Financial report shows small surplus by John F. Fink

The financial report for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the fiscal year that ended last June 30 shows a small surplus of \$15,000. The report is included in the middle four pages of this newspaper.

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years of operational deficits amounting to nearly \$2.2

He emphasizes, though, that the archdiocese's financial condition remains unstable "if for no other reason than that we continue to utilize every dollar of investment income to support current operations thereby eroding the purchasing power of our already meager reserves."

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The report shows revenues of \$25,565,000, an increase of \$3.9 million over the previous fiscal year. This was primarily the result of a successful United Catholic Appeal campaign

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Expenses tolated \$23,233,000, leaving \$2,332,000 excess of revenue over expenses. However, \$2,317,000 are restricted funds. Deducting them gives the surplus of \$15,000. In his comments with five exhibits in the financial report, Chief Financial Officer Joseph Hornett calls attention to the reserve for doubtful accounts, which "has skyrocketed to a level of almost 22 percent." He says that if this is not checked, "it is ultimable the proportion for diseaser." it is ultimately the prescription for disaster

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Staffing recommendations released

by Margaret Nelson

More than half of the 159 parishes in the archdiocese will face ministry changes in the next two decades if a new long-range staffing plan is approved by a priests' board and the next archbishop.

(See complete list of recommendations on page 3.)

The Future Parish Staffing Committee has sent its recommendations to the Priests' Personnel Board, which will approve or amend the plan at a two-day meeting in March. Pastors and other leaders were to inform affected parish-ioners of the possible changes last weekend (Feb. 22-23). (Feb. 22-23)

Father Jeffrey Godecker, assistant chan cellor for project implementation, is over-seeing the project.

seeing the project
The committee evolved from a 1985, request of the press's council to plan for quality staffing of parishes, while recognizing the decreasing number of priests and the increasing leadership by the latty. It is hoped that the long-range planning will avoid the need for the large numbers of parish closings that have been necessary in other dioceses.

In its Feb. 18 report, the staffing committee recommended that 63 parishes be included in clusters or consolidations; that 19 be staffed by parish life coordinators, that one parish cluster change from having a parish life coordinator to being staffed by a pastor; and that the staffing control of the project of

y a pastor; and that three (See STAFFING, page 3)



ASHES TO ASHES—On Ash Wednesday, Catholics around the humanity. This year the beginning of Lent is next Wednesday, world receive a symbolic reminder of the humble origins of March 4. Lenten regulations are on page 2. (CNS photo)

Pope, others deny allegations of 'holy alliance'

by Cindy Wooden and John Thavis Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-Several high-ranking church and labor leaders Pope John Paul II—have denied allega

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tions that the pope and former President Ronald Reagan had formed a "holy to destabilize Poland's com munist government.

Although many acknowledged that the United States and the Vatican worked to help keep the outlawed Polish trade union Solidarity alive, they said a Time magazine article's conclusion that Reagan and the pope hatched a formal plan during a 1982 meeting was false

The pope told journalists flying with him Feb. 19 to western Africa that there was never "any formal understanding or alliance." He said the *Time* article describwas never any formal understanding or alliance." He said the *Time* article describing the alleged secret pact used "after-the-fact reasoning" in an effort "to find a cause for the consequences," that is, for the 1989 fall of Poland's communist government

The pope said that 10 years after his meeting with then-President Reagan—at which the plot was allegedly hatched—he could not remember exactly what they said about helping Poland.

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Time said in its Feb. 24 cover story that the alliance was part of a larger strategy to bring about the collapse of the Soviet economy, loosen the ties binding the former Soviet Union to its client states and force reform inside the Soviet emprise. force reform inside the Soviet empire.

"The fact that the Holy See, the church,

defended the victims of a totalitarian system is nothing negative," Pope John Paul said, "It is not an accusation. Rather, it is an act that merits appreciation."

The pope called Reagan "a great world leader," who opposed the evils of

Pope John Paul said, "the position of the Holy See and my own position, despite the fact it concerned my homeland, was always

At the Vatican Feb. 18, spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the reported secret agreement was an conclusion" of the reporter. "imaginative

conclusion" of the reporter.
He said the Vatican would not respond
to specific allegations and "errors" in the
article because the list "would never end."
The article was written by Carl Bernstein,
the journalist who helped break the Watergate story in the 1970s with fellow Washington
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The Time article quoted Reagan's first national security adviser, Richard Allen, as saying of the alleged Reagan-pope agreement: "This was one of the great secret alliances of all time

Navarro-Valls, citing that passage, said with laughter: "Let's be serie

"The whole conception (of the article)

seems mistaken to me," Navarro-Valls

The article asserted that during the The article asserted that during the 50-minute pope-Reagan meeting at the Vatican June 7, 1982, the two leaders agreed to undertake a "clandestine cam-(See VATICAN DENIES, page 23)



FROM THE EDITOR

It is possible to teach chastity to teens

Way back in the olden days, when I was a teen-ager, sex was just as much of an obsession as it is for today Puberty and adolescence haven't changed. What has changed is society's attitude toward sex. Back then teens were expected to remain chaste. Today it's taken for granted that they

going to have sex.

Back in the '40s and '50s there were organizations that encouraged youth to refrain from sex. One of the largest, which some of our older readers might remember, was The Fighting 69, whose members actively sought to uphold the sixth and ninth commandments.

Another popular organization among teens was called SDS, which advocated modesty in

among teens was called SDS, which advocated modesty in dress as a way to reduce sexual temptations. The initials stood for "Supply the Demand for the Supply," and the idea was that if enough girls demanded modest clothing the manufacturers would supply it.
Today, when surveys show that more than half of high-school students have had intercourse, what has happened to programs like those in my teen years? Well, despite the efforts of many people to convince us that we should give up trying to teach sexual abstinence to teen-agers and simply pass out condoms to them, there are some programs that are starting to have at least some success in promoting chastity.

A CAMPAIGN THAT IS actually in the public schools in Maryland is called Campaign for Our Children. Begun in Baltimore in 1987, and now available nationwide, it combines a mass media campaign with school lesson plans and materials for parents. Its theme, "You Can Go Farther When You Don't Go All the

Way," is communicated through TV and radio commerway, is communicated through IV and radio commer-cials; billboards; posters in buses, subways and schools; and a 24-hour hot line called Teen Alert.

The program is credited in one Baltimore school for

The program is credited in one Baltimore school for reducing pregnancies last school year by 75 percent. In the city of Baltimore, births to teen-agers under 18 dropped more than 10 percent between 1988 and 1990 and the number of abortions in Maryland fell 16 percent during the same period. Schools in Michigan, Delaware and the District of Columbia are now awaiting approval of public funding to bring the campaign to those states.

PROJECT RESPECT IS another program in the schools. In fact, its "Sex Respect" curriculum, by Coleen Kelly Mast, is used in 1,600 schools in 25 states. (The Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union is trying to ban it in Wisconsin public schools because it teaches values.) In Chicago, the girls in Project Respect were found to have half the national rate of pregnancies.

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There is still a federally-funded program that promotes abstinence. Started in 1981, the Adolescent Family Life program, funded at only an annual \$7.8 million, has been shown to have had good results. 'Postponing Sexual Involvement,' an AFL program for eighth graders in Atlanta, did an 18-month study that showed that those not in the program were five times more likely to begin sexual activity than were those in the program. in were those in the program.

The AFL program has been fought in the courts since 1983 by the American Civil Liberties Union, but so far it 1983 by the American Livil Liberties Union, but so rar it has survived. It has also so far survived attempts in Congress to stop funding it. The most recent attempt was last July when Rep. Pat Schroeder successfully removed it from the budget on a point of order. However, it was restored in November.

The Nitrianal Catholic Education A secondation has been

The National Catholic Educational Association has been successfully promoting its AIDS curriculum in Catholic schools. It stresses sexual abstinence and seeks to explode

the myth that "safe sex" is possible through the use of condoms. The curriculum has had three printings so far.

PERHAPS THE ONE PERSON in this country who has done the most recently to promote teen chastity 52-year-old widow and mother of eight from Philadelp has done the most recenny as pro-52-year-old widow and mother of cight from Philadelphia. Molly Kelly seems to be able to speak the language of teen-agers because she is invited to make about 300 presentations a year. And she makes no bones about talking about "chastity" because, she says, it is more positive than "abstinence." Kelly started in 1975 by talking to teens about abortion, but after awhile decided that she had to get to the root of the problem. When she started talking about chastity, she are a great reaction. Soon she was getting speaking

but after awhile decided that she had to get to the root of the problem. When she started talking about chastity, she got a great reaction. Soon she was getting speaking invitations from all over the country.

In Philadelphia, "Chastity Day" for eighth graders has become an annual event. Last year 3,600 students heard Kelly speak at the Philadelphia Civic Center.

Kelly believes that the current lie about "safe sex" is a put-down of young people. "We're led to believe that kids today have raging hormones and nobody else ever did," she says. "The problem isn't hormones; the problem is the message that they're getting."

Kelly's message is that sex is a gift from God that is meant to be cherished, protected and shared with only one special person, in marriage. It's a message that isn't heard enough today. To help spread her message, Kelly has written a book for teachers and parents, "Let's Talk to Teens About Chastity." and has produced a video for teens, "Teens and Chastity." (For information about Campaign for Our Children, write 120 W. Fayette St., Suite 1200, Baltimore, MD 21201 or call (410) 576-9015. Molly Kelly's book "Let's Talk to Teens About Chastify," and the video "Teens and Chastity" are available from the Center for Learning, P.O. Box 30 211 Madaria, PA 16155 or call 1-800-767-9930. The video is also available from the Wew Jersey Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 3222, Trenton, NJ 0861-90222.)

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

The abortion 'litmus test' for Democrats

Now that the primary elections are in full swing, it might be time to bemoan the fact that the Democratic Party has become the party of abortion.

This has presented a lot of people with a terrible dilemma: They agree with most of what the Democratic candidates are saying but they feel too strongly about the abortion issue to vote for someone who is strongly pro-choice.

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In our Feb. 14 issue we published an article about a speech that Pennsylvania's Democratic Gov. Robert P. Casey gave at the National Press Club in Washington. In that talk he said that the Democrats have been losing presidential elections because the party "insists on a litmus test" of support for abortion. By doing so, he said, the Democratic Party "disables its own candidates, for president before they can are disables in the property of the president before they can be president before they can be supported to the president before the president before the president before they can be supported to the president before the president be support for abortion. By doing so, he said, the Democratic Party "disables its own candidates for president before they can even get out of the gate." Sure enough, all of the Democratic candidates who were in the New Hampshire primary fell over themselves in their claims that they are more pro-choice than the other candidates. They all appeared at a dinner sponsored by the National Abortion Rights Action League Jan. 22. The winner in New Hampshire, Paul Tsongas, stressed that he was "proud" that his support for abortion has always been there. Sen. Tom Harkin of Jowa, a Catholic. Drazeed that pro-life neonle

Catholic, bragged that pro-life people "came at me with everything they had on that abortion issue—and we stuffed it right down their throats."

right down their throats."
Jerry Brown, another Catholic, boasted
that, while governor of California, his
appointees to the California Supreme Court
upheld California's abortion laws. Bob
Kerrey promised to fight for the Freedom of
Choice Act and a bill to make "full funding for abortions available for all women.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton praised the Roe vs. Wade decision and Justice Harry

ase, as "a giant in the history of American

case, as "a gaant in the history of American jurisprudence."

And it's not just these five candidates either. Four others who still might be thinking about entering the race—Mario Cuomo, Dick Gephardt, Al Gore and Lloyd Bentsen—are also pro-choice. At present, there simply is no leading Democrat who is proclife.

One reason for all this, of course, is that abortion rights activists have convinced politicians that most Americans are prochoice. This is despite the fact that every accurate poll shows that most Americans oppose abortion on demand and favor limits to the right to abortion.

Somehow, Democrats have to get the

Somenow, Democrats have to get the message across to their leaders that the candidates are shooting themselves in the feet with their knowtowing to the pro-abortion forces. Those who agree with Gov. Casey should make sure that that message gets to the party's leaders at the local, state and national levels.

Perhaps this year's presidential race will be decided on economic issues rather than on the abortion issue. But there can be no doubt that the Democrats lose many vote because of the abortion issue.

Blackmun, who wrote the opinion in that Fast, abstinence rules for Lent

Wednesday, March 4, is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent.

This solemn season is a penitential period that leads to the celebration of Easter.

Parishes throughout the archdiocese

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will begin the season with the blessing and distribution of ashes during the Ash Wednesday liturgies in their churches.

Fast and Abstinence Rule

Ash Wednesday, March 4, and Good Friday, April 17, are days of complete fast and abstinence.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of

Fast—Binds all over 18 and under 59 years of age. On the days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, meal is allowed. Iwo other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit jucies, are allowed.

Abstinence—Binds all over the age of

14. On days of abstinence, no meat is

Note: When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

Easter Duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion sometime between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, June 14 this year.

Father Charles Chesebrough marks 25th anniversary Mar. 8

Father Charles Sean Chesebrough will celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on March 8 at Mary, Queen of Peace Church, Danville, where

Five other diocesan priests will celebrate their silver jubilees this year on May 7: Fathers James Arneson, Wilfred Day, Joseph Mader, James O'Riley and Martin Peter.

Father Chesebrough was ordained on March 11, 1967, by Cardinal Elmer Ritter at St. Louis Cathedral, St. Louis, Missouri.

A graduate of St. Joan of Arc elementary and Cathedral High schools, Father Chese brough attended Xavier University, Cincin nati, and Butler University, Indianapolis. In his junior year, he entered St. Mary Seminary in Louisville, where he received Seminary in Louisville, where he received his degree in philosophy. He completed four years of theology at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, and was ordained by Cardinal Ritter with Archbishop Paul C. Schulte's

Father Chesebrough served as associate stor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bedford, for more than five years and at St. Simon, Indianapolis, until 1975. He was then named pastor of St. Ann, Indianapolis, where he remained for eight years.

One year after Father Chesebrough was named pastor of Mary, Queen of Peace, he began the planning for a new church to accommodate the growing parish. On Dec. 16, 1990, the new church building was dedicated by the late Archbishop Edward

Father Patrick O'Laughlin of St. Louis and Father Joseph Wade, pastor of St. Matthew, Indianapolis, will concelebrate at



Father Charles S. Chesebrough

the 4 p.m. Silver Jubilee Mass, along with other members of the presbyterate.

Patrick and Michael Chesebrough will attend their brother's jubilee, along with other relatives and friends. Father and Mrs. John Roof from the Episcopal Church in Danville will attend.

A reception, in the lower level of the church, will follow the Mass. John P. Masselink, who chairs the committee planning the celebration said, "All who have known Father Charlie and would enjoy participating in this day" are invited.

Recommendations for future parish staffing

The following are the recommenda-tions for changes in the staffing or status of parishes. This long-range plan replaces the preliminary draft published in Oc-tober, 1991. If no change is suggested here, none is being contemplated. Each cluster would be staffed by a priest, unless otherwise noted.

Batesville Deanery
Cluster/consolidate: St. Charles Borromeo, Milan, and St. Nicholas, Ripley
County; St. Paul, New Alsace, and St.
Martin, Yorkville; St. John, Dover, and
St. Joseph, St. Leon; and Immaculate
Conception, Millhousen, and St. Maurice, Napoleon. The Milhousesen/Napoleon consolidation will have a
parish life coordinator, with the associate
pastor of St. Mary, Greensburg serving
as sacramental minister.
From stäffing by pastor to parish life

as sacramental minister.

From staffing by pastor to parish life coordinator: St. Peter, Franklin County, with sacramental minister from St. Anthony, Morris; St. John Enochsburg, with sacramental minister from St. Maurice, Decature County; and St. Mary of the Rock with sacramental minister from Glodenburg.

From parish to chapel status: St. Magdalen, New Marion; St. Anne, Hamburg; St. Cecilia, Oak Forest; St. Dennis, Jennings County; and St. Pius, Ripley County.

Bloomington Deanery

From staffing by a pastor to parish life coordinator: St. Mary, Mitchell, with sacramental minister from Bedford; St. Jude, Spencer, with sacramental minister

from St. John Bloomington; and St. Agnes, Nashville, with sacramental minister from the Catholic Center.

Cluster/consolidate: Our Lady of the orings, French Lick; and Christ the Springs, Fi King, Paoli.

Connersville Deaners

Connersville Deanery
Cluster/consolidate: St. Anne, New
Castle, and St. Rose, Knightstown; St.
Bridget, Liberty, and St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City: Holy Family, St. Andrew, and
St. Mary, Richmond, The Richmond parishes
will be staffed with two diocesan priests
will be staffed with two diocesan priests.
From pastor to staffing by parish life,
Cedar Grove, with sacramental minister
from Brookville.

