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Bishops ask for peace after white nationalist rally turns deadly

WASHINGTON (CNS)-In the aftermath of a chaos- and hate-filled weekend in Virginia, Catholic bishops and groups throughout the nation called for peace after three people died and several others were injured following clashes



between pacifists, protesters and white supremacists in Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 11 and 12.

A 32-year-old paralegal, Heather Heyer, was killed when a car plowed into a group in Charlottesville on

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

Aug. 12. Various news outlets have identified the driver as James Alex Fields, who allegedly told his mother he was attending a rally for President Donald J. Trump. Reports say the car driven by Fields plowed into a crowd during a white nationalist rally and a counter-rally the afternoon of Aug. 12.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said early on Aug. 14 the "evil attack" meets

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the legal definition of domestic terrorism, and suggested pending

charges for Fields who was in custody and has been charged with second-degree murder, among other charges. He was being held without bail.

"You can be sure this Department of Justice in this administration is going to take the most vigorous action to protect the right of people like Heather Heyer, to protest against racism and bigotry," Sessions said on NBC's "Today" show on Aug. 14. "We're going to protect the right to assemble and march. And we're going to prosecute anybody, to the full extent of the law, that violates their ability to do so."

On Aug. 14, President Trump said, "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence. It has no place in America."

He added, "Racism is evil, and those who cause violence in its names are

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people in prison. The siblings are pictured in their home parish, St. Joan of Arc in Indianapolis, where they have established a chapter of an international prayer community. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)

A prayer leads young adults to share emotional experience with youths in prison

By John Shaughnessy

Fourth in an occasional series

Their closeness as brother and sister has led Danny and Katie Klee to share many emotional moments, but none has been like the one they experienced together in a prison on a recent summer night.

The moment unfolded as the two young adults from St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis continued their efforts to share their faith and their friendship with young males serving time in the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility.

This maximum-security, Indiana prison has a goal of helping the inmates-

ranging in age from 12 to 21—return to society "with the necessary skills to avoid further criminal behavior." And on this evening, at the end of the weekly Bible study, the prison ministry volunteers and several young inmates huddled together, circling one of the youths who would be released from the facility soon.

"We stretched out our hands over him, that he would make the right choices and look for guidance from God," recalls Danny Klee, who is 32.

The desire for freedom was evident on the face of the young man who would soon be released, just as it was for the youths who still had time to serve. But

Katie Klee also was struck by another desire the youths had in that moment.

"It was really emotional to see how badly they desire that sense of support and relationship with God," says Katie, who is 28. "There's the joy for them of knowing what they need to do to be successful when they get out, and there's the fear that they won't get the support they need when they get out.

"Every one of them desires relationships, whether it's with someone and/or God.'

What strikes the Klee siblings even more is just how much their relationship **See PRAYER**, page 2

'Great spirit,' service soar among seminarians who help to spark dramatic rise in their ranks

By Sean Gallagher

Excitement is in the air as a new year of priestly formation begins for the 24 archdiocesan seminarians who are potential future priests of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

Among those 24, there are nine new seminarians starting formation this month, the largest one-year increase of men in priestly formation for the archdiocese in more than a decade, according to Father Eric Augenstein, archdiocesan vocations director.

"There's a great spirit among the men," he said. "We have a good group of new men joining a good group of returning seminarians who've come from all different parts of the archdiocese, from different backgrounds. There's just a good spirit, a lot of excitement among the men to be able to be in seminary together."

Father Augenstein shared his thoughts on the opening day of the annual archdiocesan seminarian convocation, which took place on Aug. 7-9 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

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Seminarians Samuel Rosko, left, and Michael Dedek box drinks on Aug. 8 at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Pratt-Quigley Client Choice Food Pantry in Indianapolis. The morning of volunteer service at the pantry took place during the annual archdiocesan seminarian convocation. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

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with the youths has had an impact on them. It's an unexpected connection that came from an unexpected result of prayer.

'It sounded kind of scary'

Besides their bond as brother and sister, Danny and Katie are both theology teachers. Danny teaches middle school students at Christ the King School in Indianapolis, while Katie teaches sophomores at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

They also share the desire to help their students have a personal relationship with Jesus, a goal that Danny expresses to his sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students in this way, "Jesus wants to be in a relationship with you, so let's figure out ways to be present to him."

It's an approach the siblings have for their own lives, so three years ago they started a chapter of the Community of Sant'Egidio at St. Joan of Arc Parish. A main part of the international prayer community's focus is offering Christ's friendship to people in need. The brother and sister just weren't sure what would be the best way to do that, so they decided to pray about it separately.

Katie's prayers led her to want to try prison ministry—an involvement that neither had ever done. When she shared her choice with Danny, he told her he had made the same one.

"I was laughing and smiling," Katie recalls. "We've talked a lot about our faith over the years. It was another one of those times when God was working to give us the same feeling, the same conclusion about a ministry that is so unusual for us."

Danny nods and adds, "It was like, 'Wow!' Some of this was happening in the context of the [Holy] Year of Mercy.



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–Katie Klee

And one of the works of mercy is visiting people in prison. It sounded kind of scary, but I thought I should be open to it."

Their choice was reinforced by Providence through two other moments, Katie says. The first one came when she attended a meeting on how young adults can become involved in their parishes, and a speaker talked about prison ministry. Then she e-mailed Matt Faley, the archdiocese's director of young adult and college campus ministry, for contact information to get started in prison ministry.

Faley replied quickly, noting her timing was amazing because just a few minutes earlier the chancellor of the archdiocese, Annette "Mickey" Lentz, had asked him if he knew any young adults interested in prison ministry to be on a task force. Faley told Lentz, "No, but I'll check around."

That's how Danny and Katie became the youngest members of the archdiocesan task force—a group that met regularly for six months in 2016 to formulate a plan to help individuals, parishes and the broader archdiocese itself make an even deeper commitment to prison ministry.

They considered it "humbling" to be part of a group in which some of the members had been doing prison ministry almost as long as the siblings had been alive.

Seeds of friendship

"I could see how passionate the other task force members were about ministering to them and everyone who is affected by crime," Danny says. "The concern was, 'How do we get people to see this is an important ministry, and that Christ sees it as important?"

That question and concern led Danny and Katie to make their first visit to the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility in 2016. They were led there by Ron Greulich, another member of the task force and a member of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, who



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—Danny Klee

has been volunteering at the prison for 12 years.

They were both apprehensive as they prepared to enter the prison for the first time.

"You see the physical facility and the barbed wire," says Danny, who is married and has an infant son. "And there's a series of doors you go through—and the sounds of them closing and locking. Then we finally get in the facility and Ron leads us to meet with the teenagers there."

"I remember being scared, not knowing how they were going to react to us," Katie notes.

Their fears soon faded as the Bible study and the conversation flowed.

"They have no resistance or hesitancy in talking about their faith," Katie says. "And they're so eager to have outside people come in."

Danny adds, "We go into the prison worried and scared. Coming out, it's a transformative thing. There's so much richness in the conversation. With all the starkness there, there's a warmth there of welcoming us in."

Their visits have continued. So has the connection.

"We've established these seeds of friendship, even to the point of talking about these deep elements of faith," Danny says. "You feel a commonality."

'We're seeing Christ'

It's a connection that they've talked about with their students, a connection that is sometimes challenging for their students to completely embrace.

"My students are baffled that someone like me would walk into a prison," Katie says. "Their perception is, 'Why, in your free time, would you do that?" "

Danny nods and says, "Growing up, we're taught there are good people and bad people. The bad people are in prison. 'Why would you go there?' But to go there and see the goodness in them challenges what you've been taught.

"They have a sense of security when we meet with them that maybe they've never had in their lives. They want a deeper relationship with God. And that's not something they've experienced before either. It's sad."

Katie says she uses such insights to try to "pull back the veil" from the lives of these young males in prison for her students. Sometimes, the youths in prison also make the brother and sister take a deeper look at themselves.

"One of the kids reflected about how he feels so weak," Danny says, recalling a moment from their most recent visit in July. "For him to share that was so mature. As a teacher, I'm someone who needs to be in control, but he taught me to embrace the weakness you have—because it's through that weakness that God will help you and strengthen you in your life."

That's the grace the Klees have found through their experience in prison ministry.

"Jesus talks about, 'I want you to have joy and have it abundantly,'" Danny says. "That's how we feel coming out of prison that connection, and the joy of talking about God and being able to share it. We're seeing Christ through our prison ministry. And hopefully some of that remains in there, too."

(The archdiocese will host a Corrections Ministry & Conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 28 at St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus. All volunteers involved with jail and prison ministry are invited, as are any persons interested in learning more about these ministries. The day will begin with a reflection and celebration of Mass. For more information about this day of prayer, support and education from experts in corrections ministry, contact Lynne Weisenbach, archdiocesan coordinator of corrections ministries, at 317-592-4012 or Iweisenbach@archindy.org.) †

Archbishop says Blessed Romero could be canonized next year

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The archbishop officially promoting Blessed



Oscar Romero's cause for sainthood said he hopes the process will conclude within a year and Catholics around the world will honor St. Oscar Romero, martyr. "Keeping alive the

"Keeping alive the memory of Romero Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, the postulator of the Salvadoran archbishop's cause, said in a homily on Aug. 12 in London.

In an interview with Vatican Radio's English program, Archbishop Paglia was more specific: "We could hope that in the next year perhaps it is possible" that the Congregation for Saints' Causes will have completed its review of a purported miracle attributed to Blessed Romero's intervention, and present its findings to the pope. Recognition of the miracle would clear the way for canonization. Archbishop Paglia, in addition to promoting Blessed Romero's sainthood cause, is president of the Pontifical Academy for Life and chancellor of Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

The biggest hurdle in the sainthood cause was obtaining recognition that Blessed Romero, who was shot while celebrating Mass, was a martyr, Archbishop Paglia said in London. Some Church leaders, including some who worked in the Roman Curia, had insisted Blessed Romero was assassinated because of his political position. But, Archbishop Paglia said, "The essence of his holiness was his following the Lord by giving himself completely for his people."

Still, he told the congregation in London celebrating the 100th anniversary of Blessed Romero's birth, "Romero was not a Superman. He was afraid of dying, and he confessed that to his friends on a number of occasions. But he loved Jesus and his flock more than he loved life. This is the meaning of martyrdom."

"Love for Jesus and the poor is greater than love for oneself: This is the power of Romero's message," Archbishop Paglia said. "A simple believer, if overwhelmed by love, becomes strong, unbeatable." †

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Blessed Oscar Romero

is a noble task, and my great hope is that Pope Francis

will soon canonize him a saint," Italian



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Pope entrusts to Mary victims of disasters, conflict, social tension

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a week in which natural disasters, war and racial conflicts dominated the headlines, Pope Francis prayed that Mary would bring peace to a divided world.

After reciting the *Angelus* prayer on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the pope asked Mary to obtain "for everyone consolation and a future of serenity and harmony."

"To Mary, Queen of Peace—who we contemplate today in the glory of paradise—I entrust once again the anxieties and sorrows of the people who suffer in many parts of the world due to natural disasters, social tensions or conflicts," the pope told thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square on Aug. 15.

Pope Francis did not name any specific location, but as he spoke, the search for survivors continued in Sierra Leone after a devastating mudslide engulfed the outskirts of the capital, Freetown, killing more than 300 people. Flooding and landslides also struck southern Nepal, killing at least 70 people.

In Charlottesville, Va., clashes between white nationalists and counter-protesters resulted in the death of three people, including a 32-year-old paralegal, Heather D. Heyer, who was killed on Aug. 12 when a car plowed into a group protesting the white nationalist rally.

In his main *Angelus* talk, the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading, which recalled Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth.

The joy felt by Elizabeth and the child in her womb reflects the interior joy Christians feel in Christ's presence, the pope said. "When Mary arrives, joy overflows and bursts from their hearts because the invisible yet real presence of Jesus fills everything with meaning:



Women in traditional dress are seen during a feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebration in Kochel, Germany, on Aug. 15. (CNS photo/Lukas Barth-Tuttas, EPA)

life, family, the salvation of the people. Everything!"

In response, Mary proclaims the *Magnificat*, her hymn of praise to God for his great works. Pope Francis said it is the hymn of "humble people, unknown to the world, like Mary, like her husband Joseph as well as the town where they live, Nazareth."

God accomplishes "great things with humble people," the pope said, inviting people in St. Peter's Square to reflect on the state of their own humility.

"Humility is like an empty space that leaves room for God. A humble person is powerful because he is humble, not because he is strong. This is the greatness of humility," he said.

