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Faith-formation plan unveiled

By William R. Bruns

A strategic plan for lifelong faith formation was promulgated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein earlier this week in Columbus, Ind. (The complete plan is reprinted as an insert in this issue of *The Criterion*.)

The plan's unveiling took place at a February 19 luncheon during a daylong workshop on the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" led by internationally known theologian Monika Hellwig. (The *Criterion* will report on the workshop next week.)

The new plan was developed over the course of more than a year by a core team of religious educators, Archdiocesan Education Commission members, youth ministers, past and present archdiocesan staff and pastoral leaders. Countless others

served on five task forces. The plan went through six drafts and an extensive consultation process. It now joins its "sister plan" for Catholic schools, which was approved in May 1995.

At the promulgation luncheon, Archbishop Buechlein pointed out that, early in the process, members of the core planning team, who were originally charged with developing a strategic plan for religious education, decided to change the plan's name. They noted that "religious education" might mean "grade-school CCD classes" to many people, but the plan they envisioned had to encompass educational and formational components from preschool through adult levels. So, very quickly, the plan became one for lifelong faith formation. "Thus, in this archdiocese," the archbishop said, "we will now speak of 'lifelong faith forma-

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Archbishop responds to Star investigative reports

Catholics are invited to fast during the Fridays of Lent, pray for all involved in abuse and misconduct and for the priests and people of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

By Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.

A series of stories appeared this week in *The Indianapolis Star* and *The Indianapolis News* and contained painful allegations about sexual misconduct and child abuse in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Under ordinary circumstances, it would not be appropriate for me to comment on such sensitive matters involving another diocese, but because *The Star* is widely read throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, I believe it is important for me, as chief teacher and pastor of this local church, to address some of the serious issues raised in this story.

First, it is important to recall the church's position on sexual misconduct and child abuse. The current policy of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis explicitly states that child abuse and sexual misconduct by church personnel are, by definition, contrary to Christian principles and unacceptable behavior for persons who are volunteers, employees, religious or priests. Under no circumstances does our church permit or condone such behavior. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis takes immediate and decisive action on all accusations of child abuse or sexual misconduct in accordance with the applicable provisions of civil and church law.

Whenever someone who works for the church (teacher, coach, pastor, or other minister) is accused of engaging in sexual misconduct or child abuse, people rightly ask, "How could this happen in our church?" In recent years we have learned that the personal and psychological disorders that perpetuate this behav-

ior can affect any kind of person. We also know that the suffering and sense of shame of the victims are especially acute when the accused person holds a position of trust in the family, the community, or the church.

Priests and religious women and men who have promised to lead celibate lives are called to model the virtue of chastity in special ways, but all Christians—especially those who work for the church as staff or volunteers—are expected to follow church teaching on human sexuality and to live mature and responsible lives. Although we cannot exempt church personnel from the human condition, or from the tragic effects of sin and evil in our world, the Catholic Church is determined to do all that it can to prevent sexual misconduct or child abuse from happening, to respond immediately when it does occur, and to bring the healing ministry of Jesus to all who have been victimized by sexual misconduct and/or child abuse.

Bishop William L. Higi and the leadership of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana have taken a strong, public role in their efforts to enforce our church's policies on child abuse and sexual misconduct. I know Bishop Higi well, I know that he cares deeply about this situation, and I know that he has done and will continue to do everything in his power to prevent incidents of abuse from occurring in the first place, to see that the policies and procedures that have been established in the Lafayette diocese for dealing with allegations of abuse are strictly followed, and to provide counseling and assistance to victims.

In spite of these efforts, there are peo-

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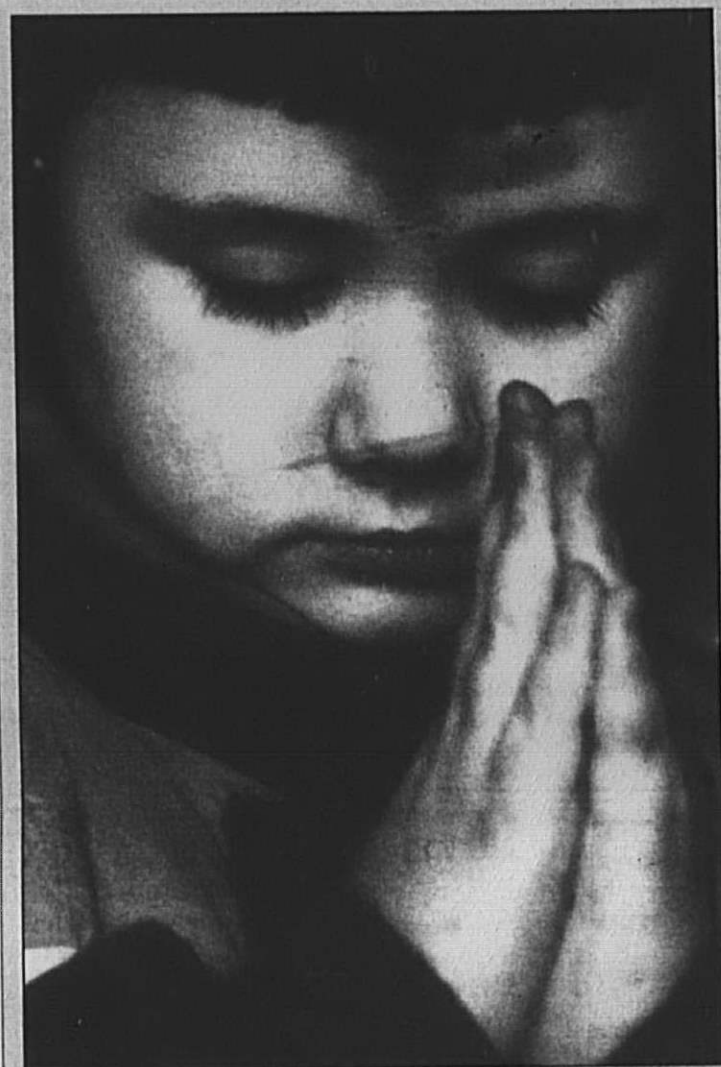


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Ashes to EASTER

Five-year-old Danielle Hoosock leaves St. Daniel Church in Syracuse, N.Y., after receiving ashes Feb. 12. The penitential season of Lent began in churches worldwide with the mark of the cross on Ash Wednesday.

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tion' whenever we describe our religious education, formation, and spiritual development of adults, youth and children."

The archbishop also pointed out that the plan places a strong emphasis on the family as the primary place for faith formation and, therefore, demonstrates "our commitment to provide support" for parents and those who act in the parents' stead as the primary religious educators in some very concrete, specific ways.

In addition, Archbishop Buechlein observed that the plan recognizes the important role that the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" should play as a founda-

tional resource for catechetical and religious education leaders.

"In many ways," he said, "the 'Catechism' is the most valuable catechetical resource we could possibly have as we seek to pass on to others the teaching and practice of the Church....We are right to build our plans for lifelong faith formation on the solid foundation of the 'Catechism of the Catholic Church.'"

The new plan sets forth five goals:

1. Emphasize the archdiocese's commitment to faith formation and spiritual development as a lifelong process
2. Emphasize the primacy of family in lifelong faith formation and spiritual development

3. Recruit, nourish and retain a pool of talented catechetical leaders
4. Explore new and creative approaches to lifelong faith formation and spiritual development
5. Expand and enhance human, physical and financial resources needed for lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Daniel J. Elsener, executive director for Catholic education, made two commitments to the plan:

- to provide the discipline and management necessary to help bring the plan alive
- to bring a positive and hopeful spirit to the work of the plan.

Joseph M. Kappel, archdiocesan associate executive director of Catholic education for religious education, told the luncheon attendees that three things stand out in his mind about the plan: its comprehensiveness, its emphasis on the lifelong journey of a Catholic Christian, and its recognition that catechesis should take place within a community in which the family is the primary catechist.

"It is my hope," Kappel said, "that the vision of this plan will engage the minds and touch the hearts of all Catholics throughout the archdiocese and that all will share in its implementation through active involvement in parish, deanery, and archdiocesan faith-formation efforts, support for its goals, and, most important, prayers for its success."

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ple in the Diocese of Lafayette who feel hurt and angry. In the minds of some victims, and their families and friends, the church has failed them twice—first, in the initial experience of abuse by someone in a position of trust, and, second, in what they consider to be an inadequate response by church authority. Bishop Higi is painfully aware of these deep-seated feelings of anger and disappointment. He is also committed to doing whatever he can to extend the healing ministry of Jesus to all who are in pain.

All members of the Catholic community in Indiana share in the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Lafayette. As one family of faith, we are called to help and support one another. We also need to work closely with civil leaders, and with people of good will throughout our state, to redouble our efforts to prevent child abuse and sexual misconduct everywhere

it occurs in our society—but especially in our churches, schools and families.

To succeed in our efforts to protect children and youth from the tragic effects of sexual abuse, we need help and cooperation from every sector of community life, including the news media and the entertainment industry. We need mature and healthy images of human sexuality on television, in the movies and in popular music. Because sexual abuse often involves a "vicious cycle" in which people who have been abused themselves become abusers, we must resist the temptation to sensationalize the tragic failures of persons who hold positions of trust in government, in civic affairs, or in the church.

Do "investigative reports" such as the one recently conducted by *The Indianapolis Star* and *The Indianapolis News* concerning cases in the Diocese of Lafayette help us to better understand and respond to problems of sexual misconduct and child abuse in our society? I think not.

Pope John Paul II, in a letter to the bishops of the United States, issued a strong

warning about the further damage that is done by the media's sensational treatment of sexual abuse cases. According to the Holy Father, "There is already sufficient proof that the prevalence of violence and impropriety in the mass media has become a source of scandal. Evil can indeed be sensational, but the sensationalism surrounding it is always dangerous for morality. Therefore, the words of Christ about scandal apply also to all those persons and institutions, often anonymous, that through sensationalism in various ways open the door to evil in the conscience and behavior of vast sectors of society, especially among the young who are particularly vulnerable. 'Woe to the world because of scandal.' Woe to societies where scandal becomes an everyday event."

The Holy Father and the bishops of the United States have also repeatedly and forcefully spoken against the "culture of death" that threatens to destroy everything we cherish as a free society. I challenge all members of the Catholic community in Indiana, and all people of good will, to do more to prevent the sexual abuse of our

children and youth:

- by examining our own attitudes and conduct to make sure that we are living mature and responsible lives
- by cherishing our children and accepting our responsibilities as a society that our children grow up in a safe, nurturing environment
- by refusing to tolerate sensationalism or inappropriate depictions of human sexuality in the media or elsewhere.

In addition, I am calling on all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to fast on all Fridays of Lent in addition to abstaining from meat and meat products. I ask that this fast be accompanied by fervent prayer, asking God to help turn our society from its fascination with the culture of death and the sensationalism of evil that is part of that culture to a love and appreciation of the gospel of life. Please pray for all who suffer from abuse—the victims themselves, their families, friends, and communities—and those who commit the abuse. Pray, too, for all the good, holy, dedicated priests who are faithful to their commitments as they bring us God's love and consolation.

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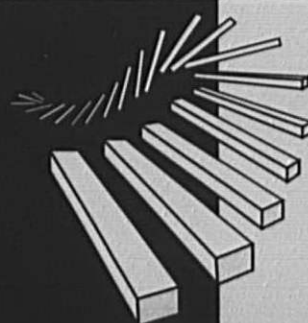
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'You are welcome in Uganda'

By Fr. Jim Farrell
First in a series

ENTEBBE, UGANDA—"You are welcome in Uganda!" These are the words that have greeted me time and again since I first arrived here on New Year's Eve. It is one of the local customs of the Lugbara



people to express their joy at your presence in their country. Uganda, a country about the size of Wisconsin, was for many years a British Protectorate. Most of us Americans have two images of Uganda, one is Idi Amin, whose reign of terror was known

throughout the world. Amin now lives in luxury in Saudi Arabia, having taken much of the wealth of the country with him when he left. The other image is the movie "Raid on Entebbe," which was based on an actual raid by a military SWAT team to free some hostages.

Sherry Meyers, lay missionary

Uganda is one of more than 50 countries on the continent of Africa. I chose to spend part of my sabbatical here because I wanted to expand my knowledge of the world and of the church. Fortunately for me, a friend of mine from Indianapolis, Sherry Meyer, has been her for nearly six years as a lay missionary, and she has made it possible for me to be welcomed into her world in order to expand my own.

Sherry is a native of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis. Her parents, Henry and Theresa Meyer, are still members there. Sherry has a long history of ministering in the church. A graduate of Marian College and Purdue University, she taught at Roncalli High School and was principal at St. Roch School for 6 years and at St. Christopher School for one year. Then she served the Archdiocese of Chicago Education as a school consultant in its Office of Catholic Education.

While living in Chicago, Sherry earned another master's degree, this time in theology, from the Catholic

Theological Union. After she obtained her degree, she felt God was asking something more of her. After much prayer and reflection, she accepted God's call to Africa. Through the Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM), she made an initial commitment of two years and accepted an assignment to the Arua diocese to work with the Pastoral Coordinator's Office.

In 1991, she trained for mission at VMM in London. All those with whom she trained returned home after their two years of service. Sherry is no longer affiliated with VMM: she is a lay missionary from the Archdiocese of Chicago. As such, she receives her health insurance through them but must seek support for her ministry from friends, her home parish and charitable foundations.

When I realized that I was being granted a sabbatical for the current year, I decided to pursue a long-held desire to see life from a different perspective and to seek to understand my faith better by listening and sharing with my sisters and brothers who have come to know God in a different culture and through different experiences. So I wrote to Sherry and asked if I could come. She was delighted.

Trip filled with vivid images

A trip such as this is often a series of images that are firmly impressed upon one's mind, remaining there as food for thought for years to come. My first image is the extraordinary sight of Lake Victoria. This second largest freshwater lake in the world is just hundreds of feet off the runway at the Entebbe International Airport. It awakened me (both figuratively and literally after a night of sleeping on the plane) to the reality that the trip I had been planning and talking about for months was really under way. I exited the plane and went through customs to be greeted by Sherry and her co-worker, Fr. Tonino Pasolini, a Comboni Missionary from Italy who has more than 20 years experience in Uganda.

Hoosier June weather

I noticed immediately on walking outside that the weather here was com-

mensurate with June in Indiana. The sun was bright and hot, and on this particular day no breeze. The days since then have been rather pleasant. Though it is the dry season, we have had three or four brief (15-20 minutes) rains. No air conditioning is to be found either in the car or in the places we would stop on our way back to the Comboni Missionary Provincial House.