Indianapolis North Deanery

From staffing by pastor to parish life coordinator: St. Thomas Aquinas with sacramental minister from St. Joan of Arc

From associate pastor to no associate astor: St. Luke, St. Lawrence and Christ

committee included a request that a The committee included a request mar a study be undertaken to assess how the archdiocese might meet the needs of the northeast section of the deanery. It recommended the possibility of parish reconfiguration as a possible alternative to building a new parish.

Indianapolis South

Cluster/consolidation with staffing change from pastor to parish life coor-dinator: St. Patrick and Holy Rosary,

with their sacramental assistance to be

Staffing from parish life coordinator to istor and cluster/consolidation:

Catherine and St. James.

From pastor to staffing by parish life coordinator: St. Ann, with sacramental assistance from Mooresville.

Cluster: A special recommendation was made for St. John to be included with SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral and St. Mary (of the East Deanery) as a cluster to minister to the downtown Indianapolis community. Each church would retain its own name but be staffed by a team, with own name but be staffed by a te

A study was proposed for northern Johnson County, similar to the northeast section of Indianapolis North Deanery. The possibility of reshaping parish boun-daries was suggested as an alternative to

Indianapolis East

Cluster: SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral and St. Mary with St. John (South Deanery) in downtown team ministry. Cluster/consolidate: St. Philip and Holy Cross; St. Bernadette and Our Lady of

From pastor to staffing by parish life coordinator: St. Thomas, Fortville, with sacramental assistance from St. Michael, Greenfield.

Indianapolis West

Close and assist the parishioners to become part of other parishes: Assumption.

Cluster/consolidate: Holy Trinity and St. Anthony; St. Bridget and IUPUI Newman Center.

From pastor to staffing by a parish life coordinator: St. Joseph, with sacramental assistance from the high school chaplain.

New Albany Deanery

Cluster/consolidate: St. Michael, Brad-ford, and St. Bernard, Frenchtown; St. Joseph, Corydon, and Most Precious Blood, New Middletown; and St. Joseph, St. Joseph Hill, and St. Francis Xavier, Henryville.

Change in status from parish to chapel: St. Peter, Harrison County.

From pastor to staffing by parish life coordinator: St. Michael, Charlestown, with sacramental minister from Sellers-burg; and St. John the Baptist, Starlight, with sacramental minister from St. Mary, Navilleton.

Seymour Deanery

Close and assist parishioners to be-come part of other parishes: St. Anthony, China; and (missions) Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, and St. Paul, Decatur County.

Decatur County.

Cluster/consolidate: St. Mary, North
Vernon, and St. Anne, Jennings County;
St. Patrick, Salem, and American Martyrs, Scottsburg; St. Mary/St. Michael/St.
Patrick, Madison, to become one parish;
St. Bartholomew/St. Columba, Columbus; St. Rose of Lima and Holy Trinity,
Edinburg; and St. Ambrose, Seymour,
and St. Joseph, Jennings County.

From pastor to staffing by parish life coordinator: St. Vincent, Shelby County, with sacramental minister from Shelbyville.

Tell City Deanery

Cluster/Consolidate: St. Paul, Tell City, St. Pius, Troy, and St. Michael, Cannelton, staffed with two diocesan priests: St. Augustine, Leopold, and St. Mark, Perry County, St. Meinrad and St. Boniface, Fulda, staffed by St. Meinrad Archabbey; and St. Isidore, Perry County, and Holy Cross, St. Croix.

From status as parish to a chapel: St. Martin of Tours, Siberia, and St. Joseph, Crawford County.

Terre Haute Deanery

Cluster/consolidate: Annunciation, Brazil, and St. Paul, Greencastle; St. Mary of the Woods, and St. Leonard, West Terre Haute, with parish life coordinator plus sacramental assistance from the chaplain at St. Mary of the Woods; Holy Rosary, Seelyville, St. Patrick, Terre Haute; Sacred Heart, Clinton, and St. Joseph, Rockville.

From pastor to staffing by parish life coordinator: St. Ann, Terre Haute, with sacramental assistance from Sacred

Close missions and assist parishioners to become part of other parishes: St. Mary, Diamond; Immaculate Conception, Mon-tezuma; and St. Joseph, Universal.

Staffing recommendation report is released (Continued from page 1)

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Indianapolis churches, each of which has more than 3,600 parishioners, would no longer have associate pastors.
Eight parishes would become chapels, three parishes would dose and four missions would be absorbed. No new parishes were proposed, but study of two growth areas in Marton County was suggested for possible reconfiguration or new parishes. The churches on the plan to be closed include Assumption in Indianapolis (145 parishioners in the latest official count), as well as two Seymour Deanery parishes: Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, now a mission of 39 members which was considered as a parish by the committee.

now a mission of 39 members which was considered as a parish by the committee, and St. Anthony in China (124 members). Missions slated to close include: St. Paul, Decatur County (13), also in Seymour Deanery; and St. Mary, Diamond (8); Immarculate Conception, Montezuma (30); and St. Joseph, Universal (1973), both in the Terre Haute Deanery. Parishioners in any of the parishes and missions to be closed would be assisted in adjusting to their new parishes. A special recommendation was that SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. John and St.

A special recommendation was that SS.
Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. John and St.
Mary in Indianapolis form a clustered set of
parishes to minister to the downtown

Each of the three urban churches would Each of the three urban churches would retain its own name, but be staffed by a team, with one pastor for all three parishes. Ministry would include celebration of the Eucharist for parishioners and visitors, ministry to the homeless, evangelization, civic involvement and collaboration with the Catables Center. the Catholic Center.

Prior to the committee's first draft, a Prior to the committee's first draft, a large group of parish and deanery leaders was consulted and informed about the options and the need for planning. Criteria included parish membership, number of liturgies, schools, sacramental workload, parish activity, geographic relationship to other parishes, and occasionally, finances and conditions of buildings.

The resulting recommendations were

and conditions of buildings.

The resulting recommendations were prematurely 'leaked' to, and inaccurately reported in, the secular press in October. The Feb. 18 comprehensive staffing plan also encompassed the responses to the committee's request for additional feedback, after the first recommendations were

officially presented. The original plan met with significant opposition, mainly centering on concerns for parish identity and history. The February report noted that the alternative repriary report noted that the alternative plan of the Urban Parish Cooperative, while not adopted, had much that was "helpful to the committee." But the new plan must survive several stages before it can be implemented. The final decision will belong to the archbishop who is appointed to replace Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara, who died Jan. 10 of this year. Before it is presented to the new prelate, the personnel board would have to adopt or modify these recommendations at the March meeting.

Any parish affected by the board's plan

may request a hearing. The hearing panel will include the chancellor, lay ministry personnel director, a member of the Council of Priests and a member of the Council of Priests and a member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. A summary of that hearing will be included with the recommendations to the new archbishop.

At the same time, schedules will be set

for implementation of the plan, including dialogue and collaboration at the deanery

dialogue and collaboration at the deanery level, contingent upon the approval of the future archbishop. Definitions of closing, clustered/con-solidated parishes, chapel, and parish life coordinator were included in the commi-tee report. Closing would take place within a year after the archbishop's decision. This alternative is recommended when a parish criteria. The no longer meets a variety of criteria. The archdiocese will help the members of any closed parishes and their new parishes to adapt to the changes.

Clustered or consolidated parishes would involve the "substantial cooperation" of the staffs and people of two or more parishes. Father Godecker said that more parsises. Father Godecker said that the decisions about which ministries should be combined would be made at the local level. At a minimum, the parishes would share a pastor or parish life coordinator. But it could mean consolidation of all staffing resources of the parishes involved.

the parishes involved.

A parish becomes a chapel when it no longer functions as a parish. But because of its history and community, it remains a place where sacraments and other activities may take place. Generally, no priest is assigned to a chapel, but it is the responsibility of the parish in which it is located. A chapel must be maintained properly and be self-supporting.

A parish life coordinator is a trained.

A parish life coordinator is a trained religious sister or brother or layperso who has the pastoral care of the parish or cluster. A priest is the sacramental minister to the parish. The coordinator is supervised by a priest moderator.

Copies of the entire "Future Staffing Committee Report" may be obtained from Father Godecker's office at 1400 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202; 317-236-1454 or 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1454.

'Voice mail' begun to improve communications

by Mary Ann Wyand

There's a new electronic "employee" at the Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

Jane, the "Voice Mail Lady" from OCTEL Voice Information Processing, speaks with callers when archdioces employees aren't available.

The Catholic Center's new voice information system was recommended by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council last year and went "on line" on Feb. 7, according to Tom O'Drobinak, an information systems specialist for the archdiocese.

"Voice mail is essentially an answering machine within the telephone set geared to the complex needs of businesses," O'Drobinak explained. "Voice mail has been available for at least five years and is now the way most businesses function."

Callers access voice mail through a touch tone telephone, he said. Callers with rotary dial phones can reach the main receptionist at the Catholic Center by receptionist at the Catho waiting for that connection

"The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council recommended installation of voice mail to facilitate communication within the Cathofacilitate communication within the Catho-lic Center and to outside agencies and to enhance service to the public," O'Drobi-nak said. "Voice mail presents a more professional appearance to outside callers. Telephones don't go unanswered, and callers don't receive busy signals." Voice mail about la sear, the workload

Voice mail should lessen the workload of secretaries at the Catholic Center, O'Drobinak said, and it allows for more accurate transmittal of information.

Due to the high volume of incoming calls, he said, the voice information system will maximize telephone contacts by allowing callers access to the person's private Catholic Center "mail box."

"One of the advantages of voice mail is the lack of reliance on answering machines which have to be turned on and can fail," he said. "Voice mail also allows Catholic Center employees to utilize the system for memo transmittals within the building.

"Many offices close during the lunch hour, and this 24-hour system enables

callers to leave messages during lunchtim and before or after office hours," he said "Messages also can be marked as 'urgent. Voice messaging also has a notification system which lets the sender know that the message has been received, and when the recipient listened to the message."

Another advantage to archdiocesan officials who must be out of the office

frequently is that they can call in for their messages from any touch tone telephone. This enables them to start to take action on important matters quicker, if the caller has

O'Drobinak said callers who are unfamiliar with voice information systems will receive step-by-step instructions from Jane

on how to leave messages.

Jane's voice is "user friendly," he added, so callers won't want to hang up without at least leaving their names and telephone numbers. However, it is hoped that most callers will explain why they are calling rather than just leave their names and number.

Commentary

EVERYDAY FAITH

Lent invitation to self growth, not endurance

by Lou Jacquet

Every year as Lent approaches, yours truly gears up for TOD (Total Oreo Withdrawal) in the hope that the 40 days

of lighter and more sensible meals might take a few pounds off this bulging frame. I'm not alone. Dieting has become synony mous with penance in this food-dominated

But this Lent, per haps we need to try something different beyond cutting back on the calories. I suggest that we view Lent as a golden opportunity to break out of some estab-lished ruts in our lives and find a new person within

person within.

Doing so will take courage. Few things are more difficult than breaking a long-established habit. Most of our days are filled with routines that we follow in slavish fashion. If I don't squeeze a fresh orange every day, then drink the juice from a Mason Jar that somehow became part of the ritual the first time I tried it, the day

Nothing wrong with habits like that. But some patterns in our lives need to be looked at again. Lent presents a marvelous opportunity to think about them in a penitential light.

Are you wedded to a schedule that

depends entirely on when certain TV programs will air? Skip them for a week or two and see what that extra free hour can mean to your outlook. Drive hon the same route every night from work? Try an alternate way that might take longer but takes you along a scenic road to appreciate the beauty of God's creation. Tired of thinking the same old thoughts? Sign up for a non-credit course at a nearby community college and stretch your limits. Try welding, square stretch your limits. Try weiding, square dancing, baking, flower arrangement, photography, or small engine repair for the first time. Closer to home, switch household tasks with your spouse and discover a new respect for his or her contribution to marital bliss.

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The point is to break out of established patterns and find a "new you" within. It can be done. You may find that you are quite content with the "you" already in evidence. But you might also break through to discover new facets of your personality that you had been unaware of. There is great joy in that.

Looked at from this perspective, Lent becomes less a grim endurance test and

more of an invitation to personal growth.

Make no mistake: spiritual growth is make no mistake: spiritual growth is inseparable from personal growth. We cannot deepen our relationship with the Lord during the coming 40 days if we are smug in our belief that we have nothing to improve about ourselves. Real growth comes in admitting our inadequacies (a very un-American thing to do) and



asking the Lord for help in accepting or

ercoming them. Why not tack this column upon the Why not tack this column upon the refrigerator as a reminder to do something for Lent that challenges you to break out of established patterns? Prop me a note afterwards to let me know what you did and what you discovered. I'll be interested to hear. Meanwhile, hands off those Oreost (Write Lou) lacquet clo The Catholic Expinent, P.O. Box 6787, Youngstown OH

THE YARDSTICK

Irish descendants should sympathize with aliens

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

The Catholic Church in the United

The Catholic Church in the United States is still a church of immigrants, millions of new immigrants mainly, but not exclusively, from Latin America. Writing on this recently, I cited Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclad 'Centesimus Annus' on the church's responsibility (yours and mine) to address the immigrants' socio-economic as well as spiritual needs.

With apologies to readers of other ethnic origins than my own, let me suggest in this pre-St. Patrick's Day column that Irish-American Catholics more reason than almost any other segment of the U.S. population to take up the pope's challenge in this regard.

Not so many years ago their own forebears were the victims of the worst kind of economic and social discrimination because of their alien status. The kind of

prejudice that still victimizes many Ameri can blacks and new immigrants in 1992 victimized Irish-Americans in 1892 and for

victimized insh-Americans in 1892 and for several successive decades. Let me cite but one recent scholarly treatise which describes the plight of the immigrant Irish in the latter part of the 19th century

19th century.

"It will seem strange to American descendants," we read in a 1960 book, "that for a long period their ancestors were ... classified in public documents as 'aliens.' The relationship of 'aliens' with crime and pauperism was generally applicable to the Catholic Irish as the particular

to the arm vicious to clear and culturate land.

. (They) dump themselves down in our large villages and towns, crowding the meanest sort of tenements and filling them with wretchedness and disease. In a political point of view, what are they but mere marketable cattle?"

That doesn't make for pleasant reading in 1992 but it does suggest, I think, that the present-day descendants of the poor Irish and other immigrants ought to have a special supporting for have a special sympathy for the new aliens in our midst.

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tempted to think this is none of the federal government's business—that the survival and rapid advancement of the Irish Catholic community in the United States furnished a test of the wisdom and tough-minded strength of the nation's Constitution, to which the Irish appealed

for the protection of their civil and religious rights in troubled times, and in the name of which they could dep...d in a solid core of generous and decent American opinion for support.

If it be said that the coming feast of St. Patrick is no time to be taking like so serously, I would incline to agree, except that St. Patrick himself was deadly serious indeed when it came to defending human rights. His letter to the soldiers of Coroticus, who had taken some of his converts into captivity and were violating their basic rights, was a classic expression of Old Testament-style righteous indignation against man's inhumanity to man.

"Wherefore," the letter reads, "let every God-fearing man know that they (the wicked captors) are enemies of me and of Christ my. God, for whom I am an ambassador. Who of the saints would not shudder to be merry with such persons or to enjoy a meal with them?"

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By today's standards, this would be considered crude and intemperate language, but it fells us more, I suspect, about the real St. Patrick than do many of the sentimental legends which grew up around his name over the course of centuries.

THE HUMAN SIDE

Courage, faith neccesary when fear surrounds us

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

My bet is that most people today have high levels of fear and that fear is doing much to damage their peace of mind. Just think about it. Almost every day

we hear of bank fail-ings, bankruptcies and

offs We are warned to be careful of the sun's cancer-causing rays be careful of the cancer-causing rays whenever we step out into a bright day, escally with the in the pecially with breakdown in earth's ozone layer

People who drive nice cars are warned by law-enforcement agencies to be on the alert for thieves who might follow them home in order to steal the car later.

A visit to the dentist or doctor is often accompanied by second thoughts about contracting the AIDS virus from these medical professionals.

For those who live in big cities, or for

that matter anywhere, there is today an increased risk of being caught in a crossfire of bullets between warring drug dealers.

constant fear that their children could easily hook up with undesirable peers who could lead them astray.

Each of these concerns is backed up by statistics that say we are not talking theoretically but realistically. Which leads me back to these words of Franklin D.

'The only thing we have to fear is fear

The opposite of fear is courage, which enables us to face the conditions of our existence and to stand firm before them. Courage tells us that the way to deal with danger is to confront it rather than to be intimidated by it.

And how do we do this? We start by cepting life as it is.

All of us are hypersensitive to danger ad fear, and would like to see it go away on its own. Yet life would not be life if feat and danger weren't parts of it.

To live is to be constantly confronted by em, and to live wisely is to accept this as a fact of life.

Courage is a firmness which looks life in the eye, sees all sides of it and does not retreat into a self-pitying "poor me, I am the only one suffering" mentality. Courage allows us to be realistic in life, not wishing fears away but acknowledging them, naming them and in this way shrinking their dimensions.

