Faith leads young adult with cancer to resolve to live life to the fullest

By John Shaughnessy

The moment touched Father Rick Nagel as he visited Macklin Swinney in the hospital and listened to the young man share the remarkable resolution of what he was going up for Lent.

At the time, the then-26-year-old Swinney had made that decision to be baptized and become a member of the Catholic Church.

After joining his grandparents for Mass one Sunday at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis, where Father Nagel is the pastor, Swinney had been moved to inspire others who faced the most severe stage of skin cancer and had been given little chance of surviving. It was a dark, frightening period for Swinney. But he still wanted to make the most of whatever time he had left in his life, including making the most of his decision to be baptized and become a member of the Catholic Church.

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Pope Francis and President Obama discuss religious freedom, life issues, immigration

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In their first encounter, Pope Francis received U.S. President Barack Obama at the Vatican on March 27 for a discussion that touched on several areas of tension between the Catholic Church and the White House, including religious freedom and medical ethics.

During an unusually long 50-minute meeting, the two leaders discussed “questions of particular relevance for the Church in [the U.S.], such as the exercise of the rights to religious freedom, life and conscientious objection as well as the issue of immigration reform,” the Vatican said in a statement.

The mentions of religious freedom and conscientious objection presumably referred to the contraception, abortifacient and sterilization mandate in the new health care law, which has become a major source of conflict between the administration and the Church.

According to the Vatican statement, Pope Francis and Obama also had an “exchange of views on some current international themes, and it was hoped that in areas of conflict, there would be respect for humanitarian and international law and a negotiated solution between the parties involved.”

In September, Pope Francis launched a high-profile campaign against Obama’s proposal for military strikes to punish the government of President Bashar Assad for its use of chemical weapons. The Vatican has staunchly opposed the proposal.

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Jerusalem patriarch says pope’s May trip to focus on Christian unity

By John Shaughnessy

As he prepares to lead an effort that hopes to raise $5 million to help children receive a Catholic education in the archdiocese, Bob McKinney offers an interesting perspective about the challenge of connecting between Catholic schools and other schools.

After six years of attending St. Luke the Evangelist School in Indianapolis, McKinney asked his parents if he could switch to a larger public school in seventh grade. In the two years he attended a public school, McKinney “enjoyed the experience,” but he chose to return to a Catholic school for his high school years.

“Having experienced both public and Catholic schools, I wanted to go back to a Catholic school because of the community and values that we shared,” McKinney says. “I appreciated the opportunity to have four years of religious education, deeper and challenging my faith a little bit—but it was really about community.”

That focus on community, values and faith has led McKinney and his wife, Jackie—both 1992 graduates of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis—to have their four daughters attend St. Simon the Apostle School in Indianapolis.

That combination has also led McKinney to serve as the chairperson of the development committee of the archdiocese’s annual Celebrating Catholic School Values event in the fall—a group that has set a goal of $5 million.

“One of the things my wife and I have been passionate about is helping kids attend Catholic schools,” McKinney says. “Having our daughters in a Catholic school has been a real positive experience for them and us.”

“Oldest daughter feels that same connection my wife and I felt. You start to appreciate the friendships you have and how that becomes a part of your life. There’s a connection among those families. They appreciate your children almost as much as you do.”

McKinney also appreciates that there is “a platform in place” to help scholarship and fundraising efforts that benefit families who want their children to attend Catholic schools, and he is working to make that opportunity available while maximizing the tax benefits of their contributions.

Working with the archdiocese’s Office of Catholic Education and the Office of Stewardship and Development, McKinney is focused on the benefits of Indiana Tax Credit Scholarships and their connection to Indiana school vouchers.

A Tax Credit Scholarship of at least $500 per child, given for one year, allows an eligible student to receive the school voucher the following year and for up to 12 years of Catholic education in a Catholic school—a potential of $60,000 in state voucher assistance, according to Mary McCoy, the archdiocese’s assistant superintendent for Catholic schools.

From a donor’s standpoint, there is also a benefit from contributing to a tax credit scholarship: With a 50 percent state tax credit and a 35 percent federal deduction, a donor can give $10,000 toward scholarships for as little as $3,250, McCoy noted.

For those who pay taxes at a federal rate of 28 percent, and with a 50 percent state tax credit, a donor can give $10,000 toward scholarships for as little as $3,600, she said.

That double benefit—making Catholic education an option for all families and creating a substantial tax credit—is a point that McKinney will emphasize in five advance breakfast/lunch events that will occur the week of May 1, 7, 13 and 15. (See sidebar listing the events.)

As part of those programs, $200,000 has been offered to provide incentives for Catholic schools to bring potential donors to the events. (See sidebar for how donors can attain a share of these incentives.)

“This year, we’ve almost tripled the incentives—it was only a total of $70,000 last year—to get people to show up at these breakfasts and lunches,” McKinney says.

The development committee noted that last year’s record amount of $3 million was essentially raised in 90 days, so the belief is that starting the program earlier, this year’s $5 million goal is within reach.

The committee has also called upon the support of the Catholic schools in the archdiocese. School principals have been asked to nominate a team captain or “cheerleader” to rally the involvement of people from their parish communities at the events.

In the 2013-14 school year, 2,070 students in Catholic schools in the archdiocese have received Tax Credit Scholarships, compared to 931 in the 2012-13 school year, according to the Office of Catholic Education. McCoy says the need is even greater.

“A lot of us take for granted the things we have in our lives. But if you take a look, there are a lot of people who would like to send their kids to Catholic schools, and they can’t.”

—Bob McKinney, chairperson of the development committee of the archdiocese’s annual Celebrating Catholic School Values event

Area gatherings will discuss tax credit scholarship benefits

There will be five breakfast/lunch events around the archdiocese to inform people about the donor benefits of the Tax Credit Scholarships and the impact that these scholarships can have on Catholic school students and their families.

The following is a listing of these events:

• May 1—8 a.m. breakfast at the Northridge Heights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st St., in Indianapolis.
• May 5—noon breakfast at Holy’s Orchard, Winery and Vineyard, 19816 Huber Road, in Starlight.
• May 7—noon lunch at Knights of Columbus, 624 Delaware Ave. in Batesville.
• May 13—8 a.m. breakfast at Primo South Banquet Hall, 2615 National Ave. in Indianapolis.

For information about scholarships, contact Rosemary O’Brien in the archdiocese’s Office of Stewardship and Development by e-mail at robrien@archindy.org or by phone at 317-236-1568 or 800-382-9836. Information about scholarships is also available online at www.CHOCETrust.org.

Jerusalem patriarch says pope’s May trip to focus on Christian unity

JERUSALEM (CNS)—When Pope Francis visits the Holy Land in May, he will follow the pattern he set last year in May by meeting with the leaders of the three nations he will visit as well as with local clergy.

But the trip also will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic meeting between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras, and it is for that reason that the archdiocese describes the trip as “So that they may be one.”

Church officials released the pope’s official schedule for the May 24-26 visit, and confirmed that Pope Francis will meet Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, considered “first among equals” of the Orthodox bishops, on May 25 in Jerusalem and again the

Following day. On May 25, the two are scheduled to sign a joint declaration that “paves the way for further steps toward the goal of full communion.”