The joy Mary brings because she brings Jesus to the world gives all Christians "a new ability to pass through the most painful and difficult moments with faith" as well as the "ability to be merciful, to forgive, understand and support each other."

"Mary is a model of virtue and faith," Pope Francis said. "We ask her to protect and sustain us that we may have a faith that is strong, joyful and merciful. May she help us to become saints, to meet her one day in paradise." †



Pope Francis gives a blessing during his Angelus prayer on the feast of the Assumption, on Aug. 15, at the Vatican. (CNS photo/Alessandro Bianchi, Reuters)

Informational meeting for permanent diaconate set for Sept. 10 in Indianapolis

The archdiocesan Office of Deacon Formation is beginning a period of inquiry and discernment for those interested in the permanent diaconate.

In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, formation for the permanent diaconate is a five-year process beginning with a year of inquiry and discernment.

The first year includes a series of monthly meetings, beginning in September and concluding in April, which are held in various locations around the archdiocese. The sessions are open to all those who wish to enter into discernment.

Serious applicants are expected to attend all the meetings. If they are married, it is asked that their wives also attend.

Formal application packets will be distributed in January of the discernment year to those who have actively participated in the discernment process. The applications will then be reviewed by a selection committee, and those who are selected to enter formation will begin the formal four-year process in August 2018.

The first inquiry session will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 at St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., in Indianapolis. The topic will be the "Diaconate as Vocation," and will also discuss necessary qualifications and the four-year formation process. A finalized schedule of monthly meetings will be published soon.

No preregistration is required for these sessions, and each session will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end by 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the archdiocesan Office of Deacon Formation at 800-382-9836, ext. 1492, 317-236-1492, or e-mail Deacon Kerry Blanford, archdiocesan director of deacon formation, at kblanford@archindy.org. †



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Editorial



Two people comfort Joseph Culver of Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 12 as he kneels at a late night vigil to pay his respects for a friend injured in a car attack on counter-protesters rallying against white nationalists. (CNS photo/Jim Bourg, Reuters).

Standing strong against the evil of racism in our time

The photographs are upsetting. The video is even more disturbing. Add an element of unbridled chaos, and the result is the sad and tragic events that occurred in Virginia over the weekend.

Sadly, the hate-filled protests and violence in Charlottesville resulted in the death of 32-year-old Heather Heyer and at least 20 injuries. Just as unsettling, the tragedy demonstrated that we still have racist fringe groups in our country who are intent on setting America back instead of moving us forward. Two Virginia State Police troopers also died when a helicopter they were in crashed while trying to help with the violent events on the ground.

The clashes between white supremacists and counter-protestors on Aug. 11 and 12 should give us all pause as we, as a nation, decide where we want this country to go in the coming days, weeks, months and, yes, even years ahead.

As we reflect on the weekend's events, we ask: What has happened to the tenet embraced by Christians and followers of other faith traditions to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:39)?

We, Catholics—like several of our bishops have already done—must condemn these heinous and racist actions by a group that felt emboldened enough to display the hatred and anger that were evident in Charlottesville.

"We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured," said a joint statement on Aug. 13 by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Fla., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. Chicago's Cardinal Blase J. Cupich said on Aug. 12 via Twitter: "When it comes to racism, there is only one side: to stand against it." Unfortunately, many of the white supremacists believe their support of President Donald J. Trump in the 2016 presidential election gives them the right to perform these heinous acts full of vitriol. Former Ku Klux Klan (KKK) leader David Duke, who was in attendance at the Virginia protests, said as much.

calling it a "turning point." "We are going to fulfill the promises of Donald Trump. That's what we believed in. That's why we voted for Donald Trump, because he said he's going to take our country back."

On Aug. 14, President Trump said, "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence. It has no place in America."

He added, "Racism is evil, and those who cause violence in its names are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups."

Although much progress has been made in the United States to combat racism, we are reminded once again that some people will do whatever it takes—including harming their fellow citizens—to achieve their narrow-minded objectives.

We believe the number of good, decent and loving Americans—who don't look at the color of someone's skin, their nationality or their faith tradition and immediately judge that person in a negative light—far outnumber those who allow the evil of prejudice to shape their lives.

The millions who fit in that category must pray fervently for those who want to deny others of their God-given dignity and harbor thoughts of hurting others because they are different. We need to let them know we will not accept this intolerable behavior under any circumstances. And we must continue to teach our younger generations that they must be beacons of light when such darkness emerges. Providentially, our Church celebrated the memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe on Aug. 14, a few days after the Virginia tragedy. The saint was martyred in Auschwitz after taking the place of a young father who was sentenced to die by the Nazis. St. Maximilian's love for his neighbor and his insight into humankind's battle with good and evil is as relevant today as it was when it was shared in the last issue of his Marian magazine, Knights of the Immaculata, published just before the Nazis arrested him in 1941: "The real conflict is the inner conflict. Beyond armies of occupation and the hecatombs of extermination camps, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we ourselves are defeated in our innermost personal selves?" -Mike Krokos

Be Our Guest/Bruce Scifres

Youth football changes lives

After spending 37 years of my life as a high school teacher and football coach, the last 27 years as the head football coach at Roncalli



High School in Indianapolis, I feel compelled to write to share thoughts on the value of youth athletics in general, and would like to focus on youth football in particular.

As I was driving

to work recently, I heard a radio host mention a recent study that stated that out of 111 brains of former NFL players, all but one showed signs of CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy) from repeated head trauma. She shared that all three of her sons play youth football, but after hearing this report, she wasn't sure if she wanted her sons to continue playing.

As the father of two sons who played Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), high school and college football—and I likewise played high school and college football—I hope to address some of the misleading information that is running rampant in today's media.

As I read this study by Dr. Ann McKee, she admits that "there is a tremendous selection bias" in the study, in that most of the brains had been donated specifically because they had shown symptoms of CTE, so it was not a random sampling of former NFL players' brains. They knew beforehand there were problems.

Secondly, a majority of the brains were taken from players who were over 70 years old at the time of death. This means most of these men had played back in the 1950's and 1960's when they were just phasing from leather helmets to plastic. The padding in these early plastic helmets was very different from today, and some of the helmets did not have facemasks at that time.

I am in no way trying to diminish the importance of protecting our youth from injury, especially head injuries. But in fact the game of football is safer today than it has ever been.

Letter to the Editor Bipartisan effort addresses impacts, causes and challenges of climate change

Our universal shepherd Pope Francis is recognized as a global leader on Helmets and shoulder pads are so much safer now than even 15 years ago, and new "Heads Up" tackling and blocking techniques are being taught across the country.

Two weeks ago, we had 40 CYO football coaches at the Indianapolis Colts facility receiving this "Heads Up" training.

Also, through the generosity of Indy Sports Foundation, all CYO football coaches in the archdiocese will be getting their USA Football Heads Up certifications paid for, providing technique and safety training for every coach in the league.

As the new executive director of CYO, I am very proud that the league is following through with this initiative. Without question, the health and safety of our players is top priority, and we want parents to know we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe.

One final thought I would like to share: A couple of years ago, our athletic trainer at Roncalli shared that football was ranked third that year on the sports concussion list. At the top of the list was girls' soccer, next was girls' cheerleading, then football was next.

My point here is that almost all youth activities that are physical in nature—including bicycle riding and skateboarding—carry some risk of injury.

Please know that the CYO is doing everything possible to make football as safe as we can—your kids deserve that!

In my 37 years of coaching football, I have learned the game is an unbelievable platform to change lives for the better. Few activities can match the game's ability to transform young athletes physically, mentally, emotionally, and perhaps most importantly, spiritually.

It is our hope that our families will consider this in light of the misleading information that has been splashed across the media in recent months. Again, I am very honored to be a part of these safety measures taken by the CYO for your children. God bless!

(Bruce Scifres is executive director of the Catholic Youth Organization.) †

Coal and coal ash disposal seriously impact climate change, and are also

"We are determined to take our country back," Duke said from the rally,

climate change.

In his encyclical letter, "Laudato Si", on Care for Our Common Home," he writes that "... every form of life has value regardless of its worth to human beings." He reaffirms that "... all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another."

I think this is the essential change of heart that must take place if we are to slow climate change. This is what my Catholic faith and my life as a Sister of Providence calls me to do. I am called to value both the diversity and interconnectedness of the whole web of life.

A bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives provides an opportunity. This group is exploring policy options that address the impacts, causes and challenges of our changing climate. Currently, 25 Republicans and 25 Democrats are members, an even number by design. critical economic and health issues in Indiana.

I believe one of the solutions is to provide financial support to coal miners desiring to obtain new job skills. They have risked their health and their lives to provide this country's energy needs.

This would be similar to the recent Carrier layoffs in Indianapolis. A task force has joined with Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Hogsett in announcing those who lost their jobs would be eligible for \$1,000 while they look for new employment. They also announced the city would provide additional monies for those employees while also offering incentives to local employers who wish to hire them.

Therefore, I call upon you, the reader, to urge your U.S. House of Representative member to join this caucus to make Indiana part of the solution.

Providence Sister Donna Butler Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

ARCHBISHOP/ARZOBISPO CHARLES C. THOMPSON

Pallium is a reminder to follow Lord's ways, not our own

"The smile from Pope Francis changed everything for Archbishop-designate Charles C. Thompson. As he approached the Holy Father on June 29 in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, [he]was still reeling from 'the whirlwind effect' of being appointed by the pope on June 13 to lead the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Still, the archbishop-designate tried to savor everything surrounding the approaching moment when Pope Francis would give him a pallium—a woolen band worn over the shoulders that symbolizes his new, closer connection with the pope and his responsibility as the shepherd who will lead the Church in central and southern Indiana." (John Shaughnessy, The Criterion, July 7, 2017, issue)

As I approached Pope Francis to receive the pallium, I was paying attention to him wearing his own pallium, and I thought to myself, "Now he's going to give one to me!" I felt an awesome sense of responsibility.

What really struck me was the Holy Father's smile as I walked up to him. It was so reassuring, so affirming. That smile spoke volumes to me. I saw him wearing his pallium, and I thought about the awesome fact that he is responsible for the whole Church, and he's still smiling! That just gave me a sense of tranquility.

THE CORNERSTONE

Pope Francis gave me the pallium after Mass on the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul on June 29, 2017. It was folded up in a small wooden box tied with a brown ribbon. Although it was blessed by the pope in Rome, this simple symbol of pastoral authority and responsibility was not placed on my shoulders until nearly a month later during my installation Mass on July 28 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral here in Indianapolis. What an honor to be called to serve the Church in this way under the watchful care of these two great saints-Peter the rock, and Paul, who was the first great missionary disciple!

When Pope Francis gave us new archbishops the pallium (which Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin described as a symbol of "the need and really the obligation of the bishop to look for the one who is lost-and then bring the lost one back on his shoulder"), the Holy Father said in his homily: "Let us ask ourselves if we are parlor Christians, who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and the world, or Apostles on the go, who confess Jesus with their lives because they hold him in their hearts. Those who confess Jesus know that they are not simply to offer opinions, but to offer their very lives.

"They know that they are not to believe half-heartedly, but to 'be on fire' with love. They know that they cannot just 'tread water' or take the easy way out, but have to risk putting out into the deep, daily renewing their selfoffering. Those who confess their faith in Jesus do as Peter and Paul did: they follow him to the end-not just part of the way, but to the very end. They also follow the Lord along his way, not our own ways. His way is that of new life, of joy and resurrection; it is also the way that passes through the cross and persecution."

This is the challenge that all bishops are called to accept as pastors, shepherds of the flock entrusted to their care. For those of us who are given the additional responsibility to serve as metropolitan archbishops (in my case for the Province of Indianapolis which includes the

five Catholic dioceses in Indiana), the pallium serves as a vivid reminder that although the way to Jesus' new life of joy and resurrection passes through the cross and persecution, in the end his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

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I am deeply grateful to Pope Francis for his trust in me and for the great gift he has given me in this archdiocesan Church. In one of his articles for The Criterion, assistant editor John Shaughnessy referred to the "whirlwind effect" of the weeks and months leading up to my appointment as archbishop on June 13, my reception of the pallium on June 29, and my installation as Archbishop of Indianapolis on July 28.

"Whirlwind" describes it perfectly, but by the grace of God and thanks to the incredible support of my family and friends in Kentucky, in southwestern Indiana and in the 39 counties of southern and central Indiana that I now call home, I can truly say that the yoke I have assumed is easy and the burden is light!

