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### from the editor

# The pick-and-choose brand of Catholicism

Gosh, it's already three weeks since the pope left this country and, with the opening of the synod last week, I haven't had a chance yet to comment on some of the more controversial aspects of his visit to the U.S.

Much was made in the media about the pope's attack on the tendency of some American Catholics to pick and choose those teachings of the church choose those teachings of the church that they will accept. In his talks to the U.S. bishops, the pope said it was a "grave error" to think one could be a "good Catholic" while dissenting from some of the church's teachings.

When talking about dissent, by the

way, it seems that the teachings that
people think about are all related in some way to sex—birth control, premarital sex, homosexual activity, divorce and remarriage, abortion, in vitro fertilization. People also dissent from church teachings about social and economic iustice, capital punishment, and the arms race, but you seldom hear about that.

YOU HAVE TO WONDER if the pope's critics really thought he was going to water down Catholic doctrine during his visit here, or tell Americans that they could pick and choose what they want to believe. It's the pope's obligation to preach the church's teachings in their entirety, and he can't very well say, "Well, here's what I think, but if you disagree that's O.K."

would people really want to hear that? I don't think so. One of the things that most people admire about the Catholic religion is that it has a definite set of rules people should live by. It teaches as Christ taught.

It's true that not everyone can follow the church's teachings. In fact, no one can obey all of the church's rules all the time; we are all sinners. The pope himself said, in his talk to the bishops, "It has never been easy to accept the Gospel teaching in its entirety, and it never will be." But that doesn't mean that the rules should be changed. It simply means that we all have to try harder to achieve the

Christ told us that he came to call sinners, not the righteous. Therefore, his church has always been a church of sinners. All of us have to strive continually to live according to the church's teachings. Of course it would be easier to change the rules to conform to our behavior, but that's way the game is played.

WHILE THE POPE played hardball so far as church doctrine is concerned, he also showed his great compassion for all people. Unlike some people, he has no desire to drum anyone out of the church. He said that homosexual Catholics are "in the heart" of the church, met with them Cathones are "in the near" of the church, new war then and touched them. In his talk to the bishops he mentioned "the pastoral care that you give to homosexual persons" of in other talks he encouraged pastoral programs for divorced Catholics and those who practice artificial birth

He has never said. "This is what the church teaches and if you don't like it get out of the church." He would be more inclined to say, "This is what the church teaches but it also understands the weaknesses of human nature and that understands the weaknesses of human nature and that people cannot always follow those teachings. You will lways have a home in the church and it will do everything it can to help you to follow its teachings.

Too often we see some Catholics look down their noses at those who don't follow all of the church's teachings-"If they don't follow the church's teachings they should stop calling themselves Catholic." That's not a Christ-like

attitude, nor is it the pope's. Some people have criticized the various polls that showed a substantial number of people who disagree with some church teachings, saying that the people polled aren't good Catholics if that's what they believe. It's true that they might not be "good" Catholics, but they are still members of our church and their

WE ALSO MUST BE careful to distinguish between a attitude and a legitimate diversity of views within the church. That diversity, which has been part of the church since apostolic times, has been encouraged by numerous Vatican documents. For example, the prinby numerous Vatican documents. For example, the principal Vatican document on communications, Communio et Progressio, says that Catholic publications should "encourage a free expression of opinion and a wide variety of points of view. because it contributes to the formation of public opinion in the church and the world."

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As the bishops who addressed the pope told him, the American laity is highly educated and "almost instinctively react negatively when they are told that they must do something." That laity is going to be involved in making something. That taity is going to be involved in maxing changes in the church, especially those changes involving the role of women. Don't, however, expect changes in basic Catholic doctrine. That's something the pope couldn't do even if he were inclined to do so—which, of course,

## Father Eugene Hensell installed at St. Meinrad

Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell was officially installed as president-rector of St Meinrad College and School of Theology on Friday, Oct. 2. Nearly 400 people, including 22 representatives of institutions of higher education and professional associations and 10 bishops, attended the inauguration in St. Bede Theater.

Father Eugene succeeds Bishop Daniel Buechlein, who was named Bishop of Memphis in January.

Indianapolis Archbishop Edward T

O'Meara presided, and delivered the homily, at a concelebrated Mass in the archabbey church. At the inauguration, the invocation was delivered by Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jesuit Father Paul Reinert, chancellor of St. Louis University and emeritus member of the St. Meinrad board of overseers, introduced Father Eugene.

Benedictine Archabbot Timothy Sweeney, chairman of the board of trustees, ve the charge to the president.

In his inaugural address, Father Eugene

spoke about the current climate of seminary education. He also defined St. Meinrad's unique mission. "The world of seminary

education is certainly experiencing a transition," he said. "I am convinced that St. Meinrad has much to offer in the way of training parish priests."

He noted that St. Meinrad is a national

seminary, with students from 54 dioceses throughout the U.S. and beyond. The faculty, he said, consists of men and women, or-dained and unordained, Religious and lay, single and married, Catholic and Protestant, educated at the best colleges and universities in North America and Europe.

Technology has made distance irrele-t," Father Eugene said, "and isolation cannot be reduced to merely a rural setting. We are not trendy; we are deliberate. We are not just another seminary; we are distinct.



Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell

You will discover here a richness in diverse peoples from diverse backgrounds, bringing together diverse experiences into a com-munal environment called St. Meinrad Seminary. The result is a richly distinct Catholic

He pledged that St. Meinrad "will cor tinue to emphasize our commitments to quality teaching, scholarly research and publication, and creative leadership.

Father Eugene is a 45-year-old native of Logansport. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1969 for the Diocese of Lafayette, received his B.A. and M.Div. degrees from St. Meinrad and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in biblical languages and literature from St Louis University. He served as director of campus ministry and instructor of theology 19761-1976, and he taught theology at Font-

bonne College in St. Louis from 1976 to 1979. He joined the monastic community at St. Meinrad in 1979 and made his solemn profession of yows in 1982. He has taught in the college and school of theology since 1979. Prior to being named president-rector, he served as provost-vice rector of St. Meinrad College.

There are currently 250 students enrolled at St Meinrad's

## Speedway parish to observe 50th anniversary Sunday

by Cynthia Dewes

St. Christopher Parish, located in Speedway, will observe its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 11 at a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated at 2 p.m. by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara. A bronze tablet engraved with a picture of the church and the names and dates of service of the three pastors who have served there, will be unveiled after the Mass.

Bishop Joseph E. Ritter established St. Christopher Parish in 1935 and appointed Father Leo A. Lindemann to be founding pastor. Father Lindemann selected the parish site at the corner of 16th St. and Lynhurst Dr. in the small town of Speedway, on the west side of Indianapolis. The first parish building was a combination rectory and chapel

Thirty-five charter families attended St. Christopher's dedication Mass on September
5, 1937, and a school staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg opened in 1949. Archbishop Paul C. Schulte presided at the dedication of the new and present building on May 18, 1958.

Father Lindemann served St. Christopher until 1973, when Msgr. Francis J. Reine was appointed pastor. Msgr. Reine retired in 1983 and Father Michael Welch became pastor. Today the parish numbers 1,758 families

Two additional anniversary events are planned at St. Christopher. On Sunday, Nov 1 astronaut James Irwin will speak at all Masses, and a reception will be held for him that evening. An anniversary dance will con clude the celebration at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Westside Knights of Columbi hall. A parish history which will be available for sale after Dec. 1 is being prepared by James Divita, professor of history at Marian College

St. Christopher's anniversary celebration was planned by a committee headed by Robert O'Neal. It began on July 19 with a proclamation from Robert McMahon, presi dent of the Speedway Town Board, naming the day "St. Christopher Parish Golden Anniversary Sunday." Other anniversary activities included the annual parish festival, known throughout the Indianapolis area as 'Tops in Food," an ice cream festival, and a youth field day.

#### Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule Week of October 11, 1987

SUNDAY, Oct. 11 — 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Eucharistic Liturgy at 2 p.m. fel-lowed with reception and dinner.

MONDAY, Oct. 12 — Sacrament of Confirmation administered at St. Mary Parish, Rushville, and for St. Rose Parish, Knightstown, Eucharistic Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. followed with a

TUESDAY, Oct. 13 — Catholic Youth Organization Awards Banquet, Sce-cina High School, Indianapolis, 6:30

THURSDAY, Oct. 15 - Sacrament of Confirmation administered at St. Mary of the Woods Parish, St. Mary of the Woods, and Eucharistic Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. followed with a

FRIDAY, Oct. 16 - Visitation and lunch with the Sisters of St. Francis, administrators and staff of St. Fran Hospital, Beech Grove, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, Oct. 17 - Second Ann Assembly of the Urban Parish Cooperative, Catholic Center, 8:45 a.m.



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## Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

# Convention addresses major social issues

by Robert H. Riegel

Welfare reform, AIDS ministry, aging minority populations, school-based clinics the housing crisis, the family in the '80s. the housing crisis, the family in the ous, legalization of undocumented aliens, the farm crisis, industrial layoffs—the list of issues considered at the 73rd annual conven-tion of Catholic Charities USA—September 11-16 in San Antonio—is a litany of many of the major social issues of our time.

While the visit of Pope John Paul II, on

which I reported two weeks ago, was the centerpiece of the meeting and provided a platform on which to stand, the rest of an exciting meeting focused on "nuts and bolts" management issues and social problems management issues and social problems. Some 1,200 Charities board members, staff, and volunteers throughout the country a more just and compassionate society Our theme was "Working for Mercy and

# prayed and worked together with the goal of The major policy paper for the year was

Leukemia victim finds faith in his best friend's religion

by Margaret Nelson

As long as he can remember, 20-year-old Jim Charters had been Stephen Vallier's Jim charters had been stephen valuer's friend. But they really started spending a lot of time together when they joined the Belzer Junior High School choir in the Lawrence township school in suburban Indianapolis. At Lawrence Central High School, they sang and danced in all the musicals

Being friends, they talked very casually about what they believed in through the years. Stephen, a member of St. Lawrence Church, never really thought too much about Jim becoming a Catholic

Steve did talk freely about how he felt about God. Besides going to Mass, he knew he enjoyed the Catholic Youth Organization

(CYO) activities in his parish. And he did go to the Newman Center when he and Jim went away to Ball State to college

But after one quarter at college, they decided to come home and work as enter-tainers at the then new Union Station. Then

last fall Jim, like his older brother, went last fall Jim, like his older brother, went away to serve in the Army, while Steve took more jobs in "show biz." But Jim didn't last long in the Army. He was in basic training in Alabama only a short time when he became mysteriously tired. He was sent home.

Two days later, on March 8, Jim learned he had leukemia, a cancer of the bone marrow. After three weeks of chemotherapy, he experienced a remission.

dancer at Holiday World in Santa Claus, Ind. this past summer. Jim visited the resort once when Father Larry Crawford was there. Father Crawford is the director of the Pro-Life Office at the Catholic Center. Jim tound it easy to talk with the priest.

In August, Jim suffered a relapse. Steve In August, Jim surrered a relapse. Steve stayed right next to Jim on a cot at the hospital when ne was not working. Even when he was at work, Steve's thoughts were with his suffering friend. The prognosis left little hope

Ste ve heard that a radio station was having a contest for tickets to a show by Jim's favorite band, REO Speedwagon, when it was performing at the State Fair. Steve contacted the station and the two were not only given the tickets, but chauffuered from Comnunity Hospital out to dinner and the show accompanied by the emcee. Later, Dave Let-terman sent a book and a shirt to Jim. And

the Purdue team sent a signed basketball.

During this time, Jim wanted to talk more about religion. He had dated a Catholic girl for a while and been impressed with the way she and her family talked and acted. He ask-

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On Sept. 1, at St. Lawrence Church, 20year-old Jim Charters was baptized into the Catholic Church by Father Crawford. In fact. he received five sacraments, including the Anointing of the Sick.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Jim Charters died in Community Hospital.

on the issue of pluralism, living and work ing in a society such as America which is pluralistic both politically and religiously and in a Catholic Church noted for its diverse opinions within our greater unity. For Catholic Charities, which operates so many programs and services within a public con-text, issues of maintaining and manifest-ing our special religious identity can be especially challenging.
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As part of this challenge, delegates were treated to four major addresses. San Antonio's youthful, charismatic mayor, Henry Cisneros, addressed the issue of changing public policy in a society in which gaps between rich and poor are widen-ing. Cisneros emphasized the importance of building on America's diversity as we seek to enable those at the bottom of the social ladder to take charge of their own lives.

Jesuit Father Peter Hewitt spoke on the

"Role of the Church in Public Policy," draw-ing parallels between the church's social teaching and the preamble to our own Con-stitution. He treated American pluralism as 'blessing and a danger, a project which is orking and a challenge for the future."

In another major address Congressman Mary Rose Oakar (D-Ohio) presented a synthesis between the teaching of the American bishops in their pastoral letter on the U.S. economy and factors contributing to the growing feminization of poverty. Con-gressman Oakar appears to be a fine examgressinan Oakar appears to be a fine exam-ple of a Catholic layperson putting the values she learned in her Catholic upbringing and education to work in the public forum. She has introduced numerous bills calling for more equitable treatment of women.

Finally, Ernest Cortez, a community

organizer with significant success in th uthwest, presented to us the central role that the local church—parish or congregation—has often served in empowering the poorest of our cities and rural areas.
"The church," he said, "if it is to remain dynamic, must recruit and engage those on the margins of society" just as Jesus himself

In addition to the workshops, meetings, small groups, and major addresses, the Catholic Charities congress again engaged in its annual lively debate on current issues. The policy paper this year, on pluralism, was refined further and resolutions were passed dealing with such diverse topics as international migration and the right to asylum, family reunification of those legalized under the new immigration law, implementing the bishops' pastorals on nuclear weapons and on economic justice, improvements in the national welfare program, tax policy and charitable contributions, efforts being made by some government officials to exclude religious organizations as contractors to pro-vide needed human services, ministry to AIDS victims and their families, and the sexual exploitation and victimization of women and girls. As can be seen, a broad agenda

Four of the staff of Catholic Charities of the archdiocese were able to attend this year's meeting and to be present at the Holy Father's visit. We hope to bring back a renewed commitment to service to the peo-ple of the archdiocese and to the clients of our Charities agencies, delivering the papal visit theme of "Unity in Service" at the local level, both within the church and to the pluralistic community in which it lives.

## Matter\$ Temporal

by Msgr. Gerald A. Gettelfinger Secretary for Temporalities

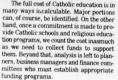
What Does a Catholic Education Cost?

