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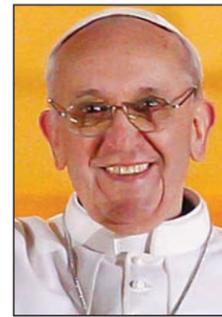


Joan Hurley, president of Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville, stands next to the statue of Our Lady of Providence, which has graced the school grounds since the students of the Class of 1960 and the Saint Maria Goretti Sodality raised the money to purchase the statue in 1960. (Submitted photo)



'The meeting is the message,' pope tells head of al-Azhar

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—After five years of tension and top-level silence, Pope Francis and the grand imam of one of the most important Sunni Muslim universities in the world embraced at the Vatican on May 23. "The meeting is the message," the pope told Ahmad el-Tayeb, the grand imam of al-Azhar University, as the religious scholar approached him just inside the door of the papal library.



Pope Francis

El-Tayeb's spring visit was the first meeting between a pontiff and a grand imam since the Muslim university in Cairo suspended talks in 2011. Established in 1998, the formal dialogue between al-Azhar and the Vatican started to fray in 2006, after now-retired Pope Benedict XVI gave a speech in Regensburg, Germany. Al-Azhar officials and millions of Muslims around the world said the speech linked Islam to violence. Al-Azhar halted the talks altogether in 2011 after the former pope had said Christians in the Middle East were facing persecution. Al-Azhar claimed that Pope Benedict had offended Islam and Muslims once more by focusing only on the suffering of Christians when many Muslims were suffering as well. In February, Bishop Miguel Ayuso Guixot, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, delivered a letter to el-Tayeb from Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, council president, inviting him to the Vatican to meet the pope. Cardinal Tauran and Bishop Ayuso welcomed the imam to the Vatican on May 23 and accompanied him to the papal meeting. Pope Francis sat to the side of his desk facing the grand imam rather than behind his desk as he customarily does when meeting with a visiting head of state.

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Emphasis on youth, reliance on Our Lady mark Joan Hurley's journey at Providence

By John Shaughnessy

Ever since she was a child in Scotland, Joan Hurley has talked to the Blessed Mother, asking her to help and protect her—but never before had she called upon the mother of Jesus in a situation involving an immediate need for \$500,000.

The situation unfolded in 2004, Hurley's first year as the president of Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville.

Hurley knew that the archdiocesan high school for the New Albany Deanery had long had the dream of having a performing arts center to showcase its theater program. She also knew that Providence graduate Paula Robinson had already pledged \$1 million for the

building of the center.

Wanting to know how the fundraising for the center was progressing, Robinson asked for a meeting with Hurley—a meeting the school president dreaded because the school was still short \$500,000 for the project to begin.

"What we needed was a half a million dollars to fall out of the sky," Hurley recalls. "I prayed to Our Lady asking for her help, because it's her school."

When the meeting started, Hurley prepared to share the disappointing news about the lack of funds, but Robinson spoke first. She told Hurley she had looked at her financial situation again and wanted to donate another \$500,000 to the project.

"It was incredible," Hurley says about the money that led to the school's \$2.5 million performing arts center that

opened in 2006. "To me, that was a miracle. That was Our Lady answering a prayer. And that's just one of the things she's done here."

'I wanted to do something to help'

That story reflects the 12 years Hurley has served as the president of Providence, a tenure that will come to a close at the end of June when she retires at 68.

After all, these 12 years at Providence have been an unexpected gift for Hurley—a gift marked by deep faith and spiritual growth for a longtime business executive who never thought she would become a school president in southern Indiana.

Sure, Hurley had always dreamed

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USCCB abuse audit warns of complacency; results continue to demonstrate progress

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The annual report on the implementation of the U.S. bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" warns against complacency in dioceses, and the firm contracted to conduct audits of dioceses and parishes said there was "plenty of room for improvement" in implementing two of the charter's articles.

In remarks prefacing the report, Francesco Cesareo, chairman of the National Review Board, the all-lay group that tracks for the bishops how dioceses address clergy sexual abuse, said this year's audit results "continue to demonstrate the progress that has been made in ensuring safe environments for children in the Church."

"The bishops need to be acknowledged for keeping the protection of children and young people in the forefront of their leadership by continually enhancing

their efforts to comply with the charter," Cesareo said.

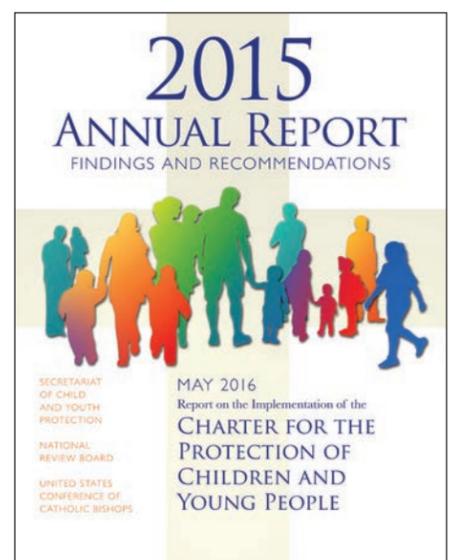
However, he also warned that the U.S. Church's progress can "foster a false sense of security" that can "lead to complacency."

"Such complacency can lead to a minimalist approach to the charter, which can be seen simply as a series of requirements that need to be checked off, as opposed to an implementation that renders the charter fully operative," he said.

One example Cesareo gave was that "while every diocese has a diocesan review board, thereby complying with the charter's requirement, in some cases the diocesan review board rarely meets or had not met in several years."

StoneBridge Business Partners, an independent auditing firm, once again found the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to

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This is the cover of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office of Child and Youth Protection annual report on dioceses' compliance with the USCCB charter on abuse prevention. It was released on May 20. (CNS/USCCB)

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be in compliance with the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.”

In this year’s national report, the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb., was again found to be not in compliance with the charter, as were the Chaldean Eparchy of St. Peter the Apostle in El Cajon, Calif.; the Eparchy of Our Lady of Deliverance in Newark, N.J., for Syrians; the Armenian Eparchy of Our Lady of Nareg based in Glendale, Calif.; the Ukrainian Eparchy of Stamford, Conn.; and the Houston-based Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter for former Anglican groups and clergy in North America joining the Catholic Church.

The report said the Lincoln Diocese would take part in the next audit, and that four of the other five ecclesial jurisdictions would as well, although which ones were not specifically named.

The Diocese of Santa Rosa, Calif., was judged to be not in compliance with two articles of the charter having to do with the education of children and those who minister to children about ways to create and maintain a safe environment for children and young people, and with evaluating background of clergy, candidates for ordination, educators, employees and volunteers who minister to children.

“Although the diocese may be providing training for the required categories of individuals, auditors could not accurately gauge participation by their parishes,” said the report, compiled by StoneBridge Business Partners. “Even though all others were deemed compliant with this article, there is still plenty of

room for improvement.”

The new report said that between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, 26 allegations of clerical sexual abuse were made by minors, and seven had been substantiated. All allegations were reported to civil authorities. The previous year, 37 allegations had been made, and 43 allegations had been made the year before that.

“While the number of allegations continues to decline, one instance of abuse is one too many,” said Deacon Bernie Nojadera, executive director of the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection, in the report.

Also in the same time period, 838 survivors of child sexual abuse by clergy came forward in 123 dioceses with 903 specific allegations, according to the report. The number of allegations is similar to 2013’s numbers; the 2014 numbers had been below 2015. The report attributed the increase to “six dioceses experiencing an influx of allegations during the 2015 audit year,” most commonly reported through bankruptcy proceedings.

While the report stated that of the 838 victims, 386 of them, or 46 percent, “were offered outreach,” Deacon Nojadera, asked for clarification by Catholic News Service (CNS), said all 838 had been offered outreach, and that 386 had accepted the offer.

Of the 903 allegations—some of which date back to the 1940s—the investigation is ongoing in 398 of them. In 213 of them, an investigation has been unable to provide proof, often because the accused priest has died. Another 123 were substantiated, while 53 were unsubstantiated and the status of 116 of them is unknown, although some were referred to the provincial of the priest’s religious order.



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The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), whose clergy abuse questionnaire to all U.S. dioceses and men’s religious orders also is part of the report, said that responses indicated that 81 percent of abuse victims were male and 19 percent female. Children ages 10-14 were the most common victims of abuse, at 49 percent, while 16 percent were under age 10, and 15 percent were ages 15-17; the age of the others was not known or submitted. Two percent of the allegations had to do with child pornography in the priest’s possession.

During the July 2014-June 2015 time period, dioceses, eparchies and religious institutes reported paying out \$153,619,544 for costs related to allegations. The diocesan costs of \$141,283,794 is 33 percent higher than what was reported the year before, with most of the increase due to settlement payments to victims.

Dioceses, eparchies and religious orders also spent another \$51,021,837 for child protection efforts. More than 2.4 million background checks were performed on adults at parishes and schools.

The report offered a number of cautions for dioceses.

“A significant number of allegations

continue to involve international priests. Dioceses should take note of this and ensure they are utilizing the appropriate methods for evaluating their backgrounds,” the report said.

Turnover of personnel charged with charter implementation is another issue. “Staff turnover in diocesan and parish offices will become more pronounced as the first generation of leaders in our nation, especially those around since 2002 and 2003, begin to retire or move into new positions elsewhere,” the report said. “Dioceses should institutionalize policies and procedures rather than rely on historical knowledge of staff/employees alone.”

While the number of parish audits supplementing diocesan audits increased in 2015 from the year before, “most dioceses and all eparchies” opted to not have StoneBridge conduct parish audits or surveys, the report added. Parish audits are optional but strongly encouraged, it said. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis was one of 31 dioceses to participate in StoneBridge parish audits for 2015.

(The full report is available at tinyurl.com/hp7a36v.) †

Court remands two HHS challenges to lower courts ‘in light of Zubik’

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Supreme Court in orders issued on May 23 remanded two Catholic entities’ legal challenges to the federal contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization mandate back to the lower courts.

The high court granted a petition for a writ of certiorari for two plaintiffs—the Catholic Health Care System, an umbrella for four Catholic institutions affiliated with the Archdiocese of New York, and the Michigan Catholic Conference.

With its order, the court vacated the early rulings against the two Catholic plaintiffs by, respectively, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and 6th U.S. Court of Appeals.

The orders follow the court’s unanimous decision on May 16 to send the *Zubik v. Burwell* case back to the lower courts. *Zubik* is actually a collection of Catholic and other faith-based entities’ challenge of the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization requirement for employers.

The consolidated group of cases is named for Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh, one of the plaintiffs. The Little Sisters of the Poor were another prominent plaintiff in the group of cases. “Burwell” in the case name is for Sylvia Mathews Burwell, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

In its new orders, the court said that in

both the Catholic Health Care System case and the Michigan Catholic Conference case, the “petitioners have made the government aware of their view that they meet ‘the requirements for exemption from the contraceptive coverage requirement on religious grounds.’”

“Nothing in the *Zubik* opinion, or in the opinions or orders of the courts below, ‘precludes the government from relying on this notice, to the extent it considers it necessary, to facilitate the provision of full contraceptive coverage’ going forward.”

But, the court also said, the “government may not impose taxes or penalties on petitioners for failure” to provide notice to the government stating their objection to the coverage.

The court heard oral arguments in *Zubik v. Burwell* on March 23. Six days later, it issued an unusual order seeking additional briefs from the plaintiffs and the federal government about how and if contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization insurance coverage could be obtained by employees through their insurance companies without directly involving religious employers who object to this coverage.

On April 12, the plaintiffs filed a brief with the court in which they agreed with the proposal that such coverage be provided through an alternative health care plan without involving the religious employers.

The government also filed a brief, arguing that it wanted to keep the contraceptive mandate intact, but offered that it would go along with the court’s suggestion despite the possibility that it might not close the door on future legal challenges.

In its May 16 decision, the Supreme Court made clear that it was not expressing an opinion on the merits of the cases that are challenging aspects of the federal government’s health legislation, and it also was not ruling on the issue of a potential violation of religious freedom.

Because of the “gravity of the dispute and the substantial clarification and refinement in the positions of the parties,” the court stated that religious employers and the government should be “afforded an opportunity to arrive at an approach going forward that accommodates petitioners’ religious exercise while at the same time ensuring that women covered by petitioners’ health plans receive full and equal health coverage, including contraceptive coverage.”

The court stressed that this approach is “more suitable” than addressing the refined positions submitted by both sides, and added that “although there may still be areas of disagreement between the parties on issues of implementation, the importance of those areas of potential concern is uncertain, as is the necessity of this court’s involvement at this point to resolve them.” †



Pope Francis’ prayer intentions for June

- **Universal: Human Solidarity**—That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.
- **Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices**—That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

(To see Pope Francis’ monthly intentions, go to www.ewtn.com/faith/papalPrayer.htm.) †

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At world summit, aid groups welcome global fund for refugee children

ISTANBUL (CNS)—Aid groups, including Catholic organizations, welcomed the establishment of the first global fund for education for refugee children, announced at the World Humanitarian Summit in Turkey's financial capital.

"Thirty million children have lost their homes—they must not lose their education," Kevin Watkins, executive director of the London-based Overseas Development Institute, said earlier. The United Nations estimates that one in four of the world's school-age children now live in countries affected by a crisis.

The "Education Cannot Wait" initiative initially seeks to raise \$3.85 billion to help 20,000 refugee youths over the next five years. Ultimately, it aims to address \$11.6 billion needed to support 75 million children worldwide, the institute said.

Until now, education has taken the back seat to other humanitarian assistance, receiving only 2 percent of funding from international donors.

"I am excited by the 'Education Cannot Wait' fund because it really focuses on education," said Jesuit Father Tom Smolich, international director of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). "JRS feels education is always part of any emergency situation, and that has not always been part of the status quo."

"There is also a real commitment among many funders who see we need to be doing more in this specific area," Father Smolich told Catholic News Service (CNS).

Giulia McPherson, assistant director for policy at Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, expressed hope that "this fund will mobilize the global attention that education deserves."

"The argument we make is that education is certainly a life-saving intervention in addition to water, food, shelter," she told CNS. "Education should be offered to refugees at the very start of an emergency as well as in protracted crises because of the benefits it provides, not just in and of itself, but for healing trauma and returning a sense of normalcy to children."

Aid groups such as JRS argue that "an education can also lessen a child's vulnerability to child labor, sexual violence, recruitment into armed groups and early marriage."

Acting in his role as U.N. special envoy for global education, Gordon Brown, former British prime minister, announced the initiative on the first day of the Istanbul gathering. Although the fund was inspired by the refugee crisis in Syria, financial assistance will be available for refugees worldwide who are being denied an education as part of "the largest population of displaced girls and boys since 1945."

"This must be an agenda for all of us to act. We don't need rhetoric, but resources. Today we are starting our appeal," Brown said.

JRS and other Catholic aid organizations, such as Caritas and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), are aiding Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, as well as those who have fled to Europe and those internally displaced inside their homeland. Among the services, they provide psychosocial support to Syrian refugee children and their families, language training, and remedial education so children can integrate into formal educational programs.

However, JRS' biggest educational program currently

is in Chad and mainly assists 30,000 Darfuri refugees from Sudan. It provides them with education from preschool to higher education, including online postsecondary education.

"This is a priority area for us that has unfortunately seen budget cuts, particularly from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) [the UN refugee agency]," McPherson told CNS, noting that only a few nongovernmental agencies "are operating in the area in fairly difficult conditions."

"It's one of those forgotten crises in Africa where the Darfuri refugees have been there for over 10 years. There is no real plan in place for their long-term livelihoods. We are working in a challenging context and with a large population as well," she added.

Aid agencies like JRS also work closely with families to raise awareness about the benefits of education for girls.

Nora Issa Ahmat, 14, lives in Goz Amer camp in eastern Chad and attends a JRS-run school.

"I told my parents and my friends what I learned. I understood how important it was for me to go to school," she said. "I try to convince the girls around me to study."

Meanwhile, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has warned that an average of four schools or hospitals are attacked or occupied by armed forces and groups every day in global conflict zones.

"Children are being killed, wounded, and permanently disabled in the very places where they should be protected and feel safe," said Afshan Khan, UNICEF's director of emergency programs.

Commissioner-General Pierre Krahenbuhl of the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees told CNS that nearly half of the schools his agency operates in the Mideast have been attacked over the past five years.

