Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has often described his time with the Church in central and southern Indiana through the people he has met. This image is composed of the faces of more than 1,000 people who have met, worshipped with and worked for the cardinal in his time here. They are in his heart, and he in theirs.

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Congratulations
& Thank You

Cardinal
Joseph W. Tobin C.Ss.R.

The Brebeuf Jesuit community promises it prayers to sustain you in your continued service to the church.
A sincere, heartfelt thank you to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

As a journalist, it’s hard to put into words how much Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has touched lives throughout his four years as the shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana. Adding pictures and other artistic elements to the story probably doesn’t do it justice either. But the staff of The Criterion has spent the last month pursuing past issues of the newspaper, trying to capture the essence of Cardinal Tobin’s ministry here. From ordinations to confirmations, from welcomes of immigrants to visits with prisoners, from the National Catholic Youth Conference to the annual Bishop’s Bash for young adults, Cardinal Tobin made it his mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone who crossed his path. Whatever a person’s walk in life, he demonstrated a selfless love that each of us could live by.

As people of faith, his witness planted the seeds for all of us to embrace the Lord’s call to be missionary disciples and spirit-filled evangelizers. Like Pope Francis, he, too “talks the talk” and “walks the walk” when it comes to living out the words how much Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has touched lives throughout his four years, poignant words from members of religious orders in the archdiocese who will miss a shepherd who embraced them and their missions as a brother in Christ, and local poets who use their talent to extend their prayers and good wishes to a beloved pastor and friend. Of course, no commemorative issue reflecting on his time here would be complete without the wisdom of children, who offer life the pope’s plea to be a “shepherd with the smell of sheep.”

This week’s issue is meant to be a special keepsake to help readers celebrate Cardinal Tobin’s years as the shepherd of the Church such a privilege and joy. Although the majority of this Dec. 2 issue is dedicated to Cardinal Tobin, you will find a few of our regular weekly features inside:

Next week’s issue of The Criterion will include stories and photos from the Dec. 3 farewell Mass for Cardinal Tobin at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. To obtain more copies of this commemorative edition, call 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1585, or 317-236-1585. All of the features of this issue can also be found at www.CriterionOnline.com.

May God bless Cardinal Tobin in his new ministry and mission, and may we, as disciples, nurture the many seeds he has planted here so that they may bear abundant fruit in the months and years to come.

—Mike Krokos

Dec. 3 farewell Mass will be streamed live on the Internet

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin will share his gratitude with the people of the archdiocese on Dec. 3, beginning with a Mass at 11 a.m. in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. For those who cannot attend, the Mass will be streamed live on the Internet. The livestream can be viewed by logging onto www.archindy.org/streaming. The Mass will serve as an opportunity for him to say farewell to the archdiocese he has served and grown to love since his installation as its shepherd on Dec. 3, 2012. The date is also the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, principal patron of the archdiocese.

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Bishops reflect on legacy of Cardinal Tobin for Hoosier Catholics

By Sean Gallagher

Like many Hoosier Catholics, bishops across Indiana were overjoyed to learn on Oct. 9 that Pope Francis had chosen Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin as a member of the College of Cardinals.

About a month later, these leaders of the Church in Indiana also shared in Hoosier Catholics’ sadness at seeing Cardinal Tobin appointed to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

Bishop Charles C. Thompson, shepherd of the Diocese of Evansville, Ind., said that Cardinal Tobin’s “legacy of leadership is ultimately about leaving the footprint of Pope Francis on the Church in Indiana.

“His example of servant-leadership is marked with a humble spirit, gracious hospitality, a keen intellect and prayerful presence,” said Bishop Thompson, who was appointed to lead the Church in southwest Indiana in 2011. “His calm and gentle way allows all to feel welcome and valued in his presence. Remaining Christ-centered in all situations, he is able to avoid getting pulled into any particular ideology.

“Having served with him these past four years, I consider him a bishop’s brother and friend. Like Pope Francis for the universal Church, Cardinal Tobin has enabled the local Church to expand its horizons in its focus on the Kingdom of God at hand."

Bishop Thompson said the faithful in Indiana can carry Cardinal Tobin’s example into the future by “imitating his humility, hospitality, gentleness, prayerfulness and gracious attitude.”

Bishop Donald J. Hying of the Diocese of Gary, Ind., said he values Cardinal Tobin’s “joyful humanity in radiating love and goodness.

“I’m sure Pope Francis saw these qualities in him, and elevating him to the College of Cardinals is an affirmation of Cardinal Tobin’s faith and service to God’s people,” said Bishop Hying, who was appointed to lead the Church in northwest Indiana in 2014. “Our prayers go with him as God calls Cardinal Tobin to now serve the people of our Church in Newark.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., Diocese said Cardinal Tobin “has been an exemplary witness of the bishop’s vocation to be a witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd.

“When I think about Cardinal Tobin’s legacy here, what immediately comes to mind is the priority he has given to loving outreach to the poor, to immigrants and to the marginalized, to all those who are struggling in life,” said Bishop Rhoades, who has held his diocese since 2009. “I think, for example, of the cardinal’s spearheading the pastoral letter of the Indiana bishops on poverty in Indiana. I expect that this essential part of the Church’s mission will continue as a priority here, thanks to the vision of Cardinal Tobin.

Bishop Rhoades hopes Hoosier Catholics will benefit from Cardinal Tobin’s example in the future.

“In many ways, Cardinal Tobin exemplifies the priorities and approach of Pope Francis,” he said. “I think we can continue Cardinal Tobin’s legacy by our attentiveness to the teachings of Pope Francis and his call to be a Church of and for the poor. I also think we can carry his legacy forward by following his example of evangelization that attracts people to the Church through our example of goodness, charity and mercy toward all.”

Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, who has led the Lafayette, Ind., Diocese since 2010, said Cardinal Tobin has been a leader for Catholics across the state “by his personal thoughtfulness and not authority.

“Cardinal Tobin is effective because he is a believer and accepts Christ’s saving action in his life,” Bishop Doherty said. “This is what gave energy to his life as a missionary, and it is something we all can feel when he is around.”

He also pointed to the Indiana bishops’ pastoral letter on poverty as an important legacy that Cardinal Tobin leaves behind as he prepares for ministry in northern New Jersey.

“I think that the key word is ‘cooperation,’” Bishop Doherty said. “The lesson flows from our baptism when we are charged to share … with Christ in acting as priest, prophet and king. Holy relations with God, teaching by word and action, leadership infused with wisdom and mercy.

“It was Cardinal Tobin, working as part of a larger group, who suggested the main structure to the Indiana bishops’ pastoral letter ‘Poverty at the Crossroads.’ That structure is ‘see, judge, act.’ Each piece is like one part of a three-period hockey game. If we fail to show up for any one period, we cannot succeed.”

Congratulations, Cardinal Joseph Tobin!

As you answer the call to serve God’s people more deeply, may you help all of us know what it means to be a witness to the healing ministry of Jesus in the world. The community of St. Vincent is praying for you as you begin your leadership of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

Thank you for four years of pastoral service to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

You will be missed!
Retired bishop not surprised at pope’s selection of Cardinal Tobin

By Sean Gallagher

Many people in the Church were surprised when Pope Francis announced on Oct. 9 that he had chosen Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin as one of the newest cardinals. No other archbishop of Indianapolis had been selected as cardinal. Neither had any leader of the Archdiocese of Newark, to which Cardinal Tobin was subsequently assigned on Nov. 7.

But Bishop Dale J. Melczek, the retired bishop of Gary, Ind., wasn’t astonished when Pope Francis made his announcement about the new cardinals. His knowledge of Cardinal Tobin stretches back to the late 1970s, shortly after the outgoing-archbishop of Indianapolis was ordained a Redemptorist priest and began ministering at Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit, where he had grown up.

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Cardinal Tobin’s final act in leading the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, something Bishop Melczek said that Cardinal Tobin has encouraged Catholics across the United States to do.

“I was thrilled beyond belief,” he said.

“The universal Church will benefit, as it has already in the past from his gifts. He’s a man of the Gospel. He’s a man of Vatican II. I’m so joyful that his gifts are recognized and being used on behalf of the Church.”

Bishop Melczek noted that the deep respect that Cardinal Tobin showed the people in Detroit whom he served will now extend to Catholics around the world.

“He has a deep love and respect for every person,” Bishop Melczek said.

“And that shows in the way that he interacts with other people. He really believes that every baptized person shares in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

“That was the way he operated as a pastor and as an associate pastor. He valued every person. It was an interior love of God that he experienced and that he easily and freely shared with others.”

Bishop Melczek’s appreciation for this quality in Cardinal Tobin increased in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

“It wasn’t his goal to serve in his home parish,” Bishop Melczek said. “He really wanted to be a missionary. But he ended up there, so OK. That’s where the Lord wanted him to serve.

“We were not surprised that he was made a cardinal, because I knew that he had interacted on many occasions with Pope Francis before he was pope and afterward,” he said. “I’m sure it was a personal recognition because Archbishop Tobin’s gifts and spirituality are so obvious. He’s such a transparent person.”

While Bishop Melczek wasn’t surprised at the selection, he was happy about it.

“Cardinal Tobin’s appointment to the College of Cardinals in stride. I personally wasn’t surprised that he was made a cardinal, because I knew that he had interacted on many occasions with Pope Francis before he was pope and afterward,” he said. “I’m sure it was a personal recognition because Archbishop Tobin’s gifts and spirituality are so obvious. He’s such a transparent person.”

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“Remember, he was 28 years old, and I was 25 years old, but he always was ready to do whatever the Church asked him to do. He realizes that in God’s will is our peace. From a human point of view, it’s difficult to uproot himself, yet he knows that he belongs wherever the Lord wants him.”

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“However, Cardinal Tobin is a man of the Church and he is also, at the depth of his heart, a missionary,” he said. “He’s always ready to do whatever the Church asks him to do. He realizes that in God’s will is our peace. From a human point of view, it’s difficult to uproot himself, yet he knows that he belongs wherever the Lord wants him.”

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“Cardinal Tobin’s final act in leading the Church in central and southern Indiana—accepting God’s will that he is to leave the Hoosier state behind to lead the Church in northern New Jersey—can also help Catholics here grow in their faith.

“As difficult as it was personally to uproot himself, he knows that that is what he needs to do and joyfully does it,” Bishop Melczek said. “He doesn’t do it begrudgingly. He just accepts it, because it’s clear that it’s God’s will.

“And once we know what God’s will is, we do it with joy and we find peace in that.”

Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary, Ind., is pictured concelebrating Mass with U.S. bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome in this Feb. 13, 2012, file photo. He retired as bishop of Gary in 2014. Bishop Melczek has known Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin for nearly 40 years since their days ministering as priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)
Parents’ love and example planted seeds of faith for Tobin children

(Editor’s note: This story is the first of 10 “defining moments” that have shaped Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin throughout his life, and reflected key parts of his ministry in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the past four years. Look for these “defining moment” stories throughout this special edition.)

By Mike Krokos and John Shaughnessy

The journey that led Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin to become a cardinal begins with two love stories.

The first story involves the love of his parents—Joseph and Marie—for each other.

“As years go on, I become much more aware and much more grateful for the gift of one’s family, beginning with my parents,” said Cardinal Tobin, the oldest of their 13 children.

“My mother had five cousins and three aunts who were nuns. "My dad’s mother immigrated to Boston and came from a rather poor, passionate and rollicking group of shanty Irish. "You have this wonderfully pious mother—and a father who came out of a really tough background and who was a great football player. They found a love that not only united them, but brought the best out of each of them. And we kids were the benefit of that."

