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## A life of love



Nearing her 94th birthday, Santa Constantino Bayt shows her love for the Blessed Mother by lighting candles every day in her honor, asking for blessings for her family that extends to more than 400 people. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)

## Matriarch's legacy to family includes always being there, sharing the faith

By John Shaughnessy

It's a challenge to try to capture the essence of a person's life in just one story, but Antoinette Dullaghan believes she has the perfect one about Santa Constantino Bayt.

The story unfolds on Santa's wedding day, a day when Santa was 28 and Antoinette was her 5-year-old goddaughter.

The godmother and godchild had been close ever since Antoinette's mother had died when Antoinette was just 6 months old. That closeness was reflected in a ritual they often shared in the home where they lived together, a home where a statue of the Blessed

Mother was featured prominently. Santa would approach the statue with Antoinette and implore Mary, "Bless this little girl and watch over her."

"She poured her love into me, and she didn't have to," Antoinette says. "I was always important to her."

Yet on the day Santa was preparing to get married at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis, the little girl warily walked into the room, worrying that their bond was about to end.

"She was so radiant," Antoinette recalls nearly 66 years later. "She looked down at this little 5-year-old girl and said, 'Don't worry. I'll always be there for you.'"

Antoinette wipes away a tear and says, "It was such an emotional moment for me.

And she has *always* been there for me."

### A life and a legacy of love

As Santa prepares to turn 94 on July 27, those words—"she has always been there for me"—could be the defining legacy of her life. It's a sentiment that's echoed repeatedly by the members of her extended family that has grown to more than 400 people.

They share how she still lives with and takes care of her son Michael, who has Down syndrome.

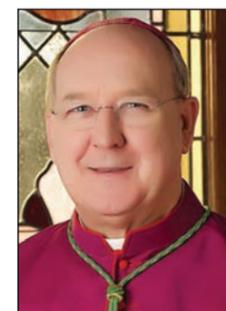
They add how she cared for her father when he lost a leg to diabetes, and for her mother when she was crippled in an accident.

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## Five Dallas officers killed in ambush; bishop calls for prayer and peace

DALLAS (CNS)—Religious and civic leaders called for peace after five Dallas law enforcement officers were killed on July 7 when a sniper opened fire in downtown Dallas.

"We have been swept up in the escalating cycle of violence that has now touched us intimately as it has others throughout our country and the world," said Dallas Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, who has blogged in the past



Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

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several months about the escalating gun violence across the country and world. "All lives matter: black, white, Muslim, Christian, Hindu. We are all children of God, and all human life is precious.

"We cannot lose respect for each other, and we call upon all of our civic leaders to speak to one another and work together to come to a sensible resolution

to this escalating violence," he continued. "Let us implore God our heavenly father to touch the minds and hearts of all people to work together for peace and understanding.

"We pray for consolation and healing for both the families and those killed and wounded," Bishop Farrell added. "We are reminded of the ever-present danger to those who are dedicated to protecting us."

The shootings occurred as hundreds of demonstrators were winding down a march protesting recent fatal officer-involved shootings in other parts of the country. In Baton Rouge, La., Alton Sterling, 37, was killed on July 5 by police during an altercation outside a convenience store after witnesses said that he had a gun. In a suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota, Philando Castile was fatally shot after a traffic stop on July 6.

The five officers—four from the Dallas Police Department and one from the Dallas Area Rapid Transit—were shot around 9 p.m. local time by a sniper who targeted law enforcement officials from a parking

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## Indianapolis parish sows peace as violence and death continue to mark life in neighborhood, nation

By Sean Gallagher

Violence ripped through the country during the past week in police shootings in Minnesota and Louisiana and in the killing of five police officers on July 7 in Dallas.

A day later, violence ripped through the neighborhood surrounding St. Philip Neri Parish on the near east side of Indianapolis when two men were found shot dead at 9th and Oxford streets.

On July 10, about 30 people took action to replace the violence around St. Philip with peace by prayerfully walking through the neighborhood, stopping at a makeshift shrine at the location where the two men had been found two days earlier.

It was part of a series of nine prayer walks on Sunday afternoons sponsored by St. Philip Neri that began on June 5 and will conclude on July 31. Participants gather at St. Philip and walk along different routes in the surrounding neighborhood, praying the rosary in both Spanish and English.

"Peace has to start in our own hearts," said Father Christopher Wadelton, St. Philip's pastor. "It will then grow out from our church to our neighborhood and the whole world."

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Father Christopher Wadelton, pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, leads a group in praying the rosary on July 10 while walking through the neighborhood surrounding the faith community on the city's near east side. The parish is sponsoring a series of nine consecutive prayer walks in response to increased drug problems and violent crimes in its neighborhood. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

# LEGACY

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They mention how, at 91, she stayed by the side of her husband as he lost his battle with Alzheimer's disease, and how she still found time to be there for her sister, Mary Nancy, as she struggled with dementia before she died.

They also offer another insight about her as they point to the shrine to Jesus and the Blessed Mother that she keeps in her home.

"She lights a candle there every night," says Gina Battiston, Santa's niece. "And for all the kids in the family who are sick, she puts their picture up there, and she'll pray for them."

Then there's this tribute from Thomas Sarfaty, who is married to another niece of Santa. He looks at Santa and says, "I wasn't Catholic before I married into the family. The main reason I converted was because of her faith and the way she talked about and cared about people."

## 'Family is most important'

Everyone is shaped by the family they grow up in, and often by their birth order in their family.

For Santa, those truths came to life during a fun, memorable tradition in the near south side Indianapolis home where she grew up—a home built on the foundations of faith, family and food.

The evening tradition began with the overflowing, multi-generational Constantino family sitting together for a dinner of homemade spaghetti and sauce.

Next came the praying of the rosary. And when the last prayer was said, the kitchen table was moved to the side, the radio turned on, and Uncle Joe—an Arthur Murray instructor—shared the latest dance steps with anyone willing to try.

It could be a joyous, breathtaking time—but not for Santa, the oldest of the five children of Antonia and Demetrio Constantino. As others danced, Santa joined her mother in cleaning the

dishes and the kitchen.

"The culture she grew up in is that the family is most important, and you have to take responsibility," says Antonia Zunarelli, one of Santa's eight children. "You were taught you had to help one another, to work hard."

Yet while Santa never made it to the family dance floor, there is no hint of bitterness that her steps and moves were always partnered with hard work and responsibility.

She smiles when she talks about how she took care of her siblings when her Italian immigrant parents headed to the City Market in Indianapolis in the early morning to work at their produce stand—and how later in the day, she led her siblings to the market where she began to work at the age of 8, selling shopping bags.

She also talks with pride about operating her own produce stand when she was 15. She ran it on Saturdays during her high school years at the former St. Mary Academy, and added Tuesdays and Thursdays during her summer breaks.

Besides, there were other times when she danced, including a dance that changed her life.

## Memories of joy, heartbreak and a home

"The Catholics had a dance at the Indiana Roof Ballroom," Santa recalls about her life in her early 20s. "You'd go over there and play cards and dance. That's where I met him."

Henry Bayt was always more of a golfer than a dancer, but one of his friends convinced him to come to the dance with this enticement, "We're going to meet a lot of girls."

He met Santa, and that meeting led five years later to their wedding at Holy Rosary. They had eight children together, living in a large double next to her sister Jay and Jay's husband Jack Hawkins—a couple who also had eight children.

"Jack died when he was 39," Santa says as she sits at her kitchen table, just a few blocks from Holy Rosary Church.



Closeness of family has always been a defining part of the life of Santa Constantino Bayt, center, who will turn 94 on July 27. Here, she poses for a photo with her goddaughter, Antoniette Dullaghan, left, and her daughter, Antonia Zunarelli. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)

"Five years after he died, my sister died. That left their kids without a father and a mother."

Santa started caring for 16 children. "I did not go to bed," she says with a smile. "I stayed up at night and made sure everyone was home and didn't get in any mischief. It was a job. When I didn't find them at home when they should be, I'd get in the car and go get them."

"It was hard, but it didn't bother me because I wanted to make sure they grew up and did the right thing. They all turned out pretty good."

## 'She did it with grace'

As Santa's 94th birthday nears, her children and the family members who became her children think of the gift that she has been to the generations of the Bayt, Constantino, Corsaro, Hawkins and Page families whose roots extend to her.

"Her life has been an example of self-sacrifice and selfless duty," her

daughter Antonia says. "Faith was a given for her. You believed, and you loved unconditionally. You had fun along the way, but you also had these tenets to live by."

"We all went to Catholic grade schools and Catholic high schools. Faith was an extension of your everyday life. It was something you were taught to live by. And when we had a choice to raise our kids with Catholic values, we did."

Her goddaughter Antoniette adds, "When I care for people, I think, 'My godmother did this, and she did it with grace. She never complained.'"

As for Santa, she just has one major wish for her birthday celebration. Naturally, it's a wish that focuses on her family.

"I want everybody to enjoy themselves, and be nice to one another," she says. "I want everyone to treat each other right—as brothers and sisters—and to think of how nice it is to have a family like this." †

# Religious congregation donates money to help develop anti-trafficking app

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Through a \$100,000 matching grant, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph has helped the Exchange Initiative and two developers create TraffickCam, an app that helps fight against human sex trafficking.

TraffickCam allows anyone with a smartphone to help fight sex trafficking by uploading photos of hotel rooms when they travel.

It has a database of hotel room images that investigators can efficiently search, according to the Exchange Initiative, which is based in St. Louis. "Features such as patterns in the carpeting, furniture, room accessories and window views are matched against the database of traveler images to provide law enforcement with a list of potential hotels where a victim's photo may have been taken."

Sex traffickers regularly post photos of victims posed in hotel rooms in their online advertisements. Investigators can use these as evidence to find victims and prosecute perpetrators if they can determine where the photos were taken.

The app is available for the iPhone and iPad as well as Android devices, and can be downloaded for those devices via the website [www.exchangeinitiative.com](http://www.exchangeinitiative.com).

An anonymous donor gave \$100,000, matching \$100,000 raised by other sources. It was revealed on June 20 that the

donor was the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, which also is part of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious' Anti-Trafficking Coalition.

The Exchange Initiative is a social action organization founded by Nix Conference & Meeting Management, which is a leader among meeting planners worldwide helping to end sex trafficking in hotels.

The app was developed by Abby Stylianou, a computer vision researcher, and Robert Pless, a professor of computer science and engineering at Washington University in St. Louis.

"When they [the sisters] called to tell us they were the donors everybody in the office was almost in tears. You never know where people's generosity comes from," Molly Hackett, a principal at Nix Conference, told Catholic News Service (CNS) from St. Louis.

The funding helped pay for the work Washington University did on the app.

Hackett told CNS that Stylianou "saw an article about us [Nix] in the newspaper, and through a friend contacted us saying that Washington University had the technology [we'd] need to be able to make the phone app and national database."

Hackett added that there are three elements to the initiative—the app, a national database and a portal where

law enforcement agencies can upload photos of the children they are trying to rescue.

The database runs algorithms that match millions of data points that law enforcement officers receive and interpret the results.

The TraffickCam app allows the user to submit the name of a hotel and upload pictures—up to four at a time. Investigators also can tell if the hotel room has been remodeled by comparing it to earlier photos. It also helps authorities figure out how old a victim might have been when first taken to a certain hotel.

Stylianou told CNS the hope is that TraffickCam will be used to bring traffickers to justice. She added that trafficking victims can be identified based on hotel rooms, but also it can reveal if they were trafficked across state lines.

Those involved in development of the app also hope it can keep the conversation on trafficking going and raise awareness of the issue.

"Having coffee with a friend, one can say, 'Have you seen this app?' Because people talk about apps and people share apps in this way, we continue to educate people," Hackett told CNS. "If we can generate a national conversation about this issue, certainly we can make headway into the problem." †

  
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# USCCB president says violence calls for ‘moment of national reflection’

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The shooting of police officers on July 7 near the end of a demonstration in Dallas to protest fatal shootings by police officers in Louisiana and Minnesota earlier in the week “calls us to a moment of national reflection,” said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

“To all people of goodwill, let us beg for the strength to resist the hatred that blinds us to our common humanity,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., in a July 8 statement. The archbishop described the sniper attack on the Dallas police officers as “an act of unjustifiable evil.”

He said the “police are not a faceless enemy,” but people offering their lives to protect others. He also noted “the suspects in crimes or routine traffic stops are not just a faceless threat,” but members of families in “need of assistance, protection and fairness.

“When compassion does not drive our response to the suffering of either, we have failed one another,” Archbishop Kurtz said.

He said the tragic shootings are reminders of the need to “place ever greater value on the life and dignity of all persons, regardless of their station in life,” and hoped that in the days ahead people would look to ways of having open, honest and civil dialogue on issues of race relations, restorative justice, mental health, economic opportunity, and addressing the question of pervasive gun violence.”

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich of Chicago said: “Every corner of our land is in the grip of terror fueled by anger, hatred and mental illness and made possible by plentiful, powerful weapons.

“It is time to break the cycle of violence and retaliation, of fear and powerlessness that puts more guns in our homes and on our streets,” he said in a statement.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia similarly pointed out violence is not an answer.

“The killings in Baton Rouge

[Louisiana], Minnesota and Dallas have proven that by deepening the divides in our national life,” he said in a July 8 statement.

“Black lives matter because all lives matter—beginning with the poor and marginalized, but including the men and women of all races who put their lives on the line to protect the whole community,” he said.

Other bishops have also responded with statements to the recent fatal shootings.

Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik said: “If someone does something violent, it is imperative for us to reach out to each other in kindness and with respect, and refrain from blanket condemnations. We must build bridges. We must tear down walls. We must break the cycle of violence.”

He also called on people to recognize that each person is an individual. “We must not judge any person based on their race or color, their national origin, their faith tradition, their politics, their sexual orientation, their job, their vocation, their uniform.”

Bishop John E. Stowe of Lexington, Ky., said the shootings should cause us to ask God “to show us the way to peace and how to live in harmony with each other.”

He urged Christians to be “people of hope promoting reconciliation in a very violent world,” and asked: “How much more killing must we witness before sensibly and rationally addressing the prevalence of guns, the inequalities in access to justice, and the violence found in human hearts?”

