Church leaders remind
Iraqi refugees in Jordan
they are not alone

FUHEIS, Jordan (CNS)—A papal envoy and top
Middle East Catholic leaders, including the patriarchs of Iraq and
Jerusalem, reminded the world that the persecuted Christians
of Iraq are not to be forgotten or abandoned.

The appeal came at a prayer service expressing solidarity
with Iraqi Christian refugees made homeless a year ago
by Islamic State attacks on Mosul, Iraq, and surrounding
villages. Then, Christians were told to convert to Islam, be
killed or flee. Approximately 12,000 of them are sheltering
in Jordan.

Waving white, black and red Iraqi flags and their prayer
service leaflets, the refugees sang in Arabic and in their native
Chaldean and Syriac languages, imploring for peace to be
restored to their homeland.

Pope Francis sent Bishop Nunzio Galantino, secretary-general of the Italian bishops’ conference, to
tell the refugees that they are not alone.

“I want to reach through a word of hope those who are
See JORDAN on page 8.

A woman raises her arms in prayer during an Aug. 8 service in Fuheis, Jordan, to
remember the first large exodus of Iraqi Christians targeted by Islamic State.
(CNS photo/Nader Daoud)

Pope designates Sept. 1 as
World Day of Prayer for
Care of Creation

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Like their
Orthodox brothers and sisters, Catholics
formally will mark Sept. 1 as the World
Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation,
Pope Francis has decided.

The day of prayer, the pope said, will
give individuals and communities an
opportunity to implore God’s help in
protecting creation and an opportunity to
ask God’s forgiveness “for sins committed
against the world in which we live.”

Pope Francis announced his decision
to add the annual prayer day to the
Catholic calendar in a letter to Cardinal
Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical
Council for Justice and Peace, and
to Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of
the Pontifical Council for Promoting
Christian Unity.

The text of the letter, dated Aug. 6, was
released by the Vatican on Aug. 10.

Pope Francis said he was instituting
the prayer day for Catholics because
he shares the concern of Ecumenical
Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople,
who initiated a similar prayer day for the
Orthodox Church in 1989.

Metropolitan John of Pergamon, who
represented the patriarch at the public
presentation on June 18 of Pope Francis’
cylical, Laudato Si’, on Care for
Our Common Home,” had suggested
there that all Christians join in prayer on
Sept. 1.

“This would mark a step toward further
commonality among them,” he had said.

Pope Francis said Christians want
to make their special contribution to
safeguarding creation, but to do that they
must rediscover their spiritual foundations
of their approach to earthly realities,
beginning with an acknowledgment that
the “life of the spirit is not dissociated
from the body or from nature,” but lived
in communion with all worldly realities.

The ecological crisis, he said, is a
summons “to a profound spiritual
conversion,” and to a way of life that
clearly shows they are believers.

Quoting his encyclical, he said, “living
See CREATION on page 2.

A bounty of transformation

By John Shaughnessy

Nearly every garden offers a story of
transformation, not just for the seeds that
are planted, but also for the people who
nurture the gardens.

And sometimes the true harvest of a
garden comes in the lessons it provides,
lessons overflowing in humanity, beauty,
faith and God’s grace.

Here are some stories and lessons from
a few parish gardens in the archdiocese—and
the people who tend them.

A bounty of magical moments

Kathleen Berry Graham has
experienced an abundance of spiritual
and magical moments as she takes care
of her flowers and vegetables in the garden
at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis—including
the moment that took her breath
away when she was approached by a young
woman holding a baby.

Noticing that Graham held a bunch of
brightly-colored zinnias in her hand, the
young woman asked Graham if she had
also planted those same kind of flowers in
a nearby bed a year ago. When Graham said yes,
the woman replied, “Your zinnias were
so beautiful last year that when I had my
baby, I named her Zinnia.”

Touched by the woman’s words and
time choice, Graham handed her the
bouquet of zinnias she had just clipped.

“It just seemed the right thing to do,”
Graham recalls. “My mom always raised
me to do the next right thing. In this
garden, I see people doing the right thing
again and again.”

Dig into the history of this parish
garden, and you’ll unearth another level of
transformation. For a long time, it was a
crumbling strip of asphalt for parking until
a former parishioner named Joe Foster
imagined it could be changed into an
urban oasis. Six years ago, flower beds
were built, soil was poured into them,
and parish members and neighborhood
residents were invited to claim a spot
to add a touch of beauty or bounty to
the world.

This year, about 35 people toil in
their personal gardens. Some nurture
See GARDENS on page 2.

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sunflowers that reach for the sky. Others plant peppers, tomatoes, lettuce and other vegetables, sharing their harvest with pantries. Graham enjoys bundling her zinnias into bunches that she leaves secretly on her neighbors’ porches and doorsteps.

The school’s students and teachers use the garden for educational projects. Neighbors visit the garden with their children, taking in its colorful glory.

“Sometimes, I’m in my garden by myself in the early evening, the sun is setting, the church bells are tolling, and I look up at the silhouette of the church tower. It’s a meaningful and spiritual moment for me,” says Graham, who helps coordinate the use of the garden.

“This space provides goodness for so many people from many walks of life. It’s a good thing to do. And when you are doing something good for people, I think that’s when you can say we’re all closer to God.”

Lesson of family, food, faith takes root

Growing up on an Indiana farm, Tracy Ross learned early the close connection that binds people to their land. From her parents, she also learned the importance of creating bonds and sharing your bounty with people in your community.

“One of the fun things about growing vegetables is sharing what you have,” she says. “On my farm, my father grows corn and soybeans, and he also has a garden for cabbage, carrots, potatoes, corn and raspberries. My dad invites people to his garden to pick what they want. He just likes to grow it. He takes what he needs and shares the rest.”

That approach also guides the community garden that Ross coordinates at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis. About 40 parishioners are involved in the effort from late May to early October, helping to grow tomatoes and a variety of peppers that are shared with people who live near Anna’s House, a clinic and resource center on the near west side of Indianapolis that provides food, dental care, medical help and educational services.

“The SHarP gardeners care because there’s a predominantly Hispanic population that comes to Anna’s House, and that’s what they like,” she says. “We also encourage families to bring their extra produce from their home gardens so that it can be delivered as well. People leave them by the statue of Mary on Friday night and early Saturday morning.”

Tracy also encourages the parish’s gardeners to take their families to Anna’s House when the vegetables are distributed on Saturday mornings. She and her husband Greg make that effort with their children, 9-year-old Jack and 8-year-old Hanna.

“I feel like you’re making a difference in the world because you see how many people need the food,” Jack says.

His words make her mother smile, knowing that the family’s history of reaching out to others has taken root in a new generation.

“It’s just part of teaching our children to give back,” Tracy Ross says. “It’s the lesson Jesus gave all of us—to give back to your community.”