His second love story reveals the depth of the bond between a father and a son.

Growing up in a family that lived in one half of a duplex in Detroit for all of his childhood and youth, Cardinal Tobin saw up close the way his father treated his mother and cared for his children.

At 19, the future cardinal and his father worked alongside each other as they helped to build a larger house for the family on a small farm in Canada.

“I think the greatest gift my father gave me was an image of manhood,” the cardinal said. “A man in the best sense. A chivalry toward women. A self-sacrificing love for his family. And he never once sent me to church. He took me with him. When I was kneeling next to him, I wanted to be like him.”

The cardinal’s father worked for General Motors, but he made sure he kept his work and family life separate.

“Anybody who came into that office saw it. He didn’t show it off, but when they got close to him, they couldn’t help but see it.” Cardinal Tobin noted. “It was a symbol of what his faith meant. It meant that he was seeding, sowing where he lived: with his family, with his wife, with his children, in his community, in his parish and in his workplace.”

His mother has kept a similar focus on faith, Cardinal Tobin said. She always stressed that her husband was with her through the years, helping her raise their 13 children.

The cardinal noted, “And when people say, ‘Mrs. Tobin, how wonderful!—13 children and they all went to college,’ her response is, ‘How wonderful!—13 children and they all practice their faith.’”
**Religious order leaders express thanks for Cardinal Tobin**

**By Sean Gallagher**

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has a soft spot in his heart for the men and women who have dedicated themselves to God and the Church in religious life. He himself did this as a young man when he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) later served as the superior general of that worldwide order, then helped guide the life and ministry of the Church’s more than 1 million religious in his role as the secretary (in second authority) of the Vatican’s Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

So it’s not surprising that the leaders of religious communities based in central and southern Indiana were grateful for Cardinal Tobin’s leadership in the archdiocese over the past four years, elated to learn that Pope Francis had selected him as a cardinal and sad when they heard that he had been appointed to leave the Hoosier state to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

“Cardinal Tobin is truly a good man,” said Providence Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, who was elected the new general superior of the Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods in July. “I feel like he has been a wonderful pastor for all of us. And certainly in terms of religious life, he has been so supportive of the work we do and the ministries in which we’re involved.”

She saw this support on display in the first visit that Cardinal Tobin made to her community’s motherhouse, which is northwest of Terre Haute.

“The first day that he came, he went from table to table in our dining room, greeting people,” said Sister Dawn. “I don’t even know if the man got to eat that day. Then he went and visited our sisters in health care. His pastoral attention has really been exquisite.”

She understands the choice of Pope Francis to have him lead the Church in new Jersey, but is sad about it, too.

“We’re going to miss him,” said Sister Dawn. “There’s no two ways about it. I want to try to say I’m happy for Newark, but I’m certainly going to miss him. I don’t understand the ways of the Church. The needs of the Newark Archdiocese are significant. And yet, it’s been wonderful to have a man like this with us, even for a few years.”

Cardinal Tobin took a retreat at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad shortly before he was installed as archbishop of Indianapolis on Dec. 3, 2012, and was at the monastery when he learned via Twitter on Oct. 9 that Pope Francis had selected him as a cardinal. The Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, in Saint Meinrad, elected the leader of the archabbbey in June, appreciated Cardinal Tobin’s close connection with his community.

“He has always been a vocal supporter of our prayer and work here at Saint Meinrad, for which we are grateful and by which we are inspired,” Archabbbey Kurt Stassak, O.S.B., said.

“I think we need to remember Cardinal Tobin’s open response to the many changes required of him in recent years, from his being named as an archbishop, to coming to Indianapolis, to being named a cardinal and then being appointed to the Newark Archdiocese,” she said. “He saw each of these changes as the will of God and responded with a generous heart and spirit.”

Tobin’s valuing of the millions of refugees and immigrants.

“His giftedness is so rich that we knew that he would be needed in more critical areas of the Church in the U.S.,” she said. “It was a privilege to have him among us for four years. His presence, guidance and witness will be deeply missed by our community.”

Cardinal Tobin’s leadership and witness of faith will be a challenge for the faithful of central and southern Indiana, but one that he accomplished with God’s help.

“Cardinal Tobin leaves a legacy,” she said. “We will need to continue to look for ways to serve the poor so that no one is excluded or left without what they need. We will need to look for ways to continue his call to dialogue that will allow those with differing opinions to talk with each other. We will need to call each other to a way of acting that is different than the world’s way.”

“If we can welcome Christ in all people, we will have begun to live the legacy that Cardinal Tobin leaves us.”

**Retired bishop, former archdiocesan priest, values Cardinal Tobin’s humility**

**By Sean Gallagher**

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger has the most longstanding ties with the Church in Indiana of any of the bishops in the state.

Born in 1935, he is a native of Frenchtown in the town of Union in southwestern Indiana. He was ordained a priest for the Church in 1961, served in many archdiocesan leadership positions and was appointed bishop of Evansville in 1989.

Although he retired in 2011, a year before Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was appointed archbishop of Indianapolis, Bishop Gettelfinger has spent enough time with him to have a good impression for him and a pride that he is leading the archdiocese in which he grew up and served as a priest.

“Cardinal Tobin is a man of faith,” said Bishop Gettelfinger. “He is most human. He is not seeking heights, not a climber with ambitions of grandeur. He is even somewhat embarrased by his appointment [as a cardinal].”

“He is Joe to us bishops in Indiana, and does not stand on ceremony. He is as common as an old shoe. He is one to whom I relate as a close and younger brother—but also a competent leader.”

Bishop Gettelfinger first met Cardinal Tobin while the cardinal was serving as the secretary (in second authority) of the Vatican’s Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, a position he held from 2010-12. The impression of Cardinal Tobin’s approach to ministry, Bishop Gettelfinger said, has been confirmed over the past four years.

“I have been most impressed by his incredible talent to listen to the other person with utmost respect and patience,” Bishop Gettelfinger said. “Then he has the great talent to synthesize in a few words the substance of the other person’s idea. That is a legacy he leaves for us bishops as well as all leadership in the Church of Indiana.”

At 81, Bishop Gettelfinger has given himself to ordained ministry in Indiana for 55 years. From that perspective of age and experience, he was encouraged to see the care Cardinal Tobin gave to retired priests. This was embodied, he said, when he celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Hilary Meny, the longest serving priest in the history of the archdiocese, who died on Oct. 7 at 101.

The funeral took place on Oct. 12, just days after Pope Francis had announced his selection of Cardinal Tobin to the College of Cardinals.

That act alone epitomizes his love for all his priests and those who care for us,” Bishop Gettelfinger said. “Cardinal Tobin’s gift of presence feels the essence of some retired priests feeling abandoned and [shows] gratitude to those who care for us.”

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin poses with the Discalced Carmelite nuns of the Monastery of St. Joseph in Terre Haute on Oct. 10, 2015, after celebrating a Mass with them in honor of the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila, the foundress of their religious order. (file photo by Sean Gallagher)
By Sean Gallagher

The roots of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin’s vocation as a priest extend to his years growing up in a family of 13 children.

“It teaches you that you don’t have the final word in the sense that what I want doesn’t dictate the course of the family. It can’t,” said Cardinal Tobin, the eldest of the 13 children. “You learn to share. You learn to support each other. You learn to ask forgiveness.”

He also learned to pray, especially for vocations.

“As part of our prayer life, our most common prayer experience was the family rosary. We always ended with a prayer for vocations. So I think it taught all of us that we were praying for something good. It was also a witness to us kids that this was something that our parents, if God was calling us, would support.”

His parents supported Cardinal Tobin in his discernment without putting pressure on him.

“My dad said, ‘If you believe it’s God’s plan for you to be a religious and a priest, you do it. But you don’t do it to please me. I’ll love you and I’ll support you in any way that you think you’re doing God’s will.’”

Cardinal Tobin in part discerned a call to life as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, commonly known as the Redemptorists, because members of that order staffed Most Holy Redeemer Parish, his home parish in Detroit.

Cardinal Tobin entered a Redemptorist high school seminary in Wisconsin, and became a novice in the order after his second year in college. During that year, he was faced with the challenge of learning how to enter into contemplative prayer.

“In my younger days, I always thought of myself as a man of action,” Cardinal Tobin said. “I always think that the novitiate is one of the most difficult journeys anybody makes because it’s a journey within yourself, looking at yourself.”

During his years of religious and priestly formation, Cardinal Tobin entered more and more into the missionary spirit of his order.

His pastoral work, largely carried out in an African-American parish in the inner city of St. Louis, was part of his preparation for ministry as a priest, which he began after being ordained in 1978.

Yet while his order spread to dozens of developing countries—prime mission territory—Cardinal Tobin was assigned after his ordination to his home parish, Most Holy Redeemer in Detroit, to serve its growing Hispanic community.

“I went back to my room and cried,” he said. “I had the notion of being a missionary. In my horizon at that time, being a missionary didn’t mean going back to where you started. I should have known that Jesus went back to Nazareth and talked to his own.”

Cardinal Tobin now recalls those years at that parish as “an absolutely fabulous experience of poverty.”

He thought again of it when he received the news that Pope Francis had selected him as a cardinal.

“I’ve thought of different moments early on—the people I met and what they taught me,” he said. “I think of being with dying people, being invited into the homes of families that were having problems. All of that has crossed my mind.”

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Home parish helped Cardinal Tobin live out his vocation as missionary

After celebrating Mass at his home parish, Holy Redeemer Church in Detroit, on Nov. 25, 2010, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin stands in the church’s main aisle greeting parishioners for more than a half-hour. Archbishop Tobin was baptized at the church and was its pastor for several years after being ordained a priest. (File photo by Larry A. Peplin, The Michigan Catholic)
For 21 years, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin called Rome home.

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It’s also where he earned a reputation for caring for the poor, the elderly and people with disabilities in Rome’s Primavalle neighborhood. “I was blessed in my two decades in Rome to have a lot of friends,” he recalled of his time in the Eternal City from 1991 through 2012.

Yet, it’s also a destination that he didn’t initially embrace when he learned that he might be sent to Rome to serve in the leadership of his order. At the time in 1991, he was ministering in a largely Hispanic parish in Chicago.

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With a laugh, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin recalled the time when “a living saint”—Mother Teresa—became angry with him.

It happened during his time as a pastor in Detroit, a time when he was also the chaplain for the sisters of the Missionaries of Charities—the order Mother Teresa had established—who were helping homeless women and children in that Michigan city.

“They needed a home,” the cardinal recalled. “Mother Teresa was nobody’s fool. She came to the city knowing there would be a fair amount of publicity, a Mass and probably a collection.”

“The sisters invited me to come to the Mass, and I was happy to concelebrate. Everyone who was anyone was there. So after Mass, I gave up any hope of speaking with her.”

Yet his time came the next day when he received a phone call at the rectory, shortly after he had returned from fixing a toilet for a parish member who was blind. He was still in his coveralls when one of the sisters from India phoned, telling him Mother Teresa wanted to meet with him.

Cardinal Tobin remembered responding, “You tell Mother I’m going to get cleaned up and put on my cassock, and I’ll be right over. The sister got back on the phone and said, ‘Mother says to come now.’”

“So he did, still in his coveralls. “What do you say to a living saint?” the cardinal said with a smile. “I was the pastor of a poor parish in the inner city so I asked her a pastor’s question, ‘Mother, how did you do in the collection last night?’ She looked at me with a big smile. She said, ‘You know, Father, I knew before the Mass how much money I needed. I got exactly that amount. I didn’t get 10 cents more or 10 cents less.’”