"Currently, 45,000 Palestinian children are receiving education in Syria in difficult places like Aleppo, Damascus area, Homs, the south in Daraa. You have front lines that are shifting suddenly and run through camps," he said. "School buildings are caught up in the areas that are at risk of artillery fire. So you have both the physical destruction and damage and lack of access to the buildings."

Despite the challenges, Krahenbuhl says United Nations Refugee and Works Agency (UNRWA) has created new ways of ensuring children obtain education.

"We distribute distance learning material, and we have our television station based in Gaza broadcasting programs by teachers there who reach children in Syria, not only Palestinian refugee children but Syrians."

Krahenbuhl told CNS that even when Gaza's own schools and buildings are repaired, the psychosocial support to children and their families must continue for a long time and their education is key. He recounted how stunned he was recently by a Palestinian refugee girl, Ahd, who achieved one of the highest academic honors in her school in the coastal strip.

"She survived an airstrike on her home in 2014, and was seven months in a coma. When she woke up, she was told that her mother and two brothers had died in the attack, and yet she is one of the highest-performing students in the school," he said.



U.S. actor Forest Whitaker speaks during the opening ceremony on May 23 at the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul. The two-day gathering was conceived four years ago by U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. In preparation, 23,000 people were consulted in more than 150 countries, according to U.N. officials. (CNS photo/Sedat Suna, EPA)

"There can be no other explanation except she draws energy from despair, and trying to overcome what has been so difficult and tragic in her life," Krahenbuhl told CNS. "So we fight for the right to education, and the possibility for these children to be able to receive it. We do have to accompany many of the children who have gone through three wars and have psychosocial counselors who have to pay a lot of attention." †

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Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the pope spoke privately with el-Tayeb for 25 minutes, and the conversation included a discussion about "the great significance of this new encounter within the scope

of dialogue between the Catholic Church and Islam.

"They then dwelled upon the common commitment of the authorities and the faithful of the great religions for world peace, the rejection of violence and terrorism [and] the situation of Christians in the context of conflicts and tensions in the Middle East as well as their protection," Father Lombardi said

in a statement.

At the end of the audience, Pope Francis presented the grand imam with two gifts: a copy of his encyclical "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home," and a peace medallion depicting an olive tree holding together two pieces of a fractured rock.

In an interview after the papal meeting, el-Tayeb said the "circumstances" that led his institution to halt the dialogue with the Vatican "no longer exist," so the Vatican and the university can "continue our holy mission, which is the mission of religions: 'to make people joyful everywhere,' by teaching them about God."

Meeting Pope Francis, "the first impression, which was very strong, is that this man is a man of peace, a man who follows the teaching of Christianity, which is a religion of love and peace," and "a man who respects other religions and shows consideration for their followers," the imam told Vatican Radio and *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper.

Religious leaders today, he said, have a "heavy and grave" responsibility to teach people the true path to happiness and peace.

"Man without religion constitutes a danger to his fellow man, and I believe that people right now, in the 21st century, have started to look around and to seek out wise guides to lead them in the right

direction," el-Tayeb said.

Al-Azhar, as a reference point for many Sunni Muslims around the world, is engaged in an ongoing program to clarify the meaning of classical Islamic texts and make clear to Muslims, including schoolchildren, that groups claiming to base their violent actions on Islam are promoting "a deviant understanding" of the faith.

The Middle East, he said, has seen "rivers of blood and cadavers," in part because of the misuse of religion.

"Islam and Christianity have nothing to do with those who kill, and we asked the West not to confuse this deviant and misled group with Muslims," the imam said. "The issue must not be presented as persecution of Christians in the East, but on the contrary there are more Muslim than Christian victims, and we all suffer this catastrophe together."

"We must not blame religions because of the deviations of some of their followers," he said, "because in every religion there exists a deviant faction that raises the flag of religion to kill in its name."

After meeting the pope, the grand imam was scheduled to travel to Paris to open the second international conference on "East and West: Dialogue of Civilizations" on May 24 sponsored by al-Azhar University and the Catholic Sant'Egidio Community. †



Pope Francis exchanges gifts with Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of Egypt's al-Azhar mosque and university, during a private meeting at the Vatican on May 23. (CNS photo/Max Rossi, Reuters)



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Syrian refugees are seen in 2015 at a makeshift camp in Adana, Turkey.
(CNS photo/Nathalie Ritzmann)

Hordes of illegal aliens are not stampeding into the U.S.

From the political commercials we have been bombarded with during the primary election campaigns, you would think that hordes of illegal aliens are stampeding into the United States. That simply is not true.

We understand that immigration and refugee services are partly political matters. But they are also moral matters since they involve the way we treat our fellow human beings, and the Church has a lot to say about that.

The commercials tried to scare voters into thinking that the illegal immigrant problem has gotten out of control. But the facts are otherwise, something that those who want to build walls don't want to acknowledge.

Fact: According to the Pew Research Center, the number of unauthorized immigrants in the United States peaked in 2007 at 12.2 million and leveled off after that to 11.3 million in 2014, the most recent figure.

Fact: The Mexican unauthorized immigrant population has declined from its peak in 2007 of 6.9 million to 5.6 million in 2014. Beginning in 2008, more unauthorized Mexicans have been leaving the United States than have been coming here.

Fact: Those trying to enter our southern border are usually not Mexicans, but refugees from the Central American countries from which they had to flee for their lives.

Unfortunately, that's not the message coming from some of the politicians in the Republican Party.

We have to wonder why some in that party have become so dead set against making it possible for more Hispanics to enter this country legally. Right now, it's nearly impossible because quotas fill up quickly, and the usual wait is 10 years. Would you wait that long if the welfare of your family was threatened?

Another fact from the Pew Research Center: In a survey, 72 percent of Americans (80 percent of Democrats, 76 percent of Independents, and 56 percent of Republicans), said that undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be allowed to stay in this country legally if they meet certain requirements.

Last year, Pew asked a follow-up question: Should there be a "national law enforcement effort to deport"

all immigrants here illegally? Only 17 percent of the public favored such an effort, including 27 percent of Republicans.

With numbers like this, why do some members of the Republican Party take the position they do? Sometimes a politician will say that the illegal aliens are taking jobs from Americans, but you seldom hear that argument any more since people realize now that they are usually filling jobs that American citizens refuse to take. Besides, unauthorized immigrants make up only 5.1 percent of the U.S. labor force.

The Catholic Church is pro-immigrant, especially toward refugees who can't return to their homes because of a justified fear for their lives, and because it wants to reunite immigrant families which are split between different countries. Pope Francis has frequently spoken out in favor of efforts to help the millions of refugees who have fled ISIS.

He spoke most eloquently by his actions when, at the end of his April visit to the Greek island of Lesbos where refugees were being helped, he brought back to Rome three Syrian refugee families—all Muslims whose villages had been bombed by ISIS.

In our archdiocese, Catholic Charities' Refugee and Immigrant Services resettles refugees. Statistics for 2014 showed that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis brought 587 refugees here. Of them, 506 were from Burma (Myanmar). There were only a few from the Middle East, and none from Syria. The family from there that was recently in the news arrived in December 2015.

After the refugees arrive, the office teaches them how to live in this country; many have never experienced the conveniences we tend to take for granted. They need help in getting Social Security cards so they can apply for work, and, of course, they need help in learning or improving their English.

Refugees who come to the United States are all vetted by both the United Nations and the United States. The process takes three to five years. During that time, they live in tents in UN refugee camps that are little more than prisons.

We have nothing to fear from immigrants and refugees. We must welcome them.

—John F. Fink

Intellect and Virtue/John Garvey

Remembering Mary in our increasingly secular world

The month of May has been dedicated to the Virgin Mary for centuries—so long, in fact, that the precise origin of this Catholic devotion is lost in the mists of time.



Still, it is a fitting devotion during what is arguably the most beautiful and colorful month of the year in most of the Northern Hemisphere.

Living as we do at The Catholic University of America in Washington, with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the corner of our campus, our students, faculty and staff have constant reminders of the Marian devotions I grew up with. But I sometimes wonder whether very many of today's young Catholics learn them as we once did.

When I was a boy at St. Joseph School in my hometown, we had May crownings and prayed the rosary throughout the month. We recited the *Angelus* at lunchtime. We sang Marian hymns ("Hail Holy Queen," "Immaculate Mary," "*O Sanctissima*," "Bring Flowers of the Rarest") at daily and all-school Masses. Today many parochial schools—like my own—are closed. Those that are open have many fewer students.

That's not the only cultural change we have seen. Faith is a less visible feature of public life. It is crowded into private spaces, churches and homes. And as we find profane ways of talking about our affairs, the sacred has become a less palpable presence.

We incline more and more to picture God as the kind of abstraction that appealed to Thomas Jefferson—a deity, a watchmaker, a prime mover who sits far above his creation, uninvolved if not disinterested.

I say "we," but I am guilty of some cultural myopia in saying that. The

Catholic Church in the United States is becoming increasingly Hispanic, and devotion to Mary is very real in the fastest-growing sector of American Catholics. The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) reports that two-thirds of Hispanic/Latino Catholics have a statue or picture of Mary at home.

Pope Francis, a native of Argentina, is typical. He began the Holy Year of Mercy on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The bull announcing it said, "Let us address her in the words of the '*Salve Regina*.'" (In case you've forgotten, it begins "Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy ...") The Holy Father kicked off the 2013 World Youth Day with Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida.

I have not been to Aparecida, but not long ago I visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I was struck by the frank devotion of the thousands of pilgrims. It reminded me of the youthful enthusiasm we had at St. Joseph School, but with this difference: Mary had been there, up on the hill above the church. You could feel her presence, and it made prayer much more of a conversation.

This faith is a great gift to the American Church. It is much more Catholic than the ceremonial deism our culture (when it thinks of religion at all) is drifting toward. Our attachment to Mary reminds us that belief in the Incarnation is what makes us Christians. Jesus was a real person who was born to Mary, lived, died and rose again. Mary was a real mother whose love keeps showing up in the world, to remind us to imitate her love for her son.

Sometimes her appearance takes the form of great miracles, as at Guadalupe, Aparecida, Lourdes and Fatima. Sometimes she reaches us in the family rosary or in a bunch of lilacs gathered in her honor—especially in May.

(John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington.) †

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Even in a world of darkness, love can win

During the Second Vatican Council, love became one of its constant themes. My German pastor would cry out "Love,



love, love: That's all you hear these days! It is as if it never existed before." He didn't like the changes brought about by the council. He especially thought some used the word love for their own purposes.

In one way, he was right. Many of its advocates misused and abused its meaning. Repeatedly speaking of love correctly, however, can never be overdone. It is the ultimate foundation of all virtues.

When love is applied to what we do every day, its depths are bottomless. Take, for instance, two examples of love: benevolence and mercy. Benevolence urges us to be well-disposed toward others, ourselves, God and the world, reflecting kindness.

Mercy implores us to open our hearts to others so that they never lose heart. When these qualities are lived, they generate heartfelt inspiration that can move mountains.

An example of this is a series of programs I recently saw at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. Its large staff

operates programs that include ministering to those released from prison, helping them re-enter society and regain dignity. They help immigrants get settled and provide them with English lessons. They also provide support to pregnant women.

When the programs are studied, one thing surfaces most, and that is benevolence. People sacrifice time and talents to create dignity in others. They free people from fears that accompany poverty, the pitfalls of being impoverished and the addictions that enslave them.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, also in Seattle, created a program in which professional clothes are donated for the poor so they can go out and obtain work. The rationale behind the program is that the better you look, the better you feel about yourself. These are but a few examples of millions of programs throughout the world that are based on benevolence, mercy and the restoration of heart in those who may have lost it.

Creative programs like these are the perfect antithesis to the violence and senseless deaths we experience daily. They are a testament that God's love is forever winning over a culture of death and darkness.

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

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REJOICE IN THE LORD

ALÉGRENSE EN EL SEÑOR

Jesus satisfies our hungry hearts

“Then taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets” (Lk 9:11b-17).

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). This feast is closely associated with the 13th-century Dominican saint, Thomas Aquinas, whose intense devotion to the Eucharist inspired his prayer, his teaching and several beautiful hymns that we still sing today, “*Adoro Te Devote*” (sung on *Corpus Christi*), “*Pange Lingua Gloriosi*,” “*O Salutaris Hostia*,” “*Panis Angelicus*” and “*Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*.”

Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) celebrates the incarnation of the Word of God, his humanity and his real presence among us in the sacrament he gave us the night before he suffered and died for us.

Corpus Christi also celebrates one of the most profound teachings of our

Catholic faith—that all baptized Christians have been united with Christ and have become the mystical Body of Christ, the Church. St. Paul teaches that Christ is the head of the Church, and we are all united to him. As such, we form one body dedicated to the supernatural growth and transformation of the entire world in Christ.

The Church teaches that life in Christ begins with baptism and is nourished by our reception of the holy Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ, and the other sacraments. In his 1943 encyclical, “*Mystici Corporis Christi*” (The Mystical Body of Christ), Pope Pius XII writes: “If we would define this true Church of Jesus Christ ... we shall find no expression more noble, more sublime or more divine than the phrase which calls it the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ” (#13).

The Second Vatican Council, and all subsequent popes, have reinforced this teaching about the absolute unity of Christ and his Church and its most powerful, sacramental expression in the Eucharist. Our unity as Christians is guaranteed by our participation in the life of Christ, which is accomplished once and for all at baptism and nurtured, restored and

sanctified by our frequent reception of his most holy body and blood in the Eucharist.

This Sunday’s Gospel recounts the miracle of the loaves and fish. Jesus feeds a crowd of “about five thousand” from the meager resources available, and the result is not only the complete satisfaction of all who were present but “leftovers” filling 12 wicker baskets. This incredible story demonstrates the Lord’s power over material things (the loaves and fish), but more importantly it foreshadows the great gift that he will give that feeds the souls of his disciples and satisfies completely the longing of our hungry hearts.

Especially in this Holy Year of Mercy, the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, is called to continue Christ’s work on Earth. We are to care for the bodily needs of all our sisters and brothers through the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, caring for the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead.

But we are also called to satisfy hearts that are famished spiritually by means of what are called the spiritual works of mercy: sharing knowledge, giving advice to those in need, comforting the sick,

being patient with others, forgiving those who hurt us, giving correction to those who need it, and praying for the living and the dead. We perform these works of mercy because we *are* the Body of Christ and because without us (every one of us) the Church cannot carry out its divine mission.

Pope Francis reminds us that we are missionary disciples who embody the love and mercy of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. The Eucharist is what feeds us—giving us the nourishment we need to love and forgive others, to care for their physical needs and to minister to their spiritual needs. Christ satisfied our hungry hearts—and our bodies, too—by means of the great gift of himself that is really present to us in the sacrament of his body and blood.

In this Jubilee year, let’s be especially thankful for the mystery of *Corpus Christi* and for the many ways we are blessed as members of Christ’s body. Let’s pray that the Lord will continue to work miracles that satisfy the spiritual and material needs of all. Let’s be Christ for others—missionary disciples who pray for the grace to help satisfy the hungers of all our sisters and brothers in Christ. †

Jesús sacia nuestros corazones hambrientos

“Jesús tomó entonces los cinco panes y los dos pescados y, levantando los ojos al cielo, los bendijo, los partió, y se los dio a sus discípulos para que ellos los repartieran entre la gente. Y todos comieron y quedaron satisfechos; y de lo que sobró recogieron doce cestas” (Lc 9:16-17).

Este domingo celebramos la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo (*Corpus Christi*). Esta solemnidad guarda una estrecha relación con el santo dominico del siglo XIII, Tomás de Aquino, cuya intensa devoción a la eucaristía inspiró sus oraciones, sus enseñanzas y varios de los hermosos himnos que aún hoy en día cantamos: “*Adoro Te Devote*” (que cantamos en *Corpus Christi*), “*Pange Lingua Gloriosi*,” “*O Salutaris Hostia*,” “*Panis Angelicus*” y “*Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*.”

En *Corpus Christi* se celebra la encarnación de la Palabra de Dios, su humanidad y su presencia real entre nosotros en el sacramento que nos entregó en la noche antes de sufrir y morir por nosotros.

