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Archdiocese responds to Catholic Center Evaluation

Reviews by pastoral leaders prompt changes meant to help improve service to parishes

By Peter Agostinelli

Members of the Council of Priests and Management Council of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis recently discussed their response to "the Catholic Center Evaluation," an extensive review of archdiocesan ministries conducted by parish leaders last year. Members of the two advisory groups to Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein co-sponsored this review with the assistance of professional researchers who helped formulate the questions and tabulate the results of the review.

A summary of the research findings—including "areas of praise" and "suggestions for improvement" provided by pastoral leaders who participated in the evaluation—was published in August 1996 and distributed to all parishes, schools and archdiocesan agencies.

Members of the Management Council and representatives from the Council of Priests met several times last fall to discuss their response to the Catholic Center Evaluation. According to Father Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and moderator of the curia, "The research findings pointed out several areas that we felt required an immediate response. These include: 1) our commitment to serving the needs of parishes; 2) the quality of our communication; and 3) accountability for our stewardship of human and financial resources."

Father Schaedel said that other issues discussed in response to the Catholic Center Evaluation—such as the need for better use of computers and electronic media for communications and long-distance learning—are included in the archdiocese's longer range strategic plan because of their implications for the future of archdiocesan and parish ministry.

"To illustrate the archdiocese's strong desire to serve parish needs, the Council of Priests and Management Council," said Father Schaedel, "will issue a 'statement of commitment,' which calls for a strong pastoral orientation in all programs and services sponsored by the archdiocese." This statement will be reinforced by a series of workshops and continuing education programs designed to help archdioc-

san employees strengthen their pastoral skills, he said.

Archdiocesan agencies also will be encouraged to provide more flexibility in parish services and to devise program models that reflect the significant differences in size, culture and ministry needs that exist among parishes in rural, urban, small town and suburban areas of central and southern Indiana. In addition, the archdiocese's strategic plan will be reviewed with an eye toward softening language that suggests parishes are being required to carry out archdiocesan directives. The new language will emphasize pastoral services offered to those parishes that choose to take advantage of them.

To improve the quality of communications between and among parishes and archdiocesan agencies, the Management Council and Council of Priests have discussed a variety of issues ranging from new telephone, mail and computer systems to increasing the "presence" and "visibility" of archdiocesan leaders in parishes and deaneries. As a major step in the effort to provide stronger linkage between parishes and the Catholic Center, Father Schaedel and the eight secretariat heads and vicars who make up the archdiocesan Management Council will each be assigned to one or more of the 11 deaneries of the archdiocese as official liaisons between the deanery and the Catholic Center.

"These new deanery liaisons will be available to attend meetings in their respective deaneries (at the invitation of the dean)," Fr. Schaedel said. "They will also serve as communications links between pastoral leaders in the deanery and individual offices and agencies of the archdiocese. When in doubt about whom to call at the Catholic Center, parishes will know that they can call their deanery liaison for a quick answer or referral."

The final area of immediate response to the Catholic Center Evaluation is accountability for stewardship of human and financial resources. Reviewing the more than 2,500 written comments and statistical

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Mary stands at the foot of the cross in this stained glass depiction of the crucifixion at Sacred Heart Church in Peetz, Colo. The window was created by artist Brad Barth.

At the Cross her
station Keeping
Stood the mournful
Mother weeping
*Stabat Mater dolorosa
Juxta Crucem lacrimosa*



Missionaries of Charity elect new superior

Mother Teresa appears with Sister Nirmala shortly after she was elected the new superior of the Missionaries of Charity March 13 in Calcutta. Sister Nirmala is a former Hindu Brahmin who converted to Roman Catholicism. See story on page 2.

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tabulations, members of the Management Council and Council of Priests recognized the need to conduct some reorganization of secretariats and agencies. As a result, some changes are being made (or considered) in all eight of the secretariats and vicariats of the archdiocese. These range from adjustments in the names of three secretariats to the reorganization of several offices and the elimination of some existing positions and the addition of other new positions in response to changing needs and circumstances.

The name changes include:

- the Secretariat for Lay Ministry and Pastoral Services (Suzanne L. Magnant, secretary)
- the Secretariat for Spiritual Life and Worship (Charles Gardner, secretary)
- the Secretariat for Stewardship and Communications (Daniel Conway, secretary).

Reorganizations are taking place in:

- the Secretariat for Finance and Administrative Services (Joseph B. Hornett, secretary)
- the Secretariat for Catholic Education (Daniel J. Elsener, secretary)
- the Vicariat for Ministry Personnel (Father Paul Koetter, vicar)

- the Secretariat for Catholic Charities (Thomas Gaybrick, secretary)
- the Secretariat for Lay Ministry and Pastoral Services (Suzanne Magnant, secretary).

In addition, the vicariate judicial (Father Fred Easton, vicar) is reviewing fee structures in the archdiocesan marriage tribunal as a direct result of concerns expressed by pastoral leaders in the Catholic Center Evaluation.

Those archdiocesan employees who are affected by reorganization in one or more of the secretariats and vicariats of the archdiocese were personally informed by their supervisors on or before March 4. Other

archdiocesan employees received letters from Father Schaedel, dated March 5, which explained that this "consolidation of offices and sharing of work responsibilities where appropriate" was necessary "to keep within tight budgets and to reflect good stewardship" of the archdiocese's limited resources. Father Schaedel's letter also urged all archdiocesan employees to "remember in your prayers those who are directly affected by this reorganization."

Members of the Council of Priests and Management Council will meet again in April to finalize plans for communicating their response to the Catholic Center Evaluation and to authorize its distribution to parish leaders.

Hindu convert elected Mother Teresa's successor

CALCUTTA, India (CNS)—The Missionaries of Charity have elected a convert from Hinduism as Mother Teresa's successor.

Sister Nirmala, 63, was unanimously elected by 123 Missionaries of Charity electors March 12, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. The new superior, an Indian of Nepalese origin, currently heads the congregation's contemplative wing. She once was a missionary in the United States.

"Now I am happy," Mother Teresa said after her successor was announced. Even though health problems forced Mother

Teresa to resign in 1990, her order re-elected her.

A news conference was scheduled for the morning of March 14 to announce that Mother Teresa was to turn over administrative powers—but not her title, "Mother"—to her successor.

"Mother Teresa remains as Mother and foundress," the Missionaries of Charity said in a statement. "Sister Nirmala is the new superior general."