“We are called to be one, and the pope is coming to remind us of this and renew the spirit of unity and fraternal love,” Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal of Jerusalem told a news conference on March 27. “The logo and the motto that have been chosen for this pilgrimage focus in on this desire to respond to the need.”

The official logo of the pilgrimage depicts the embrace of Sts. Peter and Andrew, patrons of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, the patriarch added.

Patriarch Twal said Pope Francis has requested modest welcoming ceremonies throughout the visit. In Amman on May 24, he will meet with Jordan’s King Abdullah and Queen Rania. The following day, the pope will attend an interfaith gathering at the King Hassan II Mosque in Amman.

In Jerusalem on May 25, he will meet with Israeli President Shimon Peres and separately with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

In Jordan, the pope will meet with refugees and disabled young people. In Bethlehem, he will eat lunch with Palestinian families at the Franciscan convent of Casa Nova, following which he will greet children from the Deheishe Refugee Camp.

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The pope and the president

Although President Barack Obama was a few minutes early for his meeting with Pope Francis on March 27, he was late among the leaders of countries who paid their respects to the pontiff during his first year in office.

The pope had already met with the leaders of Russia, Germany, France, Spain, the United Nations and European Community, as well as most governmental heads from Latin America and three visits from Argentina’s President Cristina Fernandez. And now Queen Elizabeth II has flown to the Vatican to meet with the seventh pope of her 62-year reign.

Prior to the meeting between the pope and president, The New York Times published a lengthy article about the years that Obama spent in Chicago as a community organizer. He had an office in Holy Rosary Church there, and learned about the church’s social justice teachings.

Although the meeting between the pope and president touched on areas of tension between the Church and this administration, it shouldn’t be surprising that they talked mainly about issues about which they agree. Both sides know where both the agreements and the disagreement are. We suspect that most of the disagreements were discussed in the meeting between the president and Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, after his meeting with the pope.

According to Obama, during a news conference after the meetings, he discussed the mandate of the Affordable Care Act with Cardinal Parolin and said that he explained to Cardinal Parolin “that most religious organizations are entirely exempt. Religious affiliated hospitals or universities or NGOs (non-governmental organizations) simply have to attest that they have a religious objection, in which case they are not required to provide contraception, although employees of those who choose are able to obtain it through the insurance company.”

He also said that he pledged to continue dialogue with the U.S. Conference of Bishops. We shall see. This issue will probably eventually be settled by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Obama said that, in his meeting with the pope, two issues were especially prominent in their discussions—the poor, and elusive peace around the world. Then, he said, in terms of domestic issues, the pope’s main concern was immigration reform. This is hardly surprising because, in the pope’s apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (“The Joy of the Gospel”), he says that migrants represent a particular challenge for him and, “I exhort all countries to a generous openness which, rather than fearing the loss of local identity, will prove capable of creating new forms of cultural synthesis.”

Besides, the day before his meeting with Obama, the Holy Father promised a 10-year-old girl named Jersey Vargas, during the pope’s general audience, that he would raise the issue of the rising number of deportations of undocumented immigrants. As reported by Rosco Palmo on his website, “Whispers in the Loggia,” the girl’s father was about to be deported from the United States. She was part of a group of immigrant advocates who travelled to Rome from southern California.

The president noted that the pope, “as someone who came from Latin America, is very mindful of the plight of so many immigrants who are wonderful people, working hard, making contributions, many of their children are U.S. citizens, and yet they still live in the shadows, in many cases have been deported and are separated from families.” He expressed optimism that an immigration reform law can be passed.

As for their discussion of elusive peace around the world, the president said that there was specific focus on the Middle East, including the Israeli-Palestinian issue and what is happening in Syria and Lebanon, particularly about the potential persecution of Christians. That has become a serious problem.

A copy of the pope’s apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium was one of the gifts that he gave to the president. That document contains much that the two men agree about, but also much about which they’re in disagreement, mainly the issues of abortion and the other life issues. Obama conceded much as in his press conference when he said, “I think His Holiness and the Vatican have been clear about their position on a range of issues, some of them I differ with, most I heartily agree with.”

Reflection

Mike Krokos

Having faith to change hearts through common ground

It had been nearly five years, but the backdrop was a familiar one.

There was the Swiss Guard standing at attention outside, and the inside were the TV cameras, still cameras and microphones for both men.

There were the pleasantries exchanged by two of the most powerful leaders in the world.

There was the traditional exchange of gifts.

And behind closed doors, Pope Francis and President Barack Obama spent 50 minutes together in a private meeting on March 27, agreeing that more needs to be done to combat human trafficking, help the poor and marginalized of the world, and properly address immigration reform in the U.S. The two men acknowledged that they are not certain if these issues were discussed among the leaders, we know the two do not see eye to eye when it comes to marriage equality.

As Catholics, and as Americans, we can draw parallels between this meeting and the one held in July 2009 between then Pope Benedict XVI and Obama. Instead, we should be grateful that both our spiritual and temporal leaders made it a priority to sit down and discuss the challenges that both see as paramount in today’s world.

We only need to look at what has happened in Ukraine and Venezuela in recent weeks, and at other unsettling global situations, to understand that now was providentially an opportune time for the Holy Father and president to discuss things that are vitally important to the well-being of so many around the world.

As people of faith who look to the magisterium for wisdom and guidance as we work to solve the world’s problems, the Vatican seemed an appropriate place for this meeting of the minds. Pope Francis may reciprocate the White House’s trip by making a trip to the U.S. in September 2015 for the eighth World Meeting of Families being held in Philadelphia.

Sadly, these gatherings don’t take place often enough. But when they do, they present a unique opportunity for the participants to better understand why the other says what he says and does what he does, and what the other believes and why. There are indeed differences, but there is also common ground.

Common ground, we have learned, can lead to dialogue, and dialogue between parties who don’t see the world through the same lens presents an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to help them work through differences. In a perfect world, dialogue would become commonplace. Unfortunately, in today’s imperfect world, it is not. Though we may never know the exact words shared during their nearly hourlong conversation, we can only hope and pray that all that was said will bear fruit, and pray that through God’s grace it will bear fruit.

Can convictions and hearts be changed overnight? Most would answer with an unequivocal “no,” but, as people of faith, we know that with God, all things are possible.

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Spirituity for Today

Fr. John Catoir

Correspondence from a struggling soul

A mother from Maryland recently wrote me about something I wrote on joy. She came across something I wrote about the value to be found in giving and sharing one’s time, in having uplifting thoughts and in helping others. She said that these are the very things that bring joy to the soul. I asked her the question: Why not decide to be joyful?

“I was feeling quite valueless today,” she wrote. “Now that my kids are grown and out on their own, I am no longer needed as a Mommy. I feel like I have no value anymore. My identity was wrapped up in them for 30 years; their father was not really present for most of it, and now I am tempted to feel more and more empty.”

The children, now adults, had started families and households of their own. “All are strong, healthy, wonderful people, but they don’t need me anymore,” she wrote. “I realize these feelings are pretty normal and that I’ve done a good job because the kids are all going forward without me, but it still hurts.”

She said that after reading Trappist Father Thomas Merton, “I realize my feelings are not unusual. And that if I take heart and remain brave enough to go straight into that place of completealoneness with God, I can find the fullness of life in his arms, and nothing can take that peace away.”