The unexpected growth of seeds of hope

As he stands in the SHarP (Shared Harvest Project) Community Garden near St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, Bill Scott marvels at how seeds of hope and beauty can sprout and blossom from unexpected sources.

First, Scott shares the story of how he often travels to work on an IndyGo bus that has a stop near the parish—and how the bus driver on that route gave him some seeds to plant after noticing him weeding and watering in the garden.

Then Scott talks about his friendship with a man named Richard.

“He was living on the edge,” says Scott, who helps coordinate the garden. “He would grow his food here, and then he would give it to his family and friends. He knew the people who needed it. He also cut the grass for us. He died a year ago.”

The main idea behind the SHarP Community Garden is to provide a setting where “gardeners grow for themselves and the community—helping to address local needs by providing produce to neighborhood food banks.”

The harvests of zucchini, cabbage, turnips, peppers, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers and summer squash have been a blessing to the nearby Boulevard Place St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

“The last two years, we’ve been bringing in 200 pounds of food. We may double that this year,” says Mary Ellen Gadski, another coordinator of the garden.

Fresh produce makes a huge difference to people who can’t afford to buy it in stores, says Mark Varnau, the director of the Boulevard Place Food Pantry, who is also a member of St. Thomas. “The SHarP gardeners have always been very generous to us, as have the other church gardens in the area, such as Immaculate Heart and St. Joan of Arc.”

Varnau says, “Our own pantry garden supplies collard greens, peppers and tomatoes, which help make for more nutritious meals. Our shoppers love the fact they can select fresh produce.”

Scott also views the garden as providing a bounty beyond food. The garden is a combined effort between members of St. Thomas and its across-the-street neighbor, Common Ground Christian Church. And the connections extend from there.

“We’re out here in the open,” he says. “People will stop their cars and talk about the garden. I love how this near church garden brings people together from different cultures, different ages and different backgrounds.”

It also draws him closer to God.

“When you garden, Jesus’ parables have a deeper meaning when he talks about scattering the seeds and the other references he makes in the growing process,” says Scott. “I enjoy seeing the whole growth process. It gives me a sense of security and satisfaction. It speaks to a sense of God being in control.”

The pope asked Cardinal Koch to implore his help for the protection of creation “in order to be more committed against the world in which we live.”

“I invoke upon this initiative the blessing of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of Creation, ‘Praise to God for All Creation,’ reminds us that God has entrusted to us the task of caring for creation and teaching others to care for creation,” said the pope at Cardinal Koch to consult with and work with the Catholic Church’s eccumenical partners and the World Council of Churches to make sure the prayer day becomes a sign of Christians’ commitment to work together to safeguard creation “in order to be more credible and effective.”

He entrusted to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace the task of working with Catholic bishops’ conferences and environmental organizations to publicize and coordinate the specifics of the celebration.

“I invoke upon this initiative the intercession of Mary, mother of God, and of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of Creation inspires so many men and women of goodwill to live in praise of the Creator and with respect for creation,” he said. !
Forgiveness at heart of healing after violence, says archbishop

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—Forgiveness, a moral duty and a moral gift, is like a mirror that reflects a person’s interior state, says Pope Francis.

In an address while he was on his way to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, Archbishop Carlson asked the archdiocese to continue to reflect on forgiveness.

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Peace Through Hiroshima observatory by calling for nuclear weapons ban

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Marking the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Pope Francis repeated the Catholic Church’s call for a ban on nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction.

Seventy years after the Aug. 6, 1945, bombing of Hiroshima and the bombing of Nagasaki three days later, “this tragic event still gives rise to horror and revulsion,” the pope said on Aug. 9 after reciting the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter’s Square.

The atomic bombings of the two Japanese cities by the United States during World War II, he said, have become “an example of the destructive power of human beings when they make distorted use of scientific and technical progress.”

At the same time, however, the destruction unleashed is a lasting call to humanity to reject war, and “ban nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction,” the pope added.

“Most of all, the sad anniversary is a call to pray for peace, to work for peace, to spread throughout the world an ethos of brotherhood and an obtainable climate of serene coexistence among peoples,” Pope Francis said.

“From every land,” he prayed, “let one voice meet and another: ‘Forgive and prophesy’.”

The pope’s call for nuclear disarmament comes as the United Nations is set to make a decision on whether to hold a nuclear weapons ban treaty. The United States has said it is “open to discussions” on such a treaty, while other nuclear weapon states have said they will not participate.

In his main Angelus address, Pope Francis spoke about the day’s Gospel reading from St. John, which includes Jesus telling the people, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him” (Jn 6:44).

Jesus, the pope said, is teaching the people that “faith is a relationship between the human person—each of us, in our relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit each have experienced.”

“May we become more transformed into a community of justice and peace, a place of acceptance and hope, a people that recognize our willfulness to forgive and our commitment to prophesy,” he added.

Evening prayer liturgy on Sept. 13 to celebrate Year of Consecrated Life

As part of its observance of the Year of Consecrated Life, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is hosting a solemn evening prayer liturgy at 4 p.m. on Sept. 13 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin will be the liturgy’s presider. Members of religious orders that minister across central and southern Indiana have been invited to take part.

During the liturgy, members of religious orders in the archdiocese who are celebrating 25-, 50- and 75-year jubilees will be recognized. All archdiocesan Catholics are invited to attend the evening prayer liturgy as well.

A reception will follow in Assembly Hall at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, which is across the street from the cathedral.

The Year of Consecrated Life was called for by Pope Francis to help the Church celebrate the life, ministry and witness of men and women religious. It began on Nov. 29, 2014, and will conclude on Feb. 2, 2016.

For more information about the Year of Consecrated Life and its observance in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, visit hearoncall.com/year-of-consecrated-life.

Pope Francis
Preparing for the synod

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Pope Francis speaks as he leads his general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on Dec. 10, 2014. In his talk, the pope reviewed the October 2014 extraordinary meeting of the Synod of Bishops on the family. There was another meeting of the Synod of Bishops on the family this October. (Welles Barnard, Paul Haring/CNS)

The bishops who will attend the synod now have what is called the instrumentum laboris, sort of a roadmap for the work they will undertake. You can read the document by Googling “Synod on the Family Instrumentum Laboris.” It shows that the bishops will have an enormously busy three weeks.

Fortunately, they have a head start, thanks to last fall’s extraordinary meeting of the Synod of Bishops on the family in October. We are all members of a family, no matter how different, this synod should be important to us all.

Pope Francis has spoken about the family in his messages and homilies. He has reminded us of the importance of the family and marriage.

The synod will focus on three main themes: The role of the family in the life of the Church, the challenges of the family, and the life of the Church, such as giving Communion to those who are sick or in trouble.

The bishops will begin their work with a plenary session, where they will discuss the challenges facing the family and the Church. They will then break into smaller groups to work on specific issues, such as Communion to those who are sick or in trouble.

The synod will conclude with a final session, where the bishops will discuss the conclusions of their work and prepare a final document. This document will be presented to the Pope and to the universal Church.

