before the divine sight manifested on the mountain.

By inference, the Church also reminds us that Jesus was a human. The Apostles had seen his humanity day after day. Now, in the Transfiguration, they saw the divinity of Jesus.

Of course, it is a story of God's power and supremacy. Also, however, it is a revelation in context. Jesus had come into the world, as a human as well as Son of God, to reconcile sinners with God and God with sinners.

Yet, Jesus did not drag anyone kicking and screaming into the kingdom. We all must enter the kingdom willingly. But God supports us and guides us. He gives us the revealed word in Second Timothy and in all the Scriptures.

Most of all, God gives us Jesus. †

Daily Readings

Monday, March 17

St. Patrick, bishop
Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 21

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42 or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

Making the sign of the cross passing a church is a long-standing custom

QI have some questions regarding a practice I observed as a child (in the 1970s). While they were passing in front of a church (either walking or in a car), I used to notice some people making the sign of the cross. I'm not sure whether this was just a personal custom or one endorsed by the church. Are you familiar with this practice and, if so, how did it originate? Is it an appropriate sign of reverence? (Des Moines, Iowa)



AYes, I am familiar with this practice. I'm not sure whether it was taught to me by my mother or by the nuns in school. Ever since I was a child, whenever I pass a Catholic church I make the sign of the cross with my thumb on my forehead, as a priest does to a child at baptism.

I do this as a sign of reverence for Jesus, present in the tabernacle. I'm not aware of any official "endorsement" of this practice by the Church, but such a gesture of faith is a long-standing custom—particularly in Ireland, but also in Italy and the Philippines.

I know that some people when passing a church make the complete sign of the cross, employing the entire hand on the forehead, breast and both shoulders, but more often, it seems, just the thumb is used.

Interestingly, that simple cross on the forehead seems to have been the original sign used to indicate a Christian's belief in the redemptive death and resurrection of Jesus, before it developed into the wider gesture.

The theologian Tertullian, in the year 211 A.D., in a work called *The Chapelet*, wrote: "In all our actions, when we come in or go out, when we dress, when we wash, at our meals, before resting to sleep, we make on our forehead the sign of the cross. These practices are not commended to us by a formal law of Scripture, but tradition teaches them, custom confirms them and faith observes them."

I also am aware of gentlemen tipping their hats when passing a church, and of people making the sign of the cross when passing a cemetery (as a "quick prayer" for those buried there) or when an ambulance or fire engine goes by (asking God for a favorable outcome to that emergency).

QIf a widow cannot marry a divorced man, why are local churches advertising CatholicMatch.com, which lists numerous divorced Catholic men looking for a wife? (Monmouth County, N.J.)

AYou're right: A widow cannot marry a divorced man in a Catholic marriage—unless that man has had his earlier marriage annulled by the Church. CatholicMatch.com is an online dating service that says its purpose is to "help single Catholics be in a better position to find their spouses and have successful marriages."

Your question prompted me to contact CatholicMatch.com to ask whether, in fact, they were helping to find partners for those ineligible to marry with the Church's blessing. Their response quoted their published caution: "Please be aware that divorced members who are not free to marry in the Catholic Church are permitted to use CatholicMatch, but not for romantic purposes. If this is your situation, we encourage you to contact your parish priest or diocesan marriage tribunal to determine if you are a candidate for the annulment process."

To clarify even further, I e-mailed them back, asking what would be a "nonromantic" purpose for using a dating service, and they explained, "Divorced members who aren't eligible to use the site for romantic purposes generally use the site as a 'support system' as they go through the annulment process."

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

My Journey to God

My Lord and My God

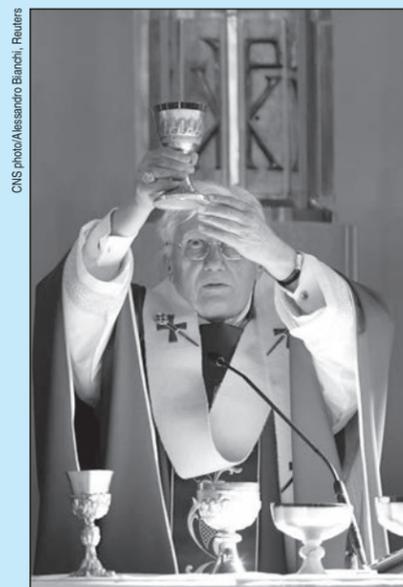
By Thomas J. Rillo

The chalice is lifted up to God on high
I say the words my Lord and my God
The cup is lifted up in affirmation
Jesus' sacrifice is the spiritual catalyst.
My Lord and My God

The Eucharist that compels me to say
Silently the words as the cup is lifted
In my mind I say my Lord and my God
Unspoken are my words of acclamation.
My Lord and My God

Parishioners in the pews need not hear
Physically hear the words I silently speak
For God and His son are the recipients
Of words acclaiming my faithful belief.
My Lord and My God

Silence and humility are at times difficult
It is heartfelt thoughts that really matter
My obedience is a vow that is inherent
In the words that are deep in my heart.
My Lord and My God



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Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the "My Journey to God" column.

Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to critterion@archindy.org. †

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.

ABRAHAM, Norbert, Sr., 80, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Feb. 22. Husband of Katalin (Hemer) Abraham. Father of George, Norbert Jr. and Robert Abraham. Brother of Rafael Abraham Sr. Grandfather of two.

ALEXANDER, M. Carolyn, 82, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 22. Mother of Carol, Laurie, John and Kerry O'Brien. Sister of Sue McShay, Chris and Vincent Greiner. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of four.

AMRHEIN, Fern, 94, St. Michael, Brookville, March 1. Mother of Mary Horninger, Gareth, Mark, Michael, Rodger and Stephen Amrhein. Sister of Helen Prifogle. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 21.

ANTICO, John, 88, St. Gabriel, Connerville, Feb. 27. Husband of Bertha (Williams) Antico. Father of Dan, Jim and Stephen Antico. Brother of Joseph Antico. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of 14.

BESSENBACH, Arthur H., 89, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, Feb. 15. Husband of Nora Montgomery. Father of Nancy Hartsock, Angels Kinsey, Kay Leonard, Brian and Raymond Bessenbach. Grandfather of six.

CONNOR, Lawrence S. "Bo," 88, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Feb. 28. Husband of Patty Connor. Father of Julia Dietrick, Janet Kahler, Maureen Stark, Carolyn Weigel, Lawrence Jr. and Michael Connor. Grandfather of 16. Great-grandfather of six.

CONSIDINE, Donald Patrick, 88, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis, Feb. 27. Father of Mary Beth Harlow, Ellen Simpson, Susie Smith, Bob, Matt and Terry Considine. Brother of Rita Minogue and Jack Considine. Grandfather of six.

CURRAN, James Joseph, 89, Most Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, Feb. 18.

DONICA, Sandra JoAnn (Mace), 78, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Feb. 9. Mother of



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Lenten almsgiving

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York enjoys a light moment as he greets people waiting in the St. Francis Breadline outside St. Francis of Assisi Church in New York on Ash Wednesday on March 5. The parish operates the longest continuously running breadline in the nation. It was founded in 1930 by Franciscan Brother Gabriel Mehlner to feed people impoverished by the Great Depression.

Martha Reinbold and Ray Donica. Stepmother of Karen Petro. Sister of Shirley Garvey and Rita Nowling. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of five. Great-great-grandmother of four.

DUDAS, Michael S., 72, St. Andrew, Richmond, Feb. 28. Husband of Mary Kay Dudas. Father of Julie Vecera, Andy, Chris, Eric, Michael and Nick Dudas. Brother of Mary Meek, Steve and John Dudas. Grandfather of 14.

GENGLER, Daniel S., 71, St. Michael, Brookville, Feb. 25. Husband of Jane Gengler. Father of Kellee Cobb, Karen Kuntz and Kristin Shires. Brother of Beth Davies, Charlotte Campbell, Kathy Umscheid, Patricia, Mike, Stan, Tim and Tom Gengler.

GRIFFIN, Helen T., 84, Most Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, Feb. 20. Mother of Paula Hill, Kitty and Joe Griffin. Sister of Ann Bova. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of one.

HALL, Tyler F., 14, St. Mary, Greensburg, Feb. 25. Son of Amy Stainbrook. Brother of Emily Hall and Hannah Mathis. Grandson of Richard and Susie Van Dyke.

HOBBS, Maria Aurora, 81, Most Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, Feb. 17.

KRETZER, Josephine M., 95, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Feb. 25. Mother of Margaret Cinotto

and Paul Kretzer. Grandmother of two. Step-grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of five. Step-great-grandmother of six.

LaFAVE, Paula Rose (Kervan), 79, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 25. Mother of Kevin and Thomas LaFave. Grandmother of seven.

PEARSON, Patricia B., 87, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Feb. 24. Wife of Charles Pearson. Mother of Patty Fossey, Michael and Stephen Pearson. Grandmother of four. Step-grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of nine.

PETTY, Martha, 86, St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove, Feb. 22. Sister of Mary Virginia Cunningham, Margaret Lamping, Elizabeth Larkin, Charles Jr. and John Petty.

SHACKELFORD, Tyler Lee, 28, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Feb. 23. Father of Giuliaanna Shackelford. Son of Tim and Diane Shackelford. Brother

of Sandra Kuzniar, Sherrie and Timothy Shackelford Jr. Grandson of Gen Crafton and Edna Shackelford.