I understood when she wrote how much it is easy to lose a sense of peace and wellness. But then, she wrote, “I have to decide to be a happy, joyful person, in spite of my ups and downs. In a way, I’m just feeling the weight of the human condition. I see that the world is a lonely place, and even though I have emotional pain at times, I can choose to be happy anyway. My faith makes me whole.”

And the most gratifying part of the letter: “Thank you for helping me to pull myself out of the blues.”

I was proud and wrote to her, telling her how much I loved the feelings she was experiencing. It’s called “I Gotta Right to Sing the Blues.”

Feelings are real, but by faith you also know that feelings are not facts. Everyone feels lost and bewildered at times. However, believing that the spirit of love abides deep within them. This deeper faith may not warm our hearts immediately, but we have to hold on to it because it will prevent us from slipping into the cancer of self-pity.

I told the sweet soul who sent the correspondence: “I did not see you writing self-pity in your letter; just emotional pain. Neither did I see any self-pity in St. Augustine’s great quote, ‘O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.’”

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Archdiocesan Youth Honors Choir to debut at Holy Thursday Mass

By Natalie Hoefer

The archdiocesan Youth Honors Choir to debut at Holy Thursday Mass on April 17 at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The youths will perform at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 17 at the cathedral.

The group will sing some songs alone, and other songs in conjunction with Laudis Cantores, the cathedral choir.

Motyka said some of the pieces they’ll be singing on their own include “Christus factus est” (“Christ Became”) by Felseker Ansero, and “Nos adhuc gloriam!” (“We Should Glory in the Cross”) by Simone Stella.

The youth will join the cathedral choir in singing “Ubi Caritas” (“Where Charity”), “Tantum Ergo” (“So Great”) and other traditional “planchant.”

“We’re trying to give them this musical experience for them, to really experience the treasury of sacred music of the Church,” he said.

“And that, as a musician, is my goal, to expose these students to some Catholic music that they may not have been exposed to in the past, especially the music of the triduum and of Holy Thursday, where there is so much ritual music that is tied directly to the Mass. To get them to experience that particular music, and to take pride in their Catholic heritage.”

Motyka anticipates that some of the students may not know the richness of the Holy Thursday liturgy. Hence the explanations he gave to the nine students who attended the Archdiocesan Youth Honors Choir’s first practice on March 25 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

“I will be helping them understand the triduum more, and that actually makes me really excited.” Motyka said. “One of my favorite things about being a music director is introducing people to new music and saying, ‘Hey, look at this piece that I really love and think you’ll like, too.’ I think there’s also a component of that liturgically and theologically speaking—to introduce a love for the faith, and say, ‘Here’s something that belongs to all of us as Catholics, and here’s something that’s part of your heritage whether you realized it or not.’ So I’m very excited about that aspect.”

The students are looking forward to the experience as well.

“I was really excited when my choir director announced it in choir class a couple months ago,” said Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School sophomore Abby Hensley, 15. “It’s really cool to be able to sing in the cathedral.”

Abby is a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.

Several students of the choir expressed their love for singing:

“I just love music altogether,” said 16-year-old Xavier Koester, a sophomore at Lawrence Central and a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. “It’s another way to bring music in my life, and it helps me increase spiritually as well.”

Grace Lundy, a 14-year-old freshman at Bishop Chatard High School and a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, agreed.

“I feel more involved with the Mass,” she said of her participation in liturgical choir. “Singing connects me closer to God.”

“Singing is praying twice,” noted Rebecca Doyle, a 17-year-old junior at Bishop Chatard, and a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. “I really like using my voice because that’s my one talent that I know I’m blessed with. I feel being able to share that is giving back directly to God, and helping others bring them in to that, too.”

Michael Ruza, a sophomore at Father Thomas Seccia Memorial High School and a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, summed up his feelings in a simple phrase.

When the 15-year-old was asked what made him excited to be part of the choir, he replied, “Just singing all this music and glorifying God.”

(Editors Mike K. Krokos contributed to this story. The archdiocesan Youth Honors Choir will be singing at the Holy Thursday Mass performed by Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis, at 7 p.m. on April 17.)

What was in the news on April 3, 1964? The president asks for civil rights support from churches, and a debate over televising the Mass

Here are some of the items found in the April 3, 1964, issue of The Criterion:

• Turn to the Right, Christ, pope tells troubled world
• Too many colleges, NCEA told
• Dialogue need within Church seen
• Rabbi Maurice Davis to be DCCM speaker
• President asks church support of rights bill

WASHINGTON—President Johnson has called upon the nation’s churches for increased support of the civil rights bill pending in the Senate. The chief executive, in an informal speech that turned into a major pronouncement on civil rights and churches, told a delegation of Southern Baptists their help is badly needed. “No group of Christians has more responsibility in civil rights than the Southern Baptists,” Mr. Johnson told the group whose 10 million-member denomination is the South’s largest.

• Plan retreat experiment

• Dr. Paul Muller named ND’s ‘Teacher of the Year’
• Poverty in Indianapolis: A helping hand for the needy

Gary will be host to province parley

$5,000 request is announced

Laymen and the council: What does it mean?

Play is scheduled on Jewish r

• $39,000 bequest is announced

• Gary will be host to province parley

• Plan retreat experiment

• CYO camp reservations total 700

• New book on Pope Paul VI wins praise

• Sisters’ choir at Woods waxes its first recording

• Patron saint for unity

• Spanish archbishop: Appeals for ‘charity’ toward non-Catholics

• Gay day by unity formed

• Orthodox leader plans U.S. visit

• Family counseling service is established

• Liturgical telecasts defended by Jesuits

• New book on Pope Paul wins praise

• ‘Queens Work’ stops publication

• Council addresses now in paperback

(Red all these items from our April 3, 1964, issue by logging on to our archives at www.CriterionOnline.com |)
April 4
St. Lawrence Parish, Father
Coton Hall, 6944 E. 44th St.,
Indianapolis. 7 p.m., Stations of

St. Joan of Arc, 4217 N.
Central Ave., Indianapolis. Lenten
Lectures: 6:30 p.m., 6 p.m.,
Mass 6:30 p.m.; Stations of the
Cross, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508
or mtlive@atx.net.

St. Mary Church, 317 N.
New Jersey St., Indianapolis. First
Friday adoration, 7 p.m., daily
and 7 p.m. Saturday; devotional
prayer, 6 p.m. Information: 317-964-4848.

St. Joseph Church,
1375 Mckee Ave., Indianapolis. First
Friday devotion, 6 p.m. Information:
317-466-0170.

St. Matthew Church, 317 N.
Indianapolis. 6:30 p.m., Stations of

St. Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill
Drive, St. Meinrad. “Second Half of Life,”
retreat for single women ages 21-
85. Information: 812-933-6437 or
center@oldenburgosf.com.

April 5
Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center,
101 St. Anthony Drive, Mt. St. Francis.
“Beyond program, session one,”
8 a.m. Information: 812-933-6437 or
center@oldenburgosf.com.

St. Meinrad Archabbey Church, St. Meinrad,
at 3:45 p.m. Information: 317-784-0522 or
dcarollo@stluke.org.

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish,
309 W. 17th Ave., Bedford. Devotional
prayer, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-259-4373, ext. 256 or
mattjkeck@yahoo.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish,
514 Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis.
5 p.m., Stations of the Cross. Information:
317-955-6775 or cindyf39@hotmail.com.