Courage is a conviction about our-selves, a belief that within us there is something that cannot be destroyed—a belief that we were blessed with the gift of creativity, which God intends us to use as a weapon for resolving fears and coping with them in our unique circum-

In courage there is wisdom-the wis dom to know that every time we let fear consume us we expose ourselves to the danger of becoming depressed, over-whelmed—isolated in our feelings of loneliness and powerlessness. Courage reminds us we are born into a society and that no person is ever alone as long as one other person exists. Courage thrives on the Christian belief that wherever two or more gather in the Lord's name, he is

those who came before us faced similar fears and handled them best by putting aside self-pity, extending themselves to

others and working side by side with others to solve problems.

Once we take hold of ourselves in

courage, we put ourselves in the position to confront any fear that dares threaten our peace of mind.

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To the Editor

More about Father Ken Roberts' visit

I was outraged and saddened to read the article "Chicago Marian Center Newsletter Claims Father Ken Roberts Was Mistreated" in the Feb. 14 issue of The Criterion.

Criterion.

I had the opportunity to view the above-mentioned article, entitled "Indianapolis ... the Lost Sheep," not only in the Chicago Marian Center's newsletter, but also in Wayne Weible's international newsletter. Heel your readers should know the whole story, and not just the one-sided version from two priests and a school principal who apparently are feeling a wee bit guilty after their shabby treatment of Father Ken.

To me_Eather Ken Roberts is the Bishon.

To me, Father Ken Roberts is the Bishop To me, Father Ken Roberts is the Bishop Sheen of today—a very charismatic personality and one who loves our church deeply, loves and obeys our Holy Father and one who has great love and a wonderful ministry with the youth. We were looking forward to his arrival in Indianapolis, not only for the three-day mission at Our Lady of the Greenwood, but especially for the youth rally at the Hoosier Dome on Nov. 13.

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Little did I or anyone else have any idea that there would be such a backlash against 'what Father Ken Roberts preached at the Dome. He was excellent! He challenged everyone in attendance (both leens and daults). He told the audience, "You must choose between leaven and hell. If you have not chosen heaven, you have aiready choses hell."

I have watched the video of this, youth rally to they find out what really ticked off the "shepherds" and religion teachers. Father Ken was accurate in all he preached, but it seemed to me that when he said, "Woe to you shepherds who are feeding your flock with a watered-down gospel," that literally all "hell" broke loose. He was word ware, saidly, that most students today, even those in Catholic schools, are not getting true Roman Catholicism, but

rather a watered-down version of "cafe-teria" Catholicism. That apparently was the point at which teachers began squirm-ing in their seats and taking leave of the

Father Ken asked, "How can you follow the Ten Commandments when you don't know what they are?" This statement, 100, seemed to agitate teachers and after he went through each commandment giving things to ponder for each one, unrest seemed to permeate the Dome. We found out later that the two main commandments taught now are the first two-love God and love your neighbor. The other eight seem to be up for grabs. (See note at end of this letter.) This was obviously the turning point when the mood of the group changed and

letter.) This was obviously the turning point when the mood of the group changed and shepherds and religion teachers were amousts to herd the teens out of the Dome quickly, lest they be exposed to some true Roman Catholicism, heaven forbid.

Since the publication of the "Lost Sheep" article, many of us have received phone calls from friends all across the country. Sadly, we relay the details and reasons for exposure. We find out that this diocese is not alone in the problems we face—others have similar, if not worse, problems and we all know that we can't be silent anymore. We want, to save the

problems and we all know that we can't be silent anymore. We want, to save the church from being destroyed before our very eyes. The truth must prevail.

Many people saw Father Ken on Mother Angelica Live (Jan. 29) where he was asked about the raily. He candidly told about it briefly, but purposely didn't mention the city, as he said, "to protect the guilty."

In retrospect, I feel that Father Ken Roberts' visit to Indianapoils was for a reason—to bring to the surface much of the "Cafeteria" Catholicism and American Catholic Church attitude that is prevalent in this archdiocese, as well as in most dioceses around the country.

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For all indications, the great schism is near, closer than we know. It appears that the big catalyst for this break from Rome will be the introduction and implementation of the new universal catechism. Father Roberts commented on this during his mission and to the youth: "When the split

comes, I'll side with the Holy Father. Where will you go?" Mary Ann Barothy

Indianapolis
(Editor's note: We should not confuse: the
Ten Commandments found in the Old Testament with Jesus' commandments in the Nea
Testament: "Love God and love your neighbor"
are not the first two of the Ten Commandments.
The first two are, "I am the Lord your God, you
shall not have other god besides me," and,
"You shall not take the name of the Lord your
God in vain." They are found in Evodus 20:2-7.
The idea of love of God and of neighbor comes
from Jesus Teaching in Matthew 2:3-6-40 when
he was asked which commandment is the
greatest: "Jesus said to him: "You shall love the
Lord your God with your whole heart, with
your whole soul, and with all your mud. This
is the greatest and first commandment. The
second is like it. You shall love you neighbor as
yourself.' On these two commandments the
whole law is based, and the prophets as well."
This should not be taken to mean that the Ten
Commandments were replaced by Jesus, but that
the entire Ten Commandments are based on love
of God and love of neighbor.)

Trying to return vouth to truths

After reading Mary Ann Wyand's and other preceding articles about Father Roberts, my sentiments go with the man of God trying to return youth to the truths of the faith, as is his duty.

His "fire and brinstone" speeches did awaken consciences, hence "laid-on guilt trip and hell." He is truly a "transformer of the world for a good cause." To pass out scapulars and enroll children is an act of love of their eternal souls, and an example of our scapulars and enroll children is an act of love of their eternal souls, and an example of our belief for non-Catholics. Saying it is "embar-rassing or insensitive to their belief" depicts a flaw in modernist thought; that of seeking to hide truth under a bushel, and instead creating confusion and deceit.

creating confusion and deceit.

It is apparent youth have become entangled in the snares of modernist thinking thanks to words like "going middle of the road" or "understanding both extremes." If that attitude persists (as some might wish), there will be no "one, holy. Catholic and apostolic church." Some also slander the pope, and thereby commit heaves. commit heresy.

The church, already "worldwide and

diverse," now needs to return to the teachings of Christ instituted centuries ago. Man-inspired philosophies which expound human error eventually cannot stand up to the test, as is proven time and again.

Since modernism is a human invention, it will not last because of its human flaws. Although some of the dedicated feel it is the answer, so far, the world seems to be the worse for it.

the worse for it.

In conclusion, the ultimate human error of liberal modernism was committed when it attempted to abandon one of its own, Father Roberts. That was not ecumenism and certainly was not in the "spirit of gentleness and kindness to one another." Barbara Anne Simmel

Bad year for the TV evangelists

This has not been a good season for TV evangelists. First Oral Roberts' income took a nosedive. Then Jimmy Swaggart was caught with a shady lady (again). Now poor Father Ken Roberts has had his ego bruised.

iised. Well, I guess that's show biz. Father Bernard Head St. Mary of the Woods

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LIGHT ONE CANDLE

A brief history of worship

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

Dating back to the earliest days of the Judeo-Christian tradition, people worshiped God by offering animal sacrifices. Here are some of the key events in the last 4000 years.

2000 B.C.: Abraham is presented to

ham is prepared to offer his son Isaac on Mt. Moriah as a sign of his total subservience to the will of Yahwel Once assured of Abraham's obedience, God allows him to sacrifice a ram on the altar in place of

his son.

950 B.C.: King Solomon builds the first
rmple to provide a holy place for prayers,
hymns, and animal sacrifices. The priests
kill pigeons, lambs, and whole cattle and
sprinkle their blood on the central altar in
streament for sin. atonement for sin.

587 B.C.: Babylonian King Nebuchad-nezzer conquers Israel and burns the Temple, sending many Hebrews back to Babylon as slaves. There they pray for deliverance from this humiliating defeat.

541 B.C.: Some Hebrews are allowed to return from Babylon. They build a second Temple for the purpose of worshiping and appeasing Yahweh by means of animal

167 B.C.: Greco Syrian King Antiochus drives the Jews out of the Temple and turns it into a pagan shrine. 165 B.C.: Two years later the Management

165 B.C.: Two years later the Macca-bees rise in rebellion and retake the Temple, restoring the priesthood and the

30 A.D.: Jesus, the Anointed One, drives the money changers out of the Temple, charging that they have made it a den of thieves rather than a house of prayer. He teaches the people that mercy toward one's neighbor is more pleasing to God than bloody sacrifice.

70 A.D.: The Romans destroy the Temple and animal sacrifices gradually become obsolete.

90 A.D.: As the Christian are beginned.

become obsolete.

90 A.D.: As the Christian era begins, a new ritual develops, presided over by priests. It is called the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and it serves as a memorial of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. In this ritual, Jesus, the Lamb of God is offered in atonement for sin.

1356 A.D.: The Protestant Reformation

laims that Scripture is the sole authority for Christians. For them, the Mass and the priesthood are irrelevant. The Council of Trent (1547 A.D.) condemns this view as

1870 A.D.: The First Vatican Council 16/0 A.D.: The First Vatican Council condemns the 19th century Rationalists, affirming that there are truths of faith which are entirely beyond the natural powers of reason to comprehend; God's unchanging love being the most significant.

1992 A.D.: Catholic priests continue to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in atonement for sin as they celebrate the knowledge of God's saving love, revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

to us through Jesus Christ.

As Lent approaches, it's good to remember that throughout the long history of worship God's merciful love has been a constant source of strength. May the Lord be your strength and your joy.

(For a free copy of the Christopher Neus Note, "Spirituality, Happiness and Health," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 E. 48 St., New York, N.Y., 10017.)

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CORNUCOPIA

Iltimate sacrifice for parish

by Alice Dailey

If you were to be asked, "What was your most fearful and intimidating experiwould you think of a trip to the ? Purse snatch? ence?"

entist? Purse A year at your mother-in-law's? Or would you define it, as many others have done, as posing for a church pictorial directory?

Why such a prob-n? Pictorial directoare popular,

they're fascinating en-tertainment for all generations. Now right there is the problem. The prospect of your likeness, in , becoming the cynosure of so many critical eyes, is unnerving.

However, in the words of St.-Some-thing-or-Other, "We shouldn't be too concerned with outward appearance: it's oncerned with outward appearance; it's false pride and took up the challenge.

As other women who faced the camera before me could tell you, there is something uncanny about what P-Day (Photo-Day) does to the hair. You may shampoo it early, tease, curl and gum up the ozone with hairspray but it still looks like you've just inished mopping the bathroom floor.

I tossed a challenge to the young male

photographer: "I'm fully expecting a miracle." He just gave a tactful, it-would-take-more-than-that kind of smile and posed me this way and that before a

nirking camera.

That ordeal finished, I was turned over to a personable young saleswoman who displayed my proofs on a screen while edging smelling salts closer to me.

She gushed, "Aren't those great?

'They're not exactly Diane Sawyer." With an ingratiating manner that would ve made even a toad feel glamorous, she said, "Dear, you have so much character in your face, more than any old TV personality. However," she added, "we do have a process that minimizes little shadows and lines. For a little extra fee."

"Tell ne the fee for minimizing 'character' lines which most people would call wrinkles?"

She named a figure. I said, "Leave the wrinkles in."

wrunkles in."
"Now then How many 8 by 10s will you need to give friends?"
"Who would have friends left if you stuck them with something like that? Besides, I don't really want any of those better." photos

She tried a different ploy. "For a les figure we can make son

I debated. Actually they looked just

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Cutting in on my dallying she played

her trump card. "You do know your church benefits from all sales

That did it. Maybe the defects wouldn't be so glaring in smaller prints. "OK," agreed. "Anything to help my church."

vips...

During the month of March, Father During the month of March, Father Lawrence Moran, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute, will host the Sunday night/Monday morning "Devo-tions" program on WRTV-Channel 6 in the Indianapolis area.

The St. Cecilia Ladies Club of Oak The St. Cedilia Ladies Club of Oak Forest celebrated its 40th anniversary on Jan. 28. The club was organized in 1951 by St. Cedilia parishioner Veronica Fledderman as a discussion and social group, a format which it continues today. Over the years 48 women have belonged to the club. Il have died, Il have moved closer. Of the original 20 sembers is chaster members segmain in members, six charter members remain in the current membership of 14 women: Delores Kuntz, Dorothy Weber, Esther Wirtz, Ruth Beesley, Eileen Fledderman and Angela Tebbe.

Providence Sister Rosalie Marie Wel-Providence Sister Rosale Mare Wel-ler of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis recently won the grand prize of U.S. round trip airline tickets in Topics Suburban Newspapers' annual "Taste Off" contest. Sister Rosalie's date pudding recipe won over 10 other category winners from the 500 entries submitted.

Brebeuf Preparatory School and Our Lady of the Greenwood Elementary School recently received Performance Based Accreditation (PBA) from the Indiana department of education. The two schools were the first to be asked to represent Indiana Catholic schools in the accreditation process, which involved 400 secondary and elementary schools across the state. The process included three areas of evaluation: health, fire and other plant inspections; ISTEP scores according to economic, geographic and other characteristics of the school community; and self-evaluation by the school regard-ing improvement plans, goals, etc. Next year St. Anthony of Padua Elementary School and Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School, both in Clarksville, will represent the Archdiocese of Indi-anapolis in the PBA procedure.

check-it-out...

Twelve students from St. Mary of the Woods College will take part in a Woods Urban Plunge in Chicago, Ill. during their spring break March 7 through 11. Sponsored by SMWC Campus Ministry, the project will include work in soup kitchens and service to battered women and their children, severely disabled children and the elderly. Participating students, who are raising money for the trip, include: Rosie Blankenship, Gabrielle Hartley, Anne Marratta, Christa Miller, Molly McConnell, Deanna Richardson, Lori Rowe, Keiya Russell, Danyell Socht, Tina Strack, Rita Wilke and Michelle Wolfe.

Father John Maung, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville, will present a free Evening of Recollection on the theme "Wake Up and Live" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 at St. Pius X Church, 2200 Sarto Drive. The event is sponsored by the parish adult education committee

Members of the Classes of 1927-32 of Little Flower School, Indianapolis will hold a 60-Year Reunion on the weekend of July 17-19. The main reunion event will of July 17-19. The main reunion event will be a dinner following 5 p.m. Mass celebrated by Father Robert Borchert-meyer on Saturday, July 18. For more details, or to be included in the guest list, call John R. Davis at 317-546-3854 or Betty Clemens at 317-356-8396.

A Spring Vocation Weekend on the Prayer of Benedictines will be held at Convent Immaculate Conception in

Ferdinand on the weekend of March 13-15. Single Catholic women age 18 and older who are interested in religious life are invited to attend the free weekend. For more information call 812-367-1411

St. John Church, 126 West Georgia Street in downtown Indianapolis, will sponsor two annual Lenten series. The free Lenten Concert Series will be held at 4 p.m. on Sundays, March 8 through April 12, featuring classical, operatic and other music by professional instrumentalists and vocalists. Lenten Holy Hour devotions will begin with 12:10 p.m. Mass on Fridays, March 6 through April 10. They will include the Way of the Cross, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details on both series, call Father Jack Porter at 317-635-2021.

Monica SEEK testing will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday, March 18-19. Call 317-255-7153 for ap-

The 2,847 graduates of Holy Name School, Beech Grove are invited to send their names (maiden names), addresses, phone numbers and class years to the parish for inclusion in a new alumni club roster. Mail to: 89 North 17th Avenue, Beech Grove, IN 46107.

Applications are being taken for 62 craft booths at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish festival to be held in Danville Thursday through Saturday, May 28-30. The booths will be located indoors and will feature handcrafted goods. One entry fee will entitle booth-holders to sell items during the entire festival. Call Katrina Toole at 317-745-7497 for application forms or information.

Brebeuf Mothers Association will sponsor its 10th Annual "Le Bistro de Brebeuf" dinner and auction beginning with cocktails and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 at the school, 2801 West 86th Street. A prime rib dinner catered by Jug's follows at 8 p.m., with live auction at 9 p.m. Auction p.m., with live auction at 9 p.m. Auction items include condo vacations, sports tickets, Oriental rugs, gift certificates, furniture, and many other items; including meals, parties, and handmade artifacts contributed by Jesuit faculty members. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the school. Admission is \$40 per person. For reservations call Judy Cosgrove at 317-843-2433.

The pastoral family studies program at the College of Mount St. Joseph, 5701 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, Ohio will present a free program on "Christian Lovei-Secular Love: The Future of Christian Marriage" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6 in Little Theatre. Call Friday, March 6 in Little Theatre. Call 513-244-4496 or 513-244-4212 for reser-

St. Lawrence Parish, Lawrenceburg will present a Healing Mass celebrated by Father Al Lauer and St. Lawrence pastor Father Carmen Petrone at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 30. The Mass and healing service followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation is part of the parish's 150th anniversary celebration and coincides with its fifth week of Renew, "Healing the Disciple."

