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Transitional Deacon Michael Clawson proclaims the Gospel on April 12 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral during the annual archdiocesan chrism Mass. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

Personal trials prepare Deacon Michael Clawson for priestly ministry in archdiocese

By Sean Gallagher

Being called to minister to the dying and their loved ones happens frequently in the life of a parish priest.

And yet it never really becomes easy or routine. It can be challenging both for a newly ordained priest and one who has been ministering for years.

It probably won't be long after transitional Deacon Michael Clawson is ordained an archdiocesan priest-along with transitional Deacon Matthew Perronie at 10 a.m. on June 4 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis-that he'll be called to the bedside of a dying person with scared and sad loved ones nearby.

While that moment may bring its own particular nerves and anxiety, at least Deacon Clawson will know that he's been on the other side of such a tragic moment.

Experiencing the death of his father 10 years ago helped prepare him to be a loving shepherd for the people he is called to serve.

So did the care and guidance Deacon Clawson received from his parish priest in the absence of his father.

'I just kind of knew what had happened'

In January 2012, Deacon Clawson was a high school senior when he saw a car pull up to his house. His mother

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Pope thanks those dedicated to promoting life

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis thanked those who are dedicated to promoting life and defending conscientious objection.



And he also prayed that the Catholic Church in China may live in greater communion with the universal Church in freedom and tranquility.

The pope's remarks came on May 22 after he led the recitation of the "Regina Coeli"

Pope Francis

prayer with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

Greeting those in the square who had taken part in Italy's national "Let's Choose Life" march in Rome the previous day, Pope Francis said, "I thank you for your dedication in promoting life and defending conscientious objection, which there are often attempts to limit."

He said there has been a change in mentality over the years that has led to people believing "that life is a good at our complete disposal, that we can choose to manipulate, to give birth or take life as we please, as if it were the exclusive consequence of individual choice.

"Let us remember that life is a gift from God," he said. "It is always sacred and inviolable, and we cannot silence the voice of conscience."

The pope also asked people to pray for Catholics in China.

He said he wanted to assure Catholics in China "once again of my spiritual closeness. I am attentively and actively following the often complex life and situations of the faithful and pastors, and I pray every day for them."

Ten days before the pope offered his prayer, Hong Kong's national security police detained 90-year-old Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kiun, the retired bishop of Hong Kong, and three other trustees of a fund that had been set up to provide financial assistance to people involved in anti-government protests in 2019. The fund has since been disbanded.

The pope asked people to pray "so that the Church in China, in freedom See POPE, page 7

Stories of love flow from people's embrace of eucharistic adoration

(Editor's note: The Criterion invited people to share their stories of how their participation in eucharistic adoration has touched their lives and deepened their relationship with Jesus. Here are two of their stories.)

By John Shaughnessy

Diane Sharp's love of her faith and eucharistic adoration flows through the story that her husband Ron shares about her.

As Ron shares the story that began years ago, his love for her also is clear. "There was a note in the church bulletin that a perpetual adoration chapel was going to be started at our church," says Ron concerning St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis.

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Diane and Ron Sharp, pictured at right, shared a love for eucharistic adoration. (Submitted photo)



Eucharistic Revival to begin in the archdiocese on June 19

The three-year National Eucharistic Revival will begin in the archdiocese on June 19 in Indianapolis with two Masses celebrated at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., both at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St.

The 1 p.m. Mass will be primarily celebrated in English. Other languages included in the liturgy will be American Sign Language, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog and Burmese dialects spoken in the archdiocese.

The 3 p.m. Mass will be primarily celebrated in Spanish. French will also be included in this liturgy.

A Festival of Faith, Family and Service will take place from 1-4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. It will feature lunch, service projects, family games and music.

At about 4:15 p.m., following the conclusion of the 3 p.m. Mass, a eucharistic procession will begin that will go from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., in Indianapolis.

Children who have received their first Communion this year are invited to take part in the procession while accompanied by a parent, teacher or catechist.

All newly initiated Catholics, such as those received into the Church at Easter, can also take part in the procession.

Other Catholics are invited to line the procession route and bring banners, flags and other religious articles to decorate the route.

After the Blessed Sacrament arrives at St. John, a holy hour will take place that will conclude with Benediction at 6:30 p.m. Men and women religious from across the archdiocese are especially encouraged to take part in the holy hour.

As more details about the June 19 event are determined, they will be posted at **eucharisticrevivalindy.org**. †



Public Schedule of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

May 27–June 6, 2022

May 27 - 11 a.m.JFuneral Mass for Msgr. Paul KoetterCat SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral,SIndianapolisS

May 27 – 7 p.m. Graduation ceremony at Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, Indianapolis

May 29 – 9:30 a.m. Mass at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Trackside Garage 19, Indianapolis

May 29 – 12:18 p.m. Invocation for the 106th running of the Indianapolis 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 1 – 3 p.m. Capital Campaign Feasibility Study Advisory Committee meeting at Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

June 2 – 10 a.m. Leadership Team meeting at Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center June 2 – 7 p.m. Confirmation Mass for youths of St. Matthew the Apostle and St. Lawrence parishes, Indianapolis, and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Fortville, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

June 3 – 10:30 a.m. Pre-Ordination Brunch with Deacons, Indianapolis

June 3 – 7 p.m. Graduation ceremony at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, Indianapolis

June 4 – 10 a.m. Priesthood ordinations at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

June 5 – 10 a.m. CST Priesthood ordinations at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad

June 5 – 5 p.m. Mass for Catholic Health Association Assembly at JW Marriott, Indianapolis

June 6 – 6 p.m. Confirmation Mass for youths of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church

El 19 de junio se iniciará en la Arquidiócesis un renacimiento eucarístico

El Renacimiento Eucarístico Nacional de tres años de duración comenzará en la Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis el 19 de junio con dos misas celebradas a la 1 p.m. y a las 3 p.m., ambas en la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo ubicada en 1347 N. Meridian St.

La misa de la 1 p.m. se celebrará principalmente en inglés. En la liturgia se incluirán otros idiomas que se hablan en la Arquidiócesis tales como coreano, vietnamita, tagalo y birmano, así como lenguaje de señas americano.

La misa de las 3 p.m. se celebrará principalmente en español. También se incluirá francés en esta liturgia.

El Festival de la Fe, la Familia y el Servicio se celebrará de 1 a 4 p.m. en el estacionamiento del Centro Católico Arzobispo Edward T. O'Meara ubicado en 1400 N. Meridian St., en Indianápolis. Habrá almuerzo, proyectos de servicio, juegos familiares y música.

Al terminar la misa de las 3 p.m., aproximadamente a las 4:15 p.m., se iniciará una procesión eucarística que irá desde la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo hacia la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista en 126 W. Georgia St., en Indianápolis.

Se invita a los niños que hayan recibido la primera comunión este año a participar en la procesión acompañados de uno de sus padres, un maestro o un catequista.

Todos los católicos iniciados este año, como los que pasaron a formar parte de la Iglesia en Semana Santa, también pueden participar en la procesión.

Se invita a todos los católicos a recorrer el itinerario de la procesión y a llevar pancartas, banderas y otros artículos religiosos para decorar el recorrido.

Tras la llegada del Santísimo Sacramento a San Juan Evangelista, se celebrará una hora santa que concluirá con la Bendición a las 6:30 p.m. Se anima especialmente a los hombres y mujeres religiosos de toda la Arquidiócesis a participar en esta.

A medida que se definan más detalles sobre el evento del 19 de junio, se publicarán en el sitio web de la Arquidiócesis en **eucharisticrevivalindy.org**. †

Donate baby formula to crisis pregnancy centers and agencies

By Criterion staff report

In light of the current scarcity of baby formula, please consider contributing to a pregnancy care center or agency near you. Here is a list of some of the centers and

agencies in central and southern Indiana that accept baby formula donations: • Birthline, 1435 Illinois St.,

Indianapolis, 317-635-4808.

• Clarity Pregnancy Services (call for office hours): Columbus, 2420 7th St., 812-378-4730; Greensburg, 920 Kathy's Way, Ste. G, 812-222-0367; Nashville, 1750 S.R. 46, 812-988-4500; North Vernon, 304 Norris Ave., 812-346-0888; Seymour, 325 N. Walnut St., 812-524-1900; Shelbyville, 2410 E. S.R. 44, 317-398-4567.

• Gabriel Project: call one of these parish offices for how to donate or contact Linda Kile at 317-213-4778: St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, 317-852-3195; SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish, Greenwood, 317-859-4673; St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, Indianapolis, 317-357-8352; St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, 812-379-9353.



Enfamil baby formula is seen in this 2017 file photo. (CNS photo/Brendan McDermid, Reuters)

E. Market St., New Albany, 812-949-7305.

• St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove, 317-787-3412.

• Women's Care Center: Bloomington, 409 S. College Ave., 812-330-7021; Indianapolis, 4901 W. 86th St., 317-829-6800.

Please note, this is not an exhaustive list. If you know of other local pregnancy care centers or agencies, please contact them about how to donate baby formula and other needed items. †

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• Pregnancy Care Center SE Indiana, 62 Doughty Road, Ste. 5, Lawrenceburg, 812-537-4357.

• St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, 702



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For Msgr. Paul Koetter, priestly ministry 'looked like friendship'

By Sean Gallagher

Msgr. Paul Koetter, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, died on May 16 at Franciscan Hospice House in Indianapolis from



complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 70. A visitation was held from 2-8 p.m. on May 26 at Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., in Indianapolis,

with Evening Prayer

Msgr. Paul Koetter

that began at 7 p.m.

Visitation will also be from 9-11 a.m. on May 27 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1307 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. in the cathedral. A reception will follow in the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson is scheduled to be the principal celebrant of the funeral Mass. Father Eric Johnson, a nephew of Msgr. Koetter and archdiocesan vicar for clergy, religious and parish life coordinators, will be the homilist.

An additional period of visitation will take place from 10:30 a.m.-noon on May 28 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Church, 5719 Saint Marys Road, in Floyds Knobs. Burial will follow immediately afterward in the priest circle of the parish cemetery.

On Feb. 26, Msgr. Koetter was honored at the archdiocese's annual Legacy Gala. Because ALS had long since taken away his ability to speak, he spoke to those assembled through software that replicated his voice based on previous recordings of him speaking.

"I struggle with my ALS, and it's hard to carry the symptoms as they become more restrictive," Msgr. Koetter said via the software in a video shown at the gala. "But I have always believed in the goodness of God. That has not changed. There are real graces that have come to me through the illness, and a key one is hearing people express their appreciation for my ministry. I have received beautiful letters and e-mails that have shared that with me. And it has really confirmed my vocation as a priest.

"Why I have this illness I will never know, but I do not blame God. Rather, I continue to look for his blessings, and they appear over and over.

"So, I hope I can bring a little hope to people who bear heavy burdens, realizing that in the midst of the struggles, God is still blessing us. I hope my legacy is that God is with us, God is good, and there is experience, whether that be deep suffering or times of exultant joy, that God is found."

Father Joseph Moriarty, rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, similarly had many ties with Msgr. Koetter through the years. He was a high school student when Msgr. Koetter was his associate pastor at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis.

When Father Moriarty became a college seminarian, Msgr. Koetter was his vocation director. After Father Moriarty was ordained a priest, Msgr. Koetter was archdiocesan vicar for clergy. And when Msgr. Koetter became pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis in 1997, Father Moriarty served as an associate pastor under him for a year.

In all of those connections, Father Moriarty came to appreciate how Msgr. Koetter delicately remained both faithful to the Church and its teachings and was sensitive to people who were challenged in living out those teachings in their lives.

"He has taught me not to separate the teaching of the Church from the people that it serves," Father Moriarty said. "I try to pass this on to seminarians [at Bishop Bruté] so they'll be kind and compassionate, all the while respecting the teaching of the Church."

Julie Sherer was a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis when Msgr. Koetter was pastor. She appreciated his relational approach to ministry, to which she said he was faithful even in difficult circumstances.

"When he had to make a hard decision for me or other parishioners, he did it with love," Sherer said. "If he said, 'I think it's time for you to move out of this ministry,' it was done with love."

She also said his approach to ministry helped her grow in faith in a profound way through the sacrament of penance.

"He took the time to listen, to respond and to move you deeper," Sherer said.

That happened in the confessional because of Msgr. Koetter's own value of the sacrament, said Father Patrick Beidelman, executive director of the archdiocesan Secretariat for Evangelization and Worship, who served for three years as St. Monica's associate pastor when Msgr. Koetter was pastor.

"One of the things that made him such a good confessor was that he knew how to lean on God's mercy himself," said Father Beidelman. "He recognized his need for it and trusted in it deeply in his own personal life."

Benedictine Sister Mary Ann Koetter, a sibling of Msgr. Koetter and a member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, saw a tie between her brother's value on relationships and his humility. "He was a humble priest," Sister Mary Ann said. "He was a wonderful listener. And there was a connection between his humility and his ability to connect with people. To have deep respect for another person is humility. 'For Paul, most of the time, ministry looked like friendship," Father Beidelman said. "It looked like kindness. It looked like an openness to walk with you. As people were drawn to Jesus by that, I think they saw Christ in that approach to ministry in Paul." Paul D. Koetter was born on June 22, 1951, to the late Bernard and Catherine (Trindeitmar) Koetter. He grew up as a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County. After graduating from the eighth grade from the parish's school, Msgr. Koetter became an archdiocesan seminarian and received priestly formation in high school and college at the former St. Mary College High School and College in St. Mary, Ky.