“My jaw dropped. I said, ‘Wow, Mother, that’s really something.’ She got angry. Isn’t that great? A living saint gets angry with you. She said, ‘No, Father, that’s not something. God never gives me too much—for fear that I’ll forget him. I get just what I need.’”†

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin shares an embrace with Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on Nov. 20. (Photo courtesy L’Osservatore Romano)
Congratulations
Cardinal Tobin

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I say again, rejoice” - Philippians 4:4

Best of Luck and All of Our Prayers,
The West Deanery
Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin shared a telling message about “the obligation of love” when he was installed as the sixth shepherd of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on Dec. 3, 2012.

In a homily he delivered during the Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, the archbishop reflected on how St. Paul saw himself as obligated to preach the Gospel because Christ loved him first.

“And so, for us Catholics of central and southern Indiana, if someone asks us, ‘Why do you do what you do?’ it’s not simply because we’re obeying rules,” Archbishop Tobin said.

“It is rather an encounter with a person, someone who has loved us first and someone who asks us to continue his loving presence in the world. And so all of us who belong to this particular Church are under an obligation—the obligation of love.”

Archbishop Tobin said that he and the Catholics of central and southern Indiana are to express that love with the passion that drove St. Francis Xavier, a patron saint of the archdiocese whose feast day is Dec. 3, to preach the Gospel in India—halfway around the world from his home in Spain.

“What we will do together as a Church, we will do with passion, the passion that characterized our patron saint, Francis Xavier,” Archbishop Tobin said. “And we will do whatever the Lord asks us to do in bringing the Good News, especially to those who have the least chance of hearing it, for those who live on the margin of things, for those who have been hurt by the Church, for those who feel themselves to be forgotten.”

Archbishop Tobin also called upon the example of the Servant of God Bishop Simon Bruté, the first bishop of Vincennes, to explain how to love and avoid the opposite of love—fear.

He first quoted—and claimed as a description of his own mission—a pastoral letter that Bishop Bruté wrote to the Catholics of his diocese shortly after he was ordained a bishop in 1834 in which he described himself as “your chief pastor.”

“He didn’t say ‘the only pastor,’” Archbishop Tobin said. “For the mission that I begin today, I share.”

He then described the people with whom he will minister as shepherd of the archdiocese—the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of central and southern Indiana.

Archbishop Tobin then recalled a saying of Bishop Bruté.

“He said, ‘Fear is one of the devil’s greatest devices.’ The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will not be a Church of fear because it could not [then] be true to Jesus Christ, who said that love is the characteristic of his disciples. We will seek to eliminate fear. And we will announce the Good News together.”

Archbishop Tobin also paid tribute to his immediate predecessor, Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein, who attended the installation Mass.

In remarks at the end of the Mass, Archbishop Tobin thanked Archbishop Buechlein “for laying a firm foundation and of being so gracious to me in our conversations, and for his promise to be always a cell phone call away when I run up against implacable problems.” †
Cardinal Tobin leaves with ‘bonds of love, mercy, forgiveness and joy’

By John Shaughnessy

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Though Pope Francis recently confirmed Cardinal Joseph Tobin’s long-held belief that “God takes flesh—became one of us—at a specific moment in human history and really walked this Earth,” the archdiocese has been blessed by Cardinal Tobin’s leadership since he was named archbishop of Indianapolis April 16, 2012.

The archdiocese, with more than 1 million Catholics in 39 counties, has been challenged to grow in faith, love and discipleship as the shepherd of the archdiocese. That has led to lasting “bonds of love, mercy, forgiveness and joy” for Cardinal Tobin.

“In our daily commitment to the people of this archdiocese, we will remain open to God’s grace in order to spread the Gospel in our in role in the Archdiocese of Newark,” Cardinal Tobin said.

Cardinal Tobin shared his sadness in a letter to the Catholics of central and southern Indiana on Nov. 7. “We must all be reassured of God’s love for us, regardless of what our past mistakes have been,” he wrote.

“The best way to stay focused on a positive future is to stay focused on God’s love for us,” he continued. “God continues to protect and guide you in your new role as Cardinal in our Holy Church. Godspeed and know how much you will be missed.”

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Cardinal Tobin’s first visit to the Holy Land provided lasting impact

By Natalie Hoefer

Archbishop Tobin’s first visit to the Holy Land provided lasting impact that no one could fully appreciate at the time. The trip, which took place in June 2014, was a pilgrimage that began in Italy and ended in Jerusalem.

Archbishop Tobin left the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with a feeling of heartbreak 13 days later when Pope Francis announced 17 new cardinals on Oct. 9, 2015. That day, Cardinal Tobin was named a cardinal, but the news was a shock to many.

The Cardinal was named a cardinal in 2015, which was a historic moment for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The Cardinal’s elevation to the College of Cardinals was a significant event for the Archdiocese and a source of pride for the people of the Archdiocese.

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.s.R.,
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Given that the eighth American Saint — our beloved Saint Mother Theodore Guerin — came from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, it seems only right and just that a new cardinal would have roots in the Archdiocese.

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods thank you for your leadership, which has been characterized by your clear sense of mission and your warm and supportive presence.

The Sisters of Providence also wish you many blessings on your recent appointment as Archbishop of Newark, N.J. You will be missed but please know that our prayers go with you in your new position.

Remember what Saint Mother Theodore Guerin said, “If you lean with all your weight upon Providence, you will find yourselves well supported.”
On the last full day of the pilgrimage, Archbishop Tobin had the privilege of celebrating Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the chapel over the site believed to be Christ’s tomb. “Here, in this very place, he rose from the dead,” he wrote in his April 3 column. “Here, he overcame my sins—and the sins of the world—and conquered death once and for all. Here, he triumphed over the evil that even today appears to us to be insurmountable. Here, Love was victorious once and for all!”

Archbishop Tobin and the pilgrims not only walked in the footsteps of Christ, but also of Christ’s Apostles, particularly St. Peter, the first leader of the Church. He noted in his Feb. 27 column that the pilgrimage took them to important sites in the life of Peter, including Jaffa, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and Jerusalem, where Peter denied knowing Christ.

“Our encounters with St. Peter in the Holy Land brought my fellow pilgrims and me closer to the humanity of Jesus, who loved and forgave Peter just as he loves and forgives us.”

In a question-and-answer interview with The Criterion the day after the announcement of his designation as a cardinal in October, Archbishop Tobin mentioned his continuing identification with St. Peter several times, particularly when the Apostle saw Jesus walking during a storm on the waters of the Sea of Galilee—waters the archbishop saw when the Apostle saw Jesus walking with St. Peter several times, particularly St. Peter, the first leader of the Church. He noted in his Feb. 27 column that the pilgrimage took them to important sites in the life of Peter, including Jaffa, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and Jerusalem, where Peter denied knowing Christ.

“Peter, for reasons that have never been clear to me, blurs out, ‘If it’s you, have me walk on the water’ [Mt 14:28]. Why didn’t he say, ‘If it’s you, calm the storm?’” Archbishop Tobin reflected. “Maybe it was that visceral desire to follow him.”

“And Jesus says, ‘Come’ [Mt 14:29]. And [Peter] gets out of the boat. … He was OK as long as he maintained his eyes focused on Jesus. What I’ve tried to do in the last 24 hours is to think, ‘You invite me to get out of the boat. Help me to see you.’”

(For access to photos from the Holy Land pilgrimage and the archbishop’s columns, reflections and homilies from it, log on to hоліylandarchbishop.blogspot.com)
On a memorable day at the Vatican, a humble leader becomes a cardinal

Above: Newly made Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin greets Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI, who first named him archbishop and appointed him to lead the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, in the moments after the consistory of cardinals on Nov. 19 at the Vatican.

Left: Pope Francis makes Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin a cardinal of the Church by placing a red hat on his head during a consistory on Nov. 19 in St. Peter’s Basilica. (Photo courtesy of L’Osservatore Romano)

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Right: A view from above of the consistory of cardinals on Nov. 19 in St. Peter’s Basilica.


Right: With the title to his new titular church in hand, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin walks back to his seat after kneeling before Pope Francis during the consistory ceremony on Nov. 19 in St. Peter’s Basilica.

Left: All the newly created cardinals from the Nov. 19 consistory in Rome pose with Pope Francis after the ceremony.
Who are the active and retired cardinals of the United States?

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- Cardinal James Harvey
- Cardinal Edwin O’Brien
- Cardinal Kevin Farrell

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- Cardinal William Levada
- Cardinal James Stafford

Key: ● Voting Cardinal  ● Non-Voting Cardinal

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Archbishop Tobin makes national headlines for allowing Syrian refugee family to resettle in Indianapolis

By Natalie Hoefler

The wheels were in motion—a Syrian refugee family of a young married couple and their two small children was scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis in early December of 2015 for resettlement through the archdiocesan Refugee and Immigrant Services program. But on Nov. 16, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence announced that he would suspend the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the state.

The archbishop met with the governor on Dec. 2, 2015, to discuss the family’s plight, to reassure him that the refugees had gone through an extensive background check, and to explain the archdiocese’s refugee resettlement process.

Pence did not change his stance. Nor did the archbishop. A press release recently served as an auxiliary bishop under both Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin. A coadjutor bishop is appointed to assist a diocesan bishop, and has the right of succession when the diocesan bishop retires or dies.

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The appointment is made by the pope, and a cardinal’s most notable role will be to serve as a papal elector. It is a lifetime title, but the ability to vote for a successor pope ceases at a cardinal’s 80th birthday.

With the most recent appointments, there will be about 125 voting-age cardinals worldwide. Most of the cardinals are archbishops, but occasionally a pope will bestow the honor on a scholar or an outstanding priest. As a body, the cardinals provide the pope some assistance in the administration of the Church. Their title brings some extra responsibilities in their own countries and within the worldwide Church.

The word “cardinal” seems to have roots in the Latin word “cardo,” which means hinge. One might surmise that the good of the Church and the succession of popes hinges on the members of this college.

Different resources will offer more detail about these titles, including The New Catholic Encyclopedia (2002) and The Encyclopedia of Catholicism (1995). See also the website www.catholiceducation.org.

We welcome this family during Advent, a time when the Christian community asks God to renew our hope and recognize God’s saving power among us. As we wait with hope during this season of Advent, I ask all people of good will to pray for peace in our homes, local communities and throughout the world.

—Then-Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin about his decision to accept a Syrian refugee family in December 2015 despite objections from Gov. Mike Pence

'How are a bishop, archbishop and cardinal different or the same?'

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Connection of teacher and disciple at the heart of friendship of Cardinal Tobin, Pope Francis

By John Shaughnessy

As Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin headed to Rome to be installed as a cardinal by Pope Francis on Nov. 19, his thoughts naturally returned to the first time he met the pope.

The year was 2005, and the two men were part of a meeting of the Synod of Bishops. For the better part of four weeks, they sat next to each other, talking about the topics of the meeting and getting to know each other through their shared ability to speak Spanish.

At the time, Cardinal Tobin was the superior general of the Redemptorist order while Pope Francis was Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the archbishop of Buenos Aires. The synod took place shortly after the convocation of 2005 that elected Benedict XVI as pope—a conclave in Buenos Aires. The synod took place shortly after the convocation of 2005 that elected Benedict XVI as pope—a conclave in which many observers noted that Cardinal Bergoglio likely finished in second place.