Beech Grove Benedictine Center will offer the following events for Lent: Lenten Evenings of Recollection from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 5 through April 9; \$5 per evening, or \$25 per series; a Lenten Retreat Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. The cost of \$26 includes lunch; registration deadline March 16; and Holy Week Retreats including a full retreat on Sunday through Sunday, April 12-19 and an Easter Tridium Retreat on Thursday through Sunday, April 16-19. The cost is \$45 per percent per day with predictation \$45 per person per day, with registration due by April 1. Call 317-788-7581 for more information on all events.

The Contemporary Christian Singers of Second Presbyterian Church will present a Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at St. Monica Church, 6131 North Michigan Road. Tickets at \$6 for adults or \$2 for children may be purchased at the church office Proceeds will be used for the parish Campaign Building Fund.







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Annulment workshop offers reflection, healing

by Mary Ann Wyand

The annulment process can help divorced Catholics become better and more faithful disciples, Jean Galanti, a Metropolitan Tribunal advocate, told participants during "A Day of Reflection for Annulment "A Day of Reflection for Annulme Petitioners" Feb. 22 at the Catholic Center.

Galanti was among seven speakers who discussed various aspects of the annulment

Galanti was among seven speakers who iscussed various aspects of the annulment process during the first archdiocesan workshop designed to help petitioners through the painful process of remembering and documenting failed marriages. Sponsored by the Family Life Office and the Metropolitan Tribunal, the seven-hour retreat was described by Family Life director David Bethuram as a one-day support group for annulment petitioners. Bethuram said the two agencies plan to jointly sponsor semi-annual workshops like this one to "support people who are feeling alone in the process and to offer skilled advice on how to go about approaching the difficult task of preparing the history for the annulment petition." Father Frederick Easton, vicar judicial for the Tribunal, said the fact that nearly 50 people participated in his first day of reflection indicates that petitioners wan help and need help with the process.

"I've been feeling for years that we ought to do something to help people over this hurdle of doing the history, explaining their story, that makes it so difficult, but which they have to do in order to see whether there are any grounds for nullisy whether there are any grounds for nullisy

ey have to do in order to see which they have to do in order to see whether there are any grounds for nullity of marriage," he said. "Nullity of marriage means that there was insufficient giving of person at the point that consent was exchanged. Something essential wasn't there. If something of that natural commitment was about these arounded to the commitment was about the commitment of the comm sent, then a marriage is not really created.

However, Father Easton said, "nullity said, "nullity live out the commitment. Nullity is determining that there was at the very beginning, something, essential, that pre-

vented marriage from really beginning in its full Christian context." Marilyn Hess, associate director of the Family Life Office, said this day of reflection enabled the church to respond in an active way to the pain experienced by divorced Catholics.

divorced Catholics.
"There were such tender sharings," she said. "It was touching for me to see that people were grateful for that opportunity."
During reflections, Father Jim Farrell, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Jeffersonville, and counselor Eileen Cantin of Indianapolis utilized role playing to demonstrate issues divorced Catholics must address when petitioning for annulment.

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"Folks who are going through the annulment process need to be able to open themselves up to remen-bering their childhood, their marriage, and their divorce," he said. "Many of those memories are painful to re-encounter, but our God is a god of healing and a god of grace and compassion. We need to say to folks that God is with us in this remembering and God is going to hold us during this time of remembering. Prayer will unite us to God and then through God to others."

Exploring the "whys" of annulment. Galanti asked participants to consider. "What good can three be in this?" and "Why does the church require this?" Acknowledging that "bringing up the said petitioners tell Tribunal officials that, "What's past is past," and they "want to go forward with iife, to something better."

While there is pain in recalling details of a failed marriage and in remembering unhappy childhood experiences, Galanti asked participants in important and necessary because dealing with past events can prevent future harm in a new relationship, help the person experience. "Al tot of harm can come to us if we on't reflect on our past, if we simply bury it of deny it or ignore it," she said. "It can't the the past is the past of the

"A lot of harm can chile to us imply bury it or deny it or ignore it," she said. "I can't help but wonder if there isn't something akin to hydroplaning going on. We're just going through life at this tremendous

breakneck speed, but maybe we're not really touching the surface of life or maybe not getting under the surface to

what's going on."

With a failed marriage, she said,
"there's usually more than just plain bad luck going on. It's in the best interest of the person to ask, 'Do you have some role in what's happened to you? Is there some reason why this unsuccessful pattern repeats itself in your life? Can we look back

repeats itself in your life? Can we look back and prevent it from happening, again?" Because people bring their past exper-iences—or "baggage"—from freationships, Galanti explained, "We need to kwhat's in those bags and what's in those bags and what wat of in those bags but ought to be there. We need to know and understand those feelings and what was true about former experiences. Reflecting on experiences and understanding what those have done about a new relationship." Experiences that people haven't re-

Experiences that people haven't re-flected on can control their lives, she said,

the more we reflect on our experiences, the the more we reflect on our experiences, use more control we gain over our lives. There's an expression that 'Life has to be lived forward, but it only makes sense backward.' Rehashing the past in a positive way offers some possibility to experience healing of that past.''

To achieve smirtfual growth, she said, it

healing of that past."
To achieve spiritual growth, she said, it is important for divorced Catholics to heal their relationship with the church.
"The Gospel words of Jesus with regard to marriage are hard ones and are very challenging," she said. "The church sees itself as having a responsibility to be faithful to the Gospel message and to challenge its members to be faithful to the Gospei message. If the church is going to continue to be Jesus' presence in this GOODER INCESTIGE. IT the church is going to continue to be Jesus' presence in the world, then it's going to have to continue to preach his challenging message about marriage. Yet there is a right balance between comfort and challenge, and the church ought to be doing both It ought to be comforting and also challenging its members."



PRESENTERS—Program presenters at "A Day of Reflection for Annulment Petitioners" at the Catholic Center on Feb. 22 include (from left) Father Frederick Easton, vicar judicial of the Metropolitan Tribunal; Jean Galanti, tribunal advocate; Dr. Eileen Cantin, pastoral counselor; David Bethuram, director of the Family Life Office; and Foffice; Mariyn Hess, associate director of the Family Life Office; and Father James Farrell, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Businessman John Geisse dies

Indianapolis businessman John F. Geisse died Feb. 21 at the age of 71. His funeral services were held Feb. 25 in St. Luke Church, of which he was a member. Geisse was a generous, if often uncharitable causes. He often wrote letters to the editor of The Criterion on the subjects of communism. Central American politics, and the church's eastern rites. and the church's eastern rites.

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As a founder of the Target and Venture store chains and creator of The Wholesale Club, which merged with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., last year, Geisse was a prime was shonored as an originator of upscale, better-quality discount stores. Geisse's survivors include his wife Mary (Wakeen); sons Larry, Tim, Tom, John K. and Andy, and daughters Nancy, Kathleen, Sally, Amy, and Terry Dunan. He also leaves a sister, Nancy Falls, and 15 grandchildren.

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Indiana non-public educators discuss choice

by Margaret Nelson

Educational choice was the subject hen 170 leaders gathered Feb. 20 for the sixth annual meeting of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association administrators' conference.

Michelle Easton of the U.S. Department Education began the day by disc School Choice in the United States.

Easton asked "Why leave out this big segment?" of elementary and high school children. She said that low income families can receive federal dollars to educate their pre-school children and college students in their children and college students in their choice of private schools.

"There is no logical reason, except to extend the monopoly," she said. Easton gave the positive results of government choice programs she had witnessed in East Harlem and Minnesota. She found that educators tend to colla-borate more and to be more flexible when

In the East Harlem program, she said, the schools had ranked lowest in the 32 New York City public school districts and consisted of 96 per ent minorities. After choice was introduc d, the district ranked in the middle. In the Minnesota program, in the middle. In the Minnesona page 700 at-risk students returned, after having dropped out before the choice program Schools structured remedial probegan. Schools structured remedial p grams to meet the needs of the children

She quoted studies, such as the work done by Rand Corporation that show the improvement of academic performance, especially in center city schools.

Easton said that other controversial "high profile" issues that divert attention from academic matters can be better controlled at the local level. These include such matters as sex education materials and dress codes, which she called very divisive. When parents are involved in decision-making. making, there can be "an acceptable solution on both sides."

Concerning violence in the public schools, Easton said, "Some children are able to cope and still succeed." Others become involved in alcohol and drugs. She said the choice should be up to "parents, who know their children best

She said that some people argue that choice will harm public school education. But she said that competition would improve both public and private systems

Others say that the poor are not able to obtain transportation, that the uneducated are not able to make an intelligent choice, or that they will be left with the least attractive schools for their children. She cited evidence that the opposite was true in each of these cases.

Easton said that private schools should

not fear government interference of ndards because of choice. St lowered standards because of choice. She cited the GI Bill as a case of successful

government initiative.

Speakers: Carol D'Amico, Hudson Institu e fellow whose topic was "School Choice in Indiana", Bill Styring, president of the Indiana State Chamber of Commero, "Educational Choice from a Bustine 3 Perspective"; and Tim Ehrgott, coordinar of the Golden Rule Insurance Cho: e Tuition Initiative, who talked about is company's program to offer tuition help to low income families. government initiative.







FIRE—Franciscan Father Michael Scanlan (from top left), Father John Bertolucci, Ralph Martin, and Ann Sidelds will be speakers at the Indianapol s FIRE Rally to be held at the Indiana Convention Center on March 7 from 9 m. to 5:30 p.m. The Indianapolis rally is one of three to be held worldwide in 19 2, the 500th anniversary of Catholic evangelism in the New World. FIRE: ands for faith, indexcession, repentence and evangelism. Registration fee is 51 for the program of talks, prayer and hurgy structured around these four theme.

Terre Haute deanery concert to benefit local food pantries

A food pantry item will provide admission to the March 1 concert of religious music by Catholic parishes of Wabash Valley.

Choirs from seven Catholic parishes and combined adult and youth choirs will present "Songs of the Seasons" at 4 p.m. Sunday at St. Patrick Church in Terre Haute. An umental prelude begins at 3:45.

Traditional and contemporary music will be featured. At the entrance, combined choirs, organ and brass will feature "Come Holy Ghost," with audience participation.

participation. Selections will range from Nicolai's "Wake, O Wake and Sleep No Longer," to Mozart's "Church Sonato #13, K.328." Christmas and Easter selections are scheduled. The final piece will be a Marian trilog by the combined choirs, audience and brass.

Choirs will represent Sarred Heart

Choirs will represent Sacred Heart, Clinton; St. Joseph, Rockville; Holy Ro-sary, Seelyville; and St. Ann, St. Benedict, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Patrick in Terre Haute. St. Patrick's youth choir will

A string quartet, a brass quartet, an organist and a flutist will also perform.

Admission to the concert is free, but those attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items which will be collected

for area food pantries

4 agencies to receive UW funds United Way of Central Indiana recently allocated \$1,161,333 to four Catholic agencies: Catholic Social Services, the Catholic voernight camping and athletic, spiritual, social and cultural programs for youth. St. Elizabeth's received \$168,000 to St. Elizabeth's received \$168

Youth Organization, St. Elizabeth's, and St. Mary's Child Center.

St. Mary's Child Center.

Catholic Social Services received
\$65,851 in program support. The agency
provides counseling to families, children
and individuals, as well as home visit
counseling. Family growth programs include parenting classes, an emergency
shelter, a family regotiating center and a
program for children of divorce. Senior
programs include adult day care for frail
elderly, senior companions and volunteer
recruitment, placement and training.

The Catholic Youth Organization re-

support its residential and outpatient maternity service. The agency provides licensed child placement, adoption and residential and outreach counseling for

residential and outreach counseling for mothers with newborn babies. St. Mary's Child Center received \$166,774. This agency is a pre-school program for three- to five-year-old children with developmental delays or disabilities. St. Mary's offers testing and evaluation of school-age children with learning or be-havior problems and a summer school tutoring program.



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Personal change must begin within individual

by Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere

Here is how I quit smoking. I was teaching in Chicago. I had begun smoking about 12 years earlier during graduate studies in Europe. Lately I was smoking a lot more, especially while working at my desk or getting ready for class, and I knew I was smoking too much.

The members of my family and my friends who were non-smokers did not like

friends who were non-smokers did not like to see me smoke. I could set ion their faces when I lit a cigarette. From time to time, they would suggest how much better off I would be not smoking.

I tried quitting a few times.

Once I actually stayed away from cigarettes for at least three months. But then, out with friends for dinner at a restaurant, I accepted an after-dinner smoke.

"One, just one, could not possibly do any harm!"
That "one" was followed by another

one," and I was back where I started.
But this time I felt very determined. It But this time I felt very determined. It was well into November, and I was to go for Thanksgiving weekend with some friends to a parsh of my religious order near Green Bay, Wis.

If I really wanted to quit smoking I would have to take the means.

I began by telling my friends I was quitting and asked them to hold me to it. They said they would try.

Every time I felt a strong urge to smoke, I would take a walk outside in the freezing cold. I deliberately left my gloves in Chicago, It would be too cold to smoke!

In addition I would keep a glass of in the same and in the same and in the same and it was the same and in the same and it was t

In addition I would keep a glass of water next to me while reading or sitting in the lounge. Every time I felt the urge to put a cigarette to my mouth, I would take

a sip of water.

That was 15 years ago, and I have not had one cigarette since, convinced that even one might bring me right back where

even one might oring the right back where I started. It is not worth the risk, though I never feel like smoking now.

I knew I ruly had quit when one night I had a dream that I was at a restaurant with friends and someone offered me an after-dinner smoke. I took it, but as I lit up. after-dinner smoke. I took it, but as I lit up a voice shouted within me, "What an I doing?" and I flung the cigarette across the room. With that I woke up, my hand sore from banging against the wall.

The resolution never to smoke again was implanted in my subconscious and had broken out in my drozens.

For a long time, when I told the story of how I quit smoking I would credit the achievement to my determination, to my cleverness in finding effective means, with a little help from the weather, and to my pride after telling everyone this time was different.

I am sure all those things played a part, but I do not think they were enough to make the difference.

For me, as for many, to quit smoking after 12 years was quite a change. If making

such a change, even one so obviously beneficial, were that simple we would all have a lot less trouble in life.

day I realize that by myself I never would have been able to quit smoking. Determination, cleverness and personal pride were not enough

It is family and my friends, people who love me, that made the difference. Without them, I think I would have kept right on smoking.

Personal change is not easy, especially Personal change is not easy, especially when it involves a long-standing habit like smoking. It is even more difficult when it is a matter of deeply ingrained attitudes, feelings, fears and prejudices.

It is one thing to know what is right. It is

another to do it

Personal change may be difficult, but it is possible.

Reflecting on how I quit smoking, I know I would not have been able to generate within myself the will and the energy necessary to quit, although I long thought I actually had done that.

The will and energy came from the love and friendship of family and friends.

It is not that we can change other people by loving them



We all have seen it too often. A young woman falls in love with a young man who has a drinking problem, or a violent temper, or who is restless and unable to hold a steady job.

'I'll change him,'' she says.

They marry, only to discover there is no ranging him. It becomes painfully clear ten on the honeymoon that there are ugh waters ahead.

It is not others we change through love

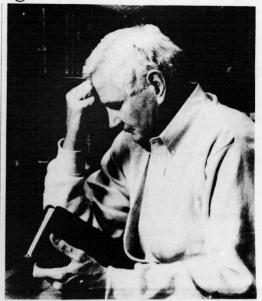
and friendship, but ourselves.

When we focus our attention on another When we rocus our attention on anotiner and look for that person's good, we set aside our own likes and dislikes. We are then in a position where we are willing to abandon a long-standing habit or attitude. But that does not mean we actually will do so. For that we have to welcome the

other person's love and friendship.

When we realize that people—family, friends—love us and care for us, it makes change all the more possible

That is when I quit smoking.
(Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVer-diere is senior editor of Emmanuel magazine.)



OVERCOMING POWERLESSNESS—Family and friends make the difference when people try to achieve personal changes in their lives. (CNS artwork by Jean Denton and people try to achieve photo by Bob Taylor)

Feelings of powerlessness pave way to different personal future

by David Gibson

Everything feels wrong about power-

When you feel powerless over a situa-tion—to make another person change des-tructive behaviors like those associated with alcoholism, for example—you probably ex-perience frustration, confusion, anger.

Any kind of powerlessness rubs against the grain! Faced by a sense of powerless-ness, one almost instinctively sets out to develop better methods of approaching

and controlling a problem.

When that fails, a person has two choices: either to lose all hope or to become more hopeful than ever. The latter choice

requires that people begin to change what they can: to take care of their own health and happiness (changing themselves rather than others), and to open up to

It is difficult to assess why some people, grasping their own powerlessness over a situation, begin precisely at that moment to grow in faith

grow in faith.

Naturally, the growth that begins at that point must unfold gradually, over time—a day at a time, they il tell you.