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Burlington, Vt., and Episcopal Bishop Thomas Ely of Vermont issued a joint statement as “faith leaders whose hearts are aching” over the violent shootings in Dallas, Louisiana and Minnesota.

“We value the hard work and faithful commitment of those entrusted with public safety in communities throughout Vermont and beyond,” the prelates said. “Those who serve the public in dangerous situations are to be commended for their service. Violence directed against police officers in the line of duty has no place in our society.

“At the same time,” they added, “we deplore the sin of racism that so often manifests itself in acts of prejudice, discrimination and violence toward people of color in our country. This too has no



People participate in a candlelight vigil on July 11 at the Dallas City Hall Plaza. A gunman shot and killed five police officers and wounded seven during a peaceful protest on July 7 in downtown Dallas. (CNS photo/Erik S. Lesser, EPA)

place in our society.”

Here are excerpts from other bishops’ statements issued about the shootings:

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis: “Our nation is in considerable pain as we continue to witness the toll of violence and intolerance on the people of God. On too many mornings over the past several weeks, we have awakened to fresh tragedy and renewed horror [over shootings in Orlando, Florida; Louisiana and Minnesota; and now Dallas]. Already, dangerously irresponsible voices are calling for more hate and violent retribution, adding darkness upon darkness. We stand with the Church, all Christians, members of all faiths, and people of goodwill in calling for love, peace, justice and reconciliation. ... Only in the total and unyielding love of God can true and lasting peace be found.”

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio: “The families and colleagues of those killed and injured [in Dallas] are foremost in our thoughts at this time of heartbreak and profound sadness. We stand in solidarity with the peacemakers and those who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety. We collectively mourn as a country. The inexplicable violence we have experienced the past few days—from Dallas to Minnesota to Louisiana to Orlando—have sown seeds of mistrust

and enmity between people and groups that threaten to tear the very fabric of our society apart. It may appear ironic that in this Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, evil seems to have currently gained the upper hand. Our nation has been buffeted by so much tragedy recently that we might feel overwhelmed and hopeless, with many wondering ‘What’s next?’ and possessing a powerful temptation to just turn away, instead of embracing one another.

“However, it is precisely at these moments that we need to turn to God ... seeking the will of Our Father in deep and profound prayer and reflection.”

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston: “The shooting of police officers in Dallas last night at the conclusion of a demonstration by peaceful protesters is deeply distressing. I pray for the souls of those who were killed and for their families, as well as for those wounded and their loved ones and for all the citizens of Dallas. Recent events of violence against African-Americans by police in Minnesota and Louisiana are most concerning, and these tragedies call for our prayer for healing and for change. It seems as though at times our hearts are stony and paralyzed. We need God’s spirit of mercy to melt them, and reopen our hearts to the beauty of human life and to rebuilding human communities.” †

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garage. The five dead were among 12 officers and two civilians wounded.

The suspected sniper—who had held dozens of SWAT officers at bay for several hours by saying that there were bombs planted around the area, that “the end was coming” and that he would take down more officers—was killed overnight when police sent a robot toward him and detonated an explosive device attached to the robot.

The slain Dallas police officers were identified as Senior Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, 48; Officer Michael Krol, 40; Officer Patrick Zamarripa, 32, and Sgt. Michael J. Smith, 55.

DART officials identified their officer as Brent Thompson, 43, who had been on the force



A Dallas police officer picks up balloons and flowers on July 11 in front of images of the five slain officers after a candlelight vigil at Dallas City Hall. A gunman shot and killed five police officers and wounded seven during a peaceful protest on July 7 in downtown Dallas. (CNS photo/Carlo Allegri, Reuters)

since 2009, and said that he had gotten married only two weeks ago.

Smith, his wife Heidi and their two daughters, Victoria and Caroline, are members of Mary Immaculate Parish in Farmers Branch, just north of Dallas. Heidi Smith is a fourth-grade teacher at Mary Immaculate School.

Father Michael Forge, pastor at Mary Immaculate Parish, sent a letter to all parishioners via e-mail on July 8, informing them of the death of Smith, a former U.S. Army Ranger who joined the Dallas police force in 1989.

“I’m asking all of us to pull together in prayer and support for the Smith family, as well as the other officers’ families who were killed along with Mike,” he said. “Together with the Church and school administration and staff, please pray for them, allow them some privacy, and support them and all of our ... families who are grieving this tragic situation.”

The shooter was identified as Micah Xavier Johnson, 25, of the Dallas suburb of Mesquite, who served a tour in Afghanistan in the U.S. Army Reserves and had been discharged in 2015.

The attack was the worst loss in the city of Dallas’ history and for U.S. law enforcement since 9/11.

“We are hurting,” said Dallas Police Chief David Brown, who has said that police don’t feel much support most days. “Our profession is hurting. Dallas officers are hurting. We are heartbroken. There are no words to describe the atrocity that occurred to our city. All I know is that this must stop—this divisiveness between our police and our citizens.”

The day after the shooting, Bishop Farrell joined other faith and civic leaders at an ecumenical gathering at Thanksgiving Square, a prayer and water garden area a few blocks from the shooting site, to offer a prayer for healing.

“Prompted by the goodness that is in each of us, we pray as the old St. Francis’ prayer teaches us, that each person in our community will become an instrument of peace,” he said. “May almighty God hear the prayer of this

community on this day, and may he stretch out his hands to touch the men and women who give their lives for each one of us.

“It reminds us of the words of Scripture, there is no greater love than one who gives his life for the protection of others. Our police officers deserve our support and our prayers. May God stretch out to them in their pain and their suffering on this day.”

Dallas police were out in force at the rally, and heard the call from the police chief that officers need to feel the community’s support every day.

“When you see the outpouring support of the community, it helps in some small way to ease some of that pain that you’re going through,” Dallas police officer Warren Mitchell said. “The community has our back in our time of need, and events like this really help out when you are going through some difficult times.”

Dallas resident Van Stripling said that people have to be more accepting of one another.

“I hope it has opened the eyes of people, because the reality is we are all created under the hand of God,” Stripling said. “When I look across the street, I don’t see color, I see my brother, I see my sister, so what I saw last night brought pain and hurt to my heart.”

Bishop Farrell celebrated a Mass for hope and healing at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe on July 9, and asked for prayers for the families of the five slain Dallas police officers. He said the officers gave their lives heroically, doing what they do every day: “protecting us.”

The bishop said that the cycle of violence must end.

On July 11, a large crowd turned out at Marine Park in Fort Worth for a candlelight vigil for one of the fallen Dallas police officers, Patrick Zamarripa, who had survived three tours in Iraq.

Father Stephen Jasso, pastor at All Saints Parish in Fort Worth, told those gathered at the vigil that “love is stronger than hate,” and urged them to show compassion in their lives. †



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## Editorial



People hold hands as they sing and pray on July 9 at a makeshift memorial at the Dallas Police Department headquarters following the multiple police shootings in Dallas. A gunman shot and killed five police officers and wounded seven during a peaceful protest on July 7 in downtown Dallas. (CNS photo/Carlo Allegri, Reuters)

## Prayers are needed to help heal our nation's wounds and divisions

Once again, it has taken unspeakable tragedies of historic proportions to bring our nation to a place that is becoming all too familiar.

Less than a month after a heinous crime claimed the lives of 49 people in an Orlando nightclub—the worst mass shooting in U.S. history—we are again reeling from a series of shootings that has left many Americans concerned, heartbroken and searching for answers.

Two African-American men killed by police in incidents captured on video last week—one in Louisiana, the other in Minnesota—sparked nationwide protests, including a peaceful one in Dallas on July 7.

As that march was coming to an end, gunshots filled the air as five police officers in Dallas died at the hands of a 25-year-old assassin, Micah Xavier Johnson, who told negotiators he wanted to “kill white people, especially white [police] officers.” Seven others, including two civilians, were wounded in the incident.

It was the deadliest incident for law enforcement in the United States since 9/11, according to statistics from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

While many of us are still pondering what has happened in our country in recent weeks, a question many of us are asking ourselves—and others—is: Why?

We believe a thorough and complex answer to that query will require considerable time and effort from those hired and trained to examine these tragedies.

Though many want answers and justice right away, all of us must understand these are complicated matters. But that should not keep each and every one of us from doing our part as brothers and sisters in Christ by extending prayers to so many in need—in Baton Rouge, in St. Paul, in Texas and throughout our country.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown asked for as much during a July 8 press conference discussing the horrific event there, and the lasting devastation so many on his force will be facing for some time.

“We’re hurting. We are

heartbroken,” he said. “There are no words to describe the atrocity that occurred to our city.”

And the police chief did his best to ease tensions, which are running high between citizens and law enforcement in many parts of the U.S., because of recent events.

“All I know is that this, this must stop—this divisiveness between our police and our citizens,” Brown said.

We, as citizens, have the right to march peacefully—in Baton Rouge, St. Paul, Atlanta, Dallas and Indianapolis—in every city where people want to express that First Amendment right.

But we should also support our first responders—police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians—because the vast majority of them are committed, caring professionals who put themselves in harm’s way to keep us safe.

Following the week of violence across the United States, the Knights of Columbus has called for a novena of prayer to heal the wounds and divisions afflicting our country.

Knights and their families, and all people of goodwill, are encouraged to join in the novena—nine days of prayer—by reciting the Prayer for Peace attributed to St. Francis of Assisi on July 14-22.

Even if you cannot take part in this novena, make prayer for our country a priority. Recite the Prayer for Peace for our nation, where healing and unity are truly needed.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled as to  
console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life.*

—Mike Krokos

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### Investments that work for the poor

In June, the Second Vatican Impact Investing Conference, “Making the



Year of Mercy a Year of Impact for the Poor,” co-hosted by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), convened 170 attendees comprising global Church leaders

and experienced impact investors and social entrepreneurs. Impact investing brings in private capital, acting as both supplements to and substitutes of charity and government funding, to support social enterprises for their benefits to the poor and marginalized and their ability to sustain themselves financially. Think of Newman’s Own, a food business that is both profitable and socially oriented as it deploys all profits to its social mission.

The infusion of private capital from institutions and individuals is critical as the scale, frequency, duration and intensity of global problems overwhelm the amount of charity and government dollars available. As such, we must bring in new energies, imagination and creative solutions.

Consider the question CRS often gets on twinning from U.S. parishes. The concern is that over decades of contribution to Haiti parishes, the latter have generally not made significant strides in self-sufficiency. As dedicated parishioners ponder their eventual exit, they worry about the continuation of this ministry.

With urgency, some explore ways for local communities to establish enterprises that can generate revenues and ultimately profits to improve their lives. It is the extension of giving fish, to teaching people to fish, to establishing the necessary resources for fishing to become a real livelihood option. Investments may be needed for boats or for a fish farm, processing equipment, cold storage or a truck to transport fishes to market.

The U.S. parish can provide dollars as a combination of donations, loans, loan guarantees or equity in the business. Such enterprise development is empowering, gives people dignity and stands on the Catholic social teaching of subsidiarity.

## The Human Side/Father Eugene Hemrick

### A spirit of inclusion to break down walls

Residing on Capitol Hill is like living in the Green Zone in Baghdad: Sophisticated barriers abound all around its perimeters.



Ironically, they were constructed by Latinos, the same people some Americans would like to wall off.

On top of this, some want to wall off Muslims from entering our country. In our own backyard, gated

communities exist for self-protection and keeping “the undesirable” at a distance. Forgotten in all this is the Statue of Liberty, a long-standing symbol of freedom and welcome to the immigrant.

The growing spirit of segregation, isolation, exclusion and marginalization gives us pause to ask, “How should we react to this?”

One phenomenon causing isolation is an era of heightened fear. In frightening times, people tend to be overly protective and distance themselves from “the enemy.” The desire to protect oneself and live a normal life exists in everyone and is a justifiable quest in most cases. When, however, is it unjustified?

When snooty selectiveness threatens our reasonableness and sanity, it then becomes inadmissible. Circumscribing ourselves by overemphasizing “me,” “mine” and “I” leads to illogical conclusions. To reason that only

Multiply the intentions and resources of one U.S. parish by some colossal multiple and we get \$77 billion, which is the amount now invested in impact enterprises around the world.

Impact investing by Catholic institutions, though a small fraction of the global total, is growing.

Moving from negative screening that avoids businesses that contradict Church teachings, exemplars like the Jesuits, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Ascension Investment Management and the Sisters of the Holy Cross have taken the positive step of designating a certain percentage of their investments for impact funds.

While the social enterprise model is not appropriate for all social ministries of the Church, there is a need to look for opportunities in order for the Church to serve the mission of lifting the poor out of poverty in meaningful numbers. I am glad to observe budding examples and enthusiasm in this direction.

All of us can be more vigilant about our investment funds to assess the proportion used for impact funds. There are energetic debates on whether social benefits necessitate a lower financial return. The guiding question: What does a more just and peaceful society mean to us?

Pope Francis reminds us that “impact investors are those who are conscious of the existence of serious unjust situations, instances of profound social inequality and unacceptable conditions of poverty affecting communities and entire peoples.

“These investors turn to financial institutes that will use their resources to promote the economic and social development of these groups through investment funds aimed at satisfying basic needs associated with agriculture, access to water, adequate housing and reasonable prices, as well as with primary health care and educational services.

“Investments of this sort are meant to have positive social repercussions on local communities, such as the creation of jobs, access to energy, training and increased agricultural productivity” (Pope Francis, on June 16, 2014).

(Carolyn Woo is president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services.) †

I have a right to select whom I will welcome into my community or country—from decisions based on fear—is unreasonable, and more seriously, it is un-Christian.

During Christ’s life, he dined with Pharisees, knowing they disliked him. He chose a tax collector, who was despised by the Jews. He associated with the Samaritan woman at the well whose culture was anathema to the Israelites. He was forever mingling with and forgiving sinners, and on the cross, he assured the good thief of being with him in heaven.

Someone might object that Christ mentioned the exclusion of certain people from entering the gates of heaven. But did he really exclude them, or did they exclude themselves through a selfish disregard for others?

In Rome, Bernini’s colonnade bends around St. Peter’s Square representing the welcoming arms of the Church wishing to embrace all. St. John Paul II emphasized repeatedly the need for solidarity because we are all connected. Pope Francis continues this same message of inclusion today.