After her election, Sister Nirmala said: "I am in a dreamland right now. It's a big responsibility. If you look at it from

myself, I am afraid. But looking at God, and depending on prayer, I think I will be able to continue God's work."

Sister Nirmala is "a very fit person for carrying on the inspiration of Mother Teresa," said Archbishop Henry D'Souza of Calcutta, who conducted an eight-day retreat that preceded the congregation's chapter.

Sister Nirmala accompanied Mother Teresa when she visited China in 1993 and Vietnam in 1995, from which time she began to appear in news reports as a possible successor to the Nobel laureate

founder of the Missionaries of Charity.

However, *India Today*, a leading fortnightly in India, and *Asiaweek* recently described Sister Nirmala as "the dark horse" among the likely successors.

Sister Nirmala is a graduate of Patna Women's College, managed by Apostolic Carmel nuns in the eastern Indian state of Bihar.

The Missionaries of Charity chapter, in session since Jan. 16, has also elected Sisters Frederick Lewis and Priscilla Lewis as councilors general. Two more councilors were to be elected.

Changing world means new ways to evangelize, pontifical council finds

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A changing world demands that the church explore various ways of spreading the Gospel, from the traditional to the high-tech, a Vatican-sponsored conference determined in mid-March.

The three-day meeting under the auspices of the Pontifical Council for Culture brought together authorities from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Their aim

was to produce a program of evangelization embracing all the available cultural means of communication, including schools, religious centers, the media, the Internet and the arts.

"Modern man searches for his future amid the disenchantment of modernity and the uncertainty of post-modernity, cracks in ideology (and) more disparate forms of indifference," the council said in a statement at the start of the gathering. "The message of Christ remains a dead letter if it does not transform consciences, mentalities (and) customs."

Working with 345 responses to a questionnaire sent to bishops' conferences and universities worldwide, the group was to produce a document suggesting areas of culture where more emphasis could be placed on evangelization. Cardinal Paul Poupard, president of the culture council, said the agenda was driven by two world-wide trends: globalization and increasing identification with nations and tribes.

"We see the world becoming linked by the phenomenon of globalization," the cardinal told Catholic News Service. "But at the same time, we see certain people seeking separation from others—look at Rwanda or Ireland or the former Yugoslavia. So we have to address cultures on an individual basis while keeping in mind that everyone needs to hear the same thing: We

are all made in the image of God."

The cardinal said the council also wanted to respond to what he termed "galloping urbanization" in areas where so-called megacities are growing beyond their capacity to sustain their populations. "This is especially a problem in the developing world," Cardinal Poupard said. "We have to reach people in these places through the means of culture to help them understand that human dignity needs to be respected, even under the intolerable conditions of overcrowded cities."

Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston said religious leaders in the United States face a different set of hurdles in confronting modern changes in morality.

"Our task in the U.S. is enormous," the cardinal said. "There is a dramatic effort to evangelize a growing culture of death. Physician-assisted suicide and partial-birth abortions pose challenges we could not have imagined in the past."

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Providence announces \$2.2 million campaign

By Roy J. Horner

Special to The Criterion

With much prayer, fanfare and determination, Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville recently announced its \$2.2 million capital campaign.

The public phase of "Providence 2000" was unveiled during a celebration March 9 in the school's activities center.

Providence President Jerry Wilkinson said he hopes the campaign's motto of "Give in to the Spirit" will inspire donors not only from within the Providence family, but from outside sources as well as the southern Indiana business and civic communities.

So far, the volunteer-driven campaign has secured \$1.4 million since November 1996. Wilkinson has faith that the \$2.2 million goal will be reached.

"We are the only Catholic high school in this part of the state of Indiana," Wilkinson said. "So in that respect we are unique. We are the extension of the New Albany Deanery in terms of the educational institution—grades 9 through 12."

"This capital campaign is very important to the future of the school," Wilkinson added. "In fact, we think it's very critical if we are to continue to meet the needs of our children and grandchildren on into the 21st century. We've got to bring our facility up to date, our technology up to date, in a way that would be very appropriate, very attractive for everybody."

Money raised in the "Providence 2000" campaign will be used to ensure the co-educational school has a brighter future. Enrollment is currently at 700.

Parts of the original 46-year-old school building that are showing wear and tear, or are cramped, will be renovated. Plans call for an addition of a new chapel and library-media center. Computer technology will be upgraded.

The capital campaign is part of a long-term plan for the school in which improvements already have been made in curriculum, enrollment, finances, sports facilities and other areas. The new activi-

ties center opened last year.

About 120 people, including administrators, teachers, alumni, students, parents and campaign volunteers attended the March 9 celebration. Volunteers were honored for their work. Wilkinson also challenged the Providence alumni to make the campaign's \$2.2 million goal a reality by contributing and by doing what they can to appeal to the public.

Among those at the celebration was Providence junior Lisa Naville, who had worked with some of her classmates on a "Providence 2000" phone-a-thon. Although she will graduate next year, Naville supports the effort.

"I love Providence the way it is, but it is in need of improvements, and the improvements will benefit everybody," she said. "I'm excited for the people who will be able to take advantage of it in the future."

For southern Indiana business owner Paul Kraft, the "Providence 2000" campaign is a way to give something back to a school that has a strong family connection.

Kraft, a 1967 graduate, is one of the campaign leaders. He has worked on other Providence projects. His wife, Sharol Murphy-Kraft, is a 1968 graduate. When Providence opened in 1951, her father was the first sports coach and served as one of the first lay faculty members.

The Krafts' daughter, Lauren, is a junior who has helped with the fund raising. The Krafts also have a 9-year-old daughter they plan to send to Providence. Paul Kraft said his seven brothers have all sent their children to Providence.

"They've received an excellent education," he added. "And that's not saying the school is perfect. No school is. But Providence needs to be brought up to date with the 21st century—computers in the classroom and computer networking."

A campaign eight years ago raised monies to improve Providence's athletic facilities. Kraft is sold on the focus of "Providence 2000."



Laura Schuler, a junior at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville, holds an architect's drawing as she talks with junior Leah Stephens. Both students attended Providence's March 9 celebration to kick off the public part of the school's capital campaign.

"To me, the educational facility is the most important part of the school," he said. "Athletics are fine, but 99 percent of these students aren't going to earn a living

in athletics. When you're talking education, this addresses everybody because that's what these kids should be here to get—a good education."