Asimismo, en *Corpus Christi* se celebra una de las enseñanzas más profundas de nuestra fe católica: que todos los cristianos bautizados están unidos en Cristo y se han convertido en

el cuerpo místico de Cristo, la Iglesia. San Pablo nos enseña que Cristo es la cabeza de la Iglesia y que todos estamos unidos a él; por lo tanto, formamos un único cuerpo dedicado al desarrollo sobrenatural y a la transformación de todo el mundo en Cristo.

La Iglesia nos enseña que la vida en Cristo comienza con el bautismo y se nutre al recibir la sagrada eucaristía, el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, así como también los demás sacramentos. El papa Pío XII escribió en su encíclica de 1943 titulada “*Mystici Corporis Christi*” (El cuerpo místico de Cristo): “Ahora bien, para definir y describir esta verdadera Iglesia de Cristo (...) no existe nada más noble, más excelso ni más divino que el concepto que encierra la denominación cuerpo místico de Jesucristo” (#13).

El Concilio Vaticano Segundo y todos los papas que han venido después, han reforzado esta enseñanza acerca de la unidad absoluta de Cristo y de su Iglesia con su expresión más poderosa y sacramental a través de la eucaristía. Nuestra unidad como cristianos se afirma mediante nuestra participación en la vida de Cristo; esto se logra de una vez y para siempre en el bautismo y se nutre, restituye y santifica cuando recibimos frecuentemente su sagrado cuerpo y su sangre en la eucaristía.

El evangelio del domingo narra el

milagro de los panes y los pescados. Jesús da de comer a una multitud de cerca de “cinco mil personas” a partir de los escasos recursos de los que dispone y el resultado no solamente es la plena satisfacción de todos los presentes sino que además “sobró” para llenar 12 cestas. Esta increíble historia demuestra el poder del Señor sobre las cosas materiales (el pan y los pescados) pero lo que es aún más importante: es un presagio de la labor de Cristo en la tierra. Debemos atender las necesidades terrenales de nuestros hermanos y hermanas a través de las obras de misericordia corporales: compartir la comida y la bebida con los que tienen hambre y sed, vestir al desnudo y dar techo a quien no tiene hogar, visitar a los enfermos y a los presos, y enterrar a los difuntos.

Especialmente en este Año Santo de la Misericordia, el cuerpo místico de Cristo, la Iglesia, está llamada a proseguir la labor de Cristo en la tierra. Debemos atender las necesidades terrenales de nuestros hermanos y hermanas a través de las obras de misericordia corporales: compartir la comida y la bebida con los que tienen hambre y sed, vestir al desnudo y dar techo a quien no tiene hogar, visitar a los enfermos y a los presos, y enterrar a los difuntos.

También estamos llamados a satisfacer los corazones hambrientos espiritualmente a través de lo que se denominan las obras de misericordia espirituales: corregir al que se equivoca, sufrir con paciencia los defectos del prójimo, perdonar al que nos ofende,

consolar al triste y rezar a Dios por los vivos y los difuntos. Realizamos estas obras de misericordia porque *somos* el cuerpo de Cristo y porque sin nosotros (cada uno de nosotros) la Iglesia no podría llevar adelante su misión divina.

El papa Francisco nos recuerda que somos discípulos misioneros que encarnamos el amor y la misericordia de Jesucristo en nuestra vida diaria. La eucaristía es lo que nos alimenta, nos brinda el sustento necesario para amar y perdonar a los demás, para atender sus necesidades físicas, así como también sus necesidades espirituales. Cristo sació nuestros corazones hambrientos—también nuestros cuerpos—a través del maravilloso obsequio de su persona que se encuentra realmente presente en el sacramento de su cuerpo y su sangre.

En este año del jubileo, debemos estar especialmente agradecidos por el misterio del *Corpus Christi* y por las numerosas bendiciones que recibimos como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo. Recemos para que el Señor siga obrando milagros que satisfagan las necesidades espirituales y materiales de todos. Seamos Cristo para los demás: discípulos misioneros que rezan por la gracia de contribuir a saciar el hambre de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. †

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Events Calendar

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/events.

May 30

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass**, noon. Information: 317-784-4439 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Mausoleum, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass**, 2 p.m., with honoring of veterans in Veterans' section following Mass. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

June 1-4

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 8144 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown. **Road 40 Yard Sale**, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., yard sales, St. Rose Men's Club food tent. Information: 765-345-5595.

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles, 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced. New members welcome. 6 p.m. Information: 317-243-0777.

June 3

Marian University chapel, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei Catholic Business Group**, Mass and monthly meeting, 6:30-8:30 a.m., breakfast, \$15 per person. Information: 317-435-3447 or lumen.dei@comcast.net.

Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **First Friday devotion**, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 5:30 p.m.; reconciliation, 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Mass, 7 p.m.; Litany of the Sacred Heart and prayers for the Holy Father, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. **First Friday celebration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, Mass, 5:45 p.m., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, following Mass until 9:30 p.m., sacrament of reconciliation available. Information: 317-888-2861 or info@olgreenwood.org.

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **First Friday Charismatic Renewal Praise and Mass**, praise and worship 7 p.m.,

Mass 7:30 p.m. Information: srcalep@yahoo.com.

June 3-5

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish (Little Flower), 1401 N. Bosart, Indianapolis. **Summerfest**, midway rides, games for kids and adults, rummage sale, \$5,000 raffle, silent auction, bingo on Friday evening, food court, Monte Carlo, live entertainment, Fri., 5-11 p.m., Sat., 3-11 p.m., Sun., 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 317-357-8352.

June 4

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mt. St. Francis. **Mountfest: an Experience of Kentuckiana**, wine, cold beer, food, live music—all unique to Kentuckiana, booths featuring local artists and artisans, Terry's Treasures flea market and garage sale in the gym, drawings totaling \$8,500 in prizes. Information: 812-923-8817.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **A Journey Through Infertility**, information on Creighton Model, testimonials from couples facing infertility, 9 a.m.-noon, no charge but free-will offerings accepted. Information: 317-545-7681, Marcia.johnson@archindy.org.

Riviera Club, 5640 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis. **St. Agnes Alumnae Brunch**, honoring graduates of classes of 1946, 1956 and 1966, noon, with optional 10:30 a.m. Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Send check at least five days prior made out to Pat Douglass for \$20 per person to Pat Douglass, 7550 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN, 46240. Information: Pat Douglass, 317-340-7550, padouglass@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. **Feast of Sacred Heart Celebration**, Mass at church 5 p.m., dinner following at parish hall, 1125 S. Meridian St., in Indianapolis, 6 p.m., dinner is \$10, reservations due May 29. Information and reservations: 317-638-5551 or

springman0823@hotmail.com.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, Terre Haute. 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Carmelite Monastery at 59 Allendale, 9:25 a.m. parking on Ohio Blvd., 9:30 a.m. assemble on sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 30 S. 3rd St. for prayers, 10 a.m. travel to St. Patrick Adoration Chapel at 1807 Poplar St. for Divine Mercy Chaplet, completed around 10:30 a.m.

St. Michael Church, 145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. **First Saturday Devotional Prayer Group**, prayers, rosary, confession, meditation, 8 a.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

June 9

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Cenacle (house on parish grounds), Indianapolis. **Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide support group**, 7 p.m. Information: 317-851-8344.

June 9-11

St. Susanna Parish, 1210 E. Main St., Plainfield. **St. Susanna Parish Festival**, June 9, 6-10 p.m.; June 10, 6-11 p.m.; June 11, 4:30 p.m.-midnight; rides, raffle tickets \$50 or three for \$125 with cash prizes, first place wins 2016 Nissan Juke, beer and gambling tent, entertainment, chicken bingo, concession stands, nightly dinner specials, book sale, kids' games. Information and raffle tickets: 317-839-3333.

St. Mark Parish, 535 Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. **St. Mark Funfest**, Thurs., 5-10 p.m.; Fri., 5-11 p.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.-midnight; raffle for cash and for \$4,500 tuition certificate to any South Deanery Catholic school or Roncalli High School, home-cooked dinners every day 5-8 p.m. in air-conditioned hall, food trucks, multicultural food and entertainment, heirloom quilt raffle, bingo, Monte Carlo, children's inflatables, dunk tank, children's games, Mashcraft local brewery Thursday and Friday, Crossroads Brass Band and Ray Cumberland & Friends on Thursday, Spinrut on Friday, Tastes Like Chicken on Saturday. Information: 317-787-3666. †

Portraits on display at Archabbey Library Gallery through June 30

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library Gallery, 200 Hill Drive, in St. Meinrad, is hosting an exhibit of portrait paintings titled "Mirrors and Masks" through June 30.

Benedictine Father Harry Hagan of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Iris Gentry from Henderson, Ky., Wyatt LeGrand from Bloomfield, Ind., and Laura Pommier from Jasper, Ind., will exhibit portraits in this show.

How much can the viewer learn about the individual presented? Does a face reveal character, or is it a mask behind which to hide? Do the

surroundings of the person give clues as to personality, or are they deliberately confusing? The variety of approaches to the problem tells us as much about the personality of the artist as it does about the personality of the individual in the picture.

For library hours, call 812-357-6401 or 800-987-7311, or log onto the Archabbey Library's website: www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/hours/.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Those wishing to view the exhibit may want to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing time. †

Golf outing to benefit SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish and St. Elizabeth/Coleman

The 15th Annual Bob Coffman Memorial Golf Scramble to benefit SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood and St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services in Indianapolis will take place at Bluff Creek Golf Course, 2710 Old St. Road 37 N., in Greenwood, on June 26.

Check-in and registration is from noon-1 p.m., immediately followed by a shotgun start. The event includes cash prizes, gross and banker handicaps, door prizes, mulligans and an optional skins pot.

The \$60 cost per person includes green fees and food. Hole sponsorship is \$100.

To register, send name, address and dollar amount for registration and any extra contribution for SS. Francis and Clare and St. Elizabeth/Coleman to Steve Coffman, 6035 Deer Cross Place, Greenwood, IN, 46143. Include a check for the registration and contribution amount made out to 2016 Bob Coffman Memorial.

For more information, call Steve Coffman, 317-881-6367. †

Two estate planning sessions to be held in Indianapolis area on June 8 and 21

The Catholic Community Foundation and Catholic Charities are offering two free educational sessions in the Indianapolis area on "Helpful Ideas for Planning for Yourself and Loved Ones, and Leaving a Legacy—The Basics of Estate Planning." Some topics to be covered include new changes to IRA charitable gift rollovers, and a look at endowments set up to support Holy Family Shelter, St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy & Adoption Services, and Catholic Charities.

The first session will be held at St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy & Adoption Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., in Beech Grove on June 8. The second session will be held at Holy Family Shelter, 907 N. Holmes Ave., in Indianapolis on June 21.

For both sessions, a light lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m., with the one-hour program beginning at 11:30 a.m.

To register for a session, contact Joanna Feltz at jfeltz@archindy.org or call 317-236-1588.

Bring friends and family who have an interest in this learning opportunity.

For more information, see the Events section on HelpCreateHope.org. †

Retreats and Programs

June 16

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Seasonal Community Labyrinth Walk**, Benedictine Sisters Angela Jarboe and Cathy Anne Lepore, facilitators, 7-8:30 p.m., free-will donations accepted. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

(For a complete list of retreats as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/retreats.) †

African Catholic Mass set for June 5 at St. Rita Church in Indianapolis

The archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry and the African Catholic Ministry will host an African Catholic Mass at St. Rita Church, 1733 Andrew J. Brown Ave., in Indianapolis, at 3 p.m. on June 5.

All are welcome to participate in this Mass which incorporates the music, movement and color and culture of Catholic Mass as it is typically celebrated in Africa.

The archdiocese is home to many Catholics—both lay persons and religious—from several African nations. This Mass, celebrated in English, provides an opportunity during the petitions and songs to hear some of the various languages spoken by natives of several of the countries. The atmosphere at the Mass is vibrant with the native clothing, rituals and musical instruments.

For information, call Pearllette Springer, archdiocesan coordinator for Black Catholic Ministry, at 317-236-1474, or e-mail Sally Stovall at sally.stovall@bmo.com. †



St. Meinrad pilgrimage

Some members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford and St. Mary Parish in Mitchell pose for a photograph at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad on May 5 during a pilgrimage to walk through the Holy Doors of Mercy at the church. The pilgrims also enjoyed a walking tour of the abbey. (Submitted photo)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities names ‘Spirit of Hope’ winners

By Patricia Happel Cornwell

Special to The Criterion

NEW ALBANY—Before a record crowd of 656 people, two individuals were presented “Spirit of Hope” awards at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities (SECC) gala on April 21 at the Galt House hotel in Louisville. The 27th annual “Giving Hope—Changing Lives” event raised \$215,000.

Former board members Don Day of St. John Paul II Parish in Clark County and Stephanie Warren of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight received awards for their service to the southern Indiana agency.

Day joined the St. Elizabeth Maternity Home board of directors in 1990, and nearly 27 years later he is still dedicated to its mission. He served four years as board president and remained a board member for many years. He continues to help raise development dollars for the agency.

Development director Dawn Bennett said, “Don Day is particularly passionate about the work St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities does to help unborn children and create families through adoption. His support and dedication have



Stephanie Warren



Don Day

been invaluable.”

Warren joined the St. Elizabeth Maternity Home board of directors because she recognized a need to help women and children in the community. She served 12 years and, as board president, led St. Elizabeth through the merger with Catholic Charities of New Albany.

“In her tenure, no one has raised more funds for the ministry than Stephanie,” Bennett said of Warren.

Agency director Mark Casper added, “These two community leaders have been very dedicated ambassadors of St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities. Each has brought so much to the agency to help it



Jen and Joe Amschler share the story of adopting their son Jaxson during the St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities gala on April 21 at the Galt House hotel in Louisville. (Submitted photo)

grow to what it is today.”

The gala is an elegant event featuring a silent auction of donated items, a live auction and a banquet, followed by testimonial talks from current and former SECC clients.

Last year, 750 families and 248 children benefitted from the nine programs offered. The agency housed 66 homeless mothers and 34 infants and small children, providing them shelter, food, support and a safe haven during their time of need. St. Elizabeth’s also distributed more than \$30,000 in diapers, baby wipes and formula to young families in need.

Tina Bennett spoke at the gala as a Floyd County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. She reported on the growing issue of more than 600,000 children a year going into foster care and more than 500,000 also going through the court system because of neglect or abuse in the United States. She said there are currently 224 such children in Floyd County alone. She also told the story of her CASA child who is now thriving and has aspirations of joining the military to become a nurse.

Holding their son Jaxson, Joe and Jen Amschler told their adoption story.

They shared the anxiety of the adoption process, which ended in the joy of working with the birth mother.

Ashley, a former SECC resident, shared her story of addiction and how she came to St. Elizabeth pregnant with her third child, but determined to work toward reuniting her family. She described how, with hard work and determination, she is now drug-free, employed full-time and living in a home with all three of her children.

St. Elizabeth opened in May 1989 as a crisis pregnancy center. Today, it provides nine programs to southern Indiana and the Louisville metropolitan area. Services include Adoption Bridges of Kentuckiana, licensed in Kentucky and Indiana; an emergency maternity home; a transitional shelter; affordable supportive housing; Marie’s Ministry for community-wide distribution of baby items; mental health counseling; a supported living program; CASA of Floyd and Washington counties; and supervised visitation.

(Patricia Happel Cornwell is a freelance writer and a member of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon. For more information about St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, visit www.stecharities.org.) †



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—Mark Casper, director of St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities

Little Flower SUMMERFEST

(Corner of Nowland and Bosart Streets)

June 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Friday 5pm-11pm	Saturday 3pm-11pm	Sunday 11:30am-5pm
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Fun

Monte Carlo Friday and Saturday nights 6:00pm-11:00pm
Texas Hold’Em Tournament Friday—sign ups start at 6:30pm
BINGO on Friday with \$1,000 in cash prizes—(register prior to 7pm start)
Silent Auction and Raffle with \$5,000.00 grand prize
Saturday Night is Little Flower School Alumni Night
Family Day on Sunday with juggling, face painting, clowns, and other family friendly entertainment

Food

Outdoor Food Court and Beer Garden, including craft beers
Wines from Buck Creek Winery
Indoor Dinner provided by Steer In on Saturday 5-7:30pm
Indoor Sunday Brunch 9:30am-12:00pm

Entertainment

Friday

Arisan Maru—Sccecina High School Rock Band at 5:00pm
Gene Deer Band at 9:00pm

Saturday

Crossroads Brass Band at 3:00pm
LF Alumni Mike Archer (Class of 1986) at 6:00 pm
Bigger is Better Band at 9:00pm

Sunday

Pacer Fan Van at 1:00pm—Silly Safari at 1:30pm
Mr. Daniel at 2:30pm

Rides & Games

Poor Jacks Amusements on the Midway
Ride the carnival rides all day Sunday for just \$12.00

More info at www.littleflowerparish.org

Huge Rummage Sale

Friday and Saturday at 8:00am, Sunday at 11:30am
between church and school, under the tent)

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Celebrating the Blessings of 25 Years in Ugandan Ministry

Co-sponsored by the Mission Office and the Pastoral Ministries Office of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Please join Sherry Meyer and her family and friends for an evening of prayer, music, and fellowship in thanksgiving for her 25 years of missionary life in Uganda

Friday, June 3

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Intercultural Pastoral Institute

4838 Fletcher Ave

(site of the former St Bernadette Parish)

Handmade African crafts will be available for purchase beginning at 5:00 and throughout the evening. A Mass in the African-American tradition featuring the Archdiocesan African-American choir will be celebrated at 6:00. Light refreshments and stories from several of Sherry’s companions will follow the mass.