For me, authority has always been about service. Please pray for me-that I will be a good and faithful servant of this archdiocese. †



El palio nos recuerda que debemos seguir el camino de Dios, no el propio

"La sonrisa del papa Francisco cambió todo para el arzobispo designado Charles C. Thompson. El 29 de junio, en la Plaza de San Pedro en el Vaticano, a medida que se acercaba al Santo Padre, todavía se sentía aturdido por el 'torbellino' en el que se había visto envuelto desde que el papa lo designó el 13 de junio para convertirse en guía de la Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis. Con todo, el arzobispo designado procuró disfrutar al máximo todos los eventos que conllevarían al momento culminante en el que el papa Francisco le entregaría el palio, una faja de lana que se usa sobre los hombros y que simboliza su nueva y más íntima conexión con el sumo pontífice, así como su responsabilidad como el pastor que guiará la Iglesia en el centro y el sur de Indiana." (John Shaughnessy, The Criterion, edición del 7 de julio de 2017)

reconfortante, muy tranquilizadora. Esa sonrisa significó mucho para mí. Al verlo con su palio, pensé en el hecho extraordinario de que él es responsable de toda la Iglesia ;y todavía sonreía! Eso me infundió tranquilidad. después de la misa de la Solemnidad de San Pedro y San Pablo, el 29 de junio de 2017. Estaba doblado dentro de una pequeña caja de madera atada con una cinta café. Si bien el papa lo bendijo en Roma, este humilde símbolo de autoridad pastoral y responsabilidad no me fue colocado sobre los hombros sino hasta casi un mes después, durante mi misa de instalación, el 28 de julio en la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo en Indianápolis. Qué honor ser llamado a servir a la Iglesia de esta forma y al cuidado de estos dos grandes santos: Pedro, la roca, y Pablo, el primer gran discípulo misionero. En palabras del cardenal Joseph W. Tobin, el palio es un símbolo de "la obligación del obispo de buscar al que se ha extraviado y regresar con él a hombros." Al entregarnos el palio a los nuevos arzobispos, el papa Francisco dijo durante la homilía:

El papa Francisco me entregó el palio

van las cosas en la Iglesia y en el mundo, o si somos apóstoles en camino, que confiesan a Jesús con la vida porque lo llevan en el corazón. Quien confiesa a Jesús sabe que no ha de dar sólo opiniones, sino la vida; sabe que no puede creer con tibieza, sino que está llamado a 'arder' por amor; sabe que en la vida no puede conformarse con 'vivir al día' o acomodarse en el bienestar, sino que tiene que correr el riesgo de ir mar adentro, renovando cada día el don de sí mismo. Quien confiesa a Jesús se comporta como Pedro y Pablo: lo sigue hasta el final; no hasta un cierto punto sino hasta el final, y lo sigue en su camino, no en nuestros caminos. Su camino es el camino de la vida nueva, de la alegría y de la resurrección, el camino que pasa también por la cruz y la persecución." Este es el desafío que todos los obispos están llamados a aceptar como pastores del rebaño que les han confiado. Para quienes hemos recibido la responsabilidad adicional de desempeñarnos como arzobispos metropolitanos (en mi caso, de la Provincia de Indianápolis, que comprende las cinco diócesis católicas de Indiana), el palio representa un recordatorio vívido

de que, si bien el camino hacia la nueva vida de alegría y resurrección de Jesús pasa por la cruz y la persecución, al final su yugo se hace más fácil y su carga se aligera.

Me siento profundamente agradecido con el papa Francisco por haber depositado su confianza en mí y por el gran obsequio que me ha entregado a través de esta Iglesia arquidiocesana. En uno de sus artículos publicados en el The Criterion, el editor adjunto John Shaughnessy se refirió al "torbellino" de las semanas y los meses que precedieron a mi designación como arzobispo el 13 de junio, la entrega del palio que recibí el 29 de junio y mi instalación como arzobispo de Indianápolis el 28 de julio. La palabra "torbellino" describe perfectamente las circunstancias de ese período, pero por la gracia de Dios y gracias al increíble apoyo de mi familia y amigos en Kentucky, en el suroeste de Indiana y en los 39 condados del centro y el sur de Indiana que ahora llamo mi hogar, ¡puedo decir con propiedad que el yugo que he asumido es en verdad fácil y la carga es liviana! Para mí, la autoridad siempre ha significado servicio. Les ruego que recen por mí, para que sea un buen y fiel servidor de esta arquidiócesis. †

Mientras me acercaba al papa Francisco para recibir el palio, me fijé en el palio que él mismo llevaba puesto y pensé: "¡Ahora me va a dar uno a mí!" En ese momento sentí una enorme responsabilidad; pero lo que verdaderamente me impactó fue la sonrisa del Santo Padre a medida que me acercaba a él: era una sonrisa

"Preguntémonos si somos cristianos de salón de esos que comentan cómo

Events Calendar

August 22

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Indianapolis,** Life in the Spirit Seminar, session five of eight, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-7328, mkeyes@indy. rr.com.

St. Christopher Parish, Damascus Room, 5301 W. 16th St., Speedway. Fall **Scripture Study: Where** is God in Times of Crisis, Tuesdays through Nov. 14 (except Sept. 12, Oct. 17 and Oct. 31), 7-8:45 p.m., \$75 (\$100 includes spring semester, The Gospel of Mark), registration required by Aug. 21. Information and registration: Lois Jansen, 317-241-9169 or mlj986@gmail. com.

August 23

Bent Rail Brewery, 5301 Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis. Theology on **Tap Catholic Speaker Series:** "Marriage Panel,

New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth

Ministry (NADCYM) will hold its annual

Sept. 14. Dinner, wine and presentations

The event helps to fund the many

college and young adult events; training

parish ministries; and vocation ministry.

programming director at Camp Rancho

athletics; middle school, high school,

and formation; Hispanic ministry;

Steve Connaughton, summer

Framasa in Nashville, will be the

at Huber Orchard and Winery, 19816

Huber Road, in Borden, at 6 p.m. on

by speakers will begin at 6:30 p.m.

NADCYM ministries, including

Work of Angels Dinner in Plantation Hall

Dating Authentically," 7 p.m., free admission, food and drink available for purchase, registration not required. Information: www. indycatholic.org/indytot or mkinast@archindy.org.

Ike and Jonesy's, 17 W. Jackson Place, Indianapolis. Cursillo After Work Talk Series, (first of four, Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Sept. 13), Deacon Brad Anderson presenting, 6 p.m., free will offering. Information: 317-222-9215, jerry@ catholicalpha.com

August 24

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Monthly **Ecumenical Taizé Prayer** Service, sung prayers, meditation and readings. 7-8 p.m. Information: 317-926-7359 or rectory@ saintmichaelindy.org.

August 24-26

St. Ann Parish, 6350 S. Mooresville Road,

'Work of Angels Dinner' set for Sept. 14

New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry

Indianapolis. Parish Festival, celebrating 100 years, 5-11 p.m. each day, food, games, rides, silent auction, raffle \$2 or 6 for \$10, \$2,000 first prize, \$500 second and third, casino, beer garden. Information: 317-821-2909.

August 25

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Ave Maria Guild Rummage Sale, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information: 317-223-3687, vlgmimi@aol.com.

August 25-26

Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., Madison. Shawe and Pope John XXIII Summertime Festival, 5 p.m.midnight, food booths, live music, \$16 carnival ride wrist bands, cash raffle, beer tent. Information: 812-265-4166.

August 26

featured speaker. Additional talks will

young adult, college and high school

ministry programs.

will be accepted.

812-923-8355.

be given by members of the NADCYM's

There is no set cost, but donations

Send RSVP to sandy@nadyouth.org

If you are unable to attend the dinner

by Sept. 1. For more information, call

but wish to donate to NADCYM, go to

Angel," or send a check, made out to

Catholic Youth Ministries, to Catholic

Youth Ministries, 101 St. Anthony Dr.,

Mt. St. Francis, IN 47146. †

www.nadyouth.org and click on "Be an

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-ofthe-Woods, St. Mary-ofthe-Woods. Art Designs in Nuno Felting, nuno felt while incorporating floral designs into fabric, no previous felting experience needed, Debby Green presenting, 1-5 p.m., \$100. Registration deadline August 18. Information: 812-535-2931, wvc@spsmw.org, or www.spsmw.org/providencecenter/events/.

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

Knights of Columbus Mater Dei Council 437, McGowan Hall, 1305 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. Cantor Workshop, for all active Indianapolis-area cantors, co-sponsored by archdiocesan Office of Worship and the Voice Clinic of Indiana,

VIPs

Harold and Linda (Olszewski) Becker, members of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5.

The couple was married on Aug. 5, 1967, in St. Thomas Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. They have two children, Melissa Becker Likens and Ryan Becker. The couple also has four grandchildren. †



Cosmo and Sharon (Johnston) Piazza, members of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3.

The couple was married at the former St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Indianapolis on Aug. 3, 1957.

They have six children: Gina Buchanan, Maria Conway, Jill Good, Robin Oncale, Laurie Ray and Kelli Wilson.

The couple also has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. †

Camp Rancho Framasa offers three-day and one-day Family Camp in September

Catholic Youth Organization's (CYO) Camp Rancho Framasa, 2230 Clay Lick Road, in Nashville, will offer a Fall Family Camp Weekend from Sept. 1-3, and a Fall Family Camp Day on Sept. 2.

Activities include climbing, canoeing, crafts, archery, horse rides, games, Mass, prayer, campfires and evening activities.

The cost for the weekend is \$50 per child under age 18 and \$75 for adults. Check-in is from 7-7:45 p.m. on Sept. 1, and check-out is at 2 p.m. on

Sept. 3. Camping sites are available for tent camping (tents not provided). Private family cabins are available for an extra \$100 per family.

The cost for attending just on Sept. 2 is \$30 per child under age 18, and \$55 per adult. Check-in is from 8-9 a.m., and check-out is after the campfire activity.

For more information or to register, log on to www.campranchoframasa. org/family-camps, call 888-988-2839, ext. 122, or e-mail info@ campranchoframasa.org. †



919-412-6764. St. Lawrence Parish, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis. Enrich, **Deepen**, Connect African **Catholic Ministry Retreat**,

sponsored by the archdiocesan Intercultural Ministry-African Catholics, Father Emanuel Nyong presenting on spirituality, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m. Mass, freewill offering. Register: goo.gl/4jF7Z7. Information: 317-727-5736, ministryacm@ gmail.com.

or \$200 per parish plus \$10

per person, includes lunch.

Registration and payment

due by Aug. 21. Information:

adorationfriend@gmail.com or

August 26-27

St. Mary Parish, 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg. Festival, Sat. 5-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., fried chicken dinners, live music, raffles, games, silent auction, bingo. Information: 812-663-8427.

The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/events.

August 27

St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center, St. John Room, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Eritrean and Ethiopian Community Meeting**, 2-4 p.m., no reservations needed. Information: Samson, 317-869-5230 or email broach@saintmichaelindy.org.

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10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$40 per person

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to

First vows

Sister Lucia Christi, 25, professed her first vows as a Sister of Life on Aug. 3 in Suffern, N.Y. The former Laura Nicole Zetzl was previously a member of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis, where her parents, Larry and Lisa Zetzl, are still members. Prior to entering the Sisters of Life, she was a student at Indiana University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in human biology. Sister Lucia Christi has three brothers, Mark, Matthew and Nicholas. The Mass of Profession was celebrated by Bishop John O. Barres of the Rockville Centre Diocese at Sacred Heart Church in Suffern, N.Y. Father Michael O'Mara, pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, accompanied the family to witness Sister Lucia Christi profess her vows. The Sisters of Life, a religious community in the Archdiocese of New York, was founded in 1991 by the late Cardinal John J. O'Connor. Sisters of Life take the traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, as well as a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. (Submitted photo)

Mass, open house in New Albany on Aug. 20 to celebrate Cardinal Ritter anniversaries

A Mass commemorating the 125th anniversary of the birth of Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter and the 100th anniversary of his ordination as a priest will be celebrated at St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., in New Albany, at 10 a.m. on Aug. 20.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the cardinal's death on June 10, 1967.

After the Mass until 2 p.m., all are invited to an open house at the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace and Museum, 1218 E. Oak St., in New Albany. Tour his home, and learn about the only Hoosier-born cardinal and the dynamic impact he had on desegregation, social justice and the Second Vatican Council. †

World Day of Prayer for Creation prayer service to be held in Indy on Aug. 31

A World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation prayer service will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., in Indianapolis, at 7 p.m. on Aug. 31.