April 6
All Saints Parish, 25743 State
Road 13, Brownsburg. Volunteer Mass, 11 a.m.,
Mass followed by luncheon. Reservations:
317-955-6271.

April 7
The Columbus Bar, 522-4th St.,
Columbus. Columbus Theology on
Tap, “Are we just glorified goats??—Making
sense of the science vs. religion debate.”
Dr. Matthew Sherman, presenter, 6:30 p.m.
gather and socialize, 7:30 p.m. presentation.

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish,
1441 Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis.
Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide
Support group, 7 p.m. Information:
317-851-8344.

April 12
Rite 2 Raffle。“The Sandwich
Generation: Managing the
Needs of Our Older and Adult
Families,” 1 p.m., age 55 and

Another Broken Egg Café,
1435 N. Meridian St.,
Indianapolis."Faithful Fashionista,”
with Cardinal Ritter students.
Information: 317-536-5998 or
cfrinds30@gmail.com.

April 13
St. Malachi Parish, 9833 E.
County Road 750 N.,
Brownsburg. Mass in French,
5 p.m.; confession, 4-4:45 p.m.
Information: 317-536-5998 or
cfrinds30@gmail.com.

April 16
Marian University, 3200 Cold Spring Road,
Indianapolis. Global Studies Speaker Series, “The Catholic Church:
Catalyst for, or Obstacle to a Better World?”
Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin,
C.S.C., Archbishop of Indianapolis, presents, 7 p.m.
Information: 317-955-6775 or
cindyf39@hotmail.com.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The past year was one of historic significance for the Catholic Church as we welcomed our new Holy Father, Pope Francis, following the courageous and humble decision by Pope Benedict XVI to resign. Pope Francis is calling upon the Church to begin a new chapter of evangelization, while pointing out the path the Church should walk in the years to come.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis shares the mission of the whole Church as we discover where God is opening new doors for us in central and southern Indiana. Good stewards are not passive beneficiaries of God’s gifts. God invites each of us to continue the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. We carry out this mission by proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments and exercising the ministry of charity.

This report, which gives an accounting of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis’ finances for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2013, is one measure of how we are using our resources to answer God’s call to be disciples who joyfully proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ. As Pope Francis has said many times during the first year of his papacy, “Faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others.”

This encounter requires that we listen to one another and step outside of ourselves to find where God is leading us. In an address on the Vigil of Pentecost on May 18, 2013, in St. Peter’s Square to an estimated 200,000 people representing the different ecclesial movements, Pope Francis observed, “How often is Jesus inside and knocking at the door to be let out, to come out? And we do not let him out because of our own need for security, because so often we are locked into ephemeral structures that serve solely to make us slaves and not free children of God.”

We have to be careful when we are planning in the archdiocese not to close doors by the way we plan. We need to be led by the sense of where God is actively opening doors and put the initiative and energy there in the trust that that action will generate the resources we need. I believe that as we progress in identifying the mission of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we will be successful in assembling the resources necessary to sustain that mission.

Since my installation, I have posed a question throughout the Catholic community in central and southern Indiana. Where is God opening a door for the archdiocese? I have asked that question in every deanery as well as in meetings with priests, young people, religious, the senior managers of the archdiocese, etc.

Six such “doors” appear to be opening and beckon the archdiocese to respond:

1. Campus and young adult ministry: The Archdiocese of Indianapolis appears to be responding well to children and youth in our schools and religious education programs. We need to intensify our evangelization of young people on the college campuses as well as those who enter the work force immediately after high school.

2. Ministry to married couples and families: The vocation of marriage experiences tremendous strain and couples may feel isolated in their struggle to live fully the sacrament they have received. How can the archdiocese support those who are preparing to marry as well as those who struggle to grow in married love? What sort of ministry can we offer to marriages in crisis or to those who have passed through the painful trauma of divorce? Can the ministry of the archdiocesan tribunal be financed in a way that removes the misconception that only if one has money will one receive consideration in the annulment process?

3. Ministry to migrants: How can the archdiocese pastor the thousands of new immigrants to our territory? Many of these are Catholics but their faith is threatened by the secular character of American culture as well as the aggressive proselytism of other Christian churches and sects.

4. Prison ministry: How can the archdiocese offer meaningful pastoral care to the thousands of inmates who are incarcerated within our territory and advocate for policies that effectively promote their rehabilitation and reinsertion into society?

5. Debt relief: The archdiocese is blessed with a number of parishes which must expand their facilities in order to serve their growing communities. There are also poorer, urban parishes that stagger under the weight of maintaining their buildings and meeting their obligations to the archdiocese. Can the archdiocese be effective in relieving the debts of these parishes?

6. Global Catholicism: Does the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have the responsibility of thinking beyond the borders of this country and enter into effective solidarity with the younger Churches of Africa, Asia and Latin America?

The above “doors” are neither definitive nor exhaustive and with your help I will work to continue to refine them, but they do appear to be elements of the mission of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. I ask for your prayers and support in providing the Church in central and southern Indiana with the resources it needs to carry out its mission and, in the process, we all will be able as faithful Catholics to live more fully the vocation we received in baptism.

Our planning in the archdiocese also includes the continuation of the Connected in the Spirit planning process, which began in 2010. After Easter I intend to announce the final decisions concerning the parishes in the four Indianapolis deaneries.

Pastoral and lay representatives from the parishes have dedicated a tremendous amount of work to studying parish strengths, weaknesses and resources so we can align the parishes to most effectively carry out the mission God has given us. All parishes will be asked to share resources and programs, some will share pastors and a few parishes will be merged.

The Terre Haute and Batesville deaneries have completed Connected in the Spirit. Eventually, all of the parishes of the archdiocese will take part in Connected in the Spirit. I hope you will take some time to study this report. In the following three pages you will find detailed information about our annual stewardship appeal and other stewardship efforts. You also will find a financial statement and charts that highlight the archdiocese’s financial position.

I am honored to serve as your Archbishop. We have much to be thankful for in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Let us look with hope and confidence to the future, trusting that Lord will always guide us.

Thank you for your support and God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Archbishop of Indianapolis
Summary of Financial Status

This summary of the financial status of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis reflects activities of the chancery of the archdiocese and certain affiliated agencies with direct accountability to The Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The information presented has been derived from the audited financial statements and does not include the activities of parishes, missions and schools of the archdiocese. All significant transactions among entities detailed in this summary have been eliminated. The complete audited financial statements are available for public inspection at www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html.

**ASSETS**

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<td>Amounts due from parishes</td>
<td>3,307,972</td>
<td>5,321,488</td>
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<td>and other archdiocesan entities, net</td>
<td>6,224</td>
<td>7,722</td>
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<td>Other, net</td>
<td>3,846,977</td>
<td>3,021,335</td>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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<td>Unrestricted</td>
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**SUPPORT AND REVENUES**

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<td>Program service fees and other</td>
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<td>6,087,834</td>
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<td>Other public support</td>
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<td>6,810,494</td>
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<td>13,563,180</td>
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<td>to parishes and others</td>
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**Catholic Community Foundation, Inc.**

The Catholic Community Foundation is a separate, not-for-profit corporation established by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to professionally invest and administer numerous individual endowment funds for the benefit of parishes, schools, agencies, and other institutions affiliated with the archdiocese. As of June 30, 2013, the Catholic Community Foundation comprised 437 separate endowment accounts and 106 charitable gift annuities with $150.1 million.