We should all pray for the success of the synod and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the work of the bishops.

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Letters to the Editor

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Second, our Church does follow the flag, and that is why historically at the time of St. Junipero Serra we did follow the flag. Even in 1960, when Americans feared that the pope would rule the White House if a Catholic was elected president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy stated his politics from are home, and my religion is from Rome. Aug. 7, 1960, in order to quell fears regarding his and our allegiance and flat-out pledge to the flag. This is the same flag that protects us pro-lifers from threats because our flag represents freedom of speech—at least until the U.S. Supreme Court strikes that down. Third, to suggest that our Church curtails man’s basic human rights proves otherwise. The life of Leonardo da Vinci, who dreamed unimaginable things from readers to correspondences, paracults, paraisms, submarine and subca gear—is one example.

Other examples of how Holy Mother Church walks side by side with those who have dreams include Pope Paul VI, who watched the lunar landing via a television on July 20, 1969: The Church marched with Martin Luther King, in Selma, Ala., on March 21, 1965, and every January, the Church walks in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., as we dream of an abortion-free America and globe.

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Letter to the Editor

Newspaper does good job of recognizing richness of local and universal Church

It is good to see The Criterion not ignoring non-Caucasian ethnic groups. I am sure there are many readers of The Criterion who are influenced in a positive way when they read about various ministries with different ethnic groups and events, as well as the causes and ministries in which the various ethnic groups participate in the archdiocese.

It is important to not to put up Bipolarism on only one ethnic group, which the press— religious and secular—has had a habit of doing so that any lay person can read it without having to study it beyond reading it once. Let us all take it to heart! I am a Catholic, as well as an Ohio state representative, when he says that the “Black Lives Matter” movement is hypocritical. The tragic loss of lives that sparked the birth of the Black Lives Matter movement cannot have been in vain!

If there were no such movement, the babies who are saved from being murdered in the womb would have no more hope for good quality of life—or life beyond their first decade or two—than they have right now. Both the movement against killing helpless babies and the Black Lives Matter movement are needed to help us move toward that moment in time when every person on this planet can participate in truly civil and just society.

Thank you for your efforts to give us relevant, well-written, holding our readers’ attention, both within our own archdiocese and in the rest of the world.

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Health care should be affordable, accessible to all

For decades, the bishops of the United States have insisted that access to decent health care is a basic safeguard of human dignity and an affirmation of human dignity from conception until natural death. We strongly advocate for health care reform legislation and implementation that:

1) ensures access to high quality, affordable, life-giving health care for all;
2) retains long-standing requirements that federal funds not be used for elective abortions or plans that include them that do not effectively protect conscience rights; and
3) protects the access to health care that immigrants currently have and removes current barriers to access.

In our recent pastoral letter, Poverty at the Crossroads, The Church’s Response to Poverty in Indiana, we write:

“...We bishops in Indiana repeat the call for a genuine reform of health care that is accessible and affordable for all. We invite all Hoosiers to join us in working for health care systems that will:

- Promote and defend human dignity from the moment of conception until natural death;
- Attend to the whole person (body, mind and spirit), while pursuing a genuine pluralism that respects freedom of religion and conscience;
- Care for poor and vulnerable persons, regardless of race, ethnicity, economic or social status;
- Practice a careful stewardship of resources by restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of those who must pay for health care.

The Catholic Church is committed to following in the footsteps of Jesus, whose compassion for the poor was frequently manifested in his ministry to the poor. Jesus did not deny access to health care to anyone. His healing power was available to all who called his name, including members of the occupying Roman army, Samaritans and the unclean lepers who were required to exist on what Pope Francis would call “the peripheries.”

When we Catholics insist on the importance of providing affordable access to quality health care to everyone regardless of their social, legal or economic status, we are affirming our belief that every human being is a child of God who deserves to be treated with dignity and respect no matter what his or her situation in life. In our society today, health care should not be an option available only to those few who have the means to afford it. In A Framework for Comprehensive Health Care Reform: Protecting Human Life, Promoting Human Dignity, Pursuing the Common Good, the American bishops support health coverage that is affordable for the poor and needy, moving our society substantially toward the goal of universal coverage. The bishops are equally clear in stating that this must be done in accord with the dignity of each and every human person, showing full respect for the life, health and conscience of all.

As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI stated in his “Message to the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers” on Nov. 15, 2010, in the health care sector “it is important to establish a real distributive justice which, on the basis of objective needs, guarantees adequate care to all.” Moreover, “if it is not to become inhuman, the world of health care cannot disregard the moral rules that must govern it.” We bishops in Indiana wholeheartedly commit ourselves to health care reform that achieves these worthy goals.

Poverty at the Crossroads does not offer practical legislative or public policy solutions to the many challenges that make affordable and accessible health care hard to accomplish. We know that health care is expensive and that government intervention, by itself, is not the answer to all our health care challenges. We are also keenly aware of the threats to religious freedom that have presented themselves along with recent “health care mandates.”

At the same time, we refuse to give up the fight for quality health care systems that are affordable and accessible to all. To do that would be to turn our backs on 2,000 years of the Church’s healing ministry and on our commitment to Christian charity. The Lord commanded us, his disciples, to heal the sick and to feed, cloth and shelter “the least of these,” his brothers and sisters. What’s more, he made it perfectly clear that if we fail to do these things for others, we fail to do them for him (See Mt 25:31-46).

Poverty at the Crossroads commits us bishops to work with all people of good will to find workable solutions to the health care challenges facing us here in Indiana. I invite you to join us by your prayers, your advocacy and your charitable works as we strive to make the healing of ministry of Jesus available to all.”

La atención médica debe ser económica y accesible para todos

Durante décadas los obispos de los Estados Unidos han insistido en que el acceso a una atención médica digna de protección es un derecho fundamental para la vida humana que realimenta su dignidad desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Son importantes.

Los obispos en Indiana repetimos el llamado para que se logre una reforma de la legislación de la atención de salud y una forma de implementarla que:

1) garantice el acceso a una atención médica de alta calidad, económica y viable para todos;
2) preserva el requisito de que los fondos federales no se utilicen para practicar abortos electivos ni planes que los incluyan, y proteja eficazmente el derecho de conciencia; y
3) proteja el acceso a la atención médica que tienen los inmigrantes en este momento y elimine las barreras existentes que impiden dicho acceso.