Catholic Center open house scheduled for March 25

The annual archdiocesan Chrism Mass is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian Street, in Indianapolis. An open house of the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian Street, will be held prior to the Mass from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for all those interested.

The archdiocesan Council of Catholic

Women will serve light refreshments during the open house and again after the Chrism Mass until 10 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Catholic Center.

Questions about the Mass should be directed to Christina Tuley of the Office of Worship at 317-236-1483, or 1-800-382-9836 ext. 1483. For more information about the open house, call Carolyn Noone at 317-236-1428 or 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1428.

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Editorial

Truth in politics

Last year, when President Clinton vetoed the bill that would have banned partial-birth abortions, he said, "There are a few hundred women every year who have personally agonizing situations where their children are born or are about to be born with terrible deformities, which will cause them to die either just before, during or just after childbirth." This was the president's rationale for continuing to allow a "procedure" that involves the brutal killing of an infant as he or she is being born. The procedure is justified, the president said, because it is only performed on "a few hundred women every year" whose children have "terrible deformities."

The truth is that every year partial-birth abortions are performed on the unwanted children of as many as 5,000 healthy mothers (many of whom are teen-agers who wait too long to qualify for an early-term abortion). The source for this statistic is not the pro-life movement. It is Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, who recently admitted on ABC's "Nightline" that he had "lied through his teeth" in a 1995 television debate when he said that partial-birth abor-

tions were very rare and were performed only to preserve a woman's health or when the fetus had severe abnormalities. Fitzsimmons is still in favor of partial-birth abortions (because of a woman's "right to choose") but he requested the recent "Nightline" interview because he said he had a guilty conscience for lying to the American people about the number and purposes of these procedures. To set the record straight, Fitzsimmons admitted that partial-birth abortions are increasingly common and that they are rarely necessary (only 20 percent are performed for medical reasons).

We hope that politicians like President Clinton will now see that they have been manipulated by pro-choice advocates who have tried to persuade the American people that partial-birth abortions are necessary to protect a few hundred women whose newborn children have terrible deformities. That is a lie whose consequences are deadly—for infants and for the soul of our nation.

We oppose partial-birth abortions no matter how many are performed each year. When a medical procedure is, in truth, a brutal form of infanticide, even one should be unthinkable.

—Daniel Conway

A flood of thanks

In its March 14 issue, this newspaper reported on the problems caused by a flooded Ohio River for many Catholic parishes located in southern Indiana towns.

The March 14 report focused on people in towns such as Aurora, Madison, Jeffersonville and Tell City. A number of archdiocesan parishes in these towns were affected by the floods.

In reporting damage and relief work, many people told *The Criterion* about community reaction to the flood

relief efforts. In countless towns, neighbors helped each other with everything from sandbagging to cleanup efforts. It was a terrific response to grave conditions, a response for which Tell City Mayor Bill Goffinet, a member of St. Paul Parish, said he could not express enough thanks.

The Criterion joins those who were helped by the flood relief efforts—whether through sandbagging or through last weekend's special collection at parishes—in saying, "thank you" to all who contributed to those efforts.

—Peter Agostinelli

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Will next week be holy for you?

We call next week *Holy*. On Sunday, we bless palms and carry them in procession to commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We sense the irony of that drama because we know Jesus has come to Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins. The first solemn reading of the passion and death of Jesus causes us to leave Mass in a somber mood for triumph takes on a new meaning.

On Monday, we read the Gospel account that tells of the anointing of Jesus while at supper at the home of his friends, Lazarus, Martha and Mary at Bethany. Judas objects to the anointing of the feet of Jesus with precious oil by Mary. He said money was being wasted that could be spent for the poor. With hindsight we know that Judas was less than sincere, and we see the anointing as a preparation for Jesus' death.

On Tuesday evening of Holy Week, we gather at the cathedral from all over the archdiocese to do two things. We bless the holy oils used in the sacramental life of the church to signal the conferral of the holiness and unity that is brought about by the "anointing" of the Holy Spirit. We also gather in thanksgiving for the ministry of the priesthood, which makes the anointing and the celebration of the sacraments for the church possible. In that context, also as a sign of unity, the priests of the archdiocese renew the promises that they made at their ordinations.

As an age-old tradition, Wednesday is called "Spy Wednesday." On this day, with a heavy heart, we recall the paradox and the irony that the drama of our redemption was triggered by the betrayal of a friend just after Jesus had told the Twelve "I no longer call you servants but friends."

Holy Thursday is sometimes called Maundy Thursday, a name derived from the Latin word for *mandate* or *commandment*. At the Last Supper, Jesus "mandated" his friends to follow his example of service. By washing the feet of the Twelve, Jesus ritualized his command to love and to serve. The church continues this ritual after the Gospel and homily. It is not by accident that the mandate to love and serve one another is intimately tied to the church's celebration of the Last Supper when the holy Eucharist was instituted by Christ.

Mass ends in silent watch with Jesus in the garden.

Did you ever wonder why Friday of Holy Week is called *good*? It marks the decisive human event of all time. The human passion and death of Jesus became the ultimate human expression of humble obedience to God's will. The crucifixion, which Jesus accepted for our sake, atoned for the proud rebellion by our original parents. Something awful was made good because Jesus is not just human like us, but is also the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God. The mood of Good Friday is somber, yet confident and hopeful.

Holy Saturday is marked by the solemn Easter Vigil, which begins in darkness but is quickly lighted by the Easter fire and the paschal candle, the light of Christ. After listening to Scripture readings record the history of our salvation, with great joy we welcome and initiate into the sacraments of the church catechumens and candidates who wish to join our community of faith. The great Alleluia is introduced and once more we celebrate the joy of our redemption. The purple of Lent is gone.

Easter Sunday is the solemnity of solemnities! Without the resurrection, the human life, passion and death of Jesus, like all suffering, would have been meaningless. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we have been freed from the power of sin and death. While suffering and pain on the journey of this life have not been eliminated, entry into the kingdom "where every tear shall be wiped away" has been made possible. While suffering and pain on the journey of this life remain, we have the possibility of making some sense and something creative of that suffering, if, in prayer, we join it to that of Jesus on the cross. It is our poor but noble way of sharing in his redemptive mission.