SMITH, James F., 71, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, March 2. Husband of Mary Ann (Voll) Smith. Father of Christopher, Marcia and Timothy Smith. Brother of Phyllis Andres, Denise Bomersbach, Darlene Schy, Karen Thomas, Jerry, Julius and Richard Smith. Grandfather of two.

THUER, Walter C., 71, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Feb. 26. Husband of Joan (Wilson) Thuer. Father of Elizabeth Harper and Walter Thuer Jr. Son of Mary Josephine Benson and Theresa Johnson. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of one.

WILKINS, Brian Anthony, 55, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Feb. 22. Son of Donald Wilkins. Brother of Christopher, Donald, Jeffrey, Patrick and Terry Wilkins. †

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Lenten penance services are scheduled at archdiocesan parishes

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Lent. The following list of services was reported to *The Criterion*.

Batesville Deanery

- March 23, 1:30 p.m. for St. John the Baptist, Osgood; St. Maurice, Napoleon; and Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, at Immaculate Conception, Milhousen
- March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena, Enochsburg
- April 2, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Shelbyville
- April 2, 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
- April 2, 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin County
- April 4, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at All Saints, Yorkville (individual confession)
- April 5, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright
- April 10, 7 p.m., St. Mary, Aurora

Bloomington Deanery

- March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Agnes, Nashville
- April 1, 7 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville
- April 8, 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford
- April 9, 6:30 p.m. at St. Jude, Spencer
- April 10, 6 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington
- April 16, 6 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington

Connersville Deanery

- March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel, Connersville
- April 2, 6:30-8 p.m. at all Connersville Deanery parishes
- April 3, 7 p.m. at St. Bridget of Ireland, Liberty
- April 8, following 5:15 p.m. Mass for Richmond Catholic Community at St. Mary, Richmond
- April 10, 7 p.m. at St. Mary (Immaculate Conception) school gym, Rushville

Indianapolis East Deanery

- March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Mary
- March 26, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit
- April 3, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Greenfield
- April 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. Rita

Indianapolis North Deanery

- April 6, 2 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist
- April 7, 7 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist
- April 8, 7 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist

Indianapolis South Deanery

- March 23, 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd

- March 25, 7:30 p.m. at St. Jude
- March 31, 6:30 p.m. at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- April 5, 9-11 a.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist
- April 8, 7 p.m. at St. Roch
- April 10, 6 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- April 14, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood

Indianapolis West Deanery

- March 19, 6:30 p.m. at St. Monica
- March 20, 7 p.m. at St. Malachy, Brownsburg
- March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More, Mooresville
- March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Susanna, Plainfield
- March 27, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel the Archangel
- April 1, 7 p.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville
- April 9, 7 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel

New Albany Deanery

- March 19, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Charlestown
- March 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany (individual confession)
- March 25, 7 p.m. at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville
- March 27, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Bradford
- April 2, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville
- April 3, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Lanesville
- April 9, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul, Sellersburg
- April 13, 1 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight
- April 16, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Navilleton

Seymour Deanery

- March 19, 7 p.m. for Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, and St. Ambrose, Seymour
- March 30, 4 p.m. for St. Patrick, Salem and American Martyrs, Scottsburg at American Martyrs, Scottsburg
- April 3, 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, Columbus
- April 14, 6:30 p.m. for St. Ann, Jennings County; St. Mary, North Vernon; and St. Joseph, Jennings County, at St. Joseph, Jennings County

Terre Haute Deanery

- March 18, 7 p.m. at Annunciation, Brazil
- March 19, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Clinton
- March 25, 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute
- March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph University, Terre Haute
- April 9, 7 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle †



A priest hears the confession of a clergy member as Pope Francis celebrates Mass with new cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Feb. 23.

Lenten activities available online

Be sure to visit *The Criterion's* Lenten Web page at www.archindy.org/lent.

The page consists of links to daily readings, archived Lenten columns by Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein, a full list of communal penance services taking place at parishes and other features. †

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Please email: cover letter of application, resumé, and three current letters of recommendation to:

Mary Mac Wilson
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For more information about the school, please log on to www.yourSMK.org.

Application deadline is March 31, 2014. All applications and inquiries will be held in confidence.

Candidates must complete the official online application and provide a Verification of Experience Form and a signed statement verifying profession and practice of Catholic Faith. Application can be found by logging on to oce.archindy.org/library/documents/Admin-applicant-instructions-12.pdf.

For more information and/or to submit supporting documentation (i.e., resumé, cover letter, references, etc.) contact:

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CRS was founded in 1943 by the Catholic bishops of the United States to serve survivors of World War II in Europe. Since then, it has become one of the world's largest and most respected international relief and development agencies, each year reaching more than 130 million people in nearly 100 countries.

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