The ecumenical prayer service is being hosted by the St. Thomas Aquinas Creation Care Ministry, in conjunction with Fairview Presbyterian Church and Common Ground Christian Church, to begin the Season of Creation, which runs from Sept. 1-Oct. 4.

To learn more, call 317-979-5144 or e-mail stcreationcare@gmail.com. †

Retreat offered for widows 'no matter where you are' in life

By Natalie Hoefer

Jennifer Trapuzzano, 28, has learned many things since she became a widow three years ago, when her husband Nathan was shot while on a morning walk in Indianapolis.

Among those lessons, she says, is that "no matter the age, experience or how long it's been, widows share a common bond. Until you've been a widow, you can't understand."

But the young mother—Trapuzzano's daughter was born just one month after Nathan's death—says she has found strength in two things: "Faith has held me up, and fellowship has gotten me through."

That is why she is coordinating a retreat for widows called "Peace in the Mourning," with help from the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life. It will be held at the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center in Beech Grove on Sept. 22-24.

The member of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis notes that the weekend retreat will be "very Catholic," including the rosary, adoration, confession and Mass.

However, she says, "those not in a good place with their faith, or Christians who don't understand the Mass, could still benefit from this retreat more than a secular widows' group or conference."

Trapazzuno knows this firsthand. She attended a non-religious widow's retreat in the spring of 2016, where she got to meet some of the widows she had come to know through St. Paula's Young Catholic Widows, an online support group she started within a year of Nathan's death.

"It was great to meet the other widows," she says of the retreat, but

"something was missing. The talks were so secular. Some talks were so disappointing because they were counter to my faith."

She wondered if there could be a similar Catholic retreat "where you get the fellowship but also have faith involved. It weighed on my heart. I kept feeling a nudge from the Holy Spirit."

That nudge led Trapuzzano to mention her idea to then-Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, who was a speaker at an event along with her last September. He introduced her to Annette "Mickey" Lentz, archdiocesan chancellor, and the retreat took form from there, with the help of the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life.

In addition to the Catholic-specific elements, the retreat will include a presentation by Father James Farrell, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. Providence Sister Connie Kramer will present on "unfinished business," which "looks at the relationship between the person left behind and the spouse who has left."

Trapuzzano will give a witness talk as well, but she won't be the only widow speaking.

"Retreatants can share their story," she says. "It's so important for each person's story to be heard to grow in that bond together. We'll give different ages time to talk about their experience, what it's like to be an older widow versus a younger widow.

"And there will be activities in which that people can grow in bonding together. To have faith and fellowship come together—every widow needs that."

Trapuzzano says she expects there "will be some sad moments. But there will also be lots of laughter and love. Through the tears and laughter, we'll



Young widow Jennifer Trapuzzano, 28, and her daughter Cecelia bid farewell to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin on Dec. 5, 2016. She had turned to him earlier that fall about an idea she had for a Catholic widow's retreat, which has come to fruition and will be held at the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center in Beech Grove on Sept. 22-24. (File photo by Natalie Hoefer)

find fellowship that will last beyond this retreat."

For widows hesitating to come to the retreat, she advises they keep other widows in mind.

"If you come, you could be helping someone who might not get that help if you don't come," she says.

Regardless of age, regardless of whether the widow has children, regardless of Christian faith background, Trapuzzano encourages widows to attend the retreat.

"I tell every woman, 'I hate we had to meet this way, but we're here to walk with you,' " she says.

"No matter where you are in your faith

or journey as a widow, we want you at this retreat."

(The "Peace in the Mourning" retreat will be held at the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1302 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove, on Sept. 22-24. The cost is \$150 for a shared room, or \$200 for a private room. For information on scholarships that are available on an as needed basis, call Deb VanVelse at 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586, or e-mail PeaceInTheMourning@gmail.com. For more information or to register, visit www.archindy.org/plfl/PeaceInTheMourning. html, or call Deb VanVelse at 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586.) †



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for your work with Archbishop Charles C. Thompson's Prayer Service and Installation Mass

The Chancellor's Office would like to thank the numerous offices and volunteers who donated their time and talent in helping with the many activities surrounding the Prayer Service and Installation Mass. These liturgies and other accompanying events were great

successes because of your commitment. These groups include:

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- Archdiocesan Deacons/and Parish Life Coordinators
- Archdiocesan Seminarians

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He also noted that the excitement of the seminarians was increased by the presence of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, who had been installed as the seventh archbishop of Indianapolis less than two weeks earlier.

Archbishop Thompson spoke with the seminarians on the first day of their convocation, celebrated Mass with them and blessed the nine new seminarians.

"These guys are showing great courage, humility and generosity in being willing to discern this call to service in the Church," he said in an interview with The Criterion. "So it's important for me to be here with them to support them, and also to give them guidance and direction, what we expect of them so they know what they're getting into.

"Pope Francis talks a lot about accompaniment. We have to accompany our seminarians in their formation and education if we want good, solid, healthy priests for the archdiocese."

Although he is pleased by the increase in seminarians, Archbishop Thompson is encouraged even more by the quality of the men entering into priestly formation.

"The first thing we want is quality," he said. "It seems like we have good quality here. We need the numbers, but we most especially need the quality. I'm encouraged by the numbers. It just shows that our young people are still discerning and being open to the Spirit."

The annual seminarian convocation has contributed to the discernment over the past five years of transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis who expects to be ordained a priest for the archdiocese next June.

For him, it's time to build up fraternity "with guys that I'll probably be ministering with for years to come" by praying together, sharing meals, giving of themselves together in service to people in need, and having times of recreation amongst each other.

As the archdiocese's senior man in priestly formation, Deacon Dufresne has already built up fraternity with his fellow seminarians. But adding nine new men to the group, he said, has "breathed a little bit of new life into our time together. There are plenty of guys to get to know."

One of them is new seminarian James Huber, a member of St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville, who starts formation at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad this month.

"It's been really cool and awesome to get to meet the other guys who are

discerning the Lord's call in their lives like myself," Huber said. "There's a little bit of trepidation at the beginning. What are they like? Are they like me? Are they weird? Are they different? Am I going to fit in?

"But it's been great to have time to pray together and just to hang out, for those barriers to break down and to become friends with these guys."

The seminarians spent much of the morning of second day of the convocation volunteering at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Pratt-Quigley Client Choice Food Pantry in Indianapolis, which serves around

3,000 families in need each week.

"It helps to keep us focused," said new seminarian Samuel Rosko. "What we're ultimately discerning is a call to the priesthood, which is a call to service, service to God and service to people. So it helps us keep focused on what our ultimate goal in the seminary is."

Rosko, a member of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, is starting priestly formation as a sophomore at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and Marian University, both in Indianapolis.

Not far from where Rosko and other seminarians were boxing drinks, Deacon Dufresne was bagging food that would be distributed to the pantry's clients.

His thoughts went to the Gospel proclaimed at Mass the previous day when the seminarians worshipped with Archbishop Thompson. It told of Jesus multiplying five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 people.

"Jesus recognized in his ministry that, in order to feed people spiritually, we also need to make sure that they're fed physically," said Deacon Dufresne. "That's something for us to reflect on as we prepare for ministry."

Dewayne Boyer, a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis and a regular volunteer at the pantry for more than two years, was glad to see the



Transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne, second from left, and Archbishop Charles C. Thompson elevate the Eucharist during an Aug. 7 Mass in the chapel at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. The Mass was part of the annual archdiocesan seminarian convocation. Concelebrating the Mass at left is Father Joseph Feltz, archdiocesan vicar for clergy. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

archdiocese's future priests spending time there.

"It's a good experience for them to see how the community comes together to help those less fortunate," he said. "They can let their parishioners know what's available in terms of volunteer opportunities and how a few sets of hands can make an impact in the community.'

The service for which the archdiocese's seminarians are being formed, said Archbishop Thompson on Aug. 7, is an important witness in today's cultural atmosphere.

"More and more, we live in a culture of entitlement, radical individualism and immediate gratification," he said. "So, for young people in that kind of culture to be discerning a life of service and sacrifice is very encouraging and inspiring.

"It also tells me that, amid all the messages of the world out there, our young people are still being guided by the Holy Spirit and listening to that Spirit."

(To learn more about a vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, visit HearGodsCall.com.) †



Seminarians Charlie Wessel, left, and Eamonn Daily kneel in prayer during the Aug. 7 Mass. Wessel is a member of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. Daily is a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

Indianapolis college seminary starts new year with record enrollment

By Sean Gallagher

With nine new seminarians beginning priestly formation this month, the Church in central and southern

Of the 49 current seminarians at Bishop Bruté, 13 are archdiocesan seminarians, an increase of six from the previous academic year. Seven archdiocesan priests received priestly formation at Bishop Bruté. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the seminary was founded by Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein. Father Robert Robeson, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove, served as its first rector through the end of the 2015-16 academic year. Father Moriarty says the confidence that so many dioceses who send seminarians to Bishop Bruté have in it is rooted in the priestly formation developed there by Father Robeson that embodied the vision of Archbishop Buechlein. "For us, formation is a one-on-one experience of meeting with a formation director every two weeks," Father Moriarty said. "I don't know of another college seminary that does it that way." Because of the commitment to this approach to formation, the seminary enrollment is now near its capacity. Its increasing enrollment has also resulted for the first time in having two archdiocesan priests serving there on a full-time basis in its 13-year history.

seminary less than a week before the seminarians moved in, Father Syberg, who was ordained in 2015, said, "I'm ready to roll."

"It's certainly a humbling experience," he said. "But I

Indiana is experiencing the largest one-year increase in seminarians in more than a decade.

At the same time, Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis has a record enrollment of 49 seminarians from 10 dioceses and one religious



community who moved into the seminary this week.

Father Joseph Moriarty, rector of Bishop Bruté, credits the near capacity enrollment to the "faith, openness and courage" that "are very active in the hearts" of the seminarians enrolled there.

"Faith plants the seed," Father Moriarty said. "Openness is their willingness to consider it. And the courage is moving in. They're

going to take a step toward realizing what this call might mean in their life.'

Bishop Bruté began in 2004 with a handful of seminarians. At the time, they lived on the campus of Marian University in Indianapolis, where seminarians still take classes today.

The seminary moved five years later to its current location, a former Carmelite monastery about a mile south of Marian.



Archbishop **Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein**

Father Andrew Syberg, serving as a formation dean at Bishop Bruté, joins Father Moriarty. Speaking about the start of his ministry in the

know how important and how necessary it is. I was just in formation not that long ago.



"The formation that Bruté offers can do great things. There's great joy to be experienced when you find out what God wants from your life."

Along with Father Syberg, other archdiocesan priests are serving the seminary on a part-time basis as spiritual directors. It also draws on the experience of religious order priests, such as vice rector Benedictine Justin DuVall, former archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, and

director of spiritual formation Jesuit Father Thomas Widner.

"Vocations are growing again," said Father Syberg. "Indy has more guys. Bruté has more guys. To recognize that this is where we're going, and that hopefully we'll keep going in that direction, shows how seriously the archdiocese takes formation."

(For more information about Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, visit bishopsimonbrute.org.) †

Father Andrew Syberg

Catholics on Guam pray for peace amid threats by North Korea

HAGATNA, Guam (CNS)—The Catholic Church in Guam is urging its members and all people on the island to be prayerful and stay centered in Christ amid threats of missile attacks by North Korea.

Coadjutor Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes of Agana asked all priests to promote prayers of peace at all Masses on Aug. 13 as tensions continue, following threats by North Korea dictator Kim Jong Un to attack this American territory in the Marianas Islands.

"In your Masses this Sunday, especially in the prayer of the faithful, please offer prayers for peace between our nations, just resolution of differences, and prudence in both speech and action," Archbishop Byrnes said in a message to all priests of the Archdiocese of Agana on Aug. 11.

"Please also offer prayers for the men and women of our military, especially those whom we host on Guam, that they might find grace for diligence and courage as they execute their respective duties," he said.

Guam has long had a high strategic military importance to the United States because of its location near eastern Asia, and has been home to several U.S. military bases for many decades. B-52 bombers were regularly deployed from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam during the Vietnam War in the 1960s and 1970s.

Residents of this predominantly Catholic island community first woke up to the alarming news of North Korea threats to Guam on Aug. 9. The archdiocese issued a message to all Catholics and the community in general that same day, urging everyone to "stay grounded in the peace of Christ."