En nuestra carta pastoral publicada recientemente, titulada Pobreza en la Enseñanza: la respuesta de la Iglesia ante la pobreza en Indiana, los obispos escribimos:

- “Los obispos en Indiana repetimos el llamado para que se logre una reforma de salud genuina que sea accesible y asequible para todos. Invitamos a todos los habitantes del estado a que se unan a nuestro esfuerzo por conseguir un sistema de salud que:
  - promueva y defienda la dignidad humana, desde el momento de la concepción hasta su muerte natural;
  - atienda a los pobres y a los vulnerables, sin importar cuál sea su situación económica, social o de credo y de conciencia;
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  - agradezca a nuestra sociedad hacia el objetivo de alcanzar una cobertura universal. Los obispos también expresan claramente que esto debe realizarse en consonancia con la dignidad de cada persona humana, demostrando un profundo respeto por la vida, la salud y la conciencia de todos.
  - Tal como lo señaló el papa emérito Benedicto XVI en su “Mensaje al Consejo Pontificio para Trabajadores Sanitarios” el 15 de noviembre de 2010, en el sector de la salud “es importante establecer una justicia distributiva que, basándose en las necesidades objetivas, garantice una atención adecuada para todos.”

Con esto, el obispo de Indiana nos invita a trabajar juntos por la salud de todos, sin importar su situación socio económica, y a buscar soluciones prácticas que garanticen que la atención médica sea accesible para todos.”

Adaptado por: Daniela Guanipa
**Monastery at 59 Allendale, Mass at the Carmelite Terre Haute.** Helpers of God’s Precious 1 mile Family Run. 9 a.m., 4 p.m.-midnight, bingo, Ave., Indianapolis. 7225 Southeastern Jesus Christ Parish, Nativity of Our Lord August 14-15 317-870-8400. Indy Mass and Luncheon to Indianapolis. 7575 Holliday Drive E., cmw_76_99@yahoo.com. Information: Christy Wright, non-members, $3 members. speaker following Mass, $5 offensive lineman Cole Toner, Catholic Business 511 E. Thompson Road, August 14 Catholic Priests, an organization which 11441 Hague Road, in Fishers, Ind., just north of the archdiocese in the Diocese of Lafayette, will offer a “Songs of Praise” concert at 2 p.m. on Aug. 23. of Priestly Charity, which has received David Biagi, inaugural director of the School of Architecture at the University of Kentucky College of Design, will give the Dolle Lecture on Church Art and Architecture in St. Bede Theater at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, 200 Hill Drive, in St. Meinrad at 7 p.m. Central Time on Sept. 15. Biagi spent several years in New York City as an Eisenhauer Architects and Gruwethy Siegel Architects. In 1996, he was selected for the Dolle Lecture by the Diocese of Lafayette, which will offer a “Songs of Praise” concert at 2 p.m. on Aug. 23.

**Sisters of Providence offer workshop on Gospel of Luke and Acts on Sept. 12**

dwell, 5 years,” Marc Konesco, founder/president, TACK, presenter, 7 a.m., members, $21 non-members, breakfast included. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusiness exchange.org.

**Holy Spirit Parish at Geist, 10530 Glaser Way, Fishers, Ind. (LaFayette Diocesan). Citywide Utileya, 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by pitch-in dinner for all Curritullists and friends, bring side dish or dessert Information: Curritullas hpv@yahoo.com or call Susie Shredder, 317-823-2883.

**St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. Faithful Citizens Rosary procession, 1 p.m., procession Information: faithfulcitizens3106@gmail.com.

**Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post road, Indianapolis. Rummage sale, Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., food, games, bake sale, music, Sun. fried chicken dinner 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information: 823-663-8427 or www.smarmysale.com.

**St. Anthony Parish, Ryan Hall, 349 Warman Ave., Indianapolis. Euchre Party, 1-5 p.m., doors open 12:30 p.m., 54 tables and prizes. August 24-29 Du Quoin State Fair, 90.9 FM, Faith in Action radio show, “Symbolon,” of Life Stations, Diane Castello, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., call 825-284 and 27. 10 a.m. April 25 and 28, 9 a.m. Aug. 29 “A Journey in the Writings of John Fink and 8 a.m. August 29-27 St. AIN Parish, 6530 S. Mooresville Road, Indianapolis. Annual Summer Festival, 5-11 p.m, rides, games, food. Information: 317-821-2909.

**August 28 St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 176 Ave., Brook Grove. Ave Maria Giulia, rummage sale, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-7625 or clmamia@aol.com.

**Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Prioir Hall, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Pro-Life Film Series, “Anonymous Father’s Day,” film 7-10 p.m, panel discussion 7:30-8:30 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-408-0528 or iloughery peruli@gmail.com.


**August 29 St. Patrick Parish, 990 Prospect St., Indianapolis. Catechesis training for Spanish-speaking catechists, 8:30 a.m.-noon, free, registration required. Information and registration: Sister Karen Durflat at kdurflat@theodore.org or 317-631-5824.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5682 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis. St. Rose Walk, 9 a.m., 5 pre-registration, 50 pre-registration family of 4-6 people, children under 2 years, free. Information: 317-257-2266.

**Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis. Picnic, 11 a.m.-midnight, chicken dinner, games, quilts, Mass 4 p.m. Information: 812-923-8817.

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Book shares stories of teacher who loves what she does

By John Shaughnessy

It’s one of her favorite stories from her 22 years of teaching, a story that also led to the unusual title of her self-published book.

As she monitored a classroom of students taking a test, Evelyn Karozos was approached by a boy who finished the exam early.

“I have two things,” the boy said to her in his typically low-key tone. “First, where do we put our test?”

Karozos told him to put the test on the front desk, the boy continued so calmly, “And the other thing, there’s a spider in your hair.”

“I screamed and told him to get it out of my hair,” Karozos recalls. “And he batted my head and got rid of it.”

There’s a Spider in Your Hair (and other classroom vignettes) is Karozos’ effort to share her experiences with students from her 22 years of teaching at St. Mark the Evangelist School in Indianapolis.

There’s the memory of “the soccer game that one particularly troubled boy invited two of us teachers to watch. After he came off the field he performed a few cartwheels off the field as his way of thanking us for coming.”

There’s the story of the unexpected act by an eighth-grade boy who was known for bullying.

“He publicly acknowledged his faults to his peers and to the upcoming class of seventh graders, and advised them to not let him and his treatment affect their classmates.”

She told him, “If you want to change your life path, I thought special education would let me help others and help him. I went back to school for two years to get my teaching degree. That’s how it started—with his special education.”

She lives there in Indianapolis and to do something different.

“I have a nephew who has cerebral palsy. He was born in 1988. When it was time to change my life path, I thought special education would let me help others and help him. I went back to school for two years to get my teaching degree. That’s how it started—with his special education.”

In all, she shares more than 70 stories, most just a page in length. One story she didn’t share in her book was what led her to become a teacher.

“For 13 years, I lived in Chicago, and I worked for a bank,” she recalls in an interview. “Then I came back to Indianapolis and wanted to do something different.”

“I have two things,” the boy said to her in August of 1986. “I learn more from them than they will ever learn from me.”

Karozos says her 106-page book is just her way “to share her experiences and help me remember.”

“I started writing things down about eight years ago. I started collecting little scraps of paper about this incident and that incident, this student and that student. I shared the stories with family, and I got a lot of encouragement. So I kept writing. My experiences aren’t unique. I’m not telling stories that haven’t happened in other classrooms.”