For several weeks we have been cor sidering the cost of Catholic education in the more narrow cor

text of a Catholic school. We have not dealt with the cost of our non-school reli gious education pro-grams. These costs are quite small com-pared to the cost of schools. However, in

cent years we have taken our religious education programs including those for adults, more seriously Many parishes and some deaneries have employed full-time directors of religious education who, with full credentials, com mand salaries commensurate with those of principals. Religious education pro-grams typically rely on volunteer catechists who assist the directors.

The full cost of Catholic education is in many ways incalculable. Major portions can, of course, be identified. On the other and, once a commitment is made to pro vide Catholic schools and religious education programs, we count the cost inasmuch as we need to collect funds to support them. Beyond that, analysis is left to planners, business managers and finance committees who must establish appropriate



### Minimum Contribution: Flawed Practice

In concluding these reflections on the cost of Catholic education, there is one issue that is troublesome for several reasons. That is the practice of parishes requiring a "minimum contribution" for parishioners

One, if a parish chooses to fund a free school, the parish may do so. The contribu-tions from all its parishioners are used indiscriminately. School families are not to be targeted for a "minimum contribution." It is our understanding that only in this arrangement are contributions which support a parish school tax deductible. It

is an admirable ideal for a parish to provide a free school for all children without consideration of the size or the source of the contribution. This scenario is rare indeed.

Two, when school families are required to make a "minimum contribution" because they have children in the parochial or inter-parochial school, there is an immediate "separation" establish-ed in parish families. Further, the funding of the school will cause the financial report of the parish to reflect an inordir or the parish to retrect an inordinate percentage of total parish income going to the school. This causes families who choose not to use the school to question the seeming token amount that is spent for non-school religious education pro

Three, the Internal Revenue Service, in its application of the tax laws, has made it clear that school families who are targeted for a minimum contribution because they have youngsters in the parish or inter-parish school cannot receive a tax deduction for such contributions. The IRS will simply look at the per-pupil cost of the school, measure the "minimum contribution" against it and then tax the parents for the per-pupil cost. In short, such con-tributions are considered tuition. Tuition at the elementary and secondary levels are not tax-deductible. Parish leadership has been apprised of this.

Four, the minimum-contribution approach to parish school funding does not deal squarely with the issue of "Who should pay the per-pupil costs?" For this reason, funding of the parish educational programs, both school and non-school. should be supported from several sources:
1) tuition [including fees]; 2) parish subsidy; 3) development programs. Earlier I used a formula for funding that could be considered: 1) tuition & fees = 60% of perpupil cost; 2) parish subsidy = 30%; 3) development programs = 10%. Note that the same formula could be applied to both school and other religious education

In any case, the practice of the ninimum contribution" for school "minimum contribution" for families should be discontinued.

## Carl Henn selected as new UPC development director

by Margaret Nelson

Carl Henn, member of St. Joan of Arc Carl Henn, memoer or st. oven or see Parish, Indianapolis, for 36 years, has been selected as the development director for the Urban Parish Cooperative (UPC), a group that unites the efforts of ten center city

Henn will plan a program to publicize and inform the public about the work of the UPC. Later, he will help develop a funding pro-gram to support the work that needs to be done in these churches.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to communicate the work we are doing," Henn said.
"The concept is unique. We have had no
experience of parishes working together like this. Every parish has been like an island. I consider it a minor miracle that these ten parishes have stayed with this program for three years. It is very encouraging."

Henn explained, "Strong parishes in the ner city give a stability that nothing else can. And there is an opportunity for all kinds of ministry when they are staffed. It is something that everyone should be willing to support. It is an exciting concept. I'm excited support. It is an exchang concept. I in contact to be a part of it. It can give everyone a larger vision of what can be accomplished."

Henn recently retired after 19 years as communications director for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, for whom he wrote publications and did public relations work. He will continue with the chamber as a contant. Before working at the ICC, the But-



er journalism graduate was a writer for The

Indianapolis Times for 17 years.

Involved in many charity projects, Henn chaired a parish committee that raised \$350,000 to replace the roof and do other restoration work at St. Joan of Arc. He has served on the board of directors of Catholic Social Services (CSS) and done public rela tions work for CSS and St. Elizabeth's Home He established the press bureau for Marian College. Since 1974, Henn has been the general manager for the Philharmonic Or-chestra of Indianapolis.

# COMMENTARY

## Pope talks about dissent; he calls a spade a spade

by Dale Francis

Pope John Paul II told the U.S. bishops at Los Angeles, "Dissent remains what it is, dissent. As such, it may not be proposed or received on an equal footing with the church's authentic teaching."

Some of those who practiced it claimed dissent was something that good Catholics could do on a selective basis. From this came the conent of cafeteria-style Catholicism in which it was contended that good Catholics could pick and choose what they

would accept from Catholic teachings.

The pope quite simply made it impossible to accept that dissent held a place in the church on the level of the magisterium or

that Catholics could be in dissent and think

of themselves as good Catholics. What does this mean to dissent and dissenters after the pope's visit? One thing it does not mean is that the church is going to crack down on dissenters. One secular writer said it would mean a great houseeaning in the church in which dissenters were swept out.

That is a misunderstanding of what Pope John Paul said.

When Pope John Paul II spoke of dissent it was not to denounce or castigate those in dissent. It was simply to say they deceive themselves to think their dissent can be considered on an equal footing with the church's authentic teaching. He said that dissenters deceive themselves if they think they can be in dissent and be good Catholics.

For example, there is no ambiguity in the church's teaching that abortion is an evil There have been those who have said it is permissible to argue that abortion in certain limited situations can be accepted as a Catholic theological opinion. The pope said, and all evidence would attest, the church's clear teaching is that abortion is evil. The dissenting opinion in no way exists on the same level as the teaching of the magisterium

The church's response to those in dissent on abortion is instructive. There is no equivocation. The church teaches abortion is evil and that those who dissent from this teaching are in error. But those who dissent m the teachings of the church are not cast out of the church.

There is a special problem when those in dissent are in positions, to which they have been commissioned by the church, where been commissioned by the chief, whate they are expected to bring to others the teachings of the church. Priests and members of religious communities, who publicly dissent from the teaching on abortion, logically cannot fulfill their commission to bring to others teachings of the church to which they dissent. So the church says to them, what integrity should have suggested, they cannot be simultaneously promoters of, and dissenters to, the official teachings of the church. But this does not mean they are out-

There are others who, because it became chic to be dissenters, said they were dissenters when they weren't dissenters at all. Those were Catholics who came to life situations in which Catholic teachings became a problem for them. They weren't so much dissenters as Catholics who wished the church's teachings were not so

difficult. The pastoral approach to them is filled with compassion

Much of the dissent that has existed among Catholics in this country exhibits a parochialism, as if what they want should be heard, without reference to the truth that the Catholic Church is universal.

The pope's visit and the words he spoke will not eliminate dissent in the church but it is identified: "Dissent remains what it is, dissent. It may not be proposed or received on an equal footing with the church's authen-

## The Waldheim crisis became instead a historic opportunity

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

After his June meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, it was widely predicted that Pope John Paul II's Sept. 11 meeting in Miami with U.S. Jewish leaders

might have to be canceled. Thanks be to God, the meeting not only took place but went remarkably well.

As a Catholic observer at the meeting, L have the impression Jewish participants, while not completely

satisfied with the pope's response to some concerns, felt it was an event of historic

The pope's address at the meeting helped clear the air on at least two key points. In recent years, the world Jewish community has understandably complained that the Nazi Holocaust, or Shoah, is being played down or, worse, trivialized as one of many equally tragic examples of Nazi barbarism. The fact is the Holocaust was, in essence, a uniquely Jewish tragedy

Millions of Christians were murdered by the Nazis, but not simply because they were Christians. Not so the Jews. As the pope em-phasized with great feeling, the Nazis meant to exterminate all of Europe's Jews, "only because they were Jews.

It is clear the pope fully understands the Holocaust as a uniquely Jewish tragedy, a tragedy unparalleled in human history. He is committed to do everything in his power and that of the church to make sure that never again will such a horror be possible

Never again."

Jewish participants were greatly encouraged to hear the pope make this point so emphatically. They also were encouraged to hear him add that, to understand more than the property of the state of the deeply the meaning of the Shoah and the historical roots of anti-Semitism related to joint collaboration and studies by Catholics and Jews on the Shoah should

He pointed out that the religious and historical implications of the Shoah will be the principal theme of a December interna tional conference on Catholic-Jewish rela tions in Washington under joint Vatican and world Jewish auspices. I have been privileged to take part in several such international meetings. But I look forward to this one with special interest. It promises to be a historic landmark in post-Vatican II Catholic-Jewish relations because its findings will be incorporated in a Vatican docu-

ment on the Shoah and anti-Semitism.

The Miami meeting helped clear the air on another point. Jews rightly insist that, like others, they must have the right to define themselves in light of their own faith and experience. This right, formally acknowledged in the Vatican's 1970 guidelines for implementing Vatican II's document on Catholic-Jewish relations, was reaffirmed by the pope in Miami

'In fidelity to this affirmation," he said, Catholics recognize "that Jews have a religious attachment to the land, which finds its roots in biblical tradition." The pope went on to say that Jews "have a right to a homeland, as does any civil nation, accord-ing to international law." The right to a homeland, he added, also applies to the Palestinians.

In affirming that attachment to the land is an essential element of Jewish experience and self-definition, the pope made clear that the Vatican's delay in establishing diplo-matic relations with Israel is based not on religious grounds but on the harsh political realities of the Middle East.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Vatican will establish diplomatic relations with the State of Israel at the earliest pos-

Leaders of the Jewish community will continue to keep this issue up front in the Catholic-Jewish dialogue. I, for one, fully agree that it must be solved with all

But now that the pope has made it clear that the issue is political in the broad sense of the word and not religious, I hope that they will find it in their hearts to credit him with sincerity and will recognize that he is fully committed to meeting their expectations as soon as possible. A few Jewish commentators, still seeth-

ing over the Waldheim affair, do not agree that the Miami meeting was a step forward. But I am convinced that, even in the short run, history will prove them wrong.

I agree with those Jewish leaders who

now conclude that, on balance, the Waldheim affair was a potentially dangerous crisis which, in God's providence, paradoxically became a historic opportunity to break new ground in Catholic-Jewish relations.

## Educated Catholics and their knowledge of the faith today

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Studies confirm that today's Catholics are more visible in society, they are more educated and they have moved up the onomic ladder

When I related these facts to a retired priest friend, his reaction was 'Yes, but they can't recite the Ten Commandments." Indirectly he was questioning the value of this increased education for people

who still couldn't recite the Ten Commandments. Perhaps there was a further implication, "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose one's soul?" But to leap from not being able to recite the commandments to losing one's soul is one horrendous leap. Before anyone makes such a leap, let's take a closer look at the knowledge gap among today's educated Catholics and some ways to

Undoubtedly there are many Catholics whose knowledge of church history ecclesiology, Scripture and sacramental life is minimal. They obviously lack book

nowieuge of the faith, a book knowledge they undoubtedly have in other areas

This can be attributed partially to decades of religious education that deemphasized rote memory and basics of the



faith. In the quest to make religion more meaningful, some basic knowledge was neglected. At the same time, many of these Catholics are people whose faith means a lot to them and who have a fairly good awareness of the Catholic faith as a reality

To demean well-educated Catholics who lack some of the basic knowledge that truly could give them a greater understanding of faith and the church, however, smacks too much of an old-fashioned approach to religion. Instead what is needed are efforts motivate people to want to expend the effort required to grow in knowledge.

Laying a guilt trip on Catholics won't help. Today's approach must be founded on efforts to help them reason toward it.

Today, there is growing awareness that Catholics, no matter how educated they may he in other areas, need to learn more of the fundamentals of their faith. But the best of Catholics are always in need of the kind of evangelization that will motivate them to

It would be wise to focus, for example, on why church history, the sacrathe Bible are worth know ental life and ference will such knowledge make in

It also would be wise to remember that we live in an age when adults expect to participate in their ongoing education and to contribute to its processes. This age does not hold that "ours is not to reason why, ours is but to do or die," as may have been true in

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# Homily at funeral Mass for Fr. Bernard Strange

by Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB

Father Bernard L. Strange, who devoted most of his life to working for justice for blacks, died Sept. 24 at the age of 81. Below is the homily delivered at his funeral Mass in St. Rita's Church, Indianapolis, on Sept. 28.)

A priest builds bridges. The man whose memory we honor today became himself a bridge.

A priest builds community. The man whose passing has brought us into unity around the altar today was a man who blew up walls and tore down fences that neatly separated community from community, and people from people.

A priest teaches wisdom and proclaims truth. The man whom we remember today ignored conventional wisdom and made his entire life a lesson in justice.

When Bernard Strange was ordained a priest in 1304, the black community of Indianapolis, like most blacks everywhere in this country, was an invisible mass sequestered behind a cutation of indifference, condescending contempt, and neglect. In this sprawling city centered in the American heartland amid cornfields and prairie, the black community which had survived the government of a KKK administration kept its subordinate place of second-class citizenship and back-stairs living.

Not long after his ordination Father Bernands Strange became part of this black community when he became an assistant at St. Rita's Church and later co-administrator with Father Herman Mootz here at St. Rita's. Later Herman Mootz would lead a black Catholie parish in Evansyille and Bernard Strange would continue a life-long ministry to black Catholies here in Indianapolis.

This life of service would span four decades, decades of quiet growth and momentous change, decades of transformation among American blacks, maturation among black Catholics, and a renovation in the Catholic Church; decades of crisis, of criticism, and, yes, of creativity. With quiet determination and a tremendous conviction of the truth contained in Catholic social teaching, Bernard Strange lived out at minis-

try that in the beginning was unpopular, unappreciated, and certainly unglamorous. For priests and Religious who worked among blacks received the same treatment as those whom they served.

Yet these white priests and Religious who ministered in the black community in the decades before the civil rights movement were in every sense of the word giants. They were not only parochial leaders, they were prophets; not only were they pastors, they were providers; not only advocates but, often enough, political power-brokers.

They were nen and women filled with courage and with determination. And they carried out the Catholic Church's historic role of using power to protect the powerless, of using strength to withstand the unjust. Sure of themselves and sure of the rightness of their cause, they wasked the tightness of their cause, they wasked the tightness per themselves and the surface on the other. And even though they did not always maintain the balance, they preserved their dedication.

Their names are a benediction—a William Markoe in St. Louis, an Alonzo J. Olds in Washington D.C., a John Burke in New York, a John LaFarge in southern Maryland and in the pages of America magazine, and a Katherine Drexel, that venerable woman ministering to black Catholic children and never neglecting the issue of social justice and reform.