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**Asset Allocations as of June 30, 2013**

Cash Investments in Million of Dollars

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<td>Cash</td>
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<td>Mid Cap Equity Securities</td>
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<td>Large Cap Equity Securities</td>
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**FY 2013 Fund Performance**

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Chief Financial Officer’s Report

Parish and Archdiocesan Stewardship

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, parish stewardship, through Sunday and holy day collections, experienced a slight increase over the previous fiscal year. This 2.9 percent increase of over fiscal year 2012 continues the positive trend of increased giving at the parish and proves the strong and steady member commitment in our current economic environment.

United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope (2005 through 2013)

FY 2013 Healthcare Expenses

FY 2013 Property and Liability Expenses

Parish Services: Insurance and Benefit Plans

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis operates several insurance plans, employee and priest benefit plans, and other services on behalf of parishes, schools, agencies, and employees. Two of the larger plans are the lay employee health insurance plan and the property and liability insurance plan. Despite the challenging economic environment, both of these plans continue to experience positive results.

Parish Services: Priest and Lay Employee Retirement Plans

The archdiocese administers defined benefit plans for the priests and eligible lay employees employed at the various parishes, schools, and agencies throughout the archdiocese. Over the past several years we’ve communicated the funding challenges the archdiocese and individual parishes face to fully fund these two benefit plans. While positive investment results will assist in closing the gap, the archdiocese has also contributed additional funding to assist in alleviating the funding deficit. In fiscal years 2011 and 2012 additional contributions to the Lay Plan of $6.3 million were made. Our most recent report from our plan actuaries as of January 1, 2013 indicates that the Lay Plan was underfunded by $110.9 million or a funding level of 84 percent, an improvement from a 76 percent funding level in 2011. In September 2011 the Chancery announced changes to the Lay Plan. Effective January 1, 2012, no newly hired employees are eligible to participate in the Lay Pension Plan. Existing employees as of that date will continue to accrue benefits in the Lay Plan. In addition to the Lay Plan the archdiocese provides a retirement savings plan or 403b Plan whereby both employees and employer can contribute. The archdiocese matches 100% of the first 3% of employee contributions, up to a maximum of $3000 per year. In addition, the archdiocese matches 50% of the next 2% of employee contributions, up to a maximum of $5000 per year.

Funded percent

The FY 2013 annual parish and archdiocesan community United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope experienced a modest increase in recorded revenues. The FY 2013 appeal also enabled parishes to direct resources into those ministries closest to their community. The appeal received pledges totaling $3.0 million in fiscal year 2013, compared to the pledges of $4 million in FY 2012. While the annual appeal continues to trend upward, we are still below our historic highs by nearly $1 million.

United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope (2005 through 2013)

The property insurance plan also experienced positive results for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The continued positive results have enabled us to fund a property insurance reserve fund in the Catholic Community Foundation of $7.8 million. The reserve fund was established to protect parishes, schools and agencies against catastrophic losses and will help to mitigate annual insurance cost increases. The archdiocese was also able to maintain our self-insurance level at $1 million for the 2013-2014 fiscal year which translates into lower premiums paid by our parishes, schools, and agencies for property and liability insurance.

Parish and Archdiocesan Stewardship

The chancery offices and agencies of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis implemented a ninth consecutive year with a break even or surplus operating budget. For fiscal year 2012-2013 we ended the fiscal year $3.9 million or 6 percent ahead of budget on $33 million of operational expenses. The operational surpluses were generated mostly from unexpected bequests and contributions.

The archdiocese continues to be challenged by parish operating deficits. The financial impact of these parish deficits shows up in the deposit and loan fund operated by the archdiocese for its parishes (ADLF). The ADLF has an approximately $12.8 million deficit net asset position as a result of parish loans and interest forgiven over the last 15 years. The ADLF currently operates at a small surplus (inclusive of the current level of annual parish operating deficits) designed to slowly recover this negative net asset position over a period of years. Over the past several years, we’ve implemented a plan that is designed to help the struggling parishes navigate their financial troubles by identifying areas for improvement, improve the transparency to the parishioners, and reduce or eliminate operating deficits and accumulated debt to the archdiocese. These efforts are paying off for many parishes as we have fewer parishes with operating debt on their balance sheet and more parishes with a balanced budget.

Chancery Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Results

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, parish stewardship, through Sunday and holy day collections, experienced a slight increase over the previous fiscal year. This 2.9 percent increase of over fiscal year 2012 continues the positive trend of increased giving at the parish and proves the strong and steady member commitment in our current economic environment.

Parish Sunday and Holy Day Collections (2004 through 2013)

The chancery office and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis operate the Lay Employee Health Insurance Plan (Lay Health Plan) for our lay employees. Through medical and dental expense trends upward on a national basis, our claims experience has trended much less and has contributed to generating a surplus in this plan. Each year since inception of our high deductible plan, we have been able to give back to both the employees participating via bonus contributions to their personal HSA and back to the archdiocese and agencies via premium reductions. We have also funded an endowment with some of the surplus that is designed to be used to offset significant expense increases in the future. In fiscal years 2012 and 2011, we spent a portion of the surplus from the Lay Health Plan to close the funding gap for our Lay Retirement plan (see section Parish Services: Priest and Lay Employee Retirement Plans).

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The property and liability insurance plan. Despite the challenging economic environment, both of these plans continue to experience positive results.

Parish Services: Insurance and Benefit Plans

The property insurance plan also experienced positive results for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The continued positive results have enabled us to fund a property insurance reserve fund in the Catholic Community Foundation of $7.8 million. The reserve fund was established to protect parishes, schools and agencies against catastrophic losses and will help to mitigate annual insurance cost increases. The archdiocese was also able to maintain our self-insurance level at $1 million for the 2013-2014 fiscal year which translates into lower premiums paid by our parishes, schools, and agencies for property and liability insurance.

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Parish Services: Priest and Lay Employee Retirement Plans (cont.)

Similar to the lay defined benefit plan, the most recent actuarial valuation report as of January 1, 2013 indicate that the priest retirement plan is underfunded by $9.5 million, which represents a funding level of only 52 percent. This is also an improvement over the 2011 actuarial funding analysis that reported a funding level of 49 percent. We look to invest new dollars and continue to recover investment losses in the plans, as the funding level of each of these benefit plans is a priority for the archdiocese. For financial reporting purposes these pension plans are considered to be multiemployer plans since the financial activity of parishes and other entities of the archdiocese, which contribute to these plans, is not included in the audited combined financial statements. There are neither separate valuations of plan benefits nor segregation of plan assets specifically for the Chancery.

Priest Retirement Plan Funded Status

In fiscal year 2013, approximately $47 million was spent to provide counseling for victims of sexual misconduct perpetrated or alleged to have been perpetrated by priests or lay employees of the archdiocese. Approximately $76,000 was spent for these purposes in fiscal year 2012. Through January 2014, we have settled a total of 10 sexual abuse lawsuits through mediation with an average settlement per case of $157,000. Additionally, approximately $60,000 was spent through January 2014, we have settled a total of 10 sexual abuse lawsuits through mediation with an average settlement per case of $157,000. Additionally, approximately $60,000 was spent for legal fees to defend the archdiocese from sexual misconduct lawsuits in 2013 compared to $121,000 in 2012. There are currently four additional cases in litigation.