As the Statue of Liberty, Bernini’s colonnade and Christ’s example represent the spirit of welcoming and oneness, so, too, is this spirit needed to avoid the barrier of misplaced exclusivity.

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



## REJOICE IN THE LORD

## ALÉGRENSE EN EL SEÑOR

# Reflections on marriage's sexual dimension

*"Authentic love needs to ... welcome with sincere and joyful gratitude the physical expressions of love found in a caress, an embrace, a kiss and sexual union" ("The Joy of Love," #157).*

Pope Francis does not shy away from discussing the role of sex in marriage. Following his predecessors, Blessed Paul VI, St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI, our current pope wants to make sure that Catholic teaching on sex is seen in its most positive and life-giving light.

"Saint John Paul II rejected the claim that the Church's teaching is 'a negation of the value of human sexuality,' or that the Church simply tolerates sexuality 'because it is necessary for procreation,'" Pope Francis writes. "Sexual desire is not something to be looked down upon, 'and there can be no attempt whatsoever to call into question its necessity'" ("The Joy of Love," #150).

The Church does teach that discipline and self-mastery are essential to a healthy sexuality. "Sexuality is not a means of gratification or entertainment; it is an interpersonal language wherein

the other is taken seriously in his or her sacred and inviolable dignity" (#151). The erotic dimension of love in marriage is integral to the complete gift-of-self that is uniquely present in the marital covenant that allows an individual man and an individual woman to become "one flesh." As Pope Francis observes, "a healthy sexual desire, albeit closely joined to a pursuit of pleasure, always involves a sense of wonder, and for that very reason can humanize the [physical] impulses" (#151).

The pursuit of sexual pleasure in marriage is in no way "a permissible evil or a burden to be tolerated for the good of the family" (#152).

On the contrary, the joy of authentic, life-giving sex contributes directly to the unity and self-giving of married couples. This truly positive view of the meaning of sex in marriage sets Catholic teaching apart from all attempts to reduce sexual activity to something that degrades or dehumanizes couples. This positive understanding of sex is essential to what Pope Francis calls "a healthy realism" that can balance conflicting views ranging from "anything goes" to "nothing doing" (#153).

"It is, after all, a fact that sex often becomes depersonalized and unhealthy; as a result, 'it becomes the occasion and instrument for self-assertion and the selfish satisfaction of personal desire and instincts'" (#153). It is never permissible to use another person as an object of our own self-gratification. "In our own day," the Holy Father writes, "sexuality risks being poisoned by the mentality of 'use and discard.' The body of the other is often viewed as an object to be used as long as it offers satisfaction, and rejected once it is no longer appealing" (#153).

Even in marriage, sex can become a source of suffering and manipulation. Quoting Pope Paul VI, the Holy Father reminds us that "the conjugal act imposed on one's spouse without regard to his or her condition, or personal and reasonable wishes in the matter, is no true act of love, and therefore offends the moral order in its particular application to the intimate relationship of husband and wife" (#154).

The pursuit of sexual pleasure in marriage is a good thing, an occasion of intimacy, joy and real love. What's more, it is a source of wonder and amazement at the "gift" that the other person is to his

or her spouse. As a sacrament, marriage unites a woman and a man in a lifelong partnership that forms an indissoluble bond that transcends their physical unity. That's why the joy of marriage is not contingent on youth and beauty, but continues even in the face of the trouble and tragedies of living and growing old together.

None of us is perfect—in our sexuality or in any other aspect of our lives. The human condition too often involves weakness, infidelity and sin. That's why mercy, the ability to forgive ourselves and others, is so important to a healthy human sexuality. "Still, we must never forget that our human equilibrium is fragile; there is a part of us that resists real human growth, and any moment it can unleash the most primitive and selfish tendencies" (#157).

In matters of sexuality, a "healthy realism" is called for. Let's thank God for the great gift of intimate, physical love expressed joyfully in marriage. Let's also pray for the grace to be disciplined and unselfish in our use of this great gift whether we are married, single or committed to celibacy or the vow of chastity. †

# Reflexiones sobre la dimensión sexual del matrimonio

*"Recordemos que un verdadero amor [...] es capaz de aceptarse vulnerable y necesitado, no renuncia a acoger con sincera y feliz gratitud las expresiones corpóreas del amor en la caricia, el abrazo, el beso y la unión sexual" ("La alegría del amor, #157).*

El papa Francisco no le rehúye al tema del sexo en el matrimonio. Siguiendo a sus predecesores, los papas san Pablo VI, san Juan Pablo II y Benedicto XVI, nuestro actual sumo pontífice desea cerciorarse de que las enseñanzas católicas sobre el sexo se perciban desde la perspectiva más positiva y procreadora.

"San Juan Pablo II rechazó que la enseñanza de la Iglesia lleve a 'una negación del valor del sexo humano,' o que simplemente lo tolere 'por la necesidad misma de la procreación,'" expresa el papa Francisco. "La necesidad sexual de los esposos no es objeto de menosprecio, y 'no se trata en modo alguno de poner en cuestión esa necesidad'" ("La alegría del amor, #150).

La Iglesia efectivamente enseña que la disciplina y el autocontrol son elementos esenciales para una vida sexual sana. "La sexualidad no es un recurso para gratificar o entretener, ya que es un lenguaje interpersonal donde el otro es tomado en serio, con su sagrado e inviolable valor"

(#151). La dimensión erótica del amor en el matrimonio es un componente integral para completar la propia entrega que está intrínsecamente vinculada al convenio matrimonial y mediante el cual un hombre y una mujer se convierten "en una sola carne." El papa Francisco puntualiza que "el más sano erotismo, si bien está unido a una búsqueda de placer, supone la admiración, y por eso puede humanizar los impulsos [físicos]" (#151).

La búsqueda del placer sexual en el matrimonio no debe verse como "un mal permitido o como un peso a tolerar por el bien de la familia" (#152).

Al contrario, la alegría de un coito auténtico y procreador contribuye directamente a la unidad y a la autoentrega de las parejas de casados. Esta perspectiva verdaderamente positiva sobre el significado de la sexualidad en el matrimonio es lo que distingue a las enseñanzas católicas de los demás intentos por reducir la actividad sexual a algo que degrada o deshumaniza a la pareja. Este entendimiento positivo del sexo es esencial para lo que el papa Francisco denomina un "sano realism" que puede equilibrar los puntos de vista encontrados, que van desde que "todo se vale" hasta que "nada está permitido" (#153).

"No podemos ignorar que muchas veces la sexualidad se despersonaliza y también se llena de patologías, de

tal modo que 'pasa a ser cada vez más ocasión e instrumento de afirmación del propio yo y de satisfacción egoísta de los propios deseos e instintos'" (#153). Jamás es permisible usar a otra persona como un objeto para la gratificación personal. "En esta época—afirma el Santo Padre—se vuelve muy riesgoso que la sexualidad también sea poseída por el espíritu venenoso del 'usa y tira.' El cuerpo del otro es con frecuencia manipulado, como una cosa que se retiene mientras brinda satisfacción y se desprecia cuando pierde atractivo" (#153).

Incluso en el matrimonio, el sexo puede convertirse en una fuente de sufrimiento y manipulación. Citando al papa Pablo VI, el Santo Padre nos recuerda que "un acto conyugal impuesto al cónyuge sin considerar su situación actual y sus legítimos deseos, no es un verdadero acto de amor; y prescinde por tanto de una exigencia del recto orden moral en las relaciones entre los esposos" (#154).

La búsqueda del placer sexual en el matrimonio es algo positivo, un momento de intimidad, alegría y verdadero amor. Lo que es más: en él se descubre lo maravilloso del "obsequio" que es la otra persona para su cónyuge. Como sacramento, el matrimonio une al hombre y a la mujer en una relación para toda la vida que crea un vínculo indisoluble que

trasciende la unidad física. Es por ello que la alegría en el matrimonio no depende de la juventud ni de la belleza sino que continúa incluso ante las dificultades y las tragedias de vivir y avanzar juntos en la edad.

Ninguno de nosotros es perfecto, ni en lo sexual ni en ningún otro aspecto de la vida. Muy a menudo la condición humana entraña debilidades, infidelidad y pecado. Es por ello que la misericordia, la capacidad de perdonarnos a nosotros mismos y a los demás es algo tan importante para una sexualidad humana sana. "Esto supone, de todos modos, recordar que el equilibrio humano es frágil, que siempre permanece algo que se resiste a ser humanizado y que en cualquier momento puede desbocarse de nuevo, recuperando sus tendencias más primitivas y egoístas" (#157).

En lo que respecta a la sexualidad, lo que se necesita es un "sano realism." Agradecemos a Dios por el gran obsequio de la intimidad, el amor físico expresado con alegría en el matrimonio. Recemos también para ser disciplinados y desinteresados al hacer uso de este gran obsequio, ya sea que estemos casados o solteros, estemos comprometidos al celibato o hayamos hecho el voto de castidad. †

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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](http://www.archindy.org/events).

**July 20**  
Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

**July 21**  
St. Joseph Parish, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **Third Thursday Adoration**, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m.

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

**July 22-24**  
Holy Family Parish, 3027 Pearl St., Oldenburg. **Rummage Sale**, Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; half off clothing and miscellaneous items Saturday, \$2 for all that fits in a grocery bag Sunday. Information: 812-934-5764, [epaulvillager@yahoo.com](mailto:epaulvillager@yahoo.com).

**July 24-30**  
Jackson County Fairgrounds, East County Road 100 South and State Road 250, Brownstown. **St. Ambrose Parish Food Booth**, Sun. noon-10 p.m.; Mon-Fri. 2-10 p.m.; Sat. noon-10 p.m. Information: 812-522-5304, [parish@stambrose.catholic.com](mailto:parish@stambrose.catholic.com).

**July 25**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Serra Club Dinner Meeting and Program**, 6 p.m., \$15, Msgr. Joseph Schaedel to discuss Divine Mercy. Information: 317-535-9404.

**July 26-August 30**  
Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Divorce and Beyond**, Tuesdays 7-9 p.m., \$30 includes book. Information: 317-236-1586, [dvanvelse@archindy.org](mailto:dvanvelse@archindy.org), or register online at [www.archindy.org/plfl/ministries-divorce.html](http://www.archindy.org/plfl/ministries-divorce.html).

**July 30-31**  
All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Road, Guilford. **St. Martin Festival**, Sat. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Skallywags Band; Sun. 5K run/walk 9:30 a.m., festival 11 a.m.-9 p.m., chicken dinners 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-576-4302.

**July 30-August 7**  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Providence Spirituality and Conference Center, 1 Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Used Book Sale sponsored by Linden Leaf Gifts**, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-535-2932 or [provctr@spsmw.org](mailto:provctr@spsmw.org).

**August 3**  
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.

**August 5**  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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: [srcalcp@yahoo.com](mailto:srcalcp@yahoo.com).

**August 6**  
**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.

**August 7**  
St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Hwy. 337 N.W.,

Depauw. **Parish Festival**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., drawing for \$10,000 with only 333 tickets sold for \$100 each, country fried chicken dinners, 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 ticketpurchase: 812-347-2326 or [SaintBernardCatholicChurch@gmail.com](mailto:SaintBernardCatholicChurch@gmail.com).

**August 9**  
St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild**, 12:30 p.m. Information: 317-223-3687, [vlgmimi@aol.com](mailto:vlgmimi@aol.com).

**August 11**  
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. †

## Retreats and Programs

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

**July 29-31**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Tobit Marriage Preparation Weekend**, \$295 per couple. Information: 317-545-7681 or [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

**August 1-5**  
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, 22143 Main St., Oldenburg. **Franciscan Retreat**, \$450 for private room, \$300 for commuter, single days are \$70, rooms per

night are \$35. Information and registration: 812-933-6437, [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com), [www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org).

**Aug. 5-7**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Retrouvaille Retreat**, for troubled marriages, registration deadline Aug. 1. Information and registration: [www.archindy.org/fatima/retrouvaille.html](http://www.archindy.org/fatima/retrouvaille.html), 317-489-6811, or email [register@retroindy.com](mailto:register@retroindy.com). †

## Spiritual Direction Internship Program seeking applicants through Aug. 22

The Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove, is receiving applications through Aug. 22 for its Spiritual Direction Internship (SDI) Program class of 2016-18.

SDI is a two-year program designed for a person who desires to enrich his or her spiritual life, to discern a possible call to become a spiritual director, and to develop experientially the skills needed for spiritual direction. The program is intended to meet the needs of the ecumenical community of Christians in Indianapolis and the surrounding area.

The 2016-18 program is scheduled to begin on Sept. 12. Classes are held on

Mondays from 4-9:15 p.m.

The cost is \$995 per semester, plus the cost of books and supplies.

Each SDI participant is expected to be actively engaged in personal spiritual direction for a year prior to beginning the internship. The application procedures include:

- completing an application form;
- completing a five page, double spaced spiritual autobiography;
- submitting three recommendations;
- paying an application fee of \$25;
- interviewing with the director of spirituality.

If interested or for more information, call Benedictine Sister Juliann Babcock at 317-788-7581, ext. 3. †

## Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel project seeks to raise funds for art in chapel

In honor of the late anchoress Sister Mary Ann Schumann, the chapel guardian of the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel on the west side of Indianapolis is seeking to raise \$15,000 for art in the chapel. Sister Mary Ann helped found the chapel in 1989 and served as its guardian until her death on Jan. 29.

The chapel was the first perpetual adoration chapel in Indianapolis. The effort was aided by Msgr. Joseph Schaedel. It stands between St. Michael the Archangel Church and Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School on West 30th Street.

The art, painted by artist Michael McCarthy, depicts life-size renderings of the three archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The goal of the effort is \$15,000.

Checks can be made out to CRHS with "Angel Project" written in the memo. Mail checks to Dyan Huey, 4933 Katelyn Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46228.

To make a cash donation, place cash in an envelope marked "Dyan Huey/Angel Project." Envelopes can be left with Peggy Huston at the Ritter president's office; next to the chapel doors at the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel; or given directly to Dyan Huey or chapel guardian Lisette Shattuck. Do not mail cash.

For more information, contact Huey at [dyanhuey@gmail.com](mailto:dyanhuey@gmail.com), or call her at 317-627-2658, or Shattuck at [lshattu2@aol.com](mailto:lshattu2@aol.com), or call her at 317-283-5422. †

## Project Rachel Retreat for grief over abortion to be held Aug. 26-27 near Bloomington

Whether a woman or man, participant or family member or friend, the grief over an abortion is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Those affected may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace.