We hope you will join us for any part or all of the evening. Feel free to extend our invitation to others who may be interested.

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of spending the last 10 years of her professional career serving the Catholic Church in some capacity. And so when the central Indiana business where she had risen to be a senior vice president was about to be sold or merged, she opened herself to her dream of one day “helping the Catholic youth.” She just didn’t expect it would lead to Providence—or leaving behind her comfortable, well-established life in Carmel, Ind.

“When they called me down to Providence for a second interview, they offered me the job,” she says. “Mike [her husband] and I prayed about it on the way back. By the time we got to Carmel, we knew we should come—even though it flew in the face of everything I had done in my life.

“I knew no one down there, and I had never taught at a high school. But I really felt I had talents that I could use to help our youth. I saw how many were losing their faith, and I wanted to do something to help. And I felt God was calling me to do this. When God wants you, he opens the door very quickly—enough to make your head spin.”

Hurley laughs as she shares those last words. Still, it wasn’t until she was first moved to tears at Providence that she was completely convinced that God had led her to the right place.

‘It was life-changing’

“My faith has grown in so many ways, in different dimensions here,” she says. “For example, when you meet with a parent who needs financial assistance or help in some other way, you have an inroad into their life. And that’s very humbling.

“Then there’s the other dimension—when you’re asking for help from donors to help those people. You almost feel you’re part of a Scripture setting—that you’re a beggar at the gate. You’re operating for Christ, and you feel the power of Christ as you’re asking.”

Those two dimensions merged when Hurley stood to speak at Providence’s annual student assistance fundraising event—just 12 weeks after she had started at the school. All her years in business had taught her to have a script ready, to put herself in the spotlight to close the deal. Yet when she began to talk to the audience, something unexpected happened to her. A feeling rose within her to put her script aside.

“I could feel the Holy Spirit within me. I knew how important it was. And I became very emotional.”

Her tears flowed as she talked about how much some students needed help.

“In that instance, it wasn’t about me. It was about letting God work through me for the good of others. And if that means you break down in front of a crowd, you do it. It was life-changing.”

So was the period five years later when Hurley’s personal life quickly turned heartbreaking.

‘You learn from the suffering’

In September of 2009, her older sister, Eileen, died of cancer. Two months later, Hurley was diagnosed with breast cancer.

“Because of having just lost my sister, I decided to have a full mastectomy,” Hurley says.

As heartbreaking and challenging as that time was, Hurley once again decided to “give it over to God,” believing that “This

is a walk I had to take.”

It wasn’t a walk she made alone. Besides her husband and their two grown children, she now had her Providence family and her family at her parish, St. John Paul II in Clark County. Members of those families brought her to chemotherapy treatments. They prayed for her. They even found moments of humor together that boosted her spirits.

“Accepting the suffering and realizing it was a blessing gave me a different outlook on life. I think I’ve always been positive in life—when a problem comes up, you deal with it and go on—but this was different. For example, when you lose your hair and you forget to put your wig on for Saturday morning Mass, do you go home or do you go in?”

“You go in, and you are humbled by it. But you make it a positive experience. You realize that people don’t look at your hair. They look at *you*. It does change your outlook on life. You know your body is never going to be the same, but it doesn’t matter what you look like. You are you. You learn that whatever God wants you to look like, it will do.”

She has been in remission from cancer for more than five years.

“I always felt I was going to survive,” she says. “You learn from the suffering and come out the other side.”

‘It was nothing short of a miracle’

While Hurley’s life and faith have been transformed in her 12 years at Providence, so has the high school.

Besides the performing arts center, the school has new turf fields for football and baseball. A new cafeteria with an updated kitchen has been installed. So have tennis courts as well as air conditioning throughout the school. The list goes on and on.

As the dean of the New Albany Deanery, Father Wilfred “Sonny” Day marvels at how much has been accomplished during Hurley’s leadership of the school.

“I really believe Our Lady of Providence sent her to us,” says Father Day, who serves as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight. “She’s just a gifted communicator and leader. She also has these donor relationships she’s developed. People just respect and admire her, and they’re willing to follow her wherever she leads.”

Still, Father Day believes all her qualities stem from her greatest gift—her faith. Hurley attends daily Mass at the school and faithfully takes part in eucharistic adoration.

“She’s a real spiritual leader, and she’s respected deanery-wide as a person of deep Catholic faith,” he says. “She has ensured the Catholic identity of Providence High School.”

That focus on enhancing the spiritual lives of students is reflected in Hurley’s favorite improvement to the school: its new chapel.

“It’s something I’ve always wanted since I came to the school,” she says. “It used to be in the old convent attached to the school, far removed from the kids. My great wish was to have it right in the center of the school. As we were going through our most recent capital campaign and talking to donors, one said, ‘That’s exactly what I want to do.’ We thought the chapel would cost \$1 million, but we got it done for \$362,000.

“Again, it was nothing short of a miracle. It’s right at the student entrance. They have to pass by it every day when they come in, and every day when they go out.”



Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School president Joan Hurley prays in the school’s new chapel with students from the eighth-grade class during First Friday Adoration, a tradition Hurley instituted at the school early in her 12-year tenure. (Submitted photo)



Joan Hurley, front row, far left, poses with the faculty and staff of Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School at their annual retreat in January. The retreat took place at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad and included a walk through the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln’s holy doors to mark the Holy Year of Mercy. (Submitted photo)



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‘It will always be in my heart’

Even with all the improvements during her tenure, Hurley accepts little of the credit. Instead, she talks about the dedication and support of alumni who keep giving to make the changes possible. She salutes the parents who “sacrifice so much to ensure their children receive a Catholic education.” She praises the administration, faculty and staff as “the backbone of the school.” And she brags about “how wonderful the kids are, and the lessons they taught me.”

“It’s Blue Pride,” she says, sharing a rallying cry for the school. “That’s what this school is about. Blue is Our Lady’s color. Our Blessed Mother is front and center at our school. The things she’s pulled off here are unbelievable. They couldn’t have been done without her.”

Many people at Providence believe the same is true about Hurley.

“She’s adamant that Our Lady is doing this, that Mary will take care of it,” says Larry Weimer, the school’s chief financial officer. “But Joan’s background, leadership and capabilities have been a great blessing for Providence. If you were going to put a manual together of what a high school president should be, it would be about Joan Hurley.

“For her, it starts with faith, love of the students and their families, and wanting the students to be educated in their Catholic faith and to grow in their Catholic faith—and then make that possible for their families in the future.”

As Hurley considers her future, she turns first to these past 12 years.

“I’ll always be part of the Providence community,” she says. “Walking away from being involved in it every day will be hard. It will always be in my heart.”

The tears and the emotions come again as Hurley shares that love. She knows that emotional bond will stay with her as surely as she and her husband of 46 years will continue to live in the area.

She also plans to travel, including making more frequent trips to her beloved Scotland, where she first met Mike at the wedding of a girlfriend who was marrying another American.

It was yet another of the unexpected gifts in her life—most of which she connects to the influence of the Blessed Mother.

“I’m sure she’s fed up listening to me because I always ask for miracles,” Hurley says with a soft laugh. “I talk to my Mother every day.” †



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—Joan Hurley, president of Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville



Above, worshippers fill Holy Cross Church in Indianapolis on May 15, Pentecost Sunday, for the final Mass celebrated in the historic church. Holy Cross Parish was merged with nearby St. Philip Neri Parish in 2014 as part of the archdiocese's "Connected in the Spirit" planning process. Former parishioners of Holy Cross subsequently made attempts to make needed significant repairs to the church to allow it to remain open for liturgies, but ultimately could not bring them about. (Submitted photo)

Above, left, former members of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis gather with Father Christopher Wadelton, pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, on May 22 outside Holy Cross Church as they prepare to walk on pilgrimage to the nearby St. Philip Neri Church. Holy Cross was merged with St. Philip in 2014 as part of the archdiocese's "Connected in the Spirit" planning process. The May 22 pilgrimage was a symbol of the journey of faith that former Holy Cross parishioners are making as they are welcomed at St. Philip Neri Parish. This week's "My Journey to God" poem on page 17 is a former parishioner's reflection on Holy Cross Parish. (Submitted photo)

A door closes, another one opens

Eighth-graders base play on Indiana bishops' letter on poverty

By Marlene A. Zloza
Northwest Indiana Catholic

CROWN POINT—Eighth-graders at St. Mary Catholic Community School broke with tradition in more ways than one this month.

Preparing to graduate in June, the class was steered in a new direction when it came to staging the annual class play, then expanded on their original theme of school-day memories to incorporate a message of faith and hope.

"I wanted to try something different," said Tony Rossi, the school's music teacher and musical director for four years. "Traditionally, the eighth-graders had put on *Godspell* every spring, but I'm not a fan of doing the same thing, so we staged *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and then *Godspell* again last year.

"We have a very talented group of kids, musically and creatively, so I wanted to challenge them," added Rossi, who proposed that the graduating class of 60 write their own show. "They were timid, but they said OK."

St. Mary's: A Journey of Faith began as a series of flashbacks about first Communion day, learning good sportsmanship through basketball and a class trip to Washington D.C. that included seeing Pope Francis—set to music—but then evolved into

something more.

"We studied the booklet '*Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church's Response to Poverty in Indiana*,' written by the five [Catholic] bishops of Indiana, in religion class for about three weeks, and the kids were shocked, because they thought poor people lived in other countries, and didn't realize they live right here," said Marian Weeks, faith formation director at St. Mary's.

Weeks chose the bishops' message about poverty and homelessness in Indiana as the topic for one of the class' monthly reflection papers, asking the eighth-graders to write about 1 to 1 1/2 pages in response to the bishops' message.

"Then Tony came to me, wanting to involve the kids more in their play, and it being the [Holy] Year of Mercy, I said that I'd share the students' papers with him," Weeks said, hoping to glean some ideas to incorporate into the class play.

Weeks was moved by the students' writing. "I cried when I read them, they had put themselves in the place of the homeless," she added.

One paper, by Maria Jeffers, 14, stood out. "She wrote about 13 pages, and we used it as the basis" for the story in the play about a homeless girl and her brother, Weeks said. "It says there is hope for everyone. Whether we are the ones looking for hope, or the ones giving hope, we all have a role to play in

God's mission."

Maria portrayed lead character Faith, based on the girl in her story, while classmate Bella Biesen served as Faith the narrator, and Julius Mancilla had the role of Xavier, her brother. "My paper was actually about twins, Faith and Xavier, whose father died when they were very young, with their mom in the military. They went to live with their grandma, but they don't want to be separated when she dies, so they run away, go to Chicago, and live on the streets for many months," Maria explained.

A newspaper plays a key role in Faith's story, which is intertwined with scenes from the eighth-graders' school days. "Faith and Xavier see a newspaper with a story about their mom coming back home after 10 years as a POW, and they are reunited," Faith said.

The siblings "never lost faith in God" during their ordeal, Faith noted, and celebrate their family's reunion by "sharing what little money they have left with other homeless people" as a way of spreading their faith.

Eighth-grader Maggie McKinney, 14, had a role in one flashback scene and painted sets. "The play lets us explore all of our years being a family at St. Mary's, and what we've been through together," she said.

As for the introduction of Faith as a classmate, "we're exploring how we accept people in our St. Mary's



Eighth-grade students at St. Mary Catholic Community School in Crown Point, Ind., perform their play based on the Indiana bishops' pastoral letter titled "*Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church's Response to Poverty in Indiana*." (Submitted photo)

community, no matter what background they come from," McKinney noted.

(Marlene A. Zloza writes for Northwest Indiana Catholic, newspaper of the Diocese of Gary.) †

Archbishop offers prayers at memorial Mass for men and women in uniform

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services prayed for those U.S. service men and women who have lost their

lives in battle for the nation at a special noon memorial Mass on May 15, Pentecost Sunday.

About 2,500 Catholics gathered in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of

the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington to pay tribute to men and women in the armed forces, and particularly to those who have "paid the ultimate price for American liberty."

"We remember those who have died since our last archdiocesan celebration. ... Our prayer extends to all of those who have fallen in combat, as a result of illness or old age, as well as an earnest uplifting to a loving Father of those who still bear the effects of war in their bodies or minds," the archbishop prayed.

"This gesture of communion also includes an earnest petition for those who mourn the loss of loved ones young and old," he continued. "The divine love that inflames our hearts reaches out to those who experience the emptiness of those whose presence is no longer the same and

to those who care for our dear veterans."

The Memorial Mass concluded with the sounding of the bugle call "Taps." On Memorial Day, May 30, the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) is scheduled to broadcast the entire Mass across North America at noon (EDT) and again at midnight (EDT). It also will air the same day and times on CatholicTV, a cable TV network based in Watertown, Mass.

The U.S. military archdiocese in Washington provides the full range of the Catholic Church's pastoral ministries and spiritual services to the men and women—and their families—who serve in the nation's five military branches, as well as patients at 153 Veterans Affairs medical centers and U.S. Foreign Service personnel working in 134 countries. †



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May 28

St. John the Baptist Parish, Starlight, 8310 St. John Road, **Floyds Knobs**, Strawberry Festival, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., buffet-style chicken dinner served 11 a.m.-6 p.m., build your own strawberry shortcake, soap box derby, kids inflatable bouncers, bingo, craft booths, Little Miss and Mister Shortcake contest, raffle, frozen drinks. Information: 812-923-5785.

June 1-4

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 8144 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, **Knightstown**, Road 40 Yard Sale, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., yard sales, St. Rose Men's Club food tent. Information: 765-345-5595.

June 2-4

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklandon Road, **Indianapolis**, Parish Festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, "The Bishops" on Thurs., "My Yellow Rickshaw" on Fri., "Flying Toasters" on Sat., food, games, \$10 admission. Information: 317-826-6000, ext. 150.

June 3-5

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish (Little Flower), 1401 N. Bosart, **Indianapolis**, Summerfest, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., midway rides, games for kids and adults, rummage sale, \$5,000 raffle, silent auction, bingo on Friday evening, food court, Monte Carlo, live entertainment. Information: 317-357-8352.

June 4

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mt. St. Francis**, Mountfest: an Experience of Kentuckiana, 2-8 p.m., wine, cold beer, food, live music-all unique to Kentuckiana, booths featuring local artists and artisans, Terry's Treasures flea market and garage sale in the gym, drawings totaling \$8,500. Information: 812-923-8817.

June 9-11

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 Edgewood Ave., **Indianapolis**, St. Mark Funfest, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, raffle for cash and \$4,500 tuition certificate to any South Deaneiry Catholic school or Roncalli High School, home-cooked dinners every day 5-8 p.m. in air-conditioned hall, food trucks, multicultural food and entertainment, heirloom quilt raffle, bingo, Monte Carlo, children's inflatables, dunk tank, children's games, Mashcraft local brewery Thurs. and Fri., "Crossroads Brass Band" and "Ray Cumberland & Friends" on Thurs., Spinrut on Fri., "Tastes Like Chicken" on Sat. Information: 317-787-8246.

St. Susanna Parish, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**, Parish Festival, Thur. 6-10 p.m., Fri. 6-11 p.m., Sat. 4:30 p.m.-midnight, rides, raffle tickets \$50 or three for \$125 with cash prizes, first place wins 2016 Nissan Juke, beer and gambling tent, entertainment, chicken bingo, concession stands, nightly dinner specials, book sale, kids' games. Information and raffle tickets: 317-839-3333.