It is to this number and their history that Bernard Strange of Indianapolis belongs. It is of them that the black bishops of the United States spoke in their pastoral letter, "What We Have Seen and Heard," when they wrote: "We must remember those who brought us to new birth within the faith. When we as black Catholics speak of missionaries, we shall never forget the devoted service that many white priests, vowed Religious, and laypersons gave to us as a people and still give us daily. We shall remember and never forget that this ministry was often given at great personal sacrifice and hardship."

Bernard Strange was a bridge-builder who laid down his life to become a bridge; yet he did not hesitate to blast and blow up the walls and fences that blocked access to the bridge. He struggled to get black students into all-white Catholic high schools. He was a teacher of justice and, along with his archbishop, truly saved the honor of the church of Indianapolis in an age of bigotry and racism.

He was among the founding members of the NAACP in this city, and he gave his name to the Urban League long before it was the fashionable thing to do. Always the priest, he supported the cause of the black community in every way, behind the scenes and on the line. Humble and unassuring, he took pride in the black Catholics of this city and raised the money and built the church in which we stand that was not to by just an edifice good enough for the missions but an artistic gen, a source of pride, and a worthy symbol of a black people, conscious of their self-worth.

A man of peace, he fought the battle of civil rights and made his preferential option for the poor long before the Second Vatican Council reminded us that this has always been the church's option also. A quiet man, he did not shrink from controversy and confrontation, because for him justice was indi-

visible and not to be compromised away. For the dignity of every black woman, man, and child was paid by the mangled body of a Godman stretched on a bloody cross.

In the end, all of us must stand in judgment under this cross, and all of us must have our deeds weighed against the words of the Gospel. When did we see you hungry? When did we find you naked? When were you homeless, and in prison, Lord? And always the answer will thunder back. I was black and you came to me. I was in the inner-city and you reached out to me. I was scorned and neglected and held back by the color of my skin and you went to work and fought for me.

Bernard Strange's memorial is not this church nor is it Marquette Manor, not even the Peter Claver Center. His monument is the black Catholic community of Indianapolis, the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver and their devotion to the church, the black sisters, brothers, and priests who, like myself, knew his unfailing support and interest. His monuments are the achievements of this community and their contribution to the church of Indianapolis.

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# to the editor

# Starting the Living Rosary

There are a number of Catholic Christians in every parish within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis who have a deep devotion to the rosary and desire some community expression of this devotion in their own parish.

There is a method called the Living Rosary whereby they can, in an easy manner, see this accomplished. Simplicity and minimal time involvement are among its main characteristics. The only obligation involved is for its members to recite one decade a day which can be said in the privacy of one's own home or wherever he or she chooses.

The decade is said for the specific intentions of those members comprising the Living Rosary and for the intentions of the parish in which they reside. Enrollment of members and mailing to each one a rosary calendar to follow daily is the only work involved.

The procedure followed to set this apostolate in motion is not difficult. It does require a group leader who loves the rosary and has the courage to take the first step. Information packets on the Living Rosary

Information packets on the Living Rosary, have been sent to more than 1,500 people in various parishes throughout the United States as well as to approximately 200 missionaries in distant mission posts, ranging from Papua, New Guinea to Tanzania, Africa.

It would be a blessing for your parish and family if during this Marian year this devotion could be started.

For more information on setting in motion this needed apostolate, write me at the following address:

Joseph C. Evers, M.D. McLean Pediatric Associates, Inc. 6711 Whittier Ave. McLean, Va. 22101

# Witness to value of family

In "To the Editor" in the Sept. 25 issue, Thomas Jeatran correctly points out that an important name was left out of the story I wrote, "The State Gears Up for the Family" (Aug. 28). State Representative George Schmid (R-Indianapolis) truly did provide strong legislative leadership for supporters of a change in our public welfare laws. As the Indiana Catholic Conference points out, it was under his direction that "the antifamily bias of the current system has become increasingly recognized".

become increasingly recognized."

Rep. Schmid has long been a Christian witness to the value of the family and it is a pleasure to affirm and thank him for his legislative leadership in this crucial area now and in the future.

Valerie R. Dillon Director, Family Life Office Archdiocese of Indianapolis Indianapolis

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#### cornucopia

# Keep saving for the crash

by Cynthia Dewes

One of my fondest early memories from the 30s is the sight of Great-Aunt Tina chasing a chicken around her backyard with murder on her mind and a pot waiting on the

stove. She was preparing to display mastery at turning a three-pound fowl and some vegetables from er glorious garden into banquet for 12 people, a feat she performed nearly every Sunday. In those days, frugality was in lock step with



godliness, while cleanliness temporarily brought up the rear.

A lot of people were jobless, so they spent their time making a career of saving money. They braided rugs from old clothing, con-structed furniture from twigs, turned bottles structed numture rount wigs, unlead soutes into lamps. They saved string, rubber bands, grocery sacks, newspapers, giftwrap, rib-bon, and empty food jars. (For those over age 45: they also saved orange crates, tin-foil and cellophane). The art of stretching food was developed. The art of stretching concluser for large

to such an extent that mothers fed large

families of children, and one or two hobos who dropped by, with half a dozen hot dogs or a pound of bacon. Vegetables were cheap, plentiful and homegrown. If anyone was still hungry, bread and potatoes took up the slack.

Great Depression mentality is still alive and well in Western civilization today. Yes, here in the very bosom of materialism beats a prudent heart that quickens to the shatter a prudent neart that quickens to the standard of recycling glass, or the musty smell of paper salvage. It leaps at the sight of its beloved, whose name is "sale." This resurgence of parsimony began in

the 60s when zealots swore themselves to save, not just paper and glass, but the entire planet. They were noble (and tired of tripping over litter).

Indigents, winos and non-profit organiza indigents, winos and non-profit organiza-tions started recycling for money. Altrusts took it up because of moral righteousness. But a lot of us simply remembered the bad good-old-days and reverted to type. When the crash comes, as it inevitably will (a corollary belief to Demogracie Metalitivi and in a corollary belief to Depression Mentality), we'll be

In the midst of fat plenty, we salvage what is basically garbage. We save polyester fashion rejects to clothe the lucky poor. We delegate den leaders and church bazaars to fashion doodads from laundry detergent caps and wine corks. We collect coupons to buy useless products generated by the craven brains of advertising moguls

Some of us really get into it. If we died suddenly they'd write us up in the National Enquirer with photographs of stacked newspaper towers and mountains of flattened aluminum cans crowding our homes. The city could start a landfill with old flower pots, broken tools, oil cans, paint rollers, and wood scraps shoveled from our garages.

In case the crash comes, we have enough land to raise chickens and vegetables, and we're saving string again. If worst comes to worst, we can always burn coupons for warmth.

#### check-it-out...

Scecina Parent Support Group will sponsor a program on "How to Motivate Your Teenager" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14 in the school library. Presenters are Dan and Judy Hoyt, parents of nine children Enter the east doors. For information call Dan and Ginny O'Brien at 317-356-2604 or

The Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Edward A. Block Fund will sponsor a Institute for Christian and Jewish Clergy from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the congregation's temple, 6501 N. Meri-dian St. Rabbi Michael Cook, professor of Intertestamental and Early Christian Liter-ature at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati will speak and dialogue on "Assessing Jewish Approaches to New Testament Texts" in morning and afternoon sessions. There is no charge for the institute which includes lunch, but participants are asked to register beforehand by calling the office of Rabbi Jonathan Stein at 317-255-6647

The Afro-American Children's Theatre offering after-school classes in drama, writing and dance to help children improve communication skills and build self confidence, will begin Monday, Oct. 12 at St. Rita School, 1800 N. Arsenal St. Writer/producer Crystal Rhoades will offer drama classes from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Mon. and Wed.; writing from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs., and dance at noon on Sat. Fees for drama and writing at noon on Sat. Pees for dance and when are \$8/week and \$5/week for dance. Scholarships are available. For more information call 317-636-8580, 317-926-8759, or 317-546-6970

V St. Joseph Parish in Terre Haute infor girls to help in the celebration of their ses-quicentennial. It is believed that the last academy graduation class was 1937. Anyone having information about academy graduates may call 812-232-7011 to have nictures taken for a commemorative book

As part of the archdiocesan Liturgical As part of the archadocean Lungical Ministry Formation Program, the Office of Worship will sponsor two appearances by Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman speaking on "The Church in the United States: Religious Values Catholics Bring to Their Liturgies." On Monday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. he will speak at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis; and on Tuesday, Oct. 13 he will speak at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Jeffersonville. Admission at the door: \$4.

The Indianapolis Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will present a series of programs at 7:15 p.m. following an optional 6:15 p.m. dinner on Fridays, Nov. 20, Jan. 15, 1988, March 4, and May 6 at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. The series will end Friday, July 8, 1988 with "El Cafe Indianapolis" at 7:30 p.m. (no dinner). A workshop on "Catholic Choirs: A New Look" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 116th St. at Haverstick Rd. Lunch available for \$3.75. Reserations due Oct. 12. For information call Larry Hurt at 317-299-3634 or Denise Cunningham at 317-271-0239.

✓ Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens %:
will celebrate the Marian Year with two special services on Sunday, Oct. 11. A Rosary Service featuring praying of the rosary and a videotape of the Pope's recent TV rosary service will begin at 4 p.m., followed by a Mass celebrated in Italian at 5 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 8 the parish will present its annual Spaghetti Supper and Monte Carlo from 1 to

St. Mary of the Woods College has been named as an official Bicentennial Campus by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution through 1991 has been given a national theme celebrating aspects of the constitution, such as ratification and signing, the first congressional election, etc. The college will offer speakers and courses on these themes. For more information call 812-535-5148.

#### VIDS...

Joe Carey of St. Lawrence Parish is the new president of the Indianapolis Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society. He will serve a three year term beginning Jan. 1, 1988

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## Parish, school join in novena

The parish and school of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Indianapolis, joined in a novena to the patron saint which ended Oct. 1. On that day the students reversed the

saint's promise of a shower of red roses by releasing red balloons into the sky above the eastside school. The symbolic balloons contained notes asking the finders to pray for and, if possible, participate in the parish Renew program, which is beginning this month. The pastor, Father Robert Borchertmeyer, and the principal, Benedictine Sister Anna Rose Lueken, joined in the balloon launch celebration.

After the launch, the children partici-pated in a novena service, prepared by Mrs. Slaton and Miss Eckrich, including a story of St. Therese's life and the reading of some of her poems and prayers.

The parish, said to be the first in the world

named for its patron, has marked the St. Therese feast day with a novena since 1925.



BALLOON SHOWER-Little Flower novena closes. (Photo by Sister Anna Rose Lueken)



Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Yohler will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversal Saturday, Oct. 10 with a buffet from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sherwood Club, 6520 S. Emerson Ave. Martin Yohler and Martha J. Duvall were married Oct. 9, 1937. They are charter members of St. Bernadette Parish in Indi anapolis. The Yohlers are the parents of five children: Barbara Schura, Mark, Gary, Dennis, and Patricia Petty. They also have eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren

Carmen Kruer of New Albany has been named the Esch Scholar at the University of Indianapolis. The award is presented annually to an outstanding senior student. based on academic record, campus activities and promise for future leadership. Kruer, an English and social work major, is a member of several honorary organizations and works full time in addition to being a full time student. She is a 1984 graduate of Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville

New officers of Madonna Circle Daughters of Isabella will be installed Oct 14 at the group's monthly luncheon meeting They include: Mildred Munchel, regent: Mary Collins, vice regent; Elinor Johnson, treasurer; Anne Poinsette, financial secre-tary; and Marjorie Heede and Alma Hof-mann, recording secretary. Mary Thopy is past regent.

The Chess Team of Brebeuf Preparatory School in Indianapolis won the 1987 state championship and finished 10th in the nation in the High School Nationals. Team members are: Doug Roberts, Drew Bohn, David Wright, Kin Koerber, Noble Murphy, Jason Cooper, Scot Martin and Chuck Carroll

Regan-Evrard-Curley Scholarships for St. Meinrad students have been awarded to: John Carr, Seymour; Christopher Craig, Madison; Terry Langford, Jeffersonville: and James Clancy, Michael Day, Gregory Welch and Mark Wyss, all of Indianapolis. Scholarships were endowed by members of the Regan, Evrard and Curley families.

Dr. M. Desmond Ryan, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, has been appointed by Lt. Governor John Mutz to a Task Force co-sponsored by the state of Indiana, Chamber of Commerce, AFL-CIO and United Way, to prepare Indiana to meet the human service needs of the year 2000 The Task Force is comprised of experts from a broad spectrum of services, who will analyze key issues and draft a blueprint for

## Religious ed. conference

Religious education in the Terre Haute Deanery is taking justice into the class

The seventh annual Terre Haute Deanery conference, "Religious Educator: Creating a Climate for Justice," shed light on how teachers, catechists and youth ministers can bring the idea of justice into the classroom.

Providence Sister Kathleen Desautels

ave the keynote address, "Justice in Our Hearts, in Our Land, in Our World." Sister Kathleen is a full-time peace and justice advocate for the Eighth Day Center in Chicago. She said that by living the gospels, justice is achieved.

"You will know if you are reading the gospels correctly," she said, "if it moves you to give compassion—to suffer with."

She also gave steps and ways of reading the gospels and how to integrate that with a group, whether in CCD, the Catholic school or among staff.

Father Charles Fisher, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and administrator of St. Ann Parish in Terre Haute, discussed the U.S. bishops' letter on the economy. He stressed that being a Catholic and being a person are one and should not be separated in everyday life. "Your religion and life are one and the same, and Catholic values should be in every aspect of your life," he said. The issue of justice was localized when a

nel discussed poverty and violence within the Terre Haute area



Providence Sister Kathleen Desautels

Mike Gordon, former director of Lifeline crisis hotline, and Sylvia Conway, director of the Council on Domestic Abuse, gave ome figures on poverty and injustice in Terre Haute. Based on their day-to-day experience with the poor and other marginalized persons, they sketched some of the ets of unemployment, poverty, hunger and domestic violence.

The conference brought together 10 parishes, nine parish administrators, two principals, two pastors, three full-time youth ministers and many catechists.