Next week is not just another week in early spring. It occurs to me that the Monday readings suggest the choice we can make that determines whether or not the week is holy. We can either experience the week with the warm-hearted love and enthusiasm of Mary who anointed the feet of Jesus with lavish oil, or we can experience the week with the hardhearted, superficial indifference to what is really going on like Judas did. The path of Judas leads to despair. The path of Mary of Bethany leads to hope!



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From the Editor Emeritus

John F. Fink

Imagine you were a Palestinian trying to get to work in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM—The Tantor Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies, where I will be until April 11, is situated at the top of a large hill right at the border between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Bethlehem is in the West Bank and Palestinians are not permitted to enter Jerusalem unless they have special permits, which, in practice, are almost impossible to get.

From the top of our hill we can observe what is happening at this border crossing. Every morning, Palestinians drive their cars, if they have them, to a spot just before the border checkpoint. They then climb over a seven-foot wall that is about 100 yards from the checkpoint and they're in Jerusalem. Then they walk, take shared taxis that are waiting on the Jerusalem side, or climb into vans provided by their employers to get to work. In the evening, the process is reversed.

Naturally, the Israelis know this is going on, and they clamp down from time to time. I've watched them chase and capture young Palestinians they single out for one reason or another. When they do, he (it's usually, but not always, a "he") is taken to prison until he can pay a fine of 400 shekels—about \$130, a large amount for the Palestinians.

When they want to shut down the illegal entering, it's easy to do. The Israelis simply put a couple soldiers on the Bethlehem side of the wall. They don't do that every day because the Jewish employers in Jerusalem want their employees to get to work. They do, however, do that on Fridays, the Muslim Sabbath, when many Palestinians want to go to Jerusalem to pray at the Al Aksa Mosque.

I was there during the Muslim month of Ramadan, when there was a greater than usual number of Muslims going to Al Aksa Mosque. In fact, I was at the Damascus Gate into the Old City on one Friday watching them file into the city. The next day *The Jerusalem Post* reported that 220,000 Muslims were at the mosque that day.

On another Friday I watched from the top of Tantor while hundreds of Palestinians tried to get through the checkpoint. Soldiers had stopped them from climbing the wall, so they were just pushing their way through the checkpoint. There weren't enough border guards to stop them.

Suddenly screaming sirens signaled the arrival of more soldiers and the young Palestinians went running in all directions, climbing walls and fences, some onto Tantor property. It was a tense moment, but eventually the soldiers allowed the Palestinians to continue their way. In fact, they allowed buses from Bethlehem to come through the checkpoint and take the people to the Old City (otherwise the walk is about an hour and a half). The Palestinian woman I was watching with rejoiced at the victory.

The following Friday, things were more peaceful. I learned from a young Palestinian woman who works at Tantor that the Israelis decided to allow women and men over 40 through the border that day.

Some students at Bethlehem University, the Catholic university started by Pope Paul VI after his visit here in 1964, were trying to explain how it felt to be trapped in Bethlehem, unable to go into Jerusalem. "It's like being in a cage," one young lady said. "We have no freedom."

Nursing students can't go to Jerusalem hospitals for training and graduates can't get permits to work in Jerusalem. It's no wonder so many Palestinians are emigrating.

Be Our Guest/Kevin Hoolehan

The solution is us

("Be Our Guest" is a column written by guest columnists who are asked to contribute their special insights. It appears from time to time.)

Americans increasingly mistrust their institutions. We suspect our media of reporting half-truths. We are predisposed to believe that politicians are inherently dishonest. We shake our heads at business executives' salaries of \$300 million. Even our sports teams and stars have been revealed as crass, manipulative and greedy.

Even when we know, as a people, what is broken and what we want to fix, our institutions demonstrate a general inability or unwillingness to carry out our collective will. Americans know our public schools have devolved beyond mediocrity. We want the problem to be fixed. Our institutions get in the way. We want term limits. We want balanced budgets. We want them overwhelmingly. We won't get them. Our institutions will get in the way.

Pretty depressing thoughts, huh? Well, cheer up. There's a model of competence and capability out there. To paraphrase Pogo and Walt Kelly, "I have seen the solution, and it is us."

Catholic education is a model for the nation. Catholic hospitals practice superb medicine and even better social responsibility. Catholic Charities leads all others in supporting the homeless, indigent and mentally distressed. At a time when mainstream American Christianity is downsizing, Catholic churches are packing 'em in. Our institutions work because of our values, our expectations and our will.

I have the good fortune to be associated with one of the finest youth programs

in the country, Gibault School in Terre Haute. It is a Catholic institution founded by the Indiana Knights of Columbus in 1921 and generously supported by them. Unfortunately, our business is a growth industry. Gangs, drugs, child abuse, promiscuity, and the growing breakdown of American families provide an ever-expanding source of raw material for our institution and others like it.

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Gibault is an example that American institutions don't have to be ineffective. Gibault is effective for the same reasons that Catholic education, Catholic hospitals, Catholic Charities and others are effective: values and expectations.

It occurs to me that we Catholics can re-educate our American institutions in how to be successful, effective and dynamic. At least, I think it's time.

(Kevin Hoolehan is director of development at Gibault School for Boys, near Terre Haute.)

To the Editor

Column crossed line

I have long been a supporter of *The Criterion*. It is a very fine publication, and the archdiocese is all the better for it. It was, therefore, with great disappointment that I read Cynthia Dewes article entitled: "How about St. Olaf Day?"

Good humor is never at the expense of another person or group. Good humor is born out of a respect for others and their heritage. Only from that perspective can one laugh "with" rather than "at" someone. The article in question crossed the line between good and bad humor, because it was at the expense of both those of Irish and Norwegian descent. A general lack of sensitivity to cultural heritage is unfortunate at any time, but especially so on the weekend when so many Irish and Irish-Americans gathered for the Eucharist in St. John's Church followed by a wonderful uplifting program at the Indiana Roof Ballroom sponsored by the Kevin Berry Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

At a time when there is a rediscovery of the contribution of Celtic spirituality, an article such as the one in question serves only to discourage rather than build up the spirits of a people whose faith is so much a part of their lives. Irish and Norwegian peoples share a resiliency, and we will all move on from here, and we do so with the prayers of St. Patrick and St. Olaf.

Father Noah Casey, O.S.B.
Indianapolis

We agree. See note to readers, p. 6.