June 9-12

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**, Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish Festival, Thur. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. noon-midnight, Sun. noon-9 p.m., rides, dinners, food tent, bingo, Monte Carlo, silent auction. Information: 317-888-3861.

June 10-11

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., **Indianapolis**, Holy Angels Music Festival, Fri. 3-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., free, live music, raffle with \$250/\$500/\$1000 prizes, children's area with bounce house and water slide, food and drink vendors. Information: 317-926-3324, www.holyangelsindy.org/music.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**, Annual Italian Street Festival, 5-11 p.m., Italian food, wine, beer, music, rides. Information: 317-636-4478.

June 12

St. Paul Parish, 814 St., **Tell City**, St. Paul Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., dinners in parish hall, games for all ages, cash and quilt raffles, country store, public and silent auction. Information: 812-547-7994.

June 17-18

St. Anthony Parish, 337 N. Warman Ave., **Indianapolis**, Crossroads of the Americas Festival, Fri. 7 p.m., music, dance; Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., rides, food, music. Information: 317-636-4828.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**, International Festival, Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, food, games, music. Information: 317-291-7014.

June 18

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., **Clarksville**, Parish Picnic, noon-11 p.m., food court, games, children's play land, quilts, cash raffle, chicken dinner 2-8 p.m., DJ 2-8 p.m., band "The Juice Box Heroes" 8-11 p.m. Information: 812-282-2290, ext. 18.

June 23-25

St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, **Indianapolis**, Summer Festival, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 6-11 p.m., rides, food, live entertainment, games. Information: 317-786-4371.

June 24-25

Christ the King Parish, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., **Indianapolis**, Summer Social, 5 p.m.-midnight, Fri. and Sat. live music, kids' games, "split-the-pot" raffle, casino, food, beverages. Information: 317-255-3666.

June 26

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Decatur County, St. Maurice Campus, 1963 N. St. John St., **Greensburg**, Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., all-you-can-eat chicken dinners, games, raffles. Information: 812-663-4754.

Harrison County Fairgrounds, 341 S. Capital Ave., **Corydon**, St. Joseph Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., chicken dinners in air-conditioned dining area, games, quilts, \$5,000 raffle. Information: 812-738-2742.

July 4

St. Mary Parish, 311 N. New Jersey St., **Indianapolis**, Fourth of July *Ole!* Festival, 3-11 p.m., music, entertainment, children's area, Texas poker, games of chance, American and Latino food, open air market, view of downtown fireworks. Information: 317-637-3983.

July 7-9

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., **Indianapolis**, Parish Festival, Thurs. 6-11 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, food, rides, games, entertainment. Information: 317-353-9404.

July 8-9

St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. 9th St., **Terre Haute**, St. Benedict Community Festival, Fri. and Sat. 5 p.m.- midnight, live music, family games, casino games, food booths, beer garden, handmade quilt raffle, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, raffle tickets for \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$750. Information: 812-232-8421.

July 10

St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St., **Lawrenceburg**, Chicken Fest 2016, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinners, \$12 adults, \$10 ages 10 and younger, raffle. Information: 812-537-3992, ext. 2.

July 14-16

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**, Summer Festival, Thurs. 4-10 p.m., Fri. 4-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., food, games, rides. Information: 317-241-6314.

July 16-17

All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. John the Baptist Campus, 25743 State Rte. 1, **Guilford**, St. John Summer Festival, Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., chicken dinners served 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-576-4302.

St. Mary Parish, 7500 Navilleton Road, **Floyds Knobs**, St. Mary 5K Fun Run/Walk, Sat. 8 a.m., www.stmarysnavilleton.com for registration forms; St. Mary Parish Festival, Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., chicken dinners in air-conditioned dining room, silent auction, bingo, children's games, quilts, booths, \$2,500 in cash prizes, carryout until 4 p.m. Information: 812-923-5419.

July 25-29

St. Ambrose Parish, food booth at Jackson County Fair on S.R. 250, **Brownstown**, Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Information: 812-522-5304.

July 30

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, 777 S. 11th St., **Mitchell**, Hog roast and garage sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-849-3570.

July 30-31

All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Road, **Guilford**, St. Martin Festival, Sat. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., "Skallywags Band" Sat., 5K Run/Walk Sun. 9:30 a.m., chicken dinners Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-576-4302.

July 31

St. Augustine Parish, 18020 Lafayette St., **Leopold**, Parish Picnic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CT, fried chicken dinner, handmade quilts, games, raffles, country store, children's rides and games. Information: 812-843-5143.

August 5-6

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Merrill St., **Fortville**, Fri. Monte Carlo, 6-11 p.m.; Sat. Parish Festival 11 a.m.-10 p.m., games, food, entertainment, silent auction, chicken and noodles dinner, raffle. Information: 317-485-5102.

August 7

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Hwy. 337 N.W., **Depauw**, St. Bernard Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., drawing for \$10,000 with only 333 tickets sold for \$100 each, country fried chicken dinners and homemade noodles and pies served in an air-conditioned dining room, silent auction, games for kids and adults, 50/50 raffle, handmade quilts, games of chance, live music 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Information or ticket purchase: 812-347-2326 or SaintBernardCatholicChurch@gmail.com.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, **Fulda**, Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT, soup, food, quilts, music, games. Information: 812-357-5533.

August 13

Immaculate Conception Church, 2081 E. Cty Road 820 S., **Greensburg**, Consignment Auction, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (bring in items by Aug. 12), snacks throughout the day, roast pork lunch available starting around 10:30 a.m. Information: 812-591-2362.

August 13-14

All Saints Parish, St. Paul Campus, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, **Guilford**, St. Paul Festival, Sat. 5-8 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. with chicken dinners 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-576-4302.

August 14

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Dr., **Lanesville**, St. Mary Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken and ham dinner served country style in air-conditioned dining room, dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-11, \$6,000 in cash prizes, raffle on more than 30 quilts. linen/craft booths, Granny's Attic, games. Information: 812-952-2853.

August 19-20

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., **Indianapolis**, Augustravaganza, 4 p.m.-midnight, bingo, Monte Carlo, catered dinner; 5K Walk/Run and 1 mile Family Run Sat. 9 a.m., \$20 in advance, \$25 day of race, \$60 for family of four or more in advance, \$65 for family of four or more day of race. Information: 317-357-1200.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., **Indianapolis**, Sausage Fest, Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, sausage, food, music, games. Information: 317-253-1461.

August 20-21

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 5719 Saint Mary's Road, **Floyds Knobs**, "Knobfest," Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat. "Louisville Crashers," gambling and beer garden 6 p.m.-midnight, dance 9 p.m.-midnight; Sun. home-cooked chicken dinners, booths, prizes, quilts, bingo, kids' fun tent. Information: 812-923-3011.

August 21

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., **Sunman**, Parish Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinner. Information: 812-623-2964.

St. Paul Catholic Center, 1413 E. 17th St., **Bloomington**, "Welcome Back Everybody!" pitch-in picnic, after 5:30 p.m. Mass. Information: 812-339-5561.

August 25-27

St. Ann Parish, 6350 S. Mooresville Road, **Indianapolis**, Annual Summer Festival, Thurs. and Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 2-11 p.m. rides, games, food. Information: 317-821-2909.

August 26-27

Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., **Madison**, Shawe and Pope John XXIII Community Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, Fri. and Sat. live music, beer tent, festival rides for \$15-17. Information: 812-547-9946.

August 27

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**, Seventh Annual IHM Neighborhood 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., \$15, ages 6 and younger free. Eighth Annual IHM Neighborhood Fall Kickoff Fest, 4-11 p.m., \$1 per person, music, food, beverages, games. Information: 317-257-2266.

August 27-28

St. Mary Parish Festival held at St. Mary's School, 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, **Greensburg**, Sat. 9 a.m. "On Eagle's Wings," 5k Walk/Run, 11 a.m. Kids Fun Run and obstacle course (www.oneagleswings5k.com for costs); Sat. 4:30-11 p.m., dinner 4:30-10 p.m.; Sun. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., smoked BBQ 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; music, games, beer garden, raffle. Information: 812-663-8427.

September 2-4

St. Joseph Parish, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., **Indianapolis**, Fall Festival, Fri. and Sat. 5-11 p.m., Sun. 3-11 p.m., food, rides, games. Information: 317-244-9002.

September 2-5

Sacred Heart Parish, gymnasium, 558 Nebeker St., **Clinton**, Spaghetti Dinner, Fri. 4-9 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., adults \$9, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-832-8468.

September 4

St. Catherine of Siena, Decatur County, 9995 E. Base Road, **Greensburg**, Enochsburg Church Picnic, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Fireside Inn fried chicken and roast beef dinners. Information: 812-934-2880.

September 5

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4773 E. Morris Church St., **Morris**, Labor Day Festival, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, raffles, games, karaoke, beer garden. Information: 812-934-6218.

St. Peter Parish, Franklin County, 1207 East Road, **Brookville**, Labor Day Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., family style chicken dinner. Information: 812-623-3670.

September 9-10

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 114 Lancelot Dr., **Franklin**, Parish Festival, Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., pulled pork dinner, outside Mass, kids' games, petting zoo, obstacle course, live band Sat. evening, bingo, raffles. Information: 317-783-3929.

September 9-11

St. Mary Parish, 629 Clay St., **North Vernon**, St. Mary Community Festival, Fri. 4 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 9 a.m.-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 5K Run/Walk Sat. 8 a.m., kickball tournament Sat. 10 a.m., casino night Sat., live music, food, carnival rides, silent auction, flea market, sweet shop, cash raffle with one \$7,000 prize and three \$1,000 prizes. Information: 812-346-3604.

September 10

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**, French Market, noon-10 p.m., French food, booths, entertainment. Information: 317-283-5508.

September 10-11

St. Michael Parish, 145 St. Michael Blvd., **Brookville**, Fall Festival, Sat. 4-10 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., smoked pork chop dinner Sat., family style chicken dinner Sun. Information: 765-647-5462.

September 11

St. Augustine Parish, 315 E. Chestnut St., **Jeffersonville**, Parish Festival, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., harvest chicken dinners, quilt raffle, bake sale. Information: 812-282-2677.

St. Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, 512 N. Perkins St., **Rushville**, Fall Festival, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinners. Information: 765-932-2588.

St. Pius V Parish, 330 Franklin St., **Troy**, Fall Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., dinners, games. Information: 812-547-7994.

September 16-17

St. Malachy Parish, 9833 E. County Road 750 N., **Brownsvr**, St. Malachy Country Fair, Fri. 4-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., live music, midway, kids' games. Information: 317-852-3195.

St. Thomas More Parish, 1200 N. Indiana St., **Mooresville**, Applefest, Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-10 p.m. carnival, car show, pancake breakfast, Monte Carlo, food, kids' games. Information: 317-831-4142.

September 16-18

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**, Fall Festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 1-11 p.m., Sun. 1-6 p.m., food, music, rides. Information: 317-546-4065.

September 17

St. Bridget Parish, 404 E. Vine St., **Liberty**, Oktoberfest, 3-9 p.m., food, entertainment. Information: 765-825-8578.

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 7575 Holliday Dr., **Indianapolis**, Fall Fest, noon-10 p.m., food, beer garden, Kiddie Carnival area, live bands, midway, adventure zone, bingo, silent auction. Information: 317-259-4373.

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**, Latin Fiesta, 5:30-10:30 p.m., outdoor Mass 5:30 p.m., food, music, kids' games, traditional Mexican dances. Information: 812-944-0417.

September 17-18

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish, 23455 Gavin Lane, **Lawrenceburg**, Fall Festival, Sat. 5-11 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 812-656-8700.

September 18

St. Michael Parish, 101 St. Michael Dr., **Charlestown**, Septemberfest, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner, authentic Mexican food, money and quilt raffles, silent auction, games. Information: 812-256-3200.

St. Meinrad Parish, 19630 N. 4th St., **St. Meinrad**, Church Picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT, fried chicken dinner, live music, tours of St. Meinrad Archabbey. Information: 812-357-5533.

September 21

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, "Italian Dinner" at Persimmon Festival, Main St., **Mitchell**, 11 a.m. until food runs out. Information: 812-849-3570.

September 22-24

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St., **Indianapolis**, Fall Festival, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. noon-midnight, games, food. Information: 317-356-7291.

September 23-24

SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road, **Greenwood**, Fall Festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., Festival Market Place, food, entertainment, rides. Information: 317-859-4673.

September 24

St. Gabriel Parish, 232 W. Ninth St., **Connersville**, Fall Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner, silent auction, Information: 765-825-8578.

September 25

St. Mark Parish, Perry County, 5377 Acorn Road, **Tell City**, St. Mark Shooting Match and Picnic, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. CT, shoot for ham and half side of beef, raffle, country store, handmade quilts, games for all ages. Information: 812-826-2481.

September 28

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 5719 Saint Marys Road, **Floyds Knobs**, Card party, 7-10 p.m., desserts, door prizes, \$5 per person. Information: 812-923-3011.

September 30-October 1

Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**, Oktoberfest, 5 p.m.-midnight, authentic German food, music, raffles. Information: 317-784-5454.

October 1

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**, Parish Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., food, games for all ages, kids' activities, DJ music. Information: 812-944-0417.

October 2

Holy Family Parish, 3027 Pearl St., **Oldenburg**, Fall Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, raffle, booths, games for adults and kids. Information: 812-934-3013, option 2.

St. John Paul II Parish, St. Joseph Campus, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**, Turkey Shoot and Fall Festival, 11 a.m. until folks leave, chicken dinners with homemade dumplings, carry-out available, booths, raffles, quilts, firing range. Information: 812-246-3522.

October 14-23

Downtown Square, **Rockville**, St. Joseph Parish Cruller Shack at the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 765-569-5406.

October 16

Vine and branches: Chaplains work to uproot radicalization in prisons

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—With visits to detention facilities and washing the feet of the detainees, Pope Francis has placed renewed emphasis on the work of mercy of visiting prisoners.

However, some see a growing urgency for the Church to be present in cell blocks not just as part of its mission to help the most disenfranchised, but because radical ideologies have been filling the spiritual void wherever it is found—especially in prisons.

Governments and international entities are paying more attention to the problem of radicalization taking root and spreading in prisons, said Msgr. Paolo Rudelli, the Vatican's permanent observer at the

Council of Europe.

At an upcoming meeting, the Church hopes to show how and why all religions must work together to protect a prisoner's right to religious freedom and counter extremism, he told Catholic News Service

(CNS) in an e-mail

response to questions on May 17.

The May 30-June 1 gathering in Strasbourg, France, is sponsored by Msgr. Rudelli's office, the International Catholic Commission on Prison Pastoral Care (ICPPC) and the Council of European Bishops' Conferences as a platform for dialogue with governmental agencies through the Council of Europe, the monsignor said.

"We want to highlight the specific contribution" of the Church in offering spiritual care, he said, as well as "underline the importance of the daily collaboration between chaplains of different faiths" by inviting Muslim, Russian Orthodox and Catholic prison chaplains.

Father Brian Gowans, president of the ICPPC, said people can use any religion, not just Islam, as "a weapon, a tool of war."

The meeting is meant to show that "religion is not the problem, quite the contrary, it's the solution" to radicalization and extremism, he told CNS by phone from Scotland.

The priest, who will speak at the Strasbourg gathering, said leaders will look at "how we can best utilize our faith as a force for good" and to de-radicalize extremists or "help someone on the cusp of radicalization."

One aim in chaplaincy work is to get prisoners "to believe in themselves," and

recognize the talents and skills they have and channel them for the good, said the priest, who has ministered to prisoners for 22 years, and serves as the chaplains' adviser to the Scottish prison service.

"At the heart of this is that people are looking for something in life," he said, "a reason to get up in the morning." However, an unguided search for new meaning can make them "easily manipulated" by people peddling extremist ideologies, he said.

Father Gowans said many prisoners have been ignored by faith communities, and so "they found someone who wanted them" and gave them a sense of purpose in an extremist cause.

Religious leaders from all faiths have to get inside prisons and make sure inmates can hear what their faith really says because "killing others in the name of God? No God wants that," he said.

Larger society also needs to focus on the addictions or social or mental problems that lead many people to end up in jail, he said.

Many prisoners are suffering from feelings of loss, he said. "I tell them, 'You've come in here with a lot of baggage. Let's see if we can lighten your load.'"