A Project Rachel Retreat will be held on Aug. 26-27 in the greater Bloomington area. This retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. It offers a confidential environment where individuals can begin the process of healing.

For more information or to register, call 317-452-0054, or e-mail [projectrachel@archindy.org](mailto:projectrachel@archindy.org). Registration deadline is Aug. 19.

Those wishing to pray especially for individuals attending the weekend retreat or to write them a letter of encouragement may submit their prayer, spiritual bouquet or letter to [projectrachel@archindy.org](mailto:projectrachel@archindy.org) by Aug. 24. For more information, e-mail [projectrachel@archindy.org](mailto:projectrachel@archindy.org) or call 317-452-0054. †



## Guérin Companion honoree

Providence Sister Denise Wilkinson, the order's general superior, left, poses on June 4 with Johanna Henry, who received one of this year's Saint Mother Theodore Guérin Companion Awards. Henry has worked at the sisters' Congregation-sponsored Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis for six years. She has served in many roles there, and is now the school's vice principal. The award is presented annually to six recipients who, like St. Theodora's six sister companions, step forward to serve God and the mission of the Sisters of Providence. (Submitted photo)

# U.S. and Spanish journalists will lead Vatican press office

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis named two experienced journalists—including its first female vice director—to lead the Vatican press office.

Greg Burke, a native of St. Louis, succeeds Italian Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, who retires after 10 years as head of the Vatican press office, the Vatican announced on July 11. Spanish journalist Paloma Garcia Ovejero fills in Burke's spot as vice director, making her the first female to hold that position.

Burke served as special communications adviser in the Vatican's Secretariat of State starting in 2012 before he was named by Pope Francis as the vice director of the press office last December.

A graduate of Columbia University's school of journalism, Burke spent 24 of his past 28 years based in Rome as a journalist—with the *National Catholic Register*, *Time* magazine and the Fox News network.

One of six children, Burke grew up in St. Louis Hills and went to Jesuit-run St. Louis University High School. He is a numerary, or celibate, member of Opus Dei.

In an interview with Vatican Radio, Burke said he is thrilled, excited and a bit daunted by the tasks and responsibilities that lie ahead in his new position of replacing Father Lombardi.

"I can't say enough good things about his [Father Lombardi's] virtues: patience, total dedication, generosity and kindness, and just an absolute fidelity to the pope, and I think that's a great lesson for me," Burke said.

Msgr. Dario Vigano, prefect of the Vatican's Secretariat of Communications, paid tribute to Father Lombardi's 10 years of service at the press office.

Speaking to journalists on July 11, Msgr. Vigano praised Father Lombardi's professional work and his "ecclesial vision" of the Church.

Born in northern Italy near Turin in 1942, Father Lombardi was named program director of Vatican Radio in 1990 and general director of the Vatican television center, CTV, in 2001.

During the reorganization of Vatican offices under Pope Benedict XVI, Father Lombardi was appointed general director of the radio in 2005 and head of the Vatican press



Greg Burke, the new director of the Vatican press office and Vatican spokesman, and Paloma Garcia Ovejero, the new vice director, are pictured with Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the outgoing Vatican spokesman, during an announcement of their appointments at an informal meeting with journalists at the Vatican press office on July 11. Burke, a native of St. Louis, has worked for the Vatican since 2012. Prior to that, he was a television correspondent for Fox News. Garcia Ovejero is a Spanish journalist who worked for the radio operation of the Spanish Bishops' Conference. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

office in 2006, while continuing to lead CTV. Before his retirement in 2013, Pope Benedict named Msgr. Vigano the new director of CTV.

Father Lombardi retired as head of Vatican Radio in February this year when the Secretariat for Communications took over the general administration of the radio.

Garcia Ovejero, who studied journalism in Spain and earned a master's degree in management strategies and communications at New York University, worked as the Italy and Vatican correspondent for Spanish radio broadcaster Cadena COPE.

"For me it's an honor, it's a service and it's another way of serving the Church. But it is the same Church and, in some way, the same type of work: to proclaim the Good News and to transmit faithfully and with dignity the pope's

message," Garcia Ovejero told Catholic News Service (CNS).

The Spanish journalist downplayed her role as the first female vice director of the press office, saying that the first women who served the Church "were the ones who found the empty tomb and proclaimed the Resurrection to the Apostles."

"I am in no way the first woman. The first woman above all in the Church, in the Vatican and in the press office is the Virgin Mary," she told CNS.

Garcia Ovejero said she hoped her role will be to serve and fulfill "the will of God, the will of the pope and, in every possible way, the will of the journalists."

The Vatican announced that Garcia Ovejero, a native of Madrid, and Burke will begin their respective roles on Aug. 1. †

# Pope taps Chicago archbishop as member of Congregation for Bishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis has named Chicago Archbishop Blase J. Cupich a member of the Congregation for Bishops, the office that advises the

pope on the nomination of bishops around the world.

Archbishop Cupich, 67, takes the place left vacant by U.S. Cardinal William J.

Levada, who turned 80 in mid-June and automatically ceded his membership.

The congregation is led by Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, its prefect. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington also serves as a member.

In a statement from Chicago, Archbishop Cupich said: "I am humbled by the Holy Father's trust and confidence in me. While my primary responsibility remains here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I look forward to joining other members of the Congregation for Bishops to serve the pope and the Church in this ministry."

Nuncios, or Vatican ambassadors, around the world conduct the initial search for priests suitable for the office of bishop and forward their names to the congregation. Congregation members review the biographies of potential candidates and comments and

recommendations collected by the nuncios before making their recommendations to the pope.

The congregation also advises the pope on the establishment of new dioceses or the consolidation of old ones; advises bishops' conferences on their work; coordinates the joint activities of military ordinaries around the world; and organizes the "ad limina" visits that bishops regularly make to the Vatican to report on the status of their dioceses.

The congregation is tasked with supporting the work of bishops in their dioceses, a function regularly carried out with the review of reports prepared in conjunction with the "ad limina" visits. But it also is responsible for organizing apostolic visitations of dioceses where particular tensions or controversies have arisen. †



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—Chicago Archbishop Blase J. Cupich

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# Celebrate Marriage ministry offers couples opportunities for 'Christ-centered marriage enrichment'

By Natalie Hoefler

Tom and Marcy Renken were stunned several years ago at the news of their friends' divorce.

"[The announcement] came out of nowhere," says Marcy. "It was heart-breaking."

With thoughts of, "If it can happen to them, it could happen to us," the Renkens decided to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat in Indianapolis in 2010, eight years into their marriage.

"We came out of it on fire for each other, and for marriage being a covenant calling," says Tom, 39.

Tom, who was not Catholic at the time, felt called to be received into the Catholic Church at the couple's parish, Our Lady of the Greenwood in Greenwood. The Renkens became a sponsor couple for the parish's marriage preparation program. And they searched for other opportunities in the Church to enrich their marriage—with little luck.

"The Church does a great job with marriage preparation and sponsor couples, but we didn't see opportunities for marriage support," says Marcy, 36.

So the Renkens turned to resources they received during their marriage encounter weekend. From those resources, the ideas for the Celebrate Marriage Ministry were born.

## 'Reconnect with your spouse'

The ministry began with the Celebrate Marriage event at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in 2012.

"It's a condensed version of the marriage encounter weekend," says Marcy.

The daylong event offers child care, so that members of a couple can focus on each other and their marriage. Speakers address various topics, and couples are given five 20-minute blocks to discuss the topic just between each other.

"It provides a chance to reconnect with your spouse," says Tom. "A lot of couples say, 'This is the first time I've had 20 minutes with my wife in years.'"

Marcy says there is only one complaint she hears: "At least half say they didn't get enough time with their spouse. Five times to talk for 20 minutes, and they're still wanting more, which is great!"

The Celebrate Marriage event takes place in the late summer. The Renkens next added the annual Celebrate Romance dance in February.

The dance started as an event for the parish's sponsor couples. When it was canceled one year, the Renkens decided "to take it on, and not just for sponsor couples" but for all couples, "from married a few days to married more than 50 years," says Tom. "The idea is a wedding reception for married couples—dinner, cake, DJ, dancing."

By the second or third year of the ministry, a third annual event was added, this one titled Celebrate Fun. It is held in the fall.

"The whole purpose of that [event] is to go out and have fun with your spouse," Tom explains. "We made it a competition between couples doing silly things. Every year, we shake it up. ... You don't have to be in any sort of athletic shape, but you have to be willing to have fun with your spouse."

The most recent large group event the Renkens added is a pitch-in dinner called Celebrate Covenant. Held for one evening in the spring, the event provides an opportunity for couples to enjoy food, fellowship and a presentation "where we concentrate on bringing God into our marriage and focus on what it means to be in a covenant marriage," says Tom.

"The chance to meet like-minded couples"

With four large group events established, Tom and Marcy started sprinkling in other opportunities for small groups and individual couples.

They established dinner clubs of four couples each. During four months, each couple hosts dinner once for all of the members of their club, giving couples "the chance to meet other like-minded couples," says Tom.

Small group Bible studies for married couples during Lent and Advent are also available.

With four children of their own—three boys ages 11, 6 and 2, and a 2-month old daughter—the Renkens know the importance of quality couple time to the health of a marriage. So they added date nights eight times a year to the Celebrate Marriage Ministry.

With pre-registration, couples can drop their children off at Our Lady of the Greenwood's Madonna Hall for an evening of free baby-sitting. The couples can then either grab a sheet with instructions for their date, or simply do their own thing for the evening.

"Not many [couples] drop their kids off late or pick them up

early," notes Marcy with a laugh.

Lastly, the ministry offers a monthly e-mail called the Married People E-Zine. According to its website, [celebratemarriageministry.com](http://celebratemarriageministry.com), the e-mail "offers marriage ideas and insights, sparks great conversations, and helps you laugh—and it's totally man-friendly."

## 'Let Christ shine ... through their marriage'

Whether the event is for large groups, small groups or individual couples, the goal of all that Celebrate Marriage Ministry does is the same: "It's to give couples the opportunity for Christ-centered marriage enrichment," says Marcy.

"Everything we do is to let Christ shine his light through us to encourage and enrich other couples, so they might go out and share the love of Christ with others through their marriage."

Whether Catholic or of another faith tradition, say the Renkens, spouses must choose to love one another.

"You look everywhere in Scripture where Christ was loving us, and it was a choice, an action he was doing," Tom explains. "It's our call as married people to love each other as Christ."

"And like Christ loves his bride the Church," Marcy adds. "You have to keep hearing it and practicing it."

The Renkens have seen positive results from such practice.

"We have run into couples that have been in distress," Tom admits. "We've seen some amazing success stories from when others were advising divorce. The whole notion that it's too late for your marriage, it's not true."

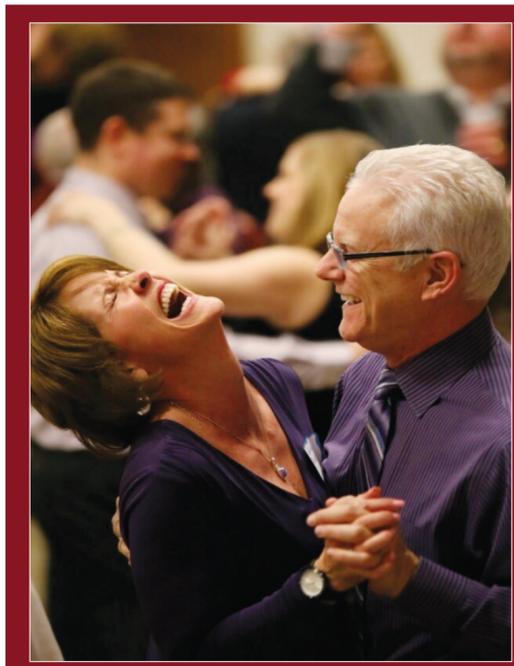
Since starting the Celebrate Marriage Ministry four years ago, at least 220 couples have participated in its events and benefited from its mission.

And not all of those are from Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish—or even Catholic.

"This [ministry] is actually a form of evangelization," Tom notes. "Many couples are not from this parish, and many of the couples invite their non-Catholic friends. It's a chance to share Christ's love to a married couple that maybe aren't getting it at [their] church."

The Renkens hope to see this ministry expand to other parishes in central and southern Indiana.

"We'd love to assist a parish in kicking this off," says Tom,



Above, John and Linda Buckley share a laugh during the Celebrate Romance dance on Feb. 14, 2015, at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish's Madonna Hall in Greenwood. The dance is sponsored by the Celebrate Marriage ministry. (Submitted photos)



Left, Marcy and Tom Renken started the Celebrate Marriage Ministry at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood in 2012.

who notes he and Marcy have more time to do so as they start to parcel off responsibilities of different events to new leaders. "Start small. Do one thing well, then grow it. You don't have to start with a dance that attracts 50 couples."

In the meantime, all couples are welcome to enrich their marriage and grow closer to Christ as a couple through the Celebrate Marriage Ministry at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish.

"No matter how long you've been married," says Marcy, "we have a place for you."

(The next event sponsored by Celebrate Marriage Ministry is the Celebrate Marriage event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Aug. 13. The event is \$15, which covers child care and lunch. For more information or to register for this event, log on to [celebratemarriageministry.com](http://celebratemarriageministry.com), then select Large Group Events. For more information on the ministry and its events and offerings, log on to [celebratemarriageministry.com](http://celebratemarriageministry.com) or visit their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/CelebrateMarriage/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CelebrateMarriage/) †

individuals and as a couple without group sharing. It is held in May and November at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The next encounter weekend is Nov. 3-5. The weekend is geared toward Catholics, but those of other faiths are welcome. For more information on the weekend, log on to [www.wme.org](http://www.wme.org), or call Jill and Mark Levine at 317-888-1892.