—Editors

Appalled by article

I was so appalled when I read Cynthia Dewes's article. I could not believe such

racism would be printed in a Catholic paper. It contains only prejudicial and bigoted remarks. She begrudges the Irish for honoring their patron saint one day a year. She makes fun of St. Patrick's God-given power to rid Ireland of snakes and "Erin Go Bragh," which means "Ireland Forever."

Her remarks about the Irish brogue as being unintelligible were offensive. I consider it an insult to both my parents, who spoke with a brogue. My parents were naturalized American citizens who loved their adopted country. They were more patriotic than a lot of native Americans. They were hard working and very religious people. They taught their children to be respectful of other people's cultures and religious beliefs.

Cynthia is ignorant of Irish culture and heritage. The Irish are a loving, caring people. George Washington praised the Irish immigrant soldiers of his troops for their bravery and heroic deeds. He said he could not have won the Revolutionary War without them. I am very proud of my Irish ancestry. I am very proud to say that four of my ancestors fought with George Washington. Two of them received Purple Heart medals.

My ancestry is not that of story telling, unintelligible brogue and myths of saints. Mine is a proud, educated and strong ancestry based upon family and faith. How dare anyone degrade my ancestry or deny me my right to celebrate it! There are two types of people in the world: one of which is proud and secure of their ancestry and embraces that of others openly, the second is one that downgrades others' pride and begrudges them their history.

Theresa A. Flick
Indianapolis

Spirituality for Today

Fr. John Catoir

Lenten journey not over yet: pray well, pray often

If some of the resolutions you made this Lent have already gone by the wayside, do not be discouraged. Begin again, right now. Take it one day at a time, and do not be too hard on yourself. Jesus fell under the weight of the cross three times. He knows how hard it is to stand tall. The key is to pray well, and the only way to pray well is to pray often.

Set the alarm 15 minutes before you get out of bed in the morning and pray. Give yourself to God, and remain silent as he gives himself to you. A spiritual act of love in the warmth of your own bed can be a joyful start to the day.

Next, check your level of faith. Faith gives you the ability to trust God in all circumstances. It's not an easy thing to do, but you can pray for that grace. A strong faith will carry you through the bad times.

A cancer patient with faith is less likely to sink into despair than one who has no faith at all. A friend of mine who has cancer sent me the business card of his oncologist, Dr. Marshall Lynch Leary. On the reverse side of the card there is this message:

"For cancer is so limited, it cannot cripple love, shatter hope or corrode truth.

"It cannot eat away at peace. It cannot kill friendship.

"It cannot shut out memories, or silence courage.

"It cannot invade the soul.

"Cancer cannot reduce eternal life. It cannot quench the Holy Spirit.

"Cancer cannot lessen the power of the resurrection. Can cancer conquer you? I doubt it.

"For the strengths I see in you have nothing to do with cells, blood and muscle."

A strong faith relies on the promises of Jesus Christ in all circumstances. His love is all-embracing, excluding no one. Jesus unites himself with each one of us. He became our brother in the flesh so that he could share our pain.

During his earthly life the Lord suffered and died a human death, a painful death. Why? Because he wanted us to know that he is with us in our brokenness and sorrow.

This knowledge enflames the heart of a true believer. With faith and trust in God's mercy, we can accept and embrace our losses with courage. We see that the end of life is not really an ending, but a new beginning. Our fears and doubts no longer have the power they once had.

Jesus is the Lord of history. His power radiates throughout the whole span of time. He is the center around which the centuries revolve. His healing love touches everyone without exception.

Those who learn to trust the Lord in all circumstances remain unshaken by the troubles of this world. They have found their untrembling center in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the grace to grow in faith and trust. I often say this little prayer: "Lord I believe, help me in my unbelief."

Dismayed at Irish bashing

I was somewhat dismayed to read Cynthia Dewes's Irish-bashing article in *The Criterion* (March 14). To make fun of or ridicule other nationalities has no place in a Catholic newspaper.

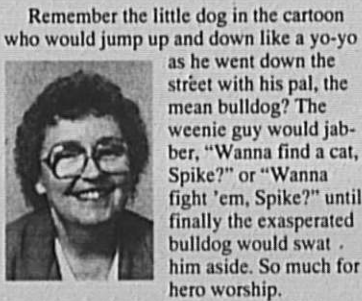
Her disgusting analogy of the saying "Erin Go Bragh" hit the heart of Irish everywhere. For her edification it means "Ireland Forever."

God bless all the Irish and those that wish they were.

Mary Jo O'Hara
Indianapolis

Cornucopia / Cynthia Dewes

Who really has the power?



Remember the little dog in the cartoon who would jump up and down like a yo-yo as he went down the street with his pal, the mean bulldog? The weenie guy would jabber, "Wanna find a cat, Spike?" or "Wanna fight 'em, Spike?" until finally the exasperated bulldog would swat him aside. So much for hero worship.

Kids do this. In elementary school, they idolize the class bully or the class cut-up, and when they're older they try to ingratiate themselves with the star athlete on the varsity team or the best-looking cheerleader. Meanwhile, they're being figuratively swatted aside just like Spike's little dog pal.

Grownups aren't immune, either. We're tongue-tied in the presence of politicians and famous entertainers and CEOs of big corporations. We may know with our heads that fame and money and glitz are not the stuff of real value, but our hearts are leaning toward these things just the same. Celebrity, not substance, is what first commands our attention.

If we think about this we'll realize that

human behavior hasn't changed much since Jesus was alive. The people who laid palms in his path as he rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday figured they were making points with a Big Guy. They believed he was their long-promised Messiah, their redeemer, their king.

They figured right, of course, even though they actually had a different kind of king in mind. They'd have preferred a well-dressed dude who rode in on a white horse or was transported in a fancy chariot instead of a country preacher astride a donkey. But beggars can't be choosers and they, like us, were mostly beggars.

We tend to be critical of these hangers-on because they had an erroneous idea about Jesus' kingship, not to mention that they abandoned him later at crucifixion time. But would we have done any better?

All of us who toady up to the Spikes of this world are attracted to what we perceive as their power. Spike was the baddest dog in the neighborhood, just as President Clinton is the baddest world leader and Michael Jordan is the baddest basketball player. They got the power.

This makes us about as bright as the Palm Sunday multitudes, since our percep-

tion of power is as faulty as theirs is of kingship. We forget, or maybe we never really knew, what power is, who has it, and how it is obtained.