"Most don't need to be in prison at all. We've just gotten good at locking up people we're mad at," Father Gowans said.

Part of what he does, he said, is "raise their self-esteem, their hope."

In this regard, the Church is "a huge resource, but it means you have to engage. There are thousands of prisoners and few staff able to offer such needed face-to-face guidance, he said.

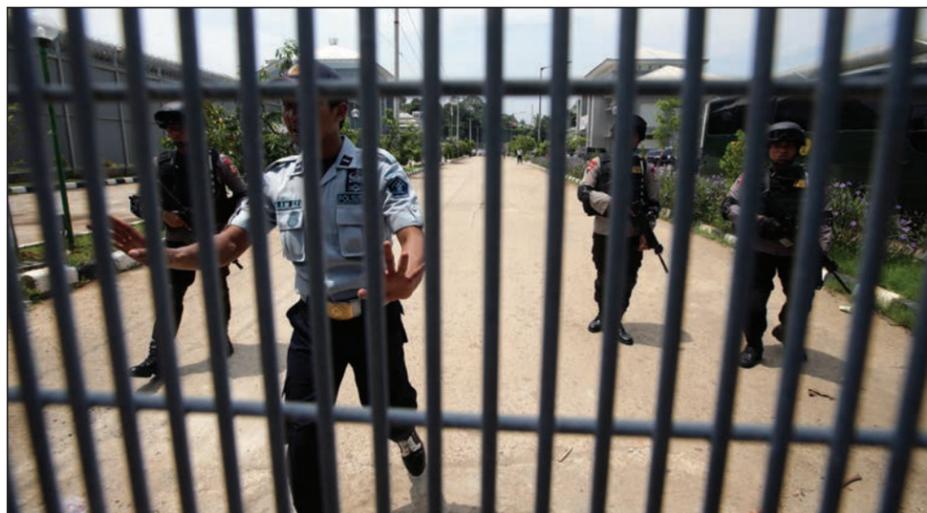
Father Gowans said he'd like to see all prison staff take an "asset-based approach" to prisoners that doesn't label them according to their crime, but encourages them to identify their skills and dreams.

Many people, including prisoners, don't believe inmates have any gifts and redeeming qualities, he said. "We as chaplains need to help people believe that, help show them: 'Hey, I am good at this. This is me.'"

Father Gowans said he talks to every prisoner he meets without regard to the person's faith or lack of religious affiliation.

He stops to talk with people because "that friendly chitchat leads to other things," he said. But it is imperative that chaplains not "water down" their religion just for the sake of being friendly and approachable.

"More and more people want more spirituality in their life," and prison offers time for deeper reflection, reading and



Indonesian police officers stand guard in front of the Gunung Sindur prison after Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir was transferred to the prison in Bogor, Indonesia, on April 16. Combating radicalization in prisons will be addressed at a May 30-June 1 gathering in Strasbourg, France. (CNS photo/Bagus Indahono, EPA)



A hairdresser works in a section of the Villahermosa jail, in Cali, Colombia, on May 12. Combating radicalization in prisons will be addressed at a May 30-June 1 gathering in Strasbourg, France. (CNS photo/Christian Escobar Mora, EPA)

prayer, he said.

"All of us are reflective, all of us have a spiritual element in our life that has to be tapped into," and if chaplains don't do it when they are there, then prisoners may think, "If they're not doing it, who is?" leaving the door open to more aggressive or manipulative pseudo-spiritual sources.

Father Gowans said he asks prisoners to tell him their story, "which is met with suspicion because no one ever asked them that question." They often say he is the first person in their life to show any interest at all, and "that's the key to opening many doors."

Recruiters of radical movements play on people's weaknesses, or anger against a

world that "singles them out" or scapegoats them, he said.

The most common remark he gets from prisoners, he said, is "You're all I have. I wish I had someone like you in my life" outside the cell walls.

"They need a mentor, a companion, and the Church is a great source here."

As a Catholic chaplain, he tells people Christ is that companion. The imams will say accompaniment comes from the prophet Muhammad. But in every case, Father Gowans said, "we need to be Christ with each other," offering accompaniment as Muslims, Jews and Christians.

"It takes more than me. But I like to think there are lots of 'me's' out there." †

Those who exploit for cheap labor are bloodsucking leeches, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Human traffickers and unjust business owners

who become wealthy by exploiting others for cheap labor commit a

mortal sin, Pope Francis said at his morning Mass.

"Those who do this are true leeches and live off the bloodletting of people whom they have made to work as slaves," the pope said on May 19 during the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

The pope's homily centered on the day's first reading from the Letter of St. James (Jas 5:1-6), in which the Apostle denounces those who have gained their wealth from "the wages you withheld from the workers."

Although wealth in and of itself isn't bad, the pope said the real problem comes when one's heart becomes attached to riches, particularly those who believe in the "theology of prosperity" that stems from the belief that God offers financial blessings to the just.

The attachment to wealth can instead become "chains that take away the freedom to follow Jesus," he said.

Pope Francis lamented that even today, there is a so-called "civilized" exploitation by those who "become fat in wealth" by forcing others to work in unjust conditions with no vacation, health insurance or dignified work hours.

The pope recalled a conversation he had with a young woman who worked 11 hours a day to earn 650 euro a

month under the table, saying that such exploitation "today is true slavery."

Recalling the Gospel parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Pope Francis said the "civilized" exploitation of people is worse than the sin of the rich man, who "was in his own world," and "did not notice that on the other side of the door of his house, there was someone who was hungry."

Knowing that one's actions are depriving others "is worse—this is starving the people with their work for my own profit! [This is] living off the blood of people. And this is a mortal sin. It is a mortal sin. Converting from this sin requires a lot of penance, a lot of restitution," he said.

Pope Francis called on Christians to reflect on the tragedy of human trafficking and those who become wealthy by forcing others to work in undignified conditions.

In the day's Gospel reading, he noted, Jesus assures those who are generous "will surely not lose" (Mk 9:41) their reward.

"May the Lord make us understand today that simplicity which Jesus tells us about in today's Gospel: A glass of water in the name of Christ is more important than all the wealth accumulated through the exploitation of people," the pope said. †

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Nearly a year after storm, parish installs new steeple 'to point us to God'

By Natalie Hoefler

After a series of rainy days, the sunshine was welcomed, making the pristine copper of the new steeple gleam as it rested on the blacktop next to St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis.

The students at St. Michael-St. Gabriel Archangels School gathered around the steeple and Father Michael Hoyt, St. Michael's administrator, on the sunny May morning.

"Before we begin," he said, "I'd like to share a little bit of history with you."

He described how the church's first steeple was erected in 1954, but was destroyed with the rest of the church in a fire in 1967.

A new steeple was placed atop the new church, where it inspired until July of last year.

"And you know what happened then?" Father Hoyt asked the roughly 200 children and adults gathered.

"A huge storm with big, heavy winds blew the steeple off." Becki Roach, office manager of the parish and a member the parish for 26 years, recalled what she saw on July 14, 2015.

"It was pretty scary," she said. "I live right here in the neighborhood. ... I came over here and the steeple was just lying on the roof, hanging there."

"It's [been] odd to not see the steeple, and because the bells were in the steeple, we haven't heard bells ring for almost a whole year."

But those bells are once again calling the people of the west side neighborhood to worship and to think of God throughout the day. After much effort and skilled labor contributed by several companies, the new replica of the prior steeple was raised on May 13.

Before it was lifted to its lofty position atop the church, Father Hoyt blessed the new steeple. He used the occasion as an educational opportunity.

"There're basically two meanings why we use a steeple on top of a church," he told the crowd. "The first reason is kind of architectural and aesthetic. ... It continues the straight lines of the church, and makes it pleasing to the eye."

"The second and most important reason why we put steeples on churches is because ... it draws our eyes upward toward heaven. The steeple is meant to point us to God, like a finger pointing to the most important thing: God."

Then, with the 36-foot-4-inch steeple towering beside him, Father Hoyt explained the anatomy of a steeple.

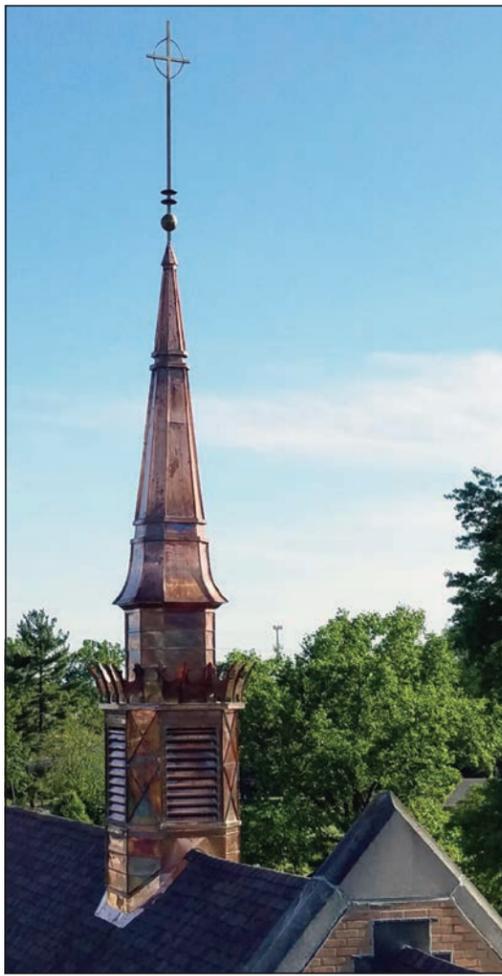
Above the base, where the steeple is inserted into the roof, lies the belfry. In some steeples, bells toll in the belfry. In more modern steeples, like the one at St. Michael, electronic bells toll both time and tunes.

Above the belfry rests a crown, significant of the reign of God as king of the heavens and Earth. Next comes the spire, continuing to draw the eye upward both toward heaven and to the final element of the steeple, the cross, representing Christ's glorious triumph over death.

"It is the highest thing on the church," Father Hoyt said of the cross. "We're raising Jesus up, drawing people to Jesus."

The belfry of this particular steeple will contain more than just bells. It will also hold a time capsule—a copper box welded shut, containing photos and memories of parishioners.

Eddie Guanajuato, the high school band director at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School next to St. Michael Church and a member of the parish for more than 30 years,



The new steeple atop St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis shines in the sun on May 13. The copper steeple is a replica of the one that was blown down by a storm nearly a year ago.

(Submitted photo by Jose Martinez)



Above, the new steeple of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis gleams in the morning sun as students at St. Michael-St. Gabriel Archangels School in Indianapolis gather for a blessing of the steeple before its installation on May 13. (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)

Left, Father Michael Hoyt, administrator of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis, holds up the copper time capsule full of parishioners' photos, mementos and written memories before the box is installed into the new steeple's belfry on May 13. (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)

said he and his family contributed to the time capsule.

On a sheet of paper, the Guanajuatos put down "some of our happy memories of St. Michael," he said, including a list of the many sacraments his family has received there.

"I was confirmed here, married here, my children were baptized here, they were confirmed here, my children all went through St. Michael [School] and Cardinal Ritter," he said. "This is such a wonderful community, a great place to be, a great place to educate children. I've got nothing but the utmost respect for St. Michael's community, St. Michael Church—you can't go wrong here."

The night before the steeple was blessed and placed at the top of the church, Guanajuato had the opportunity to touch the top of the cross, which was detached and separate prior to the steeple's installation.

"Whenever I look at that [steeple], I'll think, 'You know, I touched the very top of that the day before [it was raised],' " he said. "We're really proud of this new steeple."

Jim Huntington, owner of AAA Roofing, is also proud of the steeple. It was important to him that all went well, and not just for the sake of his company's reputation. Huntington is a lifetime member of St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

"When the steeple fell over, they called me," he said of the parish's pastoral council, of which he is a member. "[My company] takes care of everything [roof-related] at St. Michael as a way of giving back. Every year, we do

Habitat [for Humanity] homes as a way to give projects back to the community. This happened to be one [project] that was good to give back to the [parish]."

Besides, he said, "I didn't want someone else putting the steeple back on my church."

Huntington gave credit to the many individuals and companies involved in building the steeple. He saved his highest praise for the two sheet metal workers.

"There's a couple guys that I'm really proud of—Jose Martinez and Teodoro Relles," he said before the blessing of the steeple. "All this metal you see? It started out as just a flat piece of copper. They cut every single piece, attached every single piece, then soldered every single piece together. It took a lot of time, skill and effort, and they did it not only because they're good at what they do, but because they care about St. Michael Church and all of you, and they wanted to do something that everyone would be proud of."

Martinez, a member of Holy Spirit Parish on the east side of Indianapolis, has been working with sheet metal for 17 years. But this project was different.

"We worked almost three weeks non-stop, Monday through Friday," he said of the time it took to cut, place and weld the copper exterior. "It was a little bit hard, but I feel like it's an honor to do this for the Church."

"It's something so special for me because I'm Catholic. I feel good doing this. I hope people like it!" †

What was in the news on May 27, 1966? Condemning Marxism, Supreme Court rules on obscenity, and a great local religious education program

By Brandon A. Evans

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

Here are some of the items found in the May 27, 1966, issue of *The Criterion*:

• Pope Paul VI voices warning on Marxism

"VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has reminded Christian workers that the Church has not and cannot adhere to the 'false conception of man, history and the world which is typical of radical Marxism.' 'The atheism it professes and promotes,' he said, 'is ... a blindness which man and society will have to pay for in the end with the gravest consequences. The materialism which derives from it ... extinguishes man's true spirituality and his transcendent hope.' "

• At St. Simon's, Indianapolis: Saturday religion classes 'booming'

"On Saturday morning, the sight of several hundred children with books in hand alighting from buses and station wagons at school is likely to surprise the passerby. Can it be a pep rally, school play, or graduation practice? At St. Simon's School on the far northeast side of Indianapolis, the children—412 of them—are arriving for Saturday religion classes. The parish, under the direction of its pastor, Father Earl Feltman, has organized one of the largest and

smoothest running religious instruction programs for public school children in the archdiocese."

- State Knights to push for 'fair bus' laws
- 88 teachers are needed for grades
- Novitiate returning to Oldenburg
- Women have long played active role in Vatican City operation
- Archbishop O'Boyle: Pastoral stresses 'fair housing' duty
- To fill empty school seats
- St. Vincent's slates commencement rites
- St. Pius X wins overall trophy in girls' track
- CYO kickball season runs into overtime
- Mental health needs priests
- Native of Oldenburg in ordination class
- Jubilee observance slated at Oldenburg
- North Vernon man will be ordained Saturday, May 28
- Cathedral scholarship offers top \$100,000
- 23 Oldenburg nuns to get graduate grants
- By Supreme Court: New actions are taken on obscenity cases

"WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court, heading toward adjournment for this term, continues to act on cases involving obscenity and censorship issues. ... The court reversed a ruling by a U.S. Court of Appeals and directed a U.S. District Court to dismiss charges against a Nashville, Tenn., man and wife convicted of

violating the federal law against mailing obscenity by sending nude pictures of each other through the mail. The court cited a policy of the Justice Department against prosecuting senders of allegedly obscene private correspondence who are not repeat offenders. The court dismissed without comment an appeal by a New York man convicted of sending obscene phonograph records through the mails. A U.S. Court of Appeals held last December by a 2-1 margin that the recordings were obscene by the tests established by the Supreme Court. In another development, the high court has been asked to review one of the first cases to arise under a 1958 federal law permitting prosecutions for sending obscene material through the mail at the point of delivery as well as the point of origin."

- Radio schools pioneer eyes educational TV



Read all of these stories from our May 27, 1966, issue by logging on to our archives at www.CriterionOnline.com. †

New memorial to the unborn makes ‘good statement on human life’

By Natalie Hoefler

After seven years of raising funds and planning, the Pro-Life Ministry of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis proudly held a dedication ceremony for the parish’s new memorial to the unborn on May 1.

After the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass, parishioners and pro-life advocates gathered just outside of the entrance to the church, where Father Nicholas Dant, the parish’s pastor, blessed the new stone bench and memorial.

“It fits perfectly into this alcove by the entrance,” Father Dant said. “It’s where it was meant to be.”

Margaret Stempky, head of the Pro-Life Ministry, said the project started more than seven years ago when longtime committee members and past leaders Peggy and Jerry Stawick put forth a challenge to the group.