“I told the cardinal later on that he was my mother’s candidate [in 2005],” Cardinal Tobin recalled, citing the way his mother appreciated how then-Cardinal Bergoglio lived in a small apartment, took a bus to work and cooked his own meals.

“He got quite a laugh out of that!”

From that moment on, whenever their paths have crossed, Pope Francis has always asked Cardinal Tobin about his mother, Marie.

“Like a good pastor, he remembers things,” Cardinal Tobin said. “Whenever I’ve seen him—and even in times he’s written to me—he always says, ‘How’s your mother, and does she still pray for me?’ I assured him she’s a good Catholic, and she prays for the Holy Father.”

The bond between the two men was especially evident when Archbishop Tobin knelt before Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Basilica on June 29, 2013, to receive his pallium—a circular band made from lamb’s wool that symbolizes his role as the shepherd of the archdiocese and his communion with the pope.

In that moment, Pope Francis spent considerable time talking with Cardinal Tobin. At one point in their conversation, Pope Francis told him, “I’ve been praying intensely for you, and I hope your mother is praying for me.”

That conversation still touches Cardinal Tobin.

“I was struck when I received the pallium from him,” Cardinal Tobin recalled. “First, we had a conversation and it was clear he knew the circumstances of my life in the last few years. And when he put the pallium on my shoulders, he switched from Italian into Spanish because that was the language of his heart. And he said something personal to me. And it was lovely. And I’ve always been grateful for that, but I never thought it would end with the news [about being named a cardinal].”

Three months before Pope Francis made that announcement—“on a steamy afternoon at the end of July”—Cardinal Tobin visited the pope in the guest house in Vatican City where he lives, to discuss Church business.

Cardinal Tobin shared some of the details of that meeting during a homily he gave at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on Sept. 7.

“I didn’t even have time to put on my game face when I arrived at his floor. The elevator opened, and there he was,” Cardinal Tobin began.

“He invited me into a sort of television room where there were four or five chairs, and he said, ‘Pick whichever one you want.’ I’ll take whatever is left.’ And we talked, and shared. And I saw a very human side to him. He said twice, ‘I really don’t know why I was elected. I suspect the Italians couldn’t agree on a candidate.’”

Then Pope Francis added, “But because I wasn’t looking for this, I accepted it as God’s will. And I believe I’ll have what I need.”

Cardinal Tobin takes heart from that perspective of Pope Francis, viewing the pope’s words as an example for everyone “to stay connected to each other in solidarity, but most importantly to stay connected to Jesus Christ.”

It’s one more bond that connects Pope Francis and Cardinal Tobin, just as they share a vision of the Church that is open and welcoming, just as they both advocate for immigrants and refugees, just as they both have a natural humility about their own lives and an understanding sense of humanity toward the lives of other people.

“I think it’s the connection of a teacher and his disciple,” Cardinal Tobin said about their relationship. “When I’ve seen him a handful of times over the last four years, I always thank him for teaching me how to be a bishop—knowing not only how he ministered in the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, but also what he teaches and how he articulates his expectations for bishops and priests.”

Cardinal Tobin added, “I really do think, in all sincerity, that I’m an unworthy recipient of his affection. I don’t know why. Whatever began in 2005 has continued and deepened.”

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Pastoral letter planted seeds for reducing the effects of poverty

By John Shaughnessy

During his four years as archbishop of Indianapolis, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin made reducing the effects of poverty in Indiana a priority.

That emphasis was set forth in “Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church’s Response to Poverty in Indiana,” a pastoral letter that was signed in 2015 by the five Catholic bishops in the state: Archbishop Tobin, Lafayette Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, Gary Bishop Donald J. Hying, Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Evansville Bishop Charles C. Thompson.

The pastoral letter also invited and challenged Indiana residents to make the needs of the poor a priority, and to take action to reduce the effects of poverty.

“Using the simple formula of SEE, JUDGE, ACT, we invite and challenge everyone, beginning with ourselves, to be more attentive to the poor in our communities, to identify the systemic issues that keep individuals and families poor, and to take concrete steps to reduce the long-term impact of poverty in our state, even as we reach out and help those who, here and now, suffer from its devastating effects,” the bishops wrote.

A record 1,015,127 Indiana residents are living in poverty (at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level), according to The Status of Working Families in Indiana, 2015 Report by the Indiana Institute for Working Families.

In one of a series of weekly columns in The Criterion in 2015 about this issue, Cardinal Tobin noted that the pastoral letter “contains no simple answers or magic formulas for eliminating poverty.”

“Still, he said, steps can be made to reduce the impact of poverty on people’s lives. The first step is to see the poverty that exists in our communities, in the urban, rural, suburban and small-town neighborhoods that make up the state of Indiana. The refusal to recognize poverty or to take it seriously is as old as humanity itself. If we let ourselves, we can easily ignore the poor. Worse, we can come to regard the plight of the hungry, homeless, unemployed, chronically ill and uneducated as ‘normal.’”

“Seeing with our eyes is the first step, but it is essential that we also ‘see’ poverty with our hearts. Jesus was moved to compassion by the sight of the poor. His heart was filled to overflowing by the pain of others.”

In March of 2016, the archdiocese hosted a poverty summit in Indianapolis, inviting about 60 central Indiana business leaders to discuss concrete ways to help people out of poverty.

After the summit, Archbishop Tobin praised the contributions of all the leaders from business, education and health care who attended.

“The number and caliber of the participants make clear that the pastoral letter aroused some interest,” the archbishop said. “Some practical efficient models were shared that illustrated not only how people can make their first steps out of poverty through meaningful employment, but how employers can take steps to ensure that the poor will not return to misery.”

He viewed the summit as another positive step in addressing the challenge of poverty in Indiana.

“I shared with the other Catholic bishops of Indiana the positive experience at the meeting,” Archbishop Tobin noted.

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.s.R.!

May the Lord bless you and your ministry as a Cardinal in supporting the Holy Father in his universal service to the Church and in your new assignment as Archbishop of Newark! We will miss you here in Indiana and are grateful for your wonderful pastoral leadership these past four years.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
and the Faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
The colors that different clerics wear in the Roman Catholic Church

**Priests**
The ordinary color for Roman Catholic priests is black. Religious order priests, however, can wear other colors of habits, including brown, blue, grey and white. It is also permitted to clergy in tropical climates to wear a simple white and lightweight cloth, though never with silk. Priests with the honorary title of monsignor wear fuscia piping or a full fuscia cassock.

**Bishops**
A bishop wears a color called amaranth, which is a mix of red and purple hues. While purple is not used today, the phrase “being raised to the purple” is associated with being named a bishop. It has its roots in the practice of the Roman Empire clothing dignitaries in a purple toga. Prior to the 16th century bishops wore green. A remnant of that tradition is in the coat-of-arms of a bishop, which uses a green hat and tassels.

**Cardinals**
A cardinal wears scarlet, though it is commonly called, simply, red. The color is meant to recall a cardinal’s willingness to suffer for the faith to the point of shedding blood.

**Popes**
White is a color used alone by the pope (although some religious orders have white in their habits). The first pope to wear white was St. Pius V in 1566; he did so as he had been a member of the Dominican Order, which uses the color. His reputation for holiness was so well known that popes after him have taken the color as their own.

### Ordinary “house” cassocks
A simple, full length cassock used for everyday wear. Most priests, especially in the United States, wear a black, collared shirt and black pants in its place.

### Choir cassocks
This cassock is much more formal, and typically the kind that reflects the colors on this page. A choir cassock is used during public ceremonies of the Church or official events where a cleric is not already vested for a Mass.

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In the first centuries of the Church, the clergy of Rome elected their bishop. That ancient tradition continues today as the cardinals of the Church are considered honorary members of the clergy of the Diocese of Rome.

This reality is symbolized by each cardinal being given a title to a church in the city, serving in a sense as its honorary pastor.

On Nov. 19 at St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin received a red hat, known as a biretta, from Pope Francis, symbolic of his role as a cardinal, a ring, and a scroll that was the title for his “titular church” in Rome.

That church is Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale, which is located in the Trifonale neighborhood immediately northeast of the Vatican, close to the entrance of the Vatican Museum.

Many titular churches in Rome are centuries old, adorned with works of art by the world’s greatest artists and have a long list of cardinals who have had them as their titular church.

But that is not the case with Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale, which is dedicated to Mary under her title of Our Lady of Grace. It was constructed in 1941—extremely recent by Roman standards. It replaced a previous nearby parish church that was demolished.

While it is not lavishly decorated like many churches in Rome, it does feature a Byzantine icon of Our Lady, Mother of Graces, paintings by 20th-century Italian artist Umberto Colonna, and works by Carlo Maratta, a painter of Rome in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Some of the artwork there had been displayed in the previous demolished parish church.

The current church also has served as a titular church only since 1985, when it was assigned to Cardinal Silvio Piovanelli, then-archbishop of Florence, Italy. Cardinal Piovanelli, who retired in 2001, died earlier this year. Cardinal Tobin, then, is only the second cardinal to have Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale as a titular church.

It is also a busy parish church today, having several Masses celebrated in it each weekend and others on weekdays. Ordinarily after a cardinal is given a title to a church in Rome, he will sometime in the following weeks or months celebrate a special liturgy at his titular church in which he in an honorary way takes possession of the church. Cardinal Tobin has not yet celebrated that liturgy at Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale.
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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Upon your appointment
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of the
Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana
Cardinal Tobin’s new coat of arms tells who he is, what he values

By Natalie Hoefer

In Roman times, soldiers used unique crests on shields to identify military units on the field of battle. It seems fitting, then, that the Catholic Church uses such “coats of arms” to identify dioceses of the Church Militant—the soldiers of Christ on Earth. Symbolembounds in coats of arms. Colors, the number of certain items, the presence or absence of particular elements—all combine to identify who presides over a particular ecclesial region.

As Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin heads off to shepherd the Archdiocese of Newark in New Jersey, his coat of arms will change—with his elevation to cardinal, it would have changed even if he had not been reassigned to a different archdiocese.

In this article, The Criterion takes a look at Cardinal Tobin’s new coat of arms, translating the story the symbols tell about who he is and what he values.

To top it off

The first piece of the story comes from outside the shield, starting with the color of the hat (galero) and the tassels. The scarlet hue identifies the ecclesiastical leader as a cardinal, whereas green, the color used on Cardinal Tobin’s former coat of arms, indicates a bishop. The galero, or hat, above the shield is tasselled and is reminiscent of broad-rimmed, tasseled hats worn by clergy centuries ago. Although its use was eliminated by a papal decree in 1969, the galero is still used on ecclesial coats of arms.

The number of tassels indicates the shepherd’s place within Church hierarchy. Ten tassels per side indicate a bishop, and 15 per side indicate a cardinal.

Behind the shield is a gold cross, an element reserved to the coat of arms of archbishops. The five red jewels symbolize the five wounds of Christ crucified for the salvation of souls.

The symbols of a cardinal

The story continues with the many elements emblazoned on the shield of the coat of arms. The right side of the shield contains the archdiocesan crest. The crest on the left is the personal crest of the individual bishop. That crest would be the same for Cardinal Tobin regardless of the archdiocesan crest.

Cardinal Tobin’s crest is a tri-part piece of meaning. Closest to the center of the shield is a cross perched between a spear and a mounted sponge, all reminiscent of elements of Christ’s crucifixion, as are the three green mounds which represent Golgotha. According to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis’ website, the green hue indicates the virtue of hope, while the silver background symbolizes transparency, justice and truth. These figures come from the coat of arms of the Redemptorists, the religious order in which Cardinal Tobin was ordained.