Shopping was an eye-opener

Our stop for some shopping was my first eye-opener: lots of people everywhere. Vans, which serve as public transportation, are loaded with anywhere from 6 to 10 or maybe 12 people. They go to different neighborhoods. Traffic is similar to that in Italy: residents seem to understand exactly how it works. There is a fair amount of honking and risk-taking. People generally are only concerned with what is ahead of them, not what is behind them. We went inside a couple shops—about the size of convenient marts in the States—and I took note of how expensive things are compared to our local groceries back home. Some familiar items were visi-

ble on the shelves. There were actually several brands of some items but certainly nothing like our supermarkets. Here are some of the prices we found: \$7.50 for a jar of peanut butter, \$5.60 for a small bottle of ketchup, postcards were a dollar a piece, \$3.50 for a nine-ounce jar of mustard, \$8.50 for a 32-ounce jar of mayonnaise, \$2.50 for a 50-gram bottle of celery salt.

In a land known for its pervasive poverty, I could only wonder how people managed. Most Ugandans cannot shop in these stores. Only the wealthy Ugandans and the ex-patriates who are here working for nongovernmental organizations like the United Nations High Commission for Refugees or the World Health Organization can shop here.

Most Ugandans will shop at street markets. Their purchases will be limited to sugar, salt, perhaps some tomatoes and onions and soap.

Next: Heading for homebase, the Christus Center.

(Father Jim Farrell is former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville and former dean of the New Albany Deanery. He is spending several months of his yearlong sabbatical working in Uganda. The Criterion will print more articles by him as they are received.)

Archbishop enrolls catechumens, recognizes candidates in Rite of Election

By Margaret Nelson

A full SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral greeted Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein twice on Feb. 16 for the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call of Continuing Conversion of Candidates.

At 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., the archbishop welcomed those who will be baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic church during the Easter Vigil, as well as their catechists, sponsors and families.

In the cathedral's sanctuary, the archbishop explained the meaning of the *catechumena*, or bishop's chair. He called it a sign of unity of the community of faith.

"Today's action—today's prayer—will be an expression of that unity," Archbishop Buechlein said.

His opening prayer asked protection for "all who are about to become your children and continue to bless those who are baptized."

During the celebration of Election, hundreds of catechumens gathered around the sanctuary peninsula as their names were called by their parishes' RCIA coordinators or catechists.

They were formally affirmed by their godparents, sponsors, and catechists, and then by the whole assembly. The archbishop asked them, "Do you wish to enter fully into the life of the church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist?"

They responded, "We do!"

Next, the candidates (previously baptized) were called forward for the celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion. They were, in turn, affirmed by their sponsors and catechists, and then the whole assembly.

The archbishop then questioned the candidates: "Do you wish to be received into the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments of confirmation and the Eucharist?" The candidates responded, "We do!"

In his homily, Archbishop Buechlein said that, during Christ's 40 days away from the people, he planned his "campaign of salvation." He did not choose a "way of power," but a "selfless way of sacrificial love—a way to lead us to God.

"Two themes mark all of Christian life—prayer and service," the archbishop said. "These are the hallmarks of disciples of Christ.

He said, "Reform your lives and believe in the Good News" is the "proper theme for you candidates." During this time, they are given special graces, the archbishop said.

"As we accept the name of Christian, we agree to live as Jesus, the suffering servant, did," said Archbishop Buechlein.

Those who attended the liturgies were invited to a reception at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

Parishes with candidates and catechumens who did not participate last week will be part of a similar liturgy Feb. 23.

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Editorials

'Rooted in Jesus Christ'

On Feb. 19, after more than a year of work by scores of educators and pastoral leaders and wide consultation, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein promulgated "Rooted in Jesus Christ," the strategic plan for religious education in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. (The entire plan is reprinted in this issue of *The Criterion*.) It now takes its place next to its sister plan for Catholic schools, promulgated in May 1995. While the three-year plan consists of five goals, 16 objectives, and 42 action steps, it is the goals that give those unfamiliar with the plan a real sense of what our archdiocesan church sees as important in the process of handing on our faith.

The first goal focuses on faith formation as a process that continues throughout our lives. This is not a new concept in this archdiocese, which has been speaking of "womb-to-tomb" Catholic education for the last 25 years. But the plan renews this emphasis, and that is good.

The second goal speaks of faith for-

mation and spiritual development as being family-based. Again, this is not a new concept, but it is vitally important that it be remphasized. Too often in the past, we have given this principle more lip service than action.

The third and fifth goals express a stewardship concern for the care of our human, physical, and financial resources. Especially evident is the plan's concern for catechists and catechetical leaders and their recruitment, training, and retention.

The fourth goal calls for an examination of new technology and various media in "delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ."

All in all, "Rooted in Jesus Christ" is comprehensive but focused. We congratulate those who have worked so hard and long to make the plan a reality. Now, as Archbishop Buechlein has said, it remains for parents and our catechetical and religious education leaders to bring the plan to life. We look forward to witnessing this implementation.

—William R. Bruns

Something needs to be said

(This statement is one priest's response to a series of stories in The Indianapolis Star concerning child abuse and sexual misconduct of priests in the Lafayette diocese. It was offered to parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Sunday, February 16.)

Something needs to be said about the page-one banner story in today's *Indianapolis Star*.

I am a welter of emotions about this series of articles. From anguish to anger, from fear to outrage, from mourning for the pain of the victims to wonderment at the frailty of human beings.

I may want it all to go away. But I know that it cannot. My personal feelings are best expressed at this time of prayer.

To all victims of sexual harassment, violence or molestation—prayer from us all and healing from psychological torment and untold anger. May they be yours.

To all those, priest or layperson, who have acted sexually and wrongfully with another—prayer from us all and healing from psychological brokenness and untold guilt, even self-revulsion. May they be yours.

To all parents afraid for their children, to all teen-agers and young adults in painful disillusionment about your respected elders, and to all children who don't understand what is going on and wonder why your parents and others are so anxious—prayer from us all and healing beyond fear and anxiety so that trust may be rekindled and renewed.

To all my brother priests, feeling victimized by the actions of a few brothers; by the anger at being "singled out" as a group for questioning, glares and mistrust; by fear of the unknown and the unjust accusation; by the myriad of questions that arise from all this—prayer from us all and healing for your hearts and your hopes.

To all bishops, feeling trapped by their responsibilities to all involved, fearful of the unknown accusation about to surface, mourning the loss of innocence of victims and the sinfulness of those for whom they are responsible (priest and lay alike), hunkered down in defensive positions wrought by a festering anger too long held in—prayer from us all and healing of your personal wounds and the wounds, perceived and real, wrought by your decisions.

—Fr. Richard Ginther

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Ashes not magic; Lent calls us to action

We are only a few days into Lent and most of us already realize that being signed with ashes does not work magic! Signing with ashes, the admonition to remember that we are dust, the call to repent and return to the Gospel do not do something automatic to us. Ash Wednesday calls us to do something, namely to deepen our conversion to Christ and to prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Before he began his ministry to the poor (all of us), Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray. Special prayer, fasting and good works have become the traditional program for Lent. The starkness of dirty ashes on our foreheads ought to have been a sobering reminder that this Lenten call is not just "fluff." The church's call for fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and the call for abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent signal that something serious is going on these Forty Days.

It might not seem like it, but the call to deepen our conversion to Christ is practical. At some unknown moment all that we know and all that we experience in the stuff of life comes down to a final fact—we return to dust and move on to a life without tears. Our Lenten observance is a call to get things straight about our view of life and who we are. God is God and I am not. I am not the center of reality. This life is but the threshold to eternal happiness.

In our society and in our culture, the stark reminder that we shall return to dust is more timely than ever. In a society that is virtually without discipline and where the pleasure principle and a "me-first" mentality are supreme, the call to fasting and abstinence along with the call to give alms and to do good works could not be more appropriate. I am glad to be reminded in a no-nonsense way that there are spiritual values that will last beyond the dust of death.

Except to trim waistlines and develop beautiful bodies, fasting is a practice that has almost been lost. Yet fasting focuses the heart and mind. It reminds us that we need another kind of nourishment. Fasting can be an act of worship, a way of saying we hunger for God. In this way, fasting is another way of praying.

Besides giving up meat on Fridays, I suggest that we fast at least one day per week as a form of prayer and a reminder that there is another kind of nourishment that we need. God is the heart of all life and we need to turn to him. And let's offer those fast days for some person in need of our love and prayer. If poor health prevents fasting, I suggest joining one's suffering to Christ on the cross as a Lenten offering.

Some people are quick to point out that fasting is negative and old fashioned; the better thing, they say, is to do some good work for another. The wisdom of the church calls us to both. Fasting and almsgiving, fasting and good works are age-old Lenten companions. Only recently society wants to see fasting as something without value. In fact, fasting is a positive practice.

Almsgiving can take many forms. Giving to others out of our need, not merely from what we have left over, is the true intent of this practice of stewardship. Doing extra good works of love, especially for those who we may not like, is the true test of Christian faith. One of the most important good works we might do is to review our practice of prayer. Are we faithful in attendance and participation at Sunday Mass? Might we attend Mass more frequently during Lent? Do we pray at home? Do we support each other, especially our young church, in faith and prayer? When was the last time we made the Way of the Cross? It is a timely Lenten devotion.

Are you familiar with the Twelve-Step Recovery Program of Alcoholics Anonymous? The fourth step calls for an honest and courageous moral inventory of one's life. The fifth step, in effect, calls for a confession following that inventory. Lent is a time to accept the special help we need to evaluate the morality of our life. It may be the chance of a lifetime!

During Lent we remember there is a wonderful life after we return to dust. Ashes are not the end, only the beginning of something more beautiful than this life could ever be. Lent is a symbolic journey through death to the wonder of new Easter life in Christ! Let's not miss the journey of hope.



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Be Our Guest/Suzanne L. Magnant

Abuse fought one day at a time

("Be Our Guest" features guest columnists who from time to time are invited to contribute their expertise and insights on a variety of issues.)

Before becoming chancellor of this archdiocese, I worked for the Indiana Department of Welfare for 20 years. During those years, I observed first hand the tragedy and devastation caused by all forms of child abuse. This gravely serious social problem affects all segments of our society and

can be found in all professions and walks of life. No vocation or career is "immune" from the complex social and psychological disorders that can lead to child abuse. And, as we have learned after many years of treatment and study, no easy or foolproof way exists to rehabilitate individuals who suffer from these terrible disorders.

Just 25 years ago, individuals, families and social agencies (including churches, schools, athletic associations and other youth organizations) treated child abuse as a private, moral matter to be dealt with quietly and discreetly. No investigative reports

appeared in the newspapers or on television about the way organizations deal with the complex—and intensely painful—problems associated with child abuse. Twenty-five years ago, it was common practice in many organizations to seek counseling for child abusers and then, assured that they were "cured," reassign them

to their previous occupations. We simply did not know then what we know now about this complex disease.

The victims of child sexual abuse were largely invisible to us, and it was not widely known—just 25 years ago—that sexual abuse, like many forms of compulsive behavior, cannot be overcome simply by an exercise of will power or self-control.

Although the personality disorders that perpetuate the tragedy of child abuse can affect anyone, the suffering and sense of shame are especially acute when the abuser holds a position of trust in the family, the community or the church. For this reason, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is determined to do all that it can to prevent such abuse from occurring, to respond

immediately when it does occur, and to bring the healing ministry of Jesus to all who have been victimized by any form of child abuse. Our policies on child abuse and sexual misconduct, which are very similar to policies followed by other Catholic dioceses, make it very clear that all forms of child abuse are, by definition, contrary to Christian principles and unacceptable behavior for persons who are volunteers, employees, religious or priests in this archdiocese. Under no circumstances does the Catholic Church permit or condone such behavior.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis takes immediate and decisive action on all accusations of child abuse or sexual misconduct. We do not have separate standards or policies for different kinds of church personnel (volunteers or paid staff, clergy, religious or laity). These policies are designed to protect children, youth and adults from all threats against their dignity and privacy. They are also intended to protect church personnel, including members of the clergy, against false or unsubstantiated accusations of child abuse or sexual misconduct, which can all too easily destroy the reputation and personal integrity of women and men whose service to the church has been exemplary in all respects.

Finally, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis takes seriously the right to privacy of all who are involved in child abuse cases. News media inquiries concerning allegations of child abuse or sexual misconduct by church personnel are dealt with in an open and responsible manner in accordance with archdiocesan policy. At the same time, in light of the permanent harm that can

result from such situations, we respect the strict confidentiality and privacy of all persons who are involved—including both victims and accused.

During the past 25 years, all segments of our society have learned more about the tragedy of child abuse. We are hopeful that we are now doing a better job of prevention, treatment and follow-up than was possible just two decades ago.

Unfortunately, there is no miracle cure for this terrible social problem. That's why we must pray for the healing power of Jesus and for the courage to fight the horrible disease of child abuse one day at a time.

(Suzanne L. Magnant, an attorney, is chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.)

A View from the Center/Dan Conway

Associate publisher reports on status, direction of newspaper

February is Catholic Press Month. This is a time when diocesan newspapers, like



The Criterion, work harder than usual to sell subscriptions and advertising. The more

successful we are at these two important sales efforts, the less cost we have to pass along to parishes—and the more we can demonstrate that *The Criterion* can stand on its own two feet without the crutch of parish subsidies! When *The Criterion* increased its circulation two years ago, our publisher, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, challenged the board of directors to increase the percentage of cost that is covered by outside advertising sales. This is why recent issues have been a bit "thinner"—16 pages—than we'd like them to be. The size of the newspaper is going to depend on the amount of advertising revenue we have to support it. It's part of our effort not to pass on the cost of the paper to parishes.

The archbishop also asked us to help parishes increase the number of their parishioners who pay for their own subscriptions. (Archdiocesan policy dating back to 1957 says that parishes must pick up the cost of a subscription to the archdiocesan newspaper for those who cannot, or will not, pay for one.)

Two years of hard work and dedication by an outstanding advertising staff have resulted in a dramatic increase in advertising sales. In the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 1994, advertising sales for the year totaled \$353,324.15. Last year, on June 30, 1996, the total advertising sales for the year was \$454,850.08. But in the same two-year period, we increased circulation, which meant additional printing and mailing costs, but we did not pass on these

additional costs to parishes. That pretty well exhausted *The Criterion's* small savings, but it made the point that our future is in advertising sales, not in parish subsidies.

During the past year, an increasing number of parishes in the archdiocese have asked *The Criterion* to assume responsibility for collecting parishioners' subscriptions. In accordance with their wishes, we are working to professionalize our subscription sales by using direct mail and telemarketing strategies to invite Catholics in central and southern Indiana to subscribe to their archdiocesan newspaper. A recent survey shows that most Catholics in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis think that the newspaper is free. They're not aware that their parishes pay for all unpaid subscriptions. The same survey tells us that many Catholic households would gladly subscribe to *The Criterion*. Our goal is to make sure that everyone has that opportunity!

These and many other new directions are the result of a strategic plan developed by the newspaper's board and staff two years ago. In addition to our new efforts in sales and marketing, there are many other changes that have taken place, or are planned, in the newspaper's content and its graphic design. But we're also working hard at responding to the many suggestions we received during last year's evaluation of the Catholic Center and a separate communications audit. These include better photography, more local news, and a diversity of "voices" speaking in and through our archdiocesan newspaper. These changes will take time, but, believe me, we've set some ambitious new goals, and (we hope) we're headed in the right direction!