## SVDP plans Blanket Sunday

by Cynthia Dewes

For the past five years, the Indianapolis Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society has sponsored a Blanket Sunday collection to furnish blankets and bedding items for the poor. This year Blanket Sunday will be held in all parishes on the weekend of October 17-18, aiming toward a goal of 16,000 items. Chairpersons for the collection are Ann Mar-baugh of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, ad

baugn or St. Inomas Adunias Farish, at Elfreide Goeben of St. Lawrence Par...n, both in Indianapolis. The Blanket Sunday drive has grown each year. Catholic parishes are the primary source of contributions, but other churches also participate. K-Mart stores have donated count flyers for blanket sales for the past

cuscount riyers for bianket sales for the past two years, resulting in almost 600 new blankets being donated last year. Clean, usable blankets and bedding items should be taken to any parish on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, Oct. 17-18. They should be placed in brown paper grocery bags with the contents clearly marked: "11 fitted sheet time size" step. fitted sheet, twin size" etc.

In Indianapolis, parish SVDP members will collect the bedding items and take them to the central warehouse, where CYO youth groups and Catholic high school students will unload, count and sort them. Persons calling the SVDP Hotline will be interviewed by a team of home visitors and given a refer ral slip to take to the warehouse at 1111 E. 17th St. on Saturdays.

Bedding collected in other communities outside Indianapolis, such as Rushville or North Vernon, will be distributed by parish groups in the area. All items are distributed to the needy without regard to race or reli-

Each family receiving help is allowed only three blankets, regardless of the nu ber of beds or children it has. Even if 16,000 bedding items are donated, the SVDP warehouse will be empty by mid-March. The supply is exhausted every year before all needs are met.

Items needed are blankets, sheets, bed-spreads, pillows, pillow cases, towels and washcloths. For more information call Ann Marbaugh at 317-266-4868 or Sheila Gilbert at 317-257-7338.

## Chatard senior class leads Rosary

On Thursday, Oct. 1, members of the senior class at Bishop Chatard High School, Indianapolis, led a living rosary during the morning assembly at the school's gym-

A tradition for over 20 years at the school, rosary was formed by the young ladies of the senior class, dressed in formals, in the place of each "bead."

The senior men joined Father Patrick Doyle in leading the entire student body in the recitation of the rosary to honor the mother of Christ and the patron of Chatard High School

The special assembly was directed by Becky McCurdy. Senior sponsors are Ric ard Powell and Nancy Clapp.



HONOR-At the Oct. 3 dedication of the William F. Kuntz Memorial Soccer Stadium in honor of the former CVO director, Mayor William H. Hudnut III presents a plaque to Kuntz' widow. Florence "Hank" Kuntz, as his son, William A. Kuntz looks on. (Photo by Charles Schisla)



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Mary in Our Faith

# The rosary: how it has led us to Jesus down through the centuries

by John F. Fink Chirteenth in a series

The Catholic Church observes October as the month of the rosary and this past Wednesday, Oct. 7, was the feast of the rosary. It seems particularly appropriate, during this Marian Year, to take a fresh look at this popular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Unfortunately, the rosary's popularity seemed to take a nosedive during the years immediately after the Second Vatican Council. During recent years, though, it seems to be making a comeback as more people are discovering the rosary.

This is as it should be because the rosary is designed to make us think about Jesus. Although it consists mainly of praying the Hail Mary, it is supposed to be used as an aid to meditation on the life of Jesus—the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. Thus Mary leads us to Jesus.

The rosary is a chain of beads which helps a person to count prayers. Although there are various rosaries, the most common consists basically of five decades (sets of 10) of the Hail Mary, each beginning with the Lord's Prayer and ending with a Glory Be to the Father. Introductory prayers usually include the Apostles' Creed, an initial Our Father for the intentions of the Holy Father, three Hail Marys for an increase in faith, hope and charity, and a Glory Be, At the end it is customary to say the Hail, Holy Queen prayer.

Those who pray the rosary daily usually

meditate on the joyful mysteries on Mondays and Thursdays, the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesdays and Friday, and the glorious mysteries on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On Sundays, the joyful mysteries are used from Advent till Lent, the sorrowful during Lent, and the glorious from Easter until Advent.

There is a separate mystery for meditation for each decade of the rosary. The five joyful mysteries are the Annunciation to Mary that she was to be the mother of Christ, her visit to Elizabeth, Jesus' birth, his presentation in the temple, and the finding of Jesus in the temple.

The sorrowful mysteries are Christ's agony in the Garden of Gethsemani, his scourging, the crowning with thorns, the carrying of the cross, and the crucifixion.

The glorious mysteries are the Resurrection, the Ascension, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, Mary's assumption into heaven, and her coronation as queen of heaven and earth.

The complete rosary, often called the Dominican rosary, consists of 15 decades and meditation on all 15 mysteries. The scriptural rosary, which seems to be gaining in popularity, adds the reading of a scriptural passage before each Hail Mary.

There is also a seven-decade rosary, called the Franciscan Crown, which commemorates the seven joys of the Blessed Virgin: the Annunciation, Visitation, birth of Jesus, adoration of the Magi, finding of Jesus in the temple, the appearance of the Risen Jesus to Mary, and the Assumption and Coronation (combined as one mystery).

The practice of using beads or knotted strings to count prayers is common among religions. Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims all have their prayer beads. It is said that the hernit Paul of Egypt, living in the fourth century, said 300 prayers daily and counted the . by putting 300 pebbles in his pocket and removing one after each prayer.

But most historians date the beginning of the rosary to about the year 800 in Ireland. At that time Irish monks had the practice of saying the 150 pealms in groups of 50. But the ordinary persac couldn't read the pastims. So the practice rose of praying an Our Father instead of a psalm. The beads on which the prayers were counted were then known as Paternosters. As the custom spread through Europe, the practice became known as "the poor man's office."

Beginning around the 10th century there was an increase in the popular devotion accorded to Mary. This is when the first half of the Hail Mary appeared—combining the angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee," to Elizabeth's words, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

It wasn't until the 16th century that the second half of the prayer was added. The complete Hail Mary first appeared in breviaries in 1514, was praised by the Council of Trent in 1563, and was extended to the whole church in the Roman Breviary of 1568.

But the development of the rosary didn't wait for the full Hail Mary. By the 12th century, some Christians were praying rosaries that consisted of the first half of the Hail Mary instead of the Paternosters. Then rosaries appeared that combined both Our Fathers and Hail Marys, so that by the year 1400 some people were saying a rosary of 15 Our Fathers and 150 Hail Marys (the first half of the present Hail Mary), divided into 154 decades.

The practice of meditating while praying the rosary was encouraged in the 15th century when a carthusian monk compiled a list of 50 mysteries to be meditated on while praying 50 Hail Marys—similar to today's scriptural rosary.

In 1499 a book was published that described a rosary much like today's, including the 16 mysteries except that Mary's Assumption and Coronation were combined and the last judgment was used as the last glorious mystery. When the second half of the Hail Mary was composed less than a century later, it was added.

The Dominican Fathers played an important role in popularizing the rosary, and St. Dominic himself had a great devotion to Mary. There is a legend that Mary appeared to Dominic and gave him the rosary but there is nothing in his writings or in his early biographies that makes this claim.

A Dominican founded the Confraternity of the Rosary in 1470.

In 1571 the praying of the rosary was credited for the victory of Christian forces over the Turkish fleet at the naval battle of Lepanto. As a result, Pope Gregory XIII established the feast of the Most Holy Rosary in 1573.

In her apparitions, Mary has consistently urged the praying of the rosary for world peace. During this century, Father Patrick Peyton has urged the praying of the rosary as a family, with the slogan "the family that prays together stays together." Mother Teresa seldom has the rosary out of her hands. Many Catholics pray the rosary daily, and their ranks appear to be growing.

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# Tradition provides framework for living

by Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS

Somehow an American picnic just wouldn't be an American picnic without hot dogs. Neither would Thanksgiving be Thanksgiving without turkey. Hot dogs on picnics and turkey on Thanksgiving have become so solidly associated that one without the other is almost inconceivable. They are

Traditions grow out of real life and become an integral part of it. They may be small matters, like putting out a flag on a national holiday, or they may be bigger, like participating in the Eucharist on a national holiday such as Thanksgiving.

People enjoy traditions and find little need to question them. Traditions provide a sense of continuity, identity and strength.

As in ordinary life, so in a person's religious life. The New Testament even speaks of traditions which shaped life in the home of Jesus.

Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus' parents used to go to Jerusalem every year for the feast of the Passover. When Jesus was 12 they went up for the celebration as was their custom. It was a tradition with them.

Later in the same Gospel, we read that it also was traditional for Jesus to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath. He had done this as a young man in Nazareth. Later this tradition was to provide a setting for him to present his mission to those who had gathered on the Sabbath in the Nazareth Synagogue.

And to describe his mission Jesus used traditional words from Isaiah: The Spirit of the Lord was upon him and he had been anointed to bring good news to all those in need. (Luke 4:

Like Jesus, like Mary and Joseph, and like their parents, we too have religious traditions. We see them at weddings when the bride and groom exchange rings. We see them at First Communions with the communicants all spruced up in their best clothes, expressing people's feeling that a new step in life is being taken, that a new relationship to Christ and the church community is developing.

Of course, there are all the wonderful greetings, prayers and readings used in the liturgy. What would Mass be without a welcoming "The Lord be with you," without a gospel story, without the Lord's Prayer, without a gesture of peace, without sharing Communion together?

All of these are traditional. They helps to express a long and proud Christian heritage. They tie us to the beginnings of Christianity in the life of the earliest communities, such as those that gathered long ago in the old Jerusalem and in the ancient churches of Rome.

Sometimes we laugh at traditions, such as the collection at Mass. Yet we would not so easily part with even this tradition. Its roots go back to St. Paul and the generosity shown by the Christian communities of Greece and Turkey for the poor in the mother community at Jerusalem.

What complicates discussions of the word "tradition" is the fact that it has different uses. In one sense, church tradition refers to the very life of Jesus as it continues to be expressed—to be communicated—in the church. Used this way, the word points to the heart of the church and the continuity in its life.

Using the word more broadly, we speak of the many traditions which express that tradition. And, of course, people often use the word "tradition" to refer to customs—customs which may genuinely express faith.

Somehow it always seems easier to describe the church's many traditions than to tell what church tradition in the stricter sense means. This is much like finding it easier to tell people what you do than to explain to them who

Church tradition is alive. You might say that tradition and its many traditions, including the liturgy and important devotional practices, provide a framework for living. This framework is like a tree, strong and full of life, on which we can graft new practices. Their life too comes from tradition.

Healthy tradition is a condition for healthy change in the church. Matthew's Gospel (13:52) spoke of this by comparing a learned scribe in the Kingdom of God to the head of a household who knows how to draw from his stores both the new and the old.

What is the new without the old? And what is the old without the new?



## Tradition in parish life

by Katharine Bird

At Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, D.C., people always look forward to Toy Sunday, celebrated as part of the parish's preparation for Christmas. On Toy Sunday, during the family Mass, children bring usable old toys and new toys to the altar as part of the presentation of gifts. Later these toys are distributed to needy children.

This parish tradition "is fun to do but also plants the seed of generosity," said Jesuit Father James Maier, pastor of Holy Trinity. "It helps children learn to share and to realize there are kids with no toys."

In an interview at his Holy Trinity office in a building designated a historical landmark, Father Maier discussed how important tradition is in parish life. Homegrown traditions are a way for parishes to create their identity. At the same time, the church's ancient liturgical tradition connects each individual parish with Catholic parishes throughout the world—those of today and those of centuries long gone by.

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For Father David Drewelow, church
tradition has "a way of saying something happened in another time that is
beyond time, for always." He is pastor
of Sacred Heart Parish in Salem, Mo.,
and of two mission parishes 30 miles

away, Christ the King in Bunker and St. Jude in Montauk.

Tradition helps to plug us into the timeless word of God. It links us to moments in history when God interacted with his people, Father Drewelow said. Thus "it encourages us to see God will be with us too."

The riches of tradition are readily visible in the celebration of the church's sacraments. For Father Drewelow, the use of rituals or elements of rituals from the pact allows Christians to make a connection with those who preceded them, he explained.

The present rite of baptism is a case in point. This ritual "reflects what the church was doing from the earliest times," Father Drewelow noted.

The ritual uses "sign, sound and symbol" to communicate to Christians what is happening in baptism, he added. It is an action of faith today that "invokes the entire tradition of the church from the beginning—the waters of Noah's flood, God bringing life through death, through water."

In miniature form "all of salvation history" is repeated in the baptismal ritual, said Father Drewelow. It "can't help but touch us" both "intellectually and emotionally."

Parishioners meet tradition head-on in another practice that is frequently part of parish life today—the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults used with those planing to become members of the Catholic community. It is a practice reaching back to the roots of Christiantive.

People who go through the RCIA process "would never dream Christianity is anything but communal," said Jesuit Father Lawrence Mad'en, director of the Georgetown Center 1 r Liturgy, Spirituality and the Arts in Washington. Mirroring the approach of the first-century church, the RCIA process addresses not only those entering the church, but the entire community.

Focusing on the behavior expected of Christians, it encourages "an integrated life view," a life where Sunday worship and daily practice reinforce each other, Father Madden said. It asks people to reflect "on their past and present to see how God is active there."

## This Week in Focus

Tradition is a language of faith, expressing again and again the central reality in which the church's people find their identity. As Today's Faith continues its discussion of some key ways through which faith is expressed, it looks to the meaning of the word "tradition."

The word "tradition" is difficult to define, for it is used in a variety of ways, Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere writes. We have many traditions which express the church's key tradition, he observes. There is a distinction to be made between traditions and tradition, something like distinguishing between who one is and what one does Father LaVerdiere is a scripture scholar and editor of Emmanuel magazine.

In parish life, tradition is expressed when God's people celebrate the sacraments as well as in the unique customs each particular parish develops, Katharine Bird ciscovers in interviews with three priests. Thus, tradition is not an esoteric concept, foreign to people's lives. They encounter tradition quite regularly. Bird is associate editor of Today's Faith.

Benedictine Father Donald Talatous, a theology professor at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., points out that tradition is a way of taking into consideration the experience and knowledge of those who have gone before us. In a most enjoyable essay, he explains that tradition brings Christians into touch with those who "were especially close to the original fire, the faith ignited by Jesus in his followers."

Father John Castelot says that tradition is the dynamic process of responding to and communicating the word of God. The Bible is a written record of an already active tradition, an ongoing process which will continue until the end of time, the scholar says.

## Traditions have big place in our daily lives

by Fr. Donald Talafous, OSB

We launch a boat with a bottle of champagne. We shake hands on being introduced. We give gifts on Christmas We make the Sign of the Cross with holy water. The best man carries the wedding couple's rings. Hindus bathe in the Ganges.

