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## Businesses give \$1.3 million to schools



First-grade students at Holy Cross Central School study at a listening station. Holy Cross is one of eight center city schools that will receive help from the archdiocesan "Making a Difference" campaign, which drew more than \$1.3 million in pledges from communi

Successful campaign helps archdiocese maintain strong presence in the inner city

#### By Peter Agostinelli

More than \$1.3 million has been contributed by Indianapolis businesses to the "Making a Difference" camnutinapoils ousnesses to the "Maxing a Difference" ca paign to benefit the city's eight center-city Catholic ele-mentary schools. When the campaign was announced in March the goal was set at \$1 million.

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Archdiocesan and "Making a Difference" campaign officials unveiled the campaign's success at an Oct. 30 celebration for the center-city school plan.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, students, and principals

from the eight schools hosted the "Making a Difference Celebration" at St. Joan of Arc School. The event began with a press conference and a show of appreciation for the many generous donors to the "Making a Difference" campaign.

Daniel J. Elsener, executive director of Catholic educa-on for the archdiocese, announced that 53 donors contributed the \$1.3 million. Additional funds are expected to

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## Bishops urge parishes to help fight child sexual abuse

Statement encourages parishes to respond to reports of abuse and develop programs to teach about sexual abuse

By Jerry Filteau, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON-Parishes can play a crucial role in preventing child sexual abuse and healing its wounds, says a state-ment issued Oct. 26 by two committees of the U.S. bishops

Recommendation will go to

The pastoral council of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis has rec-

ommended that the parish relocate to a new site in the Geist area of northeastern

Marion County. The parish is now located on the city's eastside at 8400 Roy Rd

After its regular meeting Oct. 26, council members announced the decision

to parishioners who had gathered in the

St. Simon's pastor, Father Larry Crawford, received the council's rec

ommendation. He, in turn, will make a recommendation to Archbishop Daniel

parish church.

task force studying needs

of growing population

The statement urges parishes to create an atmosphere of trust and safety that encourages victims, abusers or those who

know of abuse to come forward.

Parishes should establish procedures to respond to reports of abuse and develop programs to teach people about sexual se issues, it says

M. Buechlein. The archbishop will then

give his decision to a task force that was established in July to respond to

Catholic population in northeastern Marion County. The task force was formed to explore

all reasonable possibilities to meet these needs, which could include the creation

of a new parish, the redrawing of parish

boundaries, and/or the physical move-ment of the parish plants. The task force is chaired by Fathers Mark Svarczkopf and Joseph Riedman, deans of the

Indianapolis North and East deaneries respectively. Members include leaders

and staff from the North and East dean ery parishes and schools that might be

cted by the task force's decisions The task force intends to make its rec-

the ministry needs of the growing

St. Simon's council recommends relocating parish

homilies when appropriate and regularly printing in parish bulletins the name and phone number of an expert who can be contacted for help in dealing with a situa tion of child sexual abuse.

It discusses some of the signs of sexu al abuse and some of the characteristics often found in sexual abusers. But it warns, "It is impossible to reliably iden-tify potential abusers."

It says that in cases of sexual abuse in

ommendations to Archbishop Buechlein

by late November. The archbishop's final decision is expected by the end of the year.

St. Simon Parish was founded in 1961 and currently includes 1,030 households in

Prior to the council's vote on Oct. 26.

the matter had been under consideration since July 15. At that time Vicar General

Father Joseph Schaedel discussed the

archbishop's invitation to consider mov ing with the leadership of St. Simon, St. Lawrence and St. Thomas, Fortville. The

process to discern St. Simon's future has included three parish assemblies and

several special sessions of the pastoral council, as well as a demographic study

its congregation. St. Simon School's enrollment includes 281 students in

preschool through eighth grade.

not always possible to keep the family together." The statement, titled "Walk in the Light:

A Pastoral Response to Child Sexual Abuse," was developed jointly by the bish-ops' Committee on Women in Society and in the Church and their Committee on age and Family Life.

Publication of the statement was approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Administrative Committee, a body of more than 50

elected bishops.

"Any act of child sexual abuse i morally evil. It is never justified," the statement says

It defines child sexual abuse as any kind of exploitation of a child for the sexual gratification of an adult.

"Because the abuse often o home and the victims are children, child sexual abuse over the centuries has been

cloaked in a conspiracy of silence," it says
It calls on the Christian community "to shatter the walls of loneliness, shame and fear that isolate those who are sexually

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

# A timely reminder that life doesn't end here

ere in Indianapolis the new and popular Circle Centre Mall opens a 9-30 a.m. on Sundays when the Colts play at the RCA Dome. I am told that for some people this competition with Sunday Eucharist is more than they can handle. There are some other signs that God

There are some other signs that God doesn't rate very highly for some of us. I am told that far less than 50 percent of our Catholic community attend Eucharist on the week end. I am told that less than half of the Catholic students in our high schools and elementary schools attend Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday. One pastor told me that perhaps 30 or so youth attend weekly religious education, but if there is a social activity, say ask irrj. 75 high schoolers show up.

I can usually tell when candidates for confirmation (and their sponsors) are accustomed to being in church and when they are not. Understandable nervousness aside, when candidates and sponsors approach for th: anointing at confirmation (or for Communion) chewing gum, I know they are not!

know they are not!
The feast of All Saints and All Souls
Day, both of which herald the beginning of
November, are a timely reminder that life
doesn't end here. It is so easy for us to forget what truly counts in our lives. It is
sometimes difficult to see that this life as
we know it is only a vestibule to a kingdom
we can only imagine. No matter how much
we any wish it, or how much we may try,
this life is not the final kingdom. In our
more reflective moments, our personal
experience confirms our faith. Do we keep
this ultimate reality in mind in a practical
way? Are we living for union with God or
are we preoccupied with making this life
our ultimate kingdom?

It is easier to understand how our youth would be distant from this vision of faith, if for no other reason because they lack the experience of the passing nature of this world. And so we older folks share a responsibility to provide what our youth cannot see. Religious education and Sunday Eucharist and the scarament of penance and reconcilation are the basic helps available for strengthening our vision of faith. For the life of me, I cannot understand why parents would scarrifice so much to offer their children the opportunity of a fine Catholic education, and then not see that

they attend Sunday Eucharist.

Apparently some parents do not attend Eucharist ether. Is it because some of us do not understand that the purpose of the Mass is to give thanks and worship to God who gives us all that we have or supports us in our struggles? The church establishes a Sunday obligation to attend the Holy Eucharist in order to remind us otherol. God for saving us from sin and

the Holy Eucharist in order to remind us to thank God for saving us from sin and death. It is the experience and the age-old wisdom of the church that if we do not celebrate God's goodness on a weekly basis we tend to celebrate false gods. Why would parents who are unable to send their children to Catholic

to send melt rilimeter to Cathoric schools for whatever reason not see that they received a religious education? Providing religious instruction and formation is as important as looking after our children's need for food and clothing and good health. In the end, spiritual health spells ultimate success. Nothing else does, Religious education and Surday Eucharist and the sacrament of penance and reconciliation are minimal aids to the life that really counts.

I don't think we should frighten our children and youth (or ourselves) into having reverence and gratitude for God, but a good dose of the sober truth about the final things is wholesome for our spiritual health.

our spiritual health.

Beginning with the solemn feast of All
Saints on Nov. 1, we are reminded that
those who have gone before us who kept
the faith now share in the eternal happiness which only God ean give. The livelness which only God ean give. The liveltime, remind us that there is a kingdom
"where every tear will be wiped away."
The saints also remind us that God's
grace is available to all of us. Remember,
every saint had a past and every sinner
has a future!

On Nov. 2, we pray for those who may yet need the support of our prayer while their love is purified in purgatory. That's why we celebrate Masses at our cemeteries on All Souls Day. Cemetery visits to pray for our deceased sisters and brothers also remind us where all of us are headed. Thank God for the gift of our faith! Let's do what we need to do to keep our faith stone!

Bishop Dale J. Melczek, now administrator, named coadjutor bishop of Gary

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope John Paul II has appointed Bishop Dale J. Melczek, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Gary since 1992, as coadjutor bishop for the diocese.

Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, apostolic pro-nuncio to the United States, announced the appointment Oct. 28 in Washington.

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As coadjutor Bishop Melczek, who
turns 57 years old on Nov. 9, will automatically become head of the diocese when
the current bishop, Bishop Norbert F.
Gaughan retires, Bishop Gaughan will be
75 next May, the age when bishops are
required to submit their resignation to the
Vatican.

Editorial Commentary/John F. Fink, Editor

## Should unwed teen-age mothers be stigmatized?

The Sunday, Oct. 22, issue of *The Indianapolis Star* carried six articles Kathleen Schuckel on the subject of teen pregnancy—one on the front page and five in the "Life Style" section. One was a fine article about St. Elizabeth's, the Catholic Charities agency that has helped pregnant women since 1915.

The tone of the six articles seemed to be an attempt to refute what they constantly referred to as Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith's attempt to "once again stigmatize teen-age pregancy." Three of the articles were about women who had had babies when they were teen-agers back in the 1960s. They told about how horrible it was when unmarried teen-age girls became pregnant in those days because they had to drop out of society during the pregnancy and then forced to give up their babies for adoption.

The 1966s was the first decade of what has been referred to as the "sexual revolution" in this country. If Ms. Schuckel had gone back one or two more decades, she would have been at an era when most of society still believed that sexual activity belonged only in marriage. Pregancy was simply evidence that the girl had been sexually active, and that's what was stigmatized. Unfortunately, back in those old days, there was a double standard. It was considered that he was a double standard. It was considered that mediant of the country of the sexually active and that's what was stigmatized.

Unfortunately, back in those old days, there was a double standard: It was considered shameful for a girl to be sexually active but not for a teen-age boy. That, of course, was not true for boys in Catholic high s-bools who heard a great deal indeed about chastity, but boys were still expected to be aggressors in boy-girl situations while girls were expected to preserve the purity of their relationship. That's what changed in the 1960s, when girls began to become as aggressive as the boys had been. Today, thanks in large part to depictions in our movies and TV shows, sex among unmarried people has been made to seem normal.

Unwed mothers today should not be stigmatized if most of their peers are also having sex and they just happened to "get caught." At least these girls have elected not to have an abortion, which would be much easier to do today than it was back in the 1940s or 1950s. They should be helped as St. Elizabeth's has been doing—teaching them parenting skills and helping them complete their educations and find jobs to support themselves and their bables.

But much more needs to be done to instill moral values in our teens—to teach them self-respect and self-esteem. If young girls—and boys—respected themselves and each other, they could learn to control their hormones and delay sexual activity until marriage. They could learn that chastity is a wonderfully positive virtue that is truly liberating.

That message seems to be making some headway in today's society, despite the statistics that show that the number of unwed mothers is at an all-time high. The answer to the problem of teen-age pregnancy isn't stigmatizing the girls. It can be found only through the teaching of religious and spiritual values.

## RSVP volunteers make 'Love Bears' for children who have suffered

#### By Mary Ann Wyand

Love Bears come in lots of different colors, but all are handmade by participants in the archdiocesan Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. The bears are made as gifts for children who have experienced trauma.

A label stitched on the back of each bear says "Made for you with love by Indianapolis RSVP." Rhesa Marshall, program director for

Rhesa Marshall, program director for RSVP, said "each lady puts a lot of love into the teddy bears."

Marshall said Love Bears go to childreatying at city homeless shelters, are given to youngsters who receive counseling by Catholic Social Services counselors through the CSS Family Growth Program and the CSS Family Negotiation Center, and are handed to frightened and grief-stricken children by police officers and firefighters on the scene of tragedies.

RSVP participants started making the stuffed bears several months ago as a community service project, Marshall said, and enjoy stitching the gifts for needy children. Volunteers for the 1995 United Way

Volunteers for the 1995 United Way Day of Caring in Indianapolis during September also helped construct the toys, she said. Employees of Bank One, the American States Insurance Company, the USA Group, Professional Secretaries International, the Plasma Alliance, and the Associated Group lent their sewing skills to the project as United Way volunteers on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

Marshall said donations of materials and volunteer help for the ongoing project are appreciated. To help with the RSVP Love Bears project, call her at 317-236-1558, ar 800-382-9836, extensions 1557 or 1558.



oto by Mary Ann Wyand

Marlene Garrett, a clerk for the American Association of Retired People, sews a Love Bear as a gift for a child who has experienced trauma. Participants in the archdiocesan Retired and Senior Volunteer Program also are making Love Bears for traumatized children.

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## Bosnian survivor shares his faith experiences

When he prayed to Our Lady of Medjugorje, 'That's when it happened'

#### By Margaret Nelson

Indianapolis Channel 13 anchor Anne Ryder wants people to hear about the faith experiences of Capt. Scott O'Grady, the U.S. Air Force pilot who was downed in Bosnia-Herzegovina on June 2 while patrolling the U.N. designated no-fly zone.

Her interview with him will be aired on lov. 9 and 10 at the NBC affiliate.

Ryder explained that O'Grady has per-mitted only two other sit-down interviews. She happened to hear part of his talk with Jane Pauley. "What piqued my interest was that last summer I went to Medjugorje (for her 'Hope to Tell' series). At the tail end of the Jane Pauley interview, Scott mentioned Medjugorje

He knew of an experience that one of his mother's friends had there. "He had kind of filed away that experience," she said. "In the interview, he said that, when

said. "In the interview, he said that, when he was on the ground, he saw something. Ryder, wanting to know more about it, called Jane Pauley's office. She learned the name of the man from the Pentagon who was with him for the interview. The Pentagon people said that the tape of the interview didn't go beyond the part that was aired. Then the Channel 13 anchorwoman called O'Grady's mother, but he had not discussed the spiritual experience

Ryder called the Pentagon again. She said, "About the 15th time, I think they got tired of the calls and asked what I wanted to talk about, I said I wanted to find out about his spiritual experiences on the ground. Twenty minutes later, he

called me back.
"That was the only reason—he was anxious to talk about the spiritual experiences, but he was never asked," she said. The interview also has some previously classified information.

Thinking of her "Hope to Tell" faith ries. Ryder said her chief motivation was nd out what his experience was. She had heard him say at the televised news confer-ences after his rescue, "If it wasn't for God's love for me and my love for God, I wouldn't have gotten through it."

"He talks about what he experienced from the moment he realized his F-16 (fighter jet) had been tracked," Ryder said. "That's when his prayers started. And he continued them through the time he was rescued. He called it 'one long

Ryder said that he described his prayers as being very specific: "God, please le me be ejected safely," or "God, please



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TV anchor Anne Ryder interviews Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady about his faith experiences

help me land safely," or "God, please let me survive," or whatever he thought was important. "When he was lying prone facing a tree root and the searchers didn't see him, he believes that God protected him."

O'Grady had been a spiritual person all along—never straying from the church, Ryder explained. He always considered himself a Catholic. But, like many young people, he thought of Sunday as "sack time" and didn't always go to church.

"Now he feels that it is very important to attend church," Ryder said.