In my next column, I'll report on discussions that are taking place among board and staff members concerning *The Criterion's* editorial policy.

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Economic justice principles are fundamental to Catholic faith

What do you think about these statements?



"Reasonable regulation of the marketplace and economic initiatives, in keeping with a just hierarchy of values and a view to the common good, is to be commended."

"A theory that makes profit the exclusive norm and ultimate end of economic activity is morally unacceptable."

"Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."

All of those statements are in the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" in the section that discusses the social doctrine of the church, which is sometimes called the church's best kept secret. Paragraphs 2419-2463 of the catechism outline what the church teaches concerning economic activity, social justice, and our obligations to the poor. Those paragraphs take up only 10 pages in the catechism. Perhaps we should also read the seven paragraphs from 1906-1912 about the qualities that contribute to the common good.

Last November, the U.S. bishops thought it was time to re-emphasize the church's teachings about economic justice. So they issued a short 43-line statement that listed 10 principles of the church's teachings.

Basically, the bishops' principles, and the whole social doctrine of the church, emphasize making economic decisions based on moral principles that focus on protecting the poor and vulnerable. And these principles should not be considered as only peripheral to the main deposit of faith of the church. The defense of the poor and pursuit of economic justice is a fundamental work of faith for Catholics.

We must come to understand that "when we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice." St. Gregory the Great said that at the end of the sixth century. And that third statement at the beginning of this column was made by St. John Chrysostom, who lived in the fourth century. So the church's social doctrine isn't something new.

The point is that, when we feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless and clothe the naked, we are not really performing charitable acts. We are doing works of justice. That's because, as the U.S. bishops remind us, all people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life—food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment and economic security.

Granted, many different people will have different ideas about the best way to put the church's economic justice principles into practice. American Catholics, though, should have a clear understanding of what those principles are.

Point of View/Fr. Daniel J. Mahan

Fr. Paul J. Courtney: 1916-1997

When Father Paul Courtney arrived in 1961 to begin his assignment at St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, the site for the church and school was nothing but an undeveloped lot. Through his leadership, the founding members of the parish accomplished the work of building the first church and school, and so did the life of the parish begin.

Under his leadership, St. Luke Parish met the demands placed upon it by the increasingly large number of Catholic families who were building homes in the area. The school was expanded to double its original capacity, and a gymnasium was built that soon became the envy of every CYO team in Indianapolis. As the parish continued to grow, the original church (the present reception room) would become inadequate to accommodate the even larger numbers of families who were attending St. Luke. In 1982, under his leadership, Father Courtney's dream of a new church was realized, a church that will serve the

parish well for many, many years to come.

While the physical plant is a testimony to Father Courtney's vision and leadership, his real legacy lies in the parish community that was built during his tenure. The groups and activities that were established, the school that flourished, and the many individuals and families brought together to live out and treasure their Catholic faith are credits to his pastorate. But above all, Father Courtney should be remembered for the many souls he pointed toward heaven through his preaching and counsel and through his administration of the sacraments and the celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass.

St. Luke Parish mourns the loss of Father Courtney but trusts that the Lord, in his goodness, will raise him up to share in the life of the saints and angels. May he rest in peace!

(Father Mahan is the current pastor of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)

Cornucopia / Cynthia Dewes

Life's unexpected surprises

The baby with the seriously adult name is sleeping, breathing bubbles and making dainty sucking motions with his mouth. The young parents, momentarily relieved of the strange new duties that overwhelm their days and nights, look nervously at the tiny mystery they have wrought.

It's another of those famous "thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to," a Shakespearean quote which resonates with anyone who has lived past birth. After all, even Mr. Baby himself was no doubt shocked to find himself thrust cruelly forth from the warm nest he was enjoying inside mom.

That's the age when surprises began

for his folks, too. It was being expected to sleep all night, give up the breast or bottle, and quit making vulgar noises in order to conjure up attention. It was having to eat suspicious new foods and swallow your medicine.

It was the indignity of having to go potty in a designated location. Even worse, it was when the lady in the white coat suddenly stopped playing peek-a-boo and stuck a wicked needle into our bottom. Shock after shock.

The original sin which caused each and every one of us to be in this predicament continues to erupt throughout life. We are continually brought up short by the surprises of our humanity.

There's school, for instance. We're told how wonderful it will be from the moment our parents long for separation from our demands. Thus, when we go off on the school bus for the first time,

or step from the car, we're astonished to see mom bawling her eyes out as she waves goodbye.

Indeed, school may or may not turn out to be wonderful, and either way it's a surprise. To be sure, there are the stimulating smells of new school stuff and the thrill of suddenly realizing we can read.

But there's always a nazi disguised as a teacher in some grade or other, who loves to take innocent kids such as ourselves out into the hall and threaten them. Or a mean kid sitting next to us at lunch who grabs the cookie we've been saving for last and stuffs it into her mouth. More surprises.

As we grow, the shocks continue. If we're smart we'll probably be startled to find another scholar smarter than we are in some class or other. And if we're taking pride in being the dumbest kid in school, someone even duller is bound to

move in and swipe our title before we have time to glory in it.

Adolescence, which holds out such hope for glamour, turns out to bring zits, raging hormones and serious conflicts of interest. Should we listen to parents or peers? Is "he said, she said" for hours on the telephone more crucial than a passing grade in math? More revelations!

As for adults, being trained or educated, taking that first job, getting married, having kids, are all events which we expect to happen. They may not be unanticipated biggies like premature death, catastrophe and major sickness, but they can stagger us anyway. Just ask those new parents.

We may even think we're prepared for the traps and snares of age: the arthritic knees, the indignity of collapsed this and weak that. It's what we don't expect that makes life a soap opera with a fresh plot twist every day.

When we're babies we're all innocence and trust. We need to hang on to some of that in order to handle the inevitable surprises that follow.

Fortunately, we have support: we have God for a daddy.

Check It Out . . .

An ecumenical service to commemorate victims of homicide in Indianapolis will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., in Indianapolis. The Rev. Anastasios Gounaris, pastor of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church will preach. The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis is organizing the service. For more information call 317-926-5371.

Indiana Office for Campus Ministries will sponsor a spiritual life retreat, Feb. 27 through Feb. 28 at Allison Mansion at Marian College in Indianapolis. Franciscan Father Richard Rohr will explore the theme "Caring for the Soul." Father Rohr joined the Franciscan order in 1961 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. He completed his education at the University of Dayton, University of Notre Dame and the University of San Francisco. The cost for the entire program is \$50 and \$30 for Thursday only. Participants must provide own housing needs. Registration is limited to 100 people. For more information call 317-923-4839.

"You Can't Give What You Haven't Got," a caregivers get-away, Feb. 22 through Feb. 23 at the Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. Liza Hyatt, writer, storyteller, and expressive therapist specializing in treatment of women and trauma, is the presenter. The program begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 22 and concludes at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23. The fee is \$110 for resident and \$95 for commuter. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due with registration. For more information call 317-788-7581.

To celebrate African-American History month, author Nikky Finney will give a poetry/slide presentation at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Newman Conference Center on the Saint Meinrad campus. Finney, an African-American poet, is an assistant professor of creative writing at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. For more information, contact Barbara Crawford at 812-357-6501.

The archdiocesan chapter of the

National Pastoral Musicians will present Marty Haugen concert and workshop March 7 and March 8 at St. Mark Parish in Indianapolis. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. March 7. The cost is \$5. The workshop is March 8 and begins with registration at 9 a.m. The cost for the concert and the workshop is \$25 for NPM Indianapolis members and \$35 for non-members. For ticket information call 317-787-3208.

St. Bernadette Parish in Indianapolis will host its annual Easter Boutique from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 1. Easter and general crafts, gifts and decorations will be featured. The church is located at 4838 Fletcher Ave. For more information call 317-356-5867.

A Parish Nursing course is being

offered at University of Indianapolis Aug. 25 to Dec. 13. An information session will be presented at Schwitzer Center, Room 8 on Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. The primary focus of the work of parish nurses is health promotion and illness prevention. For further information call 317-788-6110.

A Lenten Leisure Day will be offered at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove March 1. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Dominican Sister Patricia Benson and Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell are the presenters. The cost is \$45. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 is due with registration. For more information call the Benedict Inn at 317-788-7581.

VIPs . . .

Florence Eland will celebrate her 90th birthday Feb. 23. Her children would like to invite her family and friends to Mass at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove. A reception will follow at the Benedictine Center in Beech Grove until 5 p.m.

Youth as Resources has awarded grants to Cathedral and Cardinal Ritter Junior

and Senior High Schools in Indianapolis. Cathedral received \$2,640 for its Peace Jam Service Project, in which the students offer a story hour each month for children at a local hospital. Cardinal Ritter received \$212.50 for its HIV AIDS Teens program, for which the students will offer AIDS education to peers. Youth as Resources awarded \$56,575 in grants to 42 youth groups inside Indiana.



Members of the Birthline Guild—Ann Naughton (from left), Karen Blackwell Smith, Julie Shale, Debbie Nicholas (holding son Philip), Mary Ann Becherich—pause between committee meetings planning their March 15 "Love Works Magic" luncheon and fashion show at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. The social begins at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon at noon. Tickets are \$20, advance sale only. For more information call 317-254-9810 before March 1.

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Marty Haugen

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Lenten penance services are set around the archdiocese

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Lent. The following is a list of the services through March 20 which have been reported to *The Criterion*.

Indianapolis East Deanery

Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas, Fortville
 March 2, 4 p.m. at St. Bernadette
 March 5, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit
 March 9, 4 p.m. at St. Bernadette
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Phillip Neri
 March 12, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross
 March 13, 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael, Greenfield
 March 13, 7 p.m. at Little Flower
 March 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Simon
 March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas, Fortville
 March 18, 7 p.m. at S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral
 March 19, 7 p.m. at St. Mary

Indianapolis North Deanery

March 3, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas
 March 9, 3 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc
 March 10, 7 p.m. at St. Matthew
 March 11, 7 p.m. at Christ the King
 March 11, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke
 March 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Pius X

March 19, 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 March 19, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew

Indianapolis West Deanery

Feb. 25, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel
 March 11, 6:15 p.m. at St. Monica
 March 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Christopher
 March 13, 7 p.m. at Holy Angels
 March 18, 7 p.m., Mary Queen of Peace, Danville
 March 19, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph
 March 19, 7 p.m. at St. Michael

Bloomington Deanery

Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul
 March 3, 7 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville
 March 4, 7 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle, Spencer
 March 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington
 March 13, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick
 March 17, 7 p.m. at Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, Paoli
 March 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington

Connersville Deanery

Feb. 24, 7 p.m. at St. Bridget, Liberty
 March 3, 7 p.m. at Holy Guardian Angel, Cedar Grove
 March 4, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew, Richmond
 March 6, 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City
 March 9, 1 p.m. at St. Anne, New Castle
 March 9, 3 p.m. at St. Rose, Knightstown
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Brookville
 March 13, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Rushville
 March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel, Connersville

New Albany Deanery

March 4, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg
 March 12, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville for Sacred Heart and St. Augustine, Jeffersonville
 March 12, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Bradford
 March 13, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, New Albany for Our Lady Perpetual Help and St. Mary, New Albany
 March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Lanesville
 March 16, 3 p.m. at St. Joseph, Corydon, for Most Precious Blood, New

Middletown, St. Peter, Elizabeth, and St. Joseph, Corydon
 March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Navilleton
 March 19, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, New Albany
 March 19, 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight
 March 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs
 March 19, 8:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m. at Providence High School, Clarksville
 March 20, 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul, Sellersburg

Seymour Deanery

March 2, 7 p.m. at St. Ambrose, Seymour for St. Ambrose, Seymour, and Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, North Vernon
 March 12, 7 p.m. at St. Patrick, Salem
 March 13, 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, Columbus
 March 14, 7 p.m. at American Martyrs, Scottsburg
 March 16, 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Edinburg, for St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Holy Trinity, Edinburg
 March 18, 7 p.m. at Prince of Peace, Madison

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Fr. Dan Mahan, Valerie Dillon appointed to editorial committee

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein has appointed Valerie Vance Dillon and Father Daniel Mahan to the new editorial committee of *The Criterion*.



Valerie Dillon

The committee, which also includes Associate Publisher Daniel Conway, Executive Editor William Bruns, and Managing Editor Peter Agostinelli, has been formed in response to parish leadership and reader evaluations of *The Criterion* that call for a greater diversity in the editorial perspective of the newspaper. Members of the committee will set editorial direction, recommend policy to the board of directors and the publisher, and write signed editorials. Additional members may be added in the future.

Valerie Vance Dillon founded the archdiocese's Family Life Office in 1982 and served as its director until her retirement in 1991. In the late 1960s and

early 1970s, she had been assistant director of the Family Life Bureau for the Diocese of Trenton.

She was news editor and acting editor for *The Criterion* in 1981-82. Earlier in her career, she also worked as a radio newswriter for United Press International; a reporter for the *Austin News and Garfieldian* (Chicago); and a columnist for *Columbia*, the national Knights of Columbus magazine.

Dillon has also worked as a legislative consultant for the New Jersey Catholic Conference and as director of research and communications for the Indiana Catholic Conference.

She is a national speaker and workshop leader.

Dillon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in editorial journalism from the University of Illinois, and two master of arts degrees: one in personality theory and religion from Butler University/Christian Theological Seminary in 1979, and another in adult Christian community development, Regis College in 1990.

Dillon's interests in family life led her to become a founding member of the New

Jersey Right to Life Committee. She has also served as a board member, committee member, or consultant to the U.S. Catholic Conference's Task Force on Sex Education, its Respect Life Committee, and its Committee on Education.

Father Dan Mahan has been pastor of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis since 1995.

He was ordained in 1988 after earning a Bachelor in Sacred Theology from Saint Meinrad School of Theology and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome. He attended Bishop Bruté Latin School and Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. He grew up in Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis and attended grade school there.

In 1983, he spent the summer serving in an internship for the Catholic Communications Center. When he

returned to school at Saint Meinrad that fall, he assisted in producing "Lifesigns," an award-winning radio show directed to teens.

Following ordination, Father Mahan served as associate pastor of St. Mary, Rushville, then returned to Rome in



Fr. Dan Mahan

October 1988 to complete his graduate studies. In 1989, he was named associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish, Indianapolis, and in 1992, he was named administrator of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Franklin. The following year, he was appointed pastor of St. Rose and dean of the Seymour

Deanery. While pastor of St. Rose, he guided the 130-year-old parish in founding its first school, the first Catholic grade school to be established in central Indiana in 30 years. (St. Barnabas School in southern Marion County had been the last to be opened—in 1965.)

Three leaders join *Criterion* board

Three archdiocesan leaders have been appointed by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein to the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc., the corporation that publishes *The Criterion*.

The new members are T. Scott Pollom, Morna Patrick, and Father Frederick Easton.