“They asked us to commit to the idea of creating a memorial to the unborn here at St. Matthew,” said Stempky. “We did, and we slowly raised funds from our Mother’s Day roses we sell each year. It took about five years to gather enough money [before] we could then start thinking about what we wanted to do.”

The idea for the final look of the memorial came from a fortuitous exit out of a church in Virginia, Stempky said.

“Janet Cottler has been a longtime member of our group. She was visiting a grandchild in Virginia, and they said, ‘Come on, Grandma, let’s go out the side door of church.’

“When she walked outside, that memorial [like the new one at St. Matthew] is what she saw. She brought us back a picture. We fell in love with it, and knew what we wanted to propose to St. Matthew’s parish council as a possibility.”

Cottler worked with Thomas Marsh, the sculptor of the memorial in Virginia. He created a similar memorial but in a different, bronze material, making St. Matthew’s memorial an original work.

The final result was a team effort, said Stempky. The pro-life group collected more than \$3,000, which covered the memorial and part of the bench. Two anonymous donors contributed the remainder of the funds. The parish men’s club paid for landscaping, which was provided



Above, Margaret Stempky, head of the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, greets the crowd gathered around the new memorial to the unborn as Father Nicholas Dant, St. Matthew’s pastor, prepares for the dedication on May 1. (Photos by Natalie Hoefler)

Left, Nicholas Lam, a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, touches the head of the sculptured infant atop the new Memorial to the Unborn at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis on May 1.

by a parishioner-owned landscaping business. And parishioner-owned Feeney-Hornak Keystone Mortuary provided free consulting services that Stempky called “a God-send.”

“There was a gentleman there named Bill Mingus,” she said. “When I began this [project], I had absolutely no idea what I was doing. Mike Hornak was in our parish, so the first thing I did was call his [mortuary] location and said, ‘Could someone just talk with me about what to do?’

“Bill was like an angel. He answered questions. He helped me pick out stone. I couldn’t have done it without them—all free of charge.”

Father Dant was another major supporter of the project, Stempky said. The pastor suggested the prominent location for the memorial next to the church entrance.

“I was looking for an aesthetic, pleasing

place where it would fit in well,” he said. “Also, with it being close to the entrance, people would always see it.”

Stempky couldn’t be more pleased with the location.

“He very easily could have said, ‘You can put it on the side of the church or in the nature lab,’” she said. “It was a dream that we’d have it up front, but we never imagined that we’d get so glorious a spot.”

Larry and Mary Dougherty, members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, attended the blessing of the memorial. Mary is program director for Right to Life of Indianapolis and is the chairperson for her parish’s Respect Life Committee.

“It’s so important that it’s in the front of the church,” said Mary. “This beautiful memorial to the unborn is a wonderful example of what other parishes could do.

It’s just beautiful.”

Judy Lam of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis also attended the blessing. She is a former member of St. Matthew Parish, and she was also a member of the pro-life committee during the fundraising and planning stages of the memorial to the unborn.

“I was just so happy for the group because I know it’s something they’ve been working on for a long time,” she said. “It was great to see it finally come to fruition.”

While Father Dant is quick to note he is fairly new to the parish and that the project was already underway when he became pastor, he is thankful for the efforts the pro-life group put forth.

“We need to keep the idea of ‘respect life’ always before our eyes,” he said. “This memorial is a good statement on human life.” †



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—Father Nicholas Dant, pastor of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis

Archdiocese boasts several sites of memorials to the unborn

Criterion staff report

Several memorials to the unborn exist throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. In addition to the newly dedicated memorial at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, the following sites were found on abortionmemorials.com/sites.php.

Additional memorials in the archdiocese may exist, but were not listed on this site.

- **Aborted Babies Memorial**
Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center
8220 W. State Road 48, Bloomington
North side of chapel, marked by cross
- **Tomb of the Unborn Child**
Our Lady of Peace Cemetery
9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis
South side of cemetery
- **Rachel Memorial Statue**
St. Charles Borromeo Church
2222 E. 3rd St., Bloomington
Between parish center and church
- **Memorial for the Unborn**
Roncalli High School
300 Prague Road, Indianapolis
Grotto in front of school
- **Infant Circle**
Calvary Cemetery
435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis
Section 18
- **Memorial for the Unborn**
St. Jude Church
5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis
Headstone in front of church
- **Memorial for the Unborn**
St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church
4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis
In front of rectory
- **Memorial to the Unborn**
St. Matthew the Apostle Church
4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis
Next to main church entrance
- **Memorial for the Unborn**
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House
5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis
South of the Fatima shrine
- **Memorial to the Unborn**
St. Michael the Archangel Church
3354 W. 30th Street, Indianapolis
Front of church facing 30th St.

(If your parish has a memorial to the unborn that is not listed above, please notify the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521, so that a complete list may be compiled.) †



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Pope gives concrete advice to families in ‘The Joy of Love’

By David Gibson

“No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love,” Pope Francis writes in his new apostolic exhortation titled “*Amoris Laetitia*” (“The Joy of Love”; #325).

Speaking directly to families, the pope encourages them never to allow their “limitations” to cause them to “lose heart” (#325). No “stereotype of the ideal family” exists, he points out, “but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems” (#57).

Pope Francis insists from the outset that “families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity” (#7).

In this document, he enters into a conversation with families, as well as with the Church at large and the many pastoral ministers serving couples and families. He clearly hopes families themselves will read at least parts of the document, and he even offers a bit of guidance for reading it.

Pope Francis suggests that “the greatest benefit, for families themselves and for those engaged in the family apostolate, will come if each part is read patiently and carefully, or if attention is paid to the parts dealing with their specific needs” (#7).

In reading the document, he hopes that “all will feel called to love and cherish family life” (#7).

“The Joy of Love” represents the pope’s response to the meetings of the world Synod of Bishops on the family held in the fall of both 2014 and 2015. These meetings were reported widely in the media.

The synod sessions came to be known by many for their deliberations on certain specific pastoral issues, such as the Church’s relationship with divorced Catholics who remarry without having receiving a declaration from a canon law tribunal that their first marriage was invalid (commonly known as an annulment), or with unmarried

couples who cohabit and may be raising children.

Not as widely reported was the synod’s attention to couples and families across the board—to the riches of their lives together, but also to the pressures and anxieties they experience due to cultural realities and the sometimes extreme demands today of meeting each family member’s unique needs.

The document addresses all the concerns mentioned above and many others as well.

Christ “dwells in real and concrete families with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes,” Pope Francis writes in the document’s chapter on the spirituality of marriage and the family (#315).

Moreover, he says, “moments of joy, relaxation, celebration and even sexuality can be experienced as a sharing in the full life of the resurrection” (#317).

He considers it “a profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved ones with the eyes of God, and to see Christ in them” (#323).

Why would couples and families spend time with “The Joy of Love”? One reason is that it shares countless points of concrete, practical advice for “building sound and fruitful homes” (#6). Furthermore, the pope’s kindness toward families is always apparent here.

If, on the one hand, he affirms that a family’s continued growth in love “is a never-ending vocation,” he also cautions against “judging harshly those who live in situations of frailty” (#325).

I imagine many couples will choose to spend time with Chapter 4 in “The Joy of Love.” Titled “Love in Marriage,” this chapter concentrates on ways to keep love alive in a marriage over time.

“We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows,” Pope Francis advises couples. “The other person,” he says, “is much more than the sum of the little things that annoy me,” and “love does not have to be perfect for us to value it” (#113).



The Isakson family, members of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, kneel in prayer during a Sept. 26, 2015, Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Philadelphia during the World Meeting of Families. The family members are, second from left in the front row, Michael, Teddy, Kim, Janie and Gracie, and from left in the second row, Bobby, Joey and Ed. Ed Isakson serves as archdiocesan human resources director. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

He recommends developing “the habit of giving real importance to the other person” (#138). Furthermore, he disparages “the logic of domination and competition” related to intelligence or power in families, convinced that this “destroys love” for them (#98).

It is important to communicate well in marriage and family life, the pope comments. Be ready “to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say,” he urges (#138).

“The Joy of Love” devotes careful attention to the education and ethical formation of children; to marriage preparation, the accompaniment of couples during a marriage’s early years and the Church’s continuing relationship with its divorced members; and to welcoming children as a reflection of a couple’s love.

In a chapter on Scripture, the pope

shares his hope that couples and families will discover that the word of God for them “is not a series of abstract ideas” (#22). Instead, he says, God’s word is “a source of comfort and companionship for every family that experiences difficulties or suffering” (#22).

I assume that in some way, at some time and to some degree, that includes just about every couple and family.

With “The Joy of Love,” Pope Francis expresses compassion and support for contemporary families.

A reason the document is timely in this Holy Year of Mercy, he observes, is that it “seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy” (#5).

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Apostolic exhortation on the family is deeply rooted in the Scriptures

By Daniel S. Mulhall

Pope Francis’ recent apostolic exhortation “*Amoris Laetitia*” (“The Joy of Love”) is the result of discussions about family life at the two meetings of the world Synod of Bishops that were held at the Vatican in 2014 and 2015.

While much of the content of this exhortation is taken from the findings that were voted on by the bishops who attended the synods, the exhortation is firmly rooted in Scripture.

Many references from Scripture appear in the first chapter when the theological foundations are laid for the teaching that follows. Pope Francis begins by reflecting on the importance of families in the Bible.

He says: “The Bible is full of families,

A newly married couple holds rosaries in their hands as they leave Pope Francis’ general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on Feb. 24. Reflecting on Matthew 19 in “*Amoris Laetitia*” (“The Joy of Love”), Pope Francis notes that in marriage we see the fulfillment of God’s original plan. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

births, love stories and family crises. This is true from its very first page, with the appearance of Adam and Eve’s family with all its burden of violence, but also its enduring strength to its very last page, where we behold the wedding feast of the bride and the lamb.

“Jesus’ description of the two houses, one built on rock and the other on sand, symbolizes any number of family situations shaped by the exercise of their members’ freedom, for, as the poet says, ‘every home is a lampstand’ ” (#8).

Next, he quotes the passage from Psalm 128:1-6, which includes, “Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your home, your children like young olive plants around your table” (Ps 128:3). This introduces the reader to the traditional blessing offered for families.

Citing Matthew 19:4, Pope Francis notes in the document that the family is centered around a “father and mother, a couple with their personal story of love. They embody the primordial divine plan clearly spoken of by Christ himself” (#9). In so doing, Pope Francis establishes the tone that extends throughout the rest of the exhortation.

Citing 1 Timothy 4:4 (“For everything created by God is good, and nothing

is to be rejected when received with thanksgiving”), the pope lays the theological foundation for the vocation of the family. He includes here the recognition of the importance of sexuality within marriage as a “divine gift” (#61).

Reflecting on Matthew 19, Pope Francis notes that we see in marriage the fulfillment of God’s original plan. No wonder families are frequently called the domestic Church.

Pope Francis brings the exhortation to a close with a reflection on the spirituality of marriage and the family by again turning to Scripture. He writes that God “dwells deep within the marital love that gives him glory” (#314).

He also offers the moving thought that “each spouse is for the other a sign and instrument of the closeness of the Lord, who never abandons us,” citing Matthew 28:30 as the source of this insight (#319).

Pope Francis encourages us to read the exhortation slowly and thoughtfully. As you read, also take time to reflect on the scriptural passages found there.

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Imperiled Church: The suppression of the Jesuits in 1773

(Seventh in a series of columns)

In August of 1773, Pope Clement XIV suppressed the Society of Jesus. For 41 years, the Jesuits were put out of business.



Why would a pope do such a thing? The Jesuits had been the strongest champions of the papacy since their founding in 1534. They were the most successful of the missionaries, outspoken defenders of theological orthodoxy, and famous for their educational

excellence. Why would a pope suppress his greatest ally?

It was all politics. The pope's worst political enemies were the Catholic rulers of Europe—the Bourbon family. It was precisely because the Jesuits were such staunch supporters of the pope that the Bourbons wanted to get rid of them.

Last week, I laid the background for the Jesuits' expulsion, telling about the situations in France, Spain and Portugal.

The expulsion began in Portugal, ruled by King Joseph. In 1759, his minister, the

Marquess de Pombal expelled the Jesuits from the court, then from Portugal's colonies, and then from Portugal itself. When Pope Clement III refused to accept this anti-Jesuit program, Portugal cut off diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

France followed in 1764. There, the Jesuits had become an enemy of King Louis XV when they criticized the behavior of his mistress, Madame de Pompadour. They were also victims of a bankruptcy in Martinique that involved French investors. Louis XV dissolved the society in all countries under his jurisdiction.

In Spain in 1767, some 6,000 Spanish Jesuits were gathered up and shipped to the Papal States on orders of King Charles III.

In Naples in 1768, the Bourbon ruler banished all Jesuits.

In 1769, the Bourbon rulers in these four countries sent letters to the Holy See demanding the suppression of the entire society. Pope Clement XIII summoned a consistory of cardinals to consider the demand, but he died before it convened.

After Pope Clement XIV was elected, he tried to smooth out difficulties with the Bourbon countries, even making Pombal's brother a cardinal. The Austrian Empress

Maria Theresa, among others, supported him. Eventually, though, he succumbed to pressure and signed the brief *Dominus ac Redemptor* that suppressed the Jesuits throughout the world. He said the step was necessary for the peace of the Church.

This, of course, affected Jesuits everywhere. In the United States, for example, all 24 priests in Maryland and Pennsylvania were Jesuits. In Baja California, the Jesuit missions were taken over by the Franciscans under the leadership of Father Junipero Serra, who later established his missions in present-day California, then known as Alta California.

Countries with non-Catholic rulers now supported the Jesuits. Frederick the Great in Prussia allowed the Jesuit schools to continue, and Russia's Empress Catherine the Great refused to allow the publication of the brief of suppression. She ordered the Jesuits to continue in existence. They maintained their corporate existence in Byelorussia, now Belarus, until the society was restored.

In 1801, Pope Pius VII granted permission for one-time Jesuits to be affiliated with their associates in Russia. Finally, on Aug. 7, 1814, he issued the bull *Sollicitudo omnium ecclesiarum* by which the Jesuits were fully restored. †

Looking Around/Fr. William Byron, S.J.

Rooting for servant leadership in the upcoming election

This season of presidential primaries has shown abundant proof that we have all but lost an appreciation of servant leadership. The



term "servant leadership" dates back to the 1970s when Robert Greenleaf, a retired vice president of AT&T, published a book under that title and devoted his time to helping organizations improve the quality of their leadership.

Larry Spears is now executive director of the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership in Indianapolis. His center is dedicated to the "keeper-of-the-flame" mission of explaining and facilitating the adoption of servant leadership principles in contemporary organizational life.

In an introduction to a book of essays on Greenleaf's contribution, *Reflections on Leadership: How Robert K. Greenleaf's Theory of Servant-Leadership Influenced Today's Top Management Thinkers*, Spears identifies 10 characteristics of servant leadership.

The first is listening. This involves "a deep commitment to listening intently to others." Servant leaders are able to get at and clarify the will of a group because they "listen receptively." Next is empathy. This means

accepting and recognizing people for "their special and unique spirits," thus becoming "skilled empathetic listeners."

Third on the list is healing. Quoting Greenleaf, Spears writes that a leader's ability to heal is "a powerful force for transformation and integration."

Awareness is another element of servant leadership that Spears highlights. Being acutely aware of what is happening around him or her, as well as being in possession of a refined sense of self-awareness, is a necessity for any leader.

Persuasion is another characteristic. Positional authority does not confer leadership; the ability to persuade does. "Servant-leaders seek to convince others, rather than coerce compliance." Leaders are consensus builders.

A visionary function that Spears calls "conceptualization" comes next. Leaders "must think beyond day-to-day realities." They must seek a delicate balance between conceptualization and day-to-day focus, he writes.

Seventh on the list is foresight, a characteristic that enables servant leaders to understand the lessons from the past, the realities of the present and the likely consequence of a decision for the future. This is an intuitive quality.

Stewardship is next on the list. It means that the leader is not an owner, but more

like a manager who holds both position and property in trust for the good of others. The leader is entrusted with the care of the resources—including people—that constitute the organization.

And the leader guides the use of all these resources with an eye to the common good. "Servant-leaders believe that people have an intrinsic value beyond their tangible contributions as workers. As such, servant-leaders are deeply committed to the personal, professional and spiritual growth of each and every individual within the institution."