Comprising the upper left of the cardinal’s crest are three oak leaves, which come from the Tobin family crest. In traditional heraldry, oak leaves represent strength. For Cardinal Tobin, this symbol identifies the virtue of strength so necessary to following the word of God to obtain salvation at the end of our pilgrimage on Earth. The blue background symbolizes separation from the worldly values and the ascent of the soul toward God.

The final component of Cardinal Tobin’s crest is the fleur de lis, a classical symbol of the iconography of St. Joseph, for whom the cardinal is named. It rests on a field of red, a color symbolic of the love of the Father who sent the Son, and the blood the Son shed for the salvation of souls.

A tale of two regions

According to the website of the Archdiocese of Newark, their crest, depicted on the left side of the shield, is “based on the coat of arms of Newark, Nottinghamshire, England, to reflect the origins of the name of the See City.” Two portions comprise the crest.

The first piece of the story comes from outside the shield, with the coat of arms. A single horizontal bar denotes an archdiocese; the five red jewels symbolize the five wounds of Christ crucified for the salvation of souls.

The final message

Below the shield lie the final components of Cardinal Tobin’s new coat of arms, elements that remain unchanged from his former coat of arms.

First is the pallium, the white woolen cloth worn around the neck over the shoulders—as a shepherd carried by Christ, the Good Shepherd—that yokes an archbishop to the pope in shepherding the flock of the universal Church. Both the physical pallium and the element on the coat of arms bear black crosses and black silk at the end of a tab attached to the front of the pallium.

According to an article on the Eternal Word Television Network’s website, “these crosses are to remind the wearer of the five wounds of Christ crucified for us,” and “the end tips of the garment are embroidered with black silk, reminiscent of the feet of the lamb and the Good Shepherd laid down his life for…”

The final message of the story told by the cardinal’s coat of arms is written in Latin on the banner at the bottom. It is the Scripture passage Cardinal Tobin chose to adopt as his motto as a bishop, and will remain his motto no matter where he shepherds: “Gaudete in Domino,” or “Rejoice in the Lord.” It is the statement found in St. Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!” (Phil 4:4).

It is a fitting message for the members of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, a reminder to rejoice in the Lord for their former archbishop’s elevation to being a cardinal; to rejoice in the Lord for the place they hold in the cardinal’s heart, and especially to rejoice in the Lord for his mercy, love and the eternal salvation he won through his death on the cross.

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I shall say it again: rejoice!” (Phil 4:4)
No ordinary Joe’s: Cardinal Ritter and Cardinal Tobin leave important imprints on local Church

By Sean Gallagher

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin and Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter have a lot in common. Obviously, they share a first name. Both served as archbishop of Indianapolis. And they share being close advisors of the pope in the College of Cardinals.

Similar to Cardinal Ritter, Cardinal Tobin has also sought to apply his deep faith to pressing social questions of his day, and to lead the faithful under his care to do the same.

Cardinal Tobin came to know of Cardinal Ritter when he was a young Redemptorist in formation for the priesthood, spending summers doing ministry in St. Alphonsus Rock Parish in St. Louis, where Cardinal Ritter served as archbishop from 1946 until his death in 1967.

The parish was in the middle of a large public housing project, and one of its major buildings was named after Cardinal Ritter.

“Cardinal Ritter’s legacy was evident everywhere, both in civic and ecclesial circles,” Cardinal Tobin said. “The curious thing is that nobody told me he was from Indiana, and I assumed he was from Missouri. Of course, my first visit to New Albany corrected that misunderstanding.”

That was because the southern Indiana town was where Cardinal Ritter was born in 1892. He grew up as a member of St. Mary Parish there before becoming a seminarian for the then-Diocese of Indianapolis at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad. The house in which Cardinal Ritter grew up has been restored through the efforts of the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation, and now serves as the home for non-profit organizations that seek to improve the local community. Displays of photos from his life and other mementos connected to Cardinal Ritter can also be viewed there.

David Hock, a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County, is president of the foundation and traces his love of Cardinal Ritter back to when he was a boy in the early 1960s and met him at a reception in New Albany after Cardinal Ritter’s elevation to the College of Cardinals.

He appreciates Cardinal Tobin much in the same way as he does Cardinal Ritter.

“There’s a similarity between the two of them. I think they’re kindred spirits,” Hock said. “Cardinal Tobin really cares about everybody. He’ll stay around and hear what you say. He’s as down-to-earth as Cardinal Ritter was.

“It’s not pretend. It’s for real. And that’s what the Church needs—leaders Continued on next page
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Although perhaps not on the same scale as Cardinal Ritter’s groundbreaking work in desegregation in two archdioceses, Cardinal Tobin has taken action in his time leading the Church in central and southern Indiana to show care for people at the margins of society.

Despite the action of Gov. Mike Pence to block the resettling of Syrian refugees in the state, Cardinal Tobin ordered the archdiocese’s Refugee Resettlement Services to welcome a Syrian family in Indianapolis in December 2015.

Cardinal Ritter and Cardinal Tobin also sought to be good stewards of the material resources of the archdiocese.

Cardinal Ritter led the Church in central and southern Indiana during the economically tumultuous Great Depression. When he was appointed bishop of Indianapolis in 1934, it was heavily in debt. By careful financial management, however, he reduced that debt and put the archdiocese in a position to expand greatly at the start of the Baby Boom era following the end of World War II.

Cardinal Ritter didn’t get to lead the expansion of the Church in central and southern Indiana after the war. In 1946, he was appointed to lead the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The movement of many people from cities and rural areas to suburbs led to the founding of many new parishes in the archdiocese from the late 1940s through the late 1960s.

Demographic changes of a different kind were factors that led Cardinal Tobin, after consulting with many clergy, religious and lay faithful across the archdiocese, to merge some parishes in various parts of central and southern Indiana through the “Connected in the Spirit” planning process.

Although he knew the hardship such decisions would cause the faithful in affected parishes, Cardinal Tobin made them nonetheless in order to help the Church in central and southern Indiana be in the best position to achieve its ongoing mission.

In 1961, 15 years after leaving the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for St. Louis, Cardinal Ritter became a member of the College of Cardinals. He participated in all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council, and in the 1965 conclave that elected Blessed Paul VI as pope.

At the council, Cardinal Ritter was a vocal advocate of its “Declaration on Religious Freedom,” and of the council’s effort to promote good ecumenical and interfaith relations between the Church and other Christian communities and world religions.

Cardinal Tobin has similarly been a leader in ecumenical relations, serving as the co-chair of the North American Catholic-Orthodox Consultation and establishing many close relationships at the local level with religious leaders from a host of faith communities.

As he prepares to leave the Church in central and southern Indiana to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, Cardinal Tobin looks back at the life and ministry of Cardinal Ritter with admiration.

“He believed that being disciples of Jesus obliges us to act with justice in civic life,” Cardinal Tobin said. “His courageous stance against racial segregation and his determination to translate faith into action are examples of his understanding of what it means to be a disciple today.

“And it should not be forgotten that the cardinal played an important role at the Second Vatican Council. The values he learned as a Hoosier priest and archbishop helped him contribute to the universal Church.”

In this undated photo, Cardinal Joseph Ritter greets a father and his young son. (Archive photo)
The Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul thanks you for being our gentle Shepherd these past four years!

Congratulations, Joseph Cardinal Tobin C.Ss.R., on the occasion of your appointment as the Archbishop of Newark, N.J. We surround you with grateful prayer.

Very Rev. Patrick J. Beidelman and the Cathedral Community
Mother Mary Vincent Mannion, superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis, welcomes Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin to the home on Oct. 19, 2012. Archbishop Tobin was the principal celebrant for a Mass with residents and other area Catholics in the chapel. (File photo by Mary Ann Garber)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, left, meets Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein in the chancery at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on Oct. 16, 2012. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Mother Mary Vincent Mannion welcomes Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin to the home on Oct. 19, 2012. (File photo by Mary Ann Garber)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin smiles as he walks out of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis after the Dec. 3, 2012, Mass in which he was installed as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis. Walking in front of Archbishop Tobin is Father Patrick Beidelman, then archdiocesan director of liturgy. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Left, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin greets Hispanic Catholics after the Oct. 18, 2012, press conference at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis during which he was introduced as the new archbishop of Indianapolis. Greeting him are, from left, Jesús Castillo, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis; Gloria Guillén, assistant for the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry; Juan Manuel Guzman, then pastoral associate at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis; Jazmina Noguera, a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis; and Reynaldo Nava, Hispanic ministry coordinator at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Below, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, center, ritually knocks on a door of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis prior to the start of the Dec. 2, 2012, Evening Prayer liturgy that welcomed him as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis. Accompanying him are Deacons Wayne Davis, left, and Francis Klauder. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

St. Augustine Home for the Aged resident Alice Broenstrup of Indianapolis, who is a native of El Salvador, laughs during a conversation with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin on Oct. 19, 2012, in a dining room at the home operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor. (File photo by Mary Ann Garber)
Father John Hollowell, left, and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin pray the rosary on Jan. 25, 2013, while leading more than 400 pro-life supporters in a march up and down several blocks of Meridian Street in Indianapolis. The march and Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral that preceded it took place to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion in the United States in 1973. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, left, and Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein join together on April 21, 2013, in blessing the seminarians of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis and other guests who attended a prayer service in the seminary’s chapel. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin ritually lays hands on transitional Deacon Martin Rodriguez during a priestly ordination Mass on May 18, 2013. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

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Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis listens during the opening session of the fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Nov. 11, 2013, in Baltimore. (CNS photo/Nancy Phelan Wiechec)

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Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin shares a laugh with Daughters of Charity Sisters Mary Walz, left, Louise Gallahue and Jean Rhoads at a reception for the Daughters of Charity at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on April 28, 2014. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin listens to Dolores Clarke, a member of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Westfield, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, in the chapel named for her and her deceased husband, Paul, after the blessing ceremony on Nov. 19, 2014, at the new Women’s Care Center in Indianapolis. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

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Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin holds a high five to Jose Angel Cazares, who is held by his father Jose Cazares, at the conclusion of the Nov. 3, 2014 St. Martin de Porres Mass at St. Anthony Church in Indianapolis. Assisting at the liturgy as master of ceremonies was Loral Tansy, at left. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin speaks with Jan Erlenbaugh Gaddis after a May 21, 2014, press conference in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis in which Archbishop Tobin announced decisions regarding the “Connected in the Spirit” planning process for the four metropolitan Indianapolis deaneries. Erlenbaugh Gaddis is a longtime member of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis, one of three parishes that Archbishop Tobin said would be closed as of Nov. 30, 2014. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

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Above, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin poses for a photo with the four Roncalli students who were chosen to represent the school at the April 27, 2014, canonizations of St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. Abby Whalen, left, Lucas LaRosa, Kristen Henke and Dolan Monroe smile with the archbishop. (File photo by John Shaughnessy)

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Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin talks with Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Father Alan Bernardino Maria Wharton at a reception at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on Sept. 17, 2015. The Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate serve at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin signs the documentation making the newly-formed Archdiocesan Pastoral Council official on April 18, 2015, at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus. Annette “Mickey” Lentz, chancellor, stands to his right. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

Members of the Filipino choir, wearing one of many national costumes of the Philippines, pose with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin at the reception after a special Mass for those of Asian and Pacific Island origins. The reception was held at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on April 12, 2015. Maria Manalang, kneeling on the far left, is the coordinator for the Filipino Ministry, which falls under the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