Pollom, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, is first vice president of F. C. Tucker Company, Inc., and manager of investment services for Tucker's Commercial Real Estate Services Division. He has been active on his parish's pastoral council, with youth sports and youth ministry, and in various civic organizations.

Patrick is a district sales leader for Doncaster Ladies Apparel, a 65-year-old organization that markets a design line of women's clothing. She is a member

of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, where she serves as a special minister of the Eucharist, a member of the Cathedral Guild, and a member of both the archdiocesan and parish choirs.

Father Easton is vicar judicial (chief judge) of the Metropolitan Tribunal (church court) of Indianapolis, where he has served since 1967 as an assistant, notary, vice officialis, and pro-synodal judge. He has been chief judge since 1980. Father Easton has served the archdiocese in various parishes since his ordination in 1966: St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford; and St. John the Evangelist, St. Anthony, and St. Gabriel, all in Indianapolis. In addition to his responsibilities with the tribunal, he is presently providing sacramental assistance at Holy Trinity Parish, Edinburgh, and St. Rose of Lima, Franklin.

Multicultural catechesis program scheduled for March 7-8

"Weaving a New Tapestry" is a multicultural catechesis workshop that will begin March 7 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian Street in Indianapolis, and conclude March 8 at St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew Brown Drive, in Indianapolis. The featured speaker will be Sister of Social Service Eva Marie Lumas.



Sr. Eva Marie Lumas

The Friday night portion of the work-shop will include a praise and worship service at the cathedral, starting at 7 p.m. It will conclude with a reception, which begins at 8 p.m., at the Assembly Hall of the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

Sister Eva Marie, assistant professor of faith and culture at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., has served as a consultant for religious education in the African-American community for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Diocese of Oakland. Sister Eva Marie co-founded the

Imani program of catechist certification at the Louisiana Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. And she co-founded the Mariama Africentric religious education program.

The Saturday program at St. Rita Church begins with registration before opening prayer at 9:30 a.m. The first session begins at 9:50 a.m.

Sister Eva Marie will give a presentation on "Creating a New Vision for Multicultural Catechesis," followed by group activities and discussion.

Lunch will be at 12:45 p.m. The second session will start at 2 p.m., when Sister Eva Marie will talk about "Strategies for Making the Vision a Reality." A summary will be given at 3 p.m. and a closing liturgy will follow at 4 p.m. Saturday.

The workshop is sponsored by SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, the Indianapolis parishes of Holy Angels, Holy Trinity, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Rita and St. Thomas Aquinas, the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry, the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Cost for the workshop is \$10 per person. For more information call SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral at 317-634-4519.

Father George Stahl would like to serve shut-ins

Father George Stahl would like to make home visits to shut-ins, but he is asking for the help of readers of *The Criterion*. In a wheelchair himself, Father Stahl can use the accessible van belonging to St. Vincent de Paul. But he

needs to know of homebound people, in fairly accessible housing, who would like for him to visit. And he needs volunteers to pick him up and drive him to those locations. Those interested may call him at 317-875-9441.

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Yeaton said she took the time to implement the program the right way, carefully selecting resources and asking adults she knew loved children and had the desire and commitment to help the program to succeed.

Yeaton, who also leads a group, said she supplies each group with a minimum of three activities to get them started and gives direction to each meeting, but the

conception of what my life is like," he said. When Father Thomas made a reference to a show he watched on TV and an errand he had to run, a student listened in amazement and said, "You mean you watch TV? You mean you can leave here?"

At the end of the school year the children will evaluate the program, filling out a form about what they liked and what can be done differently. Yeaton insists on student involvement in the program, filling out a form about what they liked and what can be done differently. Yeaton insists on student involvement in the program because they are the ones affected by it.

"If it's not meeting their needs, we'll change it," she said.

Israelis evict Bedouin families from land that was settled in 1950

By John F. Fink
Special to *The Criterion*

JERUSALEM—Israeli police under the jurisdiction of the Civil Administration evicted 11 Bedouin families from an area near the Jewish Ma'aleh Adumim settlement in the West Bank near Jerusalem on Feb. 12. Earlier they had evicted 19 other families.

Bulldozers destroyed the tents and shacks erected by the Bedouin. The Bedouin had been living on the property since 1950.

Four Bedouin men were imprisoned and two were injured during the pushing and shoving that occurred before the demolition.

Israeli spokesmen put the total number of Bedouin evicted at 200, while the Bedouin claim it is closer to 400.

Lynda Brayer, who had defended the Bedouin in court but lost, said that the Bedouin were evicted simply because they were not Jews. Brayer, a lawyer and an ethnic Jew who converted to Catholicism, founded the Society of St. Yves in 1991. The society provides legal counsel to Palestinians and to defend them in Israeli courts. The society is named for St. Yves, a patron saint of lawyers, who gave up his law practice in France to serve the poor.

At the site was a group of Rabbis for Human Rights. One of them, Jeremy Milgrom, said that he was there because the Bedouin "are looked upon as if they don't count. As soon as they were in the way, they were moved."

The Ma'aleh Adumim settlement is the largest complex east of Jerusalem on the

way to Jericho. It has been estimated that 30,000 Jews now live in this settlement in Occupied Territory. Besides the ultra-modern homes now being lived in, numerous other buildings are still being constructed. When completed, they will greatly enlarge the size of the settlement.

"With all these buildings still to be occupied," Brayer said, "the relatively small area the Bedouin were occupying is insignificant. The Bedouin community was destroyed just to get rid of them because they were a nuisance."

The Israeli Supreme Court approved the eviction of the Bedouin last August, ending a long legal battle. The Bedouin did not have a legal deed to the property, and they had not plowed the land. Bedouin are usually shepherds.

One of the Bedouin, Suliman Mazara, said, "We came from Tel Arad (in the Negev) in 1950, and now they are saying we are criminals. They are saying that we are stealing government lands. But we were here before they were. Who are the criminals?"

The Bedouin were allowed to stay on a "transitional site" near the Jerusalem garbage dump 2 kilometers from the site of their demolished homes. Brayer took food to the Bedouin the evening of Feb. 12. The Bedouin had been given large shipping containers in which to keep their belongings. Some of the adult men were huddled around fires and planned to sleep there, but the children and women were in the shipping containers.



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Cardinal: for Lent, quit judging others

Los Angeles archbishop challenges Catholics to adopt a more generous spirit of charity and civility towards each other

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—For Lent, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony has asked Catholics to stop "judging and condemning others."

Citing the Catholic Common Ground Initiative inaugurated last summer by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, Cardinal Mahony urged "that a high priority be given to adopting a far more generous spirit of charity and civility towards one another."

Before his death from cancer last November, Cardinal Bernardin inaugurated the Catholic Common Ground Initiative to unite and revitalize mainstream U.S. Catholics around their shared faith, values and mission.

In his 1997 message for Lent, Cardinal Mahony said he joined the initiative because "I felt that a spirit of harsh judgment, bitterness and disunity were beginning to take hold at many levels in the church here in our country."

"This strident spirit was being expressed in various columns and letters to the editor in official and unofficial Catholic periodicals and newspapers, on radio talk shows and even in public demonstrations pitting one group in the church against another," he wrote.

"I was becoming ever more sad to see this meanness replace the ideal to which Jesus has called us," he said. "The harm to relationships within the church itself was growing and the real public scandal exhibited to people outside the church was becoming embarrassing."

He cited Jesus' warning in Scripture not to judge or condemn others.

"Too many people continue to discover a small splinter in someone else's eye without recognizing the wooden beam in their own," he said. "Joined to this excessive zeal to condemn others is a prideful self-righteousness by which certain people offer themselves as the paradigms of

orthodoxy—thus justifying their lack of charity, understanding and forgiveness."

He suggested that for Lent, Catholics should:

Not only fast from food and drink, but abstain from "judging and condemning others."

Pray "for the unity of our Catholic community, for those with whom we might disagree, and for a new civility among all of us."

Study and reflect on the Bible, especially passages on Jesus' patience and forgiveness in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Prayerfully study the sections of the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" on the characteristic marks of the church as one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Reach out in charity not only to the poor and homeless, but also "to those who may differ with us so that our dialogue and conversation will reflect Jesus' call in our lives."

Upon Cardinal Bernardin's death Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., succeeded him as head of the initiative committee, which is made up of 24 prominent U.S. Catholics representing a wide spectrum of backgrounds and viewpoints.

News briefs

National

Catholic CEOs work to make a difference

NAPLES, Fla. (CNS)—An organization that started when a pizza man met the pope marked its 10th anniversary earlier this month with a call to be "apostles of the truth," "witnesses of Christ," and defenders of the "sacred truth." Bishop John J. Nevins of Venice issued the call during a Mass at St. William Parish in Naples for some 300 members of Legatus, an international Catholic organization of Catholic CEOs and business owners and their spouses. Legatus, whose goal is to study, live and spread the Catholic faith, was founded by Thomas S. Monaghan, chairman of Domino's Pizza, after Monaghan met with Pope John Paul II in 1987. Taken from the Latin word for "ambassador," Legatus calls its members to be "ambassadors in the marketplace." In his homily at the opening Mass, Bishop Nevins said Legatus members can look toward the example of the saints, who used their human vocations to help others.

Lenten service at Phoenix Pavilion draws 11,000 Catholics

PHOENIX (CNS)—An Ash Wednesday prayer service that drew more than 11,000 Catholics to a Phoenix pavilion left participants feeling "a lot of love and warmth," said Penny Heath. "It's very important for us to be here tonight," Heath told *The Catholic Sun*, Phoenix diocesan newspaper. "It's such a bigger experience to have all the other churches involved." Heath's daughter, 7-year-old Susan Valdenegro, also was excited about the Feb. 13 service. And she had a special reason—she was one of the 1,490 Rite of Election candidates at the service.

'Touched by an Angel,' teen fighting child labor to receive award

NEW YORK (CNS)—The popular television drama "Touched by an Angel" will receive a special award at the 48th annual Christopher Awards ceremony, to be held Feb. 27 in New York. The James Keller Youth Award, named for the Christophers' founder, will be presented to 14-year-old Craig Kielburger of Toronto. Kielburger founded Free the Children, an organization dedicated to abolishing forced child labor worldwide.

Brooklyn bishop: Pastor not a racist in sports controversy

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (CNS)—Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Brooklyn has expressed support for a pastor following assertions in a New York daily newspaper that the priest's plans to change his parish sports program was race-related. The

bishop endorsed the efforts of Msgr. Joseph R. Rosa of Most Precious Blood Parish after a New York Daily News column criticized his plans to change his parish's sports and recreational activities for children, allegedly at the expense of a popular local basketball program. In a Mike McAlary column, Gerard Papa, the founder of The Flames basketball teams, which play at Most Precious Blood, implied that the pastor was restructuring the sports program because of the large number of African-American Flames players.

World

Pope says people's sinfulness will not lead God to destroy world

ROME (CNS)—Although people continue to commit sins, we should not fear the world's destruction as divine retribution, Pope John Paul II said. The pope made the remarks during a visit Feb. 16 to a Rome parish, his last major official function before beginning a week-long Lenten retreat. Appearing fully recovered from a bout with the flu earlier in the month, the 76-year-old pontiff said Mass and spoke at length to groups of parishioners at a church on the southern outskirts of Rome. His sermon recalled the biblical account of Noah and the great flood, prompted by the sinfulness of the people of that era. Yet the Bible makes it clear that God promised he would not send another flood to devastate the earth, he said.

Cardinal says Ethiopia, Eritrea enjoy independence, peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Ethiopia and Eritrea, North African countries marked by 30 years of civil war, now enjoy independence, peace and a desire to cooperate for the good of their citizens, said Cardinal Achille Silvestrini. The cardinal, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern-Rite Churches, said the name tones of tranquility and a desire to collaborate are found among the churches in the region, where Christianity was established in the fourth century. Cardinal Silvestrini spent eight days visiting Ethiopia and Eritrea in early February.

New archbishop of Denver named

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Bishop Charles J. Chaput of Rapid City, S.D., has been named archbishop of Denver by Pope John Paul II. The pope also named Msgr. David A. Zubik, vicar general of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, to be an auxiliary bishop of Pittsburgh. The appointments were announced Feb. 18 in Washington by Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, papal pro-nuncio to the United States. In Denver Archbishop Chaput succeeds Archbishop J. Francis Stafford, who last year was transferred to the Vatican as president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As you may recall, one of this year's archdiocesan priorities was to complete a strategic plan for religious education. I am pleased to tell you that this goal has now been accomplished!

"Rooted in Jesus Christ," the strategic plan for faith formation for our archdiocese, is the result of more than a year of prayer, discussion, consultation, and hard work by hundreds of catechetical and religious education leaders and others throughout the archdiocese. The planning and discussion were detailed and thorough: as you can see, we are now speaking of a "faith formation" rather than a "religious education" plan. Consultation brought the realization to the planning group that "faith formation" is a broad-based activity that has religious education as an important component.

This plan expresses in detail our commitment to faith formation and spiritual development that is lifelong. It also calls attention to our belief in the primacy of the family in religious education and spiritual formation, clearly acknowledging the primary role of parents in this graced work. Through its reliance on our *Religion Curriculum Guide*, the plan affirms Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as foundational sources for the religious education and formation of children, youth, and adults.

Thanks to all who worked to develop this plan, especially the members of the core planning team, which was made up of 25 very dedicated religious education professionals, youth ministers, members of the Archdiocesan Education Commission, and present and former archdiocesan staff.

Now our pastors, parish life coordinators, associates, religious educators, parents and other parish and school leaders will give life to the plan!

May we all remain firmly rooted in Jesus Christ, and may the Lord bless you and your work!

Sincerely yours in Christ

+ Daniel M. Buechlein, A

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.
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The Faith-Formation Strategic Plan

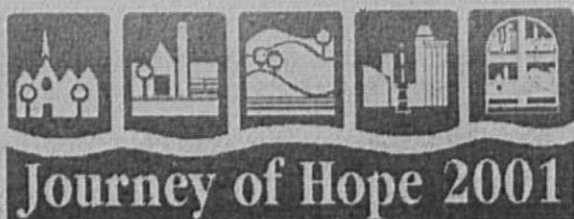
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Values

We value:

- Lifelong faith formation and spiritual development
- Primacy of the family
- Theological education
- Assessment and accountability
- Collaboration among all members of the catechizing community



Develop and implement the adult section of the *Religion Curriculum Guide*.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
Diocesan Adult Catechetical Team
Archdiocesan Council for Educational Excellence
When: October 1, 1997

Action Step 1.2.2

Complete the youth section of the *Religion Curriculum Guide*, with assistance from youth ministry coordinators.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel
Associate Director of Catholic Education for Curriculum
When: July 1, 1997

Action Step 1.2.3

Implement the children's section of the *Religion Curriculum Guide*.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Sacramental, Childhood, and Family Catechesis
Associate Director of Catholic Education for Curriculum
Archdiocesan Council for Educational Excellence
When: July 1, 1997

Action Step 1.2.4

Adapt the *Religion Curriculum Guide* for use with persons of particular needs, e.g., advanced age, disabilities, language barriers, etc.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education, Sacramental, Childhood, and Family Catechesis
Associate Director of Catholic Education for Curriculum
Archdiocesan Council for Educational Excellence
When: January 1, 1998

Action Step 1.2.5

Develop tools for assessing archdiocesan and parish programs (participants, content, structures, et al.) in light of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *Religion Curriculum Guide*.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education, Sacramental, Childhood, and Family Catechesis
Associate Director of Catholic Education for Curriculum
Archdiocesan Council for Educational Excellence
When: July 1, 1998

Objective 1.3

Enable people to share their Catholic faith and its teachings with others.