Building community is the final item on the list. True community can be created among those who work in businesses and other institutions. All that is needed "to rebuild community as a viable life form for large numbers of people," said Greenleaf, "is for enough servant-leaders to show the way."

The nominating conventions for each political party will soon be upon us. Wouldn't it be great if the idea of servant leadership found its way into the party platforms, as well as the minds and hearts of the candidates who emerge from the conventions hoping to occupy the White House next January?

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Emmaus Walk/Debra Tomaselli

The powerful example of a prayerful mother-in-law

"Here," my mother-in-law said. "We'll put the documents in these manila folders. The next time you come over, we will finish sorting them."



I was sitting on the floor surrounded by piles of bills, insurance policies and bank statements. I slipped each stack into a folder, placed the folders in her file case and stood up.

"Where do you want this?" I asked.

She took the case. "Right here," she said. Mom opened a closet door. The closet was jammed with boxes of every size. At least for now, we shoved the little gray file case inside and pushed the door shut.

Mom sat in her recliner.

I turned toward the sink for a glass of water. "Would you like a drink?" I asked.

"Sure," she said. "Water, please."

As I reached for a glass, I looked around. There was a large framed picture of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, which hung in her living room. She'd had it for years, and every time she moved, it moved with her.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

The ice clinked into her glass, and I filled her cup. Stepping toward her, I handed the drink to her.

She looked back at me with that characteristic twinkle in her eyes and irrepressible hint of a smile on her face.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. That definitely was my mother-in-law. She lived that prayer.

I thought of all the changes Mom had endured in the past year. Moving here from another town. Losing her beloved husband. Losing her involvement in the church choir.

Yet, she never complained.

I turned back to get a glass of water for myself.

Near the sink, I noticed a well-worn plaque. On it was the familiar verse, Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Mom saw me reading it.

"I pray that a lot," she said, smiling.

"The Lord is my shepherd," she

begun, quietly.

"I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

"He leads me beside still waters.

"He restores my soul."

She had it memorized.

"He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil.

For you are with me;

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil,

my cup overflows."

She got up and headed toward the sink, cup in hand.

I turned and faced her. In one unforgettable moment of my life, our eyes met.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me," I watched her say.

I joined her in praying the final lines of the verse.

"All the days of my life,

And I shall live in the house of the Lord forever more."

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Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

Let the Holy Spirit lift you up in prayer and your life of faith

The vocabulary of my 2-year-old son Colin grows more each day. I was impressed recently when he said



"scissors"—not bad for a toddler just learning to put the various sounds of the letters of the alphabet together.

My heart has been touched when I hear him try his best to join Cindy, me and his

brothers when we pray before meals. He'll usually say the last word of each line of the traditional Catholic meal blessing: "Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive/ from thy bounty/through Christ, our Lord. Amen."

We adults, so limited by our reason, might think that Colin isn't saying anything intelligible, let alone praying, when he parrots these words. But faith can embrace reason and rise beyond it. I believe St. Paul's words to the Romans can be fulfilled in the fledgling prayers of a child:

"The Spirit, too, comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will" (Rom 8:26-27).

Colin saying "gifts," "receive," "bounty," and "Amen" is a prayer itself. How much more of a kind world would we live in if each of us would humbly say "Amen" to the fact that we receive gifts from God's bounty, and don't support ourselves by our hard work alone or, worse, asserting ourselves over others?

The seeds of faith that were planted in Colin at his baptism are the first signs of sprouting. With the help of God's grace, Cindy and I will try to nurture this faith as Colin continues to grow.

I know that there will be difficult times for my young son as he grows. It will be then that he'll need the help of the Holy Spirit to raise his heart and mind to God in prayer. Even when he becomes a rather rational adult, there will be times when life's crosses will make prayer difficult, and he'll need the Holy Spirit to intercede for him.

Indeed, the more he depends on his reasoning alone, the more he might need to turn to the Spirit for help in his relationship with God, not to contradict reason but to embrace and rise above it.

The Church celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit recently on Pentecost Sunday. This feast recalls the day 2,000 years ago when the Spirit descended from heaven upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-41). Before that day, the Apostles cowered in fear behind locked doors. Once the Spirit came upon them, they burst onto the streets of Jerusalem and boldly proclaimed the Gospel.

Surely such a sudden and complete change was brought about by the intercession of the Holy Spirit. We might not experience such a rapid turnaround in our own lives. Often important changes in our lives come about slowly, step by step. But the story of Pentecost can encourage us to depend again and again on the prayers of the Spirit for us when we are troubled, and don't know how to pray as we ought.

Even if he might not yet be able to express it in so many words, Colin is relying on the help of the Spirit in his prayers. Let's follow his lead and let the Holy Spirit lift us up in our prayer and daily life of faith. †

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi* /

Msgr. Owen F. Campion

Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 29, 2016

- Genesis 14:18-20
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- Luke 9:11b-17

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or *Corpus Christi*, its traditional Latin title. In all its celebrations, the Church has a

twofold purpose. The first purpose, of course, is to call us to joyful worship of God and give him thanks and praise in the feast. The second purpose is to teach us.

So, this weekend the Church calls us to celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ. It is the feast of the Holy Eucharist, which the Church proclaims as its precious treasure, given to us by the merciful God. The Church asks us to reflect.

The first reading for this weekend is from Genesis. Like other books in the Old Testament, Genesis is more than merely history or the statements by prophets. Rather, each in its own way reveals the fact that God is the Creator, and did not leave humanity to its own fate after the initial creation and after human sin.

Instead, God reached out in mercy, sending figures such as Abraham and Melchizedek, mentioned in this reading, to clear the way between God and humanity.

Melchizedek, the king of Salem, better known as Jerusalem, was a man of faith, as was Abraham. The gifts described in this reading that he offered to God symbolize their own limitations as well as the nourishment needed for life itself. They praised God's mercy.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians gives us the second reading. It is a revelation of the Last Supper, using the same words found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The presence of this story in all these sources tells us how important the first Christians regarded the Last Supper. Celebrating the Eucharist in ancient Corinth tells us how important the Eucharist was to Christians even in

the first century.

Finally, the words are unambiguous. They say, "This is my body that is for you," and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (1 Cor 11:24-25). Straightforward and clear, the words say nothing about similarity or symbol. They are direct definitive statements.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. A great crowd gathered to hear Jesus. Mealtime came. The Apostles had virtually nothing to give the people, only five loaves and two fish. In the highly symbolic use of numbers in days when scientific precision was rarely known, five and two meant something paltry and insufficient.

Jesus used gestures which he also used at the Last Supper, gestures actually a part of Jewish prayers before meals. He then sent the disciples to distribute the food. All had their fill. After all had eaten, 12 baskets were needed for the leftovers. To return to the symbolism of numbers, 12 meant overabundance and lavishness.

Reflection

The Church on this feast calls us to focus our minds on the Holy Eucharist and our hearts on God.

In the second reading, from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, the Church takes us back to the Last Supper, but also to the beliefs of the Christians who lived a generation or so after the Last Supper. For them, the reality of the Eucharist was clear. Paul was clear about it. "This is my body." "This is my blood."

The bread becomes Christ's body, the wine Christ's blood.

The first reading reminds us that, throughout history, God has reached out to people to nourish their starving, fatigued souls.

Finally, the Gospel tells us of God's immense love. When our soul hungers, God supplies, not in any rationed sense, but lavishly. This outpouring of spiritual nourishment comes in and through Christ, the victim, and the victor, of Calvary.

God's love still nourishes us through the Eucharist in the Church, as it was long ago on the hillside when the Apostles assisted Jesus in feeding the multitudes. †



Daily Readings

Monday, May 30

2 Peter 1:2-7
Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
or Romans 12:9-16
(response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday, June 1

St. Justin, martyr
2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12
Psalm 123:1-2
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, June 2

St. Marcellinus, martyr
St. Peter, martyr
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14
Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 3

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ezekiel 34:11-16
Psalm 23:1—6
Romans 5:5b-11
Luke 15:3-7

Saturday, June 4

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22
Luke 2:41-51

Sunday, June 5

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:17-24
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13
Galatians 1:11-19
Luke 7:11-17



Joan of Arc

1412-1431
May 30



An illiterate but intelligent French peasant girl, Joan was thrust into the Hundred Years' War by her "voices," inner promptings urging her to save France from England and Burgundy. After meeting the French dauphin and being examined by theologians, she led the army to victories at Orleans and Patay. Captured later by the Burgundians, she was abandoned by the dauphin and sold to the English, who burned her at the stake for witchcraft and heresy. Joan was rehabilitated by a papal commission in 1456.



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

first century
feast - May 31



This feast commemorates the three-month visit of Mary with her elderly cousin Elizabeth during Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and Elizabeth's with John the Baptist. The story appears in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. It recounts Elizabeth's Spirit-filled greeting, acknowledging Mary as "the mother of my Lord," and Mary's beautiful response, the Magnificat, which begins, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." Introduced by the Franciscans in 1263, the feast became universal in the 16th century. The cousins' visit has been depicted by many artists over the centuries. An especially tender "Visitation," painted by Mariotto Albertinelli and considered his masterpiece, is on display at the Uffizi in Florence, Italy.

My Journey to God

Holy Cross

By Katrina Knarr

A church, a school, a parish,
year after year a haven to so many.
Generations of families making homes
and raising children within this community of faith.

Strangers always welcome, the needy given food,
countless those who gave in service to this struggling part of town.

Though now church doors are closing, my Lord and Love live on.
The hearts and music ever will linger—we carry the message on ...

(Katrina Knarr is a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Danville, and grew up in Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis. This photo shows Holy Cross Parish in May of 2007. The church was dedicated in 1922. The final Mass was celebrated at the parish on May 15.) (Submitted photo)



Rest in peace

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

BELCH, Robert J., 76, St. Jude, Indianapolis, May 16. Husband of Mary Lou Belch. Father of Maureen, Christopher, Louis and Paul Belch. Brother of Charlie Belch. Grandfather of five.

BRUMMETT, Marie T., 79, Good Shepherd, May 13. Mother of Cheryle Brummett and Candy Goeden. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 10.

DABELT, Cynthia, 53, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, May 9. Daughter of Marilyn Rainey. Stepdaughter of Jim Rainey. Sister of Doug Rush. Stepsister of Richard Rush.

FREY, David W., 42, April 23, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis. Son of Paul and W. Ruth Frey.

GEHRING, Ruth Ann, 63, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 9. Wife of Marvin Gehring. Mother of Nick Gehring. Sister of Joseph, Steve and Raymond Prickel.

GENGELBACH, Lucille, 83, St. Pius V, Troy, May 13. Mother of Darla Bland, Diana Foerster, Dorothy Knight and David Gengelbach. Sister of Ruth Esarey, Agnes Hosler, Teresa Pilfer, Mary Lou Wheatley and Jim Harpenau. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of one.

GRAF, Albert T., 88, St. Michael, Brookville, May 11. Father of Yvonne Brandes, Shelly Lunsford, Rena Sacksteder, Trisha Rosenberger, Alan, Don, Greg and Lee Graf. Brother of Mary Ann Knueven. Grandfather of 24. Great-grandfather of 37.

GREEN, Devin C., 31, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, May 13. Husband of Heather Green. Father of Ella, Kaylynn and Lucas Green. Son of Karen Kennelly. Brother of Keagin, Eathin, Gavin and Dr. Justin Green.

HENSON, Cynthia A., 61, St. Mary, Greensburg, May 11. Wife of John Henson. Mother of Kelly King, Daniel and Paul Vanderpool Jr. Sister of Dian Shivo, Michael and Pat Woodworth. Grandmother of four.

HERTEL, Mary E., 82, St. Michael, Brookville, April 23. Wife of Donald Hertel. Mother of Steve Hertel. Grandmother of three.

JARVIS, Dennis M., 55, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, May 11. Son of M. Johanna Jarvis. Brother of Monica Kyle, Jennifer and Rachel Jarvis.

LUEKE, Raymond L., 88, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, May 16. Husband of Rita Lueke. Father of Teresa Varenhorst, Rose Marie, Gregory and Steve Lueke. Brother of Mary Dienes Flood and Mercy Sister Frances Lueke. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of four.

MARSH, Minnie Frances, 82, St. Mary, Lanesville, May 16. Mother of Florian Jr. and Maynard Marsh. Sister of Henrietta Branham, Clara King, Barbie Lambe and Janet Stanfill.

Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of 11.

MAYFIELD, Grace E., 79, St. Mary, Lanesville, May 15. Mother of Martha McRae, Rena Phillips, Janet Philpot, Thelda Smith, Dennis, George, Terry and William Mayfield. Sister of Sudie Foman, Regina Kercheval and Marvin Hall. Grandmother of 24. Great-grandmother of 27.

MILES, Rose, 89, St. Jude, Indianapolis, May 13. Mother of Donna Povinelli, Sharon Mandabach, Christopher, Chuck and Daniel Miles. Sister of Emily Nally. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 30.

MORRISON, Helen R. (Stombaugh), 86, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, May 16. Mother of Mary Grounds, James, Kent and Steven Morrison. Sister of Lois Morris and Francis Stombaugh. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of one.

NEYMAN, Sandra D., 79, May 10, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis. Wife of Aldo Neyman. Mother of Susan, Christopher and Mark Neyman.

RODAK, Bernadette F., 70, St. Monica, Indianapolis, March 22. Wife of Bob Hartman. Stepmother of Kathleen Monnett and Monica Reinking. Sister of Rosemary and Allan Beales, Eileen Johnson, Katherine Poore, Carol Sams and Virginia Sill. Step-grandmother of two.

SCHMUTTE, Ann E., 99, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, May 10. Mother of John, Nick and Richard Schmutte. Sister of Glenn Williams. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of 12.

SMITH, Hugh B., 81, St. Roch, Indianapolis, May 12. Husband of Catherine Smith. Father of Ramona Cline, David and Joseph Smith. Brother of Betty Ann Breeding. Grandfather of four.

STROHMIEER, Mary Ellen, 56, St. Michael, Brookville, April 23. Wife of Daryl Strohmier. Mother of Jenna Dunn and Amanda Meyer. Daughter of Dale and Maryann Deffner. Sister of Dee Dee Erhart, Cathy Feller, Debbie Kraus, Karen Kuntz and Mike Deffner. Grandmother of two.

TEKULVE, Cletus J., 85, Holy Family, Oldenburg, May 15. Husband of Doris Tekulve. Father of Margie Maple, Mary Pfeiffer, Diane and James Tekulve. Brother of Sheila Doerflinger, Joan Navarra and Pat Schutte. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 19. †



Unleashing a papal smile

Pope Francis holds the leash of a St. Bernard during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on May 18. The dog was brought by a group from San Bernardino, Switzerland, as part of a campaign to have the region recognized by UNESCO for its cultural heritage. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

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Loretto Sister Simone Inkel ministered to the sick and elderly in the archdiocese

Loretto Sister Simone Inkel died on May 14 at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis. She was 87.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 21 at the chapel in the St. Augustine Home. Burial followed at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Mary Rolande Inkel was born on Oct. 1, 1928, in Barre, Vt.

She entered the Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross in Nerinx, Ky., on April 25, 1949, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1954.

Sister Simone earned a bachelor's degree in education at Loretto Heights College in Denver in 1959, and a master's degree in theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee in 1966.

During her 68 years as a member of the Sisters of Loretto, Sister Simone taught in schools in Missouri and Texas for 11 years from 1951-62. She later served as coordinator of catechesis at Loretto Heights College from 1963-68.

Beginning in 1971, she began a ministry of prayer and service to the sick and elderly with Loretto Sister Lois Conarchy. Sister Simone carried out this ministry with her in the archdiocese in the St. Meinrad area from 1989-2002, and at the St. Augustine Home from 2002 until her death.

Sister Simone is survived by a sister, Jill Michon and two brothers, Guy and Maurice Inkel.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. †



May Crowning

Left, Abigail Beeler, a second-grade student at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany, crowns a statue of Mary on May 13 during the school's May Crowning ceremony in the parish's church. Above are students in the eighth-grade class at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School signing the lyrics of the "Hail Mary." A long-held tradition, Catholics place a wreath of flowers on Mary's head in May in reverence for her obedience to God and because May is traditionally a month in which to honor Mary. (Submitted photos by Crit Fisher)

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James McNeany, Principal of Guerin Catholic, at jmcneany@guerincatholic.org.

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