(If your parish offers a marriage ministry open to all couples, please contact Scott Seifert, coordinator of marriage and family enrichment for the archdiocese's Office of Pro-Life and Family Life, at 800-382-9836, ext. 1527, 317-236-1527 or [ssiefert@archindy.org](mailto:ssiefert@archindy.org).) †

# Other marriage ministries open to all couples in the archdiocese

Criterion staff report

The following ministries are open to all couples:

- Marriage in Focus, sponsored by St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. This program brings engaged and married couples together for faith, food and fellowship. Each event occurs in the Parish Ministry Center after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and consists of a pitch-in dinner followed by a speaker. The next dates are Sept. 10 and Nov. 12. For more information or to sign up, e-mail [MarriageInFocus@gmail.com](mailto:MarriageInFocus@gmail.com). Events are also posted on the St. Monica Parish Facebook page at "St. Monica Indy."

- Marriage on Tap, sponsored by St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. The group meets from 7-9:30 p.m. several times a year. Enjoy food and fellowship with other Catholic couples while hearing a speaker address a topic of interest to marriage and the family. Most events take place at The Willows, 6729 Westfield Blvd., in Indianapolis, and cost \$40 per couple. Upcoming dates are Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Jan. 14, and Feb. 25. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo at 317-259-4373. To see a list of upcoming speakers, log on to [www.stluke.org/marriage-on-tap](http://www.stluke.org/marriage-on-tap).

- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is designed to help married couples rediscover themselves as

# WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Bryan-Melnick**  
Hannah Elizabeth Bryan and Samuel Adam Melnick will be married on Sept. 10 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Denver, Co. The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Dede Bryan. The groom is the son of Mark and Sharon Melnick.



**Carroll-Rohrbach**  
Eileen Frances Carroll and Zachary James Rohrbach will be married on Oct. 15 at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus. The bride is the daughter of John and Debra Carroll. The groom is the son of Kurt and Margaret Rohrbach.



**Deck-Mauer**  
Keri Nikol Deck and Andrew Jacob Mauer will be married on Oct. 15 at St. Mary Church in Greensburg. The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa Deck. The groom is the son of Larry and Patty Mauer.



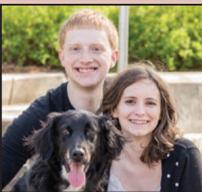
**Funk-Rowan**  
Kathleen Therese Funk and Grant Timothy Rowan will be married on Oct. 22 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of James and Patricia Funk. The groom is the son of Cynthia Rowan and the late Timothy Rowan.



**Gryna-McPeck**  
Whitney Elizabeth Gryna and Alex Cameron McPeck were married on June 18 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Derek and Barbara Gryna. The groom is the son of Howard and Kathleen McPeck.



**Maher-Bender**  
Kathleen Marie Maher and Kyle Martin Bender will be married on Aug. 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Virginia Maher. The groom is the son of Kevin and Denise Bender.



**McDermitt-Blandford**  
Katlyn Marie McDermitt and Matthew Kevin Blandford will be married on Sept. 3 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Eric and Nancy McDermitt. The groom is the son of Deacon Kerry and Rebecca Blandford.



**Miller-Smith**  
Brianna Louise Miller and Nicholas David Smith will be married on Oct. 1 at St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Tracy Miller. The groom is the son of Ronald and Angela Smith.



**Mournighan-Jones**  
Ashely Rose Mournighan and Jonathan Richard Jones were married on May 15 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Edward Mournighan and Cathi Best. The groom is the son of Jerome Jones and Margaret Kegriss.



**Shiba-Shaughnessy**  
Jennifer Currie Shiba and John Michael Shaughnessy were married on April 9 at Carmel Mission Basilica in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. The bride is the daughter of Roy and Christie Shiba. The groom is the son of John and Mary Shaughnessy.



**Slavens-Sauter**  
Meredith Jane Slavens and Jake Richard Sauter will be married on July 23 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Phyllis Slavens. The groom is the son of John and Veronica Sauter.



**Smithson-Benek**  
Andrea Renae Smithson and Joseph Robert Benek will be married on Dec. 31 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Kelley and Debra Smithson. The groom is the son of Jo Ann and the late John Benek.



**Worland-Carr**  
Courtney Lee Worland and Matthew James Carr will be married on Aug. 13 at St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of David and Janet Worland. The groom is the son of Raylene and the late Eugene Carr.



**Wuestefeld-Meyers**  
Amy Lynn Wuestefeld and Allen Fredrick Meyers were married on July 9 at St. Louis Church in Batesville. The bride is the daughter of Eugene and Nicki Wuestefeld. The groom is the son of Jay and Elizabeth Meyers.



**Zimmerman-Clark**  
Lindsay Nicole Zimmerman and Matthew John Clark will be married on Nov. 12 at St. Paul Church of All Saints Parish in Dearborn County. The bride is the daughter of Kim Zimmerman. The groom is the son of John and Patti Clark. †

# Pre Cana Conference, Tobit Weekend and One in Christ programs prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage

Criterion staff report

Three marriage preparation programs offered in the archdiocese—the Pre Cana Conference, Tobit Weekend and One in Christ—help prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage, as well as the challenges of married life.

Pre Cana Conference programs are scheduled on Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and Oct. 21-22, and in 2017 on Jan. 13-14, Feb. 17-18 and March 31-April 1. Sessions are held on the first evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and the next day from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis.

Registration is required. The cost for a commuting couple is \$185, and \$255 for couples staying overnight. To register, log on to [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

Tobit Weekend retreats for the next 12 months are scheduled at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House on Sept. 16-18 and Oct. 28-30, and in 2017 on Jan. 6-8, April 7-9, May 5-6 and June 2-3.

The registration fee of \$298 includes the program presented by trained facilitators, meals and overnight accommodations for the weekend.

Registration is required. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. To register, log on to

[www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

The One in Christ three-day marriage program will be held on Sept. 10-11 and 17, and in 2017 on Jan. 14-15 and 21. Both retreats will be held at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood. The first day is from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., the second day is from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and the third day is from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The cost is \$220 and covers meals and materials.

For more information call 317-600-5629, e-mail [info@OICIndy.com](mailto:info@OICIndy.com) or log on to [www.OICIndy.com](http://www.OICIndy.com).

Early registrations are recommended because the marriage preparation programs fill up quickly. †

# Couples may announce engagement or marriage in The Criterion

Engagement announcements for couples that are planning to be married at a Catholic church during the fall and winter months will be published in the Feb 3, 2017, issue of The Criterion.

Couples who were married at a Catholic church in recent months may announce their marriage if an engagement announcement was not published before the wedding date.

The wedding announcement form is available online at [www.criteriononline.com](http://www.criteriononline.com) by clicking on the "send us information" link then the "weddings" link.

An engagement or wedding photo may be submitted by e-mail to [nhoefler@archindy.org](mailto:nhoefler@archindy.org). Digital photos must be clear, high-resolution color images.

There is no charge for the engagement or marriage announcements. †



Graduates of the archdiocesan Hispanic Pastoral Leadership Institute are pictured inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on June 11. All told, 43 graduates—34 in pastoral leadership, and nine in spiritual direction—received diplomas on that day. (Submitted photo)

## Intercultural Pastoral Institute graduates encouraged ‘to show the Church is alive’

By Mike Krokos

Franciscan Brother Moises Gutierrez had a simple, heartfelt message for the newest graduates of the Intercultural Pastoral Institute: thank you.

“It is the most important [phrase], ‘thank you,’” he said. “I am so grateful [to all of you]. Wherever I go, I mention you, my experience here at the institute, and walking with the people who have been a part of the institute.”

The former director of the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry, Brother Moises was the keynote speaker at the June 11 ceremony for the fourth graduating class from the archdiocese’s Hispanic Pastoral Leadership Institute, and its first graduating class in spiritual direction. All told, 43 graduates—34 in pastoral leadership, and nine in spiritual direction—received diplomas.

“I mention you for one reason,” Brother Moises continued in his talk delivered in both English and Spanish, “because you made me a better person.

“Thank you. Thank you so much.”

Brother Moises served in the archdiocese for five years and played an integral role in helping create the archdiocese’s Intercultural Pastoral Institute, which offers programs that promote and celebrate the rich diversity within the archdiocese. He left in December after enrolling in Gonzaga University’s doctoral program of philosophy in leadership in Spokane, Wash.

“It really excited me to know that we were going to have a great time together,” he reminisced of the weekly Thursday gatherings with those taking classes at the institute. “I loved it.”

Brother Moises offered several pieces of advice for the graduates.

“Create memories together,” he told them. “We have created memories together, and you should continue creating more memories together.”

Secondly, Brother Moises encouraged them to adjust their vision and “change their lenses” when necessary.

“If I only look at things through my set of lenses, I will only get one perspective,” he explained. “Don’t be afraid to change your lenses to be able to walk with those you are walking with [on their journey of faith].”

He also encouraged the graduates to use their energy to be on fire for the faith.

“We need to be able to show the Church is alive” in its mission of evangelization, he said.

Leticia Pasillas, a member of St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour, said taking classes in the institute will help her better serve her parish as its Hispanic ministry coordinator.

“I have grown professionally, spiritually, and most importantly, I have developed self-confidence,” said Pasillas, who graduated from the pastoral leadership program. “I have learned self-confidence opens the door for exciting things in life and for personal growth.”

The institute, Pasillas added, helped her and her classmates grow in their lives of faith.

“We all have learned how to be better peers, and how to better serve, not only our parish communities, but in our families and in society at large,” she said.

Franciscan Father Larry Janezic, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Patrick parishes, both in Indianapolis, was the principal celebrant and homilist at a bilingual Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on June 11 before the graduation ceremony. He encouraged the graduates to follow the example of St. Barnabas, one of the Church’s early missionaries, whose feast day was celebrated on the day of the graduation.

Deacon Michael Braun, director of the Secretariat of Pastoral Ministries in the archdiocese, commended the graduates and said their work showed they are answering Pope Francis’ call to be missionary disciples.

“With your achievement, you create for yourself an even more meaningful relationship with the Church,” he said. “You create for yourself an opportunity to serve the Church in new and meaningful ways.

“Each of you has responded to your baptismal call. Go forth now, serve your pastors, serve your parish community in those new and meaningful ways,” Deacon Braun added.



Franciscan Brother Moises Gutierrez, former director of the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry, delivers a keynote address in Assembly Hall at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on June 11. Brother Moises encouraged the graduating class from the archdiocese’s Hispanic Pastoral Leadership Institute “to show the Church is alive” in its mission of evangelization. (Photo by Mike Krokos)



Rafael González, a member of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, receives his diploma on June 11 from Deacon Michael Braun, director of the Secretariat of Pastoral Ministries in the archdiocese. (Photo by Mike Krokos)



Deacon Michael Braun, left, and Franciscan Father Larry Janezic, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Patrick parishes, both in Indianapolis, elevate the Eucharist during a June 11 bilingual Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Also pictured is Divine Word Missionary Father Lloyd “Sam” Cunningham. (Photo by Mike Krokos)

Oscar Castellanos, archdiocesan coordinator of Hispanic Ministry, said the archdiocese plans to continue providing the best formation opportunities for its lay leaders.



Oscar Castellanos

“We dream big, and work hard to continue developing better programs,” he said, “especially in holistic formation where minds and hearts are conformed into the image of Christ the Lord.”

(To learn more about the intercultural institutes sponsored by the archdiocese, visit [www.archindy.org/multicultural](http://www.archindy.org/multicultural) and click on “Intercultural Institute.”) †

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Mary Kendall, left, and Gwen O'Connor, both members of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, pray the rosary on July 10 while walking through the neighborhood around their faith community on the city's near east side. They took part in one of nine prayer walks on consecutive Sundays sponsored by the parish. (Photos by Sean Gallagher)



Father Christopher Wadelton, pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, leads a group in praying on July 10 at a makeshift shrine on Oxford Street near the faith community where two men shot dead were found two days earlier.

# PEACE

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Father Wadelton got the idea for the prayer walks from a similar effort made by St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville two years ago after a spate of deaths by heroin overdoses sent shockwaves through the small southeastern Indiana town.

Father Wadelton explained that the prayer walks sponsored by St. Philip began after similar drug problems and a growth in violent crime in the neighborhood around the parish.

He said it was important that the prayer for peace in the neighborhood actually occur on its streets, and not simply in the parish's church.

"God's presence is here in the streets," Father Wadelton said. "We're not just isolated in our church building at Rural and North streets. We're out in the streets,

bringing that visible presence of Christ to the streets."

Many of the people who joined Father Wadelton on the prayer walk on July 10 said something important was missing from the discussions and news coverage of the shootings and increased racial tensions across the country—God.

St. Philip parishioner Mary Kendall said the walk was "a way to show that God should be more important than anything else.

"There needs to be an awareness of God. Anger is not the answer."

St. Philip parishioner Martha Torres focused on prayer as a means of fostering peace.

"It's important for peace, my life, my neighbors—everybody," she said. "Prayer is very important. You might not see the effect now. But I put it in Jesus' hands."

Michael O'Connor sees the violence in the neighborhood around his parish and the

nation and feels like changing it is out of his control. That's why he turns to God.

"A lot of things in our country are beyond our control. No matter how many training sessions they have for police officers, how many interactive dialogues they have, there's got to be more change of heart," O'Connor said. "Prayer can do that. That's why I come here."

As the people in the prayer walk moved on from the site where the two men had been found shot dead on July 8, they turned onto 10th Street and saw several Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers standing in the parking lots of a gas station and neighborhood grocery store.

Matt Carroll, one of those officers, was glad to see faith-filled people walking on the streets that had been marked by violence.

"It's inspiring," said Carroll. "It shows that people care. They're willing to give to

their community and do their part to assist."

Father Wadelton said that showing care and hope to people in a neighborhood suffering from so much violence and the despair of drugs was a goal in starting the prayer walks.

"Seeing a group of people walking and faithfully praying makes people aware that Christ is in the streets with them," he said. "There are people who care about what's going on. It's a strong act of peace and prayer."

*(The prayer walks sponsored by St. Philip Neri Parish will begin at 4:30 p.m. on July 17, 24 and 31 at the parish's Carlton Park across North Street from the parish church. Participants cover about a mile during the walk. The parish church is open during the time of the prayer walk for those who are unable to walk that distance. For more information, call 317-631-8746.) †*

## Catholic response to domestic abuse, violence focus of two-day symposium

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Thirty-three percent of women in the U.S. have been victims of domestic violence, said clinical psychologist Christa Welland, who spoke during a conference on domestic abuse held at The Catholic University of America on July 7 and 8.