Action Step 1.3.1

Develop and provide simple, user-friendly resources to enhance an awareness of evangelization and stewardship as integral to a life of faith.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Sacramental, Childhood, and Family Catechesis
Associate Director of Catholic Education for Curriculum
When: July 1, 1998

Objective 1.4

Collaborate with the appropriate archdiocesan agencies to ensure that the catechetical dimension of ministry to youth and young adults is adequately addressed in a comprehensive action plan.

Action Step 1.4.1

Establish an ad hoc committee of appropriate archdiocesan and parish leaders to evaluate current endeavors and recommend appropriate needed changes.

Accountability: Associate Director of Catholic Education for Personnel
Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries

When: January 1, 1998

Goal 2

Emphasize the primacy of family in lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Objective 2.1

Educate professional and lay leadership in understanding family.

Action Step 2.1.1

Develop a series of archdiocesan training sessions in family perspective for faith-formation leadership.

Accountability: Director of the Family Life Office Family Task Force
Associate Director of Religious Education, Sacramental, Childhood, and Family Catechesis

When: April 1, 1998

Action Step 2.1.2

Update the current religious education database to identify established "family-based" programs and those responsible for them within the archdiocese.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education, Sacramental, Family and, Childhood Catechesis

When: July 1, 1998

Action Step 2.1.3

Provide regional sharing days on family spirituality for parish leadership.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education, Sacramental, Family, and Childhood Catechesis

When: April 1, 1999

Objective 2.2

Provide assistance to catechetical leaders in implementing family-centered programs in parishes.

Action Step 2.2.1

Compile a family catechetical resource based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a part of the *Religion Curriculum Guide* and make it available to parish catechetical leadership.

Accountability: Director of the Family Life Office
Associate Director of Religious Education, Sacramental, Family, and Childhood Catechesis

When: April 1, 1998

Action Step 2.2.2

Pilot innovative family catechetical program(s) in three to five parishes.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education, Sacramental, Family, and Childhood Catechesis

When: July 1, 1998

Goal 3

Recruit, nourish, and retain a pool of talented catechetical leaders.

Objective 3.1

Recruit and retain catechetical leaders and catechists.

Action Step 3.1.1

Design a recruitment process to move professional educators, level coordinators, and catechists into religious education administration.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: January 1, 1998

Action Step 3.1.2

Investigate various ways to compensate catechists completing catechists' certification.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: July 1, 1998

Action Step 3.1.3

Create a program which recognizes the services of long-standing and effective catechists and parish administrators of religious education.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: July 1, 1997

Action Step 3.1.4

Investigate and implement regular archdiocesan communications for catechists.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: July 1, 1997

Objective 3.2

Develop standards in the area of theology, educational methods, and program planning for faith-formation leaders consistent with national standards.

Action Step 3.2.1

Offer the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership workshop "The Priest as the Empowerer of the Catechetical Ministry."

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: April 1, 1998

Action Step 3.2.2

Develop a position description for level coordinators who are employed in parish religious education programs and devise guidelines for the formation and compensation of level coordinators.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: July 1, 1997

Action Step 3.2.3

Develop a new *Catechist Certification Guide* in light of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the United States Catholic Conference Standards, and the *Religion Curriculum Guide*.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: July 1, 1997

Action Step 3.2.4

Recruit and train facilitators for catechist certification and coordinate training sites.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel

When: January 1, 1998

Goal 4

Explore new and creative approaches to lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Objective 4.1

Study and recommend to archdiocesan catechetical leadership ways of effectively using technology.

Action Step 4.1.1

Develop a deanery-level workshop for all parish pastoral staff members on the use of technology in catechesis.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education

When: January 1, 1999 (invitation issued)

Action Step 4.1.2

Pilot two or three projects in three geographic areas of the archdiocese dealing with the effective use of technology in catechesis.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Media and Technology
Office of Catholic Education Resource Team

When: January 1, 1999

Objective 4.2

Research, evaluate, and pilot alternative delivery systems for lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Action Step 4.2.1

Research diverse and effective delivery systems in the archdiocese and the nation and identify the common factors in these systems that account for their effectiveness.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Sacramental, Childhood and Family Catechesis

When: July 1, 1998

Action Step 4.2.2

Identify and promote effective delivery systems that tailor their content and delivery to the diverse groups within the archdiocese (e.g., geographic, socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic, special needs, life stages, et al.)

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
When: July 1, 1999

Objective 4.3

Promote and expand collaboration in parishes and within deaneries for lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Action Step 4.3.1

Identify and promote effective collaborative efforts in parishes and within deaneries.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
Office of Catholic Education Resource Team
When: January 1, 1998

Objective 4.4

Study and promote the effective integration of media in lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Action Step 4.4.1

Develop a software or print guide that correlates current videotapes, audiotapes, and print media with the archdiocesan *Religion Curriculum Guide*.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Sacramental, Childhood and Family Catechesis
Associate Director of Religious Education Media and Technology
Associate Director of Catholic Education for Curriculum
Manager of Educational Resources
When: July 1, 1998

Action Step 4.4.2

Establish a column in *The Criterion* that would review and evaluate media technology and resources useful for lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Media and Technology
Executive Editor of *The Criterion*
When: April 1, 1998

Action Step 4.4.3

Sponsor an archdiocesan conference on the power and impact of media on lifelong faith formation (media literacy).

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Media and Technology
When: January 1, 1999

Goal 5

Expand and enhance human, physical, and financial resources needed for lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Objective 5.1

Develop and implement a communications and marketing plan for lifelong faith formation and spiritual development that increases involvement, enrollment, and investment.

Action Step 5.1.1

Develop a campaign to promote and affirm family as the domestic church, using church and secular communications media.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education, Media and Technology
When: April 1, 1999

Action Step 5.1.2

Determine and use effective means of marketing lifelong faith formation, including the use of *The Criterion*, mass mail, radio, television, on-line technology, etc.

Accountability: Executive Associate Director of Religious Education
When: January 1, 1999

Action Step 5.1.3

Provide parish leadership with the training opportunities and resources to assist in marketing lifelong faith formation and spiritual development ministries.

Accountability: Executive Associate Director of Religious Education
When: January 1, 1999

Action Step 5.1.4

Sponsor an annual celebration to recognize and promote lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
When: January 1, 1999

Objective 5.2

Assist parishes in identifying and establishing the most effective use of physical resources needed for lifelong faith formation and spiritual development.

Action Step 5.2.1

Study recent demographic and parish annual reports and identify opportunities for shared use of space, equipment, and material resources.

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Sacramental, Childhood, and Family Catechesis
When: April 1, 1998

Objective 5.3

Promote stewardship education for catechetical ministers.

Action Step 5.3.1

Ensure that the new *Catechist Certification Guide* includes stewardship education

Accountability: Associate Director of Religious Education for Personnel
When: July 1, 1997

Objective 5.4

Increase the funding of lifelong faith-formation and spiritual-development opportunities in parishes, deaneries, and the archdiocese.

Action Step 5.4.1

Prioritize the funding needs for lifelong faith-formation in parishes, deaneries, and the archdiocese.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
When: October 1, 1997

Action Step 5.4.2

Promote the establishment of endowment(s) for every parish with lifelong faith-formation programs.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
When: January 1, 1998

Action Step 5.4.3

Research grant-making institutions, endowments, and foundations and prepare grant applications for funding pilot programs and enhancement opportunities for faith formation.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
When: April 1, 1998

Action Step 5.4.4

Ensure that the needs of lifelong faith formation are well-articulated in planned-giving materials and presentations prepared and given throughout the archdiocese.

Accountability: Executive Director of Catholic Education
Executive Director of Stewardship and Development
When: April 1, 1997

Action Step 5.4.5

Develop an annual giving program for parishes to use in supporting lifelong faith formation.

Accountability: Executive Director of Stewardship and Development
When: January 1, 2000

Action Step 5.4.6

Assess the advantages and disadvantages of a fee structure for parish (K-12) catechetical programs.

Accountability: Associate Executive Director of Religious Education
Associate Director of Religious Education for Sacramental, Childhood, and Family Catechesis
When: January 1, 2000

Faith Alive!

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God gives us grace through life situations and people

By Fr. W. Thomas Faucher

I once read an old folk story about a young girl tormented by a wicked aunt. The aunt's goal was to get possession of the girl's inheritance.

As the story unfolds, the village

elder agrees to resolve the dispute with a test. He decides that the girl must perform one task correctly to receive the legacy. If she is unable to complete the assigned task, the money will be given to the aunt.

The girl's task is to take a bundle of dirty wool to the river and clean it. But

the devious aunt substitutes wool from a black sheep for the dirty wool.

Naturally, no matter how much the girl works to clean it, the wool remains black. Finally, the girl prays for God's help and protection. Then God appears, exchanges the black wool for new wool that is sparkling white, and the girl's inheritance is saved from her aunt's trickery.

In another folk tale, a young Russian prince must make his way down from a mountaintop, then cross a river, walk through a forest, navigate a canyon, and climb the side of a second mountain to save himself and his kingdom.

The prince begins his adventure by praying for God's help and protection. Then the prince meets a man who teaches him to swim, and thus he crosses the river. Next he meets a man who shows him how to find his way through the dense forest. Then he meets a man who teaches him how to make a bridge from logs, and so he makes it over the river to the mountain. Finally, he meets a man who teaches him to ride a mountain goat, and he makes it up the mountain and saves everyone.

Both of these folk stories are about how God protects people. In the first story, God simply takes over and does what needs to be done. This is the simple, often erroneous image we have of God as our protector.

Much more often, God responds to our call for protection by giving us guides, mentors, and opportunities to help ourselves through difficulties in life.

Outside of folk stories, it is rare that God directly manipulates events for our advantage and protection. The old theological maxim that "grace builds on nature" teaches us that God gives us graces through situations and people. In them, we then find the help we need to deal with life problems.

God is usually very subtle. Look at a few examples:

- A young person runs away from home and gets involved with drugs and prostitution. Somewhere there is a parent or grandparent praying for God's protection for this lost child.

God doesn't whisk the child home, but God inspires people to volunteer for or give money to Covenant House, or the Youth Hotline, or some other youth-serving agency. And the troubled teenager ultimately finds a refuge with

people who care and are able to bring life back to the lost child.

- Or again, as a difficult pregnancy comes to term, many prayers are offered for God's protection for mother and child.

God does not lift the child from the womb by magic. Rather, God has for years guided into medicine men and women who are competent and caring, and who work in hospitals committed to the Gospel.

The couple deliberately selected a particular medical center because of its life values, and there the child is born safely.

These are examples of how God usually protects us. God uses the opportunities we have to learn, love, grow, develop and mature. God uses the people around us, the occasions for goodness, and the decisions we make in life.

Church theology recognizes the hand of God in the people around us. Coupled with God's presence in the sacraments and in Scripture, this reinforces our belief that God is present in the everyday things of our lives.

We do not believe in a God of magic. We believe in a God of love and community.

We even celebrate this reality on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast reminds us that while Jesus left us, we should realize he is still here with us as we work with and help each other.

Sometimes I wish God would protect me completely—as in the story of the girl and the wool—and that God would just wonderfully fulfill my wishes exactly as I express them.

Most of the time I appreciate God's way of wanting us to be ennobled, given our dignity, honored for our gifts and talents, and complimented for our intelligence. That is what God does in using nature and people and experience and life as means of responding to our prayers.

God "graces" us. And God's grace comes to us through the sacraments, the Scriptures, the community, and the world in which we live.

What we have to do is learn to recognize grace when it comes to us. We are well protected by God in thousands of ways, though we are often not aware of what those ways are.

(Father W. Thomas Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, on assignment in the Diocese of Baker, Ore.)



CNS photos by Jacque Brund

Outside of folk stories, it is rare that God directly manipulates events for our advantage and protection. However, God gives us graces through situations and people.



Discussion Point

Prayer time brings solace and hope

This Week's Question

When have you turned to God for "protection," and how was your prayer answered?

"Being a principal in an elementary school, I am very careful in how I handle people, and I pray constantly that God will protect me from misunderstanding so that the problem I'm trying to solve will be handled in the best interest of all concerned. And God always answers my prayers." (Evelyn Bernier, Manchester, N.H.)

"Last Thursday, I prayed for safety on a cross-state trip, and during the drive I hit an ice slip and went into a 360-degree turn, spinning across four lanes of rush-hour traffic before I came to a stop without hitting anyone or anything. I believe I was protected." (Daughter of Charity Sister Betty Dunkel, Gallup, N.M.)

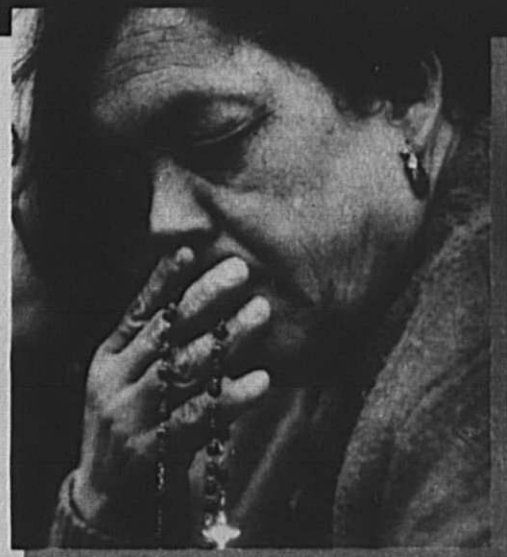
"I never turn away from God, and I always ask him to protect my family. And so far we've come out all right." (Josephine Morrison, Taunton, Mass.)

"Recently, our community has gone through devastating floods, and we turned to God for protection. Our prayers were answered, and we were grateful to return safely to our homes after being stranded for six days." (Megan Overgaard, Weiser, Idaho)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: How do family members show that they respect each other?

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Entertainment

Viewing with Arnold/James W. Arnold

'Mother' shares humor of living with grown son

The old Smothers Brothers joke in which Tommy pouts and tells Dickie that "Mom always liked you better" is the improbable basis for a screenplay in "Mother," the new Albert Brooks comedy.

It turns out considerably brighter than you might think, mostly because Debbie Reynolds, who has been retired from

Hollywood and sent to Las Vegas, returns to the screen after about 25 years. She performs the title role with a gentle charm and professionalism that nicely balances the well-established abrasiveness of writer-director Brooks, who has inadvisably cast himself as his own central male character.