Catholic Community Foundation, Inc.

The Catholic Community Foundation’s total cash and investments were $150.1 million at June 30, 2013. The composite investment returns for the year were 10.8 percent driven by the equity returns which were quite volatile over the course of the year. The Foundation investments have returned a very respectable 7.4 percent (annualized) since the inception of the current investment structure in January 1995 despite facing one of the worst 10-year periods in history of the U.S. equity markets. Parishes, schools and agencies of the archdiocese added 31 new endowments during the year, bringing the total number of endowments held in the foundation to 437. The endowments distributed over $6.7 million in both fiscal years 2013 and 2012, to support parish, school and agency ministries, demonstrating the ability of endowments to provide long-term funding for ministries.

Operating Budget for 2013-2014

For the 2013-2014 fiscal year we anticipate a break-even operating budget on approximately $34 million of total operating expenses. We anticipate the most significant challenges to include:

• Managing and assisting the parishes that continue to be challenged by operating deficits.
• Continuing efforts to bring the status of the lay and clergy benefit plans to fully funded.
• Strengthening the support within our parishes for the United Catholic Appeal.
• Managing our public charter schools to be self-sustaining and our city center schools to balance their supported budgets.
• Providing parishes, schools and agencies with sound employee benefit and service plans while minimizing cost increases and meeting the guidelines within the Affordable Care Act.

On the other hand, we have several positive opportunities:

• Utilizing the benefit of state vouchers in our school system while providing quality Catholic-based education.
• Structuring our assets to better match liabilities enabling us to manage our risks and opportunities.
• Continuing strong growth in the Catholic Community Foundation with an increase in endowments and charitable gift annuities.

Expenses Related to Sexual Misconduct Lawsuits

Archdiocesan Grants Awarded

Thanks to the generosity of the parishes in the archdiocese and a special bequest, we have three endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation that have been established such that the annual distributions are used to award grants in the archdiocese to parishes, schools and agencies. These grant opportunities are awarded through an application process and target home mission parishes, growth and expansion initiatives in the archdiocese, and matching grants for capital needs in our parishes, schools and agencies. Historically, the archdiocese has awarded home mission grants and growth and expansion grants using separate allocation committees on an annual basis. With the addition of the James P. Scott gift in 2011, we’ve combined these efforts and issue all three grants on a bi-annual basis through a combined application and allocation committee process.

St. Francis Xavier Home Missions Fund

The St. Francis Xavier Home Mission Endowment Fund was established to provide grants to home mission parishes in the archdiocese. The annual distribution from the endowment is combined with the funds the parishes direct that are collected over and above the parish United Catholic Appeal goal awarded to home mission parishes and schools. These grants began in 2007. Through the inception we have disbursed over $3.5 million to support our parishes and schools with the greatest needs. The endowment that is established to support these grants had a June 30, 2013 balance of $4 million which allows us to distribute approximately $200,000 in grants each year.

Growth and Expansion Endowment Fund

The growth and expansion endowment fund was established to provide grants to parishes, schools and agencies in the archdiocese that are growing their existing ministries consistent with the overall strategic plan of the archdiocese. Since the inception of this grant fund we have disbursed approximately $780,000 to support various growth opportunities in ministry and capital throughout the archdiocese. The endowment that is established to support these grants had a June 30, 2013 balance of $3.1 million which allows for approximately $150,000 in annual grant funding.

James P. Scott Capital Improvement Endowment Fund

This endowment fund was made possible by an undesignated estate gift to the archdiocese from James P. Scott. The annual distributions will be provided in the form of a matching grant or award to support parish, school and agency capital projects that demonstrate the greatest potential impact on an archdiocesan program, parish or the larger Catholic community. The endowment had a June 30, 2013 balance of $5.2 million which generates annual grants of about $265,000.

2013 Grant Awards

In the fall of 2012, 15 grants were awarded across the three grant types with an average value of $19,000. These grants were awarded to parishes in six different deaneries and to three Archdiocesan agencies. In the spring of 2013, 12 grants were awarded across the three grant types with an average value of $22,000. These grants were awarded to parishes in seven different deaneries and to two archdiocesan agencies.

For more information on the grant process please visit the Finance Office webpage at www.archindy.org/grant or contact Stacy Harris in the Finance Office at stharris@archindy.org.

Accountability

Accountability is an important part of our stewardship responsibilities. Each year, the archdiocese subjects itself to the scrutiny of an independent audit. The firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP performed the audit for the last fiscal year. The audited financial statements are available for inspection through the Office of Accounting Services or at www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese. Archdiocesan leadership has established and regularly confers with the Catholic Community Foundation Council. The council, whose existence is required by canon law, focuses on financial policies, procedures and activities of the Church in central and southern Indiana. Current members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council are:

Most Rev. Joseph W. Tobin ............................................Archbishop, Chairman
Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne .....................................Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General
Jerry Williams ......................................................President, St. Simon Parish, Indianapolis
Greg Monte ......................................................Vice President, St. Patrick Parish, Terre Haute

Members

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Kenneth J. Hodlund ..............................................St. Matthew Parish, Indianapolis
Scott Nickerson ..................................................St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis
Dan Riley ..........................................................St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis
Timothy Robinson ..............................................St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis
Brian Burkert .....................................................Chief Financial Officer, Staff

This past fiscal year marked continuing financial advancement for the parishes, schools and agencies of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as we worked to build a sound financial footing. Revenues continued to grow, expenses generally fell in line with or below budget expectations and we’ve seen a recovery in the investment markets. We continue to place great emphasis on improving the financial stability of those parishes experiencing deficit operations. May God lead us toward continued success in our ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Burkert, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
Faith

Faith helps us understand the importance of perspective

By Fr. David O'Rourke, O.P.

The Lenten Gospels take us through a bleak and dry landscape.

To some, this bleakness signals death. To others, it signals a death of the old self and a transformation to a new self.

Yes, the end of yet another Lenten period can seem tiring, but, remember, that is bleaker and drier as these weeks can feel, this period old age, we begin to realize that in the past, as they also feel our youthful wings. They may have to make amends, and that is almost tough as having to admit to ourselves that there are amends we really ought to make. Then, as the years move us to a new stage in life, we begin to realize that in our careers, we have probably gone as far as we're going to go.

In the United States, we connect success to our careers. They give us personal value and self-esteem. So facing those limits can be sobering. But sobriety can bring moments of wisdom.

The season of Lent teaches us that as we move through these tough periods, these deserts in life, if you will, we can also clamp down, discard what we don’t need, perfect new habits and transform into a better version of ourselves.

Yes, this landscape can feel bleak while we work to break from what hurts us and we try to change into a new way of being. It teaches us that life, and its stages, is not a battle to be won. Life is not a problem to be solved. It is to be lived in relationship with the lives and circumstances around us.

Life’s years are brief but they are good, to be loved on their own terms, accepted for the privilege they are.