Catholics on the island of Guam pray during Mass at Santa Barbara Church on Aug. 13. (CNS photo/Erik De Castro, Reuters)

"Look to God during these difficult times when world peace is threatened, and pray always," the archdiocese said.

That message by Father Jeff San Nicolas, the coadjutor archbishop's delegate general, cited the Gospel of John: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (Jn 14:27).

The archdiocese also echoed the message of Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo asking everyone to remain calm and trust that the security of the island is in good hands with local and national defense forces in place to address such threats.

In his Aug. 11 message, Archbishop Byrnes said, "Ever since being appointed the Coadjutor Archbishop of Agana, I have been both struck and encouraged by Isaiah 33:2-6. ... It speaks to our current situation very well:

"O Lord, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. At the tumultuous noise peoples flee; when you lift yourself up, nations are scattered, and your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; as locusts leap, it is leapt upon. The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure" (Is 33:2-6).

"We have strong encouragement from the Lord Jesus to trust that our Father is the source of our salvation both spiritually and practically," the archbishop continued. "Jesus is still on the throne, and we can be confident that he will work out his will in every situation," the archbishop also told the priests.

He added, "We do not 'put our trust in princes, in mortal man in whom there is no help' [Ps 146:3]. The Lord himself is the source of our stability in any time."

The archdiocese also encouraged people to join an Aug. 13 rosary rally and pray for peace during a celebration of the 100th-year anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in the capital of Hagatna.

The rally was organized by Catholic laypeople as part of a worldwide call for praying the rosary in the public square.

The Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense planned to make a presentation on emergency preparedness related to the North Korean threat for clergy, Catholic school administrators and chancery staff on Aug. 17.

The presentation had been scheduled even before the threat by North Korea, but the archdiocese asked that it be held sooner because of current developments. †

only reject it, not only oppose it, but fight against it."

Other Church leaders quickly followed in denouncing the violence.

"May this shocking incident and display of evil ignite a commitment among all people to end the racism, violence, bigotry and hatred that we have seen too often in our nation and throughout the world," said Bishop Martin D. Holley of Memphis, Tenn., in an Aug. 13 statement. "Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who died tragically, including the officers, and for physical and emotional healing for all who were injured. May ours become a nation of peace, harmony and justice for one and all."



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 Coadjutor Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes of Agana, Guam

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criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups."

The bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, Va., was one of the first to call for peace following the violence in Charlottesville late on Aug. 11, which only became worse the following day.

On the evening of Aug. 11, the

women, identified as white nationalists, carrying lit torches on the campus of the University of Virginia. Counterprotesters also were present during the rally and clashes were reported. The following day, at least 20 were injured and the mayor of Charlottesville confirmed Heyer's death later that afternoon via Twitter after the car allegedly driven by Fields rammed into the crowd of marchers. Two Virginia State Police troopers also died when a helicopter they were in crashed while

"In the last 24 hours, hatred and violence have been on display in the city of Charlottesville," said Richmond Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo in a statement on the afternoon of Aug. 12. "I earnestly pray for peace."

Charlottesville is in Bishop DiLorenzo's diocese.

Virginia's governor declared a state of emergency on Aug. 12 when violence erupted during the "Unite the Right" white nationalist protest against the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. But the trouble already had started the night before with the lit torches and chants of anti-Semitic slogans on the grounds of the University of Virginia. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), called the events "abhorrent acts of hatred" in an Aug. 12 statement. He said they were an "attack on the unity of our nation." Other groups, including many faith groups, seeking to counter the white nationalist events, showed up during both events. Authorities reported clashes at both instances. "Only the light of Christ can quench the torches of hatred and violence. Let us pray for peace," said Bishop DiLorenzo in his statement. "I pray that those men and women on both sides can talk and seek solutions to their differences respectfully."

Associated Press and other news outlets reported a rally of hundreds of men and

trying to help with the violent events on the ground.



White nationalists clash with counter-protesters at a rally in Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 12. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, condemned the violence and hatred and offered prayers for the family and loved ones of the person who was killed, and for all those who were injured. (CNS photo/Joshua Roberts, Reuters) On Twitter, Jesuit Father James Martin, an editor of *America* magazine, denounced racism as a sin and said: "All Christians, all people of faith, should not Chicago's Cardinal Blase J. Cupich said Aug. 12 via Twitter: "When it comes to racism, there is only one side: to stand against it."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia called racism the "poison of the soul," and said in a statement that it was the United States' "original sin" and one that "never fully healed."

He added that, "blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity."

On Aug. 13, Cardinal DiNardo, along with Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued a statement saying: "We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured." †

Experts say law-abiding migrants at greater deportation risk

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The stories come in dribs and drabs on the evening news or in timelines via Twitter, but they're steady.

On Aug. 2, two young popular soccer players, brothers living in Bethesda, Md., were deported to their native El Salvador. In mid-July, Jesus Lara Lopez, a



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37-year old father of four in Cleveland, was deported to Mexico. On Aug. 1, Lourdes Salazar Bautista, a Michigan mom with three U.S. citizen children, also was deported to Mexico.

At some point, they all had contact with immigration authorities, but none had criminal records or a violent past, and regularly checked in with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE, to inform the agency of their whereabouts.

During President Barack Obama's administration, migrants like them, in the country without documentation, were not priorities for deportation, said John Sandweg, former acting director of ICE. They had been granted stays or were under supervision by immigration officials likely for humanitarian reasons they were taking care of family or had extenuating circumstances.

"Individuals in this group had mostly been checking in with us ... very rarely are these individuals convicted criminals," said Sandweg during a July panel titled "Immigration Policy and Practice Under the Trump Administration: Understanding What's New, What's Not and Why It Matters," sponsored by the Washington-based immigration reform group America's Voice.

Under President Donald J. Trump, however, the fate of these migrants has changed, said Sandweg.

"What we've seen is lots of those individuals getting picked up, and the reason those individuals get picked up is they are the lowest hanging fruit," said Sandweg. "They are the individuals who ICE can arrest most quickly and deport within a matter of two, three weeks. They're also the most sensitive cases, and the cases least likely to pose a public safety threat."

But it's part of a strategy, Sandweg believes, by the Trump administration to increase the total number of deportations to record levels—a task that will be difficult to match since Obama was given the moniker "deporter-in-chief" because of the record-breaking 2.5 million deportations that took place under his administration.

"It's very clear to me that their mission is to transcend the number of deportations. How do you do that? You don't focus on criminals," said Sandweg. "Criminals are slow to remove. Criminals who are at-large are very difficult to find, and it's very time-consuming. It's time-consuming, difficult work."

Some migrants and their supporters already are sensing the shift in focus.

In early August, when Maria De Loera was called to a deportation hearing in Texas, Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso attended the meeting in her place, so she could stay at the bedside of her cancer-stricken 8-year-old daughter at the hospital. De Loera left Mexico in 2014 after her husband was assassinated and fled to the U.S. looking for asylum, which was later denied.

Some supporters had feared De Loera would immediately be deported if she showed up to the meeting with immigration officials, meaning her daughter would be left to attend cancer treatments alone at the hospital.

After Bishop Seitz met with immigration officials, De Loera was granted a six-month stay so she could continue to care for her daughter. These days, it seems as if "the most obvious humanitarian reasons for allowing a person to stay are no longer sufficient," said the bishop, while also expressing worry about the people who seem to be the new focus of deportations.

"The Church certainly is going to be very concerned about action leading to prioritization of people who are really not any threat and who have not committed any crime, and who are productive members of our community," Bishop Seitz said in an Aug. 7 phone interview with Catholic News Service.

The emphasis, he said, should be on criminals "who are really a threat to our citizens," not spending time and energy going after people who are law-abiding.

David Leopold, partner and chair of the Immigration Practice Group and former president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, said the Trump administration would like others to believe "we're focusing on criminals. That's our priority."

But the focus is on "non-criminals, folks who have worked hard, have done everything they were supposed to do, played by the rules, have been here for a long time," said Leopold, who also was part of the America's Voice panel. "They're the easiest to arrest because they comply. They're going after those cases."

And while there may not be much talk about raids taking place, they're happening but in the lobbies of immigration offices, he said.

"I call them silent raids because where they're occurring is at these check-ins," said Leopold.



Seven-year-old Walter Escobar of Texas holds a photo of his family, including his father, Jose Escobar, who was deported from the U.S., during a late March news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Experts say law-abiding migrants are at greater risk of deportation under President Donald J. Trump. (CNS photo/Michael Reynolds, EPA)

While fathers and mothers and children wait for their ICE removal officers, meetings that never yielded unusual developments now turn into meetings in which many have ankle bracelets placed on them, and given a date to leave, he said.

In a July 31 essay for *America*, a national Jesuit-published Catholic magazine, Kevin Appleby, senior director of international migration policy at the Center for Migration Studies of New York, said that under the Trump administration, Catholics must shift their focus toward opposing mass deportations because it's clear that under this presidency, steps have been taken "to implement a major deportation campaign targeted at all undocumented immigrants, including the population the U.S. bishops have sought for years to make citizens."

For fiscal year 2018, the administration has asked for 1,000 more ICE agents, 500 more Border Patrol agents, plus more than 10,000 more detention beds, not to mention \$1.6 billion for a border wall, wrote Appleby. "It is clear where this administration is headed on immigration," he wrote. "The goal is not to legalize 11 million undocumented persons, but to get rid of them." While some bishops have been on the front lines during critical moments involving the deportation of non-criminal migrants who have been long-term residents and contributing members of certain communities, Appleby urged the participation of all bishops, so as to have a plan for what to do when deportations take place in their respective dioceses and to lead other Catholics to support vulnerable immigrant families.

"We are entering a dangerous time in the history of our immigrant nation," Appleby wrote. "The stakes for our immigrant brothers and sisters, and their children, are high. History will judge whether Catholics stood up and protected their neighbors during this dark period."

Parishes are a great place to talk about those issues, to listen to "unheard narratives," said Bishop Seitz, while acknowledging that sometimes it feels as if people are listening to two different Gospels in Church pews: one that says we have limited resources and we have to protect ourselves from outsiders, and one that says we're called to love others. But a



'We are entering a dangerous time in the history of our immigrant nation. The stakes for our immigrant brothers and sisters, and their children, are high. History will judge whether Catholics stood up and protected their neighbors during this dark period.'

—Kevin Appleby, senior director of international migration policy at the Center for Migration Studies of New York person cannot call him or herself Catholic without expressing the compassion of Jesus, he said.

When a person loves others and gives of oneself for others "God will care for us even though there may be sacrifices involved," said Bishop Seitz, adding that if we give what's good and charitable, God will care for us.

"I don't think those elements are to be found in the dumbed-down Gospel that's out and about today," he said. \dagger

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Priest celebrating 50 years of ministry seen as 'anchor' of New Albany Deanery

By Sean Gallagher

For 38 of his 50 years of priestly life and ministry, Father Wilfred "Sonny" Day has ministered in a host of parishes in the New Albany Deanery and at Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville.

Born and raised in St. Mary Parish in Lanesville in the deanery, it might seem fitting that Father Day has ministered for so many years in the southern region of the archdiocese.

According to him, it didn't come about through a master plan, but just by being asked on various occasions to serve there.

"I was simply asked, 'Would you be willing to do that?' And I said, 'Sure,' " said Father Day, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight and dean of the New Albany Deanery.

Maybe his long history of service in the deanery is the work of the Holy Spirit. Father Day certainly has discerned its influence in his priestly ministry through the years.

"I'm convinced that there are no coincidences," he said. "How many times have I been available, hanging around the house a little longer than I intended, and got a call that I needed to get, such as somebody needing the sacraments?

"The Holy Spirit is in charge. Whenever I can surrender to that, I'm the priest I'm called to be."

Merle Kruer has had the chance to appreciate Father Day's ministry during two periods of the priest's 50 years of service.

A lifelong member of St. John the Baptist, Kruer, 75, was there when Father Day served as its administrator from 1971-75 and since 2010, when he was appointed its pastor.

"He gets along with everybody," says Kruer. "He's like everybody, he's got his opinions. But then he listens to the rest of the people. If they've got a different idea, he considers it."

Not only does Father Day get along with everybody, it seems to Kruer that he knows everybody in the deanery.



Father Wilfred "Sonny" Day celebrates Mass on May 5 at St. John the Baptist Church in Starlight to mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Concelebrating the Mass are retired Msgr. Paul Richart, left, Father Eric Johnson and Father Thomas Clegg. Father Day is pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight and dean of the New Albany Deanery. (Submitted photo by Paul Bierman)

"He knows the area," said Kruer. "He knows the people. He knows what they do. He knows how the community is, how they interact."