He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Mary College.

The last four years of Msgr. Koetter's priestly formation took place at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, where he earned a master's of divinity degree.

Archbishop George J. Biskup ordained Msgr. Koetter a priest on May 21, 1977, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Msgr. Koetter celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving the following day at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Church.

His first pastoral assignment was as associate pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, where he served from 1977-82. In 1982, he became associate pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis.

The following year, Msgr. Koetter became archdiocesan vocations director, a ministry he held until 1993. During that period, he also served as administrator of St. Agnes Parish in Nashville from 1985-97.

In 1989, Msgr. Koetter was named archdiocesan assistant chancellor, a position he held until 1997. A year later, he became a member of the archdiocesan College of Consultors.

In 1993, Msgr. Koetter became archdiocesan vicar for ministry personnel and began service as dean of the Bloomington Deanery.

In 1997, Msgr. Koetter left ministry in archdiocesan administration and began to devote himself solely to parish ministry,



which he continued until his retirement in 2020.

From 1997-2009, Msgr. Koetter served as pastor of St. Monica Parish. During that time, St. John Paul II named him a prelate of honor (monsignor) in 2004. He served as dean of the Indianapolis West Deanery from 2005-09 and temporary administrator of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis in 2005.

In 2009, Msgr. Koetter began service as pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, where he ministered until his retirement in 2020. During the entirety of that same period, he also served as dean of the Indianapolis East Deanery. In 2015, he was appointed priest moderator *pro tem* for St. Michael Parish in Greenfield.

Msgr. Koetter was granted early retirement in 2020 due to his suffering from ALS.

He is survived by his siblings: Carol Johnson of Indianapolis; Benedictine Sister Mary Ann Koetter of Beech Grove; Bernie Koetter of Taylorsville, Ky.; Joe Koetter of Prospect, Ky.; Kevin Koetter of Garnet Valley, Pa.; Ron Koetter of Lake Mary, Fla.; Steve Koetter of Alpharetta, Ga.; and Ted Koetter of Greensboro, N.C.

Memorial contributions can be made to the ALS Association at <u>www.als.org/donate</u>, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202, or Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46219-1707.

To view a video tribute to Msgr. Koetter, go to <u>cutt.ly/Koetter</u>. †

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much love around us. And we need to say thank you."

Father Johnson has served in a number of the same ministries and parishes as his uncle: vocations director, vicar for clergy, assistant chancellor, and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany and St. Agnes Parish in Nashville.

"He's probably been the most consistent witness of the priesthood for me," Father Johnson said.

Through his family relationship with Msgr. Koetter, in being a brother priest with him and in following him in many ministries, Father Johnson came to know intimately what was at the heart of the way Msgr. Koetter lived out his priestly life and ministry.

"Paul, who was faithful in prayer, also believed deeply that the way that we encounter Christ is communal," Father Johnson said. "It was in the experience of relationships with one another that we somehow discovered an experience of Christ.

"It's in that moment of shared



OPINION



Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, *Publisher* Mike Krokos, *Editor* Greg A. Otolski, Associate Publisher John F. Fink, Editor Emeritus

Editorial



A scene from Pentecost is depicted in a stained-glass window at Holy Family Church in Queens, N.Y. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

Serving as Christ's witnesses in a world of evil and uncertainty

We are still in the midst of the Easter season, and as people of faith, we continue commemorating Christ's victory over sin and death and celebrate his resurrection.

It is a time to remember the risen Christ is among us, and he continues to nurture our lives of faith through prayer, Scripture and the sacraments.

But the ongoing, unjust invasion of Ukraine by Russia (now in its third month), recent senseless, racially motivated killings in Buffalo, N.Y., and a shaky economic situation across the U.S. and other parts of the world leave many wondering when the evil and uncertainty will end. And these newsworthy items only offer the tip of the iceberg.

Whether it be newspapers, radio, television, the Internet or modern social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and others, we are provided up-to-the-minute news on the world stage—for better or worse.

We all know people going through trials, be they family, friends, co-workers—or ourselves—and brothers and sisters in Christ thousands of miles away facing heart-wrenching challenges as well.

We must understand none of us are immune from the tribulations and crises that so many face. It is a time, we believe, faith must continue to be at the heart of our witness.

We are approaching Pentecost, the Christian feast commemorating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, which marked the start of the Church's mission on Earth. It is also referred to as the birthday of the Church. This year's feast will be celebrated on June 5, and it is a time for us to ask the Spirit to again fill our lives as missionary disciples of Christ.

During the celebration of Pentecost last year, Pope Francis encouraged people of faith to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit, which he defined as a comforter and advocate. He also asked them to put God first in their lives, which is what our faith calls us to do each day.

"Holy Spirit, Paraclete Spirit, comfort our hearts. Make us missionaries of your comfort, paracletes of your mercy before the world," the pope said. "Our Advocate, sweet counsellor of the soul, make us witnesses of the 'today' of God, prophets of unity for the Church and humanity, and Apostles grounded in your grace, which creates and renews all things. Amen."

As we pray for our brothers and sisters in need, we would do well to live our lives that way each day.

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Guest Commentary/Thomas Dermody Amid noise over leaked court draft, practice Bishop Tylka's 'Four C's'

(Following is an editorial published online on May 4 by The Catholic Post, newspaper of the Diocese of Peoria, Ill.

It was written by Thomas J. Dermody, editor.)



A mother's womb is a quiet place, but the noise surrounding a leaked draft of a U.S. Supreme Court opinion indicating

a willingness to overturn *Roe v. Wade* is loud and growing louder. Expect the noise to increase, including protests in the streets that will be covered by the national media—unlike when 100,000 or more gather for the annual March for Life in Washington.

Here's what we have to say about the 1973 landmark case legalizing abortion through all nine months of pregnancy:

It was a flawed, gravely unjust ruling, relegating a whole class of human beings to nonprotected status, and it deserves to be overturned.

When and if that happens, it will not mark the end of the pro-life

movement, but a new beginning that will require even more commitment from those who embrace the Gospel of life.

As Bishop Louis Tylka of Peoria, Ill., said in a homily at a Mass for Respect Life in January: There is no shortage of challenges when it comes to promoting and defending the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death.

Quiet is nice, but we much prefer even a messy, noisy debate to silence and indifference as hundreds of thousands of innocent unborn children die violent deaths each year in the United States. But pro-life proponents would do well in the coming days and weeks to embrace the "Four C's of Respect Life" that Bishop Tylka advocated back in January.

Let's be *convicted* in our belief, *convincing* in our respectful dialogue, *consistent* in our message and *compassionate*, especially to those who don't believe what we believe or understand what we understand.

And to Bishop Tylka's list we'll add a "P"—pray, for the Supreme Court, for mothers in need, for our nation and for conversion of hearts. †

Be Our Guest/*Greg Erlandson* **My sense, your nonsense**

A friend of mine is threatening to run for office. His slogan will be "Stop the Nonsense."

I think it's a slogan an increasing number of us could



get behind. Nonsense is in the eye of the beholder, however, and the trick is defining what the nonsense is. For some, it may be the new trend in "woke" news organizations

that refer to "pregnant people" or

"menstruating people," as if there are some other biological options out there that we haven't realized until now.

Or nonsense might be the belief that alien lizard people have shape-shifted their way into world leadership. Or that a national election was stolen by Venezuela and some tricked out voting machines.

Perhaps the nonsense is stumbling through articles that use third person plural for what is obviously a third person singular.

Or having to constantly talk about "reproductive health" when we really Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Day of Communications message, meditated on the virtue of listening. He describes a world where, "instead of listening to each other, we often 'talk past one another.' This is a symptom of the fact that ... rather than listening, one pays attention to the audience." We don't "dialogue," he said. We "duologue": a "monologue in two voices."

"Good communication, instead, does not try to impress the public with a soundbite, with the aim of ridiculing the other person, but pays attention to the reasons of the other person and tries to grasp the complexity of reality," the pope said.

Wow. This is hard work. I'm a lot quicker these days to dismiss someone's argument as nonsense rather than really listen. Perhaps you are as well.

Pope Francis sees listening as one of our modern age's greatest needs. "We are losing the ability to listen to those in front of us, both in the normal course of everyday relationships and when debating the most important issues of civil life," he said.

For Pope Francis, listening begins with the heart. He quotes King Solomon (who asks for a "listening heart"), St. Augustine (who encouraged "listening with the heart"), and St. Francis of Assisi (who "exhorted his brothers to 'incline the ear of the heart.' ") Our battles today, both in our families and in our country, suffer from a lack of hearts inclined to listen. Listening requires patience, the pope reminds us. It also requires a certain humility. Whenever I see the shouting crowds in front of the Supreme Court building, I am struck by the uselessness of these confrontations. No minds are changed. No hearts softened. Only the photographers are happy, because they've got their money shot. It's as if we think we can bully or mock or simply shout down people until they agree with us. That is the real nonsense.

How can we respond?

-Mike Krokos

Newly ordained priests will be a blessing to Church in central and southern Indiana

The Church in central and southern Indiana will be blessed at 10 a.m. on June 4 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis when Archbishop Charles C. Thompson will ordain transitional Deacons Michael Clawson and Matthew Perronie as archdiocesan priests.

Both men's faith journeys reveal how the Holy Spirit has worked through them in forming their vocations. We encourage you to read Deacon Clawson's story, which begins on page 1 in this week's issue of *The Criterion*. Deacon Perronie's story was featured in the May 13 issue and can also be found at <u>cutt.ly/Perronie</u>. As people of faith, we thank Deacons Clawson and Perronie for answering God's call to the priesthood and offer special prayers as they begin their ministry.

We also exhort parishes and families to continue praying for and actively encouraging vocations.

More priests continue to retire and, as we know from the Scriptures, "the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few" (Lk 10:2).

May our prayers and actions for vocations continue to bear fruit.

—Mike Krokos

mean killing an unborn child.

On a global stage, nonsense would be listening to Vladimir Putin criticizing the decadent West while his military slaughters fellow Christian Slavs in Ukraine, and on Easter Sunday, no less.

Perhaps it has been COVID-19 and our isolation from each other. Perhaps it is simply the piling on of disasters and crises, bad headlines and bad behavior. We have all become more impatient with one another, quicker to anger, more fed up. We all want to stop the nonsense we attribute to other people.

Our "humor" has an edge to it. Nighttime comics are a bit more savage. In the modern breast beats both Chris Rock and Will Smith, mocking and willing to take offense.

Part of the nonsense that hurts us, unfortunately, is our unwillingness to listen to another, to engage with another, especially with someone with whom we disagree, be it a family member or a political opponent.

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Ascension reminds us to be witnesses to Christ

"As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God" (Lk 24:51–53).

Yesterday, May 26, was Ascension Thursday, but in our archdiocese, as in many others, we will celebrate this solemn feast day on the following Sunday, May 29. The primary reason we transfer this major feast is to allow as many people as possible to observe this sacred festival in the liturgical calendar and to participate actively in this solemn celebration.

The Lord's ascension into heaven is an article of faith. In the Nicene Creed, we profess our firm belief in Jesus Christ, saying:

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

The Ascension of the Lord celebrates our Lord's return to the Father after living among us as a man, suffering unimaginably and being put to death on a cross, then rising again on the third day victorious over sin and death. The significance of the Lord's ascension is described in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as follows:

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"The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: 'I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God' [Jn 20:17]. This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension" (#660).

The weeks between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were a time of transition. Our Lord used this time to demonstrate to those who loved him and believed in him that he was not a ghost or a figment of their imaginations. Although he was clearly different than before, he ate with them, let them see and touch his wounds, and in every conceivable way spoke to their hearts, showing that he truly was alive and active in their world—here and now! In this way, the risen Jesus was preparing his disciples to take on his work in the world. The catechism refers to this as "the final stage" of his redemptive mission.

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"This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who 'came from the Father' can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. 'No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man'" (#661).

Jesus has conquered sin and overcome death, but in order to complete his work, the whole world must be transformed. All of God's children—broken and scattered as we are—must be healed and gathered. We must be reborn in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can carry on the saving mission of our Redeemer.

Unless Jesus returns to the Father, we will not assume our appointed role as missionary disciples. Unless we open our minds and hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we will be unable to proclaim the Gospel, heal the sick, and forgive sinners in Jesus' name. What's more, as the catechism says:

"Left to its own natural powers"

humanity does not have access to the 'Father's house' [Jn 14:2], to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us" (#661).

Jesus remains with us in the Holy Spirit, in the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in the word of God, and in our loving service to one another, especially to those who are most in need of our help. He tells us that he has gone to prepare a place for us (Jn 14:2), and he waits for us there with eager anticipation and profound joy.

The first reading for The Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:1-11) tells us that the disciples had to be persuaded by Jesus that his ascension was a blessing: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8).

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, let's renew our baptismal promise to be witnesses to Christ to the ends of the Earth. †



La Ascensión nos recuerda que debemos ser testigos de Cristo

"Sucedió que, mientras los bendecía, se alejó de ellos y fue llevado al cielo. Ellos, entonces, lo adoraron y luego regresaron a Jerusalén con gran alegría. Y estaban continuamente en el templo, alabando a Dios" (Lc 24:51-53).

Ayer, 26 de mayo, fue el jueves de la Ascensión, pero en nuestra Arquidiócesis, como en muchas otras, celebraremos esta solemne fiesta el domingo siguiente, el 29 de mayo. La razón principal por la que trasladamos esta solemnidad tan importante es para que la mayor cantidad de personas pueda observar esta fiesta sagrada en el calendario litúrgico y participe activamente en esta solemne celebración. La ascensión del Señor al cielo es un artículo de fe. En el Credo de Nicea, profesamos nuestra firme creencia en Jesucristo, diciendo:

sido ejecutado en una cruz, para luego resucitar al tercer día victorioso sobre el pecado y la muerte.