The most significant experience he dis-cussed happened on the third day after he landed, she said. He had prayed to about everyone he knew, including some of the deceased members of his family. Then he prayed to Our Lady of Medjugorje. He told Ryder, "That's when it happened. I don't know how to explain it in words. It wasn't like I saw someone walking in the forest

"But when I did pray to Our Lady of Medjugorje, I could see her, but it wasn't a form that I can explain. I don't know how to explain it. It wasn't like I saw it, but I saw it by feeling it. It was just inside; it's something I don't know how to

interpret," O'Grady said.
"But it was like a sense of good, a sense of love and peace like I've never felt before. I've never experienced a feeling of this intensity. It was just a glimpse of God's love," he said.

"People need to hear this," Ryder said. "It's a powerful message for the world O'Grady told her that, later, it was like he

#### Ritter starts 'Call to Excellence' campaign

'Call to Excellence" is the theme cho sen by the Cardinal Ritter High School board for its 1995-96 annual campaign.

The high school has gone through an

extensive planning process, which advocates recruitment efforts, upgrading of physical facitlies and a new emphasis on roved technology in the classrooms.

"You can already sense the changes as you visit our school," said Dr. David Arm-strong, the school president. "Everyone is

The campaign is designed to meet the financial challenges of the new plans, said development director Anne White. During the coming months, all members of the Cardinal Ritter family—parents, students, alumni, friends and community business leaders—will be contacted and invited to help the school reach its goals

While we certainly need dollars, v also want everyone to know that another important part of this campaign is to inform everyone about the great things going on here, and to motivate them to greater levels of participation."

White will discuss the campaign and

new programs with anyone who calls her at 317-924-4333.

on a spiritual high for six days. When he got back, he experienced feelings of guilt. He'd back, he experienced teerings of gain. To been praying 24 hours a day. When he stopped doing it, he felt guilty. But he found what Ryder describes as "a very good priest," who told him that God was there for him when he needed him and that God was needed that way for someone else now. And the priest convinced O'Grady that he didn't

O'Grady talked to Ryder about witnessing a battle between good and evil as he tried to elude capture—and it was not just related to the war. Besides God's presence, he felt there was an evil pres ence there—though it was not as strong as the good, according to the pilot.

O'Grady believes he came back alive to bring certain truths, which he explains in the interview. First, that the most important thing people can do is find their to God, no matter what their religion. And second, that family and forgiveness are very important. He sees families as an extension of God's love.

After the Serbian missile hit in back of his plane June 2, O'Grady could feel the heat of the flames. His seat ejected while the plane was going 330 mph. The ride to earth took 25 minutes, with the Bosnian Serbs watching all that time. O'Grady considers it miraculous that "everything orked" through all of that.

Ironically, a pilot friend finish flight the sixth day of the downed pilot's ordeal and received permission to search for him—with limited fuel—before returning to their base in Aviono, Italy. That was the first day O'Grady thought it would be safe to signal repeatedly. His friend heard the Morse Code signal and was able to alert officials.

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Capt. O'Grady said that he will try to live in a more spiritual way now. He plans to move to Salt Lake City, enlist in the reserves, and fly F-16s the rest of his career.

Anne Ryder's Scott O'Grady interview will be on Channel 13 news at 6 and 11 p.m. on Nov. 9 and 10, four segments in all.

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## Saints as role models for ordinary people

It has often been noted that there are few good role models in today's society. Sports heroes, political figures, actors and actresses, even some leaders of the

actresses, even some leaders of ut-church show that they too often have feet of clay. They are not good role models. The church, of course, has always suggested the saints as role models. But people often see them as unrealistically holy or people who were somewhat weird. And it's true that some of them did do bizare things. St pose of 1 into for expenden robbeth ber for things. St. Rose of Lima, for example, rubbed her face with pepper so she wouldn't look beautiful, and St. John of God was committed to a mental institution after he engaged in a public beating of himself during

which he wildly repented of his past sins.

But most saints were not like that at all. They were normal people with human flaws who became great in spite of them. It's unfortunate that too many articles

about saints make them seem so perfect that we feel it would be impossible to emulate them.

That's not always the case. Perhaps the best example is St. Peter. The Bible certainly is clear about his weaknesses, but it's also clear about his growth in holiness and courage. Another biblical character is David, a murderer and an adulterer. His greatness came from his repentance and sorrow

St. Augustine is perhaps the best-known example of a sinner who became a saint because his "Confesons" is one of the Catholic classics. This fourth and fifth century figure is one of the most highly revered men yet today, both a father and a doctor of the church. There are more excerpts from his writings in the Office of Readings that is part of the Liturgy Hours than from any other writer and the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" quotes him more than any other ecclesiastical writer.

Others who turned their lives around after mis-spent youths include St. Ignatius of Loyola and St Francis of Assisi

Some saints had personality flaws that were difficult for them to overcome. St. Jerome was known for his bad temper. A brilliant man himself, he couldn't tolerate what he considered the stupidity of other people. He had a vitriolic and sarcastic pen. He was secretary for Pope Damasus and started translating the Vulgate at that time, but he had to leave Rome and move to

Bethlehem after Damasus died because he couldn't get along with other people. While swift to anger, though, he was also swift to feel remorse.

For those of us who are married, there are some good role models among the saints, although not as many as there should be. It has been reported that Pope John Paul II has asked the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to

find saintly married couples for him to canonize.

For men, my favorite has long been St. Thomas More—married, widowed, remarried, father of four children, lawyer, best-selling author, friend of other literary scholars, and a deeply spiritual man in a secular society. Of course, he probably wouldn't have been canonized if he hadn't also been martyred.

For women, the fact that they were married was often incidental, but many female saints indeed were married. America's St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, for examwas married and the mother of five children before her husband died when she was 30. She went on to found the Sisters of Charity and was the first American-born citizen to be canonized. Her greatest qualities were abandonment to the will of God and an ardent love of the Blessed Sacrament, qualities that anyone can emulate.

Some of the married saints were queens

bit hard to emulate. These include Elizabeth of Hungary, Elizabeth of Portugal and Margaret of Scotland. They were noted for their deep spirituality, their concern and care for the poor, and for their efforts

at peacemaking.

What about role models for activist women? I can't think of any better than the two women who are doctors of the church—St. Teresa of Avila and St. Catherine of Siena. They were both mystics, spiritual writers and activists. Teresa had to be a great organizer

writers and activists. Feresa had to be a great organi; while she renewed the Carmellites. St. Catherine of Siena had more influence on the church than any woman I know of. She was active in support of a crusade against the Turks and efforts to end war between papal forces and Florence, and she convinced Pope Gregory Xt to return the papacy to Rome from Avignon in 1377.

Another activist woman, of course, was St. Joan of Arc, who led French troops into battle against the

There are plenty of role models among the saints for

#### A View from the Center/Dan Conway

## Personal reflections on stewardship of treasure

In the past, we church leaders have somehow managed to

and a very negative message to people about money. "All the church really cares about is money," people say. Or, "All the pastor, or bishop, ever talks about is money." Or, "Conway writes about stewardship in his columns, but what he really means

We know that stewardship is more than money or fund raising, but how do we communicate that to people who really do not understand what stewardship is-or who question our

motives? Protestant churches have been talking about stewardship a lot longer than Catholic churches have, but even after all these years, the number-one problem

they have is convincing their congregations that when they say stewardship they don't just mean money. There is a paradox here. I call it the stewardship para-dox. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." And Jesus talked about money all the time. Look closely at the parables of Jesus and count the ones that refer to money. If you didn't know better, you'd say that all Jesus cared about were drachmas, denarii, and the

coins that belong to Caesar.

Why was Jesus able to talk about money so much and get away with it? Why did people accept his admonitions about money (and about dependence on the things of this world) when they seem to be so quick to reject this kind of talk from the religious and pastoral leaders of today?

I maintain that the answer lies in Jesus' uncanny ability to make every man, woman and child that he met feel like someone special—someone he really cared about.

Because of the personal affirmation and care that Jesus

communicated to everyone who came into contact with him, he was able to talk about stewardship of treasure without appearing to be hypocritical or superficial. He was free to challenge people's ideas about money, status and prestige because he made it very clear that he recognized the personal dignity and value of veryone less of who they were or what they possessed.

The paradox of stewardship is that we learn how to be good stewards of our money and possessions only when we come to recognize that there is so much more to life than storing up earthly treasures. And how do we learn this critically important lesson? Not by focusing on stewardship of treasure but by first learning what it means to be good stewards of our time and talent.

The choices I make about how to spend my time, and how I nurture and share my talents, greatly influence how I earn, save and spend my money. I honestly believe that I could make a lot more money if I didn't work for the church. And I know that my wife and I would have a lot more money to spend on ourselves (clothes, cars, trips, and lots of other nice but unnecessary things) if we didn't have five children to provide for or if we chose to live a different kind of life.

In fact, the choices we have made about how we use

ir time and what we do with our talents have a powerful influence on our stewardship of treasure. The theology stewardship teaches that money is neither good nor bad in itself. Money, and all of the things that we possess, are gifts from God that we are asked to care for, and share, with others—for our own benefit and for the good of all humanity. And if we are good stewards of the time and talents that God has given us, chances are that we will be much better stewards of our treasure.

For those of us who have leadership responsibilities in

the church, this paradox of stewardship is a vitally impor-

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

## Our parishes are filled with rich stories of evangelization

There are many good reasons why dioceses are giving special emphasis to evangelization in preparation for the third millennium.

1. We are losing large numbers of Hispanics to evangelical Christians 2. Anti-Catholic groups are

attempting to discredit the church. 3. Catholic youth are drifting away

from the faith. a number of other life-threatening

forces are increasing.

5. Marriages are breaking up faster. 6. Television and movies are portraying immorality as if were a norm to follow.

Some church leaders are proposing that a warlike approach be adopted to combat these problems. They see apathy as enemy No. 1; there is concern that Catholics are not standing up for what is right.

I know that serious efforts "against" harmful influences are needed. What concerns me is the feeling I have that we tend to overlook the effectiveness of our own evangelizing for" youth, families, moral values, etc.

It can't be denied that today's church is partly where it is because certain movements and influences have created a fighting mood among Catholics. If we find ourselves in a warlike mood, we may tend to "go after" others. But do v sometimes do this in ways contrary to our belief that kindness is a much more powerful weapon than the sword?

Let's look at an alternative strategy that can win battles without losing the war.

One strategy is to capitalize on present efforts before creat-ing new ones. I say this because we have found through our research that parishes, whether or not they have dynamic

leadership, are filled with rich stories of evangelization.

I'm talking about stories showing that faith is being lived, is being communicated and is touching people deeply—stories that show we underestimate the effectiveof our own communities of faith.

These are stories about lay people reaching out to sup-port each other when there is a tragedy in a family. Or they are stories about parishes exploring new ways to wetcome people from other entures or those who have left the church, while seminaries are requiring future priests to be conversant in more than English so that they can respond to the multicultural explosion.

There are stories about new efforts to catechize our youth and spend time with them.

And one look at our response to AIDS and the world of

chemical dependency reveals story after story of heroes. Unfortunately, these stories, which contain gold mines of energy, inspiration and imagination, aren't getting out of energy, inspiration and imagination, aren't getting out. They, not the marches and war cries some espouse, are the backbone of evangelization. They reveal that the church and its people are not cowering in the corner, frightened away from their mission in the world by alien forces.

There is a lot more happening than I think we give ourselves credit for.

There is one new movement I would encourage for the third millennium, therefore: a movement to get the real story of evangelization in our times out to people.

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tant reminder that in our efforts to encourage others to be generous, we must never make the mistake of by-passing time and talent to get right to the money. No matter how urgent or immediate our financial needs may be, the only really effective, long-term way to develop stewardship of treasure is by first helping people become better stewards of their time and talent

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#### To the Editor

#### Our unique Catholic cultural heritage

Much has been made of the fact that roday's young Catholics don't seem to appreciate the unique character of Catho-licism. That is due to the fact that their religious education has lacked any significant reference to church history and tradition.

Similarly, Catholic ritual has lost much of its unique character. The richness of the liturgical language has been watered down (compare the very beautiful and unforget-table words of the old *Lavabo* with the newer pared down and easily forgotten version). Many of the ornate older churchbeen architecturally raped as handcarved Gothic altars are ripped out to make way for marble slabs. And new churches are frequently devoid of architectural character or integrity. Traditional music such as Gregorian Chant or Latin hymns are almost never heard (except on popular hit recordings like "Chant"). The ness and beauty of these art forms lifted the spirit and created a sacred atmos

phere unlike anything we "enjoy" today. Recently I attended a Latin Mass sung by Benedictine monks in San Giorgio
Maggiore, Venice, Italy. What a joy it was
to hear and to sing the familiar Latin phrases of the sacred Gregorian Mass in the magnificent traditional setting of a centuries-old church where so many had worshiped in exactly the same way. Talk about your sense of community—a community extending through the ages; talk about universality—nothing illustrates this great mark of the church more than the Latin Mass. No matter where you go in the

world, you feel at home in a Catholic church wherein the Latin Mass can be heard.

Sadly, the younger generation is almost never exposed to their unique Catholic cultural heritage. When they are, they're deeply moved in a way they never deeme possible. Why did we have to "throw out the baby with the bath water"? Why are we so eager to look and sound like Protestants? Why can't we celebrate our rich cultural heritage, especially when the alternative is such an aesthetic wasteland? Sharron Jaskunas Indianapolis

#### An apathetic or a welcoming attitude?

After the two black eyes the RCIA teams have gotten recently (in letters to the editor), I would like to commend them for the work

they are doing and for just being there.

I went through the RCIA program just last year and thought the team did a wonderful job of teaching, answering questions, and most of all, making me feel welcome

RCIA is not just for those inquiring into the Catholic faith, but for all parish members to share and strengthen their faith. There is a year after our confirmation dur-ing which we explore our church commu-nity and try to find the stewardship which best fits the gifts God has given us. During this time we are still learning and asking questions of the church. That's community, that's all of us. That's you! There is a lot to be learned in a few short months and I apologize and ask your forgiveness for this "Protestant Catholic" who didn't go

### through 12 years of Catholic school before

nquired into the Catholic faith. When you are at Mass, do you turn the other way with an apathetic attitude when you notice the person sitting next to you obviously doesn't understand what might be going on? Or do you reach out and try to explain so they might feel more a part and more welcome? It's this apathetic atti tude that may have kept many of us from joining the Catholic Church sooner. This is not a secret club or organization we're joining; it's God's family. Don't you help

If you have had a problem with some-one you know not understanding our faith or some aspect of it, where are you? It's or some aspect of it, where are you? It's not just up to your RCIA team to teach. It's up to you, too. I was quite honored when I was asked to join our parish team this year and as a part of my stewardship this is something I can do. I still ask a lot of questions and maybe, just maybe, I can answer one or two. Maybe I can just make one person feel welcome, and if I can do that then I feel I've succeeded

Gary Howell

A Testimony of Faith/Tony Striegel

## I am still living today only because God still has a purpose for my life

At the age of 40 I was on top of the world. I have always had a loving, sup portive family. We were a Christian family with a lot of faith and love for God. I also had a very good job that was starting to bring financial security to my family for golden years.

Then I suffered a heart attack and had to undergo by-pass surgery. Since that time, my health has gone downhill dramatically I have undergone some sort of heart proce dure the last six years every four to five months. This past year has been the worst with two heart attacks, several heart proce-

dures, throat surgery and a colonoscopy.

I have not been able to work for several years now. The devastation of poor health was enough to deal with personally and then to deal with giving up my livelihood was almost too much.