While Debbie is a welcome sight, this is not an Oscar-caliber role. The film is a nice dessert-lite comedy after a hard day in the shopping mall, but it doesn't uncover much you haven't learned about mothers and adult sons on prime-time television.

"Mother" offers the premise of a 40-year-old, L.A.-based science-fiction writer (Brooks), childless and morose after two busted marriages and other failed relationships with women. He knows he isn't

close to his widowed mom, in contrast to his younger brother (Rob Morrow), a successful sports agent and family man, who calls mom in Sausalito every day.

Suspecting this is the key to his problems, he decides to move back home to his original bedroom (including the high school trophies and decor). He wants to try to understand and correct what's gone wrong in his life.

As a movie idea, this is a major stretch. It's built on simplistic, paint-by-the-numbers Freud—"I'm messed up because mom somehow didn't love me enough"—and perseveres with it to the end. Sure enough, he eventually discovers mom is a frustrated writer (forced into the mother role) who subconsciously resents his success. When they both realize this, they get on happily with their lives—he with a woman, she with a word processor.

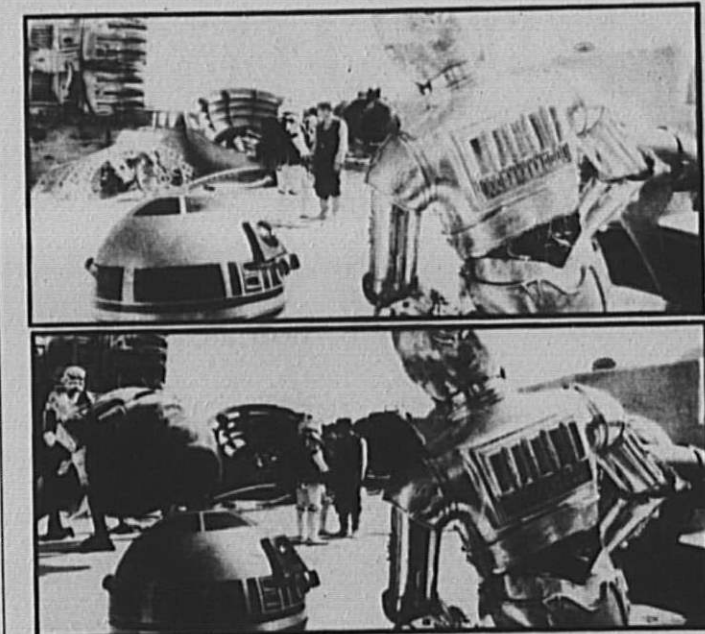
Luckily, the movie's success doesn't depend on this mutual epiphany or our belief in it. The humor really comes from Brooks' ability to exploit what every son or daughter knows as "mom-isms" (stuff that mothers do that's different or "weird").

That in turn opens up intergenerational tensions and delights too seldom explored in movies. In short, the script may struggle to get mother and son living together, but once there, it digs up some fresh and funny material.

Two dangers threaten the film's plot. One is that mom will be considered sacred, and you won't lay a glove on her. The other is that the jabs will be clumsy and unloving and simply verge into unfunny age-ism jokes. Brooks mostly dodges both.

The first time we see Beatrice (Reynolds), the balance is right. Her television set is being installed by two amiable Mideast immigrants who have only a dim understanding of the technology and the English language. She thinks the picture is too green, and the complaint mushrooms amusingly and is never quite resolved.

Older people, not just moms, often have trouble with contemporary gadgets, just about by definition. Beatrice has hilarious difficulty dealing with call-wait-



CNS photos from Lucasfilm

"Star Wars Special Edition" (bottom photo) includes new digitally created creatures. The top photograph shows the same scene from the early edition of the "Star Wars" trilogy, which is much lighter than the newly enhanced version. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the science fiction films as A-II for adults and adolescents.

ing and a picture phone (her face is never fully on screen), as well as a parking lot ticket machine.

Throughout the film, Beatrice and her son have a running argument about food and whether you should buy generic brands or expensive "name" brands.

In fact, many consumer advisers would agree with Beatrice, who buys generics. Her son's insistence on making fun at her expense reveals another negative aspect of his personality, which apparently he can't help. His character is a major crab. He whines constantly. He's over-cerebral, and challenges the face-value of every line. He's upset that women don't believe in him, yet on the one date he has in the film he peevishly puts the poor woman to the test on her knowledge of current books.

Yes, you're right. This is Albert Brooks in all his roles. Consider casting Billy Crystal as the male lead here, and the movie improves astronomically.

Funny scenes from the film evolve from shopping trips to The Gap and

Victoria's Secret. There's also a humorous scene that arises from mom's habit of keeping food in the freezer forever. But she comes from the Depression generation, and never throws away anything usable or edible.

"You're running a food museum here," the son complains, after opening ice cream with a layer of frosted ice on top.

There's one other caution. Brooks is obviously not grappling for insights within a Catholic culture, and that particular mom story remains to be shot.

One of the things he learns about Beatrice is that she's an adult, and here that means she has a 60-ish boyfriend who sometimes stays overnight.

"We're not intimate," she says. "We just have sex occasionally."

The line has more meaning than it intends.

In Hollywood, and most places, life and love are still works in progress.

(Lightweight entertainment for mature viewers.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults.

Film Classifications

Recently reviewed by the USCC

Dante's Peak	A-II
Johns	O
Meet Wally Sparks	A-III
Prisoner of the Mountains	A-III
Star Wars	A-II
Absolute Power	A-IV
The Beautician and the Beast	A-II
Dangerous Ground	O
Fools Rush In	A-III
The Pest	A-III
That Darn Cat	A-II
Touch	O

A-I — general patronage; A-II — adults and adolescents; A-III — adults; A-IV — adults, with reservations; O — morally offensive

Disney profiles childhood of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Gerri Pare, Catholic News Service

Incidents from the formative years of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. are presented in "The Boy King" to be shown on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 9:15 p.m. until 10:03 p.m. on pay cable's Disney Channel. (Check local cable listings to verify the program date and time.)

Young Martin, called M.L. in this program, and his sister and brother are seen in a loving family whose preacher father (Howard Rollins) tries to maintain a stern facade to his sometimes mischievous children.

Their mother (Martha McPheter) placates Martin Sr. when he worries about his children, while their grandmother (Pamela Poitier) is another strong influence on impressionable M.L. (Fred Perrin).

M.L. absorbs much from his father, who is actively involved in urging the black populace in his area to exercise their right to vote. Taking M.L. to a local shoe store, where they are insulted and ordered to go to the back of the store, Martin storms out with his son, unwilling to bow and scrape in order to be served.

A few years later, M.L. travels by bus to a preaching competition, but on the way he and his classmates are shunted to the back seats. Young Martin is too upset to give his prepared speech, so his father urges him to speak from the heart about the equality of all God's children. An impassioned preacher is born in the final scene as M.L. delivers a stirring call to action.

A 1986 production from director Billy James Parrott, the dramatization shows good intentions in its theme, but unfortunately looks staged during most scenes. By and large, the acting is also wooden, making the

script's shortcomings all the more apparent. However, its message is inspiring, and the drama shows a little of how the future leader was influenced by his family and the sometimes hostile environment they lived in during his childhood years. Unfortunately, the production doesn't adequately capture the great man developing inside the earnest youth.

"Schindler's List"

NBC will broadcast the 1993 movie "Schindler's List" without commercial interruption on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 7:30 p.m. until 11 p.m.

The historical film presents a sobering account of opportunistic German businessman Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), who moves to occupied Poland to make his fortune by exploiting Jewish capital and labor.

However, after witnessing the increasing barbarism of Nazi racial policies and the sadistic perversions of the local concentration camp commandant (Ralph Fiennes), Schindler risks his life by using his talents for manipulation to save the Jews in his employment.

Director Steven Spielberg painstakingly restages the appalling history of the Holocaust on an epic scale that gives horrifying dimension to one man's attempt to save a few innocent lives, but the narrative provides little insight in the German's moral transformation or the individual lives of his slave laborers.

The film contains realistically graphic treatment of an infamous historical period and its crimes against humanity, as well as a few discreet sexual scenes and occasional rough language and behavior.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classified the theatrical version of "Schindler's List" as A-III for adults.

The Motion Picture Association of America rated the drama "R" for restricted viewing by adults.

TV Programs of Note

Sunday, Feb. 23, 7-9 p.m. (Family Channel) "The Ditchdigger's Daughters." In this program based on a novel by Dr. Yvonne Thornton, an African-American father is determined to see his family of five daughters succeed in life with good educations and professional careers. Deciding that each girl should earn a medical degree, the father (Carl Lumbly) sets on enrolling them in a fine, all-white New Jersey school. After buying an empty lot across the street from the school, he singlehandedly built a house for his family after a bank refused him a loan. Insisting on straight A's from his girls, the iron-willed father saw his daughters grow up and successfully pursue careers in the medical and legal fields.

Sunday, Feb. 23, 8-9 p.m. (TBS) "Trumpet Awards." Honoring African-American achievers in fields as diverse as law, medicine, politics and entertainment, this awards program is hosted by Steve Allen and Nancy Wilson.

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 8-9 p.m. (NBC) "Asteroids: Deadly Impact." This "National Geographic" special explores the possibility that an asteroid measuring several miles in diameter could smash into the Earth. The program uses special animation scenes to illustrate this possibility.

(Check local listings to verify program dates and times. Henry Herx is the director and Gerri Pare is on the staff of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)

Second Sunday of Lent/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Feb. 23, 1997

- Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
- Romans 8:31-34
- Mark 9:2-10

The Book of Genesis supplies this second Sunday of Lent with its first biblical reading. More often than not, Genesis is remembered for its stories of creation. However, these stories comprise only part of the book. Actually, Genesis is extensive in the information it provides about persons and events important in the process of revelation.

For example, the central figure in this weekend's reading is Abraham. Scholars now conclude that Abraham was a person who lived between 20 and 19 centuries before Christ. Ultimately he settled in Hebron, a city in the West Bank area of the Middle East, a region located between Israel and Jordan which is now under Palestinian control.

Sadly, Hebron now is more frequently recalled as the site of bloodshed and discord. Almost 70 years ago, Arab mobs turned on Jewish residents of Hebron and slaughtered dozens of people. More recently, incidents of attack and revenge have captured headlines worldwide.

By contrast, Abraham's legacy is of a man utterly committed to God. He is regarded genetically as the father of the Jewish people, but his parenthood is far more inclusive than merely the biological element. He is regarded as the supreme example of faith.

In this reading, Abraham is prepared to offer the life of his beloved son, Isaac, to God. In this sacrifice, he would prove his love for God. But God intervenes, of course, and Isaac is spared, but Abraham becomes in a certain sense a human reflection of God's love. Isaac becomes, in a way, a human reflection of Jesus, offered by God to redeem humankind, to express fully God's love even for the fallen.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the source of the second reading. The apostle Paul loved the Lord Jesus with an undying

love. This great love shines in the Scripture read today. It was in God's mercy and love that Jesus came to the world as redeemer.

The Gospel, taken this weekend from St. Mark's Gospel, is the story of the Transfiguration.

Filling this passage are rich images of God. The event occurs on a mountain-top. Long before, God spoke to Moses on a mountain (in that case, on Sinai). A cloud appears. Often in the Bible, God is concealed in a cloud. From the cloud, God speaks.

Most marvelous in the story is the fact that Jesus stands as the Son of God. God testifies to this identity. The appearance of Jesus testifies to this identity. Jesus is gleaming with light, dazzling in the midst of light as brilliant as sunshine.

Peter, James and John witness this remarkable event. As apostles, they are given access to knowledge not offered to others. In itself, this is a testament to the majesty of the apostles' faith, a faith so important to the early church.

Reflection

Today's presentation, through the Gospel, of the great story of the Transfiguration inspires us in the dreary days of late winter, and in Lent, with a distant glimpse of Easter glory.

In reality, however, the story intends to identify for us the divine mission and identity of Christ Jesus. It is important to read the Gospel first, and then the epistle. Jesus is God. Jesus is the redeemer.

Then, finally, it is important to read the first reading. Just as Abraham so loved the peaceful relationship between God and humanity, and accordingly was willing to offer his son to seal this relationship, God so loves humankind. He offers the Son of God, the Lord Jesus, to redeem the world from its sin.

This weekend the church is saying that God so loved the world that he sent Jesus as Savior. Jesus restored the world to a peaceful relationship with God.

Lent is the occasion to personalize this process by voluntarily accepting the redemption of Jesus and by bringing Jesus into individual lives.

Accepting Jesus requires the utmost of honest intentions. It means admission of sin, and it means repentance, all because of love for God.

My Journey to God

Songs of Faith

Songs of faith last a lifetime.

A song I learned while preparing for my first Holy Communion is still in my heart and on silent lips as I approach to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

*"O Lord I am not worthy
that thou should'st come to me.
But speak the words of comfort,
my spirit healed shall be."*

The teen-age years opened up to me a larger world with more challenges to my faith. While attending Catholic high school, a new song filled my heart.

*"On earth's battlefields,
never an advantage we'll yield.
We're fighting for Christ, the Lord.
Heads lifted high,
Catholic action, our cry.
The cross our only sword."*

With my vocation to marriage came motherhood. And what better way to teach a child than by song?

(Bernadine Purcell is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville.)

*"Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."*

Retirement years have eased the pressure of time, and I am reminded of a song called "My Rosary."

*"The hours I spend with you,
dear Lord,
are as a string of pearls to me."*

Singing in our parish Resurrection Choir makes me aware of death.

*"You who dwell in the shelter
of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, my refuge,
my rock in whom I trust..."*

And, I wonder, will I be carried "On Eagle's Wings" someday?

By Bernadine Purcell

Daily Readings

Monday, Feb. 24
Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalm 79:8-9, 11-13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, Feb. 27
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday, Feb. 28
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 1
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 2
Exodus 20:1-17 or
Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Psalm 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Gospel messages remind Christians to be loving



answer. He didn't say why he asked, but I think his children and family take unfair advantage of his generous nature.

It did prompt our question: What does this commandment of Jesus really mean? If someone hurts us, must we keep on letting them? Shouldn't we ever, as we used to say, "give them some of their own back" in appropriate situations? (New York)

A The verse you quote contains one of the many remarks of Jesus that seem to contradict experience and common sense. I think at least two considerations are vitally important here.

First, Jesus is acknowledging and warning us against the danger that if we resist evil the wrong way, we become the evil we are fighting.

Part of evil's insidiousness is that it conquers us—can only conquer us—not by its own strength but by enticing us to imitate the violence against life, the destructiveness, which is the very essence of evil. It is no coincidence that, shortly after the words you quote (Matthew 5:39), Jesus commands us to become perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, who makes the sun and rain fall on the good and the bad.

If we are to be holy as the Father is holy, our Lord insists, then we too must treat people, even the "worst," with kindness and compassion. If we don't, we become like them.

In other words, in our response to evil of whatever kind we are never detached observers or actors. We are deeply involved personally. If our reaction becomes (as we are so often tempted), "I can be just as mean as you are," that is precisely what will happen. We become as evil as the evil we claim to reject.