All these probably qualify as traditions. Some pertain to certain classes or groups of people; some people may have no part in them or may even find

them objectionable.

Traditions often have a hard time of it in our fast-moving society. One person's tradition may be another person's antiquated custom. A theologian writing on this said: "Recently Studs Terkel chided a group of students for having no sense of tradition and for supposing that the history of music began with Bob Dylan. One of them asked, 'Bob who?'"

Inevitably people accept some tradi-tions or make their own. Most of us live with some traditions, some customs handed on to us or which we intend to hand on to others. This is because they provide gestures and actions for some of our cherished beliefs and convictions

Traditions afford us ways of doing things, of handling certain common situations; they were used by others before us (often for many, many centuries) and seem to have enough worth for many to keep on doing them.

In a religion like Christianity, what was done and witnessed by the earliest

disciples is very important. So there is a strong tendency to preserve or to develop customs which put into con crete form the attitudes and beliefs which seem rooted in these early disciples.

► The restoration of white as the color of vestments for funerals highlights the earliest Christian understanding that hope should prevail over gloom at the death of a believer

► Standing up while the Gospel is read expresses an attitude of readines: reverence and alertness in the presence of God's word.

A writer named G.K. Chesterton said that tradition is a way of giving a vote to the dead, of taking into consideration their experience and knowledge, of not being dominated simply by the present. Tradition, he said, asks us not "to neglect a good man's opinion even if he is our father."

In Christian life, too, tradition means giving some weight to those who have gone before because they have learned something of value for us and because we believe they were especially close to the original fire, the faith ignited by Jesus in his followers.

In life, some traditions can be found oppressive—that women must wash the dishes, for example. Some may find that to kiss someone on both cheeks upon meeting is repulsive; others may consider it a great improvement over the handshake.

Like everything else in human life,

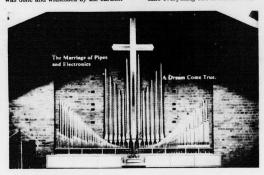


traditions are limited by time and space. For instance, the separation of men and women within a church building is a tradition of certain ethnic groups that has faded from the scenedeservedly, most would say

We change traditions. We go back to earlier traditions-for example, Com-munion in the hand and exchanging the sing of peace. Or we drop them and form new ones more appropriate to our lives. Otherwise we would be in danger of what is often called traditionalism,

an unthinking kind of reverence for whatever has been. If we kept and observed every tradition that our family, church or country had handed down to us, we might have a hard time even getting to work in the morning.

In Christianity and in each Christian there is bound to be some tension between traditions and the present moment. Keeping a good balance is difficult and requires the concern and c tribution of every active believer, of all the people of God.



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## The Bible and Us

# Where Luke, Paul got their information

by Fr. John Castelot

A half century had passed since the resurrection of Jesus when Luke set about writing his Gospel in the 80s. He was a latecomer on the scene, a gentile convert with no direct knowledge of Jesus.

Where did Luke get his information? From tradition, from the Christian communities.

Among his sources Luke mentions eyewitnesses and ministers of the word—preachers (Luke 1:2).

Some material Luke used had been put into writing. He used the Gospel of Mark. Scholars believe Luke also had a collection of the sayings of Jesus at his disposal. And apparently he had special information pricked up through contacts with the churches in various places.

Paul also was a latecomer. For insight into the workings of tradition, listen to what he tells the Corinthians as he begins a discussion of the resurrection: "I handed on to you first of all what I myself

received" (1 Corinthians 15:3). "To hand on" and "to receive" was technical language for the process of tradition. The word tradition refers to a dynamic process through which God's word is communicated and through which we respond to it.

For years, decades in fact, tradition was an oral process in the ancient church. Paul's first letter, 1 Thessalonians, was not written until 51 A.D. and Mark, the first written Gospel, appeared only about 70 A.D.

Jesus wrote nothing; he preached. His followers, too, looked upon preaching as their primary responsibility.

As preachers, they shared their understanding of what God had done for humanity in Christ Jesus. And they related this to their hearers' current needs. This process is reflected in the books of the Bible

This process is reflected in the books of the Bible, which crystallize traditional interpretations in written form.

All of this is summed up in the Second Vatican Council's "Constitution on Divine Revelation":

"After the ascension of the Lord, the apostles handed of to their hearers what (Jesus) had said and done, but with that fuller understanding which they, instructed by the glorious events of Christ (the resurrection) and enlightened by the Spirit of truth, now enjoyed."

Then, "the sacred authors... selected certain of the many elements which had been handed on, either orally or already in written form, others they synthesized or explained with an eye to the situation of the churches" (No. 19).

So, you see, the Bible is a written record of an already active tradition, an ongoing process which continues until the end of time. The mystery of Christ never will be fully comprehended or adequately expressed in time conditional by

expressed in time-conditioned human formulas.

As Vatican II puts it: "The tradition which comes from the aposties makes progress in the church with the help of the Holy Spirit. There is a growth in insight into the realities and words that are being passed on... As the centuries go by, the church is always advancing toward the plenitude of divine trush, until eventually the words of God are fulfilled in her" (Ns. 8).

### Education Brief

# Tradition: who Christians are and how they got to be that way

The mystery of the church is essentially a mystery of the union of people with God.

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—Pope John Paul II in Chile, 1987

On vacation at their grandparents' home, children can spend endless hours pouring over old photograph albums. But would the same children be quite so fascinated by the old albums of someone else's grandparent?

Children feel "at home" with old photographs of ham in the property of the property of the property of the property of a study of history. The albums are like mirrors from the past in which children catch a glimpse of themselves.

Somewhere deep down the children are asking:
How are we connected to those people? Were "parts"

of them passed on to us? of course, the photographs may produce smiles by showing that the family passed on the gift of bald heads and tiny ears. However, upon closer examination the photographs may also show:

That ethnic practices are traditional in the family.

► That this has been a family of the land; its members share a love for open space and a desire to see things growing.

➤ That the family's members have a long tradition of political involvement and public service.

➤ Or, that a great tragedy or success story in-

fluenced the family's history.

For such families there is a family tradition. When they tell what kind of people they are, they may say they are ethnic people or people touched by a great past event.

It is something like that with church tradition. What is passed on—expressed again and again—is a sense of who Christians really are and how they got to be that way. Thus:

► Christians are followers of Jesus. For them it is a priority that he be heard, as he is during the Liturgy of the Word in every Mass.

#### Food for Thought

What makes a wedding traditional? Does it mean that all Catholic weddings are exactly alike in every detail? Who chooses what scriptural readings are used and who decides what kind of music is appropriate? These questions and many more are addressed in a practical handbook called, "Celebrating Marriage: Preparing the Wedding Liturgy, edited by Paul Covino. The book, aimed at helping couples take an active part in planning their wedding liturgies with their pre-marriage instructors, stresses the liturgical aspects of weddings. Chris tian weddings are both traditional and contemporary this book says: "Your wedding liturgy will be tradi-tional because it is based on the Rite of Marriage and therefore is faithful to the church's understand ing of marriage. It will be contemporary because, as it is celebrated, the wedding liturgy will reveal your love for one another and make present here and now God's love for you in its actions and symbols (The Pastoral Press, 225 Sheridan St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011. 1987. Paperback, \$4.95.)

► A life-giving bond exists between Christians and Jesus. This bond can be reflected by them in the many commitments and activities of ordinary life.

Christians are people for whom Jesus' death and resurrection make all the difference. Not just a memory, these actions change people now. And they form a pattern for life that gives hope—confidence that light can overcome the darkness of every failure and loss.

On the one hand this tradition is all about Jesus. Yet in it Christians see reflections of themselves as hearers of God's word; as people called into a community that celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus forever; and as people whose life-giving bond with Jesus means that all the activities of their lives can be Christlike.

#### What Do You Think?

- Think about some particular traditions that you observe at home—on holiduys, for example, or at meals. Is there a sense in which these practices or customs express the church's core tradition about Jesus Christ? How is the tradition of the church expressed in particular traditions—gift-giving at Christmas, prayer at meals, reading Scripture alone or with others, for example?
- Why would it be true to say that tradition is a dynamic force for the present and future?
- In the church's liturgical tradition, Christians are reminded of their rich heritage. At a wedding, for example, the intimate bond between Christ and his people is reflected by the couple in the commitment they make to each other. How is the church's tradition reflected at other points in the celebration of the sacraments?



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## Children's Story Hour

# A man who loved the riches of the past

by Janaan Manternach

John Henry Newman began life in 1801 with many advantages. His parents loved their six children very much. His father, a respected banker in London, provided well for his family. Life in the Newman home was warm, happy and comfortable.

But everything changed when John was a teen-ager. In 1816 his father's bank failed. The family was suddenly poor.

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That same year John became very
sick for six months. During his long
recovery he read books about church
history given to him by a friend. The
early teachers and teachings of Christianity fascinated him.

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John decided to learn more about
the church and its tradition. He also
decided to live a more Christian life.
As soon as he was well again, he entered Trinity College at Oxford; 11
years later he was ordained an Anglican priest.

In 1832 serious sickness changed his life for a second time. He fell sick during a vacation in Italy. During his slow recovery he visited many Roman Cathelic churches and shrines in Europe

olic churches and shrines in Europe. When he returned to England, he carefully studied Roman Catholic teachings. His sermons and articles became more and more favorable toward the Roman Catholic Church. For a while he was made to stop preaching, teaching and writing.

So John moved to a small country parish to pray and think. Finally he and some friends decided to become Roman Catholics. Two years later in 1847 John also became a Roman Catholic priest. He returned to Birmingham, Eng-

He returned to Birmingham, England, where he lived with several priest friends. They called their community the Oratory.

By now Father John Henry Newman was one of the most famous religious leaders in England. People flocked to hear him preach. Thousands of people read his books and articles.

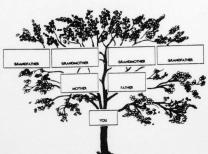
Father Newman wrote much about the importance of tradition. He taught that the Holy Spirit helped the church preserve the teachings of Jesus down through the centuries. He believed that the pope, the bishops and lay people as well helped to pass on the church's tradition.

Father Newman also wrote on the meaning of belief, as well as on many current issues of his day.

In 1879, at the age of 78, Father Newman was named a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. The pope wanted to honor him for his great contributions to the church and for his personal honesty and courage.

#### Your Family

Fill in the boxes with the names of your poients and grand-parents. Then try to find out a story about each one—what they liked to do when they were children, how they came to live where they do, important events in their lives, etc.



### What Do You Think?

John Henry Newman grew up in a home with warm, loving parents and with five brothers and sisters. Imagine what it was like when he was sick for six months as a teen-ager. What do you think his family might have done to keep him happy and amused then?

#### Children's Reading Corner

Special activities observed in a family year after year become traditions and are considered very important by family members. In the story, "Jam Day," by Barbara Joosse, Ben and his mon live alone. But Ben longs to be part of a big family with jokes and secrets to share. Things change when he and his mom arrive at his grandparents' place. There is a welcome banner, balloons, lots of relatives to meet them. Best of all is the celebration of Jam Day, a yearly time for picking strawberries together and making jam and biscuits. Through this wonderful family tradition, Ben learns that he and his mom are part of a big and joyous family. (Harper and Row Junior Books, 10 E. 53rd St., New York, N.Y. 10022. 1987. Hardback, \$11.95.)

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# the sunday readings

Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23:1-6 Phil. 4:12-14; 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

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by Richard Cain

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This is what Isaiah did. To express the idea of perfect life with God, he chose as a symbol the idea of a rich banquet. Only in this case, the banquet is a feast to feed the deepest hungers of the human heart.

Isaiah envisioned this banquet as taking place on the Mt. Zion in Jeru-salem. There God will appear to us in a way that is as real as we appear to each other. We will see God face to face. There will be no more suffering, no more pain, no more guilt. We will know the fullness of salvation and experience the realization of all our potential as human beings created in the likeness of God.

Tall stuff. In the gospel reading Jesus used this image in the banquet in a double parable designed to several points. The first part of the parable describes a frustrated king who can't get the invited guests to come to his son's wedding banquet. So he sends other essengers to invite the street people and the riffraff. The second part of the

parable describes a scene during the banquet. The king happens on one of the guests who is not properly dressed for the banquet. When asked why, the guest has nothing to say. So the king has him thrown out

Jesus addressed this parable to some Jews who had a wrong idea of how one is saved. Other places in the gospels tell us that many Jews believed they would be saved simply because they were biological descendants of Abraham. In response, Jesus was pointing out that in order to be saved, one had personally to accept God's offer of love. God does not force God's love on us. God lets us freely choose it

The wonderful-and scary-thing is that with love, it can never be any other way. That means we have to want to relate to God—we have to want it more than anything else.

The second part of the parable just applies the same principle to the gentiles. They are now included in the invitation to the wedding feast. But that does not mean that God forces Godself any more on them than God does on the Jews. They, too, must choose it. To be properly dressed means choosing to want to relate to God and taking the practical steps in life needed to live out that choice and commitment of love This choice is easier as we realize that God offers the clothing. All we have to do is wear it

The second reading is from that part of Paul's Letter to the Philippians where he thanked them for a contribu-tion they had made to his ministry.

In this passage there is a wond-ful balance between Paul's detachment and his gratitude. He stressed that he has learned to do without even necessities. Yet he was truly grateful for their gift to him. Christian living means neither a life of total nial nor one of overindulgence. Detachment comes through accepting things when they come and accepting it

## The Pope Teaches

## Final judgment is last step in salvation

remarks at his general audience Sept. 30

God the Father "has given all judgment to the Son." These words of Jes underlie our belief that he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead Judgment belongs to God alone; thus it is precisely because Jesus is truiy God that he is able to be the judge of all.

Christ's power to judge is profoundly linked with his desire for our salvation. As our Redeemer and Savior, he wants all people to be saved. That is why he became man, Emmanuel, "God with us," to free us from our slavery to sin, to reveal to us the truth that God is love

And yet, a part of God's plan of salvation is the final judgment. At that time, each person will be judged according to love. Our judgment will depend upon whether we have accepted or refused God's gifts, whether we have collaborated or not with God's grace. Love of neighbor is a fundamental criterion, for, as Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of these ast brothers of mine, you did for me."

But it is not only on love that each person is judged. We shall be judged also on faith, according to how we respond to the salvation offered in Christ and his paschal mystery. "Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe to the condemned of the condemned o does not believe has already been condemned.