If you talk with others who have been there, you'll find that they see the discovery of their own poweressness as a great blessing—one that paved the way to a quite different personal future.

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)



DISCUSSION POINT

Lent inspires reflection, renewal

This Week's Question

In your own words, what is the meaning of Lent?

'Lent is a time to reflect on who we are, where we are Tent is a time to reflect on who we are, where we are at, where we are going and who we are becoming. It's especially a time for those preparing to join the clurch at Easter—and the whole community with them—to reflect on what areas in their lives they need to die to . . . so they can enter into the resurrection of Jesus at Easter." (Peggy Lindwell, Lexington, Massachusetts)

"It's a time when we tighten our belts and get a little more focused on God." (B.S., Cheboygan, Michigan)

"Lent is one point on the journey of faith when we look again at where our journey has led us and the call that God is giving us to continue growing." (Sister Catherine Hertel, Bend, Oregon)

''It's not a matter of giving things up. It's a time to grow spiritual' and see how my life is reflecting Jesus. I would like to become more like the Lord in how I live my life." (Rena Monti, Virginia Beach, Virginia)

"I enten self-sacrifice is intended to contribute not only to our holiness, but also to the holiness and well-being of others." (Matt Calhoun, Utica, Illinois)

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Powerlessness can set the stage for changes

by Fr. Robert L. Kinast

Jerome was resistant. "I'm not an alcoholic.

a recovering alcoholic, reassured his father.

"Dad, 12-step programs are not just for alcoholics," he explained. "They're for all kinds of people who feel overwhelmed and helpless to change their lives."

That description fit Jerome. His wife had ed suddenly six months before their 50th wedding anniversary. Jerome was devas-tated. All their plans evaporated.

Worse than that, he felt strange and worse than that, he relt strange and unexpected emotions: anger, impatience, fear. Through his son's gentle prodding, Jerome joined a group of widows and widowers at his church.

widowers at his church.

Like many other "self-help" or support groups, this one was based on insights from the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous—insights that aid those who feel powerless to change their lives.

Honesty. Nothing changes until people honestly admit what their situation is.

honestly admit what their situation is.
Kathy, a teacher, was a recent college graduate, engaged to be married, and served her community as a member of the county's volunteer rescue squad.
One night during a rescue operation she was struck by a passing car. The accident left her paralyzed and impaired her speech. She could not continue teaching. Her fiance ended the engagement.
Kathy felt life was over and became withdrawn. It took months before she could acknowledge the positive aspects of her situation. Her mind was alert; she had permanent disability income and qualified for many social services; she had a loving family and friends.

Today Kathy is a self-employed writer of children's books. She did not change all by herself. She was helped.
Help. The hospital where Kathy received physical therapy had a support group. The group's members helped Kathy see her situation with complete honesty, the positive as well as the negative.

positive as well as the negative.

They did more. They convinced her that only she could change her life.

Phyllis learned that lesson in a shelter for abused women.

She felt trapped, afraid that if she left her husband she could not support herself and that he could become even more violent. She was more afraid for her two children.

two children.

The shelter's support group was tough. Its members encouraged Phyllis to be honest about her motives and feelings. They offered alternatives. They pledged help but never relieved Phyllis of her responsibility to make her own decision. They didn't give her answers. They gave her hope.

Hope. Hope means honestly assessing a situation and pursuing the best that can come from it each day. For alcoholics, it is one day of sobriety. For Chuck, it is one day of sobriety.

one day of sobriety. For Chuck, it is one day without work.

A real-estate broker, Chuck was spending more than 12 hours every day of the week calling clients, showing homes, checking properties, negotiating loans, studying regulations.

One day the firm's president told Chuck she was considering him for a promotion. But he had to meet one condition: join a workaholics anonymous group.

Chuck did so, thinking only of his promotion. But the group taught him what the president had hoped. Workaholics do not have power; they have a problem.

Chuck now builds into each day a



HELP—People who seek help in coping with debilitating problems acknowledge help from a "higher power." (CNS illustration with photo by Chris Sheridan)

one-hour break from work and takes one whole day off each week. He learned that hope forms habits which help realize goals. The groups Jerome, Kathy, Phyllis and Chuck joined were not explicitly religious. But they acknowledged "a higher power" which accompanies people.

Individuals experience this in different

ways. Jerome finds strength in his church. Kathy senses God in the children she writes for. Phyllis discovers grace in the women she now helps at the shelter. Chuck prays for his clients and co-workers during his "workday sabbatical." (Father Robert L. Kinast is a Florida-based



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Archdiocesan Financial Summary

For the Year 1991



Writing this letter provides me with a bittersweet opportunity. On one hand I am pleased to report to you that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1991, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis recorded an operational surplus of \$15,000 --- essentially breaking even. While this perform accorded is gratifying after four consecutive years of operational deficits amounting to nearly \$2.2 million, I want to emphasize that our financial condition remains far from stable; if for no other reason than that we continue to utilize every dollar of investment income to support other reason than that we continue to utilize every dollar of meager reserves. Dear Members of the Archdiocesan Family:

On the other hand, I am deeply saddened that Archbishop O'Meara did not live long enough to see his concerted stewardship efforts begin to bear fruit. Were he with us today, he would begin by thanking you the people of the Archdiocese for your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure.

At the same time, I know that the Archbishop would have liked to recognize the sacrifices of agency employees of the Archdiocese. At the start of the fiscal year these members of our Archdiocesan family enacted and supported across-the-board budget reductions of eight Archdiocesan family enacted and supported across-the board budget reductions of eight percent. And much to their credit, these cuts occurred with no appreciable loss of services to those seeking the strengths found in our ministries.

Finally, I am quite certain that Archbishop O'Meara would also offer his special thanks to members of the clergy, religious and other members of the Archdiocese who serve in our parishes and schools — the heart and soul of this Church in central and southern Indiana.

In closing, I too offer my own thanks to each and every one of you. And I also humbly ask for your continued assistance in the months ahead. We must continue to make every effort to meet the growing demands of ministry. This is no easy task as the spiritual and temporal needs of so many continue to grow.

Knowing your exceptional response to the demands of the past, I rest assured that you will continue to share your blessings. For all of the sacrifices made and the efforts put forth, I ask God's blessing on you and yours.

Gratefully yours in Our Lord,

Rev. David C. Couts

Reverend David E. Coats, J.C.L. Archdiocesan Administrator









SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATUS

This summary of the financial status reflects activity of the Chancery and the Archdiocesan Agencies (see the listing of "Archdiocesan Secretariats") and funds as of and for the year ended June 30, 1991. The summary does not include the activities of the parishes, deaneries or schools within the Archdiocese. The information has been condensed from the audited financial statements. Should you have questions concerning the annual report or a desire for more detailed information, feel free to contact Joseph B. Hornett, Chief Financial Officer for the Archdiocese.

Condensed Balance Sheet [000 omitted]	As of June 30
ASSETS:	1991
Cash	\$ 2.078
Investments	18,731
Receivables	9,095
Inventories and Prepaid Expenses	612
Land, buildings and equipment, net	2,813
	\$33,329
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 4,101
Deposits held for parishes	11,207
Restricted Contributions	1,382
Fund balances	16,639
	\$33,329

Assets of the Archdiocese increased \$2.7 million over the previous year. Specifically, cash and investments increased by \$1.2 million as a result of funds flowing into the Archdiocesan Deposit and Loan Fund (ADLF) and the Catholic Community Foundation. Accounts acceivable also increased significantly rising \$1.5 million over the previous year.

On the liability/fund balance side of the balance sheet the most significant variance from the prior period involved the restricted funds of the Archdiocese. These funds increased \$2.3 million over 1990 and reflect the continuing strong growth of the Catholic Community Foundation.

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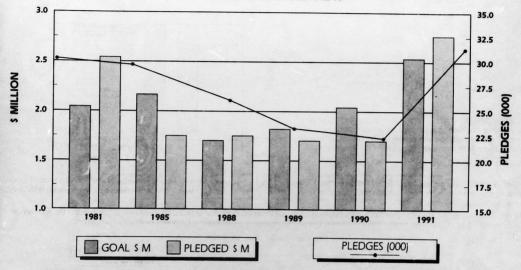
Total revenues for the Archdiocese increased \$3.9 million during 1991. This results from a \$1.0 million increase in funds provided by the United Catholic Appeal and an increase of \$1.6 million in restricted contributions—largely funding endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation.

Expenses for the year of \$23.2 million only increased 6.9% over 1990 levels. Being a service organization, the single largest expense of the Archdiocese

involves personnel (salaries, wages, pensions, health care). During 1991 these expenses amounted to \$13.5 million, or roughly 58% of total expenses.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL (AAA) UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL (UCA)

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



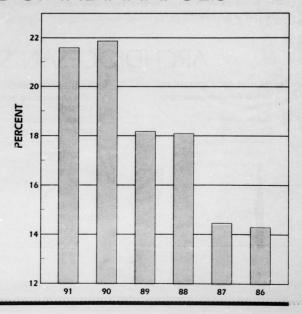
Success once again returned to the United Catholic Appeal. On a goal of \$2.5 million pledges of \$2.7 million were actually realized and the number of pledges rose from 21,000 in 1990 to a level of roughly 31,000 in 1991.

While this performance represents a substantial turnaround, two points from a financial perspective are worth noting. First, the \$2.7 million pledged is only \$200,000 above the amount contributed during 1981—the initial Appeal. Thus, in real dollar terms (after accounting for 10 years of inflation) the funds raised were worth substantially less than those of that first Appeal. Secondly, the 1991 United Catholic Appeal contained a provision whereby 25 cents of every dollar collected was rebated to parishes. Therefore, the contributions actually realized at the Archdiocesan level were considerably less than the \$2.7 million pledged.

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL RECEIVABLES AS OF JUNE 30, 19XX

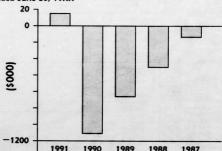
One trend that is not readily apparent from an examination of the condensed balance sheet involves the alarming rise of the Archdiocesan reserve for doubtful accounts. From an already unacceptably high level of approximately 14% in 1986 this indicator has skyrocketed to a level of almost 22% in 1991. This is a trend that simply can not remain unchecked for it is ultimately the prescription for disaster.



OPERATIONAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

For The Years Ended June 30, 19XX



Shown here is a graphical presentation of the operational performance of the Archdiocese for the years ended June 30. 1987-1991. Please note the nearly doubling of annual operational deficits for the years 1987-1990.

RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

For The Years Ended June 30, 19XX

	1991	1990	1989
Catholic Community Foundation	\$3,911,800	\$1,597,400	\$ 971,700
Endowment Funds	184,000	184,000	184,100
St. Mary's Child Center	336,000	322,800	180,900
Catholic Youth Organization	100,000	105,100	100,000
	\$4,531,800	\$2,209,300	\$1,436,700

Archdiocesan restricted funds are limited as to use by the donating parties. The restricted amounts shown are included under the heading of Fund Balances of the condensed balance sheet of the Archdio e.

Of special significance is the Catholic Community Foundation. The Catholic Community Foundation is a separate non-profit corporation established to invest and administer numerous individual endowment funds for the benefit of participating parishes, schools, agencies and institutions of or within the Archdiocese. Foundation guidelines require that an endowment's principal (corpus) remain in the Foundation while earnings are typically earmarked to meet immediate resource needs of entities designated by participating organizations/donors.

During 1991 assets of the Catholic Community Foundation increased \$2,314,400 or 145% over the previous year.

ARCHDIOCESAN SECRETARIATS

Secretariat for Operations:

Catholic Communications Center

Criterion

Catholic Cemeteries

Chancery Office

Urban Parish Cooperative

Catholic Youth Organization

Propagation of the Faith

Fatima Retreat House

Catholic Salvage Bureau

Office of Catholic Education

Metropolitan Tribunal

Catholic Community Foundation

Secretariat for Temporalities:

Office of Accounting Services

CFO Office

Office of Development

Management Services:

Office of Management Services

Archdiocesan Purchasing Department

Catholic Center Operations

Insurance Department

Information Services

Secretariat for

Religious Ministry:

Office of Worship

Vocation Office

Ministry to Priests

Clergy Personnel Office for Pastoral Councils

Secretariat for

Catholic Charities:

Catholic Social Services

St. Mary's Child Center

St. Elizabeth's Home

(Indianapolis, New Albany) Catholic Charities of Terre Haute

Secretariat for

Pastoral Services:

Office of Family Life

Office of Pro-Life

Office of Evangelization

Office of Ecumenism

Hispanic Apostolate

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Sunday Readings Sunday, March 1, 1992

Sirach 27:4-7 - 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 - Luke 6:39-45

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The Book of Sirach, always a favorite nong Christians, is the source of this eekend's first reading.

weekend's hirst reading.
Written in the second century before
Christ, by an author,
named Jesus ben Sira,
Sirach is part of that
group of holy writings
called the Wisdom
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world, pious Jews living outside the Holy Land found their beliefs ridiculed be-cause of the conflict between those beliefs and Greek logic. In reply, figures such as ben Sira emerged to insist that the faith of ancient Judaism was not irrational and foolish but rather represented the r

profound wisdom.

Sirach makes the point not by quarrel
with Greek philosophy, but as a meditation
on a good life. Genuine faith in God, as
revealed by Moses and the prophets,
brings happiness to life and order to
society. That is the message.

The verses from Sirach read in this weekend's liturgy say that a person's speech displays a person's mind and heart. It is an appeal to integrity, and to wholesome and sincere speech.

wholesome and sincere speech.

Sirach originally was composed in Hebrew, but the Hebrew version was lost at least 1,900 years ago, and only the Greek translation remained. It was long assumed that the Greek was the original. The Greek translation, was accomplished in Farent that the Creek was the original. The Greek translation was accomplished in Egypt, sometime after 132 B.C., by the author's grandson. The use of a foreign, pagan language, and in a setting outside the Holy Land, led Jewish scholars in the first century A.D. to dismiss Sirach as being uninspired by God. Hence, Sirach does not seemed to the control of the Scripture of the Scriptur now appear in versions of the Scriptures published by Jewish sources.

published by Jewish sources. When scholars met to translate the Scriptures into English, at the behest of King James I of England in the 16th century, they used Jewish reasoning about the Scriptures as a guide. Therefore, Sirach was not included in the Authorized Version, or King James Version, of the Bible, long the standard for English-speaking Protestants. Many more recent Protestant or ecumenical versions or Strach, but some place it in a separate section of the but some place it in a separate section of the

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians is the Second reading for this weekend's Liturgy of the World.

Paul's writings are interesting in the fact that they reveal so well the power and excitement in the great apostle's Christian faith. In questions of belief, Paul never took "No" for an answer. Relentlessly, he made his point, imploring, demanding, sug-gesting, comparing, arguing. That is certainly the case in First Corinthians. In this weekend's lesson, Paul con-

In this weekend's lesson, Paul con-cludes a discourse on the resurrection of Jesus. For Paul, the resurrection had profound meaning for Christians. In, and through, the resurrection of Jesus, they were assured the life of grace now and eternal life hereafter. Possessing grace enriched and vivified a Christian's words, actions, and thoughts. It pro-duced the most perfect of intentions. To be authentic, however, it had to en-courage actions and statements from the heart—a heart attuned to Jesus. Anything else would be hypocrisy or sinful. St. Luke's Gospel teat Gospel read this

St. Luke's Gospel is the Gospel read this weekend. This reading combines three statements of Jesus. They are frank and direct. Christians must open their eyes to the light of Jesus so as to walk through life toward him and eternity. With eyes set upon that goal, they may be good guides for others. Part of such alertness is being aware of personal faults. It is so easy to see the short-comings of another, but we less eagerly admit our own failings. However, we must recognize our sins and work to overcome them

Overcome them.

Only by seeing our own faults, and overcoming them, do we become spiritually healthy and productive. Unless purity of heart and fadelity to God move our actions, we cannot produce genuinely good fruits.

Reginning with Christmas, and pro-ceeding through the Epiphany, the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, the story of Cana, and the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple of Jerusalem, the church brought before us the person and reality of Jesus the Lord, the Son of God,

Pope will tour West Africa

Pope John Paul II is touring the West African countries of Senegal, the Gambia, and Guinea Conakry. His weekly column "The Pope Teaches" will resume publication following that pastoral visit.

MY JOURNEY TO GOD The Future's Not Ours to See

while contemplating tomorrow, and the lay after that, and the weeks and months feer that, I was inexplicably reminded of crees Doris Day singing the introductory ong to her '60s-era television show.

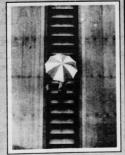
"Que sera, sera," she sings. "Whatever will be, will be. The future's not ours to see. Que sera, sera."

As a child, that song didn't mean much to me but now it holds a certain poignance. My memory may fall me, but I seem to recall the actress smiling and singing and triviling an umbrella and looking quite stylish and even happy about the uncertain future. The lesson in that, aside from TV glitz, I suppose, is that we need to enjoy each moment of our lives and not worry about whatever the future may bring. ture may bring.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul reminds Christians that, "The Lord is near. Do not worry.