I have learned through these six years to rely on nothing but faith in God and a lot of prayer. I always thought I had a lot of faith, but until these past years, I didn't know to what extent. I have always heard that God doesn't put more on you than you can bear. I can tell you truthfully that I think I have been tested to the limit. There were times I didn't think I could

go on. Knowing that God has always beer there for me, and always holds my hand, brings me comfort. God never lets go of your hand. He is always there for you if

you just let him into your heart and life.

I can truthfully tell you today that, even

though I have been through many dark valleys, God has always shown me a way out. He has never let me down. I have a better life today, because of my illness, than I ever had before. With each dark valley I travel through, God makes me

stronger to come out on the other side.

My life before was the life I wanted to live. My life now is the life God wants me to live. God has a plan for everyone. I think God's plan for me is to share my faith and love for him with others. Unless you have never experienced a dark valley, you have no way of knowing how strong your faith is and what you can accomplish through your tears and pain. God wants us all to reach out to others through our sor-

Thave learned to rely on God for my liveli-hood, my strength and courage. I am nothing without him and a strong man with him. I trust God in every way, because he knows what is best for all of us. The hardest lesson in life to learn is to accept God's will in our lives even though it is not what we want. We have to learn to live the way he wants us to live and to do his works, not ours.

I am still living today only because God still has a purpose for me and my life. If my purpose is to touch one person's life and bring him or her closer to God, then that is what I am willing to do now and hope will will do it well.

(Tony Striegel is a member of Holy Family Parish in New Albany.)

#### Point of View/Bob Buckner

## Colts' Jim Harbaugh wins big

paign (it is a national three-year effort), sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, was conducted to put the video film "Jesus" in every home that would accept it in Indianapolis, free of charge to the residents. Seventy-two men of many Christian denominations were called to serve. They would make contact with every Christian church to seek their participation. Church volunteers would walk the neighborhoods, going door to door to evangelize-to place the story of Christ's life in every household

Participation was rejected by every Catholic church in the city except St. Philip Neri, which reported a wonderfully positive experience. What better way to get our parishioners involved in evangeli-zation? Deliver a free film of the life of Jesus, go back two weeks later and if they are, as they say, an unchurched family, invite them to yours (no training needed).

There were any number of reasons given from parish to parish why they chose not to participate, but the saddest of them all was the objection to the so-called sinner's prayer" at the end of the film the one where whoever, so moved, invites Christ to come into his/her life. And what was the objection? "Well, we don't do it that way," i.e., we Catholics don't do it that way. How then do we do it? The fact is that this is exactly how we

do it and so does anyone else in whom God is given that new—that first place.

Remember The Criterion story in the Sept. 1 issue: "Colts' Quarterback Jim Harbaugh Lets God Take Control of His Life"? He said he got down on his knees and invited God into his life and then he told us how his whole life changed—how God is now a part of everything he is and does and he wants to tell people about it.

Now, Jim Harbaugh is a life-long Catholic. He grew up in Catholic schools God entered into Jim when he was baptized. In confirmation, he received the Holy Spirit. God has been in place, so to speak, since Jim was a child and able to do for and through Jim everything Jim would allow him to do. And so it is with all of us baptized, confirmed Catholics. God lives in us-no question. But have we invited him to take that first place—to take con-trol? Jim is and always will be free to block God out of his decision-making pro-cesses, but the processes are wonderfully changed now because Jim invited God to take control. Invite—this is a crucially important word in the Christian language. God's power in our lives rests dormant

until we release him in the overt act of surrender-we invite him to take control. The power of the sacraments becomes reality in individual lives in the measure of one's surrender to and cooperation with that power. The Holy Spirit rules in our lives only to the extent of our free will, ongoing surrender of self. Conversion is a neverending process of surrender.

Out of 1,200 churches in the metro area, only 109 participated in the Jesus Video Project, but 39,000 videos were accepted 19,861 survey forms were complete 43,946 people, according to the surveys, watched the video and 8,300 of these im ed Christ into their lives-the same thing

In the light of what Pope John Paul II is asking of the church just now—in the light of the call to evangelize that we are hear ing from our bishops, and especially own Archbishop Daniel, can anybody please tell us what's wrong with delivering a free video of the life of Christ, the film, to whomever will accept it? Think of the tens of thousands of children in our neighborhoods who have never heard the name of Jesus except used in vain. Who is Jesus? Don't they deserve the chance to know?

I hope and pray that our Catholic parishes will be more responsive when the campaign is revved up again next year. There are millions of searching, hurting, unloved souls out there who will respond to the first Christian kind and caring enough to invite them to church. Why shouldn't it be our church?

(Bob Buckner is a parishioner of St. Monica Parish, Indianapolis.)

### Light One Candle/ Fr. John Catoir, Director, The Christophers

## Sleeplessness can be a blessing

Everyone knows that a night of restful sleep gives one a feeling of well-being the

next day, but some peo-ple can only sleep a few hours each night. The rest of the time they toss and turn fitfully. I sympathize because I suffer from insomnia from time to time and it's not pleasant

Most people think of sleeplessness as curse but gradually I've come to think of it as a blessing. When I'm in this twilight zone of semi-wakefulness, which is called the beta level of consciousness, my sub-conscious mind (or the Holy Spirit, I conscious mind (of the Holy Spirit, I don't know which) organizes my priori-ties for the coming day. I think of the sick people I should call, the friends I want to contact, the deadlines I have to meet. Ideas pop into my mind for future articles. Sometimes I get up and start writing immediately so as not to lose the thought

Perhaps the most beneficial use of my sleeplessness is prayer. If I can't sleep, I give up trying and just settle back and enjoy the company of my best Friend, the Holy Spirit, the Eternal Lover, abiding within my soul.

The spiritual masters tell us that to pray well you have to prepare your mind and well you have to prepare your filmid and body. They ask you to assume a relaxed and comfortable position but not so com-fortable that you fall asleep. At night, if I can't seem to doze off, I talk to God. I'm relaxed anyway, so it's easy to pray. If sleep comes, I do what St. Therese the

Little Flower did. I offer myself like a sleeping babe in the loving arms of God. If I can't sleep, I offer myself to God just as I am, warts and all. When dark thoughts enter my mind, I laugh at them and brush them off.

I keep a cord rosary in bed with me.
The beads are soft and flexible so I won't puncture myself if I should roll over them in sleep. When I say the rosary, I unite with Mary and ponder the mysteries of her son's life. Sometimes I offer the little miseries of life (my hay fever, tinnitus, asthma, and the like). It's no big deal, just petty annoyances. I offer them in repara-tion for my sins, and I ask God for his help so I can do better. I try to promise loving obedience, knowing full well that I'll never be perfect.

Once someone asked the King of Swing, Benny Goodman, why he prac-ticed the clarinet so frequently. He said, "I do it so that when I'm bad, I'm good." The same philosophy works in prayer. Just do it. Don't worry about perfection.
All in all, my mild bouts of insomnia,

unpleasant though they may be, have often proven to be times of restful contemplation. I gaze upon the beauty of God's presence in my life and I feel the bliss of His love

Maybe this is too personal to sound authentic, but this is the way I get through those long sleepless nights.

(For a free copy of the Christopher News Note "Lift Up Your Hearts," wr to The Christophers, 12 E. 48th St., New York, NY 10017.)

#### Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## On the march to sainthood

Many us seem to have a love/hate rela tionship with the saints "I'm no saint"



We announce defensively, hoping to cover our tracks after we goof up. Or, if the mistake seems trivial enough, we grin and say, "The devil made me do it.

It's not that don't take sainthood seriously. In

November we celebrate a feast of joy for saints who already went march in. And then we turn around and celebrate a feast of hope for those whom we pray marched in with them. Joy and hope are

the upside of our human condition.

Nevertheless, these celebrations spark reflection about our own spiritual journey: Is it on the same trajectory as that of the certi-fied saints? And while we're con-templating that, we're ushered into Advent, the first leg on the path to salvation

Now, it's not hard for anyone to view Mother Teresa as a saint. She is humble, faithful, tireless in her commitment to God's work and will, and inspirational Every word that drops from her mouth sounds like something we should print in a little leather book and distribute free in all languages

The Cure d'Ars, Mother Seton, the Little Flower, and the Jesuit martyrs also strike us as obvious candidates for sainthood. We can even make a case for some of the early saints whose fondness for levitation a hairshirts and extreme martyrdom may n more than a little weird today.

Even Dorothy Day, a prickly person not exactly the subject of sentimental testimonials, displays the Christian zeal we expect to find in modern candidates for the holy prize of sainthood.

But when we get down to considering verities, the condition of our own saintliness and its probable outcome when we're called back to God, we may get pretty depressed. No intense dedication to serving the poor here, no big time self-denial, no noticeable influence on the spiritual growth of others.

In fact, we may wonder, how can we ever join the band of saints who go marching in on that last day? As we did when preparing for confession in grade school, we make a mental list of our sins and good works, our debits and credits,

and sometimes we feel we come up short Rationalization, a truly human quality, can be a serious hazard during this inspection. For every, "I didn't do what I could, and should, have done," there's a, because I was too sick (busy, tired,

On Oct. 20, representatives of the U.S. Navy honored Edith Giles with a plaque, as she celebrated her 97th birth day at the Sheridan Health Care Center. here she lives. She is believed to be the last surviving Navy woman who

broke)." For every, "I did the wrong thing," there's, "because I really needed more money (power, praise).'

Sometimes our assessments of ourselves can be too harsh. If we haven't always been kind to everyone we meet we need to remember that Jesus himself didn't suffer fools or arrogant sinners. If we worry about spending money on pleasure we should think of Jesus' generous contribution at the wedding in Cana.

If we are indeed made in the image of God we should reflect his many facets as a prism reflects light. Humor, kindness, perseverance, empathy, devotion to goodne these are some of the human qualit shed light on the character of God.

Yup, it's the time to reflect on saint-hood again. Human doubts and fears aside, we all know the path we should take to that happy condition. It's called

served in World War I. A long-time member of St. Francis de Sales Parish, she cared for foster children for Catholic Social Services. Some of her children and foster children joined her for the birthday celebration

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#### Check It Out ...

St. Malachy Women's Club will host its first annual luncheon and fashion show, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 11, in Noll Hall, 326 N. Green St., in insburg. Harpist Mary Catherine Wild and magician Trinity will perform. The fashion show will feature apparel from Ginger 'N Spice. Following the show, there will be a drawing for a quilt crafted by the St. Malachy Quilters. Admission is \$25 and includes a chance on the quilt. Seating is limited. Call 317-852-5910 for reservations or additional quilt chances

Fickets are now on sale for St. Mary Woods College's annual Christmas at The Woods dinner theater. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 29 through December 2, in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., weekdays at the college's Public Relations Office reserved by phone and paid by mail, or charged by phone to Master Card, Visa, or Discover. For more information call 812-535-5212

St. Michael School, 3352 W. 30th St., will host Angel's Attic Art and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 18. Sponsored by the Board of Catholic Education, the fair will feature art work and hand-crafted creations by artists from Indiana and Ohio. A few items that will be available at the fair are; quilts, baskets, country dolls, jewelry, ornaments, stock-ings, and more. Artist donated door prizes ill be given. Admission is \$1 for adults, children are free. Hot lunches and snacks will be available. For more information call Gayla Cummings at 317-299-4058

St. Philip Neri Church will host their annual Reverse Raffle, Nov. 18. Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by social hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and then dinner and raffle. Special raffles will include pieces of the St. Philip Neri auditorium basketball floor, which has been used by more than 20,000 parish youth over 70 years. Tickets are \$30. For reservations call 317-631-8746.

"Martin's Lament: Religion and Race," a workshop about racism and diversity in the religious community for clergy and laity, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m, Nov. 8, at the Stokley Mansion at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$75 per person. To register or for more information call 317-924-4226.

Indiana University Southeast in New

Albany researchers are seeking divorced or annulled Catholics to volunteer for a study of divorce and religious annulment For more information contact Dr. Richard Jenks at 812-941-2294

The Central Indiana Marriage Encounter team will present a Married Couples Retreat for those of all faiths who would like the opportunity to renew and deepen their commitment and love for one another. The retreat will be offered Nov. 3-5, at the Fatima Retreat Hou 5353 E. 56th St. For details contact Dave and Mary Timmerman at 317-897-2052

"Overbooked and Overwhelmed? Finding Meaning and God in Your Work Life," is the topic of a guided retreat for professional men and women, Nov. 17-19, at the Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, Presenters Kevin DePrey, the director of the Office of Retreat and Renewal Ministries of Fatima Retreat House, and Brother Joseph Martin, the associate director of program development at Fatima Retreat House, will help participants seek vital connections be work life and faith life. Fee is \$95 which includes \$25 deposit payable by For more information call 317-

Explore the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Galilee to Jerusalem in Judea during a weekend retreat Nov. 10-12, at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center in Beech Grove. Signposts on the Way: "Walking with Jesus in Scripture," will be presented by Benedictine Father Hilary Ottensmeyer Registration is at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 10. The program will begin following registration at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude following a 9:30 a.m. closing session, Nov. 12. The cost is \$100 for resident and \$80 for commuter. For more information call 317-

"Healing the Inner Child," a workshop that will give participants the oppor-tunity to explore the concept of the inner child as a source of creativity, inspiration, and love, Nov. 10-12, at the Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand. Nationally known presenter of inner child workshops, Peggy McGurn, will lead the program. Registration is at 7:30 p.m.(EST), Nov. 10. The workshop will p.m.(ES1), Nov. 10. The workshop will begin at 8 p.m., Nov. 10, and conclude at 1 p.m., Nov. 12. The cost is \$125 double occupancy and \$145 single occupancy. The commuter fee is \$85. A \$35 nonrefundable deposit is required. For more information call 812-367-2777 or 1-800-880-2777.

## Holiness of families affirmed in Tell City program

'Faith: Family Style' is a program that affirms the feelings of families that what they do together is holy

#### By Peg Hall

For the first time in the archdiocese, a new program, "Faith: Family Style' was offered at St. Paul Parish in Tell

Designed by David M. Thomas and Mary Joyce Calnan, the weekend experience helps families see the holiness in their ordinary, everyday lives and in special times together.

A little boy reaches out to touch his newborn sister's check and says softly, "Well, it is real," drawing a family closer in warmth and laughter.

Dad puts on a new "vestment," his Father's Day necktie from his young daughter.

On a family vacation out West, Dad announced, "I think I'll try a shortcut," and they ride aimlessly for hours until the neon light of a motel, like the Star of Bethlehem, shows the way. These are some of the stories shared

by the 30 families who participated. Grandmothers Wilma Patmore, Catherine Kessens and Mary Jo Jarboo

(who told the story of her 21-month-old son's reaction to his new baby sister, wished there had been a family ministry when their children were little Representatives from eight parishes

came to be trained, so they could pre-sent the program to their fellow parish-ioners. Barbara Williams of Sacred Heart in Jeffersonville said, "We are "Faith: Family life ministry."
"Faith: Family Style" affirms the feelings of families that what they do together is holy, she said. "The family

meal is more than just putting food on the table. It parallels the Eucharist." Younger children enjoyed stories, skits, songs, and drawing, with Tracy Gremmels, a member of the team of preenters who was attired as Raggedy Ann Their older brothers and sisters, parents

and grandparents sat at tables and talked of traditions, sacraments, and saints in their families

By the end, said Gremmels, the children and adults had absorbed similar concepts of the holiness of their families

Young families need to be affirmed, and older ones need it just as much-if not more—to feel alive and loved and to

have a sense of belonging. Calnan said, "Family is the church of

the home; the parish is the home of the families. They complement beautifully and strengthen one another.