The justice of God, then, should not be understood as some kind of punishnt or revenge. Far from being a cold act of justice, God's judgment is really the final completion of the whole work of salvation accomplished through the cross and the resurrection of our redeemer

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## Question Corner

# Mourning children who die

I was married in 1951 and prior to our sixth wed-Q I was married in 1951 and prior to duri stati in dealth and ding anniversary had become pregnant seven times. Four of these pregnancies resulted in healthy full-term babies. The other three I lost in the early weeks of pregnancy.

Now, 30 years and more later, I think of them often. I realize that with a houseful of babies who took up all my time and attention I never truly mourned them as I should

A few nights ago, a priest on television told how he had comforted a young mother who had lost her baby as I did. He told her that when it was time for her to enter heaven her baby would be

waiting there for her. Needless to say, it was a very emotional moment for me. However, I recognize that theological teaching sometimes gets distorted by the motivation of the per son relaying the information—in the same way one of your recent columns suggested that information about

the Blessed Virgin Mary can be distorted.
Please give me some help. Having been subjected
to so many common popular religious myths, I don't quite dare to believe what I would hope (Massachusetts)

The death of children always is one of the deep-A est hurts and mysteries we human beings are required to face. That always is true in the death of someone we love, but for people whose Catholic and Christian faith is strong and a big part of their lives, there is a special pain and confusion when babies die urs have.

I don't know any answer other than the one I have given before to parents who have suffered the same kind of loss as you have. Maybe it will help as time goes by to keep a few things in mind.

Jesus told us clearly and we firmly believe that baptism is the sacramental or "sign" way by which people enter into his community of faith. We have clear evidence that from the earliest centuries Christians pondered the exact meaning of this teaching about baptism.

One major reason for this pondering is that the vast majority of the human race, past and present die without baptism; in fact, they often live and die without even hearing of God or Jesu

If God loves all people, as we also firmly believe, and wishes them to have the grace of redemption, how does that come about? The possible explanations offered by theologians through the centuries are numerous. But one principle endures all through the ological tradition: Considering God's obvious universal intention for the salvation of the human race we believe that the gift of his redeeming love is offered genuinely to anyone who does not place a personal obstacle in its way.

This would apply to children such as those you have lost. How God accomplishes this he has not told us, as he has not told us many details of his plan for salvation

My own conviction, entirely in accord with the My own conviction, entirely in the total of major the church and similar to that of major theologians through the centuries, is that God sees the child of a family such as yours as a Christian part of

What does that mean? Without becoming too involved or technical, the explanation is basically this: The Christian (and Catholic) identity which you and husband have is not plastered on your life like frosting on a cake.

You are not some sort of neutral person with a veneer that we call "Christian." You are Christian people; your "personality," so to speak, is itself Christian

Thus, neither would your children be something neutral to which some day this "veneer" called Christianity might be added at baptism.

Had they been born, baptism would have signaled and brought about their participation in this visible church on earth. But the grace of baptism does not come in one magical moment.

Although the church's teaching on this matter is not definitive, certainly this much is true: God loves your children as much as he loves you; Jesus died for them as much as for any of us; your babies are in the Lord's loving and redeeming care.

While your children will never be with you again on earth, they always will be part of your family. As the priest told you, the full joy of that relationship is something we can look forward to.

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## Family Talk Commitment to marriage

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Mary: Twenty years ago I married a man I was not "in love" with but whom I felt I loved. We had children and have almost raised them. Our rela-tionship has always been bad. It's tense and cold. He has always professed to be in love with me. Obviously I has a good Catholic I never considered divorce. Now

I find myself wanting out more and more. I feel so I find myself wanting out more and more. I feet so trapped. Financially I could never make it on my own at this point with children. Do you believe a person can fall in love as a result of prayer? I believe all things are possible with God and this has been my prayer for a long time. However my practical side tells me to wake up and quit fooling myself. (North Carolina)

Answer: You seem to be living in a world of "if only ... " If only I had not married this man ... If only I had left him sooner. Yet not one of these regrets can improve your present condition.

Only by making a choice can you get out of your present dilemma. And essentially you have two choices: either get out of your present marriage, or make a wholehearted commitment.

Leaving your husband may appear attractive. But you need to consider the reality of living as a divorced person. Financially you realize it would be difficult. While you say your husband is cold, without him you would be

would have no one, warm or cold, to turn to.
Divorce often leads to changes in your relationships with friends and a move to a different home. Do not romanticize life as a divorced, single parent,

not romanucize me as a divorced, single parent, perhaps a non-custodial parent. Your other option is to stop playing "if only" and to make a commitment to your marriage. There are many areas on which to build a marriage relationship. are just a few:

1. Physical attraction. Partners like to be together physically, to touch each other. They miss the partner

when absent and rejoice when the partner returns.

2. Friendship. Partners share common likes and dislikes. They enjoy going places and doing things

Common task. Marriage partners have certain jobs which they do together. Raising children, the most common one, requires years of mutual effort. A couple might run a family business together.

Clearly you recognize the unhealthy differences in

your marriage. You make little mention of any positive features. If you choose to make a commitment to your marriage, you need to stop dwelling on the unfulfilling part of your marriage and make a serious effort to focus on the good features.

(Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions: The Kennys, Box 872, St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

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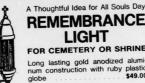
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#### Vatican Letter

## Debate continues at synod

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Given this, the pope's Sept. 10-19 visit to the United States contained a harsh critique of U.S. society and the influence of the Catholic laity in transforming it.

The hard questions were posed in the laity section of his speech to the U.S. bishops in Los Angeles

- ► "How is the American culture evolving today
- ► "Is this evolution being influenced by the Gospel?
  ► "Does it clearly reflect Christian inspiration?
- Your music, your poetry and art, your drama, your painting and sculpture, the literature that you are producing—are all these things which reflect the soul of a nation being influenced by the spirit of Christ

for the perfection of humanity?"

The pope continued: "These are difficult questions to answer, given the complexity and diversity of your culture. But they are relevant to a consideration of the role of the Catholic laity, 'the largest number of educated faithful in the world,'" the pope told the

The pope was replying to a speech by Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee on the U.S. laity. "The church in the U.S.A. can boast of having the largest number of educated faithful in the world," said Archbishop Weakland. Because of this "it can be assumed they will continue to take a prominent role in U.S. society and culture in the future," the archbishop

Several days later, the pope answered his own questions in a speech to the laity in San Francisco.

American society is marked by a "growing secular-

sumerism" and an "alluring hedonism," he said.

In a speech to entertainers and communications industry officials in Hollywood the pope criticized the promotion of "dehumanized sex through pornography or through a casual attitude toward sex and human life; greed through materialism and consumerism or irresponsible individualism; anger and vengefulness through violence or self-righteousness

The trip also highlighted a difference in emphasis between the pope and U.S. church representatives. The pope focused on the role of the laity as transformers of a temporal society needing Christian values, U.S. church representatives stressed that a educated laity is seeking greater responsibility within the church.

The laity already questions U.S. society on such issues as immigration restrictions, civil injustices, religious persecution, abortion, nuclear armament and religious persecution, aborton, nuclear armaneta and environmental damage, said Donna Hanson, chair-woman of the U.S. bishops' National Advisory Council, in the San Francisco meeting. She told the pope that

But there also are working on these issues.

But there also are issues within the church concerning lay people. These include lay ministries and questions raised about church teachings by an ing is generally not rebellion nor dissent. It is rather a desire to participate and is a sign of both love and maturity," Hanson said.

Archbishop Weakland made a similar point in his talk to the pope. U.S. lay people "are more inclined to look at the intrinsic worth of an argument proposed by the teachers in the church than to accept it on the basis of the authority itself," the archbishop said.
"Often that teaching touches areas where many

of the faithful have professional competency (from medical-moral issues to complex economic ones, for example)," Archbishop Weakland said.

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The debate took place two weeks before the start of
the world Synod of Bishops which will discuss the role
of the laity in the church and the world. It signaled

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that the question of whether the synod should concentrate on the role of the laity in the world or its role in the church could be a point of friction between some delegates and the Vatican:

The pope looked forward to continuing the debate. "The synod to be held this coming month in Rome will undoubtedly deal in further detail with the many important points raised by Arabbahan Washing W. portant points raised by Archbishop Weakland," the pope said. Archbishop Weakland is a member of the U.S. synod delegation.

## My Journey to God

## **Ouestions**

This little column on prayer, "My Journey to God," has been appearing now for a year. Judging by the steady trickle of prayers and insights you are sending in, it seems to have caught on. I have some questions for you.

- · What people, events, and/or books have been the most help to you in learning how to pray? What have you learned from them?
- In learning how to pray, we often start off using formal prayers. Then as we begin to encounter the Lord personally in our hearts we become more spontaneous and creative. Our relationships become more living and personal. Have you felt the Lord inviting you to become more spontaneous and creative in your prayer? What has happened when you have accepted the invitation? What helps you to accept that invitation more easily?
- · A life of prayer is usually marked by a rhythm. Sometimes the Lord seems near and it is easy to pray. Other times everything is dry and prayer seems all but impossible. How do you feel about this rhythm in your own prayer life? How do you adjust to the "dry" times so as to keep your prayer life alive? How do you feel the Lord is speaking to you through the dry times?

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Viewing with Arnold

## Caine vs. Brosnan in 'The Fourth Protocol'

by James W. Arnold

The timing is not great for the arrival of Frederick Forsyth's latest spy thriller, "The Fourth Protocol." As East and West take initial steps toward nuclear disarmament.

the movie revolves around a sneaky Soviet attempt to cause an atomic explosion at a U.S. air base in Britain and undermine the Western alliance.

Actually, it's more complicated than that, reflecting the Byzantine nature of our times. It's one faction in the KGB that wants to plant the bomb. Meanwhile, another KGB faction worries and tries to stop it. In England, the "good" guys are also split about six ways, ideological or purely personal. This is the kind of spy story the

British seem to own. Not only do they

make the best spy movies and novels, but even in real life, from the Kim Philby affair onward, the Brits seem involved in a spooky world of intrigue beyond the ken of others. Espionage is to England as pasta is to Italy

The stiff-upper-lip gravity of "Pro-tocol" is a far cry from the adult car-toon style of James Bond. The hero is Michael Caine, working again with director John MacKenzie ("Beyond the Limit"). Escaping his standard recent role as a likeable but sodden woman-izer. Caine is back as a very cool, tough counterintelligence agent, which is exactly where he started in "The Ipcress File" two decades ago.

Unfortunately, all we know about his character is that he brings out the hostility in his boss (does anybody get along with his boss anymore?) and is a fond single parent to a young boy

After one argument with the boss, he explodes on the subway and karates a couple of punks who've been hassling a

Overall, the tale should remind most viewers of Forsyth's earlier hit, "The Day of the Jackal," but frankly, it doesn't have that much juice. Basically, the plot is a search for the star Soviet agent, a "legend," played by Pierce Brosnan, who's in charge of gathering the parts for the A-bomb in an apartment complex next to the airstrip.

Among several ironies in the casting of Brosnan (who also worked earlier for MacKenzie, with a small role in "The Long Good Friday") is the fact that only his contract as TV's "Remington Steele" kept him from being the new movie James Bond. Here, he's clearly a Soviet model 007 with a license to kill anyone who gets in his way, and his killings are more gruesome than Bon-dishly entertaining. Perhaps there's a subtle moral lesson in that

Another TV connection is Matt Frewer ("Max Headroom"), who turns up as a friendly Yank pilot who invites Brosnan over to the base for a little fun. The Soviet gets a dim view of Western Civilization. After bowling, the airman tries to drink him under the table with vodka (a mistake), and the airman's wife tries to seduce him. At home, when not forced to watch rassl-ing on TV, he looks out the window and sees the neighbors having a sex orgy.

But Brosnan's villain is less resourceful than the Jackal. There are genuine disappointments, both in the relative ease with which Caine tracks him down and in the unsatisfying way the final confrontation, after an extended buildup, works out.

Several ingredients help to forestall terminal leg cramps. One is the por-traval of the "good" Russians—that is,

the ones who are sly and mean but not absolutely crazy—by Ned Beatty (of all people) and Ray McAnally (the cardinal-narrator of "The Mission"). Whenever the scene turns to Russia, it is always under several feet of snow. Otherwise, it might as well be Arkansas

Another is Joanna Cassidy, who can usually be depended upon to be in a good movie. But this time she hardly changes expression as a KGB colonel who puts the bomb together (very carefully) and eventually becomes just another corpse in Brosnan's bathtub There is also a good (if overly familiar) subway chase and a good mix of elements as the clock winds downanti-Bomb demonstrators singing "We Shall Overcome," a little boy chasing a cat in the dark, etc.

In the end, Michael Caine is angry at all the big shots, East and West, who just seem to care about their own careers. But it is never clear what Caine does care about either, besides stopping the world from coming to an

(Tight but empty suspense film; violence, sexual situations; not recommended.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults.

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# 'Spy Machines' is first-rate television history

by Henry Herx and Tony Zaza

Looking at the development and growing importance of satellite intel-ligence-gathering is "Spy Machines," part of the "Nova" series airing Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8-9 p.m. on PBS.

The program is first-rate television history, beginning with the balloon observers of the Civil War, the zeppelins of World War I and photo reconnaissance missions of World War II. From here the leap was to much more sophisticated air vehicles, cameras and computerized enhancement of images.

It was the Cold War and the need to netrate the Iron Curtain that accelerated these developments. When the Russians began testing nuclear weapons and then put a satellite in orbit, it became critical to have photographic evidence of what was actually happening in the Soviet Union. The answer came in 1956 with the U-2, the high altitude plane beyond artillery range until 1960, when Gary Powers was shot down in one

A series of U-2 photographs of Cuba in 1962 revealed the Soviet missiles there and brought the world to the brink of nuclear war. The agreement to dismantle these weapons added a new reason for air surveillance.

The mystique is now in machines, not just various spy satellites but supercomputers that can perform over 150 million calculations per second and clarify images as small as one foot in a photograph taken from 570 miles in space and even show it in three

What taxpayers will learn, however, is that not only is nuclear weaponry expensive, so too is intelligence technology monitoring it. And like weapons, the spy machine game is endless, with a development on one side leading to a counterdevelopment on the other

Up until now this entire area has been kept shrouded in mystery. Of course, there is no classified information here, but there is much that the average American has not heard of.

Part of the program's success was in going to the intelligence community and naving members talk about what they did and why.