Obviously we don't get power by running alongside Spike as he struts the streets, or even by getting Spike Lee to sign an autograph "to my buddy so-and-so." Associating with the rich and famous will not confer power upon us, even if we faithfully observe their "Lifestyles of" on TV.

Furthermore, despite all popular evidence to the contrary, genuine power does not automatically become ours just because we're wickedly clever in business, or adept at manipulating public opinion or discreet with foreign and domestic despots. We don't gain power from physical beauty or ecclesiastical office or the possession of trendy effects.

Power is an abstraction whose real presence can only be positive because, like authority, it comes directly from God. It's the ability to create something good, to effect satisfaction, to maintain wholeness.

The power we sense on Palm Sunday can be ours. But it's not found in jeweled crowns and a right to push others around. It's the kind of power Jesus demonstrated on the cross by doing the will of his Father.

To our readers:

Numerous readers have called or written to object to last week's "Cornucopia" column and columnist Cynthia Dewes's treatment of the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in the United States. These readers, including the president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Indiana, saw the column as derogatory and bigoted, and many asked how such a column could appear in a Catholic newspaper.

On a closer reading of the column, we agree that both the objections and the question are valid. What on the surface appeared to be a light-hearted look by a Norwegian-American at some of the observances that have grown up around Irish-Americans' celebration of Saint Patrick's Day, turned out to be in reality an attempt at humor that went sadly astray.

We apologize to our readers. Attempts at humor at the expense of any individual or group are strictly out of place, especially in a country whose diversity is one of its greatest strengths and in a church whose very name *catholic* proclaims its belief that unity is found in diversity.

—William R. Bruns, Executive Editor

Check It Out . . .

The Catholic community is invited to the **annual Marian College Health Fair '97** in Alverna Hall on the Marian College Campus, 3200 Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis. The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some 30 booths will be staffed with representatives from various agencies and business including: American Lung Association; American Heart Association; American Cancer Society and more. The health fair is free, with an exception of a \$5 fee for cholesterol and blood sugar tests. For more information contact Lisa Larkin, director of Health and Wellness at the college, at 317-955-6154.

Smith, Kline and Beecham Pharmaceutical Company recently donated a 6-foot Colorado spruce tree to the St. Francis Hospice to honor terminally ill patients and their families. The tree is located at the St. Francis South Campus emergency department entrance. The St. Francis Hospice continues to serve persons with any life limiting illness, the tree will stand as a symbol of life and hope. For more information about the St. Francis Hospice call 317-865-2092.

The ecumenical retreat, "The Gift of Story—An Exploration of the Effects of Stories in Ministry," will be offered at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. The program will begin at 4 p.m. April 14 and conclude at noon April 18. Benedictine Fathers Noel Mueller and Louis Mulcahy, will explore the

art of storytelling in recasting the Gospel message for contemporary Christians. Father Noel is instructor in English at Saint Meinrad College. Father Louis is custodian of Monte Cassino Shrine, an assistant at Saint Meinrad's Guest House, and associate chaplain for Monastery Immaculate Conception. Registration deadline is April 7. The cost is \$325 per person. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required at registration. For more information or to register call Benedictine Sister Barbara C. Schmitz at 812-357-6599.

Due to renovation of the Archabbey Church, Saint Meinrad regretfully cannot accommodate guests at Holy Week liturgies this year. Saint Meinrad looks forward to celebrations in the renovated church next Easter. For more information call Barbara Crawford at 812-357-6501.

"Bible's Wise Men: Crafters of Character," a Scripture study for women and men is scheduled April 13 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. Benedictine Father Conrad Louis from Saint Meinrad Archabbey is the presenter. The cost is \$20 payable by April 3. For more information or to register call the retreat house at 317-545-7681.

"Holy Week Directed Retreat" will be offered at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove the week of March 23 through

March 30. For more information call the inn at 317-788-7581.

The Marion County Council on Aging is accepting nominations for **Senior Volunteer of the Year and Older Hoosier of the Year**. Nominees must be age 60 or older and reside in Marion County. Awards will be announced in May, Older American's Month. The Senior Volunteer Award is given in recognition for the volunteer contributions of Indiana's older persons. The Older Hoosier of the Year Award recognizes older Hoosiers for their lifetime of service to

the communities in which they live. Nominations will be accepted through April 25. Call Donna Prendergast, president, Marion County Council on Aging at 317-783-8655 for information and nomination forms.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis presents "The Journey Concert—1500 Years of Evolution in Sacred Choral Music," at 7:30 p.m. April 10 and at 7:30 p.m. April 11 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 4217 N. Central Ave., in Indianapolis. The cost is \$10 per ticket for festival seating. For advance tickets call 317-216-5588.



Wearin' the green

Sheila and Dan Olohan, natives of Dublin, Ireland, join the Ancient Order of Hibernians for Sunday Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis that began the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Father Glenn O'Connor presided and gave the homily for the packed church. The assembly continued festivities with brunch and a concert at the Indiana Roof.

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Lenten penance services set around archdiocese

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Lent. The following is a list of the remaining services that have been reported to *The Criterion*.

Batesville Deanery

March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Greensburg
March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Anne, Hamburg for St. John, Enochsburg, St. Maurice, and St. Anne, Hamburg
March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin Co.
March 26, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg

March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Rock, for St. Mary-of-the-Rock and St. Cecilia, Oak Forest

Bloomington Deanery

March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Agnes, Nashville

Connersville Deanery

March 22, 12 p.m. at St. Mary, Richmond

Indianapolis North Deanery

March 24, 7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence

Indianapolis South Deanery

March 23, 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd
March 23, 4 p.m. at St. Jude

Indianapolis West Deanery

March 23, 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity
March 23, 2 p.m. at St. Anthony
March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Malachy, Brownsburg

New Albany Deanery

March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Charlestown for St. Michael, Charlestown, and St. Francis Xavier, Henryville

March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier, Henryville, for St. Francis Xavier, Henryville, and St. Michael, Charlestown

March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony, Clarksville

Tell City Deanery

March 23, 7 p.m. for St. Paul, Tell City; St. Pius, Troy; and St. Michael, Cannelton at St. Paul, Tell City

Terre Haute Deanery

March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute

Archdiocesan pro-life leadership conference scheduled for April 12

By Mary Ann Wyand

People interested in life issues are invited to attend a pro-life leadership conference on Saturday, April 12, at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

Conference sessions will address a variety of consistent ethic-of-life issues, according to Father Vincent Lampert, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities.