She is just sharing the stories of a teacher who loves what she does, who loves the students she teaches.

“Learn more from them than they will ever learn from me,” she says. “It has opened my eyes to children of so many different backgrounds and parents from so many walks of life. It’s humbling.”

(Available for $8, There’s a Spider in Your Hair and other classroom vignettes) can be ordered through the website, www.spiderinyourhair.com.
Bismarck bishop tells Catholic groups with troops to sever ties with Boy Scouts

"Father McGivney's charity and unity which are at the heart of our beloved order, the Knights of Columbus," said Archbishop Lori, who is supreme chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

It added: "The Knights of Columbus offers its deep appreciation to Pope Francis for his witness and for his encyclical 'Laudato Si,' on Care for Our Common Home,' which reminds us that the protection of God's creation is inextricably linked to healthy family life."

The day's Gospel account of the Transfiguration describes how Jesus "revealed his glory before Peter, James and John, our eyes of faith behold the divine and infinite "to the witness of holy men and women as 'transfigured in holiness of heart.'"

"We will need steadfastness in our efforts to promote the Church's understanding of marriage as the faithful, exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman "praise the Holy Spirit enlighten elected officials to adopt laws, and judges to make judicial decisions that "affirm the family and the authentic nature of marriage," it continued.

The Knights said they would work to push for the protection of traditional marriage at all levels of government. They also expressed their continued solidarity and ongoing pastoral assistance to Christian refugees and other religious minorities being persecuted in the Middle East.

"You might say that when we climb Mount Tabor with Jesus, 'You must be among those who are discriminated against because of their religion, race, ethnicity or gender. You must be among those who are struggling to live the faithfulness to the Gospel.'"

The gathering was held at the Latin-rite Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia for the Catholic fraternal organization's 133rd Supreme Convention. (CNS photos/Gregory A. Shemitz)
In Japan, U.S. bishop says USCCB will push for nuclear disarmament

By Natalie Hoefer

Throughout the Bible, three archangels are listed by name: Gabriel, messenger of good news to Mary and Zachariah; Michael, who protected the Lamb from evil; and Raphael, the traveling companion of Tobias.

For the last eight years, the Sisters of St. Benedict in Beech Grove have identified three women who have heroically served in the roles of messenger, defender and companion, and recognized their service with an "Angels of Grace" award.

This year’s recipients are online St. Paula’s Young Catholic Widow Group co-founder Jennifer Trapuzzano for the "messenger" Archangel Gabriel Award; Beggars of the Poor longtime volunteer Lynda Knable for the "defender" Archangel Michael Award; and “He Knows Your Name” ministry founder Linda Znachko for the "companion" Archangel Raphael Award.

The group was created to recognize the presence of the angels in people’s lives and to see the possible symbolism in the names of their loved ones. The group has grown from its original four members to 30 members.

"It’s important for an American to remember that here is a Japanese in this moment, because you never know what your heavenly father is up to," said Lynda Knable, a member of St. Vincent de Paul’s Indianapolis conference, who provides food, clothing and hygiene items to homeless men in the city on Saturdays. "We’re feeding up to 225 men every two weeks, and it’s huge. It’s something we do for nothing, just 350 hot dogs. Of course, we’ll serve anyone who is there. We’ll feed them until we can’t serve anymore. There are always more out of the containers!"

While most food, clothing and hygiene items are donated, the orders undergarments, socks and boxes of items are stipend given to the ministry by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

"For me, [this ministry] has been a healing process," said Linda Znachko, Archangel Michael Award winner. "When Indiana resident Linda Znachko heard about a baby found in a dumpster in New Jersey in 2009, she had questions about what was going on with the soul of that baby. Znachko, a Catholic, was a one-time parishioner of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Beech Grove.

"I was not looking to start anything," Znachko admits. "But the next step, God was inviting me into something. He cares deeply about each of us and wants the Gospel to come alive through the issue of life." Znachko said.

"At the coroner's office, Linda was able to provide a funeral for the baby in the months before the coroner told another abandoned child in need of a funeral," said Bishop Cantu.

The coroner asked me if we—my organization—would do y-s-y-z," she recalls. "I told him I'd call him back. And then he called back, said, 'Look, what organization?'" "Who are you?" "Then and I realized it was me and God. I felt him asking me to take the hand and follow him. I put my hand in his hand and followed step by step through door after door.

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Divorced and remarried are not excommunicated, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Catholics who have divorced and are civilly remarried “are not, in fact, excommunicated—they are not excommunicated—and they absolutely must not be treated as if they were,” Pope Francis said.

Resuming his Wednesday general audiences on Aug. 5 after a month’s break, Pope Francis returned to the series of talks he has been giving on the family. It was the 100th general audience of his papacy.

At his last audience, on June 24, he talked about the damage caused especially to children when couples fight and hurt each other. “Today,” he said, “I want to draw our attention to another reality: how to care for those who, after the irreversible failure of the matrimonial bond, have undertaken a new union.”

Without an annulment of the sacramental marriage, “such a situation contradicts the Christian sacrament,” which is meant to be an indissoluble bond, the pope said.

According to Church teaching, in most cases such couples are not permitted to receive Communion. But bishops at the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family last October and preparing for the general synod on Oct. 4-25 have been studying and debating possibilities for allowing some couples in some situations to return to the sacraments.

The Church, Pope Francis said at the audience, must have “the heart of a mother, a heart that, animated by the Holy Spirit, always seeks the good and the salvation of persons.”

The children of such couples suffer most and deserve particular care, the pope said.

“How can we tell these parents to do everything possible to raise their children in the Christian life, giving them the example of a convinced and lived faith, if we keep them at a distance from the life of the community as if they were excommunicated?” the pope asked.

Particularly over the past few decades, he said, “the Church has not been insensitive or lazy” when it comes to providing pastoral care to the divorced and civilly remarried.

In his apostolic exhortation, “Familiaris Consortio,” St. John Paul II saw an “obligation, for love of the truth,” to exercise a “careful discernment of situations,” noting for example “the difference between one who has endured a separation and one who provoked it,” Pope Francis said.

Retired Pope Benedict XVI also studied the question, he said, “calling for an attentive discernment and wise pastoral accompaniment, knowing that no ‘simple recipes’ exist.”

As the studies and discernment continue, Pope Francis said, it is essential that Catholic pastors “openly and coherently demonstrate the willingness of the community to welcome and encourage” divorced and remarried couples and their families to participate in Church life.

“Prayer, listening to the word of God, attending Mass, educating their children in the faith, serving the poor and working for justice and peace should be part of their lives, he said.

Quoting his apostolic exortation, “The Joy of the Gospel,” Pope Francis told those gathered for the audience, “the Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community.”