Others interviewed are arms control advisers, scientists, scholars, journalists and historians. The story they tell is fascinating oral history, and the visual material from newsreel footage to computer graphics makes riveting

The result is prime-time television on a subject about which the public needs to know much more because arms control is tied to the political

issue of verification. In a democracy there is a delicate balance between the citizen's right to know what the govern ment is doing and the need for s in the national interest. This program maintains the balance and serves both sides admirably

#### TV Programs of Note

Sunday, Oct. 11, 9-11 p.m. (CBS) After the Promise." Depression-era drama about the struggle of a widower (Mark Harmon) to regain custody of his four sons who have been taken away by welfare authorities because he doesn't have a job. It's a story of injustice that has some parallels for today.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 10:30-11 p.m. (PBS)
"Dollar a Day, 10 Cents a Dance."
Documentary featuring interviews with surviving farmworkers reveals a forgot-ten story of the Filipino-American men who provided cheap U.S. farm labor in the 1920s and 1930s

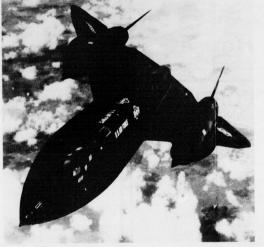
Monday, Oct. 12, 44:30 p.m. (Show-time cable) "The Steadfast Tin Soldier." Animated version of the children's storybook classic about pride and loyalty is narrated by British actor Jeremy Irons

Monday, Oct. 12, 8-9 p.m. (ABC) "Funny You Don't Look 200." Whimsical but reverent view of the Constitution in a program aimed at young people, hosted and produced by actor Richard Dreyfuss with show-business personalities Judd Nelson, Ally Sheedy, Henry Winkler, Whoopi Goldberg and

Monday, Oct. 12, 8-9 p.m. (HBO cable) "AIDS: Everything You and Your Family Wanted to Know...But Were Afraid to Ask." Timely information special hosted by U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop details the current research data about the dis ease, its care and prevention, with emphasis on the most frequently asked

Monday, Oct. 12, 9-11 p.m. (NBC) "Right to Die." Fact-based story of a terminally ill mother of two young children (Raquel Welch) who fights to have her life ended "with dignity." The subject matter demands not only sensitivity but a moral awareness distinguishing between extraordinary means of sustaining life and euthanasia. Definitely not for the youngsters.

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7-8 p.m. (Show-time cable) "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Encore presentation of the well-done, well-acted adaptation of the Washington Irving tale of Puritan manner and morals starring Ed Begley Jr., Beverly D'Angelo and Charles Durning.



SPY IN THE SKY—"Nova" takes a look at the pivotal role science and technology play in the secret world of espionage in "Spy Machines" Oct. 13 on PBS. The program starts with pictures taken from balloons during the Civil War and carries the viewer through history on into the technically complicated era of "Star Wars." (NC photo)



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You have read many times in this column the strong emphasis I make on twist of carpet fiber. The better the twist level of the carpet fiber, the better service you can expect from your carpet. Twists do not have the luxurious look of elegant plushes, however you have to make a choice — Looks or wear.

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October 9

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#### October 9-11

A Concerned Marriages Re-treat for couples with serious dif-ficulties in their marriages will be presented by Franciscan Father Martin Wolter, David Reuter and team couples at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mil Rd. Call 317-257-7338 for information. ...

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#### October 10

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A Columbus Day Dance will be held at Msgr. James M. Downey Council #3869, K of C, 511 E. Thompson Rd. \$8/person includes wine, food and drawing. For infor-mation call 317-784-3360.

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#### October 11

A Sign Mass for the Deaf is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. every Sun-day in St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central.

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Separated, Divorced and Re-married Catholics (SDRC) will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. for a Center, 1400 N. Meriman St. for a program on "Fast Foods, Fads and the Single Life Style" presented by registered dietician Carol Kourany. Call 317-236-1596 days or 317-844-5034 or 317-291-3629 ings for informa

Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman will speak on "The Church in the Modern World" from 79:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Merdidian St. in the first of five Liturgical Ministry Formation Program sessions. \$4 fee payable at the door. Call 317-296-1483 for information.

#### October 13

Mature Living Seminars con-tinue with "Shock of the New" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in room 251 of Marian Hall, Marian College. \$2 donation. Bring bag lunch or buy in cafeteria.

Benedictine Sister Cornelia Gust continues The New Testa-ment: An Overview series from 9:30-11 a.m. and from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Benedictine Center, 1402 Southern Ave. Beech Grove. For information call 317-788-7581.

Benedictine Sister Juliann Bab-cock continues the Clay as Medita-

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New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry continues Faith Themes in Adolescent Catechesis with 'Sexuality' presented by Val Aquinas Center, Clarksville. For information call 812-945-0354.

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The Ave Maria Guild will meet for dessert and coffee followed by a business meeting at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove. Bring door prizes

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The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) will sopnose its annual Day of Recibetion in Owen Hall at St. Mary of the Woods College, Terre Haute 56 cost includes breakfast and lunch Enrig a child's toy for annual Christmas store. For reservations call Rose Sullivan 812:235-9795 or Peg Knezevich 812-234-0540.

Gwen Goss will presen "Prayer" from 7-10 p.m. in th Spiritual Enrichment Series spor sored by Beech Grove Benedictine Center, \$7.50 fee, Call 317-788-7581

Benedictine Sister Carol Falk-ner will present "Group Facilita-tion" from 7-10 p.m. in the Leader-ship Skills: A Spiritual Perspective series at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 317-788-7581 for infor-

#### October 16-18

A Beginning Experience Week-end for persons experiencing separation, divorce or separation will be held at Bradford Woods. For information call the Family Life Office 317-236-1596.

A Marriage Encounter Week-end will be held at the Sisters of St. Francis Convent, Oldenburg. Call Ann Miller 317-788-0274 for infor-

#### October 17

St. Francis Hospital's annual Chrysanthemum Ball will be held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. For reservations call 317-783-8949.

Sacred Heart Spartan Class of 1952 will celebrate its 35th Class Reunion beginning with 5 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church

Holy Rosary Parish, Seelyville will sponsor its Annual Spaghetti Dinner from 4-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Adults \$3.75; children

St. Joseph K of C, 4332 N. Ger-St. Joseph K of C., 4332 N. Ger-man Church Rd. will hold a Las Vegas Night from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Free draft beer 8-11 p.m. Adults only. Admission \$1.

Knights of Columbus Council #1414 will present The Columbus Octoberfest from noon-midnight at 4440 Middle Rd. (Bakalar Airport), Columbus. Family fun; Um-pah-pah Band and dance at 7 p.m. Free admission; \$4/person for dance. call 812-372-4848 for information.

Daughters of Isabella will sponsor their annual Salad Luncheon Card Party at 12:30 p.m. in St. Mary gym, New Albany, \$3.50/person. For reservations can Helen Sinkhorn 812-945-8433 or Mildred Stewart 812-944-5294.

#### October 18

The Bloomington K of C and D of I councils will co-sponsor an Autumn Outside Prayer Service at 4 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bloomington. Bring lawn chairs and covered dish for picnic provided

A Newly Married Couples Day for couples married 1-5 years will be presented by Franciscan Father Martin Wolter, David Reuter and team couples at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 317-257-7338 for infor-

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56th St. will present its annual
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spaghetti dinners served from 1-7 p.m. Adults \$5; children under 12 \$2. Aran afghan, condo, cheer bas-ket, other drawings. Call 317-545-7681 for advance tickets.

St. Francis Hospital Calix Unit will meet at 8 a.m. in chapel for Mass, followed by 8:45 a.m. meet-ing in cafeteria.

The Ladies Sodality of St. Paul

Parish, New Alsace will sponsor a Japanese/American Dinner from 5-7 p.m. fast time in the school gym. Reservations due by Oct. 11. Call 812-623-2994 or 812-623-4111.

#### Socials:

Ave., 5 p.m.; St. 600; 196; N. Pulse., 6. 5 pm; THURSDAY, N. Pulse., 6. 5 pm; THURSDAY, St. Cathertine parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; Westside K. of C., 220 N. Country. Cuba Rd., 6 pm; PRIDAY; St. Anderew parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; St. Critistopher parish hall, 6:30 p.m.; St. Critistopher parish hall, 5peedway, 7 p.m.; St. Peter Clave Center, 3108 Sutherland Ave., 5 pm; Central Catholic Schoolid Sutherland Ave., 5 pm; St. Council 437, 1308 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m.; St. GC. council 437, 1308 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m.; St. GC. council 437, 1308 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m.; St. Fhilip parish hall, 3 p.m.; St. Philip parish hall, 3 p.m.; St.

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## ICA celebrates Constitution's 200th

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Yet, despite its success, many still take it for granted. At the Academy of the Immaculate Conception (ICA) in Oldenburg, the students are being made more aware of this special instrument that affects every aspect of their lives.

That's where the senior government class and club

given the task of preparing the school for a celebration and increasing student awareness of the Constitution and the way it works. To start off the commemoration, a large display was nut up in the front entrance by the senior government teacher. Joanne Jan-

Janzaruk also started explaining to the club officers how to amend or even rewrite their organizations' constitutions. To aid further awareness and to show just how the Constitution is involved in society's everyday routine, she assigned a written paper issue concerning interpretation of the Constitution.

The topics ranged from censorship of records and prayer in school to the seat belt laws, the power of the media, the death penalty, abortion and even the right to protest. It has been two cen-turies and we still cannot fully understand how to interpret the Constitution

The U.S. Constitution is the oldest constitution for a government still in use anywhere in the world. It has lasted so long mainly because of the ingenious minds of our fore fathers and their insight in

on a current controversial realizing that government should not bind and choke the people but should allow for growth and change.

Gayle Thatcher, a senior at ICA, believes that "the Constitution can't be strict. There are too many different situa tions that the framers couldn't have foreseen or predicted,' she said

Karen Tucker, also a senior, views the Constitution in a similar light. "The Con-stitution forms a basic prin-ciple to follow and it should be stretched," she said. "(But) people don't know enough about it.

Our Constitution is too important for citizens to live in ignorance of its promises and protection. Hopefully, in cele-brating its bicentennial, people will wake up to its importance and make it work for them.



CONSTITUTION-Joanne Janzaruk, senior government te at th' Academy of the Immaculate Conception lists the Bill of Rights as part of the anniversary celebration at the school

Music and Life

## Klymaxx and commitment

by Charlie Martin, NC News Service

I'D STILL SAY YES

I love you most/We share a place/Special good times I love You most/we share a piace/Special good unito-together/It seems like our love/Can't get much better/Because we are as close as two can be/Your love can last forever/We're more than lovers/We're good friends/And even if our love/Would drift away/I wouldn't even think twice/If I wanted

Refrain: Because I would still/Say yes to you again/Darling for you I'd do it all again/Yes, I'd still say/Yes to you again/Darling, for you I do it/Over and over again

Where does it go/How does it end/True love it seems so easy/Because we have no doubts/Where we belong/They say time can heal a broken heart/And true love never ends/So why not start where we began

Klymaxx's "I'd Still Say s" talks about love that lasts. The person in the song says that she would commit herself to her love relationship "over and over again." Be cause of this ongoing commit-ment, the couple has become nore than lovers, we're good friends.

Few of today's love songs really talk about commitment. Most talk about love only in

terms of wants and feelings. These are natural. But lasting love needs more than the excitement and passion of romance. If love is to last, it needs commitment.

Commitment is really an

act of our wills. Feelings may change. Passion can be intense or quiet. However, commit-ment looks at all sides of a relationship and is ready to say "yes over and over again"—even when the feelings are at a low point.

We show commitment when we show honesty, re-spect and kindness for our

Part of honesty is to face all of our feelings. Even when we love another, we may be dis-appointed at times, hurt or angry at the person. When we are committed to love another, we also are committed to share these types of relings—

to take the risk and talk about them.

Doing so stops resentments from building up. Few things hurt a relationship more than carrying resentments.

Respect includes recognizing that each person in a rela-tionship is unique and dif-ferent. It also includes working out ways to handle those differences that we recognize. All of us have a tendency to believe that our way of thinking, feeling or doing something is the right way

But thinking like that is a sure way to kill a relationship. It's much smarter to recognize that most of the time there e many ways of seeing and doing things. Smart couples respect these differences in each other

Love also means being kind. Kindness is a soil were love grows strong. Kindness leads to trust, sensitivity and enjoyment. All these things are necessary for love.

Commitment means saying "yes" many times to a rela-tionship. Sometimes this commitment is not spoken every day. More often it is acted out in ways that speak louder than words

(Send comments to: Charlie Martin, 1218 S. Rotherwood Ave., Evansville, Ind. 47714.)



RESPECT LIFE WALK-In a Sunday walk from Monument Circle to the SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, these teens are among 200 who demonstrated their concern on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 4. They later attended a Vesper Service and enjoyed a pizza party at the Catholic Center. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



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#### Book Review

## A work the serious can skip

Reviewed by Fr. James Gilhoolev

nary Padford Ruether writes of "the challenges of liberalism, sexual questions and the challenge of women, the challenge of the Third World, and what is to be done.

The message is written especially for "liberal-left

First the good news. Ms. Ruether's prose is readable. And while breaking no fresh ground, she makes points worthy of serious consideration.

But the bad news outweighs the good. Ms. Ruether experiences discomfort with the "infallibilist style" of many church pronouncements. Yet, she reveals little evidence of herself enjoying the luxury of a doubt now and then.

The reader is subjected to tabloid psychology, e.g., "the anti-abortion crusade was largely a continuation of the inabil-ity of the hierarchy to accept birth control."

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### Br. Regis Regensburger buried

SOUTH BEND-Holy Cross Brother Regis Regensburger died here Sept. 30 after a short illness. He was 87. Funeral services were held Oct. 3 at the Holy Cross ter at Notre Dame

Brothers' Center at Notre Dame.
Brother Regis was born in
McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He
was employed as a draftsman for
U.S. Steel before entering the
Brothers of Holy Cross in 1934. He McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He cross Brothers' Center.

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From 1947 to 1958 Brother Regis in Survived by Christopher Cookey From 1947 to 1958 Brother Regis in Survived by Steel Brother Steel Steel Brother Steel Steel Brother Steel Steel Steel Cookey Cooker Steel Steel Steel McKeesport, And Pauline Cookey Futsburgh, Pa., and several nices and nephews.

was principal of Cathedrai High School in Indianapolis. He also taught in schools in Albany, N.Y., Watertown, Wis., and in Evans-ville and Rolling Prairie, Ind. From 1973 until his death, Brother Regis was on the staff at the Holy

ss Brothers' Center

(The Criterion welcomes death notices from parishes and/or individuals. Please submit them in writing, always stating the date of death, to our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of publication. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests, their parents and Religious sisters: serving in our archdiocese ar listed elsewhere in The Criterion Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.)