Still, sometimes it's hard to take comfort in the knowledge of God's presence when the pattern of life seems so uncertain.

"All 's change; all yields its place and goes," Euripides wrote in the fourth century before Christ. "There is something in the pang of change, More than the heart can bear, Unhappiness remembering happiness." ing happiness.



Alas, life necessarily involves continual change. However, an old English proverb cautions, "It is a long lane that has no turning." turning.

Que sera, sera

-by Mary Ann Wyand

is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis.) (Wyand is an associate editor of The Criterion and

Daily Readings

Monday, March 2 Seasonal weekday 1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalms 111:1-2 5-6 9-10 Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 3 Blessed Katharine Drexel, virgin 1 Peter 1:10-16 Psalms 98:1-4 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 4 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18 Psalms 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 5 Lenten weekday Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalms 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 6 Lenten weekday Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalms 51:3-6, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, March 7 Lenten weekday Isaiah 58:9-14 Psalms 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32

the son of Mary. From that introduction to the Lord, the church asked us to respond. If inclined to know and follow Jesus, it encouraged us, but also it reminded us that we must be thorough and honest in our acceptance of the Lord as our Savior

eekend's Liturgy of the Word is the final chapter in the church's instruction that we must follow Jesus absolutely and sincerely, if we follow him at all. Next week, the church will begin Lent, and it then will teach us how to purify our

intentions to follow Jesus.

The lessons this weekend are straightforward and clear. Following Jesus means an absolute commitment of heart and soul. It will mean that we must remove the plank from our eye, distorting our

vision, before we can assist another to remove a speck from the eye. It reminds us of our own sinfulness. Our misdeeds may be a plank. Those of another, whom we quickly condemn, may constitute only a speck. There is no such thing as good intentions, but indifferent or bad actions. in the Christian perspective. We must say and act as we believe.

That will be no more easily accomplished than it was for the Corinthians, to whom Paul wrote. However, as did they, we have access to all the strength, wisdom, and vigor of the resurrected Lord. He sustains us, nourishes us, and guides us. It is not easy to be a Christian, but it is definitely possible, indeed a joy, for the earnestly believing.

Will you remember the Missions in your Will?



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Rev. James D. Barton, Archdiocesan Director

Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Shining Through' dims as the plot becomes dull

by James W. Arnold

Melanie Griffith, not long ago Hollywood's blonde of the year, gets to dignified old-fashioned heroine in

ing Through." It's a \$40 million World War II melodrama in desper-ate need of a few fresh

"Shining" (even the title sounds 1940ish) is an adaptation of a novel 'Compromising Positions" was about a suburban housewife

who helps a handsome police detective solve a murder. This time, a working class secretary helps a handsome U.S. intel-

secretary helps a handsome U.S. intelligence chief get some important secrets out of Nazi Germany.

Griffith's Linda Voss, who's been taught German by her immigrant father, manages to get herself sent into Germany by her reluctant boss and sometime lover, by her reluctant boss and sometime lover. Ed Leland, a no-nonsense espionage workaholic played by Michael Douglas. After a month or so as a spy, she has to be rescued, but brings with her the location of the secret base and diagrams of the V-1 and V-2 rockets. Linda pretty much saves wastern civiliration.

V-2 rockets. Linda pretty much saves western civilization.

No problem. Fantasies have always been central to popular movies, and the fantasies might as well be big ones, incredibility is less the complaint here than the factity is less the complaint here than the factity between much problems on the factity is less the complaint here than the factity is less the complaint here than the factity of the faction of the factio the more movies about it start to look like old movies instead of the actual war. Thus spy films have a certain look: as trains cross the German border, guards lurk with leashed, snarling police dogs; the railway stations teem with troop swirling, backlit steam. Berlin's h troops swiring, backit steam. Berlin's night streets are wet and quiet, except for gestapo sirens. Characters try to make contact with the Underground in innocent-looking shops but something goes wrong. A smirking Nazi officer will ask to see the heroine's (forged, of course) p. ers.

If the background is that familiar, what chance has the foreground? Well, not much. Veteran screenwriter David Seltzer, in his first chance as producer-director, is in his first chance as producer-director, is stuck with Isaacs' plot, which has Linda fortuitously picked up and hired as a governerse by the key Nazi in the missile program. (He's so nicely underplayed by Liam Neeson that he offers almost no menace at all.) Still, there's the scene where she's photographing the papers in the secret basement room and he starts to come downstairs looking for her.

"Shining" has a builting recuse for all

'Shining' has a built-in excuse for all because Linda is herself a movie buff and is constantly reminding Ed that movie spies are craftier than his real ones. She's also narrating the whole tale in flashback, years later—now an elderly woman—as she is being interviewed on the BBC about her heroic role in the war

heroic role in the war.

It would be nice to think it's all a trick, a kind of joke in which the events are being shown through Linda's movie-made memory and imagination. But nothing so clever is intended. The TV interview frame is just a doppe device to allow a soundtrack narrator. Its only real achievement is to kill whatever susenge exists: since we howe whatever suspense exists, since we know Linda has survived into the 1990s. Even Seltzer's often bright dialogue (he



SPY AT WORK—Actress Melanie Griffith attempts to microfilm crucial war documents in her role as a spy who has infiltrated the home of a high-ranking Nazi officer in "Shining Through," a World War II espionage romance. The U.S. Catholic Conference calls Griffith the "bright spot" in an otherwise unoriginal film. It classifies the movie A-III for adults. (CNS photo from Twentieth Century Fox.

vrote "Punchline" and "Bird on a Wire, among many others) has a movie aura to it. (To show the 1941 transition from peace to war, the narrator says, "There would be no symphonies with Ed, just the sound of ns as America went to war.")

Griffith's little-girl voice is not well-suited to these heavy dramatics, but she's as credible as most spy movie heroines.

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Linda and Ed have a steamy pre-war
affair, set to Glenn Miller music (and the
pretty 1940s standard "Till Be Seeing You"),
but they are destined to become progenitors
of a happily normal postwar family, tenderly
holding hands as senior citizens.

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"Shuing," does have elements to appreciate. One is Joely Richardson, who plays an improbable but attractive upper-class German spy. She joins with Griffith in a climactic suspense scene that owes a lot to Hitchcock. Another is a sensitive subplot in which Linda, who is half-levish, searches for infender relatives she knows are hiding in Berlin. But nothing dramatic develops from it. Most of the budget money seems to have gone into a convincing but pointless

re-creation of a Hitler Youth parade starring the dictator himself, and a harrowing Allied air raid, seen from street level, that panics the Berliners. Included amid the smoke and chaos (an artful touch) is a zebra that fled in terror from the local zoo.

(Heroine-oriented wartime adventure-(Herome-oriented warming adventure romance is oddly deja vu; sex situation; spy thriller violence; okay for mature audiences, but not recommended.) USCC classification: A-III, adults.

Recent USCC Film Classifications

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Legend A.1. general patronage; A.II. adults and adolescents. A.III. adults. A.IV. adults. with reservations; O-morally offensive. A high recommendation from the USCC is indicated by the *before the title.

'I'll Fly Away' addresses church role in civil rights

by Sister Mary Ann Walsh and Henry Herx Catholic News Service

The role of churches in the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and the challenge to live up to ideals are part of an episode of the NBC-TV series "I'll Fly Away" scheduled for broadcast from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. on March 6. (Check local listings to verify date and time.)

The series, which premiered last fall, stars Sam Waterston as Forrest Bedford, a principled Southern lawyer, and Regina Taylor as Lilly Harper, his forthright black housekeeper. Forrest's wife is a patient in a mental hospital, and Lilly is the surrogate mother to the Bedford nousekepter, rotrest surgies a patient in a mental nospital, and Lilly is the surrogate mother to the Bedford children—16-year-old Mathaniel, 13-year-old tomboy Francie, and lonely 6-year-old John Morganist her pastor. In the Warch 6 episode, Lilly stands up against her pastor when she wants to use the church bus to transport blacks to

register to vote. In the same episode, Forrest must confront

nis mariat commutment. one of the struggles of churches in the South during the '50s, according to David Chase, who scripted the episode. 'One of the problems black people had organizing was that the only organization that existed was the church.' Church assistance was vital, but many preachers did not want to use the church for organizing

preachers did not want to use the church for organizing.
"The preacher believes that the only thing important is heaven and your relationship with God," Chase said.
"Others, Lilly being one of them, believe the church can play a part in temporal things," such as your registration, but "the preacher has a narrow view of religion."

The show's owneal theme concerns the contraction of the preacher has a narrow view of religion."

The show's overall theme concerns two people who are "struggling with their consciences," he said. "That's very important. Forrest is trying to find himself within the common ethical and moral morass posed by a society which is segregated and racist.

is segregated and racist."
Lilly, as another, wife and worker, is just beginning "to fight for things she believes in," Chase said. The program also addresses other "questions of ethics and values."
"I'll Fly Area" has been critically acclaimed but is not a ratings winner. The series is "slow, quiet," he said, which is unusual given that "we live in a pretty loud time."

TV Programs of Note

Sunday, March 1, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Adam Bede." The first in a two-part "Masterpiece Theater" dramatization of

George Eliot's 19th-century novel about an honest young carpenter (Iain Glen) betrayed by the girl (Patsy Kensit) he loves and the tragic consequences for both of them.

Sunday, March 1, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "The Struggle for Peace: Israelis and Palestinians." This special documents the grass-roots efforts of ordinary people on both sides of the condito to find a peaceful resolution to multiple problems.

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Tuesday, March 3, 9-10 p.m. (PB5) "Frontline" report on

"Who Is David Duke?" Journalist Hodding Carter explores

Duke's troubled childhood, his intellectual journey into the

extre...list ideology of the Ku Klux Klan, the creation of his

role as the respectable face of racism, and his recent

emergence as a national Republican candidatural.

Tuesday, March 3, 10-11 p.m. (PB5) "Criminal Justice:

Trom Murder to Execution." In the final program of the

series, "That Delicate Balance II: Our Bill of Rights,"

Fordham Law School professor Jack Ford moderates a discussion of the constitutional issues arising from a murder trial, including the ever-changing limits of the Fourth Amendment.

Amendment.

Wednesday, March 4, 8-10 p.m. (ABC) "Young Indiana Jones and the Curse of the Jackal." The premiere of the new series, "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles," follows 9-year-old Indy as he travels to Egypt with his parents, goes on an archaeological dig with T.E. Lawrence, and gets involved in a murder mystery which is finally resolved seven years later in 1916 in the middle of the Mexican Revolution. What could be an entertaining introduction to 20th-century history for youngeries undermastics stickness. voungsters unfortunately dramatizes violence.

(Check local listings to verify program dates and times. Sister Mary Ann Walsh writes for Catholic News Service. Henry Herx is director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)

The Christophers present annual awards

by Catholic News Service

NEW YORK—Gary David Goldberg, creator Brooklyn Bridge," the CBS-TV series about life in Brooklyn Bridge, wish family in the '50s, was named to receive a special 1992 Christopher Award.

Father John Catoir, director of The Christophers, in an announcement of this year's awards saluted the series "for spanning generations and cultures and providing audiences with reminders of enduring values."

The Christopher Awards are given annually to honor the work of producers, directors, writers and illustrators which exemplifies "the highest values of the human spirit," according to the New York-based Christophers.

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In addition to Goldberg, the organization also named theatrical producer Lucille Lortel to be honored with a special Christopher Award for her "lifetime contributions to regional, off-Broadway and Broadway drama."

Four movies, six TV programs, and 11 books also were among works slated to be honored at an awards ceremony Feb. 27 in New York.

The movies include

▶"Beauty and the Beast," the Disney animation of the children's classic

►"Black Robe," the story of a Jesuit missionary in 17th-century Quebec.

►"My Father's Glory," a French film reminiscence about turn-of-the-century Marseilles, and it's sequel, "My Mother's Castle

In the TV category, two awards went to the PBS program "American Playhouse" for "Into the Woods" and "Lethal Innocence." The PBS seven-part series "Childhood," about the universal nature of children's growth, also was honored NBC, ABC and CBS each had one winner. NBC won with

"She Stood Alone," a story about a Quaker woman who opens a school for girls in Massachusetts and causes a town ror when she admits a black woman

ABC won with "Separate But Equal," events leading up to the 1954 Supreme Court's decision which desegregated the nation's public schools.

CBS won with "One Against the Wind," a Hallmark Hall

of Fame program about a woman who risked her life to spirit Allied soldiers out of occupied France in World War II.

Authors honored included Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman, who wrote "Where Does God Live," Their book is designed for parents and children to help answer youngsters' questions about God

OUESTION CORNER

Fundamentalists challenge Catholics

by Fr. John Dietzen

I enjoy discussing matters of our faith with others, but I find talking with fundamentalists about the Bible very

This tailing with fundamentalists about the Bible very frustrating.

One said he takes the Scripture as it stands with no interpretation; this according to him is how the Holy Spirit guides us, all in plain black and white.

No scientific or historical discovery should have any significance in all this, according to these fundamentalists. Does the Holy Spirit really influence

us this way? Can you give us some ideas that might help with reflection and ruture discussions? (Massachusetts)

A Two thoughts might be helpful. If by interpretation we mean choosing one explanation, meaning or reading of the sacred texts over another, then it is utterly impossible to read the Bible intelligently without interpreting it

Let me suggest just two of numerous possible examples of what I mean. Mark's Gospel says Jesus was baptize 1 by John the Baptist (Mark 1:9); but Luke has John in prison when Jesus came to be baptized (Luke 3:20-21). Which is right?

Luke says Joseph and Mary lived in Nazare.h before Jesus was born. Matthew clearly assumes that they lived in

FAMILY TALK

Unwed teen mothers need lots of support

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Mary: I am very concerned about the number of teen-age pregnancies, and I am having a difficult time sorting out my feelings and weighing my answers when my own teen-age daughters, ages 16 and 14, are testing my reactions to things happening in our own neighborhood.

It was alarming enough when the topic was one of statistics and vague awareness, but now I know several teen mothers who played with my daughters and now are pushing strollers past our home!

All of these girls are keeping their babies and are raising them with their parents' help. They have middle-class homes and most of their parents are under 40.

Their mothers all worked part-time, but they quit their jobs to help their daughters raise their babies. None of the teen-agers seem to have marriage plans in the near future. Some of the boyfriends are "active fathers" and help a little with baby care such as walks.

My daughters ask my honest opinion. I tell them I'm glad the girls didn't have abortions. They want to know if I disapprove of the babies. I tell them the babies are

i disapprove of the actions, the premarital sex. They think it can't be sinful if the boyfriend and girlfriend are

what do I tell my daughters? I don't want to "re premarital sex. (Illinois)

Answer: Thank you for this vivid picture of your neighborhood. Your concern is not unique. I thought you were describing my neighborhood.

You have expressed well the confusion people feel over the change in standards. Only a few decades ago pregnancy outside marriage was condemned by almost all. Pregnant young women were sent away from home.

Some were permanently kicked out of the family. The problem broke up families and left young women alone nd without support.

The young women you describe become pregnant, we their babies, continue in school and raise their

have their bables, continue in school and raise their children with parent support.

From the standpoint of a loving response to problems, the situation has improved. The young women remain in a supportive environment, and the bables are born into a family—not a typical young family but a stable, three-generation family. The young life is valued.

The grandparents in such a situation are the true pro-life models, in a week of the world. The world is not a rest demonstrate or harses.

models in our world. They do not demonstrate or harass those with opposite views.

Instead they model with their own lives and at considerable personal cost the value of a tiny young life. They give up their own jobs and they take on the task of ing and raising a second generation.

The questions you raise have no easy answers. Look for those choices which provide loving solutions and which protect life. Perhaps you could arrange for a married couple who are new parents and good role models to talk to your daughters about the joys of raising children in marriage.

(Reader questions on family living or child care to be an print are invited. Address questions to the Kennys, in print are invited. Address questions to the Kennys, 219 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer, IN 47978.)

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"after their return from Egypt (Matthew 2:23).
both cannot be right, in each of these instances

what reasons does one offer for accepting one meaning or explanation over the other? That is interpretation, at least of

It helps also to remember that a major difference between aditional Catholic Christianity and fundamentalism is our attitude toward the created word.

attitude toward the created word.

Christan tradition from the beginning has taken creation very seriously and sacredly. Whether it is material (bread, wine, water, oil, words, actions) or spiritual (our minds and wills, our passions and emotions), we believe that all creation, rightly used, can be a channel of God's power creation, rightly used, can be a channel of God's power.

The more exclusively other-worldly approach tends to consider things of this world, especially as they are affected by human action, unworthy of God. None are capable of being sacraments, points of contact between God and ourselves through and in which God can

For us, to reject science, history, discovery is a rejection of the Holy Spirit. To accept what we learn with our minds.

enlightened by faith, honors the God who made us and the Spirit who enlightens us.