The weekend event was a project of the tri-parish adult catechetical team of St. Paul in Tell City, St. Michael in Cannelton, and St. Pius in Troy. A Total Catholic Education grant from the Office of Catholic Education provided scholarships for the parish teams in training



to by Peg Hall

In the closing ceremony of "Faith: Family Style" at St. Paul Parish in Tell City, presenter David Thomas and Mary Joyce Alnan bless the circle of families. They include (from left) Laura Hauser, Carla Hunter, Abbey,

Harriet, Mike, and Tim Conner, Judy Hagedorn, and Kay and Paul Etienne. Playing on the floor are Chase Gerber and Chelsea Hauser Thirty families participated in the program.

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## **Parish Profile**

**Indianapolis West Deanery** 

## **Holy Trinity is** present for the neighborhood

#### By Margaret Nelson

Father Kenneth Taylor sees the most important mission of Holy Trinity Parish as the impact on the community and the neighborhood

"Being part of what is happening around us is the important thing," said the pastor. "It's obviously an inner city parish that faces all the trials and challenges of an inner city neighborhood. The parishioners have to work hard to uplift the whole area," said Father Taylor.

The parish has a history of being involved with the eighborhood, said Father Taylor.

"One of characteristics of the parish in the past is that the church and the neighborhood have been the same," he

said of the once-Slovenian parish.

"The challenge now is that 60 percent of those living within the parish boundaries are black," said Father Taylor. "The parish population is about 10 percent black. The ties of

paristi population is about to plected in observation to observation observations of the church and neighborhood are not as natural now.

"That presents a different kind of challenge now than when Haughville was made up of immigrants. We have to take a hard look and make more effort when it isn't natural," he said.

"We are encouraged. There were a number of redevelopment efforts coming together now that the parish has been part of all along," said Father Taylor.

He explained that several grants have been awarded to re explained that several grains have been awaucut or enable major redevelopments and support for the neigh-borhood. They are a result of area churches working with the Christamore House, the WESCO Neighborhood Asso-ciation and the Westside Community Development Corp. The Tibbs Health Care Center will relocate in a larger

Benedictine Sister Anita Eberle is pastoral minister. She said that she has been active with the Mom's Program at the Indiana University Medical Center. "We try to get informational materials to the residents." She explained that the infant death rate in Haughville is very high. The Maughville Community Council is also involved in the effort.

The Holy Trinity Daycare and Kindergarten not only provides a service to parents and 100 children in the neighborhood, but it is a visible presence in the community. The children sang at the dedication of the new police station in the area and at the announcement of the revitalization grants. And they're out to "man" a water table each year for participants in the 500 mini-marathon.

Sue Ann Yovanovich is director of the daycare and kindergarten. She is parish council president and also serves as volunteer youth minister and coordinator of the RCIA. Parishioners are involved as volunteers in the day care program

Basically, we try to make all the meetings in th borhood we can," said Sister Anita. "New things develop monthly. The neighborhood is very active."

A lot of parishioners are involved at the Christamore House, which oversees four neighborhood food pantries, so that one is open every day. The Holy Trinity pantry is open two days a week. Clients are screened and go through Christamore House

The parish has a vibrant St. Vincent de Paul. "The ener-

gy involved in keeping that operation running on a daily basis falls on St. Vincent de Paul," she said. "We have a light number of need calls to the food partry—75 to 100 a month," said Sister Anita. Referrals to the warehouse are usually around 40.

The Warenouse are sugary account of the For a number of years, the parish has had a "Christmas help" program. St. Vincent de Paul gets families for neighboring parishes and takes care of 25 families itself. Most of the families are in the immediate neighborhood. The St. Vincent de Paul people from Holy Trinity make personal visits to get all the information.

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Father Taylor said, "I'm pretty sure that the impression of the neighbors to Holy Trinity is very high and very positive. The president of WESCO publicly praises Holy Trinity Day Care. The neighborhood association has approached the parish about expanding services there. "The feedback we get from the neighborhood is that Holy Trinity is seen as a strong force," he said.

They refer to it as the church with the light," said Sister Anita. That's because the spire has spotlights on it. "The last couple of years, we've had two pilot programs with the archdiocese," said Sister Anita. Tone is the evange-lization process that Father (Clarence) Waldon initiated." "And recently, we have been one of the pilot parishes.

And recently, we have been one of the pilot parishes for the new pastoral council strategies," she said

"One of our other priorities, of course, is evangelizasaid Father Taylor. "There is a pretty good con sensus in the parish on the importance of evangelization for us. Obviously, we are an older congregation with very few kids. With the low percentage of black parishrs, it's pretty clear to folks: If we're going to have

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long-time programs here, we're going to have to evan

"The parishioners agreed to that way back when he (Father Waldon) was beginning evangelization, and again now with the new program," he said. Sister Anits aid, "The parish council chose to have a separate evangelization commission in the new plan. Mem-

bership came from our current evangelization committee."

The parish council has been restructured into five com

missions: evangelization, family life social awareness, financial life, spiritual life, and stewardship. "The confirmation team had a retreat," Sister Anita said. "When the confirmation students were asked to pre-tend to be the parish council for the year 2000, one of the first things they named was evangelization. That's what the young people see as a need.

This year, Holy Trinity had its third revival. "We do plan to keep that going on a regular basis," Sister Anita said. The staff was planning for the neighborhood Halloween party, which is seen as an evangelization effort. Last year, over 200 kids and their parents were on the parking lot roasting hot dogs and playing games. It was about the

"It's on a Sunday afternoon," she said. "We have Halloween music in the bell tower. It's neat to see the kids with their parents playing the games. The kids sign in; there are door prizes."

We try to make a concerted effort to be outdoors on certain things—not to have things behind closed doors," said Father Taylor. "People are more confident when they don't have to come into a building. They can see us as the church. On Palm Sunday, we have the procession outdoors. They can see we are active. They don't have to wonder what's going on 'in there.'"



Holy Trinity's pastoral minister, Benedictine Sister Anita Eberle, and the pastor, Father Kenneth Taylor, stand beside the church, with the kindergarten/day care in the background. The parish sees evangelization as one of its most important roles in the

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"We're always battling fear in the neighborhood, so we have events out-doors," he said. "If we have things like this, we can help shape the reputation of

the neighborhood, too."

"Another thing that takes energy is what it takes just to keep the parish going," said Father Taylor. "There is a lot of commitment and involvement.

"We are in the midst of a capital cam-ign," the pastor said. "It was spearheaded by parishioners. They saw the need to upgrade and refurbish the build ings. It is only the first year and we have gone over our goal. We've reached gone over our goal. We've reached \$170,000 of the \$200,000, or 75 percent of the goal.

Renovation work is in progress at Bockhold Hall, the former school. The windows have been reserved where the opening allowed a lot of water damage. Workers tuck pointed the brick. The front entrance is being re-one.

That's a good sign, already," said Father Taylor. "People want to keep that going."

Eventually, exterior work will be done

on the church and rectory, as well as beau tifying the grounds

Holy Trinity was once the Slovenian national church, he said. "The ladies bake potica every Monday except during the summer months. It has become a major fundraiser. Proceeds from the monthly rummage sale

go to Catholic education—for scholarsh for students who need help to attend All Saints and Cardinal Ritter High School. At Christmas, Holy Trinity has a chil-

dren's liturgy. And the students join the children in the parish for an Easter egg

hunt in the spring.
On Holy Saturday afternoon, the parish holds a blessing of Easter baskets. People bring baskets with portions of their Easter dinners, according to the Slovenian trad-ition. They put the baskets in the aisle of the church. Father individually blesses each item: eggs, cheese, bread, meat. sweets, and wine. There is a special bles ing for the children. During the week of Epiphany, the priest blesses individual

We have a strong commitment to All Saints School," said Father Taylor. The parish sends 21 children to the school.

But a big chunk of the budget goes to All Saints and Ritter.

There is a number of elderly people within the parish. The pastoral team and parish-ioners have a strong commitment to minister to them. In turn, they gift us with their prayer and sufferings," said Sister Anita.

All the buildings are being used. Catholic Social Services provides adult day care at a center on the property. Now called Holy Trinity Place, it is a safe place

for senior citizens to spend the day. Father Taylor said of the program, parish started the first adult day care ser-vice in Marion County in 1980. Catholic Social Services took it over when the parish couldn't keep it running."

"One of the things about the parish, the community is very warm and welcoming," said Sister Anita. "Because it is a small ommunity, people really do know each other. Lots of the people have known each other for years and years."

"We're proud of our parish newsletter, which goes not only to the parishioners but to a list of over 200 names. They include nds of Holy Trinity, other churches

the West Deanery, and Protestant churches we've worked with," Father Taylor said. "We send it to the kids who are away at college, if we can get their addresses, pastor said with a smile

"I'm impressed with the commitment of young parents. We have two couples who are teaching (religious education to) other young mothers. The commitment is very

high on their part," said Sister Anita. Father Taylor said, "It is a challenge to maintain a plant as big and as old as this one is with the small membership we have.

"That's the importance of inco porating the diversity of membership The parish is not predominantly Slovenian in numbers any more, though the Slovenian heritage is still very strong here. To maintain that in a positive way is one of the challenges," he said.

"The parish is anxiously awaiting the urban multi-cultural plan the archdiocese

is working on to determine the direction we need to go," said Father Taylor. "I just had a neighbor thank us for having the playground open as a safe place for his children to play," he said.

Religious education is geared to all



nd neighbors (left) applaud the efforts of children dressed like their heroes are and Kindergarten (right) during the annual Black History program. at the Holy Trinity Days



The Holy Trinity pastor, parishioners, and neighbors join in roasting hot dogs at a Oct. 22 Halloween party in the parking lot. Many parish activities are outside to show a presence in the

pre-school through adults. Father Taylor said. One thing that is unusual for the size of the parish is the attendance at the once-a-month "Faith Connections program.

Father Taylor's efforts in the parish are appreciated. When he marked his 10th

anniversary at Holy Trinity, the parish surwith a combination anniver sary, birthday party. The church was packed—some of his former St. Bridget parishioners came-and everyone joined im for breakfast, where he received a bicycle and a generous check



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It was a challenge to reach the top of that old hill.

Cathedral sits atop a hill and the passage to the school is a steep, winding driveway. I remember having great difficulty riding up the hill, particularly when returning from Friday night football games in the old team bus. As a team member, I remember how quiet the passengers were as the bus, which had seen better days, chugged up the hill. No one talked. The silence within the bus allowed us to concentrate on, among other things, the bus' struggle to climb the hill and, quite possibly, our worry that, should the bus not complete the task, the coaches would force the team to push it up the hill. Much to our relief, however, the bus always met the challenge and found a way to reach the "top o' the hill

Thinking back to the trips up the driveway in the old school bus I see that, in many ways, the challenge of the hill to the bus and the challenge of Cathedral to a young man or woman are similar. One enters Cathedral as a child and leaves as a young man or woman. Thus, these are important years in the life of any individual, and Cathedral does an exceptional job in preparing her students for the challenges of the future with a strong focus on family, discipline, academics, religion, community, and teamwork. These are the fabrics of Cathedral's proud seventy-five year tradition, a tradition which continues to challenge her students to strive for the best of themselves.

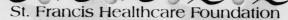
Cathedral is a unique place which enables students to excel. She is the only school to draw students from all over the metropolitan Indianapolis area, thus diversifying and enriching the school's culture. The highly-qualified faculty want to be at Cathedral and truly believe in the school and her students. Cathedral graduates are actively dedicated to community and business affairs in Indianapolis and all over the world, and the alumni remain loyal and active with the school throughout their lives. Lastly, Cathedral has met several challenges of her own during her long and rich life, including the potential closing in the 1970s when alumni, my father and uncles among them, kept the school open at their own expense. Cathedral is very strong now, but I think this example says a great deal about the character of the school's product.

I learned a long time ago while I was at Cathedral that nothing worthwhile is ever gained without a struggle or a challenge. In fact, my father also taught me this and he probably learned it at Cathedral some thirty-five years before me. Cathedral is a worthwhile challenge. And, just as the bus always met the challenge of the hill, Cathedral students and alumni meet and conquer challenges each day. Although reaching the top of the hill is important, at Cathedral it is not as important as learning from the challenge of climbing the hill.

I remember the bus giving a chug of relief at the summit of the driveway, and, as we turned the corner, I remember seeing Cathedral's front steps through the trees. As was tradition, it was at this moment that the silence of the bus passengers was shattered with a boisterous and heartfelt rendition of the school song. I remember how special that was for me. For me it was becoming a young man. It was learning how to push myself to become the best person I possibly could. It was Cathedral.

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## Priest calls for 're-imagining' of parish

St. Bartholomew parishioners in Columbus are told to go back to time of Christ to find model for the church

Father Patrick Brennan visited St. Bartholomew in Columbus to help the parish plan for the future-right into the next millenium!

Father Brennas old parishioners and visitors that the church should go back to the time of Christ to look for a model

The parish workshop, "Building Community: Re-Imagining Parishes, Evangelization, Small Faith Commun was held the last days of



## SCHOOLS

Elsener said the first phase of the long-term "Making a Difference" campaign is now complete. But the archdiocese will continue efforts to build an endowment that provides permanent financial aid for need-based tuition assistance for families who want to send their children to one of the eight center-city Catholic schools. He announced at the press conference that the archdiocese will establish this endowment with a \$60,000 gift from the estate of the late Msgr. Raymond T. Bosler, who attended St. Joan of Arc School as a youth. Bosler was a peritus (expert consultant) at the Second Vatican Council and the founding edi tor of The Criterion. He died in 1994.

The archdiocese made a commitment to the center city by embarking on a long-term partnership to keep its centercity Catholic schools open and afford-able," Elsener said. "The first leg of this journey is complete, and we're extremely happy with the business community's response to this campaign. While many corporations are stretched in their chari-table giving, these donors were willing to help us in this important partnership between the church and the community." The archdiocese doubled its own annual

investment in its center-city schools this year from \$350,000 to \$700,000. The additional funding is being sought through newly forged partnerships with the corpo-rate, business, and civic communities who benefit from the church's educational

September, drawing people of all ages from near and far.

Using the example of a well-known bicycle manufacturer "we assumed was going to be there," Father Brennan showed how those churches that don't keep up and bring people what they need

He called for imagination and re-imagination in evangelization, noting that as far back as 1975, Pope Paul VI was calling for evangelization to begin the Third Millenium of Christianity. Father Brennan said, "The Lord is

illing us back to the future." Peter evangelized, the people asked, "What are we to do?" The priest called for connecting the sacraments with

anging people's lives. He said that the 3,000 converts devoted themselves to the life of the commu-nity. They went to church and met in each other's homes to break bread. The primal church was a union with each other and a union with God, said Father

The Christians divided their goods, depending on each other's needs. "It was a marriage of gifts and needs," he said. There was an excitement about these people that was contagious. "Day by day, God added to their number," he

The church has something people need, he said. Father Brennan called for people to find their vocations, "their ministries in the priesthood of the faith-ful. What is God calling every baptized person to do? All are called.