First Chinese bishop ordained publicly since 2012 in Anyang

HONG KONG (CNS)—When Father Joseph Zhang Yinlin was ordained coadjutor bishop of Anyang Diocese, he became the first publicly ordained Chinese bishop in three years and the first since the Vatican and China restarted its dialogue in June 2014.

The new bishop was consecrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Anyang by three Vatican-approved and government-recognized bishops. Bishops not recognized by the Vatican were not present at the ordination, reported ucanews.com.

Aug. 4 was chosen as the ordination date because it is the feast of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, ucanews.com reported.

According to the official website of the Henan Catholic Church, the ordination Mass was concelebrated by 75 priests and attended by about 1,400 people, including 120 nuns.

One Church source said authorities limited participants to 25 people from each of the diocese’s 17 parishes.

Another source who attended the Mass told ucanews.com that those who did not have identity cards could not get into the venue.
What was in the news on August 13, 1965? The Civil Rights Voting Act, Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Philly officials discuss transportation details for papal visit

PHILADELPHIA (CBS)—Mayor Michael Nutter of Philadelphia and other officials on Aug. 5 described transportation details for Pope Francis’ September visit to the city.

The pope will be in Philadelphia the weekend of Sept. 25-27 which will conclude the Sept. 22-25 World Meeting of Families.

An area near the Philadelphia Museum of Art where the pope will celebrate Mass for a projected 1.5 million people.

Nutter admitted the restrictions would be exempts from the restrictions, and they will have designated travel lanes as streets begin to fill with pedestrians walking to the papal events (CNS). The existing restrictions include personal vehicles and any sort of bus—including motor coaches, school buses, mini-buses, RVs and park-and-ride vans with a capacity of eight to 14 people. Pedestrians and cyclists, however, will have no restrictions leaving and re-entering the traffic box.

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Sometimes, we really can’t go home again to the places we knew

Making plans, not excuses, to attain what you want in life

How much do you like the band
One Direction? What would you do to
see them in concert?

It took effort and a lot of problem-solving,

For now, she’s working on herself—
learning from every day she’s lived.

Ceramic era/Karen Osborne
Medieval Church: A time of missionary activity

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Twenty Something/
Christina Capeschi
Waiting for a husband, keeping the faith

Arleen Spenceley can’t remember the last
time she went on a date. It must’ve been 2014,
she says without a trace of panic.

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Arleen Spenceley, the girl with the bouncy
hair and bouncy name, the cradle Catholic from
Tampa, Fla., with the large Twitter following,
has much to be thankful for—a dynamic
Journalism career, an award-winning book, a
bustling speaking schedule, friends who are like
family and friends who are like family.

It was a terrible, terrible thing,

A lot of times, we can get caught up
in the moment, but we need to
stop and ask ourselves:

"Why do I do it?"

She can hardly bring herself to
look at her ring finger for
anything, she feels so richly, wildly blessed.

One Direction? What would you do to
see them in concert?

Maybe it’s because they’re

Money, as usual,


Asking for a milliion dollar
dress and a pair of shoes for
school. The “dress shop” was a corner at
the hardware store.

SisterStory.org.

Molly was not.

As usual, Mom

Arleen’s phone began ringing. The calls,

e-mails and tweets continued pouring in
for two days.

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Arleen realized she had hit a nerve. She
had not just written a column; she had inadvertantly
launched a zeitgeist without meaning to.

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evend if they’re silly. But we use them because
we’re scared, or because we’re simply
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The people we visit are another

Not all I wanted to do was
an honors professor. She had
always been interested in
menstrual sculptures and
springs.

Her excitement remade me of when my
friends and I wanted to see New Kids on the
Block. (Hey, we were cool even then!) The
tickets were expensive. My parents
told me that I needed to work off the
cost, and gave me a list of chores to do if I
wanted to go.

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An national speaking campaign
would seem like a simple
way to change Arleen’s single
status, introducing her to like-minded men and
aspiring grandmas.

Their farm house sits on 25 acres
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• Proverbs 9:1-6
• Psalms 51:1-20
• John 6:51-58

The Book of Proverbs is the source of this weekend’s first biblical reading. Proverbs is part of the wisdom literature, an important part of the Old Testament. The wisdom books came to be in an interesting development of history. As the years passed, and as circumstances occurred, good and bad, many Jews left the land of bondage and moved to other areas in the Middle East or North Africa. In another movement, the armies of Alexander the Great swept across much of this same territory. The Greek armies of Alexander militarily subdued all that was in their path. Many were killed. But peace came after the various invasions, and the Greeks left a deep imprint upon the cultures of the conquered lands.

In the midst of this overwhelmingly Greek situation, the Jews who had come from the Holy Land or were descended from ancestors who emigrated from it felt need to reinforce their own faith, rooted in their ancient religious traditions, and pass it on to new generations.

The pursuit of knowledge of reality was very important in Greek culture. The Greeks cherished the sciences and process of logic. They were great philosophers. For weeks this summer, the Church directed were among the “simple.”

Paul admonishes these Christians of Ephesus to watch their conduct. They should live as true disciples of Jesus. Lip service is not enough for true discipleship.

St. John’s Gospel supplies us with the last reading. It is one of the most memorable passages in this thoroughly memorable Gospel. It is familiar to all believers, in itself showing the early Christians’ intense love for the Eucharist.

Jesus declares, “I myself am the living bread” (6:51). The Lord then continues, in great eloquence and depth, to explain this revelation.

He is real food and real drink. He is not being imaginary or symbolic or casual. As other New Testament texts about the Eucharist, the message is precise. The bread is the Lord. Those who consume this living, life-giving bread will be raised on the last day.

Reflection

For weeks this summer, the Church has called us to discipleship. Having put before us the image of Jesus, the crucified, the risen Lord at Holy Week and Easter, with all the accompanying lessons of the Ascension and Pentecost, the Church has invited us to follow Jesus.

It has reminded us of our limitations. We cannot find peace and true happiness alone. We cannot secure eternal life alone. We need God.

This is a difficult lesson for Christians, for humans, to learn and accept. The Church repeats it again and again, but while warning us, the Church also reassures us. Although we are limited, even though we cannot achieve salvation by ourselves alone, God is lavishly and mercifully forthcoming. He en Nomvus us in mercy, love and strength. He guides us. He sustains us.

God gives us all this in Jesus, the very bread of life. For the Eucharist, we, even if “simple,” are united with Jesus, the Son of God. He is our life and our joy and our hope.†

St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church

Judges 11:29-39
Psalm 40:5, 7-10
Matthew 22:1-14

Daily Readings

Monday, August 17
Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18
Judges 6:11-24a
Psalm 83, 9, 11-14
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19
St. John Eudes, priest
Judges 9:6-17
Psalm 21:2-7
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20
St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church
Judges 11:29-39a
Psalm 40:5, 7-10
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, August 23
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21
Ephesians 5:21-32 or Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32
John 6:60-69

Question Corner

Fr. Kenneth Doyle

A few friends (who are in their 40s) asked me to “officiate” at their wedding. The bride is a baptized Catholic, and the groom was previously married. They claim that a person can go online and become licensed in their state (in this case, Georgia) to perform weddings and some other ceremonies.