Spirit who enlightens us. In other words, we believe that to use what we have been able to learn about the times in which the authors of Scripture wrote, what problems they faced, and what they meant to say is affirming, not denying, the Holy Spirit. Everything is obviously possible for God. We believe, however, that the normal and ordinary way the Holy Spirit works in us, individually and as community, is not by shining a mysterious light into our eyes or by some other miraculous intervention.

Rather, when we do our best to use well the gifts he have

Rather, when we do our best to use well the gifts he has given, his power is at work immeasurably in ways we cannot even imagine (Ephesians 3:20), enriching our minds and wills as we reflect on him and try to love him more deeply.

As you suggest, this approach to creation and to the Sciptures will not always result in the black-and-white. Sciptures will not always result in the black-and-white, which is the scipture of the scipture of the scipture of the We believe, however, it is still the best way to honor God and to respect this world which has come from his

(Questions for

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

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Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts of St. Luke Parish, 7650 N. Illinois St. will hold a free Square Dance with their parents at 6.45 pm. in the school gym. Admission: per-sonal hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo etc.) for benefit of Holy Family Shelter.

February 28-March 1

St. Mary of the Woods Theater Area, Terre Haute will present will be held at Fatima Retreat "The Boyfriend" on Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sun. in 317-545-7681 for information.

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An "Embodied Centering: Fast-ing and Prayer" retreat will be conducted at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center. Call 812-923-8817.

A Marriage Encounter Week-end will be held at the Sisters of St. Francis Retreat House, Ol-denburg. Call Dave and Mary Timmerman 317-897-2052 for

Pro-Lifers will pray the rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women. 2951 E. 38th St.

*** The Altar Society of St. James Parish, 1155 E. Cameron St. will hold a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner following 4:30 p.m. Mass until 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit scholarships at Roncalli High School. Adults 55; kids 6-12 \$2.50; pre-schoolers free.

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February 29

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The 2nd Annual Athletic Booster Club Reverse Raffle will be held at 7 p.m. at Roncalli High School. Jug's-catered dinner. Call 317-783-5388 for tickets.

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Scecina Booster Club Reverse Raffle will be held at 6:30 p.m. \$25 cost includes dinner, drinks and chance on \$1,000. Call 317-897-3844.

A Mardi Gras will be held from 5-11 p.m. at St. Michael School, 3354 W. 30th St. Chili supper and Ice Cream Social 5-9 p.m. Games, raffle.

February 29-March 1

A Vocation Experience Week-end for women age 18 and older

will be held at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 1402 South-ern Ave., Beech Grove. Call 317-787-3287.

March 1

Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO) will attend "Nunsense" at 2 p.m. at Civic Theatre. Call 317-787-3780 for

A program on "What is the Eucharist All About? Part II" will be presented at 9:40 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 42nd and Central.

A support group for central city families which have a member with severe mental illness will meet from 3-5 p.m. at Holy Angels School, 2822 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. Call Doris Peck 317-545-9907.

St. Philip Neri School will host an Open House from 1-3 p.m. J. Patrick Rooney of Golden Rule Insurance will speak at 1:30 p.m.

Terre Haute Deanery Center will sponsor a Concert at 4 p.m. in St. Patrick Church, Terre Haute. Music by adult and youth choirs from area parishes and an instrumental ensemble.

Oldenburg Academy girls' pre-paratory high school will hold a Spring Open House from 1-3 p.m. Tours, meeting with fa-culty, etc. Call 812-934-4495 for details.

The Choir of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 14th and Meridian Sts. will present a free Concert of Sacred Music at 3 p.m. Music of classical and contemporary

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Marian Devotions are held each Sun. at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St.

A Spanish Language Mass is celebrated at 1:15 p.m. each Sun. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held from 1-6 p.m. each Sun. in St. Lawrence Chapel, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave.

The Annual Boy Scout Troop #427 Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held from 8 a.m.-12 noon at Father Conen Hall, St. Lawrence Parish, 46th and Shadeland. Adults \$3.50; kids 5-12 \$2.50; under 5 free.

A free series on "Reconciliation" sponsored by St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Greencastle begins at 9:30 a.m. in the GTE building.

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March 3

An hour of prayer and devotion to Jesus and Our Blessed Mother is held each Tues. at 7 p.m. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St. Call 317-786-7517.

New Albany Deanery Cate-chetical Ministry Office begins its Spring Religious Studies Pro-gram on Catholic Basic Teachings from 7-9-30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Bradford. Call 812-945-0334 for details.

New Albany Deanery Spring Religious Studies Program on Creation Spirituality begins from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Aquinas Center, Clarksville. Call 812-945-0354.

The Scripture Study sponsored by Holy Family Parish, Olden-burg begins at 7:30 p.m. with "A Journey Through the Old THE HIBERNIANS, KEVIN BARRY DIVISION 3

" Call 812-934-4582

March 4

St. Bernadette Church, 4826 Fletcher Ave. will host a Lenten Fish Fry from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Adults \$4.50; kids 12 and under \$2.50.

Guardian Angel Guild and Cathedral High School mothers will sponsor an Ash Wed-nesday Day et Recollection for the Lenten sea on conducted by Father Tom St., ansist from 9 a.m. 2-30 p.m. at Fatina Rettat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Admis-sion is meatless salad for 8-10 people.

An Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop will be held from 1-8 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. \$25 fee. Call 317-788-7581.

March 5

Lenten Evenings of Recollection begin from 7-8:30 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 317-788-7581 for details.

A Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, Scripture, homily and song will be held at 7 p.m. in St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St.

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PATRICK'S DAY

Our Lady Queen of Peace Med-itation Prayer Group will gather for an hour of meditating prayer and Medjugorje spiritu-ality at 6 p.m. in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center chapel, 46th and Illinois Sts.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacra-ment will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel next to Ritter High School. Confessions heard 6:45 p.m.

March 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer and reflection is held each Fri. from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass in St. Lawrence Church, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave.

A Lenten Fish Fry will be held at St. Bernadette Parish, 4826 Fletcher Ave. from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Adults \$4.50; kids 12 and under \$2.50.

The Women's Club of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Fortville will sponsor a Lenten Meatless Buffet from 5:30-7 p.m. Free-will offering.

The Booster Club of St. Paul Parish School in New Alsace will sponsor its annual Lenten Fish Dinners from 4-7:30 p.m. at Father Walsh Hall, St. Martin

Parish, Yorkville. Adults \$4.25; kids 12 and under \$2.

A Lenten Holy Hour will be held at St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia St. Mass 12:10 p.m., Way of the Cross, Exposition,

The PTO of St. Rita Parish school, 1800 N. Arsenal Ave. will sponsor a Lenten Fish Fry from 4-6 p.m.

March 6-8

A Beginning Experience Week-end for divorced and widowed-persons of all faiths will be held at Bradford Woods. 560 cost. Call 317-236-1596 for details.

A Women's Retreat on "Jour-ney" will be conducted by Father Al Ajamie at Fatima Re-

treat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-545-7681.

March 7

Fatima Devotions and a FIRE chapter meeting will follow 8 a.m. Mass in St. Nicholas Church, Sunman

First Saturday devotions to the Blessed Mother begin with 7 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central. Ro-sary, procession.

The World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will hold First Saturday Holy Hour devotions at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Parish Center chapel, 13th and Bosart.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Ol-denburg will sponsor a Lenten Day of Prayer on "Walking with Jesus Through the Suffer-

ing Servant Readings of Isaiah from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Olivia Hall. \$10 cost includes lunch. Call Franciscan Sister Maureen Irvin 812-934-2475 to register.

The Young Widowed Group will hold a Game Party at 7 p.m. at 9523 Pinecreek Dr. Call 317-842-4974 for details.

Pro-Lifers will pray the rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, 2951 E. 38th St.

Franciscan Sister Diane Jamison will conduct a Day of Recollection on "God's Faithfulness—Our Response" from 9 a.m. -3.30 p.m. in the Lawless Room, St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St. 55 charge. Childcare, transportation available; Lunch served. Call 317-257-4297.

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Youth News/Views

Bishop uses magic act to teach kids about life

by Mary Ann Wyand

Magician and Bishop Paul A. Zipfel, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will bring his magic act to Indianapolis on April 11-12 for the 35th annual Archdiocesan Youth Conference at Roncalli High School.

He will also share important messages about the magic and wonder of life

For registration information about "Image '92: The Magic of Youth," contact the Catholic Youth Organization at 317-632-9311 before March 9.

"Tm interested in speaking to the teen-agers about love for life, about the magic and wonder of life," Bishop Zipfel told *The Criterion*. "I'd like to talk to them about the life of the Lord and how life was so fulfilling for him and how it can be so fulfilling for man how it can be so fulfilling for us. Jesus said 'I have come that we may have life and have it. come that you may have life and have it to the full. I think it's that kind of a full life that we all look for."

Friendship is one of life's greatest blessings, the bishop said, and teen-agers especially recognize the importance of

"I think it's so important to have good friend with whom you can ta things through, the peer ministry of just having a good friend, some would even say a soul friend, with whom you can say anything that's in your heart and not worry about how you say it because they will accept the good with the bad," he said. "That to me is a real blessing and a real grace. race. Obviously the best way to find nd like that is to be a friend. I don't know of a better way.'

Building a friendship with Jesus is very

essential for Christians of all ages.

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"I'd also like to be able to speak to them about having a sense of wonder in lile along with a sense of the other, looking beyond themselves," the bishop said, "and then a good sense of humor, not just being able to laugh, but a sense of humor which is detected in the real joy of living and sometimes being able laugh at yourself too

Bishop Zipfel said he began studying magic as a hobby while in high school, and that he knew "from early on" he wanted to serve God as a priest

"I would say since my early years of elementary school I have wanted to be a priest," he said. "That was there. There are many religious in my family who were influential."

Magic has been "a good balance," the bishop said, as well as a fun hobby.

bishop said, as well as a fun hobby.
"It's helped me maintain a certain
sanity in my life," he said. "I began that
when I was in high school. I developed
close friends I enjoyed being with who
helped me develop the skills that it takes
to make magic an enjoyable hobby.
Along the way, I've had an opportunity
to use it in parishes and I've had the
pleasure of demonstrating a few little
tricks to some of my brother bishops. tricks to some of my brother bishops veryone seems to enjoy it."

Everyone seems to enjoy it."
Bishop Zipfel said entertaining people of all ages with magic tricks "allows them to see me as a human being. What it does more than anything is help people realize that even in this particular position one can still be very human and show a real joy about Isving. I don't have to have a staff in my hand to show children that I'm a bishop and somebody they should respect. They recognize that I'm a person who enjoys life."



MAGICAL—Bishop Paul A. Zipfel, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, uses magic tricks to entertain young people as he talks with them about the magic and wonder of life. This trick with rings resembles the Olympic symbol of unity. (Photo by Richard Finke countesy of The St. Louis Review)

Getting sick from drugs isn't a fun thing to do

by Mary Ann Wyand Second of two parts

Three things result from drinking, anti-drug comedian Kevin Wanzer tells young people. "They're called the Three Ps'— puking, peeing and passing out. These things are not fun. It's ridiculous to do this."

Wanzer, a St. Pius X parishioner who gained international fame with his humor-ous "Just Say Ha!" anti-drug presentation, told *The Criterion* he likes to remind kids that it's possible to grow up drug-free and that young people who stay away from drugs are the real stars in life.



TUST SAY HA!'-Anti-drug comedian Kevin Wanzer and Pee Wee the raccoon will entertain teen-agers at the Ardiocesan Youth Conference on April 12

"I tell kids, 'Don't look outside for your heroes because you're the biggest hero you know if you can stay drug-free, "They've never thought of it like that before.

For a person to look up to himself or herself

For a person to look up to humself or herself as a role model is a pretty incredible thing." The Indianapolis comedian worked for "Late Night With David Letterman" and "The Original Max Headroom Show" in New York before deciding to devote his time to joking around with kids about the very serious subject of substance abuse

"I talk about how alcohol and drugs troy the dreams," he said. "It's a destroy the dreams tough thing for a kid to be a senior in high school and to have never had a beer or even to have been drinking and then When I tell them that I don't drink and I don't smoke, I'm telling them that it can be done and I'm also telling them that so they don't think I'm in recovery, that I was arrested and have to do this for community service or something. I know I'm in an extreme minority, but I've been doing these speeches since a sophomore in high school.

Kids need hope, Wanzer explained. A lot of the kids he meets who use drugs express feelings of hopelessness

"They think it's not going to be worth it to stop," he said. "They say, I can't stop. It's impossible." But they can stop. That's the hope you have to give them. I tell them when it comes down to decisions, when it comes down to your life, you've got to look inside before you can do anything else

Wanzer said his Catholic faith had a lot to do with his decision to work full-time to combat drug use among young people in the United States and abroad.

It's the least I can do to difference," he said. "Luckily I feel blessed enough just to be able to have the talent to make people laugh and let them listen in a way they've never really heard (anti-drug essages) before. I just have a good time.

Laughter is the greatest. It really is."

Sometimes, Wanzer said, he walks into a school and sees children as young as the third, fourth, or fifth grades with sad expressions

You watch some of these kids as they walk in (to the assembly) and you can tell waik in (to the assembly) and you can tein their lives have not been easy just by looking at them," he said. "It's a hard thing to chip through that wall to get to them and let them realize that, 'Look, it's OK to laugh. It's OK to be yourself.'"

There are two roads in life, the comedian tells his young audiences. One is drug-free and the other is paved with

"If you do drugs, at the beginning it's like ng down a river," he said. "You feel kind of relaxed because you think you can handle it, but eventually the drugs take control of your life and the river turns into a waterfall. Some people can recover, but it's so hard because you have to climb back up that waterfall. Some people just keep falling. The other road you take if you don't do drugs becomes easier and easier every time you say no. Eventually you're so far down this road your friends don't even bother you (about drugs) anymore because they know you're serious about saying no."

Peer pressure starts early, Wanzer warns students during his talk, and kids have to be prepared for it. They have to make the choice early to be drug-free, then they have to discipline themselves to stay away from alcohol, other drugs, and tobacco.

and tobacco. "Tve never drunk alcohol," he said.
"I've never had a beer. I've never drunk anything with alcohol in it. I started working with kids at such a young age, and I just realized that I don't need it to have fun. It's not such a geek y thing anymore to say no to drugs. I think people respect other people who make that decision, but it's still a tough thing to do."

Wanzer said he talked with a 3-yearold neighbor boy named R.J. about peer pressure, and the child told him he faces peer pressure in nursery school to color inside the lines.

"You've got to learn self-esteem early on," the comedian said. "It's so important. That's why I think self-esteem should be a class, and it should be taught from kindergarten on up. Kids need to know that if you get it wrong. I think that's what destroys kids. They start putting themselves down and they say 'I just can't do it. It's not worth it.' And they start looking for other outlets like drugs.''

The high school years are the most stressful years of a person's life, Wanzer said, because "kids are competing every single day against 400 people and they don't know what to do and they lose their identifies. their identity

Drugs have been glamourized by society for years, he said, and that adds to the temptation to try them.

"I just say, 'Look. It's out there,' "
Wanzer explained. " 'No one is denying that, but this is basically how ridiculous it is to do it. You can stay away from it. That's what I think kids have to realize. No one ever intends to become addicted. No one ever intends for this stuff to happen. I think a lot of it is self-pride and self-love and self-respect. If you've got enough respect for yourself, then drugs aren't going to be an issue.

Unfortunately, the comedian said, "A lot of people are used to solutions overnight. We're used to fast cars, fast food, fast wars. This (anti-drug war) isn't a war that is going to be won overnight, but I definitely think we're making progress. A lot of it has to do with the way you look at yourself. That's what I tell kids. 'You've got to make a difference in yourself before you can make a difference to anyone else

An open letter to the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis:

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In light of our mission, we the parish community of Holy Cross, cannot accept the recommendation proposed by the Future Staffing Committee regarding the Cluster/Consolidation of Holy Cross and St. Philip Neri parishes.

It is our conviction that Cluster/Consolidation of Holy Cross and St. Philip Neri parishes will weaken the presence of the Catholic Church on the near eastside of Indianapolis. If we enter into this process of Cluster/Consolidation, it is inevitable that the vital ministries of both parishes will suffer. At Holy Cross, outreach to the poor through our food pantry and our school will, by necessity, be diminished.

We believe this process will eventually lead to the loss of Holy Cross Central School as an evangelizing presence in this near eastside neighborhood. It is the clear conviction of our parish that Holy Cross Central School is participating in the mission of the Catholic Church to "teach as Jesus did" those who would otherwise never hear the Gospel message. The mission of the Church has always been to teach others about God. Without our school in this neighborhood, parents will not have the choice for a Catholic education which is now accessible

We call upon you, our brothers and sisters who make up the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, to respond to the Church's call to have a "preferential option for the poor" by supporting the ministries which currently exist at Holy Cross and at St. Philip Neri parishes.