Father Daniel Atkins, pastor of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, is a friend of Father Day and has witnessed his friend's close ties to the deanery on many occasions.

"We'll be sitting in a restaurant and people will come up and say hello," said Father Atkins. "They just know him. So many people know him, know his family. He's helped so many people here. He's an anchor. He really is."

According to Father Atkins, his friend is to the faithful in the deanery the "uncle that everybody just loves and knows. You can talk with him. He knows the family stories."

Father Atkins knows this from experience. He was a teacher at

Providence when Father Day was on the faculty there. Their relationship led Father Atkins to pursue a vocation to the priesthood.

"It was being drawn into friendship with him that really gave me the courage to trust him and confide in him," said Father Atkins, who was ordained in 1987. "I had thought about the priesthood before. Then it resurfaced again. I asked him about it. He gave me the push that I needed."

In addition to nurturing close ties with the lay faithful of the New Albany Deanery, Father Day has also fostered a strong brotherhood among the priests serving there, arranging weekly meals with them on Saturday evenings and Monday mornings.

"That will be a great legacy that he will leave us," Father Atkins said. "We're proud of the New Albany Deanery. The priests who come into the deanery are welcomed. And I think they feel that sense of welcome right away."

Father Day has also done much to support Catholic education in the deanery, says Joan Hurley, who served as Providence's president from 2004-16.

She noted his long service on Providence's board of trustees and his efforts to promote two capital campaigns at the Clarksville school. "I can't put into words how valuable Father Sonny is for Providence," Hurley said. "He lives his Catholic faith so well. And Catholic education for him is a backbone for that for any family. He talks that story, and he walks that story the whole time."

When asked what advice he would give to men beginning to discern a possible call to the priesthood, Father Day says it is a vocation that leads to happiness.

"If you feel called, try to discern that with a vocations director and go to the seminary," he said. "God doesn't call you to something that's going to make you unhappy. God wants you to be happy and fulfilled in this life and certainly in the next. If he's called you to the priesthood, you will find happiness and fulfillment there."

He has certainly experienced both in his 50 years of priestly life and ministry.

"I don't know how I could be happier," Father Day said. "It's because of the people who have come into my life. That's one thing about the priesthood you're surrounded by people all the time. Some are coming to you for help. But so many are coming just to love you, support you and thank you for being their priest."

(To learn more about a vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, visit <u>HearGodsCall.com</u>.) †





Age: 76 Parents: The late Wilfred L. and Marie Day Home Parish: St. Mary Parish in Lanesville Nickname: "When

my mother named me Wilfred, she said, 'We'll call him "Sonny." ' " High School: Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville
Seminary: The former St. Mary Seminary in St. Mary, Ky.;
Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad
Favorite Scripture passage: Isaiah 55

Favorite saints: St. Teresa of Calcutta; St. John XXIII

Favorite prayer or devotion: Praying for his fellow priests

Hobbies: Walking and hiking

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/*John F. Fink* Catholic contributions to the Battle of Vincennes in 1779

Catholics played important roles in the Battle of Vincennes during the Revolutionary War when George Rogers



Clark captured Fort Sackville. The victory resulted in adding the future states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota to the United States. First there was

Father Pierre Gibault. He was a Canadian missionary who served the French-speaking Catholics and Catholic Indians in a circuit of parishes that included Vincennes and Kaskaskia, now in Illinois. He was in Kaskaskia when Clark conquered that city in 1778. Father Gibault met with Clark on behalf of his French parishioners, and learned for the first time that the United States and France were allies in the war.

He convinced his parishioners in Kaskaskia to support the Americans. Then he traveled to Vincennes and convinced his parishioners there, too, to support the Americans. They raised an American flag over Fort Sackville, throwing the British flag, wrapped around a large rock, into the

Wabash River.

At Fort Detroit, Lt. Gov. Henry Hamilton learned about this. During Clark's absence, Hamilton led about 500 British troops to Vincennes and recaptured the city.

Then there was Francis Vigo (actually Giuseppe Maria Francesco Vigo), an Italian who served with the Spanish Army in New Orleans before becoming a wealthy fur trader, first in St. Louis and then in Vincennes. He also became a spy for Clark. However, he was captured by some Indians loyal to the British and turned over to Hamilton after his forces had recaptured Fort Sackville.

Father Gibault learned that Vigo had been captured. After Sunday Mass, he led his entire congregation to Fort Sackville and informed Hamilton that the community would deny all supplies to the fort until Vigo was released. Hamilton released Vigo, but made him promise to return to St. Louis.

Vigo kept his promise, traveling down the Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. But then he immediately returned to Kaskaskia to inform Clark that the British controlled Vincennes.

Father Gibault also returned to

Kaskaskia. When Clark formed his troops to retake Vincennes, about half of the 172 men were Father Gibault's French parishioners. Father Gibault blessed the troops as they set out in February of 1779 to conquer Fort Sackville. The troops surprised Hamilton who didn't expect a battle during the winter.

After the war, because of his services to the Americans, Father Gibault became persona non grata to his superior, the bishop of Quebec, who had remained loyal to the British. In 1788 Father Gibault asked to be allowed to return to Quebec, but the bishop refused. He eventually moved to New Madrid, Mo., where he died in 1802.

Vigo, besides his services as a spy, also became the foremost financier of the American army in the Northwest. The American dollar traded poorly among the French in Indiana and Illinois, so Vigo exchanged them for hard coin. He also funded Clark's campaign to capture Fort Detroit, which was unsuccessful.

Vigo's will included a bell for the courthouse in what is now Vigo County.

A statue of Father Gibault is in front of the Old Cathedral in Vincennes. †

That All May Be One/*Fr. Rick Ginther* Ecumenism may one day lead to time when all will 'be one'

Welcome back! Or better yet: "I'm back!" In July, I am on hiatus from this column. Vacation is good for the body and soul. It's now time to share in the "fruits" of rest.



It was a gift to be able to share with our non-Christian and Christian brothers and sisters the installation prayer service and Mass for Archbishop Charles C. Thompson. The hospitality offered to them was well received!

Special thanks to the five representatives of various faith tradition who greeted Archbishop Thompson: Rabbi Brett Krichiver, senior rabbi of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation; Habibe Ali, interim secretary general of Islamic Society of North America in Plainfield; Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, recently ordained and installed bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis; Rev. Timothy M. James, associate general minister of the Disciples of Christ; and Bishop William Gafkjen, presiding bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

These five and many others are pleased to be in relationship and dialogue with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. And we are most pleased to be in dialogue with them. The presence of ecumenical and

interreligious representatives at an

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ordination or installation of a Roman Catholic bishop would have been unheard of 50 years ago. Yes, the Second Vatican Council opened the doors by inviting ecumenical and interreligious observers to be present, but the inclusion of "judicatories" of Christian denominations and interreligious representatives did not occur until the ritual books had been revised in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

This year is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It is an opportune time to reflect upon the depth of the impact of the Reformation and the Counter Reformation.

As Bishop Gafkjen has said, it is a blessing that we are commemorating this historic moment, not celebrating it—as has occurred among Lutherans even up to the last milestone, 475 years.

Rather, we are now about looking in-depth at the history-the truth, the steps, the missteps, the sinful moments among both reformers, Roman Catholic clergy, bishops, civil leaders and peasants, and the desire by all to do what they perceived was right.

Two opportunities to ponder this are approaching in the coming weeks.

First is a talk to be given by Bishop Gafkien titled "The Meaning and Enduring Significance of the Reformation." The lecture will be held in Lecture Hall 150 of the Evans Center on the campus of Marian University in Indianapolis at 4 p.m.

on Sept. 17. This lecture is free and open to the public.

The second is a four-part series created by the magazine Christian History. This scholarly, though accessible, magazine was recommended to me by an evangelical pastor who is very involved in the ecumenical movement in our country.

I have read through three of the four parts. They are excellent, balanced and clearly good historical writing. I look forward to opening the other one. The four are:

Issue 115 of Christian History: "Luther leads the way."

Issue 118: "The People's Reformation: How religious upheaval birthed social revolution."

Issue 120: "Calvin, Councils, and Confessions: How the Church became the churches.'

Issue 122: "The Catholic Reformation: Art, piety, and the fight for renewal."

I was able to obtain all four volumes for a modest \$15. It was money well spent.

As we approach the actual dates of the anniversary-on Oct. 31, 2017-may we continue to pray for the ongoing reform of hearts and minds among Christians, that one day we shall again "be one."

(Father Rick Ginther is director of the archdiocesan Office of Ecumenism. He is also the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis.) †

Worship and Evangelization **Outreach**/*Sr.* Antoinette Purcell. O.S.B.

Spiritual directors 'tend to the holy'

A recent issue of The Criterion featured an article, "Spiritual direction can help us move forward in life toward



God." Written by Effie Caldarola, a freelance writer and a columnist for Catholic News Service, it addressed the growing role that spiritual direction plays in the life of ordinary people since the Second

Vatican Council. She also wrote about what spiritual direction is and is not.

There is a long history of spiritual direction in the Catholic tradition. Spiritual directors were recognized by their holiness of life and ability to guide others in developing more fully their relationship with God, their life of prayer and Gospel living. Priests, professed religious men and women as well as lay people sought spiritual direction and served as spiritual directors.

Many saints are recognized as having served their contemporaries as spiritual directors. More recently, other Christian traditions have tapped into our shared roots of spirituality and are training spiritual directors and offering spiritual direction to individuals.

Spiritual Directors International, an inclusive, global community of people who share a common passion and commitment to the art and contemplative practice of spiritual direction, has a mantra chant that reads, "Sacred is the Call; Awesome indeed the entrustment; Tending the Holy, Tending the Holy."

This mantra recognizes two important points about spiritual direction. First, it is a sacred call to serve as a spiritual director. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin wrote a letter as Archbishop of Indianapolis about spiritual direction, which can be found at goo.gl/iMcZB1 He stated: "Spiritual direction is one of many ministries in the Church which supports the members of the Mystical Body of Christ in their life of discipleship.'

A spiritual director is called by the Spirit to "tend to the holy" as it is experienced in the life of the one who entrusts one's sacred story to another. It is a sacred call, not a title that one adds to a shingle or business card.

Tending the holy is awesome work, the work of the mysterious one who loves us unconditionally and is constantly at work in our lives even when we can't see or feel anything happening. A spiritual director helps one to tend to the holy within and without oneself.

Beginning in 1990, the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, has offered a four-semester certificate program to train and prepare Christian women and men who feel they might be called to serve as spiritual directors. More than 200 women and men have completed the program. Since then, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad has added a certificate program in spiritual direction to its offerings. In addition, there are other training programs in surrounding states. Since its inception, the certificate program at the Benedict Inn has welcomed participants of all Christian traditions. The ecumenical setting has allowed participants to find common ground among Christians and respect for the Catholic Church's influence on personal spiritual growth throughout history. For the past 25 years, the Benedict Inn has assisted those seeking a spiritual director by making connections between seekers and those who hold a certificate in spiritual direction. It has also See WORSHIP, page 14

It's time for this longtime columnist to say goodbye to his readers

Thank you.

For the past 26 years—September 1991, for crying out loud—I've had the



pleasure, privilege and sometimes panic of writing a monthly family column for Catholic News Service (CNS). ("Panic"? A little. "The copy's due when!") Simply and

sincerely put, I'd stop

this one right here with a heartfelt "thank you" to a variety of CNS editors, diocesan editors and many, many readers. At least I always hoped many, many readers.

But!

Those editors, God bless them, have a word count that they want columnists to fill. Mine is 600. Give or take a little.

So!

No, I'm not in poor health. Yes, I'll continue to crank out material about

family, God and love in a variety of Catholic publications, but let's be honest here. It's time for a younger person to write a family column for CNS. Someone on the front lines of raising little ones in the 21st century.

My children are ... well, yikes, two of the three of them are in their 40s. (Which, I'll admit, greatly amuses me.) When I began writing for CNS my youngest was 11. Now I have a grandchild who's 12.

"Tempus fugit." Latin for "Holy moly, where did those decades go?"

Some longtime readers may recall that it's only recently that I became a solo act, only since my wife, Monica, died of uterine cancer in early 2013.

Before that, years and years before that, David Gibson-an editor at CNS at the time-approached me and asked me if I'd be interested in writing a monthly column. He had a few topics in mind, but the only one I remember focused on family caregiving.