Though I was honored to be asked, I said no because I think that, because marriage is a gift from God, a wedding should be performed by a priest, deacon or other ordained minister. That said, I am curious as to what the position of the Church might be on a Catholic layman’s “officiating” at a wedding. (Georgia)

I have seen websites, such as the one for Universal Life Church, which offer “online ordination.” A Catholic could not accept such an offer even if his state were to recognize it because it would imply that you had joined that church and that you are a minister of a non-Catholic religion.

You properly declined the invitation from your friends.

(questions may be sent to Father kenneth Doyle at askfatherkendall@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St. Albany, N.Y. 12208.)

Saints

Stanislaus Kostka
1550 - 1568
feast - Aug. 15

Born in the family castle in Poland, Stanislaus was educated privately, then at a Jesuit college in Vienna, Austria. After having visions during a serious illness, he decided to enter the Society of Jesus. His father, a Polish senator, opposed this; he wanted Stanislaus to become a diplomat. Rejected by the Vienna Jesuits, Stanislaus walked to the Universitate in Prague, where he convinced a Jesuit to take him in, then sent him to Rome. In 1567, the father general accepted Stanislaus into the Society of Jesus; for the nine months before his death in Rome, he lived a life of mortifications, ecstasies and holiness. A patron saint of Poland, he was canonized in 1726 with another Jesuit.

My Journey to God

Majesty

By Anthony M. Cestaro

Looking out at the great mountains
Watching the snow rise from the ground
Just like ashes rise from the flames of a burning fire.

In the distance I listen to the birds singing
Just like ashes rise from the flames of a burning fire.

Looking out at the great mountains
Eagles fly high above the blue sky

As an artist paints to convey
Right outside my window I see God’s painting
Of nature’s beauty and majesty.

(Anthony M. Cestaro is a member of Holy Family Parish in New Albany. The snow-covered Popocatépetl volcano provides a white backdrop for the Church of Our Lady of Remedies in Puebla, Mexico, in this photo from February 2010. Popocatépetl, which means “smoking mountain” in Aztec, is located 34 miles east of Mexico City and is North America’s second highest volcano.)

(CNS photo/Melisa Molina, Reuters)
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 diocese 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.


BERMAN, Douglas Anthony, Sr., 68, St. John the Baptist, Starlight, Aug. 4.


HAMILTON, Carolyn S., 80, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, July 19. Mother of Angela Majno, Elizabeth Mary, Michael Hamilton, Jeannine B. Brothers, Sr. 68, St. John the Baptist, Indianapolis, July 19. Father of Angela Majno, Elizabeth Mary, Michael Hamilton, Jeannine B. Brothers, Sr.


Serra Chapel

A stand of devotional candles features an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe inside the Serra Chapel at Mission San Juan Capistrano in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., on July 27. The 1769 chapel is the oldest extant building in California and the only remaining church where Blessed Serra celebrated Mass. (CNS/Photo/Karen Wiedenhoeft)

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British composer’s music chosen for official Year of Mercy hymn

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Paul Inwood and 89 other composers around the world had two months to submit their compositions of music for the official hymn of the Year of Mercy.

Inwood, a British composer whose work is a staple of many parish liturgies across North America, said he learned in June that his music was chosen, and that the Sistine Chapel Choir was about to record it. The only problem with which they wanted a little extra musical flair.

“I spent the next 24 hours writing a brass prelude and interludes and a coda chord” for the ending, he said, on Aug. 6 in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service (CNS).

The hymn’s title and refrain, “Miserere indicat Pater,” is the official Latin theme of the Year of Mercy and translates to “Merciful Like the Father.”

The Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, which is charged with coordinating the Year of Mercy, announced Aug. 8 that the hymn, “Misericordes sicut Pater,” which means “his mercy is forever,” will be sung at the opening of the Holy Year when the song will make a very public debut under the direction of the Sistine Chapel Choir and accompanied by professional brass players. “Hopefully it will work in more simple settings, too,” he told CNS. “There are even guitar chords, so it should be double even in the smallest groups.”

Inwood said he wrote the English and French words of the hymn, as well as the coda andлейб конвалю поле, which allows for a wide variety of syllables to be sung in every bar, should make it easy to translate the song into other languages as well.

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Inwood said he has written and composed liturgical music for decades, “I said, you get used to hearing your music slaughtered in parishes around the world. But you realize that if it helps them pray, that is what matters.”

Inwood wrote the original text, told Vatican Radio that Inwood “is very talented,” and “understands what it means to have a new creative intention—not for angels and archangels, but for a real assembly, nonprofessionals, people who pray because they are gathered to pray and to sing.”

Milwaukee Archdiocese reaches $21 million settlement with abuse survivors

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Milwaukee care that a $21 million settlement with abuse survivors, according to an Aug. 4 announcement.

The settlement is part of an agreement on a reorganization plan reached by the archdiocese and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, which has sought compensation for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse.

Chief Judge Susan V. Kelley of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin is the judge who approved the agreement.

The agreement comes more than four years and eight months after the archdiocese filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. That action followed failed mediation with 15 abuse victims/survivors in which the archdiocese had offered a settlement of $4.6 million.

According to the agreement, 330 abuse survivors will share $21 million. The amount for each will be determined by a court-appointed claims administrator, who will evaluate claims in two of the four classes of abuse survivors listed in the plan, and make recommendations to the court as to how to distribute funds.

The four classes include 579 claims filed in Chapter 11. The first class includes 223 abuse survivors whose claims were against “an Archdiocese of Milwaukee priest with a previous substantiated allegation of sexual abuse” according to information provided by the archdiocese.

The second class is comprised of 107 claims involving abuse by a religious order priest, brother, sister or lay employee of the archdiocese who worked at an archdiocesan parish, school or institution where the abuser worked.

Topczewski, chief of staff for Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki explained why those claims of the second class were included, even though they did not involve archdiocesan priests.

“To get a settlement, we compromised. We thought because someone who worked at an archdiocesan parish, school or institution where the abuser was working, we felt that was a compromise that was just,” he said.

The 92 claimants in the third class are those whose claims against the archdiocese are not substantiated or could not be substantiated, or where abuse occurred by someone at a non-archdiocesan organization.

The creditors’ committee—and that’s an important distinction—‘is setting aside money to say to them, ‘We will give to them a small amount of money, $2,000 each, at our choice,’ ” Topczewski said.

Topczewski said, noting it is a set amount not subject to review by the claims administrator.

The fourth class is comprised of 157 claimants whose claims were either dismissed or dismissed or whose claims are not for sexual abuse or do not identify the abuser. This group also includes claims filed by 15 individuals who had previously received a financial settlement from the archdiocese. None in this class receive payments.