He said that fewer people will come to church out of obligation in the next cen-tury. The church of the future will be a Jesus-centered people. Christians will be critical of the culture around them be it will be increasingly anti-Gospel, said Father Brennan.

"We need to convine the people of God that they are evangelizers," he sa "You know someone who desperately needs Jesus. If they needed 10, you would give it to them.

At the Oct. 30 celebration, Archbishop Buechlein thanked the donors who have made contributions and helped the archdiocese reach its "Making a Difference' goal. Other speakers included Michael J. Alley, president and chief executive officer of Fifth Third Bank of Central Indiana and head of the "Making a Difference" campaign, and Elsener.

In his comments, Alley pointed to the

important investment in families that is represented in the campaign. Archbishop Buechlein praised the "vigorous new partnership" between the eight centercity Catholic schools and the civic and business communities of greater Indianapolis that will make this investment

"This is a partnership that is dedicated first and foremost, to serving the needs of children and families," Archbishop Buechlein said. "But it is also a partnership that recognizes the essential connec-tion between forming the minds and hearts of young people and building a vibrant, economically strong community.

"We want to emphasize that this is a beginning step on a long journey," the archbishop added. "The continued growth and effectiveness of our centercity schools will require a significant investment of capital and endowment funds, and this will be possible only if parishes, schools, families, government and the business community all walk together arm-in-arm.

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"At some time tell them Jesus has changed your life," he said. Bring them to church on Sunday, then invite-them to a middle of the week service—like Scripture study, get the new members in a small and help them discern the gifts of the Holy Spirit—what their vocations are, suggested Father Brennan. The Catholic Church in America has

been talking about evangelization for

40 years, but not doing enough—not using imagination, he said. "The world is calling for a church with a sense of mission

We need to go back to the founder-Jesus—to continue his mission," said Father Brennan.

The Quest and Vision Study Group from St. Bartholomew sponsored the talk, with the help of a Total Catholic Education grant from the archdiocese.

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Runycon has 14 years' television acting experience, mostly on daytime dramas. He has a bachelor's degree in religion from Princeton and his master's from General Theological Seminary. He is working on his doctorate in biblical studies while touring with three religious production including "Afraid!"

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Haute Deanery Pastoral Center, the event's admission cost is \$3 per person and \$10 (maximum) per family. Advance tickets are available by calling the deanery center at 812-232-8400. Non-perishable food items will be collected for Catholic Charities Food Bank.

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Frank Runyeon

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## Curriculum guides are by teachers for teachers

For the first time in this archdiocese, clearly defined standards in religion have been written and presented

#### By Sr. Michelle Faltus, SFCC

The ultimate goal of total Catholic education is to educate the whole person—body, mind and spirit—to develop faithful, knowledgeable and responsible Catholics who continue to strengthen their faith throughout their lives. Total Catholic education is a process which continually needs to be strengthened, enhanced and improved.

Teachers in the Catholic schools and catechists in the parishes in the archdiocese were empowered by their peers these last few weeks. New guides will help them to strengthen, enhance, and improve the curriculum for the students.

Throughout the archdiocese, newlywritten curriculum guides in religion, reading, fine arts, and computer were shared with teachers of those subject areas These presentations were made by the authors of these guides.

These documents give clear expecta-tions, commitment to continuous improvement, and the measurement of results

For the first time in this archdiocese, clearly defined standards in religion have been written and presented. The guide that contains the standards will assist families and parishes in the ongo-ing process of faith formation.

Teachers and catechists left these ses sions empowered and excited to use these guides. They expressed gratitude to have a curriculum which addresses the needs of their students—a curricu lum written by teachers for teachers."

Much gratitude is due these teachers for their generous spirits; to the principals and teachers for serving as writers of the guides. Before each guide was written, all teachers of that curriculum subject was asked to complete a ques tionnaire that addressed what was need ed to do a better job of educating the students

also sampled the schools in personal interviews with teachers to glean information about the needs of students is

These curriculum guides are the cur-



Pre-school through first-grade teachers from the archdiocese gather to learn about the new cur riculum guides at a meeting at Roncalli High School on Oct. 26. The final of four informational neetings will be at Marian College on Nov. 4

riculum which is to be taught. Textbooks are now looked at as tools or resources to teach the standards which Catholic school educators value.

Forging the future of total Catholic education is a serious undertaking. As we shape the educational system, we shape the church. The deep dedication of in the archdiocese to total Catholic education goes beyond a job description to a way of life with God.

#### Correction

A St. Rose of Lima school staff person was incorrectly identified in a photo on page 7 of the Oct. 27 issue of *The Criterion*. The woman on the right was Stephanie Sakes. We apologize for the error.

## St. Louis priest enlivens St. Rita's with three-day revival Oct. 13-15

Fr. Nutt showed what Masses are like in his parish in St. Louis

#### By Margaret Nelson

Redemptorist Father Maurice J. Nutt led a three-day revival at St. Rita Church in Indianapolis Oct. 13-15.

At the Sunday Mass, the 32-year-old pastor of St. Alphonsus Liguori Church in St. Louis, referred to those in the assessoly as "saints." His entrance was like a liturgical dance. And he affirmed the readers and musicians with interjections such as

"Amen" and "Yes, Lord!" Referring to the Gospel reading, he said that Jesus told the lepers to go to the priest because they would receive the "papers" they needed so they could return to society. "He was saying, 'Go on and get your healing papers.

Everything's all right.' We got to listen Everything's all right. to Jesus," the preacher said.
"There's only one doctor," said Father

Nutt. "This doctor is more than just a Divine Physician. I'm so glad they didn't have to wait in a doctor's office, listen to music and read magazines

When he (the thankful leper) ran and fell at the feet of Jesus, Jesus asked, Were not all 10 made whole? Where are the other nine

Then Father Nutt used what he called "Holy Spirit-inspired imagination" to consider what happened to the other nine.

One might not have gone back because he thought it was "about time, God owed me. We take our blessings for granted, thinking they are something we earned. . . . If you didn't have Jesus, yo wouldn't have anything. But you get so caught up in yourselves."

Father Nutt said one of them might have thought, "I'll send Jesus a thank you note," rather than risk saying the wrong thing.
"We get so caught up in what other people are going to say about us. Let them roll their eyes," he said.

"A few others, when they saw they were healed said. 'I can't go back to that place of pain.' It's hard to go back, but sometimes, brothers and sisters, we need to go back and look at what God has " said Father Nutt.

He said the one man, a foreigner, who did thank God might have thought, "He didn't count the differences, but he saved me." Father Nutt reminded th Father Nutt reminded the assembly, "Jesus is ready to save us at each and every moment."

The priest asked St. Rita parishioners to pray for him: "Being a servant of the Lord is not easy." And he asked them to support the men who were participating in the next day's Million Man March by not shopping on that day

"I'm praying for the salvation of our black men in America," said Father Nutt



Photo by Margaret Nelson

Redemptorist Father Maurice J. Nutt leads an Oct. 13-15 revival at St. Rita Church. During the Mass, he used his 'Holy Spiril-inspired imagination' to tell excuses that modern "lepers" might use for not thanking the Lord, and challenged the assembly to be aware of what God has done for





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## Priestly identity is focus of Vatican conference

Final message says church must strengthen the understanding that priests are specially chosen by God

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-Many of the difficulties facing the priesthood today stem from lost awareness of the particular identity of priests, said participants at a Vatican conference.

Focusing more on what priests do than on who they are can contribute to stress and disorientation among priests and to easy criticism and a lack of respect among lay peo ple, speakers said at an Oct. 23-28 meeting.

The church must strengthen all its members' under standing that priests are men specially chosen by God to serve the church, said the final message from the meeting marking the 30th anniversary of the Second Va.ican Council's document on priestly life and ministry. "Presbyterorum Ordinis."

"Priestly identity is a question of fidelity to Christ and to the people of God to whom we are sent," Pope John Paul II said Oct. 27 during a television special in connection with the meeting.

Confusion about the particular identity of the priest over the past 30 years, he said, arose as more and more people abandoned their religious practice and as the church gave more and more emphasis to the dignity and role of laity in the church.

'Priests began to ask themselves: 'Are we still needed? And, in not a few priests, there appeared symptoms of a certain loss of their own identity," the pope said.

"Priestly identity is important for the priest; it is impor-tant for his witness before men and women, who seek in him nothing other than a priest, a true man of God who loves the church as his bride," the pope said.

Knowing a priest who puts his relationship with God first, the pope said, "it is easier for the faithful to kneel down and confess their sins; it is easier for them, when they participate in the Mass, to become aware of the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the hands and in the heart of the priest through the sacrament of holy orders."

The 280 cardinals, bishops and priests at the Vatican meeting said keeping priests rooted in their special identity

would require ongoing formation, a deeper prayer life and reater sense of support and community among priests
"A clear and constant awareness of his own identity is

what determines the balance in a priest's life and the fruit-fulness of the pastoral ministry which flows from it," said

the meeting's final message.

The Catholic Church must rediscover the sacred charac ter of priesthood and avoid tendencies to see it just as a functional office within the church, Cardinal Joseph Raizinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of

One symptom of the problem, he said, is the "growing tendency to avoid using the expressions 'priest' or 'priesthood,' which carry a sacred connotation, and to substitute them with the neutral, functional 'minister,' which in Catholic theology was never given much importance."

While the Second Vatican Council "strongly under-

lined the vital unity and common journey of the whole church," he said, it maintained church teaching on the sacramental quality of priesthood and the fact that a priest is changed by ordination.

All of the church's members participate in its mis

sion, but they do so according to their own gifts and call, he said. The priest is chosen by and belongs to Christ, and through Christ is sent to be the servant of all people, the cardinal said.

The Catholic Church sees this belonging to the Lord, initiated by God, as the only way a priest can legitimately offer the sacrifice that is Christ's alone: the sacrifice of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist, Cardinal Ratzinger said. "No man can procure this for himself, nor can anyone be delegated to do so by any community," he said.

The idea of Catholic communities democratically electing their own priests reflects a misunderstanding of the priesthood and of the nature of the church itself, said Archbishop Julian Herranz, president of the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts.

"The one who elects the priest is the same one who con-"The one who ejects the priest is the same one who con-secrates and sends him: that is, Christ himself through the apostles and their successors," the archbishop said. While all of the baptized participate in the priesthood

of Christ, he said, Christ gave the church a structure in which different people are called to different ministries

"The priest is a member of the people of God, chosen from among others with a particular call to be consecrated by a special sacrament and sent to perform specific func-tions in the service of the people of God and all humanithe archbishop said.

In order to survive and thrive, priests must keep themselves focused on their identity as men chosen and changed by God, said Cardinal Miloslav VIk of Prague. Czech Republic

The entire church is called to perfection and to mission, both of which require unity in prayer and practice

"Before teaching others to become one in love priests must have their own experience of this, to be witnesses of this unity, which follows the model of the

On a practical level, the cardinal said, priests need a community in order to avoid "falling into isolation with the danger of deluding themselves both about their union with God as well as about the goodness of the own pastoral activity."

own pastoral activity.

"Despite the awareness of being ordained for service, the priest expects to be a leader because of his position," but he often finds he is not listened to nor followed, Cardinal VIk said.

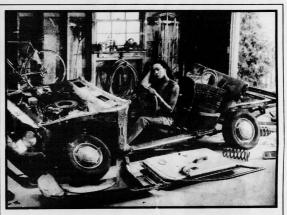
"What frequently follows is an attempt to compensate with a quantity of activity in order to feel useful," he said.

"But when he realizes he is spending 100 to produce one, discouragement and stress enter and the doubts begin: Was I wrong about my vocation? Is celibacy really a value? Why aren't priests allowed to have a family?

"All of those thoughts passed many, many times through my mind and my heart during the time when I lost all of my public activity in the church and became a layman in the eyes of many," said the cardinal, who was suspended from public ministry by the former

communist government of his homeland.
"My situation forced me to find once again my priestly identity—without a ministry, without any apparent usefulness, without being a leader," the cardinal said.

With the help of an underground community of priests, Cardinal VIk said, he focused on the fact that "Jesus reached the height of his priesthood when, fixed to the cross, he could not walk, do miracles or preach.



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## Faith Alive!

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## Compassion is an adult virtue that is hard to live

By Fr. W. Thomas Faucher

Before Susan Smith went to trial on charges of drowning her two children in a South Carolina pond, a creative teacher in an Idaho Catholic high school gave her an idano Caniolic mgn school gave her students a provocative assignment. The high school students were asked to write about a meeting between Jesus Christ and this self-confessed murderer.

One student, Megan, crafted her work in the form of Jesus' reflections after a two-hour visit with Smith in the jail:

Jesus says that Smith was hostile in hesus says that Smith was nostile in the beginning, not trusting him or understanding the reason for his inter-est. Jesus explains that his only purpose was to listen and tell her that God loves her Hir gardeness. For the control of the her. His gentleness finally guided her into sharing her story and her pain. His compassion enabled him to give her healing and hope.

In Megan's story, Jesus did not spring Smith from jail. He did not tell her that what she did was OK, and he did not lie to her or falsely comfort her His was a ministry of compassion.

Jesus was the master of compassion. In the Bible, when people lowered the crippled man through the roof, the Lord felt what the man actually needed and did it: He forgave his sins (Mark, 2).

Even on the way to his death, Jesus responded to the women's sympathy for him with compassion for them (Luke, 23). Compassion is among the most difficult of virtues. It is a multifaceted diamond

covered with precious oil: There is always r facet of compassion to see, but i

ness, but neither of those is actually demonstrating compassion.

Compassion is entering into someone's painful feeling with action that is both more than that person can do and, at the same time, is the best action for

that person Sympathy, kindness and compassion merge when the correct action is one that makes everyone feel better. It is easier to be compassionate when the situation involves the death of a loved one, a terrible sickness, or an accident.

But compassion is difficult when it requires pain, when it means confronting another: Then you don't want to do it.

It is compassionate to tell a friend that he or she is an alcoholic and needs treatment. It is compassionate to tell a spouse or child that you are no longer going to be co-dependent in his or her behavior. Yet even here, what makes the action compassionate is that you both feel the pain and do what is best.

An easy sort of compassion carried to excess can lead a person to take over someone else's life, enabling that per son not to live as an adult. Difficult compassion carried to excess can lead to compassion carried to excess can read to cruelty. In the first case, you feel the pain and do the wrong thing. In the second case, you do not feel the pain but do the right thing.
One friend has felt, yet hidden, his

wife's drinking for years. That is not compassion. Another friend was fired recently from a church position. It was indeed the best thing for him, but what could have been an act of compassion became an act of incredible insensitivity and cruelty by the way it

This diamond virtue can also cause anger and resentment in both the person who expresses it and the person who re-

Caring for an aging parent, coping with a drug-infected child, living with a mentally ill spouse: These are difficult times for anyone. When the demand to be compassionate seems endless, it can

get discouraging.

That is when we need to remember that good religion is good mental health No one can live another person's life, and each of us deserves a life of our own. Sometimes we must be compas-sionate to ourselves and take time off, go do something else, make other arrangements.

We all too often presume that virtues are to be shown only to others, yet that is not true. We have no virtues to give to others if we do not first exercise them on ourselves

One more turn of this diamond brings out the fact that being the recipient of compassion is both refreshing and yet can easily lead to resentment. It is refreshing because someone honestly

cares, but if I am enjoying my misery and the sympathy it engenders, I don't want compassion because that means action, the sort of action that may dis-

turb my desire for sympathy.