The pro-life office is sponsoring the half-day conference in response to a recent survey of archdiocesan parishes.

"Since I became the pro-life director last July," Father Lampert said, "the most commonly asked question is,

'How can we do pro-life ministry year-round?' People wonder what they can do throughout the year to keep awareness of life issues in the forefront of people's minds."

Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen, evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese, will discuss "Family Values—Catholic Style" during the keynote address at 9 a.m. on April 12.

Other conference topics will include: "A Parish Response to Domestic Violence," presented by David Bethuram, director of the archdiocesan Family Life Office.

"Racism and Our Ability to Love," discussed by Father Clarence Waldon, pastor

of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis.

"A Quarter Century of Abortion: Can the Tide be Turned?" presented by Valerie Dillon, an author, former director of the archdiocesan Family Life Office, and a past recipient of the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award.

"HIV/AIDS as a Pro-Life Issue," offered by Father Carlton Beever, coordinator of HIV/AIDS Ministry for the archdiocese.

"The Face of God," discussed by Dr. James Trippi, a cardiologist, founder of the Gennesaret Free Clinic (which provides free health care and prescription medicine for homeless and

indigent people in Marion County), and a past recipient with his family of the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award.

"Problems with Physician-Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia," presented by Father Joseph Rautenberg, ethicist for St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center in Indianapolis and Carmel.

Registration for the conference and lunch is \$5 per person or \$15 per parish group, and are due by April 7 to the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

For additional conference information, telephone the pro-life office at 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, extension 1569.

Sister Eva Marie: Listening key to understanding other cultures

By Margaret Nelson

Asking and listening are most important ways to learn about different cultural backgrounds, according to Sister of Social Service Eva Marie Lumas.

Speaking to catechists and other church leaders March 7 and 8, Sister Eva Marie told stories to prove her point.

The redemptive nature of embracing multiculturalism is "the way God intends to build up the Body of Christ," she told the group gathered March 7 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Sister Eva Marie said that "most of us are not cross-culturally literate." The Catholic faith has evolved from people of many different backgrounds, she said, and if people do not share their cultural experiences, "we deprive other people of our insights and diminish our own potential of growth in who we are."

"We deny God, who made us uniquely different," said Sister Eva Marie. "We even betray the Trinitarian nature of God,

who made us in his image," she said. "We refuse to become a truly catholic church, one that is universal."

"We are all journeying to one heavenly city. There may be 12 gates to the city, but there is one city."

During the March 8 session at St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, she gave a morning presentation on "Creating a New Vision for Multicultural Catechesis." The group talked about some of the underlying purposes that should guide their efforts toward multicultural harmony.

In the afternoon session, the workshop participants identified some things they would do within the next year to cultivate multiculturalism in their parishes. Sister Eva Marie's talk focused on "Strategies for Making the Vision a Reality."

Sister Eva Marie stressed prayer. "Call upon the God who knows us," she said. "Remember the reason we are. We all come from the same place. We are on a journey to the Kingdom of Heaven where

there is one God."

She said that some people dismiss multiculturalism as a passing fad at the end of the 20th century. "They say, 'We've talked enough. Let's get on with it!'"

"But most of us do not understand. It is not artifacts, music, hair styles, or dress. 'We are talking about a way of life—a way people think."

"If it were just music, we could learn the music and we would understand each other," she said. "We're still trying to work it out. We will make a lot of mistakes."

Sister Eva Marie gave examples of what she has learned, as black cultural consultant for two California dioceses, about the customs and symbols of other cultures, including Native American, Vietnamese, Chinese and Mexican.

She has found that the most important thing to do is ask each other, "Where do the stories and songs come from?" and "How do you use them to teach morality?"

Sister Eva Marie challenged the partic-

ipants at the workshop to decide what they can do to promote multiculturalism in their parishes during the next year.

The event was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and its offices of Catholic Education and Multicultural Ministry, as well as six center-city Indianapolis parishes.



Dorothy Barbee (from left), Dorothy Fanning, and Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa Demetria Smith discuss multiculturalism at a March 8 workshop.



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Journey of Hope 2001

Seymour Deanery

St. Bartholomew Columbus

By Susan Blerman

Fast facts:

St. Bartholomew's Men's Ministry group meets on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the parish center. The meetings include prayer, song, conversation, Scripture and discussion, and a witness speaker.



Editor's note:

As part of a weekly series of deanery profiles, The Criterion will profile people or organizations from all parishes in the 11 deaneries of the archdiocese. A different deanery is profiled each month until every parish in every deanery has been covered.

If you have story ideas or suggestions for this feature, call 317-236-1570, or 800-382-9836, ext. 1570; fax us at 317-236-1593; or e-mail us at criticism@archindy.org. Your contributions will help us tell about the good work carried out in all 151 parishes and missions of the archdiocese.

Journey of Hope 2001

New ministry offers fellowship, spiritual support to men at St. Bartholomew Parish

There wasn't a set agenda. They were just a group of men on a spiritual journey.

"This has been a Spirit-driven process," said Walter "Wally" Glover, a parishioner of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus.

Glover is referring to the parish's new ministry for men—St. Bartholomew Men's Ministry.

The group, which was established in 1995, meets the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the parish center before Mass in the church. During the meetings, the men enjoy a continental breakfast along with prayer, song, conversation, Scripture and discussion, and a witness speaker.

Glover explained that the Men's Ministry started with about a dozen men meeting in the parish center during the summer in 1995.

"There was no preconceived agenda—just prayer," Glover said.

He said the first four to five meetings went this way.

"Let's not get ahead of ourselves. Let's not try and design this thing. Let's ask for the Holy Spirit's involvement—the good Lord's help in figuring out what it is we are supposed to be about," Glover said.

He said the group wasn't really talking about developing a mission statement until they had been in prayer for several Saturday mornings. At this point the group realized they needed a broader, more diverse group than the 12 men who were currently attending the meetings that summer.

"So we made an effort to define who those folks might be and then met again on a Saturday morning in November," Glover said.

At this meeting 25 men showed up with an agenda item to work out a mission statement.

"What is it that we are about?" he said.

In the process of establishing the new Men's Ministry, Glover—a physician recruiter for St. Vincent Hospital—said the group avoided copying the Knights of Columbus or any other service organization.