(Dominican Father David F. O’Rourke is a senior fellow at Santa Fe Institute in Berkeley, Calif.)

Forcing personal discipline during Lent can help you and other people

By Effie Caldarola

A few years ago, I went to a birthday party for a priest friend who was turning 80. This friend was a great

homilist and a great writer, but what also impressed me was that at 80, this lean, wiry priest was still getting up every cold Alaskan morning to jog through the predawn streets.

Eventually, as he moved on in the decade, he gave a nod to advancing age by choosing the gym over the icy sidewalks of Anchorage.

At his party, he took a slim piece of decadent chocolate cake, a rare indulgence. How do you do it? I asked. He looked at me and said, “Discipline.”

And then he thought about it for a moment, and he said it again: discipline.

There are lots of things we can say about Lent. But I think it might be good to breathe in that word, “discipline,” and give it some consideration during the Church’s great liturgical season of penitence.

Certainly, Lent isn’t primarily about making a list of things to do. It’s not about the focus being on “giving up” something, as if forsaking chocolate will somehow win grace. No. Lent is all about realization on the one hand, and coming to save me, poor and undisciplined as I am.

Yet Lent offers such a golden opportunity to bring some needed discipline into our spiritual lives. It is a reasonable period of time to make a commitment, and a long enough period of time to form a habit. Discipline is an underestimated virtue in our modern world.

Have you failed at your resolve to dedicate some time each morning to prayer? Is there spiritual reading you’d like to do “some day,” but you allow the television or your computer screen to gobble up your time? Is there a nasty little sin—gossiping or being judgmental—that you’d like to work on?

St. Ignatius of Loyola said: “He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor.” That’s a great slogan for Lent.

Reform might involve “giving up” and should involve fasting and abstinence, even beyond the times the Church asks of us. But we need to give meaning to this sacrifice.

One year, I gave up my too-frequent trips to the coffee shop and gave the money I would have spent on lattes to charity. A small sacrifice, I know, but one that kept Lent on my mind and ultimately did someone else a little good.

That’s a good combination—performing a small discipline that also serves another. If we’re giving up our nighttime bowl of ice cream primarily because we want to lose five pounds, we should reconsider our motivations.

Another time, I tried to work on my negative thinking about people. Every time I noticed that I was criticizing someone mentally, I instead offered a short prayer for that person. It’s painful to admit how much extra prayer I did that Lent.

The other quote I love for Lent is in Isaiah: “Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose?… Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your homes?” (Is 58:6-7)

This reminds me that Lent should open me to greater service. St. Ignatius liked to call his Jesuits “men for others,” and so, too, should we be men or women for others. Perhaps a Lenten discipline would be getting out of our comfort zone and volunteering at a shelter or food pantry. How can Lent help us be a person for others?

Pray about it ahead of time. Think outside the box. Ask yourself what would be a great gift you could give your spiritual life. Make sure it’s doable, generous, joyful, and life-giving to you.

And then, like my good friend on a cold, dark morning, just summon your cold, dark morning, just summon your will, and do it.

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**For the Reader/Jeffie Caldera**

A film for the Lenten season

The Omaha Film Festival is not only a celebration of cinema in the Village, but I was pleased to see that Movie Maker magazine places it in the top 25 film festivals in the US. It is well worth attending.

So it was good to get word I would have the opportunity to see John O’Keefe’s film. It is a good opportunity to see another film that O’Keefe is a professor of theology at Jesuit-run Creighton University in Omaha. He brings a deeply reflective and spiritual eye to his documentary filmmaking work, mainly in Congo.

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The Book of Ezekiel provides the first reading for this weekend. Even a quick reading of the history of ancient Israel shows that there were very few periods of prosperity and calm. Indeed, only the reigns of David and Solomon might properly be considered as truly good times. However, some times were more trying than others were. Certainly, the generations spent in Babylon were a miserable time. Confined in Babylon in wretchedness, and a minority, the Jewish exiles yearned for the day when they would be able to return to their homeland.

Ezekiel built upon this theme of hoping and expectation. As did all the prophets of his time, he saw a release from Babylonian bondage not as an accident or a happy turn of events. He saw it as a result of God’s mercy and of fidelity to God. Thus, in this reading, the Lord speaks, promising to breathe new life into the defeated, dejected people.

St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. Rome was a sophisticated city. Paul wrote among whom eventually he would die as a martyr.

The Empire is the recipient, having brought with them everywhere, having brought with them a great variety of customs and beliefs. It was a sophisticated city. Paul wrote to the Christian Romans, among whom eventually he would die as a martyr.

This reading stresses two spiritual realities. The Christian is linked with God in Christ. So the Christian possesses the very life of the Holy Spirit, a life, of course, that will never die. For its third reading, the Church this weekend presents the Gospel of John. Jesus went to Bethany, then a separate community but now a part of Greater Jerusalem, summoned by Martha and Mary, who were anxious about their brother Lazarus, the Lord’s friend, who had died.

When Jesus at last arrived, Lazarus was dead. In fact, he had been dead for several days. Patterhad begun. Responding to the sisters’ faith, the Lord restores Lazarus to life. Several important themes occur in the passage. First, of course, is the active, life-giving love of Jesus. In the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus knows and expresses human love. Secondly, the faith of Martha and Mary is unqualified. The Evangelist sees a parallel between the Resurrection of Jesus and the restoration of earthly life to Lazarus. In each account, mourning women are essential parts of the story. A stone closes the tomb. The body is dressed, and a face cloth, customary in Jewish burials of the time, covers the face. Finally, in each story, faith and human limitation have important roles.

Reflection

Next week, on Palm Sunday, the Church will invite us to learn, and to worship, in the most intense liturgical day of its year. Calling us to Christ, and with ancient drama and the most compelling symbols, it will proclaim Jesus as Savior and Risen Lord.

This weekend, the Church prepares us for this experience, giving us the beautiful and wondrous story of Lazarus. Echoing the Lord’s own Resurrection, today’s message is clear. If we are united with Jesus, as Lazarus and his sisters were united, then in God’s power we will have everlasting life. However, we will only experience this eternal life if we seek Jesus, and if we seek Jesus with the faith unctuous with joy shown by Martha. Only Jesus can give us life.

The other readings reinforce this theme. For everyone, life can be taxing. Death awaits all. Ezekiel assures us that God will give us true life. It will be the life of holiness, the life that never ends.

St. Paul reminded us that this divine life abides only in Jesus. So, as Lent progresses, as Lent anticipates its culmination, the Church calls us to Jesus, the Lord of life.

CIVILLY REMARRIED CATHOLICS ENCLOSED TO ATTEND MASS, PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Our recently ordained deacon told a parishioner he did not feel comfortable giving him Communion because the man married a divorced woman. (He was a widower.) Even if the man should not receive Communion, is it the deacon’s role to excommunicate this person? I am a cradle Catholic and do not consider myself separated from the Church.

Such persons are encouraged to continue to attend Mass and to persevere in prayer and in the works of charity. It is true that “they cannot receive eucharistic Communion as long as this situation persists.”

But the tactical question is how and when to present that teaching. I do it by occasional reminders in homilies or parish mailings—expressed not in the language of “prohibition” but as a suggestion that some might be taken which would allow them to participate fully in the Eucharist by receiving holy Communion.