In Megan's fable, Jesus made a conscious decision to go to see Susan Smith in jail.

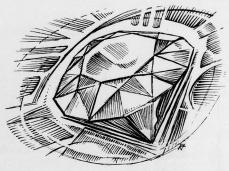
Unlike sympathy, kindness or many

automatic in a good person, compassion always requires a conscious decision. It requires choosing to become sufficiently involved to be compassionate, and it takes wisdom and maturity to do it well.

Our diamond dipped in oil is an adult virtue, and a very hard one to live.

(Father W. Thomas Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho.)

## Multifaceted compassion



CNS illustration by Robert F. McGovern

Compassion is like a multifaceted diamond covered with precious oil.

## Compassionate people are merciful

By David Gibson

The word "compassion" is popular in the contemporary Christian vocabulary. "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" indicates that compassion has

something to do with care for people in misery. Human misery "elicited the com-passion of Christ the savior, who willingly took it upon himself and identified himself with the least of his brethren" (No. 2448).

That leads me to think that compassionate people are merciful people who console others, but may also advise and instruct them (No. 2447).

Is compassion a virtue for you? The catechism says virtues allow us to give the best of ourselves in situations (No. 1803). (David Gibson edits "Faith Alive!

#### **Discussion Point**

## Compassion makes a difference

What is good about giving or receiving compassion?

"People I've met who have an honest-to-goodness compassion have a warmth and an up-front willingness to forgive. All of that seems to open up communica-tion, especially in troubled times." (Jim Maguire, Roanoke, Va.)

"Compassion is a reminder that both the giver and the receiver are important. By giving it, you're making a difference in someone else's life. Often when you receive it is when you need it the most. It is an important lifter." (Bill Hunt, Raleigh, N.C.)

"St. Paul somewhere says that he enters into the joys and sorrows of others. That's part of being a Christian, entering into the lives of others and taking on their bur dens. You can't do this without compassion. It has to be Christ's compassion. You have to receive it before you can give it." (Judith Child, Manassas, Va.)

"I think of the prayer at the end of the chaplet of Divine Mercy. 'Eternal Father, you are the source of mercy, the

sure of compassion inexhaustible. mercy in us so that in difficult moments we may not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will which is love and mercy itself.' Compassion is mercy, and mercy is the heart of the law. God is mercy. So compassion reveals God." (John Mikluscak, Cumberland, Md.)

I don't like the word because I think it helps people avoid Christian action. It's got be more than feelings True compassion is to care enough to live the truth so that others can see by your example that God is the truth. So compassion is good if it brings people to God." (Tom Krebs, Winchester, Va.)

An upcoming edition asks: What is a bit of solitude "worth" to you? Why?

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#### Entertainment

Viewing with Arnold/James W. Arnold

## 'Strange Days' is violent end-of-century 'thriller'

Some exciting potential is mostly wast-ed in "Strange Days," a would-be thriller that seeks to be the



first fiction movie to deal with life at the end of the century and the arrival of the third millennium.

Big, mind-boggling events can always be expected of filmmaker James Cameron, a 41year-old Canadian

who was largely responsible for such films as "Aliens," "The Abyss," "Rambo 2" and (most impressively) "The Terminator" series. As a filmmaker, Cameron has a knack for inventive spectacle but his weakness is juvenile excess.

In this, his second movie with wife

Kathryn Bigelow as director—their first joint effort was the fast-paced film "Point Break"—the sex and violence just fall off the cliff.

Politicians who live by attacking Hollywood will cherish this movie, few others over the mental age of 14 will find its interminable 145 out-of-control minutes endurable.

The film's major asset is Ralph Fiennes, the Brit wunderkind who gets to play the seedy, aptly named lead character, Lenny Nero. Roguish and clever, he's in almost every scene, a morally ambiguous figure at best, scratching out a living in a decaying.

burning 1999 Los Angeles as an entre-preneur of "SQUID clips."

These clips are the movie's key futur-istic gimmick. They are high-tech disks cted to the brain that record and reproduce someone's sensual experiences that they can be played back and "lived" again, by oneself or others. (A similar idea was the foundation of the 1983 movie "Brainstorm.")

The experience is like virtual reality, except that it's presumably real. Watching them is also like watching what movies would some day like to become: fully in volving experiences that audiences don't just see and hear, but "live."

Unfortunately, Nero sees no sales potential in this technical miracle but essentially, sex and violence, porn, "for-bidden fruit."

He buys these experiences, or creates

Copycat .......

**Film Classifications** 

Recently reviewed by the USCC

Never Talk to a Stranger . . . . .

A-I — general patronage: A-II — adults and ado cents, A-III — adults, A-IV — adults, with reser O — morally offensive

Three Wishes . . .

them on order. (No re-runs of your 16th birthday party or hitting a homer to win the World Series is allowed here.) Most of the clips we see involve either violent crime and brutality, voyeurism of nude

females, or torture-rape.

Illicit thoughts for sale? What a moral bonanza for pre-Vatican Council confessors. In any case, we may be heading for a time when sins are committed only in fantasy because reality is way too dangerous.

In a real sense, Cameron and Bigelow are as warped as Lenny. They're using this marvelous idea to juice us with cheap thrills. (In contrast, the major episode in "Brainstorm" was to explore in awe what happened to the human soul

Nero is given one chance to show his kindness—he provides a disk to a leg-less man, who experiences walking along the beach and being greeted by a pretty jogger. Well, OK—but is this stunted imagination or what?

Anyhow, when a clip turns up show-

ing one of his hookers being brutally murdered, Lenny is sick and revolted but obviously can't go to the police. Instead, he enlists the help of Mace (Angela Bassett), an ex-sweetheart who drives VIPs in armored cars through the chaotic city, and Max (Tom Sizemore), a long-haired ex-cop buddy

As the trail winds down, it exposes a ick society as well as individuals Racial politics, with broad-stroked reminders of the Rodney King case, are at the center of it. Among the suspects is the sleazy billionaire head of a record company (Michael Wincott), who owns or hangs out in one of those obnoxious post-modern film noir nightclubs where the chief amusements seem to be shock and sadomasochism. He also pre@6

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much "owns" Faith (Juliette Lewis),

Lenny's long-time girlfriend. Lenny is still crazy about Faith, for no clear reason. He also thinks she's going to be a big singing star, a judge ment that (once you hear her perform) is open to some question. Anyhow, she's the story's femme fatale. He keeps try-ing to save her, and she keeps refusing to be saved. Some people like Lewis as an actress, and others don't. But she's no Rita Hayworth.

All this is happening as the clock winds down toward midnight on New Year's Eve, and "Strange Days" definitely lines up with the other downbeat flicks of the fall film season ("Seven," "Usual Suspects," etc.).

The city is a right-wing nightmare. The streets are ridden with physical and moral debris—trash, sex, crime, drugs, and racial strife. The police appear to be as ruthless as the crooks. Many speculate, only half-jokingly, about the apoc alypse, the Rapture, and the end of the world.

Life in America is rotten at times, and a whole lot of sinning is always going on, but life is THIS bad only in movies and in adolescent minds on days when nobody is talking to anybody.

Even the moviemakers can't stand it, and pull a happy ending out of the hat, with Lenny and Mace in an interracial clinch signifying (we hope) Hope, as the confetti floats down in slow motion, the downtown crowds (in L.A.?) celebrate wildly, and the sign on the skyscraper flashes the year "2000."

(Largely empty end-of-century fable; much bad language, violence; some female nudity, sex situations; not recom-

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## Documentary explores China's Forbidden City

By Henry Herx and Gerri Pare, Catholic News Service

Exploring the center from which Imperial China was ruled for over 500 years is the documentary "Forbidden City: The Great Within," premiering Sunday, Nov. 5, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on cable's Discovery Channel. (Check local cable list-

p.m. on cable S Discovery Channel, Cineck local cabe assi-ings to verify the program date and time.) Narrated by actor Rod Steiger, the program presents an overview of imperial history as it films the royal complex of palaces, temples, and residences sprawling over 178 acres in the center of Beijing. Begun in 1406, the Forbid-den City served as the home of the emperor until the 1911 revolution ended imperial rule.

The program shows what remains of the art and architec-

ture of these centuries, and attempts to re-create what life was like for those who lived within its enclosure. It mostly features China's Golden Age under Emperor Kangxi (1662-1722) and his absolute power as the Son of Heaven One segment deals with a Jesuit priest whose knowledge of astronomy made him a leading member of Kangxi's court.

Produced and directed by Francis Gerard, the result is an impressive display of the era's art and culture but is less successful in depicting the human dimension of the times. It documents the high art and intellectual sophistication of The Great Within, as the Forbidden City was called, but doesn't address how people lived outside its walls in the vastness of The Great Without.

TV Programs of Note

Sunday, Nov. 5, 10 p.m.-midnight (PBS) "MGM: When the Lion Roars." This special chronicles how the Holly-wood studio system built the U.S. movie industry, and then was devoured by it. Sunday, Nov. 5, 7-9 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 6, 8-10

p.m. (Family cable) "Kidnapped." This four-hour miniseries is an adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure tale of a Scottish Highland patriot who strug-gles against the English invasion of his homeland in 1751

Sunday, Nov. 5, 9-11 p.m. (TBS cable) "Jacques-Yves Cousteau: My First 85 Years." This special looks at the

Cousteau. My First 8.3 Feats. This special rooks at the life and work of the great occanographer. Friday, Nov. 10, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Robert Dole-Steve Forbes-Colin Powell." From "The Challengers '96" politi-cal series, journalist Ken Bode interviews Republican presidential aspirants Dole and Forbes, with a special seg-ment on Colin Powell, and a roundtable discussion.

(Check local listings to verify program dates and times).

#### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time/Fr. Owen F. Campion

## The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1995

- Wisdom 11:22 12:1
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11 2:2
- Luke 19:1-10

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first reading. The Wisdom



ing. The Wisdom Literature, which involves seven books of the Old Testament, historically has been a great source of considerable inspirational reading for Chrisdans. It is no wonder. The Wisdom Literature,

almost without exception, is graceful and forthright in its writing style, even though, of course, it is the work not of one author but of several—perhaps many—authors. This fine style well conveys to readers the profound spiritual messages that appear throughout these books. These messages present God as the almighty, the source of all life, the merciful, and the just. They describe humanity as needing, collectively and individually, enlightenment and strength only God can provide.

strength only God can provide.

The verses selected by the church for this weekend's reading are no exception to this general characteristic of the Wisdom writings. Very directly but movingly, they celebrate God as supreme and mighty. For God, the first verse read this weekend says, "The universe is but a grain or a drop of morning dew" (Wisdom 11:22).

However, even in this magnificence,

However, even in this magnificence, God is not distant. On the contrary, God awaits all who are in need. God is merciful and loving. This is consoling for humans to read, assuring them that God is available to them in their needs. The reading also is an affirmation of the dignity of creation itself. God creates all things and all persons. No one exists without God.

For the second reading, the church turns to the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

In the first century, Thessalonica was a city in the Roman Empire located on the Balkan mainland in what today is Greece. It is one of the few cities to which Christian biblical epistles were addressed that is still a thriving community. Today it is the Greek city of Saloniki.

Thessalonica was typical of other cities in the empire which depended upon commerce. It was a point of transit, and it was surely the destination of people seeking better fortunes. In the midst of these facts, it is easy to understand how the Christian Gospel reached Thessalonica.

Scholars debate when this epistle was composed. They do not agree whether it was directly Paul's work or was composed by a subordinate or follower of the great Apostle. Nevertheless, whatever the circumstances of its origin, the church offers this epistle to believers as the revealed, written Word of God since it presents so well the thinking of Christianity.

The epistle seeks to calm uneasy Christians. At the time, many Christians were uneasy, and there was substantial cause for their uneasiness. They stood as a tiny minority in a cultural ocean that rejected Christian values, and the political authority dangerously was turning against them.

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This epistle reminds Christians that
Christian faith, and knowledge of Jesus,
are not with them by coincidence nor because of their accomplishment. Rather,
the Gospel, and the faith to accept it, are
God's merciful and generous gifts.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies this weekend's Gospel reading. It is a familiar story. Jesus enters Jericho and notices Zacchaeus, who has climbed a tree in offer to see Jesus. For others on the scene, the problem was that Zacchaeus was a sinner. Of all the public sins, tax collecting was most despised. It was legalized theft. Tax collectors worked for Rome, the detested overloard, and could charge whatever they pleased, sending a given amount to Rome and keeping the balance. Despite accusations of the bystanders.

Despite accusations of the bystanders, Jesus did not befriend public sinners by embracing their sinfulness, but he accepted the friendship of sinners who humbly had rejected their sins and sought forgiveness.

#### Reflection

The church this weekend continues its message of comfort and reassurance. Guilt is a great problem for many people. They have hurt others, and they feel guilty. They have sinned, and they experience guilt. In this guilt, they thirst for peace, looking for relief, as Zacchaeus climbed a tree just to see Jesus.

In these readings, the church calls us all away from guilt. Sins will be for given. All can be new. Again Zacchaeus enters the discussion. He is our model. To be freed, to be forgiven, we must renounce our sin and turn to God. Then we can be assured of the Lord's friendship. And, as the epistle advised, we can be assured of the Lord's strength in our purpose to lead holy lives. To produce these happy circumstances, this great relief, any person needs only to turn humbly to the Lord.

## **Daily Readings**

Monday, Nov. 6 Romans 11:29-36 Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34 Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, Nov. 7 Romans 12:5-16a Psalm 131:1-3 Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, Nov. 8 Romans 13:8-10 Psalm 112:1-2, 4-5, 9 Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, Nov. 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Basilica Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 11 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22

Friday, Nov. 10 Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the church Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 98:1-4 Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, Nov. 11 Martin of Tours, bishop Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Psalm 145:2-5, 10-11 Luke 16:9-15

#### The Shaping of the Papacy/John E Fink

## Benedict IX, pope three times, sold the papacy for a huge sum of money

There have been several periods of history when popes were corrupt, but perhaps never as much as Pope Benedict IX. He is the only pope to hold the office three separate times, and he's the only one to sell the office.

With the Tusculan family controlling Rome. Count Alberic saw his two brothers reign as Popes Benedict VIII and John XIX. When John died in 1032, Alberic bribed the papal electors into electing his son Theophylact. He nephew of the two preceding popes. Like his uncles, he was still a layman when elected. Not only that, but he had a reputation for being excessively violent and immoral. He was also apparently the youngest pope ever elected, although it doesn't seem to be true that he was only 12 as later reported; he was probably in his 20s. He took the name Benedict IX.

Surprisingly enough, Benedict was a competent pope for the first 12 years of his pontificate. He centralized the curia and tried to become independent from German control. He put the Benedictine abbey of Monte Cassino under papal protection. He was not as compliant with Emperor Conrad II as his uncle had been. When Henry III succeeded Conrad as German king in 1039, Benedict refused to defer to his authority.

In 1045, though, Benedict's fortunes changed. The Crescentian family once again was able to gain control of Rome, after some 'loody righting, Disgusted with Benedict's loose life, the Crescentians ran him out of Rome and installed their own man, Bishop John of Sabina, as Pope Silvester III.