To say it in traditional terms of temptation by the devil, he almost never tempts us directly to evil; our hearts and wills are too much attracted to what is good for that to happen. So he seduces us to think we are doing the good by responding to evil and lies with our own version of lies and of disrespect for life and truth, and he has us hooked.

It's what happened to Adam and Eve. It's what happens in every sin. This theme is central, of course, in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and is repeated throughout the Gospels, nowhere so clearly as on the cross.

The Gospel writers tell us that, when all their animosity on Calvary was played out, the enemies of Jesus seemed mysteriously to realize the cosmic event that was taking place before them.

All the evil and violence they stood for was being conquered by the infinite, perfect good hanging on the cross. So they played their last card. "Let him come down from the cross now and we will believe" (Matthew 27:42).

They were saying, in effect, "Come play the game now our way. Show us that your raw power is greater than ours, and we will accept you."

Interestingly, this challenge was considered so important to the crucifixion event that both Matthew and Mark repeat it twice. Of course Jesus refused, and by his death and resurrection proved, we believe, that his and the Father's kind of loving, life-giving and life-respecting power would prove to be strongest and prevail in the end.

As St. Paul sees it, the maxim "Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good" (Romans 12:21) is part of the way of life to which we are committed as followers of Jesus Christ.

On the other hand, whatever good intentions we might claim, once we begin resisting what we perceive as evil with our own pettiness, vindictiveness, unkindness, jealousy and cruelty, we have already to that extent been conquered by evil.

Second, very briefly, genuine love and caring seriously obligate us to intervene when we see people act destructively toward themselves or others.

As Jesus says in that same Sermon, however, we are never permitted to judge or correct others until we have first carefully judged ourselves and our motives (Matthew 7:5).

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

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The Active List

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February 21

St. Simon the Apostle, 8400 Roy Road, Indianapolis, Lenten Series, week one, "Baptism: Daily Conversion to Kingdom of Life," Father Ron Ashmore, 7:45-9 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Milan, St. Charles Ladies Society is sponsoring a Cod Fish Fry, 4-8 p.m. Carry-out available.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union Street, Indianapolis, will hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent, following 8 a.m. Mass and close with Benediction and prayer service at 5:30 p.m.

A pro-life rosary will be prayed every Friday morning at 10 a.m.

in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis. Everyone is welcome.

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Friday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be held before Mass. Everyone is welcome.

St. Susanna Church, Main St., Plainfield, will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. every Friday.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will hold Mass, healing service and teaching in St. Francis Hall at

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Teaching 7 p.m.; Worship 7:30 p.m.; followed by Mass & healing. Information: 317-927-6900.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union, Indianapolis, will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. 7 p.m.

St. Michael Church, 3354 West 30th, Indianapolis, will sponsor Lenten Fish Fry, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in Parish Life Center. For carry-out call 317-925-7597, after 4 p.m.

FAMILIA Family Values Workshop, St. Augustine Home, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-885-1585; 317-578-3475.

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St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends, will hold Card & Board Game Night. Bring your favorite game and food or drink to share. Information: 317-879-8018.

February 21 - 23

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, is holding a Women's Lent Retreat, "Women of Lent: Women of Scripture." Fee: \$105. Information: 317-545-7681.

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center, 101 Anthony Dr., Mt. St. Francis, is presenting Charismatic Retreat for Men & Women "Jesus the Messiah - Be Grounded in Jesus the Word of God" by Fr. Leo Kennedy, OFM Conv., Fr. Jim Cantwell Conv. Resident cost: \$80.; commuter cost: \$55. Mt. St. Francis is located off Hwy. 150, 15 minutes from Louisville; I-64 W, exit 119, 2 miles on

left. Information & Registration: 812-923-8817.

February 22 - 23

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a Caregivers Retreat, "You Can't Give What You Haven't Got," 8:30 a.m. Saturday through 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Resident fee: \$110; commuter fee: \$95. Information & Registration: 317-788-7581

February 22

Cardinal Ritter High School Booster Club Monte Carlo Night, 3360 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Games, Raffle, food & beverages. Information: 317-927-7828.

Catholic Widowed Organization will attend "The Fabulous 50's" at the American Cabaret Theater, 401 E. Michigan Street, 5 p.m. Information: 317-887-9388.

St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends Western Bowl and Western Star bowling, dinner and dancing. Information: 317-879-8018.

Oldenburg Academy, 1 Twister Circle, Oldenburg, placement test for Class of 2001; 8:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Fee: \$12. Information & Registration: 812-934-4440.

Family Growth Program of Catholic Social Services, in cooperation with St. Paul Episcopal Church, is offering one-day STEP parenting workshop (all ages) education building of St. Paul's, 10 West 61st St., Indianapolis. Fee: \$35/single; \$50/couple. Information & Registration: 317-236-1526.

February 23

Christ the King School, 5858 Crittenden Ave., Indianapolis, open house/tour, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information: 317-257-9366

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of Secular Franciscans will meet in Sacred Heart Chapel, 1530 Union, Indianapolis, at 3 p.m. Information: 317-888-8833.

St. Anthony's Church, Clarksville, "Be Not Afraid" Family Holy Hour, week three "Purgation from What?" 6-7 p.m.

The archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Family Growth Program is offering PECEs parenting classes for the Spanish speaking community at the Marian Center, 311 N. New Jersey, from 3-5 p.m. Information: 317-237-9719; 317-236-1526.

At Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt & Hermitage "How to Get Your Ticket to Heaven From Mary," 2:30 p.m. Mass 3:30 Information: Fr. Elmer Burwinkel 812-689-3551. Directions: .8 mile E. of 421 on 925-S, 10 south of Versailles.

Sacred Heart Church, Indianapolis, will hold Marian Prayer, 2-3 p.m. All are invited.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey College School of Theology is

celebrating African-American History month with a poetry/slide presentation by author Nikky Finney in the Newman Conference Center at 2:30 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501

Holy Guardian Angels, 405 U. S. Highway 52, Cedar Grove, will hold Eucharistic Adoration 6-8 p.m.

February 24

St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will host Young Widowed Group, sponsored by the archdiocesan Family Life Office, every third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Childcare available. Information: 317-236-1586.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold Yoga classes from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$8. Information: 317-788-3142.

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Tulip Festival... May 13 (4 days)	\$299.00
Pipestem Resort... June 5 (3 days) ... resort lodge	\$250.00
Nashville, TN... May 24 (3 days) ... stay at Opryland Hotel	\$309.00
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gram will hold weekly STEP parenting classes at St. Francis Education Center, 8111 S. Emerson, Indianapolis, 7-9:30 p.m. For fee information & registration: 317-236-1526

February 25

St. Mary-of-the-Woods College Lent Program, "Pardon My Lenten Smile," week two "The Liturgy of the 40 Days" presented by Mary Milano, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge, SMWC Library. Fee: \$5. Information: 812-535-5148.

St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends Peer Faith Sharing Evening, 7:30 p.m. in the parish activity room. Information: 317-357-9624; 317-299-9818.

The Faith Formation Commission of St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, is sponsoring a contemporary look at scripture series "The Ascending View," presented by Jim Welter, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Information: 317-257-3043

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

February 26

St. Barnabas, 8300 Rahke Road, Indianapolis, will hold a Lenten Soup Supper, Chili at 6 p.m., followed by Habitat for Humanity presentation.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold Introduction to Centering Prayer. Information: 317-788-3142.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 57th & Central Ave., Indianapolis, a Marian cenacle will meet to pray the rosary every Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m. The church is located at 57th and Central Ave.

The archdiocesan Catholic Social Services will hold a group session on "Survivors of Sexual Abuse" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information/location: Linda Loheide Clarke 317-236-1500.

February 26-27

Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Saint Meinrad, is offering "Addressing Respect for Life" workshop presented by Helen Alvare, beginning at noon on Friday, concluding at noon on Saturday. Registration deadline: 2/19. Resident cost:

\$165; commuter cost: \$125. Information: 812-357-6599.

February 27

Holy Trinity Community Day Care & Kindergarten, 902 N. Holmes, Indianapolis, will host a Very Special Black History Celebration and Lunch, 11:00 a.m. Information: 317-638-9509.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold Lenten Reflection Days for archdiocesan employees, "Zacchaeus: Lenten Story of Curiosity to Communion" 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Thursday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be held before Mass.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers will sponsor Caterpillar Kids, a bereavement support group for children, ages 5 to 12, at Christ United Methodist Church 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis. Information: 317-865-2092

February 28

St. Simon the Apostle, 8400 Roy Road, Indianapolis, Lenten Series, week two, "Resurrection", Father Bernard Lamontaque, 7:45-9 p.m.

St. Paul Elementary School Booster Club, 9788 N. Dearborn Rd., Guilford, annual Lent Fish Fry, 4-7:30 p.m., in the Father Walsh Hall, Yorkville. Carry-out available. Information: 317-623-2631

St. Michael Church, 3354 West 30th, Indianapolis, will sponsor a Lenten Fish Fry, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. For carry-out 317-925-7597 after 4 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union Street, Indianapolis, will hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent, following 8 a.m. Mass and close with Benediction and prayer service at 5:30 p.m.

A pro-life rosary will be prayed every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis. Everyone is welcome.

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Friday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be held before Mass. Everyone is welcome.

St. Susanna Church, Main St., Plainfield, will hold Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. every Friday.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union, Indianapolis, will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m.

February 28-March 2

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, is holding a Women's Lent Retreat "Going Inward. and Knowing God." Fee: \$105. Information: 317-545-7681.

March 1

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a Lenten Leisure Day, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-788-7581

March 2

Saint Meinrad School of Theology will present a piano/cello recital by Bloomington musicians John Winger and Diane Rivera in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, 2:30 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

The archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Family Growth program is offering PECEs parenting classes for the Spanish speaking community at the Marian Center, 311 N. New Jersey, from 3-5 p.m. Information: 317-237-9719; 317-236-1526.

St. Anthony's Church, Clarks-ville, "Be Not Afraid" Family Holy Hour, week four "Capacity for Holiness," 6-7 p.m.

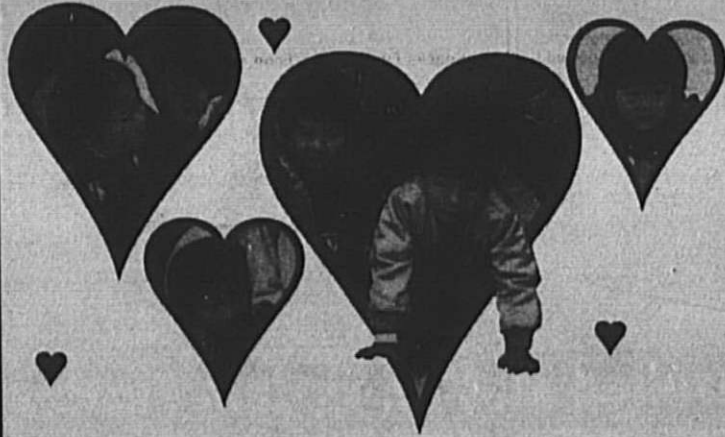
St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends Brunch & Group Planning for April and May. Information: 879-8018.

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

Bingos

MONDAY: Our Lady of Lourdes, 6:30 p.m.; TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; St. Malachi, Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m. THURSDAY: Msgr. Downey K of C Council 3660, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday each of month, 1:15 p.m.

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Sister Eva Marie Lumas, SSS, DMin is an Assistant Professor of Faith and Culture at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California.

Cost for this weekend is \$10.00 which includes a reception on Friday evening, materials and lunch on Saturday. Please mail registration and check to SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or call 317-634-4519 for more information. This weekend is being sponsored by Office of Multicultural Ministry, Office of Catholic Education and several Center City parishes.

Youth News/Views

Teens promote chastity to junior high students

By Mary Ann Wyand
Second of two parts

Indiana Pacers power forward and center Antonio Davis of Indianapolis talks about responsible fatherhood with a group of teen-age boys in a new video which is part of the archdiocesan peer ministry chastity program "A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality."

The teen-agers featured in the video are "Promise to Keep" peer ministers, and they candidly discuss the serious consequences of sexual involvement before marriage.

Aimed at eighth graders, the new fatherhood video is one of a series of chastity messages produced for use with the Christian-based curriculum promoting teen abstinence, which was created by the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.

Eve Jackson, coordinator of adolescent growth programs for that agency, said she was thrilled when Davis agreed to participate in the educational video taped last summer at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

"Antonio Davis talked with eight of our male peer mentors from different schools

for about an hour," Jackson said. "We edited their discussion down to 12 minutes and ended up calling it 'The Three Rs,' which stand for 'respect, responsibility, and reputation.' Those topics just naturally came out of their conversation. The students talked about how they want to be respected, because it's important to have a good reputation, and how being a man means accepting responsibility and doing the right thing. They really talked from their hearts."

Jackson said that video resulted from a conversation with Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, who suggested a chastity curriculum that focus on problems associated with fatherless families.

"I put together an hour program on fatherhood," she said. "Former Gov. Evan Bayh sponsored a conference on fatherhood last September and made a five-minute video sponsored by Kodak. The state gave us that video, so we incorporated it with earlier interviews with a few teen-age moms. The young unwed mothers talk about their former boyfriends, who fathered their children, and how they never see them anymore."

Marion County Juvenile Court Judge James Payne also talks about the responsi-



Cathedral High School senior Jim Olsen of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis talks with St. Thomas Aquinas eighth graders about the importance of chastity until marriage during the "A Promise to Keep" session on Feb. 7 at the Indianapolis North Deanery parochial school. This year, 225 students from the six Catholic high schools in Indianapolis are chastity peer ministers.

Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

bilities of fatherhood on the new "Promise to Keep" parenting video.

"We're not trying to make single parents feel bad," Jackson said. "The peer ministry objective is to recommend that eighth graders think about their future families and about remaining chaste until marriage. They also work on a budget to find out how much it costs to have a baby. To prepare this curriculum on fatherhood, I talked with some young men who were raised by single moms, and they said the lesson should focus on money."

Next year, Jackson said, the "Promise to Keep" curriculum will include new sessions for seventh graders about peer pressure and the danger of AIDS. New

programming planned for high school freshmen will be presented by a physician, who will discuss sexually-transmitted diseases and the incidence of birth defects among mothers with health problems.

"In another new session for high school students, peer mentors will talk about bonding, ways to establish a healthy relationship, and how important it is to wait to have sexual relations until marriage," she said. "And in keeping with the Pontifical Council on the Family's document on 'The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality,' which states that parents should be the primary teachers of their children, we're providing parents with resource information about this chastity curriculum."

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Campus/Young Adult News

St. Paul Catholic Center production benefits poor

St. Paul Catholic Center at Indiana University in Bloomington will present Marty Haugen's "Agape: The Stories and the Feast," a dramatic musical performance, on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 2, at 2 p.m.

Directed by St. Paul music director Lourdes Diaz, the production was well received two years ago and returns by popular demand.