Newly ordained Father Michael Keucher gives a blessing to Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin on June 6, 2015, in the rectory of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Also pictured is newly ordainedFather Andrew Syberg. (File photo by Mike Krokos)

A young adult smiles during a conversation with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin on June 17, 2015. They chatted on the evening that the archbishop gave a talk to about 150 young adults during a Theology on Tap get-together in Indianapolis. (File photo by John Shaughnessy)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin talks with pro-life advocate Alveda King, the keynote speaker at the Right to Life of Indianapolis “Celebrate Life” dinner in Indianapolis on Sept. 29, 2015. King is the niece of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

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Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin receives a collection taken up during a March 17, 2015, Mass at St. Patrick Church in Indianapolis to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Patrick Parish. Bringing up the collection are, from left, Sheny and Jazmin Perez. Assisting Archbishop Tobin is Deacon Oscar Morales, left. (Submitted photo)

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Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin baptizes Jocelyn Padilla-Palacios, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, during the Easter Vigil Mass on March 26, 2016, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Due to ongoing restoration from the September 2015 fire in their church narthex, members of St. Monica Parish celebrated their Easter Vigil with the members of the cathedral parish. (Submitted photo by Galo Catalan)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin pours chrism oil on the altar of the new church of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg during its Aug. 13, 2016, dedication Mass. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, left, shares a joyous moment on Jan. 18, 2015, with retired Father Hilary Meny and Bishop Charles C. Thompson of Evansville during the 100th birthday celebration for Father Meny, which was held at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Haubstadt, Ind., in the Diocese of Evansville, where Father Meny grew up and lived in retirement. Father Meny died on Oct. 7, 2016. (The Message photo by Tim Lilley)

Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin, archbishop of Indianapolis, speaks with Rabia Khan, information technology coordinator for the Plainfield-based Islamic Society of North America, and her son Uzair Khan after a Catholic-Muslim panel discussion on Oct. 19, 2016, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Indianapolis. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Above, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin offers a reflection on Mary during the archdiocesan Marian Jubilee for the Holy Year of Mercy on Oct. 8, 2016, at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus. (File photo by Mike Krokos)

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Mary draws us close to her son, Jesus

“God’s closeness to us is seen most perfectly in Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin bore the Son of God in her womb. Her humanity was formed from her flesh and from the heart of Mary of God—she is not an absent, remote or disconnected God. This God is one with us and draws us close to him through the intercession of a simple Hebrew woman chosen by God to be his son’s mother” (“Rejoice in the Lord,” Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, Dec. 18, 2015).

On Oct. 8, I was privileged to pay tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary during a reflection given at the archdiocesan Marian jubilee for the Holy Year of Mercy at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus.

During this jubilee celebration, I told the folks who prayed the rosary with me that we are really privileged to be folks who prayed the rosary with our mother Mary during a reflection given at the archdiocesan Marian jubilee for the Holy Year of Mercy at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus.

Mary is the mother of a joyful people and Saigon, I saw tens of thousands of people gather to pray to Mary at shrines today. This came home to me in a very powerful way in Asia. In Mumbai, Manila and Saigon, I saw tens of thousands of people gather to pray at Mary shrines served by my Redemptorist brothers.

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on your elevation to the College of Cardinals

We have been graced by your leadership
We will miss you immensely
We pray for you and your ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark

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Catholic school students offer advice to Cardinal Tobin

Catholics across central and southern Indiana are grateful for the pastoral leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin over the past four years, and give him their best wishes as he goes on to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., and have a larger role in the universal Church as a member of the College of Cardinals.

Students in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Indianapolis send with him their advice to be the best shepherd that he can be.

Here are some examples:

- “Continue to follow in God’s footsteps. If God tells you to go back to Indiana, don’t even think twice. I believe you will do great in New Jersey!” —Isabel Kuntz, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School in Beech Grove
- “Try to help the sick and the poor at all times. Love the people in your new job as you loved us—and run for pope!” —Ryan Rutherford, third grade, St. Mary School in Greensburg
- “My advice to you is to not be scared to do something new. Always pray before you go somewhere or when you are scared so you know that Jesus is always with you.” —Te’Rah Cooley, fourth grade, St. Patrick School in Terre Haute
- “Always have Indiana in your heart. You are a huge role model to children.” —Connor Bishop, fifth grade, St. Patrick School in Terre Haute
- “Help kids who are not as fortunate to get a good education.” —Emily Shea, fifth grade, Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis
- “Teach kids about prayer.” —Nichole Mayo, fifth grade, Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis
- “Keep calm and always do God’s will.” —Samuel Tuchmann, fourth grade, St. Mary School in Greensburg
- “Maybe make a fun little speech that everyone will remember so they can always remember their favorite cardinal.” —Ava Johnson, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School in Beech Grove
- “Give someone a friendly smile and cheer up someone’s day. Just be joyful, happy and kind to everyone and then your life will be the greatest of all.” —Tabitha Travis, sixth grade, St. Joseph School in Corydon
- “Enjoy your job, do your job and God will reward you. I mean, who knows, you may become pope one day.” —Zane Schreck, sixth grade, St. Joseph School in Corydon
- “You could pray a novena with the people in your archdiocese. Another thing is you should host a meet and greet.” —Rose Taylor, second grade, St. Patrick School in Terre Haute
- “If I were you I would just do what God tells you to do. It would help because God just does what is best!” —Andrew Curry, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School, Beech Grove
- “Remember that New Jersey is not like Indiana. It probably will be different. It might have some of the same places like Indiana. You were an awesome archbishop, you can be an awesome cardinal too.” —Emma Wilson, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School, Beech Grove
- “Don’t be bossy to the priests.” —McKenzie Land, fourth grade, Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis
Congratulations on your elevation to the College of Cardinals! We members of the archdiocesan Church in the Terre Haute deanery are so grateful to have witnessed the exemplary leadership you have provided to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and look forward to seeing that leadership on display in the Archdiocese of Newark. Our grief at losing you as our shepherd is tempered by our understanding that "you can’t keep a good man down." Know that our prayers go with you even as we cherish the graced moment in time when we could call you our own! May God go with you!

What makes a cardinal different from a bishop?

By Brandon A. Evans

While being named a cardinal does not make a bishop or archbishop fundamentally different than he was before—namely, he is not ordained to a new level of Holy Orders—it still comes with a number of responsibilities and privileges.

Here are some of the things that set cardinals apart from their brother bishops around the world:

- **Papal electors:** The most noted responsibility of a cardinal of the Catholic Church is to convene in a conclave in the weeks following the death or resignation of a pope. After a series of initial discussions, all the cardinals less than 80 years old seal themselves into part of the Vatican, gathering daily in the Sistine Chapel to cast a morning and afternoon vote. They vote in ordinary cases until a candidate receives a two-thirds majority of the votes. At that point, given the candidate accepts, he ceases to be a cardinal and becomes the pope.

- **Part of the clergy of Rome:** Cardinals are considered to be part of the clergy of the Rome. This dates back to the days, more than a thousand years ago, when it was the priests of the Diocese of Rome who elected their bishop (the pope).

- **Possession of a titular church:** As part of the clergy of Rome, every cardinal is given a scroll during the consistory at which they are named cardinal. The scroll contains the title of a church in Rome. While that church still has a pastor and its own administration, the cardinal keeps a special bond with the parish, offering Mass there, visiting and giving financial support.

- **Representative of the pope:** A cardinal can be called upon to represent the pope at certain important, official events, such as those particular to a nation or a religious order.

- **A voice of influence:** In ways official and not, a cardinal not only serves as an advisor to the pope himself, but also as a voice for the Church in the region where he lives. People in the Church and outside it look to a cardinal for opinions on various matters of the day.

### Counting Cardinals

**How the College of Cardinals will look after the Nov. 19 consistory**

- **Cardinal elector:**

  - **228 total cardinals**

**Election by region**

- **Europe:** 54
- **Asia:** 14
- **Africa:** 15
- **Latin America:** 21
- **US/Canada:** 13

Countries with the most electors

- **Italy** 25
- **Brazil** 10
- **India** 7
- **Poland** 4
- **Spain** 4

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**Annunciation, Brazil**

- **St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute**
- **Sacred Heart, Clinton**
- **St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute**

- **St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village Parish**
- **St. Benedict, Terre Haute**
- **St. Patrick, Terre Haute**

**St. Joseph, Rockville**

- **St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle**
- **Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center**
On behalf of all the Catholic Scouts, Scouters, and their families within the Archdiocese, the Catholic Committee on Scouting extends our heartfelt congratulations. We offer our prayers for continued blessings.

To learn more about Scouting in the Catholic Church within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis visit us at: www.ccsindy.net or like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/IndyCCS

The Most Reverend William F. Medley and the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Owensboro

Extend Heartfelt Congratulations and Prayers of Support to

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on your Elevation to the College of Cardinals

“May the Lord who has begun this work in you bring it to fulfillment.”
Rite of Ordination

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Bishop David L. Ricken
AND THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY SEND HEARTFELT

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and the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Green Bay

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**My Journey to God**

A call was sent out to all poets who have been published in *The Criterion* in the last few years—the length of time Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin served as the archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis—to write a poem in honor of his elevation to cardinal and his reassignment to the Archdiocese of Newark. Below are the pieces submitted in a special *My Journey to God* tribute to Cardinal Tobin.

*Sandra Bierly is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.*

**Cardinal Joseph Tobin**

By Sandra Bierly

Pope Benedict XVI sent Archbishop Tobin to us from Rome, perhaps it was because he would be closer to home. Archbishop Tobin brought his gifts of love to share; with his leadership he showed us that he truly cares.

Archbishop Tobin immediately called Indianapolis his home.

He pastored his sheep with love and truth. While keeping busy with the things that archbishops do. Ordaining young men and confirming the Spirit. Healing epiphanies of blessing.

He showed us that each one of us is special in our own way. That even fingertips transmit eloquent and mysterious ways. When unexpected light comes into our lives, all seems clear. My eyes became moist and full.

Perhaps it was because he would be closer to home. Cardinal Tobin, you come to mind. You shepherd with one accord. Your gentleness shows strength. Your attention is sincere. God’s goodness is reflected when His chosen one is near. Cardinal Tobin, you enkindle God’s mighty power of love. As you leave my prayers will follow. Be guarded and protected from above.

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**Late Afternoon March Light**

By Norbert Krapf

The late afternoon March light brightens as we three hold hands in his office and say prayers we create in gratitude for being brought together in the right time and place to share our stories and histories. His eyes brightened when he offered to send my book of poems about surviving abuse by a priest through official channels to Pope Francis. My eyes became moist and full. When unexpected light comes into our lives, all seems clear. Fear and anxieties fade away. Grace comes in such quiet, eloquent and mysterious ways that even fingertips transmit healing epiphanies of blessing.

Norbert Krapf is a member of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. His poem honors a private meeting he and his wife had with then-Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin.

**For a Loving Shepherd**

By Linda Abner

You have chosen him for higher things, O Lord. But what is higher than serving You? You Yourself walked among the people of Your day—street people, hungry people, criminals, outcasts; the powerless and simple; and those who knew they did not know. If you had chosen to live among the rich, content and powerful, would anything have changed? Yet Your Church needs leaders. You showed that the true leader is one who serves; that to be great, one must humble himself. He is humble, Lord; He is willing to follow, hard though it may be. Keep this one You have chosen close to Your Heart, even as he remains in ours. Let his eyes not stray to the left, or to the right. But stay fixed steadfastly on You: His model and hope; Help and Light; Comfort and strength; For this service to which he is called.