La importancia de la Ascensión del Señor se describe en el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* de la siguiente forma:

"El carácter velado de la gloria del Resucitado durante este tiempo

preparaba a sus discípulos para asumir su obra en el mundo. El catecismo se refiere a esto como "la última etapa" de su misión redentora.

"Esta última etapa permanece estrechamente unida a la primera es decir, a la bajada desde el cielo realizada en la Encarnación. Solo el que 'salió del Padre" puede "volver al Padre': Cristo. 'Nadie ha subido al cielo sino el que bajó del cielo, el Hijo *del hombre*', (#661). Jesús ha conquistado el pecado y ha vencido la muerte, pero para completar su obra, el mundo entero debe ser transformado. Todos los hijos de Dios-heridos y dispersos como estamos-debemos sanar y reunirnos. Debemos renacer en las aguas del bautismo por la fuerza del Espíritu Santo para poder llevar a cabo la misión salvadora de nuestro Redentor. A menos que Jesús regrese al Padre, no podremos asumir el papel que nos corresponde como discípulos misioneros. Si no abrimos nuestras mentes y corazones a los dones del Espíritu Santo, no podremos proclamar el Evangelio, sanar a los enfermos y perdonar a los pecadores en el nombre de Jesús. Además, como dice el catecismo:

humanidad no tiene acceso a la 'Casa del Padre' [Jn 14:2], a la vida y a la felicidad de Dios. Sólo Cristo ha podido abrir este acceso al hombre, 'ha querido precedernos como cabeza nuestra para que nosotros, miembros de su Cuerpo, vivamos con la ardiente esperanza de seguirlo en su

Y subió a los cielos

y está sentado a la derecha de, Padre Todopoderoso.

Y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos y su reino no tendrá fin.

La Ascensión celebra el regreso del Señor al Padre, después de haber vivido entre nosotros como hombre, de haber sufrido inimaginablemente y de haber se transparenta en sus palabras misteriosas a María Magdalena: 'Todavía [...] no he subido al Padre. Vete donde los hermanos y diles: Subo a mi Padre y vuestro Padre, a mi Dios y vuestro Dios' [Jn 20:17]. Esto indica una diferencia de manifestación entre la gloria de Cristo resucitado y la de Cristo exaltado a la derecha del Padre. El acontecimiento a la vez histórico y transcendente de la Ascensión marca la transición de una a otra" (#660).

Las semanas entre la resurrección de Jesús y su Ascensión fueron un tiempo de transición que utilizó nuestro Señor para demostrar a los que le amaban y creían en Él que no era un fantasma ni un producto de su imaginación. A pesar de que era claramente diferente a como era antes, comió con ellos, les permitió ver y tocar sus heridas, y de todas las formas imaginables les habló al corazón, mostrando que realmente estaba vivo y activo en su mundo, aquí y ahora.

De este modo, Jesús resucitado

"Dejada a sus fuerzas naturales, la

Reino' " (#661).

Jesús permanece con nosotros en el Espíritu Santo, en los sacramentos (especialmente la Eucaristía), en la Palabra de Dios y en nuestro servicio amoroso a los demás, especialmente a los que más necesitan nuestra ayuda. Nos dice que ha ido a preparar un lugar para nosotros (Jn 14:2), y nos espera allí con ansia y profunda alegría.

La primera lectura de la Ascensión del Señor (Hch 1:1-11) nos dice que Jesús tuvo que persuadir a los discípulos de que su ascensión era una bendición: "Pero, cuando venga el Espíritu Santo sobre ustedes, recibirán poder y serán mis testigos tanto en Jerusalén como en toda Judea y Samaria, y hasta los confines de la tierra" (Hch 1:8).

Al celebrar la Ascensión del Señor este fin de semana, renovemos nuestra promesa bautismal de ser testigos de Cristo hasta los confines de la tierra. †

Events Calendar

May 30

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

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Mausoleum, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. Memorial Day Mass, 11 a.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

May 31

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., Indianapolis. Mystagogy Talk Series, 6:30 p.m., last of five standalone sessions, "The Eucharist: The Heart of Apologetics" by Quanah Jeffries. Information: 317-255-3666.

June 1

MCL Cafeteria, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis. Solo Seniors, 5:30 p.m., Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles-separated, widowed or divorced-age 50 and older, new members welcome, also call about regular Friday night dinner events. Information: 317-796-8605.

June 3

Women's Care Center, 4901 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. First Friday Mass, 5 p.m., optional tour of center to follow. Information: 317-829-6800, <u>www.</u> womenscarecenter.org.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. First Friday bilingual celebration of the

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass 5:45 p.m. followed by adoration until 9 p.m., sacrament of reconciliation available. Information: 317-750-7309, msross1@ hotmail.com.

June 3-4

Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South 5th Street, Louisville, Ky. (Louisville Diocese). Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, veneration Fri. and Sat. 1-8 p.m., Mass in honor of Padre Pio Sat. 5:30 p.m., free. Information: info@saintpiofoundation.org or saintpiofoundation.org.

June 4

Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. Tropical Tribute Pool Party, benefiting Bishop Chatard High School's Krier Foundation grant, includes beer, wine, food and live music, 7-11 p.m., \$35 per person, \$70 per family. Information and online donations: krierfoundation.org or 317-872-5088.

June 6

St. Jude Parish Hospitality Room, 5353 McFarland Rd., Indianapolis. Bereavement Group, 7 p.m., last of six sessions, attending all sessions recommended but not required. Information: 317-786-4371 or pcollins@ stjudeindy.org.

June 8

Group Lectio via Zoom, 7 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, Benedictine Sister Jill Marie Reuber, facilitator, sponsored by Sisters of St. Benedict,

Ferdinand, Ind. (Diocese of Evansville). Information: vocation@thedome.org.

June 10-11

Virtual Catholic Homeschool Conference, Fri. 3:30-8:30 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m., sponsored by Homeschool Connections, \$38.97. Information and registration: catholichomeschoolconference. <u>com</u>.

June 14

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-ofthe-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Taizé Prayer at the Woods, 7-8 p.m., silent and spoken prayers, simple music, silence, virtual option available at cutt.ly/Taize. Information: 812-535-2952, provctr@ spsmw.org.

June 15

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. Monthly Mass, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or www. catholiccemeteries.cc.

June 16

St. Joseph Church, 1401 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. Third Thursday Adoration, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

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

June 17

Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. Catholic Business Exchange, presenter TBA, rosary 6:35 a.m., Mass 7 a.m., buffet breakfast and program following, \$18 members, \$24 non-members. Register by 4 p.m. on June 14. Information and registration: cutt.ly/CBE-Reg.

June 18

Griffin Bike Park, 10700 Bono Road, Terre Haute. Quick Quack 5k Trail Run, 6:30-7:30 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. 5k race, benefitting Terre Haute Catholic Charities, disposable chip timing, live results, refreshments, register by June 12 to receive T-shirt; \$30 individual, walk-ups welcome; \$100 families

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

of four to eight members, register by June 17. Information and registration: cutt.ly/ QuickQuack.

June 19

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Masses and **Eucharistic Procession for** the Opening of Eucharistic Revival, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Corpus Christi Masses celebrated by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, eucharistic procession following 3 p.m. Mass to St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St. for holy hour until 6:30 p.m., first communicants in special attire with guardians and newly initiated Catholics with sponsors invited to participate in

procession (meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center Assembly Hall, 1400 N. Meridian St.), parish groups encouraged to line procession route. Information: eucharisticrevivalindy.org.

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Festival of Faith, Family and Service, 1-4 p.m., lunch, family activities, music, free Information: eucharisticrevivalindy.org. St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Opening of Eucharistic Revival. 5:45-6:30 p.m., Benediction 6:30 p.m. Information: eucharisticrevivalindy.org. †

In-person and virtual informational meeting for helping at retreat for persons with special needs set for June 14

An informational meeting for those interested in helping at a retreat for persons with special needs will be held at St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Sarto Dr., in Indianapolis, from 7-8 p.m. on June 14. A virtual option will also be available.

The retreat, scheduled for July 23-24 at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove, is being hosted by the archdiocesan Ministry to Persons with Special Needs. It is geared toward adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Volunteers often walk away from the retreat touched by the pure and joyful faith of their brothers and sisters with special needs.

Help is needed for one or both days with set up and clean up, morning registration, activity rotation, logistics, activity set up and as small group leaders working with 1-3 participants.

No special background or experience is required to volunteer, as many involved in the retreat have some related background-whether medical, educational, working for a service provider or having a family member with a disability—and a nurse will be on staff to administer medication.

For more information or to register for the informational meeting, contact Erin Jeffries at ejeffries@archindy.org or 317-517-4744. †

Wedding Anniversaries

Norbert and Bernadette Harpring



NORBERT AND BERNADETTE (LAMPING) HARPRING, members of St. Mary Parish in Rushville, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on June 1. The couple was married in Holy

Family Church in Oldenburg on June 1, 1957.

They have seven children: Joann Fenimore, Kristine Herbert, Carol Johnson, Linda, Brian, Edward and Lawrence Harpring.

James and Peggy Greene



JAMES AND PEGGY (MEADOWS) **GREENE**, members of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 7.

The couple was married in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Lake Charles, La., on June 7, 1962.

They have two children: Michael and Thomas Greene.

The couple also has five grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.



The couple also has 19 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren. †

Benford and Carolyn Green



BENFORD AND CAROLYN (WITTE) GREEN, members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Richmond, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 26.

The couple was married in St. Andrew Church in Richmond on May 26, 1962.

They have six children: Deborah, Brian, Kevin, Timothy, Todd and the late Jeffrey Green.

The couple also has five grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren. †

Michael and Diane Peters



MICHAEL AND DIANE (WALDON) **PETERS**, members of St. Mary of the **Immaculate Conception Parish** in Aurora, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3.

The couple was married in St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Aurora on June 3, 1972.

They have three children: Michelle Cromer, Krista Hensley and Kerrie Ohlmansiek.

The couple also has eight grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. †

Announcements for couples celebrating 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 or more years of marriage are accepted. Go to cutt.ly/anniversaries or call 317-236-1585.

Students share joys, concerns about Church at listening sessions

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—Jennifer McMahon, a sophomore biology major at Villanova University, said recent campus listening sessions in preparation for the Catholic Church's 2023 synod made her feel that her concerns "were being acknowledged not simply by the Church, but my peers.

"I was nervous that I would feel alone in my struggles with my faith, and it made me embarrassed to talk about it," she said. "However, I felt welcomed and comforted by my peers who experienced similar struggles."

In April, nearly 50 college students from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia gathered at La Salle University for a cross-campus listening session as part of the first phase of the global Synod on Synodality.

The event was the culmination of a six-week effort across 14 participating institutions—involving all 11 Catholic campus communities and three Catholic Newman Centers—to integrate college students into the synod.

A nearly equal number of administrators from across the campuses, including three presidents and several vice presidents of mission and student life, attended in a listening capacity.

Among the listeners was Philadelphia's Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, who participated in both a small-group listening session as well as the larger plenary session.

"As an administrator in Catholic higher education, I am heartened by the courage and deep commitment the students have to be a part of positive change," said Deanne D'Emilio, president of Gwynedd Mercy University, who was herself a listener that evening.

Facilitators designed the cross-campus listening session in light of what more than 30 campus "animators," trained in the synodal listening process, learned from the nearly 400 students who participated in 43 listening sessions held across the campuses since early February.

Those listening sessions, in keeping with similar sessions being held around the world, were aimed at eliciting students' joys and obstacles of journeying with the Church, as well as their hopes for its future.

The April event created opportunity for social connection, personal reflection and sharing, prayer and accountability.

Highlights included an institutional roll call; student reflections on the account from the Acts of the Apostles of Pentecost; a large group reflective prayer about their gathering that day; and smaller listening sessions oriented around themes that surfaced in campus listening sessions.

To amplify the students' engagement with the synodal experience "of bold speech and deep listening," artist Becky McIntyre, an alum of St. Joseph's University, created an interactive art installation to visually capture students' joys and obstacles of journeying with the Church.

Students offered their ideas on translucent colored paper in the shape of footprints, which they added to a life-size sketch of the official logo that McIntyre painted on a large panel window in the gathering space, creating a stained-glass window that could be seen by passersby outside.

The installation was titled, "A Window in the Future of the Church: Journeying Together in Celebration and Accountability."

"Visual art allows us to leave our physical mark on the world and gives us space to further imagine a new world together," said McIntyre, who also served as a visual notetaker throughout the evening. Her work will be integrated into the final report as well as initiatives of the group moving forward.

Justin Hartranft, a first-year public health major at



A student's message about participating in listening sessions in preparation for the 2023 world Synod of Bishops on synodality is seen on April 4 at La Salle University in Philadelphia. (CNS photo/ Sarah Webb CatholicPhilly.com)

Gwynedd Mercy University, called his experience of the listening sessions "uplifting and inspiring."

"Not only did I share common experiences with my peers, but I felt a strong sense of community and belonging with those I have never met," he added.

"I was able to see that the youth are very much alive in the Church," said Hanna Mariyam Mathai, a senior neuroscience major at Holy Family University. †

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and tranquility, might live in effective communion with the universal Church, and might exercise its mission of proclaiming the Gospel to everyone, and thus offer a positive contribution to the spiritual and material progress of society as well."