That works better, I believe, than confronting someone who presents himself for Communion. I prefer to give the person the benefits of the doubt.

In the case cited, how would I know the circumstances of the wife’s first marriage—whether that marriage might have since been annulled, or not even recognized by the Church from its outset? Catholic teaching is clear and certain. Strategies, understandably, can vary.

I have noticed that, at Communion, some people will take the host but not drink from the chalice. Is Communion complete when you consume the body but not the blood of Christ?

A this early days of the Church’s celebration of the Eucharist, holy Communion was customarily received under both species—in accordance with Christ’s command to “take and eat of this, take and drink of this.” It was only in the late 11th century that it became commonplace for just the host to be distributed. The Second Vatican Council’s extension of the use of both species was, then, a return to the original practice.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is clear in stating that “Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species” (§282). But that same section later on clearly encourages more frequent use of both the consecrated bread and the wine because, in this way, “the sign of the sacred banquet is made more fully evident.”

The general instruction, in §283, authorizes each diocesan bishop to set norms regarding the use of both species.

In our parish, which is blessed to have a number of willing and devout extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, reception under both species is used for weekday Masses as well as on Sundays.

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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 and obituary. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in The Criterion. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are incardinated, unless they are of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.


CATTO, Joseph Anthony, Sr., 97, St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis. March 24. Father of Mary Ann Benz, Rebecca Colón-Sando and Joseph Cato II. Grandfather of four.


DERMANELIAN, Miranda L., 80, St. Agnes, Nashville, March 14. Mother of Kathleen Johnson. Grandmother of one.


ENGLERT, George J., 91, Our Lady of the Assumption, Terre Haute, Feb. 27. Mother of Barbara Durnil, Rebecca Colón-Sando and Joseph Cato II. Grandfather of four.


McGEE, Helen, 91, St. Patrick, Terre Haute, Feb. 27. Mother of Joanne Frost.


SHEINER, Martha Marie, 65, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, March 6. Sister of Barbara Durnil, Mary Foilsten, Madonna Hanker, Marian Methenier, Virginia Quillen, Elizabeth Riley, Regina Wuringer, Norbert, Paul and Tony Steiner. (comer of 10A)


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Carty Hall, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 317-236-1548 or 800-382-9363, ext. 1548
chill@archindy.org

In the archdiocese, Sister Teresa served at Little Flower School, St. Lawrence School and Holy Trinity School, all of which are the former St. Anthony of Padua School in Morris, and St. Gabriel School in Connersville.

In later years, she worked at a business office in Florida before returning to the Oldenburg motherhouse where she was assistant to the sacristan and the motherhouse manager.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN 47036-0100.

Papal portraits

Girls from the Italian region of Umbria hold drawings of Pope Francis as they attend the pope’s general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on March 26.
Replica of our Lady of Czestochowa to tour Indianapolis

A replica of the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa from the Monastery of Jasna Góra in Poland, also known as the Black Madonna, will be in Indianapolis from April 23 to April 25 as part of a worldwide pilgrimage in defense of life.

Beginning the worldwide tour, the image is being used to encourage prayer for Mary’s help in the defense of the unborn and in intercession for the protection of the family and all human life. The tour also brings together the Roman Catholic Church, the Byzantine Catholic Church and the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church united in protection of the Mother of God, the Theotokos, in defense of life.

The icon, a replica of the original one housed in the Monastery of Jasna Góra in Poland, was blessed by the archbishop of Czestochowa. The archbishop of Krakow also made a special act of entrustment to Our Lady of Czestochowa for the defense of life and the family.

The global tour of the replica of the famed icon started on June 14, 2012, in Vaduzlokt, and the icon has traveled more than 40,000 miles and visited 25 countries.

Father Peter West of Human Life International, the organization sponsoring the tour in North America, will speak about the history of the icon and the purpose of the world tour at the replica’s various stops in Indianapolis.

The schedule of the tour is as follows:

April 23
7 p.m.—Welcome of the icon and celebration of the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos (Mother of God) at St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church, 1117 S. Blaine Ave., Indianapolis
8 p.m.—Midnight—Church will be open for prayer and meditation
April 24
9 a.m.—Divine Liturgy (Mass) at St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church 10:30 a.m.—Akathist Hymn (for Women abortion center, 3607 W. 16th St. in Indianapolis (on the right-of-way in front of the center)
2 p.m.—Planned Parenthood, 8590 Georgetown Road in Indianapolis (on the right-of-way in front of the building)
4:5 p.m.—Prayer and meditation at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 7275 Holiday Drive, E. in Indianapolis
5:30 p.m.—Mass in the chapel at St. Luke the Evangelist Church
7 p.m.—Return to St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church, 1117 S. Blaine Ave., for prayer service for the victims of abortion
April 25
9 a.m.—Divine Liturgy (Mass) at St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church 10:30-11:30 a.m.—Clinic for Women abortion center, 3607 W. 16th St. in Indianapolis
11:45 a.m.—Procession to Joy of All Who Sorrow Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, 1516 N. Delaware St. in Indianapolis
12:15 p.m.—Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos (Mother of God) Joy of All Who Sorrow Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church
5:15 p.m.—Vespers at Joy of All Who Sorrow Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church (For more information, contact Eric Slaughter at 317-408-0528 or e-mail abbafathercd@gmail.com for info about the icon’s worldwide journey, log on to www.frommeccanuncio.org.)

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
• April 4, 10 a.m.—at All Saints, Yorkville (individual confession)
• April 5, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at St. Teresa of the Cross, Bright
• April 10, 7 p.m., at St. Mary, Aurora

Bloomington Deanery
• 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
• 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
• 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
• 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
• April 9, 7 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel

New Albany Deanery
• April 9, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul, Sellersburg
• April 13, 6 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight
• April 16, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Navisleton

Seymour Deanery
• 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

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• April 10, 6 p.m. at St. Michael, Cannelton

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• April 9, 7 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle

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COORDINATORS OF YOUTH MINISTRY 2 FULL-TIME • TERRE HAUTE
The Terre Haute Catholic Community is seeking 2 full-time Coordinators of Youth Ministry to share the planning, implementation and evaluation of a coordinated Total Youth Ministry Program with the 5 Catholic parishes for youth in grades 9-12. Programming includes, but is not limited to, religious education, Confirmation, retreats, prayer and liturgy, service projects, fellowship, and leadership development. In addition, responsibilities include volunteer recruitment/coordination and fundraising.

Our coordinator position will have the responsibility of communication and outreach to St. Joseph University Parish and St. Benedict Parish and the other coordinator position will hold the responsibility to St. Margaret Mary Parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and St. Patrick Parish. Applicant should be a Catholic practicing and possess a love for and knowledge of the Catholic faith, as well as a strong commitment to the faith development of young people. The applicant must have ability to organize, multi-task, work well with volunteers, exhibit good leadership skills, creativity and initiative. Professional: Written and verbal ability. Some travel, evening and weekend work is required. Apply by April 14, 2014 to Kay Scoville, Director of Youth Ministry, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, kscoville@archindy.org.
in all my years in the Church, that was a new one for me—to give up fear. I think we should all give up fear.”

—Father Rick Nagel, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis

As the Golden Gate Bridge looms in the background, the bride looks at her husband, Carliss Branson, pose for a photo during a trip to San Francisco last summer.