Welland, who specializes in counseling people affected by intimate-partner abuse, appeared at "Hope, Help and Healing: A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence Abuse and Violence," speaking on the effects of trauma on people who experience abuse and violence.

She was joined on a panel by Mindy Thiel, director of Chesapeake Counseling Associates, who has overseen the Safe Start Program, a counseling program through the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Family Justice Center in Maryland, for children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

Welland mentioned that while the majority of victims of domestic violence are women, a small percentage are men.

"Twenty-eight percent of men in the U.S. have been victims of sexual or physical domestic violence at some point in their life," said Welland. "[The impact] is three times greater for women than it is for men."

In 2010, more than 1,000 women were murdered by their partner in the U.S., and 241 men, said Welland.

"Injuries, as a result of physical violence can be bruises, broken bones, and a person can be shot," said Welland. "The health consequences can be physical, sexual, emotional, and the injuries can be from minor to severe."



An attendee gestures on July 7 during a national symposium on domestic violence held at The Catholic University of America in Washington. (CNS photo/Dana Rene Bowler, CUA)

Not only does domestic violence affect the victim, but harm also can be brought upon the children.

"Children can also be injured during violent incidents," said Welland, "if the victim has the child in their hands, or if children are trying to intervene, which they often do."

During the panel, Thiel raised the issue of the effects of trauma on children who witness such violence between intimate partners.

She noted her work at the Family Justice Center, and how it is open to all families who are experiencing domestic violence in the household.

"Every child regardless of race, income, immigration status, can receive counseling services through our program," said Thiel.

The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year, she said.

"The number one cause of homicides in Montgomery County are domestic violence related homicides," said Thiel. "They aren't drug related, they aren't gang related. The majority of homicides in Montgomery County are domestic violence related."

Forty percent of children who are exposed to domestic violence were present while the incident happened, said Thiel.

Many of the abusers, she said, receive full or partial custody of their children.

Thiel said when she works with the children of victims of domestic violence, she often has to explain to them the feelings they may have toward the abuser.

"Mostly, children experience ambivalence. [We] have to explain to a child why they still love someone who is abusive is very complex," she said. "[Children] experience things in black and white, and they have trouble trying to figure out why they feel so much fear toward one parent, but at the same time, love them as well."

She continued to explain the effects on the relationship between a child and a parent who is an abuser.

"Children are acutely aware of what's going on between their parents. They also worry about upsetting the abuser," said Thiel. "They try to appease the abuser. They worry that the survivor may also upset the abuser. They become more hypervigilant during the abusive incident. Some children might hide during the explosive incident. They might withdraw."

Welland addressed the mind of the abuser and how

abusive behavior can be cyclical.

"A lot of people who have been exposed to violence, who have had a father who was violent have decided to never be violent, and they have done so," she said. "The perpetrator of today, in many cases, not all, could have been the victim of child abuse and neglect in their family origin."

Welland, a bilingual clinical psychologist in private practice in San Diego, is the founder of Pax in Familia, an international Catholic ministry dedicated to the prevention of violence and abuse in Catholic families.

She said "violence is a learned behavior," and can be corrected through proper therapy.

"Therapy is an experience of being loved by another human being," she concluded. "If I don't love these people, I can't help them. I need to be able to understand, and I need to have enough empathy where we can work together and I feel as though I actually want to hear what they have to say."

The symposium was hosted by The Catholic University's National Catholic School of Social Service and its Catholics for Family Peace Education and Research Initiative. The other sponsors of the symposium were the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Catholic Charities USA; Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington; Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, Va.; and the National Council of Catholic Women.

More than 350 participants from across the country registered for the event, which was designed for clergy and pastoral leaders who want to assist people harmed by domestic abuse and violence in their communities.

Sessions themes were drawn from recommendations found in the U.S. bishops' 2002 pastoral statement "When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women." The document was an updated, revised version of their 1992 statement.

"Violence in any form, physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal, is sinful; many times, it is a crime as well," the document said. It urged priests and parish personnel to see themselves as "a first line of defense for women who are suffering from abuse," noting that even when abusers try to isolate their victims from other social contacts, "they may still allow them to go to church."

Also, it said, the Church should offer aid to the abusers who, like their victims, "need Jesus' strength and healing." †

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## The Church rebounds: It defines papal infallibility

(Third in a series of columns)

With the beating the papacy took during the 18th century, especially in France and including the times when Napoleon Bonaparte imprisoned two popes, it's understandable that Pope Pius IX was anxious to re-establish the authority of the pope. One way to do that, he decided, was to make the concept of papal infallibility a dogma of the Church. He decided that a council should do this, the first council since the Council of Trent in the 16th century.

Infallibility means the inability to err in teachings on faith and morals. Popes at least from the time of Gregory VII in 1073 believed that they were infallible, but it had never been solemnly defined as a dogma. When the First Vatican Council was convened in 1869, Pius IX had been pope for 23 years. Of the 739 bishops in the world, he had appointed all but 81. More than a

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## Thoughts on marriage during the wedding season

Every year, our archdiocese sponsors a Marriage Day Mass to honor those who live in sacramental marriages. Of course, long marriages receive the most attention, but any married couple may attend the event.

This year, the longest-married couple had been together for 71 years! The shortest was a couple married for four months, and there were 21 couples married more than 60 years. Several were dressed in their best, and one couple wore matching traditional African wedding outfits, very colorful and festive.

Some children were also present, which seemed to me a great idea. We can't begin too early to demonstrate to kids the beauty and importance of marriage. Our modern culture often dismisses marriage as "only a piece of paper," or some kind of trial to be avoided. And some women seem to think of marriage as a restriction to personal freedom.

Having observed my own and many friends' long marriages, I believe that sacramental marriage is a relationship in

Spirituality for Today/Father John Catoir

## Take time to find God in the present moment

Communion with God should be a natural part of your life, like your very own heartbeat. Being aware of the presence of God is automatic, even if you only consciously advert to God a few times a day. The Lord is present, whether you are praying or not.

Jean-Pierre de Caussade, a Jesuit spiritual writer, says that "sanctity can be reduced to one single practice, fidelity to the duties appointed by God." This, he continues, "consists in accomplishing the duties which devolve upon us," and accepting with love "all that God sends us at each moment."

You might think that this refers to duties like performing the corporal works of mercy, but it also refers to ordinary, everyday tasks like doing the dishes and taking care of your health.

third were Italians, and they and the French composed an absolute majority. He was confident, therefore, that the bishops would do his bidding.

However, not all the bishops were in favor of the definition of papal infallibility that the pope had in mind. About a third of them accepted the primacy of the pope, but thought that he could make decisions binding the whole Church only when he acted in agreement with the other bishops.

Discussion of the issue was lengthy, but eventually both sides starting thinking compromise. Those who proclaimed absolute authority for the pope began to see that there should be some limitations on papal infallibility. Those on the other side could see that there was support for the idea of divine guidance for papal teachings.

Cardinal Guido, the superior general of the Dominicans, offered the compromise on June 18, 1870. He suggested that the debate should focus on the infallibility of the pope's doctrinal decisions rather than on the infallibility of the person of the pope. He said that the pope's decisions were infallible precisely because they

which the partners affirm each other, and which actually makes them both more able to be themselves. They know the other has his or her back, so to speak.

After a while, couples don't even need words to express their commitment, but can sit together for hours, never speaking but in total communication. Once at a family reunion, I saw my 90-year-old aunt and uncle sitting quietly at a picnic table with ruckus all around. I told my aunt how lucky they were to have each other all these years, and she said, "I thank God every day." That's the kind of joy and gratitude a sacrament can produce.

Now, we all know that marriage is not always romance and flowers. Spouses are human, after all, and will inevitably behave badly at one time or another. We may be selfish or inattentive to the other's needs. We may intrude into the other's business or their friendships or goals. We may use unfair weapons to get our way, as in withholding sex or money. Instead of trying to be fair, we may insist on being right.

So it's important to work at being married. But first, there are some essentials in choosing a marriage partner for the long haul. There's physical attraction, then intellectual parity and shared values, including the idea that

Living in the present moment means not letting the past drag you down, or letting any fear of the future cloud you with doubt. It takes willpower, decision-making and the desire to be your best self. This leads to a state of peace.

With patience, you will learn to trust your good intentions. In other words, by living in the present, you can become "fully alive."

St. Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is man fully alive." As a saint-in-training, you have what it takes to produce rich and abundant fruit. The Lord himself has told you this. Trust the words of Jesus more than your own fears.

Fifty years ago, I was in the military police at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. The post chaplain asked me to be his assistant, and my high school dreams of becoming a priest begin to stir in me again. The rest is history.

The decisions we make today have consequences tomorrow.

Deciding to be holy doesn't mean

were made in concert with the other bishops, and that the pope could teach infallibly only when he acted in union with his fellow bishops and when he respected the tradition of the Church.

From then on, the council dealt with the pope's doctrinal decisions rather than with the pope himself—which infuriated Pius IX because he really considered himself to be infallible. Before the vote took place, about 80 bishops left the council rather than vote against the pope.

The vote on the issue was taken on July 18, 1870, and passed 533 to 2. The council decreed that the pope teaches infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* ("from the papal throne") on matters of faith or morals.

It made a subtle difference between the pope himself and what he teaches. It said that, under certain strictly limited circumstances, the pope teaches infallibly, but it was careful not to state that the pope is an infallible person. Pope Pius IX was disappointed.

Since 1870, this dogma has been used only once, in 1950 when Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of Mary. †

God is the third party in the relationship. Usually this demands what we used to call "dating," a period of courtship.

Unfortunately, today the physical attraction part seems to dominate in some relationships, and dating ain't what it used to be. Often this leads to unwanted children and the fragmentation of society. On the other hand, sacramental marriage includes producing children and raising them with a father and a mother. I think in this arrangement, girls learn to be women from their moms and boys how to be men from their dads, and both learn to relate to the opposite sex in a healthy way.

When this happens, it continues down through the generations. No matter how the parents relate to each other, children will thrive if they feel loved and secure. Kids tend to think that the world revolves around them, and if anything is wrong it's their fault. Parents should always keep that in mind.

When we follow our vocation and commit to a beloved in a sacramental marriage, graces follow for a lifetime. Congratulations to those who will make this happy choice in this wedding season.

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

For the Journey/Effie Caldarola

## Resisting acedia with new beginnings

My neighbor stands smiling in the Saturday morning sunshine, surveying her crop of tomatoes and kale. She lifts her tanned arms



in exultation toward the cloudless sky.

"Why can't it be like this all year long?" she asks of the already hot and humid day.

As I sit in the shade of my patio, sipping my morning coffee, I wonder if she is nuts.

Are you kidding? I sulk silently. Who would want to live in this heat all year long? We've had a long stretch of weather in the 90s.

I lived in Alaska for years, relishing Anchorage's relatively cool climate. Almost no homes had air conditioning—none was needed. At night, with our bedroom windows wide open to let in the chilly evening air, I would burrow under my blankets and wonder, Why can't it be like this all year long?

Despite our obvious difference of opinion on what constitutes good weather, I had to admit my neighbor gave me pause to think about something important: my attitude. Why am I so doggone crabby sometimes? Why wasn't I lifting my arms to the heavens in praise on a sunny morning rather than hunkering over my caffeine?

A few weeks ago, I attended a retreat given by Kathleen Norris, a best-selling spiritual writer whose works include *Dakota*, *The Cloister Walk* and *Acedia and Me*.

Norris is known as an authority on the desert fathers and mothers, those early Christians who founded monasticism. Although a Protestant, Norris is also a Benedictine oblate, and has spent much time in the reflective confines of Benedictine monasteries.

St. Benedict, who wrote his great rule in the early sixth century, tells us that always we must begin again. It's this message that most resonated with me from Norris' talks.

"You can make a new beginning at every moment," she avers, thus challenging the "I'll start my diet again tomorrow" approach that I bring to many things in life.

The early monastic Christians didn't talk about sin, according to Norris. Rather, they described the temptations that plague us as "bad thoughts" or "demons." They listed eight of these that correspond today to the seven deadly sins: pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed and sloth.

So what happened to number eight? A strange word, acedia, fell by the wayside and was somewhat absorbed into sloth. Sloth generally describes laziness.

But that doesn't quite define acedia. Sometimes called "the noonday devil," acedia appears when we let ourselves become lethargic, out-of-sorts, down in the dumps.

I think I was embracing acedia that Saturday morning when I was downright stunned to see my neighbor so pleased with the day. Her outstretched arms dramatically contradicted the closed-in posture I displayed physically and felt spiritually.

An important note about acedia is that it can resemble depression, yet the two are separate things. Depression can be a serious illness requiring medical help or counseling. Depression can't be treated by telling ourselves to "get over it," and it should never be taken lightly.

Acedia, however, puts the ball in my court. Norris put it this way: "Acedia can be resisted—take your mind off the closed circle of yourself."

So if I'm yielding to acedia, what should I do? Many things help: exercise, laughter, socializing with friends, doing a good deed, prayer or focusing on gratitude. Vanquish the pity party, get my mind off the "closed circle" of myself.

I can begin this at any moment. Any time is the right time to smile and try out a new attitude.

(Effie Caldarola writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# Sunday Readings

Sunday, July 17, 2016

- Genesis 18:1-10a
- Colossians 1:24-28
- Luke 10:38-42

The Book of Genesis provides us with this weekend's first reading. For a century or more, Genesis has carried the heavy burden of being considered almost totally in terms of its creation narratives, of which actually there are several, but Genesis offers other important lessons.



For example, it tells us about Abraham, who is at the center of this

weekend's first reading.

Three men stand before Abraham, and Abraham receives them hospitably. He offers them drink, food and shelter from the hot sun and the night when predators roam in search of prey. He tells Sarah, his wife, to prepare the best of foods.

Then, one of the men tells Abraham that within the year Sarah will give birth to a child. In the ancient Hebrew culture, nothing was more important than the arrival of new life. A child continued the life of its parents. Any infant therefore was a sign of unending life itself.

The man acknowledged Abraham's devotion to God, seen in the hospitality he was offered.

For its second reading, the Church gives us a passage from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, written when Paul was imprisoned.

He called the Christians in the communities of Asia Minor to fidelity, in this case the Christians of Colossae.