I knew just about nothing on that

topic, but I knew someone who knew a lot: Monica, a social worker for the Seattle archdiocese's Catholic Community Services. Monica, my wife. We could work on it together. So we began "Your Aging Parent," which became a book and, when that went out of print, a website and a second book.

In the early 2000s, the column's focus broadened and became family life in general.

To sound like an old man here is not a stretch because I'm not a young or middleaged man, and stretching isn't as easy as it used to be. When Monica and I began this column, we wrote it on a Radio Shack TRS-80 computer, ran it off on a dot matrix printer and sent it in a stamped envelope to CNS. Later, going high tech, we faxed it in.

Because of CNS, because of you dear diocesan editors and readers, in 2005, our website about family caregiving led to our beginning the Friends of St. John the Caregiver (www.FSJC.org). It's an **See DODDS**, page 14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion The Sunday Readings Sunday, August 20, 2017

• Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

- Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
- Matthew 15:21-28

The third section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend's liturgy with its first reading.



Understanding this part of Isaiah requires some knowledge of the cultural context for the people of Israel of the time. It was not good. Life for the Jews had changed very much from what it was when David or Solomon was king.

Long gone were the prosperity, peace and tranquility known under these kings.

Invading neighboring states had swept into and across the two Hebrew kingdoms that had come to compose the political structures of the Holy Land after Solomon's death. These invasions extinguished Hebrew independence.

Untold numbers of Jews died in the process. Others were taken to Babylon, the capital of the great Babylonian empire.

At last, Babylonia itself was conquered. The descendants of the first Jews taken to Babylon returned home. But desolation and hopelessness awaited them.

Living was much more pluralistic than it had been centuries earlier. The Jews at the time this section of Isaiah was written indeed lived amid religious and ethnic diversity. So "foreigners" were in many places, and they were "foreign" in several respects.

Apparently from this reading, some of these "foreigners" embraced the ancient Hebrew religion. They were accepted, but they were expected by the prophets and therefore by God to observe all that the Hebrew religion required.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans provides the second reading. Throughout Christian history, the great Apostle Paul has been remembered especially for his outreach to Gentiles, to persons not of Jewish birth or religion.

His efforts in this regard-and surely similar efforts by his disciples and by others-resulted in the fact that by the time of the last third of the first century, arguably the major portion of the Christian population was not Jewish in

My Journey to God

origin. It cannot be forgotten, however, that Christianity sprang from Judaism, was built upon Judaic themes, and contained within its ranks many Jews, including Paul, the Blessed Virgin and the other Apostles.

Paul, nevertheless, in this letter re-committed himself to evangelizing the Jews. Why? Because God promised salvation to the Jews, and Paul, as an Apostle, was an agent of God.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. In this story, Jesus is in an area populated by as many if not more Gentiles than Jews. Not surprisingly, the Lord encounters a Canaanite woman. The Evangelist's use of this term to describe the woman underscores that she is an outsider. "Canaanite" figures prominently in the Old Testament to indicate persons not of the revealed religion, and even people of great sin.

Jesus says that the Messiah's mission is to bring salvation to God's people. The woman persists. She believes in Jesus. She wants and needs God's mercy. Jesus responds to this need.

The reading closes by establishing the common denominator among all humans. It is that all humans sin, and so all need God's mercy.

Reflection

We cannot overplay the references in these readings to ethnicity. Another element of separation within society at the time was the fact that the Canaanite woman was female. In the culture of the time, a woman's approach to a male stranger was extraordinary.

Did sin set her apart? Perhaps. Regardless, she was set apart, a woman, and a foreigner at that.

She was doubly excluded. Yet she went to Jesus. She knew her true needs. She knew that she needed God's mercy, and she devoutly believed that Jesus bore this mercy. He could dispense it. He was the "son of David," the voice of God and the agent of God's redemption.

Times have not changed. We have our deep spiritual needs. Only Jesus can meet these needs with peace and hope. He loves us all. †

Daily Readings

Monday, August 21

St. Pius X, pope Judges 2:11-19 Psalm 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-6, 22 Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22

The Queenship of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** Judges 6:11-24a Psalm 85:9, 11-14 Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima, virgin Judges 9:6-15 Psalm 21:2-7 Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle Revelation 21:9b-14 Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18 John 1:45-51

Friday, August 25

St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz, priest Psalm 146:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Psalm 128:1-5 Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, August 20

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

Question Corner/*Fr. Kenneth Doyle*

Married men may be ordained as priests in limited circumstances

I have been a Catholic since birth (over 50 years), but I am still learning



things about my faith. Recently, we were at a wedding in another city, and the priest who performed the ceremony told us that he has been a priest for 10 years, but has been married for 30 years. Did I miss something here?

I have never heard of married Catholic priests. He said that there are a few of them around. Can you enlighten me? (City of origin withheld)

Most likely, the man you mentioned Ahad once been an Anglican or Episcopal priest who later was received into the full communion of the Church.

In 1980, Pope John Paul II effected a policy change that allowed married Anglican or Episcopal priests to be received into the full communion of the Church to receive priestly formation and be ordained. There are now several dozen such men serving as Catholic priests throughout the U.S. I am aware of Lutheran pastors also who have made a similar transition.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI established the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, a diocese-like structure in the Church for Anglicans and Episcopalians received into the full communion of the Church in the U.S. and Canada. There are similar ordinariates in Great Britain and Australia. They retain much of the spiritual heritage of the Church of England, including the tradition of ordaining married men as priests while being in full communion with the Church.

Another possibility is that he belongs to one of the Eastern Catholic Churches (there are more than 20) that are in union with Rome (Maronites, Ukrainians, etc.), which for centuries have allowed the ordination of married men.

From 1929 until 2014, such priests were generally not permitted to minister outside their rite's country of origin, but in 2014 Pope Francis quietly lifted that ban, opening the door for them to serve in the U.S.

It should be noted that men may not be married after ordination, and that only unmarried men may serve as bishops.

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

What the Mass Means to Me

By Dorothy Donnelly

The Mass is a haven from troubles and care. Princes and paupers alike find solace th I, a poor visitor; my Host, never rude, He graciously receives me and offers me food. His house may be simple or again may be grand, But His house is honored all over the land. I kneel at His table, in love and in awe. I bow in acceptance to His divine law. His demands are simplejust lead a good life. His reward—a freedom from earthly strife. It's presumption to consider myself of such worth As to be of any consequence to the King of Heaven and Earth. My prayer is as follows,





it's very simple, you see: O God in Your pity, have mercy on me!

(Dorothy Donnelly is the deceased sister of Patti Hourigan, a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. Dorothy wrote this poem in 1939 at the age of 18. She died in 1975. Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori concelebrates the Fortnight for Freedom Mass on July 3 during the "Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America" in Orlando, Fla. Leaders from dioceses and various Catholic organizations gathered for the July 1-4 convocation.) (CNS photo/Bob Roller)



Born in Lima, Peru, the infant Isabel de Flores got her more familiar name from an Indian maid who said she

was "like a rose." As a child Rose was given to fasting and mortification. After her parents refused to let her enter the convent and she refused to marry, she lived at home in seclusion. At 20 she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, using a backyard hut for prayer and caring for poor children and elderly sick in a one-room infirmary in her parents' home. She died at 31, and was declared the first saint from the Americas in 1671.



Bartholomew

First Century Feast – August 24

Though Bartholomew is listed among the Twelve Apostles in the synoptic Gospels, little more is known about him. Some scholars identify him as the apostle Nathanael, whom Jesus famously described in John 1:47: "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." According to popular tradition, Bartholomew evangelized in Lycaonia, India and Armenia, where he reportedly was flayed alive. The image of his martyrdom was a subject of Renaissance artists. He is a figure of humble faith and commitment.





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

ANDRES, Irvin E., Sr., 88, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Flovd County, Aug. 6. Husband of Norma Andres. Father of Kathy, Irvin, Jr., Mark and William Andres. Brother of Agnes Book. Grandfather of eight. Greatgrandfather of three.

ANGER, Robert W., 79, Prince of Peace, Madison, Aug. 4. Husband of Ilene Anger. Father of Linda Allanson, Sharon Atkinson and Debbie Snodgrass. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of four.

BEESON, Kathleen, 70, Holy Trinity, Edinburgh, July 25. Wife of James Beeson. Mother of Bernadette Ball, Lucia Garber, Mary Catherine Schober, Rita Stuck, David, Dominic, Gregory, John-Paul, Joseph, Michael, Patrick, Phillip, Stephen and Thomas Beeson. Sister of Marjorie Bostick, Mary Lou Hinderliter, Patricia Lamperski, Joan Lutgring, Judith Parrett, Anne and Jean Schoettle, Teresa Smith, James, Larry and Robert Buckel. Grandmother of 37.

BEYER, James J., 93, St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County, August 1. Father of Pam Hamilton, Anthony, Nicholas and Stephen Beyer. Brother of Barbara Abel, Mildred Brinson and Lillian White. Grandfather of eight. Step-grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of 12. Step-great-grandfather of one.

BLACK, Brittany (Kelly), 30, All Saints, Dearborn County, July 28. Wife of Kyle Black. Daughter of Matt Kelly and Teresa Taylor. Sister of Ashley Kelly and Kara Tidler. Granddaughter of Otto and Paulette Kelly and William and Marietta Niederbaumer. Aunt of several.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dionysia M., 92, St. Monica, Indianapolis, July 13. Uncle of Indianapolis, Aug. 6. Mother several.

> LAWRIE, Douglas S., 74, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Husband of Karen Lawrie. Father of Jeanne Farah, Joe, Judd and Stan Lawrie. Brother of Katherine Delp, Chris, Jeff and John Lawrie II. Grandfather of 20.

MARUSAK, Bette A. (Roycroft), 88, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Aug. 1. Mother of Rose Ann Brenner, Kathy McCoy, Marie Pearson, Daniel, David, James and Mark Marusak. Sister of Shirley Jankowski. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 12.

O'CONNOR, Virginia M., 83, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, Aug. 5. Mother of Patricia Bates, Karen Forshee, Becky Hawkins, Mary Hedrick, Nancy Ochoa, Linda Wingfield and Ian

O'Connor IV. Sister of Franciscan Sister Marlita Lorenz. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of seven.

ROBERTS, Martha, 94, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, July 30. Mother of Missy Popp, Michelle Portwood, Byron, Jeffrey, Michael, Patrick and Stephen Roberts. Grandmother of 22. Great-grandmother of 38.

SCHEICH, Gerald J., 69, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, April 15. Husband of Colleen Scheich. Father of Melissa Cross, Amy Sprouse, Chris and Peter Scheich. Brother of Joseph Scheich. Grandfather of seven.

SERGI, Joseph T., 90, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, Aug. 3. Husband of Roseanne Sergi. Father of Linda Melton, Joanne, Paul, Phil and Steve Sergi. Brother of Maria Lorenzano and Michael

Sergi. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of three.

WALMSLEY, Rachel J., 36, St. Louis, Batesville, July 30. Wife of Nathaniel Walmsley. Mother of Leigh, Tess, Samson and Wilson Walmsley. Daughter of Dan Little and Susan Burkhart. Sister of Gretchen and Hunter Little. Kate and Garrett Burkhart, Eddie Fabrick, Drew, Shane and Troy Padilla. †

Conventual Franciscan Father Simon Sauer served as missionary in southern Africa

Conventual Franciscan Father Simon Sauer died on Aug. 7 in New Albany. He was 87. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 10 at the chapel of the Conventual Franciscans at Mount St. Francis. Burial followed in the friars' cemetery.

David Anthony Sauer was born on Feb. 5, 1930, in Louisville, Ky. He entered the Conventual Franciscans' Our Lady of Consolation Province, based at Mount St. Francis, on July 4, 1950, professed simple vows on July 6, 1951, and solemn vows on July 8, 1954.

After six years of priestly formation at the former Assumption Seminary in Chaska, Minn., Father Simon was ordained a priest on June 1, 1957, in St. Paul, Minn.

After serving for two years in parish ministry in Louisville, he was assigned in 1959 to mission work in present-day Zambia in southern Africa. This ministry included serving for a period as the



Church dedication

Bishop Jacob Angadiath of St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago lights the paschal candle at St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in Charlotte, N.C., during the church's dedication on July 22. Part of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Eparchy in the United States, it is the first Syro-Malabar Catholic church in Charlotte and only the second in North Carolina. (CNS photo/Patricia Guilfoyle, Catholic News Herald)

HOGAN, Robert F., 77

of 13.

DIAS CASTELINO,

of Dr. Philomena Dias,

Grandmother of eight.