Part of the compensation for victims/survivors will come from insurance settlement totaling $11 million, including $7.4 million from Lloyd’s of London and $2.3 million from OneBeacon Insurance Group.

The archdiocesan Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust “will voluntarily lend us $3 million—the same they were going to do in the original plan [of reorganization],” Topczewski said.

Funds in the trust are earmarked for cemetery maintenance to provide perpetual care for the archdiocesan cemeteries that cover 1,000 acres of land where more than 500,000 people are interred.

Attorneys for the victims/survivors have said the funds should be used to compensate victims.

The trust will reimburse the archdiocese $5 million for purposes of the settlement for the last five years. The trust will contribute another $8 million “to settle all pending litigation to bring closure to the cemetery trust issue,” according to information provided by the archdiocese.

The third class of the cemetery trust settlement is listed as high as $65 million; providing it with the resources to continue providing the perpetual care for which people paid.

One of the concerns regularly mentioned by attorneys for victims/survivors and public throughout the proceedings was the cost of the Chapter 11 process. More than $12 million has been paid to attorneys and other professionals, while another $6.5 million has been accrued but not paid. As part of the agreement, additional legal fees have been capped at $1.25 million.

Topczewski said, “Abuse survivors will receive money from the archdiocese in professional fees, which is important to abuse survivors, and it was important to us, too.”

From the outset, Archbishop Listecki insisted any plan of reorganization had to include a therapy fund. That $500,000 fund, made possible by contributions from parishes, will provide abuse survivors with access to legal and counseling for as long as they need it.

Help wanted: Marketing Manager

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods (Indiana) are searching for a full-time, experienced Marketing Manager to serve on a two-person team to support Providence Spirituality & Conference Center and Volunteer Services.

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—A small parish in Montgomery, Ala.—with its own link to the civil rights movement—became the first stopover in the NAACP’s “America’s Journey for Justice” march, which started on Aug. 1 in Selma, Ala., and is scheduled to end in Washington in mid-September.

St. Jude Parish hosted 100 to 150 marchers for the first week of the march. While some marchers have continued walking the 560-mile trip to Washington, the other marchers fanned out to nearby Alabama cities for advocacy and educational events before getting into buses and heading back to St. Jude.

St. Jude’s brush with the public side of the civil rights movement came with the birth of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s children at a hospital that had operated on the grounds. The hospital was the first integrated hospital in Montgomery, according to Douglas Watson, executive director of City of St. Jude Inc. It closed in 1975 after white doctors left and fundraising efforts dwindled, then reopened again with black physicians until it closed again. The building was later converted into senior citizen apartments.

Meeting the needs of the African-American population in Montgomery and its environs has been one of the chief aims of St. Jude since its founding in the 1930s, when Jim Crow laws were the order of the day.

“Father Harold Purcell, a Passionist priest, had this vision of a Church that built the spiritual and the health needs of the black community in the 1930s,” Watson told Catholic News Service (CNS). “The order was sending missionary priests to Africa, but he wanted to do something right here in the United States,” Watson said. “He was writing about a lot of these injustices, but then he found he wanted to do more than just write about it.”

Unfortunately, Father Harold’s Passionist superiors didn’t agree, causing the priest to leave the order and minister in the then-Diocese of Mobile, Ala. He built the parish, a school and the hospital. The school closed just last year because of declining enrollment.

“St. Jude also has a pediatric nursing home on its grounds for developmentally disabled children, with room for 58 kids. ‘They come in from right after birth, and they stay there sometimes until they die,’ Watson told CNS from Louisville, Ky., where he was attending the annual meeting of the order’s administrative council to find ways to get more funds for St. Jude.

“The parish also operates a social service center that serves 100 people a month on average, according to Watson.

“That was our commitment then, and they’re still our commitment now,” he said. “St. Jude was a big champion of human rights 30 years before the civil rights movement came along.”

The NAACP’s Journey for Justice is meant to link the 50th anniversary of two milestones in the civil rights movement: the march in Selma—the current march started at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma—and the signing into law of the Voting Rights Act.

Watson recalls when five U.S. bishops consecrated Mass at St. Jude to mark the 50th anniversary of the original Selma march.

Making arrangements to house and feed 100-plus people every day for a week was a done bit hastily, he added

“We only got the request three weeks ago,” Watson said. “It was kind of hectic. We didn’t finalize it until last week. It was a kind of a challenge, but we could accommodate 100-150 marchers.”

The marchers were eating in the cafeteria of the old school and sleeping in cots in the school gym.

Feeding them has been largely the job of another Catholic, Debbie Kemsel, a member of nearby St. Bede Parish, who runs a catering company.

Kemsel’s duty has been to prepare three meals a day, including a take-with lunch for the road. She noted how the heat index in the Montgomery area has reached triple digits since the march and associated activities started.

“It’s not pleasant for them,” she said. “They look fine. I’m sure they’re hot and tired, but they’re very cordial to us.”

Besides commemorating the historic events of the civil rights movement, the march also intends to promote a fair criminal justice system, ballot-box access, equitable public education and sustainable jobs with a living wage.†

Being an altar server is call to prayer and mission, Pope Francis says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Catholics are more fortunate than the Old Testament prophets were because in the Eucharist, Jesus is not shaking the doorposts, but rather caresses the sweetness and power of his presence.

Pope Francis ended his three-week summer vacation at the evening meeting and prayer on Aug. 4 with some 9,000 altar servers. The largest groups of young men and women came from Austria, Germany and Italy.

The pope thanked the young people for braving Rome’s August heat, although they did find some relief before the pope arrived. They began gathering in St. Peter’s Square about three hours earlier when the sun was still at its strongest. To deal with the high summer temperatures in the square, the young people stood under showers of cooling water provided by the houses of the Vatican fire department.

The theme of the gathering was “Here I am! Send me!” (Is 6:8).

“You are more fortunate today than the prophet Isaiah,” Pope Francis told the youths. “In the Eucharist, Jesus is not ‘placed on an inaccessible high throne, but in the low and wine.’

Isaiah was purified and forgiven by God and sent to bring God’s word to others, the pope said. “Isaiah realized that, by entrusting himself into the hands of the Lord, his whole existence would be transformed.”

God’s word, the pope said, “does not shake the doorposts, but rather caresses the strings of the heart.”

Like Isaiah, Christians recognize that “it is always God who takes the lead, because it is he who created you and willed you into being,” the pope said. “It is he who, in your baptism, has made you into a new creation; he is always patiently waiting for your response to his initiative, offering forgiveness to whoever asks him in humility.”

God’s call, the pope said, is a call to go out and share God’s mercy and the joy of faith. It cannot be loved or protected “in an underground bunker to which we flee in difficult moments.”

Serving at the altar, the pope told the young people, is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn “enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them.”

“The closer you are to the altar,” he told them, “the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received.”†