† BAKER, Agnes D., 79, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Sept. 17. Mother of Suemma Wilson; sister of Thomas Earl, Austin and Mary Doyle, Gertrude Burch and Ernestine Palmer; grandmother of three.

† BISCHE, Olivia M., 76, St. Christopher, Speedway, Sept. 30. Mother of Charles F., David W., and orence A. Syester; sister of ichard Wendholt and Tina Whet-ill; grandmother of nine; great-randmother of seven.

BRYANT, Lawrence R., 67, St. Mary, New Albany, Sept. 25. Hus-band of Violet M. Bryant; father of Larry K. and Michael Bryant, Patricia Hall and Brenda Huff; grandfather of 15; great-grand-lather of seven.

† CALLON, Harold, 80, St. Cathe-† CALLON, Harold, 80, 5t. Caune-rine of Siena, Indianapolis, Sept. 24. Husband of Gertrude; father of Michael, Robert, Patricia and Marilyn; grandfather of 14; great-grandfather of five.

† CAMPRELL, Harold, 76, Annun ation, Brazil, Sept. 21. Father of ose Ellen, Phillip and Paul.

+ CHAMBERIAIN John M 85 † CHAMBERLAIN, John M., 85, St. Andrew, Richmond, Sept. 22. Husband of Helen; father of Vir-ginia Meyer, Jeannette Newton, Mary Williams, Wanda Bastron,

Mary Williams, Wanda Bastron, Nellie Ramsey and Noel: brother of Elizabeth Behnen, Conrad and Paul; grandfather of 22: great-grandfather of 22: great-grandfather of 22: Great-ter CLABK, Bugh A., 79, Sacreet Heart, Jeffersonville, Sept. 21: Husband of Catherine; stepfer of Thomas A., William J., James E. and Rose Howard, Dorothy Herr and Mary Drennen; brother of Lida Hosman, Ann Christian, Helen Burch, Ellen Barrard, Dick and Andrew; grandfather of 14: great-grandfather of fur. \* DAMLER, Charles J., 72, St.

great-grandfather of four.
† DAMLER, Charles J., 72, St.
Lawrence, Indianapolis, Sept. 22.
Husband of Rose Marie Tice;
father of Charles J., Jr.; grandfather of Anne Marie, Charles J.
III and Robert M.

† DRILLETTE, Aline F., 74, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Al-bany, Sept. 21. Wife of Thomas O.; mother of Thomas R.; sister of Jan Haller; grandmother of five.

FASBINDER, Nicholas F., 75 † FASBINDER, Nicholas F., 75, Holy Family, Oldenburg, Sept. 16. Husband of Emily Rogers; father of Nicholas, Jr., James, Paul, William, Jo Ann Waters, Barbara Ertel, Patricia and Mary Betha grandfather of 14; great-grand-father of nine; brother of Helen Swindel and Angels Enrichbeff. Swindel and Angela Ferkinhoff

GINDER, Hubert J., 78, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis Sept. 28. Husband of Wilma brother of Ardella Gootee, Mar-Etta Walsh, and Ralph.

† HUBER, William, 75, St. La rence, Lawrenceburg, Sept. 19. Brother of Anna Cors.

† LANDECK, Elmer, 69, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Sept. 23. Hus-band of Emilie; father of Kenneth

† LIME, Edward J., 68, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Sept. 18. Husband of Norma Pickle; father of Edward J., Jr.; brother of Jean Hiatt; grandfather of two.

MEYER, Mark A., 36, St Lawrence, Lawrenceburg (buried from St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora), Sept. 24. Husband of Debbie; father of Jen-nifer and Steven; son of William Some readers have asked why Some readers have asked why obituaries of certain Catho-lics in the archdiocese do not appear in *The Criterion*. Parishes are invited to send obitu aries by mail. If they do not aries by mail. If they do not send them, the newspaper staff has no way of knowing about parishioners' deaths, since it would be impossible for it to monitor all the secular newspapers or funeral homes in the archdiocese. Individuals may mail in obitu-aries if their parishes do not. Mail the name, age, parish, city, date of death and list of deceased's survivors to

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and Ruth: brother of Kathy Ryan Paula Shaw, Carla Stillwell, ames, and Father John.

+ MOORMAN, Charles G., 69, St † MOORMAN, Charles G., 69, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Sept. 22. Husband of Marjorie H.; father of Charles G.; grandfather of two; brother of Dorothy Colestock.

† OSER, Sylvester, 76, St. Paul, Tell City, Sept. 24. Husband of Wilma; father of Donald; brother of Hubert, Dorothy Vogeler and Hilda Arensman.

† REARDON, Theresa E., 95, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Sept. 22. Sister of Thomas and Robert, Sr.; aunt of Mary Jane Henry and Patsy Miller

† RICKE, Carl M., 86, St. John the † RICKE, Carl M., 36, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, Sept. 27. Husband of Laura; father of Richard, and Rita Chasteen; brother of Ray, and Hilda Phelan; grandfather of seven; great-grandfather of seven.

seven; great-grandather or seven.

† RIEHLE, August, 78, St. Nicholas, Sunman, Sept. 24. Husband of Hilda; father of David, Patricia Speckman and Angela Lieland; stepfather of Norman Lee; grand-father of five; great-grandfather of

tone.

\*\*ROBERTSON, Nancy Barlow, 27, St. Mary, North Vernon, Sept. 26. Wife of David; daughter of William P. and Mary Ann Stewart Barlow; sister of Robert, William Michael, John and Kate Barlow and Mary Jo Bender.

† SCHWERING, Elizabeth Nicole, infant, St. mary, Greensburg, Sept. 19. Daughter of Gregory and Arleen; sister of Shawn and Amanda; granddaughter of the Ralph Schwerings and Kenneth Redelmans; great-granddaughter of Elizabeth, and Edna Redelman.

† SMITH, Mildred E., 82, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Sept. 26. Mother of Wanda Lindsay; grandmother of Greg and Brad Lindsay; sister of Lucille Davis and Paul

STANFIELD, Leonard A., 37, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Sept. 27. Husband of Hortense Ann Mat-Holy Tr 27. Husb 27. Husband of Hortense Ann Mat-thews; father of William; son of Carl and Virginia; brother of Daniel G., Frank C., and Darlene

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† TOTH, Irene, 75, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Sept. 21. Sister of Anna Vladoiu, Frank and John. † TROUTMAN, Mabel, 90, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Sept. 3. Mother of Patricia Webb.

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Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Sept. 21. Husband of Ediberta Franco; father of Dr. Violeta
Reyes, Dr. Nunlion Thomas,
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4 WELCH, Paul, 69, Holy Family,
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## New surrogate mother case poses moral and legal questions

WASHINGTON (NC)-A South African woman who gave birth Oct. 1 to triplets has made history. As the world's first surrogate mother for her daughter's transplanted embryos she gave birth to her own grandchildren.

That has pushed the debate about the ethics of surrogate motherhood a step further, raising a host of fresh moral and legal questions.

In surrogacy, an infertile woman and her husband contr with another woman to be artificially inseminated with the sperm of the husband and carry and give birth to the child, then give up the baby for adoption by the infertile couple. In many cases surrogate mothers provide the service for pay.

But the South African woman was implanted with the ova of her 25-year-old daughter fertilized with her son-in-law's sperm through in vitro fertilization.

Embryo transfer, in vitro fertilization, sex predetermina

tion, amniocentesis and other reproductive technologies are being used increasingly in conjunction with surrogacy.

Surrogate motherhood has been described as a major social experiment, an experiment that has evolved in the absence of appropriate laws to guide its practitioners.

The Vatican has condemned surrogacy, saying it "represents an objective failure to meet the obligations of maternal love, of conjugal fidelity and of responsible motherhood."

Other Catholic leaders, including U.S. bishops, have said it also violates the marriage covenant, amounts to illegally trafficking in human lives and is "a legal outrage and moral

Organizers of a newly formed national coalition against the practice branded it a "new form of slavery" that has created a class of breeder women.

Surrogacy's proponents include attorney Noel P. Keane of

Surrogacy's proponents include attorney Noe! P. Reane of Dearborn, Mich., who arranged a surrogate contract between Mary Beth Whitehead and Elizabeth and William Stern.

Last March Mrs. Whitehead lost a landmark custody battle over "Baby M," the child she agreed to bear for the Sterns for \$10,000 but whom she refused to give up. The case

Sterns for 30,000 without set elasted of groups of payas on appeal to the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Keane, who in 1978 arranged one of the first surrogate births in the United States and has arranged 177 others since then, has said surrogacy is a "furtherance" of what he believes is couples' constitutional right to procreate.

"Most critics aren't aware of how hard infertility hits people," Keane has said. "If we have an infertile woman married to a fertile man, why can't they incorporate the use of a surrogate in the furtherance of their constitutionally protected right to procreation?"

The first legislation on surrogate motherhood was intro

duced in Alaska's House of Representatives in April 1981, and since then legislation has been proposed in a number of states on various aspects of surrogacy.

But to date only Louisiana has a law dealing specifically

But to date only Louisiana has a law dealing specifically with the practice. The state's lawmakers passed a bill earlier this year declaring surrogacy contracts null and void and "unenforceable as contrary to public policy," effective Sept. 1. On the federal level, Rep. Thomas Luken, D-Ohio, has introduced a bill now being considered by a House subcom-

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Pennsylvania is among the states considering legislation

remsylvania is among the states considering jegislation to ban it, or at the very least control it.

At a public hearing in early September on a bill introduced by Rep. William DeWeese to outlaw surrogacy, the Pennsylvania bishops' conference testified in support of such

Howard J. Fetterhoff, executive director, said surrogacy weakens the institution of marriage and family and reduces

parenthood to the level of "a commercial transaction."

He said public policy must "protect, enhance and support the family and the institution of marriage as being a key ingredient of an enduring society."

new national coalition against surrogacy, spearheaded A new national coalition against still organ, specification by Jeremy Rifkin of the Foundation on Economic Trends in Washington, is "aggressively pursuing federal legislation... to stop this pernicious activity," said coalition spokesman rew Kimbrell.

He said Riffin and Mrs. Whitehead and other surrogate mothers now against the practice would testify at a hearing scheduled for Oct. 15 on Luken's proposed bill being considered by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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SUPPORT FOR SURROGATES-Surrogate mother Mary Beth Whitehead (right) grasps the hand of Patricia Foster, also a surrogate mother, during a Washington roster, also a surrogate mouner, ourning a wassingtion press conference. At the press conference, the Foundation on Economic Trends launched a program to provide legal and moral support to surrogate mothers. At center is Gena Corea, author of "The Mother Machines." (NC photo from



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## Archbp. Weakland calls for women in major church posts

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland called for women to be appointed to major posi-tions in the Roman Curia and the papal diplomatic corps as one of several steps to remove sexism from the church.

The archbishop also said the church should open liturgical les such as preaching and altar serving to women and avoid the negative aspects of patriarchy "inherent in some of the orical and biblical narratives.

Along with Archbishop Weakland, other U.S. bishops who dressed the worldwide Synod of Bishops Oct. 5 were Chicago

Synod focuses on women

(Continued from page 1)

Cardinal Danneels urged a greater role for women "in the administration of the diocese." He also praised the "irreplaceable role of women Religious in the church."

According to one synod source, the cardinal also proposed vestigating the possibility of ordaining women as perma-

The cardinal also asked "for clarification of the relation-ship" between the older Catholic lay groups, many of which stress social action, and the post-Vatican II movements which

Callixta Belomo Essana, an official of the Cameroen National Association for UNESCO, asked the church for better understanding of the problems women face and better

Women want to participate more fully in the church's "mis-on in our modern world, where women are assuming more

and more functions in administration and government and in fields which hitherto have been the exclusive preserve of men," she said.

Other speakers also emphasized the lay role in bringing Christian values to business, biogenetic engineering, science,

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Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and St. Louis Archbishop John May, president of the U.S. bishops' conference.

"is perhaps the most significant challenge we face today as disciples of Christ."

"The credibility of the church in our century in its pastoral

the church, he said, but many others feel "pain and frustra-tion" because they feel their talents and contributions "are

teaching that women cannot be ordained to the priesthood,

"Honesty forces us to admit, however, that the issue was raised by men and women in almost every hearing around the nation," he added.

"Many questioned, too, why so many aspects of jurisdiction in the church are tied into the power of orders and felt that leadership roles for women in the church would be excluded without some change in this regard," he said.

altar serving, lectoring and preaching.

Dening to all lay people decision-making and administrative roles on all levels of church life, from diocesan offices and tribunals to the Roman Curia and Vatican diplomatic

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Addressing the role of women, Archbishop Weakland said the right of women to full participation in church and society

mission depends on its forthright response to the concerns of women in church and society," the archbishop said.

Many women are "satisfied" with their role and status in

stifled or rejected" by the church.

The U.S. bishops "have been faithful" to the church's

Archbishop Weakland said practical steps the church could be to "root out all vestiges" of sexism include:

► Permitting all lay women and men to perform any liturgical role that did not call for priestly ordination, including

biblical narratives. ► Use of inclusive language in liturgical and other official

rhile also supporting major roles for women in public

Archbishop Weakland also said the church must oppose

pornography and prostitution and support women in their 'equal rights.

Cardinal Bernardin, speaking on "the church, the world and the kingdom," defended two recent pastoral letters by U.S. bishops seeking to promote the church's social teachings and show their applications.

Many American lay people are "well-educated and deeply

dedicated to the church, but not all of them are familiar with the church's social teaching," he said. The U.S. bishops "have developed a consistent ethic of life" which they have sought to communicate to the laity, including through two recent pastoral letters on war and peace and the economy, he added.

The cardinal called "mistaken" criticism of the bishops for entering "too deeply into the political order," being too specific in their teachings and "usurping the proper role of

The distinct teaching role of bishops in addressing the

"The distinct teaching role of bishops in addressing the political order complements the indispensable role of the laity as participants in the political process," he said. The task of the laity is "to grapple with how the church's moral teaching should be joined with the concrete choices of the political order and the requirements of building public sup-port for needed policies," the cardinal said.

Archbishop May spoke on the importance of the parish in the religious lives of U.S. Catholics, who he said identify the parish, after the family, as the place where they most feel God's presence in their lives.

U.S. Catholics participate in the variety of lay ministries associated with the parishes not because they perceive a shortage of ordained priests, but because they wish to establish a "collaborative ministry" with priests, he said. Archbishop May asked the synod delegates to discuss ways

in which lay movements could work more effectively through parishes rather than apart from them.

He also said it was important to nurture in parish communities a sense of the diocesan and universal church.

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