Nancy Dias-Vaz, Dr. Ronald

Sister of William Castelino.

Great-grandmother of two.

DESAUTELS, Joseph S., 86,

St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis,

July 5. Father of Margaret

Michael Desautels. Brother

Providence Sister Kathleen

Meyer, Diane, Kathleen,

Mary Beth, Joseph and

of Marianne Mahaffey,

and Robert Desautels.

DIXON, James, 84,

Jesus (Little Flower),

St. Therese of the Infant

Indianapolis, Aug. 3. Father

Lacy, Barbara Saunders and

of Elizabeth Brydon, Mary

Mike Dixon. Brother of

Ethel Turner. Grandfather

of eight. Great-grandfather

Grandfather of six.

and Dr. Wenceslaus Dias.

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supported the ongoing formation of spiritual directors by offering and hosting programs at its facility, and by working with the central Indiana group of spiritual directors and the Catholic spiritual directors group sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

In September 2018, the Benedict Inn will open its doors to a new class of students who want to pursue the call of serving as a minister of spiritual direction. We are hoping for great interest among Catholics because there is a need for spiritual directors to serve our faith community in central and southern Indiana. Many who were trained earlier have either died, retired, moved or have a full docket and are not able to take on new seekers. Thus, the list of available Catholic spiritual directors is not as great as it once was.

If you are interested in considering a call to spiritual direction and would like to look at the program at the Benedict Inn, now is a good time to begin. One requirement to fulfill acceptance into the program is that you must be receiving spiritual direction on a regular basis for at least a year.

For more information about the internship for training spiritual directors at the Benedict Inn, you can contact me at antoinettep1964@gmail.com or call 317-787-3287, ext. 3022. If you are looking for a spiritual director, you can also call me, or e-mail spiritualdirection@archindy.org.

(Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell is a member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery where she serves as director of oblates, a spiritual director and retreat leader, and director of the Spiritual Direction Internship at Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center in Beech Grove.) †

custos, or leader, of the fledgling Conventual Franciscan community in Zambia.

Returning to the United States in 1982, Father Simon served for the next 25 years as chaplain at several hospitals and retirement facilities, including Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, and the St. Joseph Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Louisville.

Although he retired from formal ministry in 2008, Father Simon continued to celebrate Mass at nursing homes and to serve those in need three days each week at the Franciscan Kitchen in Louisville, and as a confessor for three communities of women religious.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Conventual Franciscan Friars at The Province of Our Lady of Consolation, Development Office, 103 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis, IN 47146. †

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international Catholic organization that promotes care for family caregivers.

To Monica and me, it seemed that was what we had been moving toward all our adult lives. A ministry we were led to and, thanks be God, were able to do, one that, in 2013, became a core part of her legacy.

That year, I wrote a lot of columns about widowhood because, although I thought I was prepared for Monica's death, I-like most new widows and widowers-was clueless. It was a blessing to me to be able

to share a part of that journey, to receive e-mails from fellow "club members" telling me their stories and thanking me, and to have so many people remembering Monica, me and our family in their prayers.

I'm nearing the 600-word limit. Feel free to visit me at BillDodds.com. Information on my books is available there. Or contact me at BillDodds@ BillDodds.com.

(Wow, do columnists have big egos or what?)

(Bill Dodds and his late wife, Monica, were the founders of the Friends of St. John the Caregiver.) †

Investing with Faith/Joanna Feltz A priest's devotion to Mary lives on in endowment fund

In this month's column, I'd like to tell you a story. It's a wonderful example of how creating a legacy through an



endowment fund can impact the spiritual life of others.

The story begins with the late Father Elmer Burwinkle, a retired archdiocesan priest and a former religion teacher at Father Michael

Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison. A father of seven who was ordained later in life after his wife passed away, Father Burwinkle developed a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He carried this devotion over to the archdiocese of Indianapolis' Queen and Divine Mercy Center Endowment

Fund, which he created through the Catholic Community Foundation. Father Burwinkle designated that the fund would support activities in the archdiocese that honor and recognize Mary as Queen and Mother of Jesus, Divine.

In 2013, Mary Rose Carlow, a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison, learned of the fund. Carlow leads a Divine Mercy apostolate, a group consisting of approximately 12 members focused on practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy, studying the Divine Mercy message revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, and spreading devotion to God's mercy.

Carlow initially applied for and received a grant from the fund for Prince of Peace Parish to purchase religious materials for the apostolate, but soon realized there was more that could be done. She applied for a series of grants to create a grotto for Divine Mercy at Prince of Peace.

The money was awarded and was used to create a place for prayer and reflection that would include a small altar, cast-iron benches and a spotlight for nighttime. After some weather delays, the project was finished and dedicated last year, which also happened to be the Holy Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis.

While Father Burwinkle could never have envisioned the grotto when he created his endowment fund, he certainly foresaw the good that the fund would do. In all, the fund allocated \$8,000 to the grotto project, ensuring that people far and wide will learn about, reflect on and pray in thanksgiving of Divine Mercy for years to come.

If you'd like to learn how you can create an endowment fund that will turn your passion into a lasting legacy, my staff and I are always happy to assist you. Feel free to reach out to me by e-mail at jfeltz@archindy.org or by phone at 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1482, or 317-236-1482.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer.

(Joanna Feltz, J.D., is director of planned giving for the archdiocesan Catholic Community Foundation, and consultant to the law firm Woods, Weidenmiller, Michetti, Rudnick & Galbraith PLLC. For more information about planned giving, log on to www.archindy.org/plannedgiving. Tax information or legal information provided herein is not intended as tax or legal advice and cannot be relied on to avoid statutory penalties. Always check with your legal, tax and financial advisors before implementing any gift plan.) †

Serra Club Vocations Essay Inspiration of priest leads student to mission trip to Honduras

By Reilly Trieloff

Special to The Criterion

I have learned what it means to be a disciple through the ministry and witness of the former priest at my parish,



Father Jeffrey Godecker. Not only was I baptized by him, but he was the priest for my first reconciliation and first Communion.

I remember hearing

his homilies every

Friday during my

Reilly Trieloff

first three years at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) School in Indianapolis.

I also remember him constantly talking about his mission trips to Nuevo Paraiso, Honduras. Being so little, I did not fully

understand what exactly the trips were about, but traveling to another country to help less fortunate children sounded like something right up my alley.

Every Friday at Mass, I donated the coins I had earned that week to the mission that Father Jeff brought to IHM, "Young Hearts to Honduras." Through Father Jeff's witness, I knew I would one day be called to travel to Honduras myself.

This calling finally came true for me on June 6, 2016. I remember waking up at 3 a.m. that morning to head to the airport to travel to Honduras with a youth group from IHM.

I was beyond excited that I was finally going to be able to experience the incredible things that Father Jeff had talked about time and time again. I did not know what to expect, but the trip exceeded any and every preconceived notion I had.

The landscape was magnificent. The people were kind, and I saw God in each and every child I had the honor of meeting that week in Honduras.

I really bonded with one child in particular. He was a twin, like me. He was a tiny, weak little 5-year-old boy named Jefferson. He loved when I would push him on the swings, or when I would play tag with him around the playground.

It was not until about the fifth or sixth day that I learned where Jefferson had gotten his name. He was named after Father Jeff Godecker.

I got goose bumps when I realized this. It truly showed me the impact Father Jeff has had on the wonderful people of Honduras, and how much his mission has changed all of their lives.

I thought it was really special that the little one I bonded with was named after

one of my childhood heroes.

Even though I do not see Father Jeff anymore, I really do appreciate the impact he had on my childhood and his love for mission work. He has instilled the same passion in me, and I will forever be grateful for that.

His ministry will live on forever through the Immaculate Heart of Mary community, and I am beyond excited to go back to Honduras this summer to continue my ministry there.

(Reilly and her parents, Scott and Jonell Trieloff, are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis. She completed the 12th grade at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis last spring, and is the 12th-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2017 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.) †



Director of Music Ministry

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Music Ministry. Holy Spirit is a vibrant, bilingual parish with 2,300+ families located on the east side of Indianapolis, Indiana. A practicing Catholic is preferred to lead in the effective preparation, coordination, performance, and leadership of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish. Primary responsibilities include preparation and coordination of music at all weekend masses (4 English, 1 Spanish, and 1 bilingual) and special liturgies. Candidate will personally lead at least three masses per weekend and be responsible for the recruitment, formation, and supervision of all music ministers; administration of music resources and equipment; and active collaboration with parish staff which includes participation on the parish liturgical committee.

Candidate should be knowledgeable of Roman Catholic Liturgy, keyboard proficient, and have significant experience leading and accompanying church choirs, ensembles, and cantors. Experience in a bilingual environment is highly desired. An undergraduate or graduate degree in Music or equivalent experience in liturgical music is required. Evening and weekend work are required. The position offers full-time employment with a salary of \$40,000 and includes health benefits, continuing education funds, 3 weeks vacation, and 4 weekends off per year. Deadline for applications are due August 28, 2017. An October start date is desired. The full job description is available on the church website.

> Please email cover letter and resumé, in confidence to: Search Committee for Director of Music Ministry Holy Spirit Catholic Church 7243 E. 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219 Email: pkoetter@holyspirit.cc • Website: www.holyspirit-indy.org Phone: 317-353-9404 • Fax: 317-351-1707 AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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Please e-mail cover letter, resumé and list of references, in confidence, to:

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American community finds a new home in Rome

ROME (CNS)—After years in exile from the church they had called home for the past 95 years, the American Catholic community in Rome moved to a new church they can finally call their own.

Located just a few steps away from the U.S. Embassy to Italy, St. Patrick's Church is the new official "mission for the care of souls for U.S. faithful residing in Rome," said Paulist Father Greg Apparcel, rector of St. Patrick's Parish.

U.S. Catholics in Rome, guided by the Paulist Fathers, had called the Church of Santa Susanna their parish since 1922. But the cloistered Cistercian nuns, who have had a presence at the historic parish since 1587, found the American presence distracting and made various attempts over the years to evict them.

"I tried to understand their position," Father Apparcel told Catholic News Service (CNS) on Aug. 7. "It was their home, and they felt we invaded their home. We felt it was our home, [but] they didn't agree with that."

While there was no dispute regarding the ownership of Santa Susanna, the pastoral responsibility of the church had belonged to the Paulist priests for decades. In 2012, however, tensions rose when several large signs were placed in the church that stated the Cistercians owned the church.

Father Apparcel told CNS that he appealed to Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, who in turn asked Pope Francis to intervene in the matter and allow the American community to return to the parish.

However, the Paulist priest said, "We were discouraged from coming back there because the Cistercian community owns the church, and they felt that they just wanted it to be them."

Instead, the Vatican encouraged Father Apparcel to move to St. Patrick's Church, a parish operated by Augustinian priests from Ireland who decided in 2012 to leave their ministry in Rome due to "a lack of priests."

Several meetings between the Paulist Fathers and the Augustinian community led to an agreement that the church would become the new parish for American Catholics residing in Rome. The Augustinian community, Father Apparcel added, leased to the U.S. community the church and a hall currently being renovated to house offices, a library and classrooms "rent-free."

"They have been incredibly generous and hospitable to us. No question about it," the Paulist priest told CNS.

While the disagreement with the Cistercian nuns at Santa Susanna left relations at times strained, Father



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Above is a photo of the interior of St. Patrick's Church in Rome. After leaving the Church of Santa Susanna, which American Catholics had called its parish since 1922, the community will now call St. Patrick's home. (CNS photo/Junno Arocho Esteves)

Apparcel said there are no hard feelings between the two communities.

"We had a very nice, very friendly conversation," he told CNS. "They said they had nothing but good feelings for the Paulist Fathers and the American community. And [they] offered their prayers and asked us to pray for them. They were sincere."

The nearly 400 families that make up the American parish in Rome, Father Apparcel added, are also "relieved" that they finally have their own church rather than attending Mass in different parishes.

Despite the odds, Father Apparcel cared for the spiritual needs for the flock during that five-year period, often racing from one parish to another to celebrate Mass in English while Santa Susanna remained closed to the American community.

"I've gone through all the emotions from

A-Z. The first year was really rough because I felt like, 'How much worse can it get?' I mean, basically, you're kicked out of your church!" he said. "In the beginning, I felt like I was a failure, that it was my fault."

However, with the support of his parishioners and Paulist Father Steve Bossi, his good friend and vice rector of the parish, Father Apparcel said he realized that "even though we weren't altogether in one place, we were still an identifiable Catholic community in Rome.

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