Paul insisted that he was commissioned by God to preach the Gospel. It was no task that he simply took upon himself. Rather, God called him to be an Apostle so that the world would know Christ. In Christ is God's love. In Christ is God's truth.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a familiar story. Jesus is in the home of Mary and Martha. He is their

guest. Mary wants only to listen to Jesus. Martha is concerned about the details of hosting the Lord.

Jesus counsels Martha not to worry about these details, but instead to listen—with Mary—to the words of salvation.

## Reflection

At times, this passage from Luke is used to suggest that Martha was either shortsighted or else wanting in faith, whereas Mary was a true disciple. It should be recalled that Martha, in another reading, rushed to Jesus after the death of Lazarus to express her faith in the Lord's power to resurrect Lazarus. Martha was hardly lacking in faith. This story simply highlights Martha's humanity, shown in how she was confined by human concerns and limitations.

These three readings teach us that humans have legitimate problems. Sarah was unable to conceive, to produce a child. She was human. Her human age created problems. People made no allowance for this natural circumstance. They ridiculed her, unable to have a child when child-bearing was so important.

Paul was held in captivity by powerful but ignorant authorities, at worst the enemies of God and true justice. Martha was caught up in the normal, everyday demands of life.

Despite these problems, God entered the picture with salvation and hope. Nothing is impossible for God. Constraints of nature were not able to prevent Sarah's motherhood. The mighty Roman Empire could not contain the power of St. Paul.

The hard and fast rules of the culture at the time could not restrain Jesus. Important to the story in Luke is the Lord's utter disregard for the taboo that a single man should never enter the home of a woman or women, or never take a meal with a woman.

The readings are about our need for God, and about God's will to be with us despite our limitations. He will come to us, with mercy and strength, if simply we are loyal, as was Abraham. †

## Daily Readings

### Monday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, priest  
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8  
Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16b-17,  
21, 23  
Matthew 12:38-42

### Tuesday, July 19

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
Psalm 85:2-8  
Matthew 12:46-50

### Wednesday, July 20

St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr  
Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10  
Psalm 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15, 17  
Matthew 13:1-9

### Thursday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church  
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13  
Psalm 36:6-7b, 8-11  
Matthew 13:10-17

### Friday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene  
Jeremiah 3:14-17  
(Response) Jeremiah 31:10-12d,  
13  
John 20:1-2, 11-18

### Saturday, July 23

St. Bridget, religious  
Jeremiah 7:1-11  
Psalm 84:3-6a, 8a, 11  
Matthew 13:24-30

### Sunday, July 24

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13



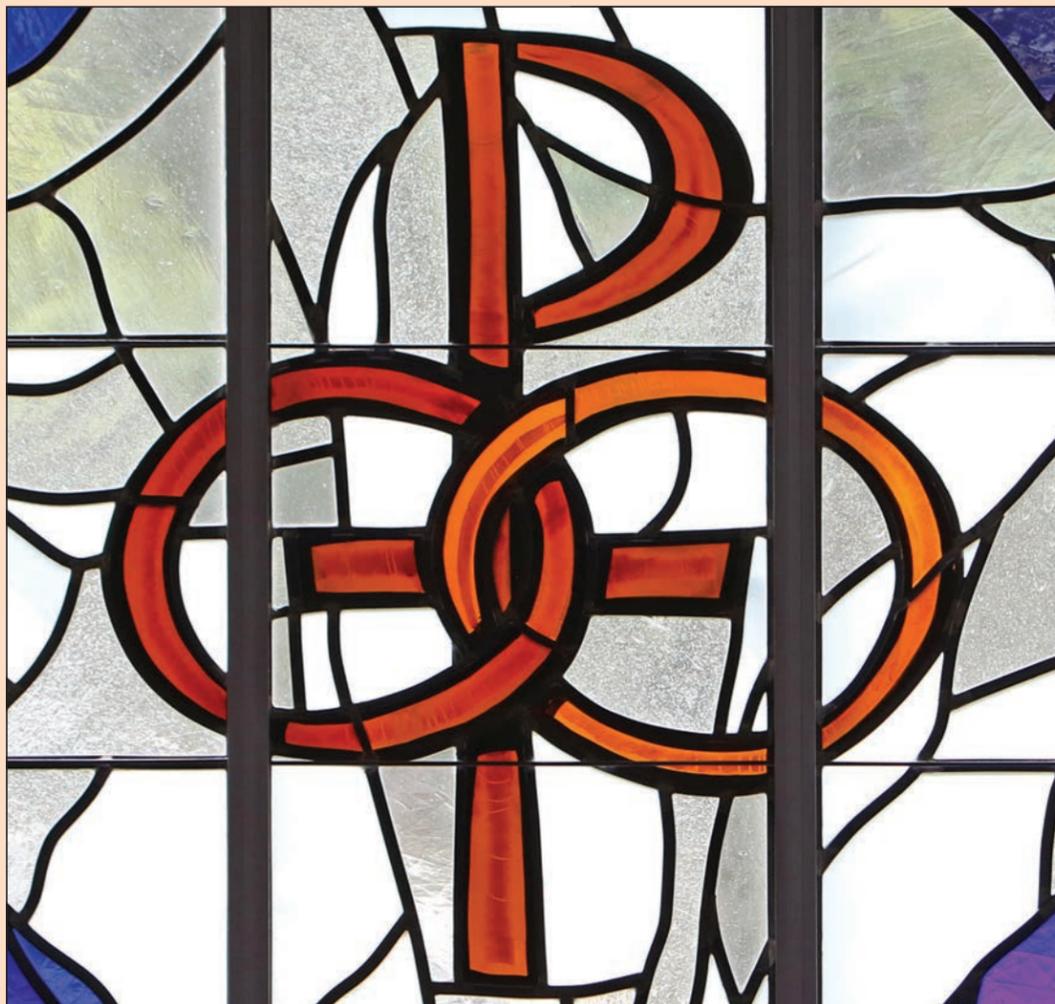
## Camillus de Lellis

1550-1614  
Feast Date: July 18

Though this tall, young Italian was restricted by an ulcerated leg, he worked as a hospital servant and Venetian soldier. After gambling away all his property, he became a laborer at the Manfredonia Capuchin monastery and in 1575 tried to join the Capuchins. But his leg wound returned, and he was in and out of the hospital, eventually deciding to devote his life to caring for the sick. Camillus was ordained in 1584 and founded the Order of the Servants of the Sick, more generally known as the Camillians. He is a patron of the sick, of hospitals and of nurses.



## My Journey to God



## The Love of Christ

By Natalie Hoefler

I celebrated at the wedding feast.  
I ate countless meals with you.  
I prayed with you and for you.  
I went to church with you.  
I laughed with you.  
I cried with you.  
I welcomed children with great love.  
I handled demons with prayer.  
I journeyed with you.  
I shared my worries with you.  
I spoke of the future with you.  
I prayed for healing when you were sick.  
I sacrificed for you.  
I carried much weight for you.  
I would give my life for you again and again, and  
Make sure you'd be cared for after my death.  
Who am I?  
I am your spouse, and I love you with  
The love of Christ.

(Natalie Hoefler is a member of St. Monica Parish and is a reporter for The Criterion. A pair of wedding bands symbolizing the sacrament of marriage is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Patrick Church in Smithtown, N.Y. Pope Francis' postsynodal apostolic exhortation on the family, "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), was released on April 8.) (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

# 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.

**BERSCH, Patricia M.**, 86, Prince of Peace, Madison, July 1. Sister of Peter Bersch. Aunt of several.

**BRANDENBURG, Herbert J.**, 83, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 2. Husband of Evelyn Brandenburg. Father of Rita Campbell, Denise Morris and Alice Warren. Brother of Peggy Sawyer, Joyce and Hubert Brandenburg. Grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of one.

**CAMPBELL, Kathleen M.**, 87, St. Jude, Indianapolis, June 30. Mother of Jan Tyra, Bunny, Luke and Tim Campbell. Sister of Janet Bartram and Lucille Wheatley. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of 10. Great-great-grandmother of one.

**CUNNINGHAM, James**, 66, St. Roch, Indianapolis, June 22. Brother of Mary McClelland, Francis and Patrick Cunningham. Uncle of several.

**DELAHANTY, Alice M.**, 95, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, June 26. Mother of James and William Delahanty. Grandmother of one. Great-grandmother of two.

**DORA, James E.**, 80, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, June 27. Husband of Shirley Dora. Father of Kristina Brubaker, Carol Murphy, Elizabeth Troeger and Jim Dora, Jr. Brother of Virginia Duesterberg. Grandfather of 11.

**GIBSON, Fannie M.**, 93, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, June 30. Mother of Brenda

Jackson, Rebecca, Charles and Ronnie Gibson.

**HAMILTON, Tony**, 57, St. Mary, North Vernon, June 21. Husband of Rhonda Hamilton. Father of Basile Hamilton. Brother of Nancy Daughtery and Mark Hamilton.

**HATCHER, William P.**, 70, Annunciation, Brazil, July 4. Husband of Judy Hatcher. Father of William Hatcher, Jr. Brother of Deloris Case, Margaret Weir, Catherine, Cecilia, Diane, Mary and Frank Hatcher.

**MENDICK, Milton**, 79, St. Mary, New Albany, June 25. Father of Michelle Close, Maureen Tarquini, Margaret and Michael Mendick. Brother of June Kerkow, Betty Rodgers and Evelyn Wiedel. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of three.

**MOORE, Thomas C.**, 69, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, June 30. Husband of Elaine Moore. Father of Jeannine Victory, Julianne, David and Thomas Moore. Brother of Terry Mazzina. Stepbrother of Nan Crosby and Jay Clark. Grandfather of 11.

**O'CONNOR, Pamela J.**, 72, St. Roch, Indianapolis, June 24. Mother of Sean Ray. Stepmother of Michael O'Connor. Sister of Judith Gonczy. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of six.

**SHEWMAKER, Roscoe E.**, 98, St. Joseph, Corydon, June 28. Father of Richard Shewmaker. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of 11.

**SUTTMAN, Paul H.**, 81, St. Louis, Batesville, June 26. Husband of Shirley Suttman. Father of Paula Basse, Deborah Nobbe, Beth Schutte and Michael Suttman. Brother of Clarrisa Adams, Albert and Cletus Suttman. Grandfather of 10. Step-grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of four.

**STERLING, JoAnn**, 82, St. Ambrose, Seymour, July 3.

**SWORD, Mary J.**, 79, St. Mary, New Albany, June 27. Mother of Carl Jr., Eric and



## Restoring historic mosaics

A worker from the Piacenti restoration center works on a mosaic in the Church of the Nativity on July 5 in Bethlehem, West Bank. Restoration specialists from the center recently completed their work in the church. (CNS photo/CNS/Debbie Hill)

Marc Sword. Grandmother of two.

**TULLOCH, Diana L.**, 66, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, June 22. Daughter of Elma Wamsley. Sister of Dale and Don Wamsley. Grandmother of one. Great-grandmother of one.

**WAZ, Doris R.**, 92, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, July 3. Mother of Randy, Richard, Ron and Todd Waiz. Sister of Glenn Booth. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of seven. Great-great-grandmother of one.

**WYCISKALLA, David M.**, 64, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, June 13. Son of Rita Wyciskalla. Brother of Michelle McDonnell, Laura Wats, Jan, Greg, Mark and Michael Wyciskalla. †

## Bernard Augenstein, father of Father Eric Augenstein, died on July 2 in Greenwood

Bernard H. Augenstein, the father of Father Eric Augenstein, archdiocesan vocations director, died on July 2 at his home in Greenwood. He was 70.

A member of Cross of Grace Lutheran Church in New Palestine, his funeral took place there on July 9. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Bernard Augenstein was born on May 2, 1946, in Delaware, Ohio. He graduated from River Valley High School in Marion, Ohio, in 1964. He earned a degree in accounting from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., in 1968. He worked for Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op and CountryMark for 26 years, and then as a computer software trainer for Batesville Casket Company for 10 years before retiring in 2011.

Augenstein married his wife, Linda (Dunsmore) Augenstein, who survives him,

on July 10, 1971. He is also survived by his son, Father Augenstein, and siblings David Augenstein of Rives Junction, Mich., Bob Augenstein of Marion, Ohio, and Lynn Augenstein of Ponte Vedra, Fla.

At the time of his death, Augenstein was active in supporting both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He had a special interest in promoting vocations and also sang in choirs and played keyboard for worship services. A devoted Ohio State University fan, Augenstein was also a bicycle enthusiast and had an interest in visiting lighthouses, having visited 252 across the U.S.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Cross of Grace Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund, 2519 S. 600 West, New Palestine, IN 46163. †

## Pope Francis signs decrees in causes for U.S. bishop, martyr of Nazi regime

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis advanced the sainthood cause of a U.S. bishop, who ministered to California farmworkers and the poor, and recognized the martyrdom of an Italian layman, who died en route to a Nazi death camp after refusing to recite allegiance to Adolf Hitler.

The pope also recognized the martyrdom

of seven Missionaries of the Sacred Heart who were killed during the Spanish Civil War, and he recognized the miracle needed for the beatification of French Father Antoine-Rose Ormieres—founder of the Congregation of the Guardian Angel Sisters. He was born in Quillan, France, in 1809 and died in Gijon, Spain, in 1890.

The pope approved the decrees during an audience on July 8 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

Pope Francis recognized the heroic virtues of the late Auxiliary Bishop Alphonse Gallegos of Sacramento, Calif., known as the "bishop of the barrio" because of his work with the marginalized, and the "lowrider bishop" because of his support for members of local modified-car clubs.

He was particularly concerned about the poor, uncatechized young people, migrants and other people who lacked support from the community, and he often spent his summer vacations living with farmworkers in California's Central Valley.

One of 11 children, he was ordained a priest for the Augustinian Recollects religious order in 1958.

Bishop Gallegos served as pastor for the San Miguel and Cristo Rey parishes in the Los Angeles area, and then moved to Sacramento in 1979 where he became the first director of the Division of Hispanic Affairs of the California Catholic Conference. As founding director, he set in motion mobile pastoral teams for the state's farmworkers, and started a Spanish-language radio program to reach farmworkers in California and Mexico.

In 1981, St. John Paul II appointed him auxiliary bishop of Sacramento, where he lived until his death in an automobile accident near Yuba City on Oct. 6, 1991.

While auxiliary bishop, he served as vicar general, vicar for the Hispanic apostolate and vicar for ethnic communities in the diocese.