Benedict retaliated by excommunicating Silvester and, two months after he had been expelled, regained the papacy on March 10, 1045. Silvester quickly returned to Sabina, the Cosception stronghold.

the Crescentian stronghold
Then, less than two months later,
Benedica abdicated the Chair of Peter in
favor of his godfather, John Gratian, the
archpriest of St. John at the Latin Gate,
who was elected to the papacy and took
the name Gregory VI. This was a cause
for eelebration by those who championed
reform in the church. One of those who
congratulated the new pope was St. Peter
Damian, a doctor of the church, who proclaimed that the election of Gregory
struck a blow at simony (the sale of anythine sacred, including offices)

thing sacred, including offices). What was unknown at the time was that John Gratian paid a huge amount of money to Benedict to induce him to step down, and Benedict accepted it. He sold the papal office. Money was also used to induce the Roman people to elect John

Gratian, although most were glad to see Benedict leave.

While all this was going on, King Henry III was sitting in Germany observing. He finally decided he had seen enough and in the fall of 1046 he crossed the Alps into Italy. He assumed the right to preside over a synod at Pavia at which simony was prohibited. Then he called another synod at Sutri, near Rome, to which he summoned Benedict. Silvester and Gregory. When Benedict refused the summons. King Henry deposed him. When the details of Gregory's election were investigated, he deposed him. He had already deposed Silvester.

Henry then appointed Bishop Suidger of Bamberg, Bavaria, as the new pope, the first of four Germans Henry was to appoint. Bishop Suidger took the name Pope Clement II. The new pope was enthroned on Christmas of 1046, and he crowned Henry emperor the same day. Henry was also invested with the rank of patrician, which gave him the power to take the lead in the appointment of a pope.

Pope Clement then began a program of

Pope Clement then began a program of reform, especially trying to clamp down on simony. However, by the summer of 1047 he became ill and he died at the Abbey of St. Tommaso on Oct. 9. He had been pope less than eight months.

By this time, Benedict regretted his

By this time, Benedict regretted his addication in favor of his godfather. He once again sought the papacy, Riding on a wave of popular enthusiasm undoubtedly fueled by bribery, Benedict rode in to the Lateran Palace and, for the third time, assumed the papacy, There was some claim that the Roman clergy and people held a new election, but that doesn't seem to be true.

Emperor Henry III, though, was not about to let Benedict reign as pope. In his role as patrician, he nominated another German bishop, named Poppo, to be pope. Bishop Poppo dutifully set out for Rome but was stopped by Count Boniface of Tuscany, who maintained that Benedict had successfully set himself up as pope. When Bishop Poppo returned to Germany, Henry threatened Boniface. This time Boniface decided he had better carry out Henry's orders, so he had Benedict expelled from Rome and Bishop Poppo installed as Damasus II.

Benedict then returned to Tusculan territory, from which he continued to defy Damasus and his successor Leo IX. He is said to have died repeatant.

said to have died repentant.

Damasus If died only 23 days after his installation. His successor, Leo IX, was the greatest of the popes nominated by Henry III, as we will see next week.

#### My Journey to God

## Because I Love You

l asked God:
"Why did you give us the flowers
and the fields?"
And He said:
"To fill your eyes with beauty
and because I love you."

I asked God:
"Why did you give us music?"
And He said:
"To fill your hearts with angels
and because I love you."

I asked God:
"Why did you give as sunshine?"
And He said:
"To wrap you in my embrace
and because I love you."

I asked God:
"Then why did you give us pain?"



And he said:
"Because I love you."

By Jillian Vandermarks

(Jillian Vandermarks is a member of St. Agnes Parish in Nashville.)

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

## Is Halloween connected with All Saints Day?



One of our children's school teachers told her class that Halloween was a religious feast in times past. But there was no explanation

I asked our pastor. He told us he thought it had something to do with the feast of All Saints the next day. Tricks and treats, and dressing up

like ghosts seem strange if there is something religious about it. Can you help?

Halloween does have a big connection with All A Halloween does nave u.o.g.
Saints Day.
The very old English word hallow means to make holy

or consecrated. As an adjective it means something that is holy or blessed, as in the Our Father we say "hallowed be

Thus, the feast we know as All Saints (Nov. 1) was for centuries called Hallow-Mass, or All Hallow-Mass, the Mass celebrating all the blessed, all the saints.

the Mass cetebrating all the biessed, all the sames. In this way, it's something like Christmas, the Mass celebrating the birth of Christ. Halloween is simply a shortened form of Hallows-Even, the evening before Hallows day, and has been called that for a long time, at least 200 years.

How did Halloween become the night disembodied spirits roam the earth?

Like so many other of our popular celebrations, for this

In the ancient Celtic calendar, Nov. 1 began the new

one too we can thank the Irish

year. As with nearly every culture we know of, including our own, the first day of the new year and the evening before were times of revelry—dancing, singing, games and not uncommonly generally making a fool of oneself.

So it was with the Celts. They picked up such partying, even then apparently as part of a religious tradition, including a Hallow Even Fire, which they inherited from the ancient Druids

As one 19th-century writer put it, "Halloween is the

carnival time of disembodied spirits."

While Christians have honored the martyrs and other saints from the earliest centuries, no one is quite sure how the feast of all saints developed in the Western world.

There is evidence that at least to some degree it repre-sents another of those many achievements of the church in transforming pagan festivities into Christian feasts and celebrations

In more recent years, Halloween has again become In more recent years, rhailowern has again become connected with the next day's feast, remembering and honoring the "disembodied spirits" we know as the saints, the followers of Christ, who have preceded us into eternity.

Among many Catholic people even to this day, especially in countries of Hispanic tradition, the evening before All Saints is a full night of remembrance and

prayer at the graves of their dead.

In a beautiful and thoroughly Catholic way, in touch with their ancient veneration for ancestors who have gone to God, they are praising the "hallowed" ones who, as the Eucharistic Prayer puts it, have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace.

Questions for this column should be sent to Fathe Dietzen at Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL 61701.)

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Family Talk/Dr. James and Mary Kenny

## How parents can help poor readers

Dear Dr. Kenny: Our 9-year-old daughter, who is big for her age, was promoted to third grade even though sh is far behind in reading. The school thought that she would do better overall with others her age and size. Now the teacher is worried that she will fall farther

behind. She has average intelligence, a very short attention span and problems with immediate memory. How can we help her at home? (New Jersey)

Answer: What a practical question! You didn't ask what the school should do. Instead you asked what you, the parents, can do at home.

The first rule is not to repeat the same procedures that the school uses. Your daughter is probably already frustrated, and another hour or two of drill may make her lose heart. Find another way to the same goal.

First do a simple check of your daughter's memory. Not how good it is, but how she goes about remembering. Name three items. Tell her you will quiz her on them in five minutes. Do that, and ask how she went about trying

to remember. Build on her techniques for remembering. She may surprise you. Start with the way she works now at recall. Try this several times

In addition to memory problems, poor readers may have ouble with the meaning of words. Words are so abstract. They don't even picture or sound like what they mean.

To help make words more concrete and memorable, it is wise to apply as many of our five senses as possible. Teach your daughter how to do this.

Another wise technique is how to break large tasks into smaller ones. Here are some fun examples that are more easily done at home:

 Add extra senses. As you learn a word, ask what it looks like, sounds like, tastes like, smells like and feels tions like, soums like, tastes like, smells like and feels like. I had one supposedly learning-disabled child show me his technique for making each word into a picture of what it meant. He drew legs on the word "mouse," had smoke coming out of the "h" on the word "house," etc. He invented his own pictographic language.

• Draw a picture of the key word in each sentence. Or

 Sing the spelling words. Ask your daughter to invent her own melody for each set of letters. Isn't this how most of us originally learned our ABCs?

 Change positions after each sentence. Stand to read one sentence. Sit down to read the next. This is a concrete way of breaking a task down into smaller parts and is a boon to active, fidgety children.

Keep your goals in mind, but change the techniques Limit the time to one-half hour per night. And have fun.

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bishops of the 20th century. Archbishop Sheen earned grad-

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uate degrees in theology and philosophy from the Catholic University of America, the

University of Louvain in Belgium and the Collegio Angelico in Rome. A priest of the diocese of Peoria, Ill., Sheen was chosen to preach on "The Catholic Hour" on the NBC radio network in 1930. He was consecrated a bishop in 1951. The next year, he began a series of radio and television broadcasts that achieved great popularity with both Catholics and non-Catholics. The author of more than 100 books and pamphlets, Sheen's imposing physical presence and magnificent voice made him one of the most influential preachers in America. He attended the entire Second Vatican Council. Archbishop Sheen died on December 9, 1979.

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Healing Mass will be held at St. Pius X, 7200 Sarto Dr., Pius X, 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis, starting at 6:30 p.m. Celebrant will be Fr. Paul Landwerlen. For more infor-mation, call 317-927-6900.

Oldenburg Academy, Olden-burg, will hold "The Utter Glory or Morrissey Hall" musical at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m. in the academy auditorium.

Sacred Heart Church, Indiana-polis, will hold "First Friday" Mass at 8 a.m. followed by dis-

All Saints Catholic School Alumni and Home School Association, Indianapolis, will hold its Reverse Raffle and Fish Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish Hall, 337 N. Warman Ave. For ticket information, call 317-636-3739.

Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver will sponsor the First Friday Rosary at 5:15 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sacred Heart Parish, India apolis, will hold the second of four sessions "Healing Grief Through Sharing" at 10 a.m. in the parish house, 1430 Union St. For more information, call

St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, will hold "Divorce, Catholics and the Church" presented by Father Larry Voelker at 7:30 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel.

#### November 3 and 4

317-638-5551.

St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary, Beech Grove, will hold its Christmas Bazaar from 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday in the Main Lobby. For more infor-mation, call 317-783-8192.

#### November 4

Apostolate of Fatima will hold a holy hour at 2 p.m. in the Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis. For more informa-tion, call Lena Peoni at 317-784-9757

St. Nicholas Church, Sunman will hold a S.A.C.R.E.D. meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFar-land Road , Indianapolis, will hold Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Bazaar from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. Roch Parish, 3603 S. Merid ian St., Indianapolis, will hold its Holiday Bazaar-Craft Show in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lunch will be available.

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis, will hold exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m.-noon

St. Mark School Parent St. Mark School ratest Teacher Group will hold its annual Craft Junction in the parish hall, U.S. 31 South and Edgewood Ave., Indianapol's from 9 a.m.-noon. Proceeds will benefit a new school library and media center

Christ the King Parish, Indianapolis, Kings Singles will host a Euchre Party in the parish youth house at 7 p.m. For more information, call Roseanne at 317-251-5272.

#### November 5

St. Martin of Tours Parish, Siberia, will hold its Annual Ham Shoot and Fall Social starting at 11 a.m. Church is located 2 miles west of Highway 145, 2 miles north of

Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, will hold a holy hour with the rosary at 2 p.m. in the church.

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, will hold prayer and praise from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church. For information, call 812-246-4555.

St. Meinrad Seminary, will present a Chamber Concert in St Bede Theater beginning at 2:30 p.m. Performance is free

Holy Rosary Parish, 600 S. East St., Indianapolis, will hold its 17th Annual Spaghetti Supper and Monte Carlo, from 1-6 p.m. Adults: \$5, children under 12, \$2. Mass at 12:15, p.m.

St. Anthony Parish, Clarksville, will hold family holy hour "Be Not Afraid" and "The Holy Eucharist" novena, confes-sions/Benediction at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

The Altar Society of St. Francis The Altar Society of St. Francis Parish, Henryville will present its Biannual Smorgasbord from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Adults: \$5; children (6-12) \$3; under 5 free. For more information; call Janice Furnish at 812-294-4398

#### November 6

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, St. Charles borromeo Farsh, Bloomington, will host The Liturgical Ministry Formation Program, Phase I, Session V, "Liturgical Building Blocks" from 7-9:30 p.m. presented by Fr. Stephen Jarrell. Admission is \$10. For more information, call 317-236-1483.

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#### November 7

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer Group will meet at 7 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary. Everyone is welcome.

The prayer group of St. Law-rence, 4650 Shadeland Ave., will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome. For more information, call 317-546-4065 or 317-842-8805.

St. Francis Hospice Office, 438 S. Emerson Ave., Green-wood, will hold a bereavement support group for any adult who has lost a loved one. Af-

ternoon session from 3-4:30 p.m. and evening session from 6:30-8 p.m. For more infor-mation and registration, call 317-865-2092.

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culate Heart of Mary Parish, 57th and Central, meets to pray the rosary every Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m. All are welcome

Fatima Retreat House will host "Prayer is not Optional!" present-ed by Fr. William Munshower from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Child care provided. For more informational cost, call 317-545-7681.

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St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will hold a family Eucharist holy hour with rosary and Benediction from 7-8 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 317-784-1763

St. Christopher's Parish, Indian-apolis, Singles and Friends will gather to celebrate the Novembe birthdays at Papa Joe's Italian Resturant on Lafayette Road at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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St. Vincent Hospital Guild, Indianapolis, will hold a bazaar and bake sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the 86th St. hospital cafeteria atrium. Proceeds benefit Cardiac

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apolis, will hold the second of opens, with note the second of four sessions "Healing Grief Through Sharing" at 10 a.m. in the parish house, 1430 Union St. For more information, call 317-638-5551.

St. Joseph Church, 5th and Wal-nut, Terre Haute, will present "Afraid! The Gospel of Mark" a one-man play performed by acto Frank Runycon at 7:30 p.m. A donation of \$3 per person, \$10 maximum per family and nonmaximum per family and nonperishable food items for the Community Food Bank will be

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St. Joseph Parish, Four Corners, North Vernon, will hold a Craft Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

will hold a Fall Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in Bockhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave. Crafts, baked goods, raffle, homemade dinners will be featured. For more information, call Carol Douglas at 317-241-4379.

Cathedral High School, 5225 Cathedral High School, 3225 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, Alumni Association will hold a Reverse Raffle and Monte Carlo night from 7 p.m.-mid-night in the school cafeteria. For more information, call Susan Lord at 317-543-4940.

Christ the King Parish, Indianapolis, King's Singles will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast at a nearby eatery. For more infor-mation, call Roseanne at 317-251-5272.

Good Shepherd Church, Indiana polis, will hold its annual craft

fair and bake sale from 8:30 a.r 3 p.m. in the Father Busald Hall, Shelby and Kelly streets, present ed by the Ladies of Good Shepherd. For booth rental and information, call Elizabeth at 317-786-7797.

Little Flower Parish, 4720 E 13th St., Indianapolis, will pre-sent Frank Runyeon in "Afraid! The Gospel of Mark" at 7 p.m. Pre-Sale Tickets: Adults: \$5, High School/College Studer For more information
 David at 317-357-8352.

#### November 11-12

St. Rose Church, U.S. 40 Knightstown, will hold a Holiday

Craft Bazaar from 8 a.m.-2 p.m on Saturday and from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Baked goods, crafts, homemade dinners will be featured.

St. John Parish, State Rd. 1. Dover, will hold a Craft Show from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Chicken dinner will be served on Sunday only. For more infornation, call 812-637-5170.

#### November 12

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, will hold prayer and praise from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church. For information, call 812-246-4555.