"People requested that it be brought back," St. Paul administrative assistant Joanne Jackowiak said. "Many of the performers are students from the I.U. School of Music. They put on wonderful performances. The talent from I.U. and the Bloomington area is just wonderful."

Proceeds from the production will benefit the work of Habitat for Humanity and the Central American Missions.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. There is no charge for children age 12 and under. Advance tickets may be purchased at the St. Paul Catholic Center, located at 1413 E. 17th St. next to Armstrong Stadium. Tickets also will be available at the door before each performance. For further information, telephone the St. Paul Catholic Center at 812-339-5561.

"Agape" is a performance work inspired by the "agape feasts" of the early Christian church. Although it resembles a Roman Catholic Mass in its form and elements, it is not a liturgy or a sacramental event. "Agape" is a dramatic reflection on the sacred commu-

nal experiences of storytelling and meal-sharing.

In the "Stories" section of the production, the great Judeo-Christian stories of creation, the exodus and the crucifixion of Jesus are yoked to the words of the late western prophets Chief Seattle, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador.

The words of the late Catholic Worker activist Dorothy Day about community and the breaking of the bread open the "Feast" section of the production, which is a musical and dramatic meditation on the meaning of the Eucharist for Christians today.

Production at the Woods celebrates Black History Month

The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Arts and Issues Committee will present a popular one-man play on the history of black leaders at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24, in Hayes Auditorium in the Mary Fendrich Hulman Hall for the Arts and Sciences.

"Can I Speak for You, Brother?" stars Phillip E. Walker, a member of the African American Drama Company of California, and is free and open to the public.

Described as "entertaining, informative and inspirational," the show is directed by Ethel Pitts Walker and highlights the accomplishments of black leaders Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Frederick Douglass, High John, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.



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A mural decorates the tomb of the late Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador. The martyred bishop is remembered in Marty Haugen's dramatic reflection "Agape: The Stories and the Feast."

Now in its 19th national touring season, the black theater group has performed in 49 states. This play is the group's flagship production. It combines dance, drama, poetry, storytelling, puppetry, letters, speeches and music to depict a chronology of black leaders.

For additional information, call the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods public relations office at 812-535-5212.

The show is part of the PBS television series "Arts Alive." A third edition of the play in book form will be published this year.

In addition to his work on the stage, actor Phillip Walker has performed in several motion pictures and made-for-televi-

sion movies, including Francis Ford Coppola's "Peggy Sue Got Married," the Lucas Film LTD movie "Howard the Duck," the ABC network program "Fortune Dane," and the cable TV movie "Nightfeeder."

Walker has worked with the Kuumba Theatre of Chicago and the San Francisco Mime Troupe. He serves on the board of the National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts.

Before the evening performance next Monday, Walker will conduct classroom lectures for students at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. The campus is located at the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence, 4.5 miles northwest of Terre Haute.

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BATES, Margaret Josephine, 91, St. John the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Feb. 8. Mother of Robert, Paul, Patrick, Joseph, Gerald, Bernadette, Theresa Bates. Providence Sister Mary Margaret, Dolores Clarke, Dorothy Carson, Elizabeth Price, Catherine Souter, sister of Dorothy Kruse, grandmother of 44, great-grandmother of 57.

BEELER, Virginia R., 86, Holy Family, New Albany, Feb. 7. Mother of Donald E. Beeler, sister of Margaret Kerswill, grandmother of three, great-grandmother of five.

BEDEL, Edmund F., 81, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, Feb. 14. Husband of Virginia M. (Young) Bedel, father of Jerome, James, Norbert, Michael, Thomas Bedel, Maryann Niese, LaDonna Hoening, Kathy Westrick, brother of Louis, John Bedel, Anna Mae Schneider, Rita Bischoff, Cleopha Werner,

grandfather of 30, great-grandfather of 12.

BRANDEWIEDE, Joseph Andrew "Joe", 61, St. Mary, North Vernon, Jan. 30. Husband of Mary Margaret Brandewiede, father of Edward Joseph Brandewiede, Joseph Michael, Richard Wesley Fordice, Cecile Darlage, Carol McQueen, Marietta Curran, brother of Elizabeth Brandewiede, grandfather of 12.

DEATRICK, Madeline F. (Riley), 87, St. Joseph, Corydon, Jan. 13. Mother of Edward, Thomas, James, Michael, Paul Deatrick, Mildred Cavins, Rose Smith, sister of Lucile Hunter, Louise Cavins and Sam Riley, grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of two.

FIRSICH, Estol, 82, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Feb. 2. Mother of Jean Holden, Robert C. Firsich, Jr., grandmother of two.

FUCHS, Paul E., Jr., 26, St. Paul, Tell City, Jan. 30. Father of Whitney, Ryan Fuchs, son of Paul, Sr., Elton Fuchs, brother of Teresa Fuchs, Charlene Hemmings.

GILLES, Leona M., 78, St. Vincent, Shelbyville, Feb. 12. Mother of Thomas, Joe, Kenneth, Ronald, Donald, Stephen Gilles, Jean (Mrs. Russell), Kelsay, grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 11, step-grandmother of three, step-great-grandmother of six.

HOLLKAMP, Herbert J., 67, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Jan. 29. Husband of Mary Hollkamp, father of Herbert, Paul, David, Joseph, Nicholas Hollkamp, Carol Boutelle, Kathleen Foreman, Marjorie Nelson, brother of Eugene, G. Patrick, Norma Hollkamp, Wilma Smith, Phyllis Burkholder, Betty Williams, grandfather of 15.

KLUESNER, Nell, 87, St. Isidore, Bristow, Jan. 27. Mother of Carolyn Branam, Nancy Rohl, Margie Harpenau, Linus Kluesner, grandmother of 16, great-grandmother of 14.

LEIST, Betty L., 66, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Feb. 1. Wife of Robert E. Leist, Sr., mother of Robert E. Leist, Jr., Patricia Schnell, Cynthia Dailey, Sherri Tomblin, daughter of Zylpha Blue, step-daughter of Dorothy Combs, sister of Yvonne Markland, Becky Hattabaugh, step-sister of Michael, Clarence Combs, Billy Plumber, grandmother of four.

MAHAN, Catherine M., 81, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Feb. 2. Sister of Betty Clements, aunt of several nieces & nephews.

McKINNEY, Hannah, 95, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, Feb. 8. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

QUALITZA, Vera, 75, Feb. 11. Wife of Albert Qualitza, mother of Eda Marie Swenby, Many Ann Davis, Sandra Kay Ferguson, sister of Joseph, Basil Covert, Miller Dyson, grandmother of six, great-grandmother of 15.

RAWN, Margaret Jane, 77, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 4. Mother of William, Steve, Terry Rawn, grandmother of four, step-grandmother of four, step-great-grandmother of one.

SCHARF, Elizabeth J., 92, St. Mary, New Albany, Feb. 6. Mother of Kenneth Scharf, Ruth Nichols, Sister of Hobart, Leonard Jensen, Martha Boyd, Sophia Smith, grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of 10.

STANICH, Bernadette "Nady", 72, Holy Trinity,

Feb. 8. Sister of Stanley, Richard Stanich, Bruna Long, Agatha Hanna, Martha Boyce.

VERMEULEN, Mary E., 87, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Feb. 6. Mother of David Michael, James J. Vermeulen, Delores Ann Stone, Joan Ellen Scott, sister of Bernard Bray, grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of three.

WADSWORTH, Clarissa M. (Davis), 90, St. Monica, Indianapolis. Mother of Charles A. Wadsworth.

WAGNER, Rolles, 78, St. John, Osgood, Feb. 5. Husband of Mary Louise Wagner, father of Margie Toomey, Martha Royce, Richard "Buck", Charles "Butch" Shipley, grandfather of 11, great-grandfather of 12.

WHITHAM, Roy "Boone", 85, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, Jan. 28. Husband of Anna Whitham, father of Paul E. Whitham, Betty Hanner, brother of Glen Whitham, Goldie Zores, grandfather of six, great-grandfather of nine.

WILLIAMS, GRACE C. (HARMS), 78, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Feb. 10. Wife of Kenneth E. Williams, mother of Judith A. Keeney, sister of Ann Cisneros, Joyce Baird, Ida Mae Groves, grandmother of one, great-grandmother of two.

YOUNG, Mary M., 49, St. Mary, North Vernon, Feb. 2. Wife of Arthur Young. Daughter of J. F. and Golda Wilkerson, sister of Randall Wilkerson, Joyce Durham.

Providence Sister Teresa Mount was 92

Providence Sister Teresa Aloyse Mount died Feb. 11 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 92.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 14 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The former Magdalene Matilda Mount entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1922, professed first vows in 1925, and took final vows in 1930.

Sister Teresa ministered as

teacher, dean and president, and ecumenical pastoral minister, at schools in Indiana, Illinois and the District of Columbia.

Among archdiocesan schools she served were Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College; Ladywood and Ladywood-St. Agnes, St. Maur Seminary, St. Lawrence and Holy Spirit in Indianapolis; and St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg.

Sister Teresa Aloyse is survived by Providence Sister Mary Ann McCauley, her niece.

Franciscan Sister Antoinette Miller was secondary teacher

Franciscan Sister Antoinette Miller died Feb. 12 at the age of 84. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis on Feb. 14.

Born in Osgood, she entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1931 and professed her final vows in 1937.

Sister Antoinette taught at St. Mary Academy and Secina High School in Indianapolis, at Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg, as well as schools in Ohio and Missouri. She retired to the motherhouse in 1992.

She is survived by a niece, Franciscan Sister Constance Smith and other nieces and nephews.

Marjory McGrath was former editor

Marjory L. Guide McGrath died on Feb. 3 at the age of 70. She wrote "My Hair is in the Outbox," a 1995 book about her experience that is used by physicians to inspire cancer patients.

A funeral Mass was held Feb. 7 at the chapel at St. Augustine Home.

McGrath was society editor and book reviewer for *Indiana*

Catholic and Record, predecessor of *The Criterion*.

Vice president for McGrath and Co. advertising agency, she was the first woman on the board of directors of the Catholic Communications Center.

She served on the St. Augustine Guild for the Little Sisters of the Poor for more than 30 years.

Pope asks for church, regional cooperation in jubilee preparations

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—One day before the distribution of the Gospel of Mark to families throughout Rome, Pope John Paul II gave copies to the members of the Latium regional council.

In his annual meeting with the politicians and administrators responsible for the region surrounding Rome Feb. 15, the pope asked for a cooperative effort between the church and the regional government in preparing for the year 2000.

The Gospel distribution, which will take place during home visits, is part of an effort by the Catholic Church in Rome.

After long delays, the Italian government released almost \$2.2 billion Feb. 14 for public works projects in Rome and for Latium to get roads, parking lots, the subway system and lodging ready for the estimated 20 million pilgrims expected in the year 2000.

"A pilgrimage is, by its nature, a double experience: spiritual, with deep and strong religious motivations; and

practical, insofar as it requires concrete realization such as the journey, the stops, the visits, transfers and meetings," the pope said.

Piero Badaloni, president of the regional council, told the pope that a variety of the regional government's offices are working on projects for the jubilee year.

"They are works which have been judged necessary to make pilgrims' stay in Rome more comfortable," he said. In addition, they provide an opportunity "not only to improve the image of the city and the territory, but also the quality of life of those who live here ordinarily."

On Feb. 15, church and government officials appeared at a round-table discussion on preparations for the jubilee.

Paolo Costa, Italian public works minister, acknowledged that the funding of projects was far behind schedule.

"I hope that in the remaining 1,000 days we can make up time," Costa said at the discussion sponsored by La Civiltà Cattolica, a Jesuit-run journal.

Archbishop Sergio Sebastiani, secretary of the Vatican's central committee for the jubilee, said people must keep in mind the fact that the Holy Year is a spiritual event and a pastoral opportunity.

The Holy Year is not a business, nor a tourism project, nor an expression of millenarianism—the expectation of a cataclysmic event in connection with the year 2000—nor, he said, is it "a misfortune" for Romans who will find their city filled with tourists.

"To those apathetic and distrustful Christians I would respond, 'Open your ears not to the shrill voices, but to the whispers of the Holy Spirit,'" the archbishop said.

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The Catholic community of Knoxville seeks a high school principal who has a strong combination of Catholic Stewardship and educational qualifications. The position is for Knoxville Catholic High School, which has 381 students, a staff of 35, and is located within the Knoxville metropolitan area. This position will be available July 1, 1997.

Qualified applicants should have experience in secondary education, a master's degree in administration or curriculum, and be eligible for Tennessee certification in administration at the secondary level. Candidate must have a recognized history of stewardship within his/her community, including the contribution of time, talent, and treasure. This position offers a competitive salary along with an excellent benefits package.

A resume, transcript of college work, three professional references, and a letter of reference from your local parish priest should be sent to: Knoxville Catholic High School Search Committee, Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Knoxville, P.O. Box 11127, Knoxville, TN 37939-1127.

Library Assistant

Bishop Chatard High School is seeking a library assistant to be responsible for assisting students, book processing, and book repair. All applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent, be proficient in typing, and have a willingness to learn how to use computers. This is a part-time position available during the school year. Please send resume or letter of interest to Tammy Perry, Office of Human Resources, The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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Deanery Pastoral Center Director

Deanery Council seeks a replacement for retiring Director of the Deanery Pastoral Center, effective July 1, 1997.

Responsibilities include assisting the Dean, serving as administrative officer to the Deanery Council and its four committees: Education, Communications, Finance and Youth/Young Adult/Single Adult Ministries; directing the media resource center for 13 parishes and coordinating deanery collaborative programs.

Qualifications: B.A. in theology or related field (M.A. preferred) and administrative experience in religious education or pastoral ministry. Send resume and references to: Rev. Anthony Volz, Dean, c/o T.H. Deanery Pastoral Center, 2931 Ohio Blvd., Terre Haute, IN 47803. Application deadline: March 5, 1997

Catholic Elem./Middle School Principal

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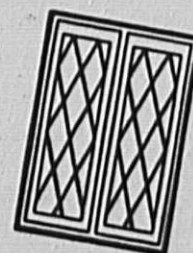
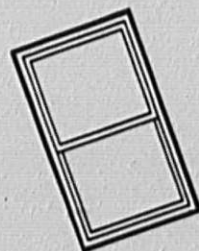
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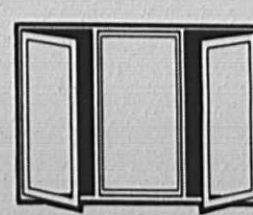
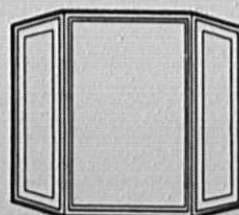
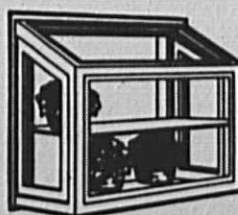
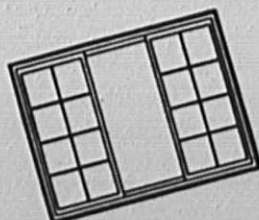
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