In his main address, the pope reflected on the Sunday Gospel reading from St. John in which Jesus tells his disciples during the Last Supper, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). The pope said it is the Holy Spirit, "who disarms the heart and fills it with serenity" and who "loosens rigidity and extinguishes the temptations to attack others."

The Holy Spirit reminds people that those in our midst are brothers and sisters, "not obstacles or adversaries," and he "gives us the strength to forgive, to begin again" and become men and women of peace, he said.

"The more we feel our hearts are

agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace," he said.

Pray each day for the gift of peace, the pope urged, "and let us also ask this for those who live next to us, for those we meet each day, and for the leaders of nations." †

In Loving Memory of Rev. Msgr. Paul Koetter June 22, 1951 - May 16, 2022

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Catechesis for Discipleship Award honors witnesses to Christ

Criterion staff report

The Catechesis for Discipleship Award is an annual honor open to one catechist from each of the archdiocese's 126 parishes by the archdiocesan Office of Catechesis. Pastors, parish life coordinators and parish catechetical leaders are asked to identify a catechist who excels at teaching the faith and witnessing to the life-changing power of a disciple relationship with Jesus—lived in full communion with his body, the holy Catholic Church.

Following is a list of honorees by deanery as selected by parish leaders throughout central and southern Indiana:

Batesville Deanery

• Melea Gault, Immaculate Conception Parish,

Millhousen

Chuck Hartman, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Morris
Dan Nobbe, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Decatur County

- Frances Chigi, St. Joseph Parish, Shelbyville
- Kim Koehne, St. Louis Parish, Batesville
- Linda Greiwe, St. Mary Parish, Greensburg

• Curtis and Cindy Wurzelbacher, St. Michael Parish, Brookville

- Debra Strotman, St. Nicholas Parish, Ripley County
- Sandy Collins, St. Peter Parish, Franklin County
- Katherine Egan, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish, Bright

Bloomington Deanery

- Sharon Bube, St. Agnes Parish, Nashville
- Sarah Conover, St. Mary Parish, Mitchell

Connersville Deanery

• Cindy Amos, St. Mary Parish, Rushville

Indianapolis East Deanery

- Fidel Miralrio, Holy Spirit Parish, Indianapolis
- Cristina Martinez, St. Mary Parish, Indianapolis
- Steven and Ruth Moll, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Fortville

Indianapolis North Deanery

Matt Hooker, Christ the King Parish, Indianapolis
Sue Broderick, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis • Stephanie Foster, St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, Indianapolis

Margie Dinn, St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis
Madeline Passarelli, St. Simon the Apostle Parish,

Indianapolis

• Andy Pike, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Indianapolis

Indianapolis South Deanery

- Margee McHugh, Good Shepherd Parish, Indianapolis
- Terri Roadruck, Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish,
- Greenwood
- Kisch Elsenbroek, St. Ann Parish, Indianapolis
- Laura Sheehan, St. Barnabas Parish, Indianapolis
 Caitlin Bedwell, St. John the Evangelist Parish,
- Indianapolis
 - Tekla Bedwell, St. Jude Parish, Indianapolis
 Melissa Douglas, St. Roch Parish, Indianapolis
 - Menssa Douglas, St. Koch Parish, Indianapon

Indianapolis West Deanery

- Cecelia Boler, Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis
- Zenaida Andres, St. Anthony Parish, Indianapolis
- Justin and Melody Brand, St. Malachy Parish,
- Brownsburg
 - Marcela Franco, St. Monica Parish, Indianapolis
 - Sharon Spears, St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield
 - Paul and Lisa Gall, St. Thomas More Parish, Mooresville

New Albany Deanery

- Linda Davis, Holy Family Parish, New Albany
 Teresa Carrico, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,
- Jeffersonville
- Michele Ashby, St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg
 - Edwin Jarboe, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville
 - Julie Benning, St. Augustine Parish, Jeffersonville
 - Leisa Roll, St. Bernard Parish, Frenchtown
 - Leslie Smith, St. John the Baptist Parish, Starlight
 - Ana Cherry, St. Mary Parish, New Albany
 - Janet Philpot, St. Mary Parish, Lanesville
- Allison and Andrew Milliner, St. Michael Parish, Bradford
- Karina Hernandez Perez, St. Michael Parish, Charlestown

Seymour Deanery

- Ann Jentzen, American Martyrs Parish, Scottsburg
- Jorge Sánchez Leaños, Holy Trinity Parish, Edinburgh
- Atina Rozhon, St. Ambrose Parish, Seymour

Tell City Deanery

• Jason Martin, St. Paul Parish, Tell City

Terre Haute Deanery

• Jeffrey Etling, Annunciation Parish, Brazil

• Bruce Fuller, Sacred Heart Parish, Clinton / St. Joseph Parish, Rockville

• Trudy Butwin, St. Benedict Parish, Terre Haute • Csilla Stewart, St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute

• Tom McBroom, Jr., St. Patrick / St. Margaret Mary parishes, Terre Haute (awarded posthumously)

• Chris Dombrowski, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Greencastle

Please continue praying for catechists and your parish catechetical leaders.

Is God calling you to teach the faith to your fellow parishioners? Make an appointment with your parish catechetical leader today to discuss your role in fulfilling the great commission of our Lord Jesus: "Go and make disciples!" ‡

Valedictorian NICHOLAS MARK

Salutatorian JOHN BALDINI





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Ken's 12-Pack/Ken Ogorek

Things most Catholics wish they knew better about their faith: "Houston, we have a problem ..."

Ken's 12-Pack

Things most Catholics wish they knew better

Fifth in a yearlong catechetical series

This column has been addressing doctrinal deficiencies in religious education throughout the 1970s and



1980s, hopefully in a lighthearted and relevant way. Of all the gaps in catechesis and culture, one of the most serious concerns a question: "What does it mean to be human?"

Getting this answer wrong—

the way we see what distinguishes the human person from the rest of God's creation—has huge implications for nearly all areas of your life: money, sex, politics, religion—you name it!

Anthro-<u>What</u>?!

A fancy word for your view of the human person is anthropology. Are people bodies-only, or do you have a soul? Do we really have free will, or are our actions pretty much determined by genetics, where we grew up, our impulses in the moment, etc.? And just why do we tend to misbehave at times anyway? These are enormous questions with life-changing consequences depending on how you answer them.

The Christian view of the human person includes several key traits—characteristics that weren't taught well in classrooms (religion or otherwise) from the late 1960s through the early 1990s. Christian anthropology includes truths like:

• The human person is inherently spiritual and not reducible to the merely material;

• We are created in God's image and likeness, disfigured by sin and in need of the restoration only Jesus offers;

• You are a creature, not the Creator, with the desire for God

written in your heart and a natural tendency to respond in love to God—who loves you first.

Well-begun is half-done

Clarity on what it means to be human gives us important perspective on how we should live. We

prioritize the dignity of each human person, for example. We love and respect everyone unconditionally, even folks we might not like or admire.

With the Christian view of the human person firmly in place, various societal ills diminish greatly. Archbishop Charles C. Thompson lists several of these struggles in his pastoral letter "We Are One in Christ: A Pastoral Letter To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful People of Central and Southern Indiana On Fundamentals of Christian Anthropology":

• Violations against the sanctity of human life;

• Plight of immigrants, migrants and refugees;

• Racism, drug abuse, unjustified use of violent force;

• Threats against religious liberty. Clearly Christian anthropology lays a firm groundwork for our life together as an authentically human community. (<u>cutt.ly/Pastoral2018</u>)

Savior? Who needs a savior?!

We're all wounded by original sin. We're all vulnerable to temptation. We all need salvation from sin and death.

If your view of the human person doesn't include the reality of sin and its ultimate solution, little urgency is present

about connecting with Jesus, living in communion with his body, the Church, and witnessing to others—encouraging folks to be loving disciples of Jesus.

On the other hand, when you acknowledge the human person as awesome yet in need of the salvation only Jesus can give, you hunger for a disciple relationship with him, for opportunities to encounter Christ in various ways, for fulfilling his command to be a disciple-maker (Mt 28:18-20).

In this monthly column, I've been hard on catechetical efforts of the 1970s and 1980s. Not to paint with too broad a stroke, some good



catechesis was occurring in those times as well, and our culture forms us powerfully no matter what religion textbook we use.

But honesty about deficiencies in doctrinal content helps us understand our current state and clarify our vision for the future. That's a big goal of *Ken's 12-Pack*.

(Ken Ogorek, archdiocesan director of catechesis, has lost his six-pack abs. But his 12-part series, whose theme is: Things Most Catholics Wish They Knew Better, will run through December. He can be reached at his archdiocesan e-mail address kogorek@archindy.org or by using the contact information at www.kenogorek.com.) †



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June 2-4

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St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklandon Rd., Indianapolis. Parish Festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, live music food, beer garden, rides, games, Vegas room, \$10 food/drink ticket per family admission. Information: chair@saintsimonfestival.com, 317-826-6000 or saintsimonfestival.com.

June 3-4

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. International Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight each night, welcome booth, carnival rides, prepared food, music, dancers, \$5,000 raffle, beer garden, free admission, prices for food, drinks and ride vary. Information: parish@stgabrielindy.org or 317-291-7014.

June 3-5

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. Summerfest, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4,000 grand prize raffle, bingo Fri. and Sat., midway rides, silent auction, live entertainment, food, beer, wine, games for kids and adults, \$10 admission for \$10 in event coupons. Information: 317-357-8352, lfsummerfest@ littleflowerparish.org.

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St. Paul Parish, 814 Jefferson St., Tell City. Parish Picnic, 11 a.m., dinner includes BBQ chicken or pulled pork, creek fries, green beans and homemade desserts, cash/ quilt raffle, \$10 for meal. Information: 812-547-7994 or stpaulch@psci.net.

lune 9-11

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Parish Festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m.,

Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 2 p.m.-midnight. Information: 317-888-2861 or info@olgreenwood.org.

June 10-11

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Italian Street Festival, 5-11 p.m., more than 25 Italian meats, pastas, salads, desserts, homemade spaghetti sauce, pizza, cannoli, cheesecake, Italian beer and wine, live music, dancing, religious procession Sat. 6:45 p.m. before 7 p.m. Mass, free parking in Eli Lilly lots on East and New Jersey streets, free admission. Information: 317-636-4478 or indyitalianfest.org.

June 17

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. 3rd St., Bloomington. Hog Roast and Beer Garden Fest, 4:30-8 p.m., benefitting Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Society, Justin Case Band, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, I.U. international folkdance instructor, beer and wine, face painting, food, iced tea, lemonade, \$10 adult admission pre-sale, \$12 at the door; \$6 child 6-12, children ages 5 and younger free. Information: 812-961-1510.

June 17-18

St. Thomas More Parish, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. World Fest, Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., food and entertainment from around the world, hot air balloon rides, Texas Hold 'Em, corn hole, raffle, magic show, free admission. Information: 317-416-7170.

June 18

St. Michael Parish, 145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. Parish Festival, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., fried chicken dinner 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 90 Proof Twang 7-10 p.m., beer garden, silent auction, raffles, children's games, free admission. Information: 765-647-5462 or brookvilleparishes@gmail.com.

June 24-25

Christ the King Parish, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., Indianapolis. Summer Social, 6 p.m.-midnight, live music: Fri. Bigger is Better, Sat. Klarc Whitson Project; kid's area, food, beer and wine, \$1 admission. Information 317-255-3666.

June 25

St. Ambrose Parish, 325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour. Parish Festival, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., reverse raffle, 50/50 raffle, kids' games, craft booths; starting at 11 a.m.: tacos, hot dogs, ice cream; starting at 4 p.m.: fried chicken dinners; free admission. Information: 812-522-5304.

July 7-9

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Holy Spirit Festival, Thurs. 6-11 p.m., Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 1 p.m.-midnight, live music, midway rides, festival food, beer and wine, bingo, Monte Carlo, Texas Hold 'Em, silent auction, rummage sale, parking shuttle



Kyle Kujawa, 6, waves to family members as his cousin Matthew Kusbel, 11, steers a ride during "Sharing Your Blessings Day" at St. James the Less Parish festival in Highland, Ind., in the Gary Diocese, in this file photo. (CNS photo by Karen Callaway, Northwest Indiana Catholic)

available at 7140 E. Washington St., free wrist bands provided to parishioners after Masses, non-parishioners \$10 in festival tickets admission, children younger than 12 free. Information: holyspiritfestival.org, festival@ holyspirit.cc or 317-353-9404.

July 14-16

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. Funfest, Thurs. 6-11 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 5-11 p.m., rides, \$5,000 cash raffle, live music, beer garden, bingo, 50/50 and Monte Carlo, basket raffles, Sat. fried chicken dinner, free admission. Information: festival@stmarkindy.org or 317-787-8246.

July 16-17

All Saints Parish, St. John the Baptist Campus, 25743 State Route 1, Guilford. Summer Festival, Sat. 5midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. music by Yorkridge Boys, Sun. music by DJ Dan Morris, raffles, beer garden, lunch stand, kiddie land, quilts, country store, religious exhibit on Eucharistic miracles, chicken dinner served Sun. beginning at 11 a.m., free admission. Information: 812-576-4302.