Linda Abner is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis.

**My Prayers Will Follow**

By Gayle Schrank

God’s mighty power of love. Cardinal Tobin, you enkindle God’s goodness is reflected when His chosen one is near. As I pray and give thanks outcasts; of Your day—O Lord. We will miss him when he leaves us, and we’ll tell it good and loud. We wish him all good fortune and blessings from above. He’s done his work here, that is sure. We’ll miss him when he leaves us, but what we say is true. To find another man like him we’ll have to stir the brew. We wish him all good fortune and blessings from above. And hope he takes with him all our enduring love.

Gayle Schrank is pastoral associate of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield.

**The Most Reverend David Malloy, and the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Diocese of Rockford offer our heartfelt congratulations to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.SS.R., on his elevation to a Prince of the Church, and our prayerful best wishes as he moves on to lead the Archdiocese of Newark.**

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each assignment brought him recognition justly deserved
devotion and service to God and church fully recognized
consummate shepherd to the Church and believers as the prize
elevation to cardinal came to those who knew him as no surprise
his journey in holy orders not finished but just begun.
may the light of faith be a source of comfort,
and may Laudato Si’ and joy of love give you wisdom for healing life’s hurts and bringing hope to others.

(Natalie Hoefner is a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and is a reporter for The Criterion.)

(benedictine sister kathleen yeadon is a member of our lady of grace monastery in beech grove.)

archbishop joseph tobin, cardinal
by benedictine sister kathleen yeadon
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may the joy of the Gospel continue to strengthen you through the future days.

(Natalie Hoefner is a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and is a reporter for The Criterion.)

(Patrick Harkins is a member of St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute.)

a blessing for the occasion of the induction of cardinal tobin into the college of cardinals
by patrick harkins
that time of year when thanksgiving helps us believe the goodness of God is not far
blessings seem to tumble, spectacular,
to the point of being miraculous.
what might a new shepherd do when the flock is surprised that one so close to them would lead them? first, to listen. what do people need?
what does God say when outcast people knock
expecting heaven’s door to open? two, use the gift of languages to speak as if pentecost’s fire could still amaze.
third, smile as if each day were something new.
even more than this, do not forget the place that gave you birth, your father and mother,
the redemptorists who love the poor in the core of their hearts. accept with good grace
and generosity what roles to you will come in.
archbishop and cardinal! still sheepherd at heart, our guide and teacher of the Word.
god bless you, joseph cardinal tobin.

(cardinal joseph tobin, C.S.s.R.)

congratulations from the faithful of the archdiocese of Cincinnati
+Dennis M. Schnurr
archbishop of Cincinnati
The gift of faith, the gift of family
The parishes of St. Maurice in Napoleon, St. John in Osgood, and Immaculate Conception in Millhousen wish to say:

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

Our prayers go with you.

Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin C.S.s.R.

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J.
and the Church of Youngstown

The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D.,
the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful
of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, send
our congratulations, best wishes, and prayers
to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.s.R.

Let your light shine.
Matthew 5:16
December 6
Mission 27 Renea, 132 Lesa St., Indianapolis. Senior Discount Day, every Tuesday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., ministry supports Indianapolis St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry and Changing Lives Forever program.
Information: 317-687-8260.

December 7
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.

December 8
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Consele (house on parish grounds), Indianapolis. Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide support group, 7 p.m. Information: 317-851-8344.

Intercultural Pastoral Institute, 4838 Fletcher Ave., Indianapolis. Open House for the Father Boniface Haradin Theology and Spirituality Program, 4-7 p.m., learn about African and African-American Catholic culture and worship expressions. Information: 317-236-1443 or jui@archindy.org.

December 9
St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., Indianapolis. Coffee House Social Gathering, 6:30-9 p.m., coffee and pastries, entertainment and fellowship to get to know neighbors from surrounding churches, second Friday of each month. Free. Information: 317-373-6271. Karen.mccoy@gmail.com.

December 10
Benedit Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Shop Inn-Spiral Christmas Sale, deals for your holiday shopping needs, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., have your picture taken with Santa for $5 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581.

Sisters of Providence Motherhouse Grounds. 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Christmas Fun at the Woods, sleigh rides, pet and feed alpacas, visit Santa, decorate cookies and more, 1-4 p.m., $5 per person, children age 3 and under free. Information: 812-535-2931, wvc@spsmw.org.

December 11

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. St. Mary-of-the-Woods Advent Vespers, 4:30 p.m.

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Mass in French, 1 p.m. Information: 317-525-4193 or archad2014@gmail.com.

St. THERESE of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, 4720 E. 136th St., Indianapolis. Class of ‘63 monthly gathering, 6 p.m. Mass, optional dinner afterward. Information: 317-408-6396.

December 12


December 13
St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Medley 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. Christmas Mass, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or provctr@spsmw.org. White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Christmas Open House, food and fellowship, 3-5 p.m. Information: 812-535-2932, provctr@spsmw.org or events.sistersofprovidence.org.

December 16
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. Catholic Business Exchange, Governor-elect Eric Holcomb, presenting, Mass, breakfast and program, 7-9 a.m., $15 members, $21 non-members, breakfast included. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

December 17
St. Bartholomew Church, 1306 27th St., Columbus. Christmas Concert, featuring parish musicians and piano duo including St. Bartholomew director of music ministry Bogdan Minut and his wife Mihabela, 7 p.m. Free. Information: log on to www.saintbartholomew.org and click on Music Ministry then Concert Series.

 Helpers of God’s Precious Infants, Indianapolis. Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., followed by prayer at a local abortion center, and continued prayer at the church for those who wish to remain.

Saint Meinrad Archabbev Guest House and Retreat Center, 200 Hill Drive. Saint Meinrad. Service of the Longest Night, hosted by Abbey Caskets, prayer and Scripture for those who mourn and struggle with loss during the holiday season, 6 p.m. CST, Benedictine Father Adrian Burke, light refreshments, no charge. Information: 800-987-7380 or info@abbeycaskets.com.

December 18
St. John the Evangelist Parish, 120 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. Christkindl Village, children’s activities, German food, beer garden, luminary walk, handcrafted gifts, Fri. 5-9 p.m., 6 p.m., youth sacred music festival in church and 7 p.m. nativity blessing and caroling. Sat., noon-9 p.m., 5 p.m., sacred music festival in church followed by Eucharistic procession, 6:30 p.m. Mass; free admission. Information: www.stjohnindy.org.

The Deacons, Deacon Candidates and their wives

Congratulations

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

on his elevation

to the College of Cardinals.

We also take this opportunity to assure him of our prayers and best wishes on his appointment as Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey.
The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon
and the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio
offer best wishes and congratulations to
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
on the occasion of his appointment.

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on your appointment
to the College of Cardinals.

May God continue
to richly bless your ministry.

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Congratulations and best wishes,
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

From your Friends at the Indianapolis International Airport Interfaith Chaplaincy

May God bless our native son
Cardinal Joe Tobin
as you continue your service with love and wisdom in the Archdiocese of Newark

Archbishop Allen Vigneron, the bishops, clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Advent is a time to help the world prepare for Christ’s return

By Mike Nelson

Advent is a time for serious reflection on our lives as disciples of Jesus, whose return we are called not simply to expect but to prepare for—with great care and joy. And the Scriptures for this year’s second Sunday of Advent give us a wonder-filled look at life for the Christian believer upon the second coming. Isaiah is particularly vivid in his portrayal of the kingdom—the baby playing alongside the cobra, the calf and the young lion browsing together—but he prefaced that by saying, “for out of the stump of Jesse” (Is 11:1) who will come to make this all happen.

“The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,” Isaiah proclaims, “a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord” (Is 11:2).

These qualities were reflected, nearly 2,000 years after Isaiah, in St. Bonaventure’s “Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.” Bonaventure, a 13th-century philosopher and theologian later named a doctor of the Church, composed the prayer as a series of petitions, asking for understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, fear and wisdom.

“The Lord Jesus,” Bonaventure prayed, “as God’s Spirit came down and rested upon you, may the same Spirit rest upon me.”

Bonaventure was also a Franciscan, the order whose founder, St. Francis of Assisi, praised God’s presence in the beauty of nature, something in keeping with the founder, St. Francis of Assisi, praised God’s presence in the beauty of nature, something in keeping with his love for the poor and the creation around him.

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“The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,” Isaiah proclaims, “a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord” (Is 11:2).

These qualities were reflected, nearly 2,000 years after Isaiah, in St. Bonaventure’s “Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.” Bonaventure, a 13th-century philosopher and theologian later named a doctor of the Church, composed the prayer as a series of petitions, asking for understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, fear and wisdom.

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

20th-century Church: Pope Paul and Father Ted Hesburgh

(Nineteenth in a series of columns)

Last week, I interrupted my series about the 20th-century Church to write about Blessed Pope Paul VI and my meeting with him. For you to get to know him even better, I want to devote this column to the special friendship between Pope Paul and Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, who was president of the University of Notre Dame during the pontiff’s time as bishop of Rome.

They got to know one another while Archishop Giovanni Battista Montini, the future Pope Paul, was Pope Pius XII’s secretary of state and Father Ted was the Holy See’s representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency. The friendship deepened in 1960 when Father Ted invited Cardinal Montini, when he was archbishop of Milan, to give the baccalaureate sermon at Notre Dame. President Dwight Eisenhower gave the commencement address.

Father Ted spent a lot of time with Cardinal Montini that weekend. He also arranged for Cardinal Montini and Eisenhower to meet.

When they did, the cardinal gave Eisenhower a block of marble with a bronze angel holding several severed chains. At the base of the statue was a quote that said, “He took the chains from their midst.” Cardinal Montini said that the statuette was symbolic of what Eisenhower had done for Europe, and he said, “You freed us, and we are deeply grateful.”

Three years later, Cardinal Montini was elected Pope Paul VI.

In 1965, Pope Paul asked Father Ted to stop and see him while on his way to Paris for a meeting of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, of which Father Ted was president. During lunch, the pope said that he had long dreamed of a place where Christian theologians could study and live together as they were doing in Rome during the Second Vatican Council.

Then, he said, during his trip to the Holy Land in 1964, he met with Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras. After that meeting, he decided that Jerusalem would be the ideal place for an ecumenical center, and he asked Father Ted to build it.

Father Ted went to Jerusalem and eventually found the ideal spot—35 acres on a hill at the border of Jerusalem and Bethlelem. The Vatican bought the property and leased it to the University of Notre Dame for $1 a year. Today, the Ecumenical Center of Tantur continues to attract students and theologians. I studied there for three months in 1997.

Pope Paul and Father Ted spent many pleasant evenings having dinner and then watching space movies, which the pope enjoyed and Father Ted provided. On one of those occasions, the pope surprised Father Ted with a huge birthday cake. Then a waiter brought a bottle of bourbon, the pope saying, “Now we’re going to have an American drink.”

The pope filled a tumbler and handed it to Father Ted. Father Ted told him that it was plain to see that he didn’t know about bourbon. “If I were to drink this, someone would have to carry me out of here.”

Father Ted devoted 15 pages to his friendship with Pope Paul in his autobiography God, Country, Notre Dame.

It’s All Good/Patti Lamb

I’ve often been described as a “Christmas person.” Just ask my family. I could listen to Christmas music year-round. This past October, however, my family put the kibosh on that and respectfully requested that I save my Bing Crosby Christmas CD for late November. My favorite movies are It’s a Wonderful Life and Elf. I have multiple Nativity sets and more ugly Christmas sweaters than I care to admit.