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We gratefully acknowledge the support which the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and you, our brothers and sisters, have provided for our ministry at Holy Cross. We ask you to stand with us, so that through the unique mission of Holy Cross Parish, the Catholic Church of Indianapolis may remain the presence of Christ to the poor of this neighborhood community.

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notices from parishes and/or individuals. Please submit them individuals. Please submit them in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of publication. Always state the date of death. Obituances of archdiocesan priests, their parents and religious sisters serving in our archdiocese are listed elsewhere archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and brothers are included here, un-less they are natives of the archdiocese or have other con-nections to it.)

† BECKER, Louise A., 86, St. Paul, Tell City, Feb. 13. Sister of Dorothy Schulte; aunt of Katie Smelizer

+ BERKLEY, Wilma (Renner), 53, St. Mary, New Albany, Feb. 14. Wife of William; mother of Shaun; daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

+ BREWER, Horace Victor. T BREWER, Horace Victor, 79, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, Feb. 12. Husband of Elizabeth Ann (Reidy); father of Helen Tester-man and Roberta Jean Wright; grandfather of nine; great-grand-father of eight.

† CAMPBELL, Loretta, 72, St Mary of the Knobs, Floyd Knobs, Feb. 11. Mother of Paul, Robert Edward, Donna Potter, Mary Senn and Shirley; sister of Cle-tus, Don, Richard and William Freda Jaggers and Sorce; grandmother of

† CLACK, Mary M., 77, St. James the Greater, Indianapolis, Feb. 11. Mother of Mary Ann Kestler, Benjamin and Robert.

Michael, Bradford, Feb. 10.
Father of Mary A. Grant; brother
of Beatrice Wismann; grand-

† DEARINGER, Robert E., 62, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Feb. 15. Father of Michael J. and Christopher A.; brother of Rosemary Shreves.

+ FASBINDER, Edna Em (Rogers), 78, Holy Family, Ol-denburg, Feb. 7, Mother of Ni-cholas Jr., James, Paul, William, JoAnn Waters, Barbara Ertel, Patricia and Mary Beth; grand-mother of 13; great-grand-mother of 10.

+ FISCHER, Michael L. 71. St Bartholomew, Columbus, Feb. 14. Husband of Mary R.; father of Bill, Michael A., James,

Greg, Jon, David, Mary Ann, Patti Wade, Christine, Susan, Elaine, Karen, and Julie Nguyen; brother of Gene, Robert, Mary Beth Partlow and Marlene Cunningham

+ FRANKLIN Farl James 69 St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Feb. 15. Husband of Joan F.; father of Susan F. Blackwell, Elizabeth A., Jeanne M., Mare Franklin-A., Jeanne M., Mare Franklin-Gaumer, Daniel J., and Anna Marie McDonnell; brother of Melrose, Mary Fritz and Helen Doelmann; grandfather of 11.

+ HOLLAND, Harry Francis † HOLLAND, Harry Francis Jr., 65, 5. Anthony, Indi-anapolis, Feb. 17. Husband of mary Ruby (O'Neal); father of Harry David, William Anthony, Mark Andrew, and Joyce Ann; brother of Joseph B., Isaac, Eli-zabeth Jones and Alice Miller; grandfather of six.

† HORSTMAN, Geneva M., 80, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Feb. 4. Wife of Francis; mother of Joan Elsner, Mary Jane Vogel

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and Judy Stutsman; sister of Felix and Bernard Nichter, Marie Wells and Gertrude Gerringer; grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of 11

† JONES, James William, 76, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Feb. 8. Husband of Millie (Barnett); brother of Alva and Dale

† KENNINGTON, Anthony, † KENNINGTON, Anthony, 85, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Feb. 1. Father of M. Antoinette Hershman; brother of Winifred Roeckner and Joanna Hazlett: grandfather of two

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+ NEWBOLD, William M., 82 St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Feb 14. Husband of Grace (Rekme), father of William Henry, and Karen N. Wood; brother of Robert G., James R., Louis F., John Maurice and Father Thomas More; grandfather of

† POWELL, Mary Jane, 46, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Feb. 13. Wife of Robert G.; mother of Robert J. and

Sister M. Valeria Blessinger, OSB, 87, dies Feb. 24



BEECH GROVE-Benedic ine Sister M. Valeria Blessinger, who lived at St. Paul Hermitage since her retirement in 1989, died here Feb. 24 at the age of 87. Her funeral was held on Feb. 26 at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, or which she was a founding mem

Sister Valeria entered the Convent of the Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand in 1925 and made her first vows in 1927. She taught elementary, high school and college classes in Evansville and Indianapolis-area schools from 1927-1978. She continued to tutor for 10 years before her final retirement in 1989. One brother, Raymond, of

Ferdinand, survives Sister Valeria. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters etirement Fund of Our Lady of race Monastery, Beech Grove

Sister Robert Kiley dies Feb. 16 at the Woods at age 86

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS—Providence Sister Robert Kiley died here on Feb. 16 at the age of 86. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Feb. 19 in the Church of the Investal to Concentration.

of the Immaculate Conception.
The former Frances Catherine
Kiley was born in Chicago, Ill. She
entered the Congregation of the
Sisters of Providence in 1928 and professed her final yows in 1935.

professed her final vows in 1935.
Sister Robert taught in Indiana, Illinois and Washington, D.C. schools. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis her assignments were in Indianapolis at St. Philip Neri School and St. John Academy.

Academy.

One sister, Betty Lamont, survives Sister Robert.

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John the Apostle, Bloomington, Feb. 15. Sister of Joseph and Phillip; aunt of Katherine Ratliff, Teresa, and Helen Vanatti.

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Mary, Greensburg, Feb. 22.

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Meyer, Dorine Bruns, Ruth

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Sister Mary Sylvia Moeller.

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† SCHRINK, Elizabeth R., 72,
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† SHEETS, Martha J., 62, St.
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Feb. 13. Wife of Edward F. Jr.;
mother of Joseph B., Jeffrey P.
and Thomas A.; sister of Richard,
Harris, Robert, Louise DaVee
and Nadine Lambert; grandmother of Ryan and Abby.

† SIEFERT, Paul H., 87, St Joseph, Shelbyville, Feb. 17 Father of Paula Beth.

† WIESEN, Dorothy, 81, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Jan. 30. Mother of Patricia Heidenreich, Dottie Pitz and Robert J.; grand-mother of 23; great-grand-mother of 11

Providence Sister Marion de Lourdes Maloney was 81

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS—Funeral services were held here on Feb. 18 for Provi-dence Sister Marion de Lourdes (Margaret) Maloney, who died Feb. 15. She was 81. Sister Marion was born in Whiting, Ind. She entered the

Providence order at St. Mary of the Woods in 1926. In 1933 she professed her final vows, and erved as a teacher in Illinois

Sister Marion taught in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in the following schools: Holy Cross, St. Catherine and St. Ann, Indianapolis; St. Joseph, Terre Haute; St. Mary, Richmond; and Holy Trinity, New Albany.

Two sisters, Ann Carroll and Nora Nordyke of Whiting, and one brother, Joseph, of Long Beach, Cal. survive Sister Marion.

Franciscan Sister M. Virginette Hagedorn was 90

OLDENBURG—The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 21 for Franciscan Sister M. Virginatte Hand M. Virginette Hagedorn, who died here Feb. 19. She was 90 years old.

years old.

Sister Virginette was a native of Yorkville, Ind. She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1921, professing final yows in 1927. For 50 years she served her order as a teacher in the U.S. and in China.

the U.S. and in China.

In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Sister Virginette taught at St. Mary and Little Flower schools, Indianapolis; St. Joseph, Shelbyville; St. Michael, Brookville; St. Andrew, Richmond; St. Anthony, Morris; and St. Nicholas, Sunman.

Sister Virginette went to China in 1940 and taught with the Madames of the Sacred Heart there until 1945. She taught religion, math and Eng-lish to high school freshmen, French eighth-graders, and pri-

Sister Virginette is survived Sister Virginette is survived by three sisters: Bertha Zehm, Olivia Pelopida and Cora Connett, all of Cincinnati, Ohio. Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN 47036.

Interesting books

"Focus Your Day," by Holy Cross Father Kenneth E. Grabner, Ave Maria Press, \$7.95, 352 pp. Daily prayer book with brief reflections for every day of the year.

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Crossroad, \$9.95, 149 pp. Subtitled "waves of renewal in Christology" this book describes and comments upon the Crossroad, 39.99, 149 pp. Subtitled "waves of renewal in Christology" this book describes and comments upon the new insights theologians are publishing about Jesus Christ. "Catholic Spirituality and the Ministry of Religions," by John Tully Carmody and Denise Lardner Carmody, Paulist

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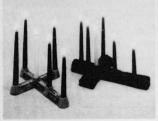
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Vatican denies 'holy alliance'

paign to hasten the dissolution of the communist empire, committing their resources to destabilize the Polist government and keep the outlawed Solidarity union alive.

The article claimed that a secret network was later established "under the auspices of Reagan and John Paul II" to supply Solidarity with electronic and printing equipment. All this was supposedly financed by the C1A and "secret accounts" at the Vatican, among other sources.

The article said the Vatican shared all the politically related information it received from the Polish church with either Reagan or the late CIA director William Casey. It portrayed the church as working hand-in-hand with the CIA

portrayed the church as working hand-in-hand with the CIA to undermine the Polish government's legitimacy.

The Time article offered little substantiation for its claims. It quoted Reagan as saying that he and the pope agreed that the division of Europe was a mistake and "something had to be done." Reagan was also quoted as saying that "Solidarity was the very weapon for bringing this about." There was no elaboration.

It quoted three leading churchmen on a variety of topics, but none of them spoke directly about a secret U.S.-Vatican pact to keep Solidarity alive.

Retired Secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli was quoted as saying there was a "real coincidence of interests between the U.S. and the Vatican."

Detween the U.S. and the Vatican."

Cardinal Pio Laghi, the papal nuncio in Washington in the 1980s, described to Time how he hosted Casey and other Reagan officials at breakfast, where the discussion usually turned to Poland.

Cardinal Laghi told Time that he emphasized to U.S. - PART-TIME -

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(in Poland), on religious freedom, and keep Solidarity alive

without provising the communist authorities further."

The article quoted Cardinal Achille Silvestrini, formerly a deputy to Cardinal Casaroli, as saying the Vatican received solid information about Solidarity's status from church

A spokesman for Cardinal Laghi said Feb. 19 that the cardinal had no comment on the article and that the cardinal thought the reporter should respond to any questions about the theories pr

though the reporter should respond to any questions about the theories presented in his article. Cardinal Casaroli was quoted by an Italian new agency as saying that while he would not "exclude cooperation" between the United States and the Vatican, it was unlikely that the pope would have agreed to any specific political operations.

"The pope has always tried to avoid becoming involved in delicate political questions. Therefore, one should be very cautious in speaking about political actions," he said.

actions," he said. Italian newspapers quoted former Solidarity leader and current Polish President Lech Walesa Feb. 19 as denying the alleged Vatican-U.S. alliance as a "complete absurdity." "The Time article is an example of a mistaken

interpretation of facts, mixed with imaginary situations and

stupidity," Walesa was quoted as saying.

The Rome daily *La Repubblica* quoted a Solidarity spokesman in Gdansk, Poland, as denying the article's

The article is a mixture of lies and a few facts " said Janusz Palubicki, vice president of the union. Palubicki was treasurer of Solidarity during the 1980s.

He said it was true that Solidarity benefited from international labor unions, but denied that there was a secret international network funded in part by the Vatican.

La Repubblica also quoted Zbigniew Brzezinski, who is

cited by Bernstein as a consultant to this secret operation, as saying he doubted there was any planned coordination between the U.S. and the Vatican. He said he had no knowledge of any Vatican participation in the financing of aid to Solidarity.

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Reached in Los Angeles, former U.S. Ambassador to the
Holy See William Wilson downplayed the idea that the
United States and the Vatican had a formal plan to destabilize Poland

I'm not sure that there was a 'secret alliance,' " "I'm not sure that there was a 'secret alliance,' said Wilson, who was Reagan's personal representative to the pope from 1981 to 1984, when Wilson became the first U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. "I think there were some conversations but I'm not sure I'd characterize it as a 'secret alliance,' "he said Feb. 24.

"An agreement of opinion" was there, "but I still wouldn't characterize it as a secret alliance." he said.

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Draft of stewardship pastoral calls for a 'radical' response

by Mark Pattison Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Time, talent and money are all important to good stewardship, says the first draft of the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on the subject.
"But to be a disciple and a good steward involves

"But to be a disciple and a good steward involves something more, something truly radical: committing one's very self to the Lord Jesus?" according to the draft.

The pastoral, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," was distributed to all U.S. bishops in mid-February. Comments on the pastoral will be accepted through April 3. The final draft is expected to be submitted for approval a November's general meeting of the U.S. bishops.
"Steward-disciples see themselves as caretakers of God's many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another," said the pastoral, addressed especially to pastors and pastoral leaders.
"Although faith is a strong force in the lives of Americans, our country's dominant secular culture contradicts the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition in so many ways. We Christians are a part of that culture!"

the pastoral draft added.

"This is a culture in which destructive 'isms'—material-ism, relativism, hedonism, individualism, consumerism—are at work in our lives. There is a strong tendency to are at work in our lives. There is a strong tendency to privatize our faith, to push it to the margins of society and exclude it from the marketplace." The pastoral takes note of the need for a better sense of stewardship.

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suggesting that the message of generous stewardship has not been preached effectively." it said. "The lack of not been preached effectively," it said. "The lack of resources which results reduces the church's ability to carry out its mission of service and evangelization.

out its mission of service and evangelization."

It also commented on lifestyles that hinder stewardship.
"Attachment to possessions is always more or less a problem, both for the individuals and for the community of faith," the pastoral said, noting "a secularized culture exalting individual gratification."

It called on parents to foster values of stewardship in their children "contrary to the consumerism and individual-isms ow idesperaed today.
"This may require ac" usting the family's own patterns of consumption and its lifestyle, including the use of television and other media which preach values in conflict with Christian stewardship," the pastoral said.

Among the themes the pastoral draft touched upon were stewardship's relationship to work, to the environment, and to solidarity.

to solidarity

"For a long time religious believers . . . have found it more or less difficult to know what value to assign human more or less difficult to know what value to assign manufacturity," it said, repeating the Second Vatican Council's solution to find it "valuable both for what it accomplished here and now and also for its relationship to the

God's "mandate to co-create-his command to work comes before the fall (of Adam and Eve); work is a fundamental aspect of the human vocation; it is necessary

fundamental aspect of the human vocation; it is necessary for human happiness and fulfillment," the pastoral said.

An "active stewardship of ecological concern" is also necessary, said the pastoral.

Ecological stewardship, it added, "requires that people adopt simpler litestyles. Of course this is true of affluent persons and societies like our own, but also is true of those who may not be 'affluent' but do enjoy access to superfluous resterial people and compforts." aterial goods and comforts.

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In twinning the concepts of stewardship and solidar, the pastoral referred to the "contributive justice"
phlighted in the bishops' economic pastoral "Economic
stice for All" as "a particular aspect of the virtue of Justice for All" as "a particular aspect of the virtue of solidarity."

It added that "familiarity with the church's growing



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body of social doctrine is necessary in order to grasp and respond to the practical requirements of discipleship and stewardship in light of the complex realities of today's national and international socioeconomic life. Stewardship has a eucharistic dimension as well, the pastoral said. "Lived out in the practice of stewardship, Christian discipleship can properly be called eucharistic because it gives thanks to God for the gifts we have received," it said. "The self-emptyine of lesus Christ is bevond our

received," it said.

"The self-emptying of Jesus Christ is beyond our power to imitate at all adequately," the pastoral said, "but it is within our power and a duty to be generous stewards of the church-to give freely, in the current phrase, of our time, talent and treasure."

The bishops voted at their November 1989 general meeting to draft a stewardship pastoral. Discussion at that time indicated a desire to give a theological basis for stewardship, yet not ignore its monetary aspects.

The bishops "Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship, which wrote the pastoral, is headed by Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy of Seattle. The bishops formed the committee in 1988.

In a note to recipients of the draft, he said a shorter

In a note to recipients of the draft, he said a shorter version of an approved stewardship pastoral will also be published, with both long and short versions published in Spanish as well.

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Committee members are Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
of Los Angeles; Bishops James P. Keleher of Belleville,
Ill., John J. Leibrecht of Springfield-Cape Garadeau, Mo.;
John R. McGann of Rockville Centre, N.Y.; and John J.
McRaith of Owensboro, Ky.; and Auxiliary Bishop Robert
F. Morneau of Green Bay, Wis.

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Consultants to the committee were retired Bishops
William G. Connare of Greensburg, Pa., and William E.
McManus of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind.
The bishops earlier discussed stewardship as one of four
points in a 1,500-word 1977 statement on fund-raising
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