July 23-24

All Saints Parish, St. Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Rd., Guilford. Summer Festival, Sat. 5-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. music by Austin Tyler Lee Band, Sun. music by Rick and Randy, raffles, beer garden, lunch stand, kiddie land, quilts, country store, religious exhibit on Eucharistic miracles, chicken dinner served Sun. beginning at 11 a.m., free admission. 5K Country Run, Sun. 9:30 a.m., register by July 19 to receive T-shirt, \$22.34 with t-shirt, \$17.02 without t-shirt, register at cutt. ly/StMartin5K22. Information: 812-576-4302.

August 5-6

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Merrill St., Fortville. Summer Festival, Fri. 7-11 p.m. Monte Carlo Night; Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; children's games, food, raffle, bingo, silent auction, free admission. Information: 317-485-5102.

August 11-13

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. Augustravaganza, 4 p.m.-midnight Fri. and Sat., raffle, festival food, children's games, Silly Safari, church tours, bingo, beer tent, Monte Carlo, baby crawling race, carnival rides, live music, \$3,500 grand prize raffle, free admission. Pre-**Festival Events: Mystery Beer Tasting and Cupcakes** & Canvas: Thurs. 6 p.m.; Mystery Beer Tasting \$25, pay at door, must be 21; Cupcakes & Canvas \$25, register in advance at nativityindy.org. Information: 317-357-1200.

August 13

Immaculate Conception Parish, 2081 E. County Rd. 820 S., Millhousen. Consignment Auction, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., includes raffle and lunch, call in advance to drop off consignment items Aug. 12, free admission. Information: 812-591-2362.

August 13-14

All Saints Parish, St. Paul Campus, 9788 N. Dearborn Rd., Guilford. Summer Festival, Sat. 5-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. live band Misty Creek, Sun. music by DJ Dan Morris, raffles, beer garden, lunch stand, kiddie land, quilts, country store, religious exhibit on Eucharistic miracles, chicken dinner served Sun. beginning at 11 a.m., free admission. Information: 812-576-4302.

August 14

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary Dr., Lanesville. Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken or ham dinner, dine-in or carry-out, quilts, capital prize, silent and online auction, games of chance, free admission. Information: 812-952-2853.

August 19-20

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis. SausageFest, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Kincaid's sausages, Sun King beer, sides from Illinois Street Food Emporium, Byrne's pizza, live music, wine, snack shack goodies, kids' zone, teen zone with DJ, free admission. Information 317-253-1461.

August 20

St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis. Feast

Day Celebration, 6-10 p.m., food trucks, bar, music, kids' games, free admission. Information: 317-255-4534.

August 25-27

Information: 317-821-2909.

August 27-28

St. Mary Parish, 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg. Parish Festival, Sat. 5:30-11 p.m. adult night, games, beer garden, live music by Nuttin' Fancy, pork burger, pork chop or pulled pork dinners, basket silent auction, concessions; Sun. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Family Day, kids' games, live music by Keith Swinney Band, fried chicken and pulled pork dinners, free admission both days. On Eagles Wings 5K Run/ Walk, Sat. 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. race, \$20 adults, \$15 children (\$25/\$20 after Aug. 8). Information and registration: 812-663-8427 or oneagleswings5k.com.

August 28

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September 2-4

317-244-9002.

September 5

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4773 Church Rd., Morris. Labor Day Picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., fried chicken dinners include 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dessert; live music, beer garden, children's games, cash raffle, free admission. Information: 812-934-6218 or parishoffice@stanthonymorris.org

St. Peter Parish, 1207 East Rd., Brookville. Labor Day Picnic, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., fried chicken dinner, air-conditioned hall, children's games, raffles, beer garden, free admission. Information: 765-647-5462 or brookvilleparishes@gmail.com.

September 9-10

Prince of Peace Schools, 221 W. State St., Madison. Shawe and Pope John Summer Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, carnival rides, family games, food, live music, \$3 admission. Information: 812-273-5835.

September 10

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. French Market, noon-10 p.m., ten hours of live music, 50 artisan booths, French food, bake sale, raffle, children's games until 5 p.m., Mass 5:30 p.m., tours of restored church at 1:30, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., free admission. Information: 317-283-5508, sjoa.org/aboutfrench-market.

September 10-11

St. Mary Parish, 512 N. Perkins St., **Rushville**. Fall Festival, Sat. 6:30-10 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. both days, games of chance, children's games, crafts, vendor booths, free admission. Information: 765-932-2588 or dspaeth@ stmaryrush.org.

September 11

September 16-18

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Jr. Ave., Indianapolis. Weekend of Praise Family Festival, Fri.: noon-6 p.m. fish fry, 7-10 p.m. music/jazz concert, \$20; Sat.: 10-2 p.m. Healthy Initiatives Flu Clinic by Franciscan Health, mini health fair, noon-6 p.m., Praise Party in the Park, food vendors, ministries, neighborhood organizations, 2 p.m. tour of historic church, free will offering; Sun. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mass, 1-3 p.m. porch concert with Men in the Fire, free will offering, treats by Febe dessert truck \$5, cold drinks \$1. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Ann Parish, 6350 S. Mooresville Rd., Indianapolis. Summer Festival, Thur. 5-11 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 5 p.m.midnight, food, midway rides and games, silent auction, homemade sweets, gambling, beer garden, free admission.

St. Patrick Parish, 950 Prospect St., Indianapolis. Festival '22, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., food, games, music, St. Patrick King and Queen contest, dance, free admission. Information: 317-631-5824 or office@

St. Joseph Parish, 1401 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. Fall Festival, Fri. and Sat. 5-11 p.m., Sun. 3-11 p.m., rides, food, blackjack, free admission. Information:

St. Pius V Parish, 330 Franklin St., Troy. Fall Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., lunch, refreshments, cash raffle, prizes, bingo, games, free admission. Information: 812-547-7994.



Children enjoy a swing ride during the annual Italian Festival at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Wilmington, Del., in this file photo. (CNS photo by Don Blake, The Dialog)

September 17

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. Eighth St., New Albany. Multicultural Festival, 4-11 p.m., Mass 4 p.m. followed by live entertainment, DJ, ethnic food vendors, kids' games, prize booth, free admission. Information: 812-944-0417.

September 17-18

St. Louis Parish, 13 St. Louis Pl., **Batesville.** Parish Festival, Sat. 5-11 p.m., live music, beer garden, food; Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, cash raffle, country store, beer garden, free admission. Information: 812-934-3204.

September 18

St. Michael Parish, 101 St. Michaels Dr., Charlestown. Septemberfest, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner, games, raffles, silent auction, free admission. Information: 812-256-3200 or stmichaelsecretary@ northclarkcountycatholic.org.

September 21

St. Mary Parish, 777 S. 11th St., Mitchell. Food Tent at Persimmon Festival, 4:30-7 p.m., spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, salad or apple sauce, iced tea or lemonade, sausage additional, Dymple's Persimmon Pudding and other desserts, meal cost TBD. Information: 812-849-3570.

September 23-24

SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood. Fall Festival, Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. noon-10 p.m., games and activities for all ages, live music, silent auction, raffles, food, ice cream, beer and wine, free admission. Information: festival@ss-fc.org or 317-859-4673.

September 25

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmer's Lane NE, Bradford. Fried Chicken Country Picnic, fried chicken with homemade dumplings, slaw, choice of pie, meal price TBD, free admission. Information: 812-364-6646 or st.michaelbradford@gmail.com.

September 30-October 1

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Oktoberfest, 5-11p.m., live music, kids' zone, beer garden, food trucks, authentic German dinner, live raffles, free admission. Information: kstafford@ holyname.cc or 317-435-6591.

St. Malachy Parish, 9833 E. County Rd. 750 N., Brownsburg. Country Fair and Hog Roast, Fri. 4-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., food, drinks, midway, elephant ears; live music: Fri. Trace Thompson, Sat. Dusty Miller Band and Tastes Like Chicken, free admission. Information: 317-852-3195, countryfair@stmalachy.org or cutt.ly/ stmalachyfair22. Hog Jog 5K Walk/Run, Sat. 9-10:30 a.m., ages 6 and older \$22.16 through July 4, \$25 after July 4, ages 5 and younger free. Information and registration: cutt.ly/hogjog22.

October 1

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Oktoberfest, 4-11 p.m., live polka music, DJs, German-style soft pretzels, pizza, beer, wine, children's area, free admission. Information: 317-257-2266.

October 2

Holy Family Parish, 3027 Pearl St., Oldenburg. Parish Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken and roast beef dinners, turtle soup, adult and kids' games, money raffle, quilt raffle, variety raffle, basket booth, silent auction, country store, free admission. Information: 812-934-3013 or holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com.

November 17

Holy Cross, 12239 State Road 62, St. Croix. Holy Cross Raffle, 9 a.m., ticket prices etc. TBA. Information: 812-843-5143.

November 20

St. Michael Parish, 107 S. 8th St., Cannelton. Turkey Bingo, noon-7 p.m., bingo, cash raffle, quilt raffle, refreshments, free admission. Information: 812-547-7994. †

CLAWSON

Annette Clawson was away at work as the business manager for Annunciation Parish in Brazil.

Three people got out of the car and approached the house.

"It was a surreal moment," Deacon Clawson recalled. "I saw these three people get out of the car and I just kind of knew what had happened."

He knew that his father Mike Clawson had died.

He had worked around the world for months at a time as a helicopter pilot for a defense contractor, taking Army special forces in and out of combat zones.

The people who got out of the car that day were the county sheriff and two representatives of the elder Clawson's employer.

Deacon Clawson called his mother, who soon came home to learn that her husband had died in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

Such a moment naturally had an effect on Deacon Clawson's faith.

"I was super mad at God," Deacon Clawson said. "It took a long time to move past that. I had a very hard time seeing God the Father in line with who he really is, and not this kind of warped image that I had of him."

That image was warped in part when his own father was taken from him so suddenly and tragically, and also in the difficult relationship he had with his father in his teenage years when he was away from the family for long stretches at a time.

That paternal absence was filled somewhat when Father John Hollowell became Annunciation Parish's pastor six months after Mike Clawson's death.

"He was able to give me some direction in my life," said Deacon Clawson of Father Hollowell, who described the priest as a "stable figure in all of the craziness" of his life after his father's death.

'That's really where my vocation comes from'

Although Deacon Clawson was troubled in his faith at the time, it had grown deep in him and couldn't be easily uprooted.

Born in Arizona, Deacon Clawson lived there with his family until he was about 11, when they moved to Indiana.

His parents were deeply dedicated to their Catholic faith, he said, making sure their family attended Mass every Sunday.



Then-deacon candidate Michael Clawson kneels in prayer on April 10, 2021, in the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln in St. Meinrad during a Mass in which he was ordained a transitional deacon. Attending that Mass behind him are his mother, Annette Clawson, left, and three of his siblings: Katie Ramsey and Matthew and Emma Clawson. (Photo courtesy of Saint Meinrad Archabbey)

As a child, Deacon Clawson was attracted by seeing his parish's many altar servers and wanted to become one. He went so far as to gain the permission of his pastor to receive his first Communion about a year early so he could start serving as soon as possible.

"That's really where my vocation comes from," Deacon Clawson said of being an altar server. "My identity was very much wrapped up in being a server at Mass."

His father, who sang in his parish's choir, encouraged Deacon Clawson in this pursuit. He also took his son once to the weekly 4-5 a.m. hour of adoration he observed in a perpetual adoration chapel about 20 minutes from their home.

"It was a different side of my dad that I hadn't seen before," Deacon Clawson said. "It was a personal moment. He talked about his experience in adoration and shared with me that sometimes when he would go to pray, he would see the Sacred Heart or Jesus' face in the Eucharist. ... That memory has stuck with me for a long time."

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A time to begin to heal

After his father's death, Deacon Clawson spent a year working and taking classes on a campus of Ivy Tech Community College in Terre Haute.

"I would get off of work late at night and would stop by the adoration chapel at St. Pat's on the way home," recalled Deacon Clawson of the perpetual adoration chapel at St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute. "I'd pray about my day, but I was also discerning my vocation."

Although he had not fully come to terms with his father's death and its effect on his faith, Deacon Clawson became an archdiocesan seminarian in 2013 at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and Marian University, both in Indianapolis.

"I think maybe following that call allowed him to work out that grief," said Father Hollowell, who still ministers as pastor of Annunciation Parish as well as of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle. "He was able to work out his anger with God.

"The seminary has a lot of tools to help you learn about yourself. I think Michael did that and learned a lot about himself throughout his whole journey."

Annette Clawson was grateful for the guidance that Father Hollowell gave her son during his time of initial discernment of a possible priestly vocation.

"Making that decision without having a father around to help navigate that, it was important to have Father Hollowell in his life to help answer all of his many questions," she said.

Deacon Clawson stayed in priestly formation for four years, graduating from Bishop Bruté and Marian and completing one year of formation at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad.

At that time, though, knowing that there were significant personal issues that he needed to attend to, he took a break from priestly formation.

He said that time away from seminary gave him "the opportunity and the time to really go through all of the stuff I needed to deal with in counseling with my father, his death and my own personal stuff of dealing with depression and all of that.

"God gave me the time to heal those things, or to start to heal them at least."

'Michael doesn't give up'

After a year and a half away from seminary, he felt confident enough in himself and in his vocation to return, which he did in the fall of 2019.

Three years later, as Deacon Clawson approaches his ordination as a priest, Father Hollowell, his pastor now for nearly 10 years, trusts that God will use the many trials Deacon Clawson has faced to help him be a compassionate priest for God's people.