Pope Francis

He served at both St. Rose Parish and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Sacramento. At the time, he had been the first Hispanic bishop in the California state capital since 1861.

Born with a severe myopic

condition and nearly blind, Bishop Gallegos had a warm and friendly personality.

It was not unusual to find him on Friday and Saturday nights on Franklin Boulevard in Sacramento talking to the drivers and owners of the area's famed lowriders—cars with modified suspension systems—blessing their cars and helping them with their problems and concerns. About 300 lowrider cars participated in a procession in his honor before his funeral Mass.

Pope Francis also recognized the martyrdom of Italian husband and father Josef Mayr-Nusser. Born in Bolzano in 1910, he was the head of Catholic Action in the 1930s and secretly took part in an anti-Nazi movement led by the diocesan secretary of the Catholic Youth. †

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## Serra Club vocations essay

# Student has powerful experience of God's mercy at NCYC

By Bayley Wade

Special to The Criterion

November of 2015 was the lowest point of my life. The burdens of the past few months bore down on my shoulders heavier than ever before.



Bayley Wade

I was struggling with the loss of a serious relationship. I felt my friendships fading. And I began distancing myself from God. I felt abandoned and lacked a purpose.

I desired happiness, but felt it was unattainable. My life was full of so many amazing things, but my heart had never felt so vacant. I was the shell of my former self, and I was desperate to be filled. I turned to writing, but words brought no relief.

I talked to my parents and then to my doctor, and their conclusion was that I was suffering from situational depression. However, I knew no therapy or medication could heal me, for this was not a bodily hurt. It was spiritual.

In a strange twist of fate, I got a call from a friend saying her sister had just dropped her spot for attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). I had wanted to attend NCYC since my freshman year. However, I missed registration and all available slots to attend had been filled—that is, until I received that call. My friend told me the spot was mine if I wanted it.

This decision presented me with great internal conflict. I wanted to go, but at the time my relationship with God was almost non-existent. So, it felt wrong to take the opportunity from someone else. I also didn't want to face the stress that came with missing school.

However, something deep within me was calling me to go. I never knew that this call would change my life forever.

When I walked through the doors of Lucas Oil Stadium, loud cheers erupted throughout the arena. I was immediately engulfed in a crowd of young Catholics dancing and worshipping God. I was overwhelmed with a sensation I had never experienced before.

Suddenly, the lights dimmed and a priest appeared on center stage and 25,000 rowdy teens fell silent. It was the kind of silence that was powerful enough to move mountains.

The priest invited us to receive the sacrament of reconciliation if we wanted. Now I have only received the sacrament of penance when I had felt obligated to do so. I was never one to just go on my own.

However, I suddenly felt myself being drawn to one of the priests sitting in the row behind me. I went to him and immediately confessed my sins, laying all the struggles of the past months before him.

He looked at me and smiled, and for the first time in forever I no longer felt alone. He placed his hands on my head and as he absolved me from my sins, I began to cry.

I literally felt the sensation of a weight being lifted from my shoulders. I told him this, and he said, "God has heard your call."

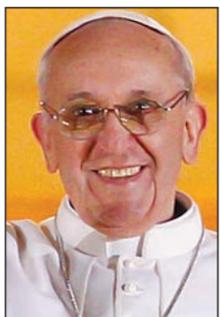
I have never experienced so much mercy. Through this priest, God had brought me peace, and I once again was filled.

*(Bayley and her parents, Tim and Alysia Wade, are members of Holy Family Parish in New Albany. She completed the 11th grade at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville last spring, and is the 11th-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2016 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.) †*

## Pray for those who scorn, take advantage of you, Pope Francis tells poor

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pray for those responsible for extreme poverty, for the rich who feast unaware of people in need at their door, and for priests who ignore those who are hurting, Pope Francis told people living a precarious existence.

Say a prayer for these people, wish them well and "ask Jesus that they convert, and I assure you that if you do this, there will be great joy in the Church, in your hearts and also in beloved France," the pope told his audience.



Pope Francis

The pope met with about 200 people from the French province of Lyon, who are homeless, living in poverty or coping with an illness or disability.

The group was on pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Philippe Barbarin of Lyon and the All Together With Dignity Fourth World movement founded by Father Joseph Wresinski, who ministered to deprived families in urban and rural parishes.

Meeting with the group on July 6 in the Vatican's Paul VI audience hall, the pope told them he had a favor to ask them, or rather, he said, he was giving them a mission to carry out.

It is "a mission that only you, in your poverty will be able to accomplish," he said in Italian, while an aide translated into French.

Jesus was very harsh with and "strongly reprimanded people who do not embrace the father's message," the pope said, recalling Jesus' "sermon on the plain" in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

While the poor, hungry, excluded and mournful are blessed, Jesus said, "woe to you who are rich," satiated and mocking, the pope said.

When spoken by the son of God, the warning of "woe," he said, "is frightening," and Jesus directed that admonition "to the rich, the wise, those who laugh now, those who like to be flattered, hypocrites.

"I give you the mission of praying for them so that the Lord give them a change of heart."

The pope also asked them to pray for those who are "guilty of your poverty," and for "so many rich people

dressed in purple and fine linen, who feast with great banquets without realizing that lying at their door there are so many Lazaruses eager to eat the scraps from their table.

"Pray also for priests, for the Levites, who, seeing that man beaten and half-dead, pass to the other side, look the other way, because they have no compassion," the pope said.

Jesus chose to share in their suffering out of love, by becoming "one of you: scorned by man, forgotten, someone who means nothing.

"When you experience this, do not forget that Jesus also experienced this like you. It is proof that you are precious in his eyes and that he is by your side," he said.

The poor are a priority for the Church, Pope Francis told them. "The Church, who loves and prefers those whom Jesus loved and preferred, cannot rest until it has reached all those who experience refusal, exclusion and who don't mean anything to anybody."

Not only are people able to encounter Christ in the poor, he said, the poor help build peace in the world by "reminding us that we are brothers and sisters, and that God is the father of everyone." †

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# Volunteer says inmates have ‘tremendous need’ for spiritual life

ELLSWORTH, Kan. (CNS)—Behind a fence trimmed with razor wire sits the white steeple of the Spiritual Life Center in the Ellsworth Correctional Facility.

Across the empty yard, three small figures walk toward the only circular building amid a sea of sharp edges.

Volunteer Chuck Huslig trails behind the black-clad figures of Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger of Salina and Father Joshua Werth on the way into the worship space.

“I think there’s a tremendous need for these men to have more of a spiritual life,” said Huslig, who has been a Catholic volunteer at the facility since 2003.

“They’re at a place where they may be drawn to our worship service because it’s someplace different to go, or because they’re bored,” he told *The Register*, newspaper of the Salina Diocese. “They

often have other reasons to start coming, but some of them are going to really develop a much deeper spirituality.”

Huslig’s ministry began when he worked a rotating shift at a nearby refinery. He was one of three lay ministers who would visit the correctional facility.

“Then one passed away, so I became a regular,” Huslig said. “The other guy passed away, so I was it.”

He said the current Holy Year of Mercy gives him the opportunity to reflect on the corporal works of mercy, especially “visiting the imprisoned.” He credits eight years of parochial school under the Dominican sisters in Great Bend with instilling those values.

“[The Dominicans] taught us a lot more than our school subjects,” Huslig said. “They taught us about social responsibility, especially the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Those nuns lived that.”

When Huslig started volunteering, Masses took place only once a month. Huslig and the other retired volunteers hosted a weekly Communion service.

After a while, the frequency of Mass increased to the first and third Wednesday. He held a Communion service on the other Wednesdays so the inmates could receive Communion weekly.

In 2014, Carmelite Father Mathew Chacko, pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Wilson, began saying Mass weekly for the inmates.

Dale Bailey, the chaplain at Ellsworth Correctional Facility, said before a priest came regularly, a few guys would attend the Catholic service.

“When Father Chacko started coming, we’d have 25 to 30 guys attend,” Bailey said. “The attendance shows how important having a priest present is.”

With Father Chacko administering the sacraments, it allowed Huslig to provide other forms of spiritual enrichment.

“I took it as an opportunity,” he said. “I saw a need for someone to do some Catholic education.”

In November 2014, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes began in the Spiritual Life Center.

“This was a jump into the deep end of the pool for me,” Huslig said. “I honestly had no qualifications.

“I wanted them to know what it is they’re supposed to be believing if they call themselves Catholic.”

He consulted with Father Steven Heina, pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Ellsworth, and obtained permission to use the materials from the parish’s confirmation class. The series includes 24 video lessons with discussion and supplemental reading.

“In a parish it takes the better part of a year with high school kids,” Huslig said. “We don’t have that kind of time because the Department of Corrections transfers



Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger of Salina, Kan., confirms seven men during a June 9 Mass at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. (CNS photo/Karen Bonar, *The Register*)

people around.”

The class in the prison runs eight weeks.

RCIA prepares adults interested in joining the Catholic Church. Huslig said many inmates he meets were baptized as an infant, but had no religious upbringing. Others might have been baptized in another faith tradition, but are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Still others have no religious exposure, but are curious about the Catholic faith.

“My first incentive was to catechize the fellas that were already baptized, but it didn’t take very long and I saw the fruits of fellows who had no Christian background whatsoever ... the Catholic worship group spread the word,” Huslig said.

There is no obligation to join after the classes, but he said many opt to become Catholic.

On June 9, five men were received into the Church when they were baptized and confirmed. Two others were confirmed.

In the 19 months since Huslig began RCIA classes, 11 have received both baptism and confirmation; and 17 were already baptized, so they received confirmation.

“Without a doubt, this is a Holy Spirit-inspired mission,” Bishop Weisenburger told *The Register*. “Pope Francis calls us to go out to people, engage them where we find them, and accompany them on the way to the Gospel. Chuck’s ministry, accompanying these inmates on their journey, makes this wonderful call to discipleship visible.”

The bishop visits the correctional facility a few times a year. He says Mass, which includes baptism and confirmation for the inmates who have completed the RCIA program.

“It’s a very big deal,” said Bailey, an inmate who is Baptist, of the bishop’s presence. “It’s great to have him come in. [The inmates] understand the value of having the bishop come and say Mass.

“Part of being incarcerated in their minds is being rejected by society. When you have a priest come every week and a bishop come every few months, it’s a lot of self-esteem to their lives.”

Bishop Weisenburger said the prison ministry is important.

“It is humbling how these men open up once they trust someone,” he said. “I wish I could get there more often but knowing Chuck is there, teaching the faith, and the local pastor is celebrating Mass weekly, reminds me how Christ is found wonderfully whenever two or more are gathered in his name.”

The Spiritual Life Center at Ellsworth was built in 2004 to serve as a spiritual home base for inmates.

With more than 9,000 square feet, six classrooms, a library and a sanctuary, the building serves 12 faith traditions.

While the building is in a state detention facility, the project was made possible through the efforts of volunteer time and donations. Money came via individual and corporate donations, as well as grants from private foundations. Inmates provided labor during the building process.

Bailey said plans are underway to expand the current building to include rooms for GED classes, as well as a reintegration program by the Salvation Army. Fundraising is underway for the addition.

Even though he spent many years working in a refinery, Huslig’s college degree was in social work and he worked in that field for a number of years.

While Huslig meets the men during their incarceration, his focus is on their life after the correctional facility.

“Ninety-seven percent of these people will be released at some point,” he said. “The Department of Corrections is making lots of efforts to help these people make changes in their lives so that they will be successful in reintegrating back to society.”

Bishop Weisenburger said Huslig provides an invaluable service to those within the correctional facility.

“Chuck’s extended presence in the prison has earned him a level of trust and credibility that few of us can equal,” the bishop said. “The inmates know when someone truly wants to be there—not sent or assigned—but there because they want to be. The guys open up to him, and it draws them into the faith he lives with joy.”

Huslig is unassuming about his role in the correctional facility.

“If I only make a real difference in one out of 50 lives,” he said, “it’s worth it.” †

## What was in the news on July 15, 1966? Christians churches working against social evils, blaming Communists, and religious freedom in Spain

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 July 15, 1966, issue of *The Criterion*:

- **Probe closer Church ties in fight on social evils**  
“GENEVA—The World Conference on Church and Society at its opening here was confronted with what amounted to a summons for the immediate broadening of collaboration between members of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Roman Catholic Church on a wide range of social activities. The conference, sponsored by the WCC, brought together 400 theologians and leading Christian laymen active in public and social affairs for two weeks of probing under the theme, ‘Christians in the Technical and Social Revolutions of Our Time.’ The WCC described the meeting as ‘the most important on social issues ever held under WCC auspices.’”
- **To share structure: ‘Interfaith’ church set for Kansas City**
- **Chilean bishop left ‘pastoral testament’**
- **Committee set for lay apostolate**

- **Over \$200,000 willed to charitable causes**
- **Early ‘aggiornamento’: Dutch ecumenism has roots in World War II**
- **‘A family occasion’: Writer describes his reaction to ‘advanced’ Dutch liturgy**
- **At Wanderer Forum: Changes in liturgy, sundry problems blamed on the Reds**  
“MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—‘Do not go so far as to presume that every change in the liturgy is conceived by the communists.’ This was among the more moderate positions voiced at the second annual Wanderer Forum here [June 24 to 26], and few of the some 550 persons attending agreed. Communists were held responsible for the changes in the liturgy, for the lack of prayers in public schools, for the war in Vietnam, for the war on poverty, and for the many other ills afflicting our society.”
- **Nuns to train for CCD work**
- **Nuns leave Sisterhood for inner city project**
- **Education report filed: Poor schooling for Negroes seen due to ‘economic segregation’**
- **Cite Christian’s duty to form public opinion**
- **More than 1,000 to participate in Swim Meet**
- **Dignity of marriage stressed at NCWC theology symposium**

- **Convert tells of trials in leaving ministry**
- **Dutch priest called to Rome for hearing**
- **Spiritual formation of laity ‘up to priests’**
- **Skin graft machine donated**
- **Boon for Protestants: New liberty law in Spanish hopper**  
“MADRID—Under the newly proposed religious liberty law, Spain will recognize religious liberty as a personal human right and will guarantee the profession and practice, public and private of any religious belief.”
- **Catholic, Protestant women explore unity**
- **Parish visitation program ordered by Kansas bishop**



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