St. Mary Rexville Schoenstatt Center, will hold the second ses sion on the Catholic Faith "The Holy Trinity and Salvation" at 2:30 p.m. Mass will follow at 3:30 p.m. The center is located 0.8 mile east of 421-S on 925-S. between Madision and Versailles All are welcome.

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#### Youth News/Views

## Scecina Memorial hosts four exchange students

#### By Mary Ann Wyand

Scecina Memorial High School's mis sion statement mentions the Indianapolis East Deanery school's desire to "respond to the needs of our students and to the needs of the world."

New principal Steve Papesh believes Scecina is fulfilling that aspect of the mis-

sion statement fourfold this year.
"It has been a rare opportunity and distinct pleasure for Scecina High School to have been blessed with the presence of four foreign exchange students this year," Papesh said. "Valeria Gieco, Mayuko Otsubo, Eduardo Vinas and Sandrine Brenzikofer have brought a wealth of information about their homelands of Argentina, Japan, Mexico and Switzerland, and they have learned much about America?

Scecina's four foreign exchange students "are truly a joy to have," Papesh said, adding that it is unusual for a Catholic high school to host more than one exchange student in a school year.

They have been readily accepted by our ent body, not because they are different, but because they have so easily blended in with the rest of the students," he said.

"Scecina has truly become an international school where all diversities and cultures are

Understanding exchange students, while Mayuko's year in Indianapolis was coordinated by Adventures in Real Communications. Sandrine's parents

paid for her year of study in America

After completing her year at Scecina, Valeria will continue her studies at the Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, a state college, in her hometown of Cordoba, Argentina. She wants to become a journalist.

"School is very different here," Valeria said. "We have five years of high school in Argentina, and we don't choose subjects like we do here."

In addition to the required subjects Valeria decided to study sociology, mass media, and international relations here

'People are very friendly here," she said. "I am meeting many new friends."

A native of Lupsingen, Switzerland,

Sandrine said her hometown is very small and only has 1,000 residents.

"I have written home about the school," Sandrine said. "Here you can meet a lot of people, a lot of friends. I'm happy to be in Eduardo is looking forward to the start of

the National Basketball Association season because he loves the sport. He watched NBA games on television in his hometown of Saltillo, Mexico.

The reason that I was excited to come to the United States was because I love to play basketball," he said. "I want to try out for the basketball team here."

Saga, Japan is halfway around the world, Mayuko said, but the friends she has made at Scecina help her feel right at home here

"I like to play the trumpet," Mayuko said. "I am in band and choir here. I like it



Foreign exchange students Mayuko Otsubo of Japan, Eduardo Vinas of Mexico, Sandrine Brenzikofer of Switzcrland, and Valeria Gieco of Argentina are enjoying the first few months of their year of study at Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis.

## Catholic high schools plan open houses in November

Most of the Catholic high schools in the archdiocese are planning fall open houses for junior high school students and their parents during November.

Bishop Chatard High School in Indiana-

polis will host an open house for students and parents from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Nov. 12. For more information, call the school at 317-251-1451.

Brebeuf Preparatory School in Indiana polis will welcome guests on Nov. 12 from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call the Jesuit inter-faith and college preparatory school at 317-

872-7050 for more information.

Cardinal Ritter High School in the Indianapolis West Deanery and Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg both scheduled open houses during October. Administrators at Ritter and Oldenburg encourage parents of prospective students to call for appointments. Contact Cardinal Ritter at 317-924-4333 and the Franciscan girls' school at 812-934-4440.

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis

5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. For more infor-mation, call the Cathedral office at 317-542-1481.

Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville will welcome students and par-ents on Dec. 5 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. For more information, telephone Providence at

Noncalli High School's annual open house is scheduled Nov. 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Indianapolis South Deanery interparcehial high school. Call Roncalli at 317-787-8277 for more information.

Scecista Memorial High School in Indi-anapons with nost an open house for pro-spective students and their parents on Nov. 19 from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call Sce-cina at 317-356-6377 for more details.

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#### Young Adult Scene

## Fellowship enriches life for Franciscan associate

#### By Mary Ann Wyand

#### Second of two parts

St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis and the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg continue to be very much a part of Mary Ann O'Neal's life and faith

journey today.

The parish and the sisters have been part of her life story since her childhood years in Speedway. The lifetime St. Christopher parishioner now serves this west-side Indianapolis faith community as the coordinator of youth ministry and sup-ports the sisters' varied ministries as ar

associate member of the Franciscan order "We had Franciscan sisters at the parish the whole time I was growing up," O'Neal said. "My mother died suddenly when I was 6 years old, and I had a bit of contact with some of the sisters then. Years later, I co-taught a fifth-grade class at St. Christopher School with (the late) Franciscan Sister Marcella Stier, who died of cancer the following year. I also volunteered in youth ministry, working with junior high and high school students. Later I was hired as the coordinator of youth ministry for the parish. At this time, I began building a close working relationd friendship with Franciscan Sister

Nancy Meyer."
O'Neal has enjoyed her time working for the parish and school, but said during her college years she never dreamed she would later work for St. Christopher as a pastoral team member.

After graduating from Indiana University in Indianapolis with a degree in phy-sical education and science, O'Neal joined the family insurance and real estate business and earned her insurance license. But soon her interest in education prompted her to start working as a substitute teacher That work eventually led to her permanent faculty position at the parish school.

"While teaching fifth grade and second grade, I started helping with junior high outh ministry on Sunday nights," she tor left, I applied for that position and was hired. That was nine years ago

As part of her duties, O'Neal also coordinates confirmation through the parish youth ministry program. She also appreci-ates her opportunities to work in sacramental preparation through the parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Children and

Teen-agers (RCIC) program.
"I've been blessed with wonderful support here at St. Christopher with youth ministry," she said. "As the program grew, the parish was able to hire a youth mini-stry assistant, Shannon Gaughan, a Marian College graduate who started working the junior high program last year

Helping teen-agers through confir-mation and beyond in a variety of youth ministry programs and activities "gives me opportunities to walk with young people in their faith journeys," O'Neal said. "The youth ministry program has grown so much that now I have college tudents who help with the retreats They love doing that, and always want

to come back to the parish to help with youth activities

As a pastoral staff member for one of the largest parishes in the archdiocese O'Neal keeps busy with the daily chal-lenges and joys of ministering to youth.

Some of the St. Christopher teen-agers know about her associate membership with the Sisters of St. Francis and have traveled with O'Neal to Oldenburg to work at the order's Michaela Farm with

We go down and work on the farm and have a lot of fun there," O'Neal said. "We do everything from scooping manure to hauling wood to working in the barn. The kids really love it. Each year they ask me when we can go back to Oldenburg to work at the farm. Their volunteer service at the farm has made a connection between the sisters and our youth ministry program. It has given our kids a chance to get to know some of the

St. Christopher Parish is "a wonderful place to worship and to be in communi-ty." she said, "but within myself I sensed that I wanted to have another deep connection to my faith. I learned about the sisters' associate program, and that seemed to fit in my life. I think my prayer life probably started the moment my mother died, in an elementary way When I was in high school, I really start-ed to look for a deeper faith. I started questioning a lot, as every teen-ager does, and asking myself what my faith meant to me and where God fit in my life. That's when I started my own personal faith search and dialogue about the Catholic faith.

Years later, O'Neal said, "I think my decision to join the Franciscans as an associate member in August of 1992 came about as a result of my own per

sonal desire to have a broader sense of community and a broader sense of church. I've gotten to know the Franiscan sisters at Oldenburg and at Marian College, and have developed close friendships with some of the sisters. The more sisters I met, the more fortable I felt with the community

The Franciscan focus on prayer was "a big part of why I stepped into the order as an associate member," she said. 'It was like another door opened in my faith life. I really sense a supportive feeling from the Franciscan community I feel connected to them in prayer and in fellowship.

Opportunities for fellowship include invitations to participate in community days and retreats at Oldenburg with the sisters, she said. Social activities range from hayrides and dinners to service pro jects on the farm, while spiritual growth opportunities encompass retreats, days of reflection, and Mass with the sisters at the beautiful motherhouse chapel.

"I've developed lots of good friends through the Franciscans, who are faith said. "Sisters Nancy Meyer, Olga Witte-kind, Sue Bradshaw, Norma Rocklage, Gloria Gallagher, and others have become good friends.

Since joining the Franciscans as an associate member three years ago, O'Neal said, "the gifts I've received from the Franciscans far outweigh the gifts I have given to the order. It's been a real gift and joy to be connected to the Franciscan community. I've felt really fortunate and blessed that I've been able to share with the Franciscans in this way

(For information about the Oldenburg Franciscans' associate program, contact membership team member Judy Hillman at 812-934-2475

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## Vatican is said ready to begin balancing world's supply of priests

Some places in the world are rich in the number of priests while others have severe shortages

Ry Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-The Vatican is ready to do some matchmaking between bishops in priest-short areas and clergy in areas of plenty, a Vatican official said.

While the number of seminarians and priestly ordina-tions steadily increased worldwide between 1978 and 1993, some places in the world are rich in priests and others have severe shortages, said Archbishop

others have severe shortages, said Archinostope Crescenzio Sepe.

To ensure a better global distribution of priests, the pope set up a special Vatican commission in 1991; after years of study and surveying all the world's bishops, the

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said Archbishop Sepe

The archbishop, secretary of the Congregation for Clergy, said bishops requesting priests have been asked to be specific in describing what they need: pastors, seminary professors, chancery officials, youth ministers, or others.

The Vatican commission will try to match those needs with the descriptions of priests offered by dioceses which, while not having too many priests, are willing to help those in a worse condition.

Archbishop Sepe said the commission's work was affirmed during an Oct. 23-28 Valican meeting on priestly life and ministry. Speakers noted that "a priest cannot close in on himself or his diocese. He must be open to mission. It's part of his very identity."

The archbishop also said the steadily increasing number

of new ordinations has not led to an overall increase in the number of the world's priests because more have died over the past 15 years than have been ordained.

But, statistical projections are that the number of new ordinations and the number of deaths will equal out by the year 2002. "From that point on, the number of priests in the world is expected to grow," he said.

The commission to coordinate the distribution of priests will still be necessary, however, because the growth is expected to continue to be concentrated in Latin America, Africa and Asia and declines are expected to continue in North America and Western

Archbishop Sepe also said that the number of men leaving the priesthood has steadily declined over the past 15 years and the number of priests who left and want to return to active ministry has steadily grown.

The archbishop said the Vatican has granted approval for the return of "several hundred" priests who were never laicized, but married in a civil ceremony.

While there are dozens of considerations, Archbishop Sepe said, all candidates for a return to active ministry

must have a civil divorce decree and no minor children.

If the priest had young children, he said, "his first obligation would be to care for them."

Archbishop Sepe said priests have applied for permission to return to ministry, but the Vatican is making them wait until their children are grown.

#### Pope says charities must work to eliminate poverty

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Catholic charitable activities must go beyond helping individuals who are hurting to working toward the elimination of poverty throughout the world, Pope John Paul II said.

world, Pope John Paul II said.

The Christian obligation to love as Jesus did requires
Christians to work personally and collectively to eliminate poverty, the pope said Oct. 27 during a meeting
with the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum," the Vatican's

aid coordinating agency.

"The preterential love for the poor," he said, "expresses something essential for the disciples of Christ," whose whole life was a lesson about God's love for humanity, especially the weak and the poor

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## CHILD ABUSE

abused," helping them to tell their story as a first step toward healing.

It says men commit 90 percent of the abuse, and about 70 to 90 percent is committed by persons the child knows.

"While we recognize that sexual

abuse of boys is significant—some stud-ies estimate it at 20 to 25 percent of all child victims-the overwhelming number of sexual abuse victims are girls," the statement says. "We are especially alarmed at the large number of victims who are girls under age 12."

The statement follows years of work by the U.S. bishops—both as a body and individually in their dioceses—on the problem of sexual abuse of minors

by priests.

We are compelled to speak even know the arrives a heavy burden ing that the church carries a heavy burden of responsibility in the area of sexual abuse. . . . We are acutely aware of the havoc and suffering caused by this abuse and we are committed to dealing with these situations

mitted to deating with these situations responsibly and in all humility."
"The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has established an ad hoc committee on sexual abuse by clergy to help church leaders take appropriate action. it adds. "Our dioceses have developed

comprehensive policies concerning sex-ual abuse, which often apply to employees and volunteers as well as to clergy and religious. We are fully committed to preventing child sexual abuse and to

restoring victims to health."

The statement says that sexual abuse of children causes deep spiritual scars as well as emotional, psychological and sometimes physical harm.

## Elements of recommended parish response to child sexual abuse

WASHINGTON (CNS)-Two committees of U.S. bishops recommended a series of steps for parishes to respond to the problem of child sexual abuse in their Oct. 26 statement, "Walk in the Light: A Pastoral Response to Child Sexual Abuse."

Here are the main elements of parish response they suggested:
 Create an "atmosphere of welcome, trust and safety" that invites victims or oth-

Train parish staff and establish "a procedure to respond" to anyone reporting

Familiarize staff with referral agencies available and with state and diocesan

reporting requirements.

• Form a network of people with expertise in the field; publish a contact's name

and number in parish bulletins Open the door for assistance by preaching on sexual abuse or addressing it in other appropriate forums.

· Provide means of healing and reconciliation, including a prayer service or litur-

gical ceremony to help those setting out on renewed lives.

• Set up programs to teach children about sexual abuse issues and to help parents

address those issues with their children • In marriage preparation programs "raise the questions of violence and the roles

of men and women within the family."

• Promote the "use of language in parish programs and materials that reflects the equal dignity of women.

Survivors of sexual abuse may find that feelings of rage, betrayal and guilt make spiritual growth difficult," it says ome may find themselves prone to self-hate and self-destructiveness. Since they do not love themselves, they cannot believe that anyone else, including God, can love them

At several points the statement address-the difficult issue of forgiveness of the perpetrator of sexual abuse

Justice plays a role in the forgiveness

process," it says.
"We emphasize that the community, including the family, needs to call the abuser to accountability," it says. "We need to say: 'Abusive behavior is wrong and we hold you accountable for it. We will stand by you as you suffer the con-sequences of your behavior, but we expect you to acknowledge the harm

done and to ask for forgiveness."

It describes forgiveness as an important element in healing but "one of the biggest issues that survivors struggle . For the survivors of sexual abuse it can seem impossible.

Forgiveness may involve a long rocess in which the survivor has to go through a series of stages, it says. through a series of stages, it says. We caution against rushing the process. We cannot push the survivor to forgive just because we, the Christian community, feel uncomfortable dealing with

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Wife of Howard W. Kaiser mother of Gregory E., Michael H.

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BROWN, Patricia A., 48 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Oct. 20. Mother of Keith Brown, Annette Devors; daughter of Emil and Marie Elmer; sister of Jerome, Paul Mary Elmer, Paula Britt; grand-

CROSS, Frank R., 76, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Oct. 15 Husband of Phyllis (Smith) Cross; father of Steven, David Cross, Susan Brown, Barbara Wedlund, Catherine Ream. Dianne Olleman; stepfather of Dennis, Kevin Sauer, Christine Schwartz, Rebecca Coutinho; brother of Martha R. Cummings; grandfather of 12

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HESS, Ambrose, 81, St. Pius,

HALPER, James M., 33,

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KAISER, Agnes E., 70, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Oct. 19.

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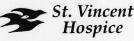


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