"The loss of his father will give him a touchpoint with anyone else who has lost a father or who didn't grow up with a father," Father Hollowell said. "As with all suffering that we go through, they end CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE





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Meet our future deacons

On June 25, the fourth class of permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be ordained at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. There are 15 men from across central

and southern Indiana who will be ordained. This week's issue of *The Criterion* continues a series of profiles of these men that will run in the weeks leading up to that important day.





Jorge Arturo Sanchez Leanos

Name: Jorge Arturo Sanchez Leanos Age: 49 Wife: Ma. Amalia Cisneros Netro Home Parish: Holy Trinity Parish in Edinburgh Occupation: Engineer

Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

My paternal grandmother was my most influential religious role model. Her spirituality profoundly impacted my life. My parents enthusiastically encouraged me to walk God's path with their example, continuously reminding me and my brothers the importance of fully relaying our lives to God. Father Clement Davis' spiritual leadership drew me closer to the parish and strengthened my faith. As our kids grew in age, my wife's devotion served me as a compass to reappraise the teachings of the Church. Finally, as I actively integrated into the Catholic community, the example and support of leaders like Deacon Juan Carlos Ramirez and his wife Gaby provided deeper meaning and a great inspiration to follow Jesus and serve his Church more intentionally.

What are your favorite Scripture verses, saints, prayers and devotions? My favorite Scripture verses are Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart ... and he will make straight your paths," and Acts 9:1-28, which recounts the conversion of St. Paul. Mary and St. Joseph are indispensable Christian models for family life. "Salve Regina" is the prayer that has impacted me the most.

Deacons often minister, formally or informally, to others in the workplace. How have you experienced that already and what do you anticipate doing in the future? COVID-19 restrictions have changed the game rules. The personal touch with co-workers is limited. On the other hand, this situation leveraged digital resources to be in closer contact with those who are both near and far away. The pandemic awakened a deeper level of vulnerability among family, friends and co-workers. Prayerfully and compassionately listening to others about how COVID has affected their families, their suffering, and providing care and support in all possible ways, have been the new norm in the last two years.

Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

By the grace of God and with the help of others, I was invited to listen to the Gospel more actively and I fell in love with it. The loving word of God brings hope and joy to those who receive it and doubles down for those who convey it. My life has been blessed. I am joyfully obliged to serve and pass along the good news.

How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

I believe the deacon formation program transformed my life and has positively impacted my family. I hope that this will continue after ordination, and by living this transformation in our household, everyone in the family will take this spiritual experience into their own lives. I am optimistic this effect will be positive and can transcend for generations.

How do you hope to serve through your life and ministry as a deacon? The diaconate ministry is a distinct honor, a privileged opportunity to pass on the good news of the Gospel. I pray I can convey the message by an active, humble presence that activates the merciful love of Jesus, our Lord. The Prayer of St. Francis offers a unique perspective of doing so. †



Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

Father Bedemoore Uduchukwu, an Air Force chaplain, and Franciscan Father Francis Dondu, who served in Turkey, for the manner in which they lived their vocations and the support and encouragement they gave me as I began my discernment for the diaconate. Also, my wife Debbie for the example of her faith and her commitment to God since we first met.

What are your favorite Scripture verses, saints, prayers and devotions?

My favorite Scripture passages include Psalms 27, 32, 51, 62, 63 and 139; Deuteronomy 14:7-8, 11; Luke 6:30; and Romans 12:13. My favorite saints include St. Francis of Assisi, St. Charles de Foucauld and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. They lived their faith and reached out to all people, including the poor. My favorite prayers and devotions include the Jesus Prayer, the "Come Holy Spirit" prayer, the Franciscan Chaplet and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Deacons often minister, formally or informally, to others in the workplace. How have you experienced that already and what do you anticipate doing in the future?

I am retired from both civilian and military work, but I hope to minister to my brothers and sisters at my parish, and I would like to work in prison ministry, too, if possible. I have also enjoyed and hope to continue visiting and bringing Communion to people who are unable to attend Mass.

Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

James "Nick" Martin

Home Parish: St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in

Occupation: Retired from the U.S. Air Force

Name: James "Nick" Martin

Wife: Debra Martin

Indianapolis

Age: 69

In my youth, I felt that God was calling me to serve him in some manner, which I took to mean "in the Church." I took many roads that, at the time, I thought were the right ones, but in the end weren't the ultimate one. Finally, at the encouragement of friends, I began to consider the diaconate. There were so many "if this happens" or "if this hadn't happened" on my journey of faith and my discernment for the diaconate that, without them, I wouldn't be approaching ordination now. So, each prayer and every step of the way, I have felt that the Lord was guiding me to this end.

How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

I believe serving as a deacon will enrich my personal life and the life of my family by giving us prayer opportunities, by allowing us to witness and preach about the love of Christ through our lives and by bringing us personal growth in faith and love as a family. I hope to bring these same gifts to those to whom I will minister.

How do you hope to serve through your life and ministry as a deacon?

There are two phrases attributed to St. Francis, and these are how I want to live my life and ministry. One is "God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me a right faith, a sure hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy command." The other is, "Go and preach the Gospel. If necessary, use words." †

FROM PREVIOUSE PAGE

up giving us some point of contact with other people who are suffering."

Newly ordained Father Ben Horn of the Lexington, Ky., Diocese has known Deacon Clawson for four years as they were in priestly formation together both at Bishop

~ Transitional Deacon Michael Clawson ~



Bruté and Saint Meinrad.

He admires his friend's determination in working through his personal difficulties and remaining true to his vocational discernment.

"Michael doesn't give up," Father Horn said. "He knows very well his own weaknesses and fallenness. But, despite this, he'll keep showing up. There's a great perseverance in Michael."

Annette Clawson appreciates her son's growth through his years of priestly formation and now looks forward to his ordination.

"It's been a very long road for him," she said. "I'm proud of him, but also relieved for him. It's such a long road. I couldn't be more excited for him. He's ready and he's going to make a wonderfully caring priest. He'll relate to people and care deeply about their struggles."

For his part, Deacon Clawson knows that God will bring to bear all of who he is through his priestly life and ministry in the Church in central and southern Indiana.

"It's not just my strengths that God will use when I'm a priest, but all of my weaknesses, too," Deacon Clawson said. "All of the painful things that I've gone through I hope to be able to use as a place where I can help people heal their own wounds and their relationship with God."

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

Parents: Annette and the late Mike Clawson

Home Parish: Annunciation Parish in Brazil

Education: The former John Paul II High School in Terre Haute; Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and Marian University, both in Indianapolis; Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad

Favorite Scripture verse/passage: Is 41:10; Is 43:1-7; Jn 20:11-18

Favorite saint: St. Michael the Archangel and St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Favorite prayer/devotion: St. Michael Chaplet and Sacred Heart Chaplet

Favorite movie: The Harry Potter series

Favorite author: J.R.R. Tolkien

Hobbies: Reading, golf, basketball

Transitional Deacon Michael Clawson smiles on April 10, 2021, during the Mass at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln in St. Meinrad during which he was ordained a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. (Photo courtesy of Saint Meinrad Archabbey)

ADORATION

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"Diane joined immediately and would go each Tuesday evening from 6 to 7. She was faithful for years and would suggest that I attend with her. Gradually, she wore me down. We would serve at Mass at 5:30 p.m. and then go to the adoration chapel."

Ron quickly realized what he had been missing.

"It was so peaceful to be with Jesus. She would say the Divine Mercy chaplet, and I would read St. Faustina's Diary. We did this for many years. If Tuesday fell on Christmas Day or another holiday, we were at the chapel praying. It helped in so many ways in getting to solve problems with work issues. It was so quiet, and you could lay all of your troubles before the Lord."

Eucharistic adoration became an essential part of their lives-and a connection with other Catholicsbut then the surge of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020 led to the closing of Little Flower's adoration chapel. So they found other ways to live their faith.

"My wife started watching the Mass on EWTN in the morning. We would say the rosary in the morning and afternoon, and at 3 p.m. we would say the Divine Mercy chaplet. In the evening, Diane would go into our den and spend an hour of adoration with Jesus in either Poland, Alabama or England. When she finished her hour, I would ask her, 'What did Jesus have to tell you tonight?' She would reply, 'He is waiting for you.'

As churches reopened, they returned to Mass in person and their prayer time together continued, even though the adoration chapel stayed closed. Then heartbreak struck.

'We both were on the liturgy

commission at our church and, on November 1 of last year, we were to bring cookies to the Mass of Remembrance reception," Ron recalls. "Diane was in our kitchen making cookies, and I heard my name called out and a crash. She was on the floor and breathing very heavily. Diane had a stroke and was taken to Methodist Hospital."

She never recovered, dying eight days later.

"It is still very devastating, and it has left a big hole in my heart," Ron says. "She was a woman of character. Always faithful throughout her life. Just a nice person and kind and patient. I never heard her take the Lord's name in vain in all of our 43 years of marriage, and I gave her many a chance to do so.

"Several times, Diane said to me she wished someone could look into her soul so she knew she was on the right path and doing what God wanted her to do."

He thinks about the life and the love they shared. He thinks about all the ways she lived her faith. He thought of her, especially when he learned that a group at Little Flower wanted to start eucharistic adoration in the chapel again.

"I was called, and I said I would continue the 6-7 time slot on Tuesday evenings," he says. "God is good, and we are all blessed by his mercy and love."

'The greatest love story of all time'

Sharon Montieth has felt a special bond with the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen ever since she learned about this quote from him: "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host."

"My heart echoes his sweet sentiments," Montieth says about the archbishop who was a pioneer in using radio and television to spread the Catholic faith.

Her love of the Eucharist-and of



'I felt vulnerable sitting with Jesus, and yet an intimacy began to develop as my fear started to dissipate. Some extraordinary and remarkable exchanges have taken place with the deepening of my relationship with Christ.'

-Sharon Monteith

Christ's love for humanity in offering his body and blood—were already foundations of her life when she began Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes to be received into the full communion of the Church in 2015.

"I had already done an extraordinary amount of research, had met with the priest several times and needed no convincing that the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ," recalls Montieth, a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. "I was very anxious to receive Communion, having been a practicing Christian for many years."

Her devotion to eucharistic adoration came more slowly, she says.

"At first, I was very formulaic and was focused on having the proper resources at my disposal, the correct prayers to recite," she says. "It took training to be still. I felt vulnerable sitting with Jesus, and yet an intimacy began to develop as my fear started to dissipate. Some extraordinary and remarkable exchanges have taken place with the deepening of my relationship with Christ.'

Two experiences stand out to her, including one involving Archbishop Sheen. "My devotion to Fulton Sheen

started when the Lord called me to make a pilgrimage to Peoria to visit [the late archbishop's] museum and

tomb," Montieth recalls about that trip to Illinois. "This required overcoming many obstacles—like not having a working vehicle at the time-but it came with an abundant amount of graces, which included attending Mass with Bishop Daniel [R.] Jenky and receiving his blessing."

The second experience that stands out to her involves a book that a friend gave her while Montieth was a patient in a hospital in 2015, just a few months after receiving Communion for the first time.

The book is titled *Compassion: Living* in the Spirit of St. Francis, and its front cover includes a picture of a baby robin in a nest, with its mouth wide open, waiting to be fed.

"During eucharistic adoration in May of 2020, Jesus told me to watch the front bush outside my home," Montieth says. "I discovered a robin's nest and began taking daily photos."

One of the photos mirrored the picture of the baby robin on the front of the book.

"The reminder I was loved, seen and befriended by Christ and his holy followers was very much needed during an exceptionally lonely time.

"These are just two examples of many consolations I've received. My holy hours spent in front of the Blessed Sacrament don't always include such specific directives, but it's never time wasted, and I find myself longing more and more to sit quietly with our Lord." †

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New Testament stories can help people explore sadness, loss

By Sr. Joanne Belloli, C.P.P.S.

I recently met a 57-year-old woman who indicated that she was depressed, which for her occurred every March and into April. I listened as she told the story of the unexpected death of her mother when she was 8 years old. The death left her father and siblings with a deep sadness.

Upon further discussion, we agreed that her sadness was being re-experienced. She was again experiencing loss and was missing her mother today and at the times in her life when she wished her mother was present for discussion and comfort.

Several days later, I met a young boy who was sad because his dog had run away, and he did not know where his dog was. The same day, I met a teenager saddened after the breakup of a significant friendship.

Then, I remembered the day I visited a young woman dying from cancer. As I was leaving, she sat up in bed and exclaimed, "I am dying, I don't know what to do." Needless to say, I stayed; we talked.

These experiences of sadness, the emotional pain associated with or characterized by feelings of loss, fear, longing, abandonment, grief, helplessness, disappointment, loneliness and sorrow, led to a reflection on how loss and sadness are intertwined in so many instances.

Losses involve grief and mourning, the process of healing after the loss. I was also reminded that memories of a loss can again be experienced as sadness and lead people to say that they are depressed.

Particular Gospel stories connect with the experiences of individuals that I encounter. I reflect on stories, such as the words of Jesus at prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will" (Mt 26:39).

I also reflect on his Apostles experiencing loss and fear as they gathered in the upper room attempting to make sense of Christ's death; the women who came to the tomb of Jesus bringing spices they had prepared, experiencing loss, sadness and fear at the rolled back stone and not finding Jesus (Lk 24:1-3); and the Emmaus story of disciples recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:13-35).