Yet each Dec. 26, I’m there as soon as the stores open to troll around for Christmas items (at half-off!) for the following year’s merriment. I’m often teased about my love for Christmas, especially by my sisters. This past Fourth of July, one of my sisters said in jest, “I’m assuming all of your Christmas cards are addressed by now.”

It’s true that I find much joy in Christmas. This year, however, something feels different. I realize this is the time for joyful preparation. Advent has only just begun.

But for me and many friends and family members whom I love, life feels a little “off” right now. So many souls know we are hurting and troubled at this time, and it feels forced to deck the halls. The feeling extends beyond my own circle of friends to our country and our world, which also feels broken, divided, and in a bit of a funk.

I’ve never been the bah-humbug sort, and I certainly don’t plan to adopt that attitude. Maybe it’s just the timing of recent happenings and learning of the heavy crosses some good friends are carrying right now.

Within the past few weeks, I’ve learned that one of my friends is seriously ill, a few others have encountered broken marriages and even more friends are heartseck due to misfortunes which I cannot imagine hearing.

When I ran into one of these friends last week, out of habit, I asked how she was. Quickly, I backpedaled. I tried to recover by saying, “Just another day in paradise, right?”

She commented that she couldn’t wait to get to “real” paradise, when we’re at home with God, and everything will be made whole again.

Sincere Congratulations to Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.S.s.R.

From Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL

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And The People of the Archdiocese of Anchorage in Alaska

Our prayers are with you.
Once again, the first section of the Book of Isaiah provides the first biblical reading.

**Daily Readings**

**Monday, December 5**
- Isaiah 53:1-10
- Psalm 85:9-14
- Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 6**
- St. Nicholas, bishop
- Isaiah 40:1-11
- Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13
- Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 7**
- St. Ambrose, Bishop and doctor of the Church
- Isaiah 40:25-31
- Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10
- Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 8**
- The Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary
- Genesis 3:9-15, 20
- Psalm 98:1-4
- Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
- Luke 1:26-38

**Question Corner**

**Fr. Kenneth Doyle**

**Attending Communion service is not the same as worshipping at a weekend Mass**

Recently, I attended a service for the sick. The priest read a passage from the Gospel and then he distributed holy Communion before anointing the sick. Since it was a Saturday afternoon, I stayed in church afterward and attended the Sunday vigil Mass. I have two questions. First, would my presence at the service as described be considered as having attended Mass? And second, since I received Communion at the service for the sick, would I be permitted to receive again at the vigil Mass? (California)

A .createFrom(1908, 1927)many parishes—I would even say most—celebrate a communal anointing of the sick once or twice a year. This is consistent with the Church’s desire, as expressed at the Second Vatican Council, that the sacrament not be reserved only for those who are at the point of death. The council’s “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” states that “as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived” (no. 73).

I am a bit surprised, though, that the celebration you speak of included only a Communion service and not a Mass. In my experience, it is far more common for parishes to celebrate the communal anointing at a weekend Mass. If the priest you mentioned had waited until 4 p.m. on that Saturday afternoon, a Mass celebrated then would have fulfilled the Sunday obligation for those in attendance.

As to your questions: First, no, you did not satisfy that obligation simply by receiving Communion. Catholics are required on Sundays and holy days of obligation to participate in the eucharistic sacrifice, during which the self-offering of Jesus is re-presented for our benefit; this means a full Mass, in which the bread and wine are offered with the appropriate prayers, transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through the words of the priest into the body and blood of Christ and then received by the priest and those in attendance.

And yes, even though you received Communion at the anointing service, you would have been permitted to receive once more during the vigil Mass. A Catholic may receive Communion a second time during the same day, within the context of a Mass. Canon 917 of the Church’s Code of Canon Law says, “A person who has already received the most holy Eucharist can receive it a second time on the same day only within the eucharistic celebration in which the person participates.”

(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr. Albany, New York 12203.)

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**Immaculate Conception**

**19th century**

December 8

The Catholic dogma that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free from original sin from the moment of her conception and preserved from all sin throughout her earthly life was declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854. For centuries Catholics had believed in Mary’s exceptional holiness as a divine favor in anticipation of her role in salvation; by the eighth century, the Eastern church believed her holiness was flawless and immense, and this belief gradually spread throughout the Western church. The feast is fixed nine months before the feast marking Mary’s birthday on Sept. 8. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States and 10 other nations in South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.
Congratulations to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

May you be blessed with strength and wisdom in your new role with the Archdiocese of Newark.

From Bishop Christopher Coyne and the parishioners, priests, deacons, and staff of the Archdiocese of Louisville

“Rejoice in the Lord.”
Archdiocesan parishes to host Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations

Special to The Criterion

The following Masses and special events for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe throughout central and southern Indiana were reported to The Criterion.

Holy Spirit Church
7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis.
• Dec. 9—7 p.m. rosary, 7:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions, 8 p.m. Mass.
• Dec. 10—7 p.m. rosary, 7:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions, 8 p.m. Mass, 9 p.m. folkloric dance.
• Dec. 11—7 p.m. folkloric dance, 8 p.m. rosary, 8:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions, 9 p.m. mañanitas (serenade), Part 1, 10 p.m. Mass, 11 p.m. mañanitas (serenade), Part 2.
• Dec. 12—6:30 p.m. rosary, 7 p.m. folkloric dance, 7:30 p.m. Mass, 8:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions followed by dinner in the gym.

Our Lady of the Springs Church
8796 W. State Rd. 56, French Lick.
• Dec. 12—6 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish
335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood.
• Dec. 12—5 p.m. mañanitas (rosary and songs), 6 a.m. breakfast, Madonna Hall upper level, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish, 7:30 p.m. fiesta, Madonna Hall upper level.

St. Ambrose Church
325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour.
• Dec. 3—noon Mass followed by social in school gymnasium.
• Dec. 3—Dec. 11 Novena Prayer recitation
  • Dec. 3—6:30 p.m.
  • Dec. 4—1:30 p.m.
  • Dec. 5—6:30 p.m.
  • Dec. 6—6:30 p.m.
  • Dec. 7—6:30 p.m.
  • Dec. 8—7 p.m.
  • Dec. 9—6:30 p.m.
  • Dec. 10—6:30 p.m.
• Dec. 11—7 p.m. novena prayer, 8-10 p.m. fellowship and dinner in parish center, 10 p.m. rosary and hymns, 11 p.m. Mass.
• Dec. 12—midnight-2 a.m. mañanitas (serenade), 2 a.m. rosary and hymns in Chapel (Mayan language of Guatemalan parishioners), 3-7 a.m. church open for prayer, 7:30-11 p.m. representation of Our Lady of Guadalupe apparitions presented St. Ambrose School students, 5 p.m. procession and rosary, 6 p.m. fellowship and dinner in the parish center.

St. Anthony Church
337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis.
• Dec. 3—4:30 p.m. Mass in English, 5:30 p.m. rosary, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by play of Mary Mother of God.
• Dec. 4—8:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish, 9:45 a.m.—1 p.m. food and dance in gym, 11:30 a.m. Mass in English, 5 p.m. bilingual Mass, 7 p.m. rosary.
• Dec. 5—7 p.m. rosary.
• Dec. 6—5:45 p.m. Mass in Spanish, followed by rosary.
• Dec. 7—7:30 p.m. rosary.
• Dec. 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 9 a.m. Mass in English, 6 p.m. bilingual Mass.
• Dec. 9—5:30 p.m. rosary, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish.
• Dec. 10—4:30 p.m. Mass in English, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by rosary.
• Dec. 11—5 p.m. bilingual Mass followed by rosary, 7-7:30 p.m. children’s dance, 7:45-8:15 p.m. theatrical presentation of the apparitions, 8:20-9 p.m., Mary, Mother of God, presented in Spanish by Sister Hermilo Martinez, 9:10-9:50 p.m. serenade, 10-11 p.m. serenade, 11-11:45 p.m. serenade.
• Dec. 12—12 a.m. Mass in Spanish, 1:30-2:30 a.m. serenade, 3-5 a.m. church open for prayer, 5:30 a.m. serenade by the Divine Child Choir, 6 a.m. mañanitas offered by the Divine Child Choir, 6:30-8:30 a.m. church open for prayer, 9 a.m. Mass in English, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by procession, 9:30-11:30 p.m. children and adult dance, 11 p.m. closing message.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
235 S. 5th St., Richmond.
• Dec. 12—7 p.m. Mass for the Connersville Deanery.

St. Joseph Church
125 E. Broadway St., Shelbyville.
• Dec. 11—8:30 a.m. Mass, 11 a.m. Mass in English, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by fellowship in the Marian Center.

St. Margaret Mary Church
2405 S. 7th, Terre Haute.
• Dec. 11—8:30 p.m. rosary and apparition re-enactment, 9 p.m.-midnight mañanitas.
• Dec. 12—Midnight Mass 7 p.m. Mass.

St. Mary Church
317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis.
• Dec. 8—noon Mass in English, 6 p.m. rosary, 7 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by fellowship in the Marian Center.

St. Monica Church
6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis.
• Dec. 11—8 p.m. rosary and apparition re-enactment, 9 p.m.-midnight mañanitas.
• Dec. 12—Midnight Mass 7 p.m. Mass.

St. Paul the Apostle Church
202 E. Washington St., Green Castle.
• Dec. 12—6 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

St. Philip Neri Church
550 N. Rural St., Indianapolis.
• Dec. 11—7 p.m. rosary, 7:30 p.m. folkloric dance and singing, 10 p.m. mañanitas with mariachi band, 11 p.m. Mass, reception in gym after Mass.

*Be faithful to your prayer life and have a sense of humor,* says Sister Rita Polchin (foreground, 87), a member of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. This philosophy has served her well during nearly 70 years of religious life, especially as a teacher and principal in Catholic schools. Like Sister Rita, the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests shown here—and nearly 33,000 more across the nation—have offered their lives in service and prayer. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please be generous.

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Cardinal Tobin sightings in the archdiocese in the future. Take, for instance, the National Catholic Youth Conference held every other year in Indianapolis at least until 2023. There are high hopes that he could be present for at least one if not more of them, given his dedication to nurturing the faith of Catholic youths.

One future return of the cardinal is guaranteed in June of 2017, when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops meets for three days in Indianapolis for a semi-annual general assembly. While Cardinal Tobin won’t have time to be out and about much, readers of The Criterion will be sure to see him on the pages of the newspaper as reporters cover the event. Another sighting could also happen next June when 23 men will be ordained as permanent deacons in the archdiocese. A bishop is required to celebrate the ordination. If a new archbishop has not been appointed to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis by that time, it is possible that Cardinal Tobin could return to Indianapolis to do the honors.

A select few Catholics in central and southern Indiana will have the privilege of having a private dinner with the cardinal in the near future. Cardinal Tobin was on the auction block recently for a few organizations, raffling off dinner with him to raise money for worthy causes. Whether or not Catholics see Cardinal Tobin in person, readers of The Criterion are guaranteed to read about him in the paper in the future. As one of only 18 American cardinals and one of seven residing in the cardinal-heavy East Coast, Cardinal Tobin will likely be turned to frequently by the media to serve as a voice for the Church. So not only will his goings-on appear in The Criterion simply because we want to keep up with our former archbishop, but also because he will likely appear in Catholic News Service stories of national or international interest.

Cardinal Tobin may be going, but there will be opportunities of catching sight—and certainly keeping track—of him for many years to come.†
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