One can only imagine the deep sadness that Jesus experienced in the garden; the Apostles, Mary the mother of Jesus and



During Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Anne Adkins mourns at the grave of her son who was killed in Iraq. Sadness and other feelings brought on by the loss of loved ones can be explored and better understood by meditating on scriptural passages that illustrate them well. (CNS photo/Joshua Roberts, Reuters)

the disciples experienced after Jesus' death; as well as the sadness and sorrow experienced in the Emmaus story.

As Christians, we hold a deep belief in the resurrection that accompanies sadness and sorrow. There is life after death. There is new life after the experience of sadness and loss.

Today, as a clinical social worker, I meet with individuals of various ages and walks of life who are hurting and sad from current and past experiences of loss and think they are depressed.

They are experiencing sadness about missing loved ones, opportunities that were missed and cannot be regained, physical losses due to medical conditions, losses because of personal past decisions and a variety of other types of losses that bring sadness.

Many share stories of depression that can be identified as situational depression from losses, experienced or remembered, which bring individuals to label their

> feelings as sadness in their current life. Many times, their stories of situational depression come and go as

disorder is the length of time in years it is experienced.

Another type of clinical depression is major depressive disorder that also requires diagnostic specifiers and may indicate a need for medications and therapeutic treatment.

Currently, the trauma of COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, news stories of fires, killings and other events may have ways of enhancing individual past and current experiences of losses, memories and sadness.

Their past losses and traumas are again being remembered. With any type of memories, re-experienced depression whether it be situational, persistent or



A Ukrainian refugee woman from the Mariupol area cries after arriving at a registration center for internally displaced people in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, on May 2. Counsellors and trusted friends can help people burdened by feelings of sadness and depression. (CNS photo/Ueslei Marcelino, Reuters)

the memories reoccur once again and sadness from loss is identified.

Situational depression differs from long-term depression and major depression. Situational depression is experienced from a particular event. Long-term depression, or persistent depressive disorder, requires that an individual has experienced a depressed mood for more days than not and for at least two years in adults and one year in children.

This type of depression may bring sadness and include low self-esteem, feelings of hopelessness, low energy and difficulty concentrating. The diagnostic indicator of persistent depressive major depression—can occur.

It is important to name the feelings associated with an event or memory and talk with a trusted friend or counselor who will listen as the feelings and events named by the person are shared and processed without judgment.

Sadness is a feeling that is part of our lives and cannot be diminished. It needs to be heard and explained in telling one's feelings and stories. Journaling can also be a strategy to assist in the healing process.

Sadness calls for healing and restored peace. The paraphrased words of St. Teresa of Calcutta may be of assistance—if you want peace, go home and love your family.

(Sister Joanne Belloli is a 59-year member of the Sisters of the Precious Blood of Dayton, Ohio. After teaching junior high and serving in parish ministry, she became a clinical social worker. She is currently a mental health/substance abuse therapist with Livingston County Catholic Charities in Howell, Mich.) †

Perspectives

Corrections Corner/*Richard Hoying* It's time to re-engage with society through volunteering

The past two years have been a story of burnout, overwork and mass exodus in the compassionate care and spiritual care professions. Adding to the pressures,



volunteers were not allowed to assist the professionals in the health care, elder care, and prison visitation ministries. As we come out of the pandemic, now is the time to consider joining or rejoining the volunteer work force.

One of the challenges facing volunteer services is the loss of momentum, the loss of people to both perform and to organize the work.

In two years, we lost a large number of caring people to illness, physical mobility issues and death. Sadly, prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has lost a shining light and founding member, Teresa Batto. Teresa was a small woman with a giant compassionate spirit, a living embodiment of chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. We are all familiar with the commands of Mt 25:31-46. There is a rhythm to its Gospel lessons. Earlier verses of that chapter (Mt 25:14-30) are the parable of the talents. Clearly, we are being asked to make use of and share our God-given talents with the poor, with the ailing and with prisoners.

This column is a request for volunteers in prison visitation. One might ask, do I have the talent for prison ministry? Yes, you do! What is needed is that you be yourself. Be genuine. If you'll pardon the pun, what prisoners most long for is a time of "unguarded" conversation with a person from the outside.

"George," one of the prisoners I visit, calls the one-hour monthly visit a brief trip to an island.

The next question: is it safe to visit? Yes, extremely. Volunteer training is provided through both the federal prison and through the Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) organizations. PVS organizes and instructs volunteers in prisoner visitation in the federal prison system. Visiting is a privilege, and one that the inmate would not risk losing.

Finally, and probably the largest unknown for a visit, what will we talk about? I have found conversations flow easily. Those who I have visited are interested in the everyday relationships, worries and activities that are a part of my personal life. Inmates wish they were able to be free to have those responsibilities and be bothered by those frustrations. Also, I have found that each has very deep insights into human and spiritual relationships, and each is able to communicate those insights. I continue to learn so much.

I will be doing my best in taking over the coordinator's role for volunteers at the Terre Haute Federal Penitentiary. The need is great, and now there is a long waiting list that has grown during the two years of COVID. Perhaps your own work/life situation has changed in the past two years. Please consider volunteering your time and talents.

(Richard Hoying is a member of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville.) †

Love's Litmus/Natalie Hoefer Like St. Teresa of Calcutta, love others and do good 'anyway'

St. Teresa of Calcutta is often credited with a poem usually mistitled "Do Good Anyway" or simply "Anyway." It runs through a list of injustices often faced in life, but encourages



doing the right thing anyway. The true author of this poem, titled "The Paradoxical Commandments," is Kent Keith. He wrote it in 1968 as part of a booklet of advice for high school student leaders.

The poem reads:

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of

selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

Whether he intended to or not, Keith wrote a modern-day take on 1 Cor 13:4-7. Like St. Paul's well-known "Love is patient, love is kind ..." verse, Keith's poem demonstrates what love in action looks like.

The confusion about the author comes from a book. *Mother Teresa: A Simple Path* by Lucinda Varday (Ballantine Books, 1995) records a version of "The Paradoxical Commandments" seen hanging on a wall in St. Teresa's Shishu Bhaven orphanage in West Bengal, India.

No author was named at the bottom of the list, hence the accidental attribution to St. Teresa.

But don't those phrases sound like something she would say? Don't they describe the way she lived?

Legendary stories abound about St. Teresa. In one, a baker spat upon her when she asked for bread to feed the children in her orphanage. She is said to have thanked him for that gift for her, but would he also give the gift of bread for the children.

Another story describes St. Teresa continuing to care for a man who swore and cursed at her as she bathed him every day. Finally, close to death, the man asked if God was as kind as she was.

One of her former spiritual directors, Msgr. Leo Maasburg, spoke about St. Teresa in an interview with Catholic News Agency before her canonization in 2016.

"She attempted to radically love her neighbor—and expected Jesus to take care of the rest," he said. "She addressed the problems of the Indian society by living the Gospel among the poor. And misery rooted in unimaginable poverty is, and was, certainly one of the sub-continent's gravest problems.

"But the cure that she wanted to give the people was not a medical, but a spiritual one: unconditional and tender love and care."

St. Teresa's actions give flesh to St. Paul's words in 1 Cor 13:4-7.

Granted, none of us is a St. Teresa. And anyone who claims to be needs a serious dose of humility.

But Keith's paradoxical commandments give us one simple, guiding word in living love like St. Teresa: No matter what others say or do, be patient, kind and merciful to them "anyway."

(Send your stories of people you know who live out love in any of the ways described by St. Paul in 1 Cor 13:4-7 to Natalie Hoefer at <u>nhoefer@archindy.org</u>, or call 317-236-1486 or 800-932-9836, ext. 1486. Include your parish and a daytime phone

Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

Pass on lessons of faith and generosity from generation to generation

My dad wasn't the best of teachers. Or maybe I wasn't the best of students. It was probably a combination of the two.



Dad was extremely handy around the house. He could fix or install just about anything. But when he tried to pass those skills on to me by having me do one task or another, he'd soon take over if I didn't catch on quickly. But while I didn't

learn well from Dad how to use the scores of tools that filled our garage, he did instill deeply in me the importance of generosity.

I'm still trying to live out this virtue as well as he did, but I know well from him its importance and I'm not afraid to keep on trying if I don't succeed at it.

Dad learned this lesson well when he was about 10 from his dad, my beloved Grandpa Victor Gallagher.

One day shortly before Christmas in the late 1940s, Grandpa took Dad on a trip to town from their family farm near Shelbyville. There, he bought a Christmas tree and all the fixings for a splendid Christmas dinner.

Then, with Dad next to him in the family truck, Grandpa took his purchases to the home of a family that he knew was in need and at a time when he knew they wouldn't be in the house. He then simply laid the food and the tree on their front porch and drove away.

What Grandpa did on that day some 75 years ago flowed from his deep Catholic faith. It was a faith that he passed on to Dad as they checked for weeds while walking up and down the rows of the fields on the family farm, praying a rosary going up one row, chatting going back the next.

The story of Grandpa secretly making Christmas special for a family in need made an impression on my dad. He would tell it to his grandchildren like it had happened yesterday.

It was so important to my dad because he truly made it his own during the course of his life, which came to an end on April 27 when he died at 84 after a battle with cancer.

I love to remember Dad selflessly helping so many people over the years. Many of them were people close to him. The tireless care he gave to Mom as her health declined before her death in 2015 flowed from the deep love he had for her for more than 50 years.

I can't even begin to describe the countless ways that he helped my sister Kelly and me, both when we were growing

Journeying Together/Hosffman Ospino Virgin Mary lives in permanent relationship with us in Jesus

I once heard Mexican-American theologian Father Gary Riebe-Estrella, a priest of the Society of the Divine Word, tell a story that has stayed with me for



many years. Let me paraphrase.

As part of his missionary work, he visited the home of a Hispanic immigrant family. As he was welcomed into the home, he noticed a beautiful small altar *altarcito* in Spanish—

in the living room.

Altarcitos are common in Hispanic Catholic homes. They are sacred spaces where family members place religious objects and images, pictures of relatives, relics and other things that invite prayer. Small altars are reminders that any corner can be a space of encounter with God.

The priest's attention focused on three images of the Virgin Mary representing different Marian advocations popular among Hispanics, including Our Lady of Guadalupe. He found it interesting that they were placed next to each other.

As he struck conversation with the members of the family, and using the moment for good catechesis, he said, "You know that there is only one Mary, the mother of Jesus, correct?"

The family, paying close attention, nodded in assent. He proceeded, "You know also that these three images evoke the same Mary, correct?" While some nodded, the mother said, "Yes, they represent the same Mary, but they are different."

Hearing this, waiting for some elaboration and perhaps anticipating the history of each advocation, Father Riebe-Estrella asked, "In what ways are they different?" The mother replied, "They are cousins."

I don't recall what happened after this interchange. I am pretty sure that a few smiles were shared and more catechesis took place. The point, however, is that in this brief conversation, we learn a lot about how many Hispanic Catholics imagine the Virgin Mary through the experience of popular religion.

In the Hispanic Catholic imagination, closely aligned with the biblical worldview, Mary is never alone. She is always in relationship with someone.

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up at home and in our lives as adults.

But Dad also showed charity to complete strangers. In recent years, he often would secretly pay for the meal of people in restaurants he frequented, many of them young families.

All of this and more were an expression of the deep Catholic faith that Dad had received from his parents.

That's been the mission of my wife Cindy and me for the past 20 years of our life together as parents of our five sons.

We try to do that first through our own actions. Thankfully, our efforts are reinforced though the stories of their great-grandparents, like my Grandpa Victor, that we share with them. Then they have their own memories of my parents and the parents of Cindy who continue to give of themselves so selflessly.

We parents aren't alone in the often arduous task of forming our children to be virtuous Catholic adults. We have the generations who came before us, a great cloud of witnesses, who lend a helping hand, especially now through their prayers. †

The Ascension of the Lord/Msgr. Owen F. Campion **The Sunday Readings** Sunday, May 29, 2022

• Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

• Ephesians 1:17-23

• Luke 24:46-53

The Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading for Mass this weekend. It recounts the story of the ascension of the





This passage is at the beginning of Acts. As is the case with the Gospel of St. Luke, Acts seems to have been a work composed for one person. The person's name was Theophilus.

Was this a proper name? Or was it a title, since in Greek, it means "friend of God"?

In any case, these first eleven verses of Acts have an especially powerful message for us at the close of the season of Easter. Resplendent in the message is the ascension of Jesus into heaven. This ascension, rather than being assumed, reveals, as the resurrection revealed, that Jesus is God, came from God, is eternally with God and possesses the almighty power of God.

Other points are important. The reading gives the credentials of the Apostles. Jesus chose them to witness his ascension. They were not bystanders. It was no coincidence. The ascension was another moment in which Jesus taught the Apostles as no one else was taught.

They were special students, privileged because the Lord gave them a unique mission. They would be the instruments to carry his redemption to places faraway and to generations yet to be born.

The Apostles were humans. St. Peter showed that they could be weak. St. Thomas showed that they could be confused. Judas Iscariot showed that they could, out of selfishness and self-interest, abandon and even betray Jesus. The Lord promised that the Holy Spirit would give them insight and wisdom.

To underscore the divinity of Jesus, angels appeared after the ascension telling the Apostles to go on with their mission to preach the Gospel and to bring into the world the mercy, love and presence of

My Journey to God

God in Jesus.

The passage from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians that is the second reading is a beautiful prayer. It asks God to give the followers of Jesus wisdom and insight. It urged believers to put everything under the feet of Jesus, the head of the Church.

St. Luke's Gospel, the source of the last reading, also offers an Ascension narrative. Jesus led the Apostles to a place near Bethany. (The Mount of Olives, traditionally said to have been the site of the Ascension, is near Bethany.) Jesus told the Apostles that the Scriptures were fulfilled. Salvation had come.

As in Acts, Luke also established the Apostles as the chief witnesses and primary students of the Lord. Through them, the Spirit will continue to come.

Thus, the Apostles watch the ascension of Jesus and then return to the city. They know their task, but they still are unsure. The assignment is daunting. So, they pray in the temple constantly and proclaim the praises of God.

Reflection

The readings powerfully testify that Jesus is God. Although crucified and dead, Jesus rose again to life and then ascended into heaven, breaking the bonds of the Earth, possessing the power of God. He was not taken to heaven.

The readings are strongly ecclesial. They stress the identity of the Apostles, both in the first and in the third readings. The Apostles learned from Jesus. Albeit humans, as Pentecost and so many other moments would show, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come to guide them.

Important for us today, they formed the Church, of which true believers are part. Through them, in Christ, God lives in the Church and touches us through the Church.

The Easter story is approaching its conclusion. The final message is that Jesus still acts and speaks in the Church. He has not gone from us. He is here. He lives! †

Daily Readings

Monday, May 30 Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

St. Justin, martyr Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36b John 17:11b-19

Thursday, June 2

St. Marcellinus, martyr St. Peter, martyr *Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 John 17:20-26*

Friday, June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b John 21:15-19

Saturday, June 4

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Psalm 11:4-5, 7 John 21:20-25

Vigil Mass of Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5 Psalm 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30 Romans 8:22-27 John 7:37-39

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17 John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Question Corner/*Fr. Kenneth Doyle* 'Founded hope' for a child to be raised Catholic necessary for infant baptism

(Editor's note: This column by Father Kenneth Doyle was originally published in 2021.)



Q A friend of mine asked me recently to find out if the parish in which I was raised would baptize her new baby. My friend is not a Catholic, so I was surprised that she asked me this. The priest at my parish

said that he could not baptize the baby because the parents were not Catholic.

I was disappointed that the Catholic Church would turn away anyone seeking baptism. I think that the Church should welcome people from all paths of life; that would open the way for them and eventually they might come to the Church.

I wondered what Jesus would do, and I think that he would baptize anyone who sought it, regardless of their faith. I am wondering what your take is on this. (Indiana)

A For parents who are not Catholic wanting their child baptized, the relevant guideline of the Church's *Code of Canon Law* states that "for an infant to be baptized licitly ... there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (#868).

Baptism involves the pledge of the parents to raise and educate their child in the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith, and the baptismal ritual itself requires an affirmative response by the parents to that pledge.

Now I suppose that, theoretically, parents who were non-Catholics might have the firm intention of raising and educating their children as Catholics, though that does seem a bit unusual. But if that should be the case in this instance, I would suggest that you have the parents of the baby speak to the priest.

By Paige Hash

In my heart I hold so dear A dream in which perfect love drove out all fear.

The light surrounding my Shepherd was so intensely bright I knew it was divine.

At once he brought me to a place

Where all I noticed was the smile

on each and every face.

I longed to stay even just a little while But awoke, bringing with me only a smile.

I recently graduated from high school, and I have a question about the eucharistic fast. This morning, I went to the 7:30 Mass and had a cup of coffee with a protein shake in it before I left for church. The church was only a few minutes away, and I received Communion at the Mass, not thinking anything about the fast. Is this a mortal sin? It was a complete mistake, but I feel so horrible for accidentally disrespecting the Eucharist, and I would greatly appreciate your guidance. (Location withheld) It's not a mortal sin-or any sin at all. It was simply—as you said—a mistake done without any thought at all. Sin requires a deliberate intention to do something wrong. I appreciate your devotion to the Eucharist and pray that you might, with the help of grace, be able to share it with people of all ages, but perhaps especially your peers. At the same time, I would encourage you to come to a greater appreciation of God's mercy and forgiveness that is freely open to every day to all people. †

I looked into the eyes of Jesus and he into mine.



A Smile from Heaven

I cherish this moment as brief as it might have been, Because a smile so big could only have come from Heaven.

(Paige Hash is a member of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg. Photo: Pope John Paul II displays his familiar smile during a 1980 visit to Paris.) (CNS photo/Catholic Press Photo)



Honoring Earth's worth

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.

ARMITAGE, Gloria D., 83, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 24. Mother of Lynda Henderson, Jennifer Spivey, Amy, Ben, Jeremiah and Sam Armitage. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of nine.

CASE, Jackie D., 68, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, May 15. Husband of Carla Case. Father of Rory and Ryan Case. Son of Nona Case. Brother of Beverly Bailey, Diane Speer and Jerry Case. Grandfather of six.

CONGLETON, Richard M. 71, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, May 14. Husband of Beverly Congleton. Father of Annelise Congleton. Brother of Susan Meadows. Stepbrother of Cindy Emily and Lorelei Terkhorn.

DEZELAN, Sr., James, 90, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, April 26. Husband of Julia Dezelan. Father of Jeannie Cairns, Julianne Osecki, Jennifer Rutherford, James Dezelan, Jr., and Bob Murphy. Grandfather of eight. Greatgrandfather of nine.

GIESTING, Rita B., 93, Holy Family, Oldenburg, May 5. Mother of Sandra Cameron and Lisa Struewing. Stepmother of Janet Lewis, Mary Pohlman, Elizabeth, Julie, Donald and Thomas Giesting. Grandmother of eight. Step-grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of five. Step-great-grandmother of four.



Students and staff of Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg celebrated Earth Day on April 22 with an outdoor Mass at the Sisters of St. Francis' Fatima shrine, outdoor walks, a picnic lunch and by doing service work. In this photo, students pull weeds in front of a statue of Mary on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis. (Submitted photo)

GLELIS, Marilyn A., 65, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, May 10. Mother of Cassandra Glelis.

GOOTEE, Sandra, 77, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, May 8. Mother of Ginger Johnson, Meg Miller, Wendy, Benjamin, Brian and Ted Gootee. Grandmother of nine. Greatgrandmother of four.

GREENE, Rita E., 96, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 11. Mother of Robin Hensley, Rita Linehan, Ruth Ann Resparc, Richard, Roger and Ronald Greene. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of six.

HOEING, Alfred L., 92, St. Mary, Greensburg, May 14. Father of Melinda Herbert, Deborah Navarra, Diane Wenning and Randall Hoeing. Brother of Delores Bruns, Marieda Koors, Jerome and Sheldon Hoeing. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of three.

HUGHES, Bernard C., 91, St. Bernard, Frenchtown, May 3. Father of Patricia Hall, Jennifer Hoehn, Elizabeth Hooten, Charles and John Hughes. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 12.

KIJOVSKY, Mary E., 97, St. Jude, Indianapolis, May 7. Mother of Kathryn Dildine,

Sharon Winalski, Bill, David, Jim and Steve Kijovski and David Kuntz. Sister of Elizabeth Besse. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 18

LAMPERT, Jerome, 96, St. Gabriel, Connersville, May 9. Father of Mary Copley, Carol Schuett and Susan Wulff. Brother of Rose and James Lampert. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of two.

RAUCK, Luella M., 100, St. John Paul II, Sellersburg, May 11. Mother of Linda Helms, Patty Hendricks, Carolyn Thomas and Ronald Rauck, Sr. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 16.

SCOTT, Cynthia L., 68, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, May 14. Wife of Larry Scott. Mother of Megan Scott. Sister of Al, Bob, John and Tom Greer.

STROUD, Marcia, 70, St. Michael, Brookville, May 10. Wife of Kim Stroud. Stepmother of Quentin and Tyler Stroud. Stepgrandmother of two.

WALTERMAN, Lowell E., 91, St. Mary, Greensburg, May 4. Father of Rolanna Melcher. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of 17. Great-great-grandfather of eight.

WERNER, Virginia R., 81, St. Louis, Batesville, May 12. Wife of Virgil Werner. Mother of Donna Dykes, Melissa Scott and Bryan Werner. Grandmother of seven. Greatgrandmother of one.

WILSON, Elizabeth, 73, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Jan. 19. Wife of John Wilson. Mother of Laura McKeand. Sister of Bill and Joe Crofts.

WINTZ, Geraldine M., 95, St. Louis, Batesville, May 5. Mother of Joanne Dickman, Jim and Sam Wintz. Grandmother of 12. Greatgrandmother of 10. †

Poverty driving children into forced labor must be tackled, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-Poverty and inequality, which are major factors in child labor exploitation, must be addressed, Pope Francis said in a written message.

'Sadly, too many small hands are busy plowing fields, working in mines, traveling great distances to draw water and doing work that prevents them from

attending school, to say nothing of the crime of child prostitution, which is robbing millions of children of the joy of their youth and their God-given dignity," the pope wrote in a message to attendees of a global conference against child labor.

"Since poverty is, in fact, the chief factor that exposes children to labor exploitation, I am confident that your deliberations will not fail to address the structural causes of global poverty and the scandalous inequality that continues to exist among the members of the human family," the pope told conference participants. Pope Francis' message was addressed to Guy Ryder, director-general of the International Labor Organization, on the occasion of the fifth Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labor being held on May 15-20 in Durban, South Africa. Archbishop Peter B. Wells, apostolic nuncio of South Africa, read the pope's message to the assembly on May 16. Sending his "warm greetings and prayerful good wishes" to those attending the conference, the pope said he hoped the conference would raise awareness and promote a commitment to combating the problem of child labor. "While significant progress has been made in eliminating the scourge of child labor from society, this tragedy has been worsened by the impact of the global health crisis and the spread of extreme poverty in many parts of our world where the lack of decent work opportunities for adults and adolescents, migration and humanitarian emergencies condemn millions of young girls and boys to a life of economic and cultural impoverishment," he wrote.

Pope Francis wrote that he hoped the conference would lead to greater commitment from relevant leaders and international and national organizations in "working to find appropriate and effective ways of protecting the dignity and rights of children, especially through the promotion of social protection systems and access to

education on the part of all." The way we relate to children, the extent to which we respect their innate human dignity and fundamental rights, expresses what kind of adults we are and want to be and what kind of society we want to build," he wrote. The Vatican is committed to working in ways that help the international community persevere in its efforts to fight child labor exploitation "so that children will be able to enjoy the beauty of this stage of life, while also cultivating dreams for a bright future," the pope wrote. The World Day Against Child Labor will be marked on June 12 and have the theme "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labor." A report released by the International Labor Organization and UNICEF in 2021 estimated some 160 million children—almost one in 10—worldwide were caught up in forced child labor, an increase of 8.4 million children from the previous four years. The report said it found "a significant rise in the number of children aged 5 to 11 years in child labor, who now account for just over half of the total global figure." The number of children aged 5 to 17 years who were involved in work that is hazardous to their health, safety or morals had "risen by 6.5 million to 79 million since 2016." †

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Pope Francis

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"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). While these words, attributed to Christ, are certainly true, there are times in which we need to consider



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Your long-term goals will help you determine if a life income gift may be right for you. Giving is its own reward, especially when you know that you don't have to choose between supporting the charitable efforts so many rely on and providing for your own needs. Such an opportunity can give you

the assurance you need to share your blessings even more freely.

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Pope highlights need for community, evangelization, care for creation

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-Catholics of all ages are called to form strong faith communities, listen to and dialogue with others, reach out to share the Gospel and

work to protect the environment, Pope Francis said in a series of speeches on May 21. Still using a wheelchair because of



With Jesus, her son; with Joseph, her husband; with Elizabeth, her cousin; with her neighbors and fellow country-people; with the women who suffered when their children were tortured and killed by the empire; with the Apostles and early Christians who had the responsibility of spreading the Gospel.

Nearly in every narrative associated with a Marian advocation from Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, after Mary appears or is found (e.g., an image, a painting) she enters in personal relationships with individuals and entire communities.

For Hispanic Catholics who express our devotion to Mary through popular Catholicism, Mary is not a distant being or a person far removed from our daily experience or our immediate relationships.

Sometimes Catholics tend to strictly define the sacred as "separated from" or "separated for." There is some truth

Employment

to this, yet this does not have to mean that the sacred is equivalent to being alone or unreachable. Maybe this is why

sometimes we have so much trouble relating to God and to people who serve in the name of God.

The Mary of the Hispanic Catholic imagination is holy, sacred and chosen for divine things as a member of a community. Her holiness is expressed in her relationships.

Those relationships imagined by Hispanic Catholics, as in the case of the story above, may defy the linear logic we use to interpret our religious experience. Can Mary be a cousin, a sister, a companion to herself through different advocations?

Don't jump into the rabbit hole trying to answer the question. Just dwell in the mysterious dimensions of the conviction that there is one Mary, she is never alone and she lives in permanent relationship with us in Jesus Christ.

(Hosffman Ospino is professor of theology and religious education at Boston College.) †

groups in addition to holding three private meetings. The pope's public appointments began with an apology to several hundred adolescents preparing for

ongoing pain in his knee, Pope Francis

had a busy day, meeting four separate

confirmation in the Archdiocese of Genoa; they had gathered in the small square between the pope's residence and St. Peter's Basilica.

"I've made you wait 35 minutes. I am sorry," the pope told them.

Retail

Pope Francis pleaded with

the youngsters not to make their confirmation a "farewell sacrament" from active parish life, but to treasure the grace they receive, strengthen it with prayer and share it "because in the Church we are not 'me alone,' or just me and God; no, we are all of us, in community."

Pope Francis also met with people participating in an international conference on biodiversity sponsored by the environmental protection section of Italy's national police force. †

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