Instead of a men's group offering service, Men's Ministry is a group that offers spiritual enrichment, nurturing and bonding among men.

During this November meeting, the men had developed a mission statement in about two hours.

It reads:

"With the grace of God... We are committed to the spiritual growth of all the men of our parish by enhancing existing parish ministries, developing ministries, developing new opportunities, and communicating what is available for growth in our Catholic faith in order for men to be Spirit-led in actively using their gifts to serve a greater spiritual role in our families, church, and community."

"Prayer was an important part to getting to this point," Glover said.

According to Glover, all the men present felt invested in the process of developing the mission statement.

"There was certainly unanimity in terms of ownership," he said.

After the mission statement was developed, the next step was to organize another meeting. Glover said a few men in the group decided it would be a good idea to host a half-day retreat at the parish's St. Columba campus after the holiday season. The retreat featured elements of Stephen Covey training that would benefit the men in their lives as husbands, fathers and professionals. The retreat focused on Covey's book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Some 50 men attended this retreat.

"It was Spirit-filled, I felt. And Scripture was very much a part of the day, along with song and fellowship—and as I recall, it was a very wonderful, wonderful experience," said Stephen Helmich, a Men's Ministry member who helped facilitate the retreat.



Stephen Helmich (left) discusses St. Bartholomew Men's Ministry with Walter "Wally" Glover. Both are members of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus.

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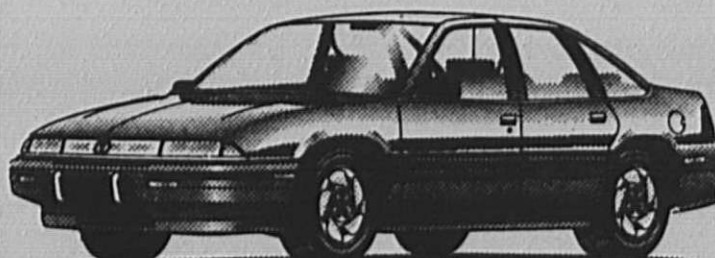


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Members of St. Bartholomew Parish's Men's Ministry group stand on the grounds at Saint Meinrad where they held a weekend retreat last November. The group has already scheduled next year's retreat at Saint Meinrad during the first week in January 1998.

Photo by Susan Beaman

Helmich, who is president of the Columbus area Chamber of Commerce, explained that the real theme of the retreat was to help a particular group of men begin to struggle with the whole notion of how one finds balance in life with marriage, parenting, occupation and spirituality.

"I think it was really structured to try to help that particular group of men get focused on what was most important in their lives and begin to take actions to get them close to where they wanted to be," Helmich said.

A goal of Men's Ministry is to offer a place for the men in St. Bartholomew Parish community to connect with their faith. Helmich had moved into the St. Bartholomew parish community from a parish in Richmond, where he was very active, and felt disconnected moving into a new parish where he didn't know a familiar face. He was looking for a place where he could have conversation, contribute time, and try to make a difference.

"It is difficult, I think for a lot of men to have personal relationships with other men and to have a support mechanism," Helmich said.

Aside from the special retreats, the group has met for three regular Thursday morning breakfast sessions.

Helmich remembers during the first meeting last January there was a terrible snow and ice storm. Schools, and businesses were closed, but still the Men's Ministry meeting prevailed. Some 40 men showed up for the meeting.

The second meeting in February drew some 30 men. The ministry has been promoted through the parish bulletin and newsletter. One Sunday, flyers about the ministry were distributed after the Masses.

"Obviously, our hope is that we will keep growing in numbers of people," Helmich said.

Helmich believes men inviting men to come and join them for an hour is the most effective way to get people to come.

He describes the Men's Ministry as a group where men can feel comfortable and safe—where they can meet with other Catholic men, and where there aren't many commitments.

"It's a place where you are not afraid to go because you might believe that someone has studied Scripture longer or harder than you, or that your prayer life is inadequate or that you haven't volunteered enough in the parish," Helmich said.

Helmich added that the group is also a place where men can find support with the tasks they might carry in the parish.

"I think that it is also true that a group like this can be supportive of our priests," Helmich said.

Helmich is friends with a number of priests, so he feels he has a sense of how difficult their task is and the need that they have for a support system.

"I think a group of men supporting their priests can be a very significant piece of the puzzle in having a parish life that is vibrant and alive and healthy in a lot of ways," Helmich said.

Glover added Men's Ministry can support the priests in two ways: through offering on-going day-to-day support like taking them to lunch or having them into homes for dinner, and an ongoing parish-wide appreciation day.

Helmich and Glover said the group has received support from St. Bartholomew Parish pastor, Father Stephen J. Banet, and associate pastor, Father Christopher Craig.

"They have been tremendously supportive of Men's Ministry and have given us latitude, because they understand the mission, and they understand where we are going," Glover said.

Glover said Father Banet was helpful in suggesting a spiritual director at Saint Meinrad when the group went on retreat during a weekend last November. Twenty-five men attended the weekend retreat, which included topics that would be considered important to men—specifically St. Bartholomew men on their spiritual journey, Glover said.

Such topics were: "Spiritual Role of the Husband and Father in the Home and in the Workplace," "Scripture in Our Everyday Life," and "How to Pray—Different Prayer Forms."

A second retreat has already been scheduled for the first



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St. Bartholomew (left) and St. Columba (right) oratories serve the Catholic community of Columbus.



weekend in January 1998.

Glover said the men in the group are from diverse spiritual backgrounds. Some had attended retreats, while others had been involved with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and had participated in programs such as the Little Rock Scripture Study, which is available to the entire parish, and Promise Keepers, a ministry for men only.

The group is also diverse. The men come from all backgrounds and are all ages. At this time, there are married men with children, married men without children, grandfathers, and single men.

Glover said it has been an absolute blessing being associated with the group.

"Because you see the good Lord working and he clearly has," Glover said. "The very important point... is the place that prayer had in all this—we don't leave home without the prayer and the Scripture."

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Vatican jubilee planners report progress on ecumenical projects

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican's central committee for planning the Holy Year 2000 reported a "serene maturation of events," including plans for a 1997 symposium on anti-Semitism and various ecumenical initiatives.

The central committee met March 11-12 at the Vatican and said recent contacts with Muslim and Jewish leaders "increase the hope of being able to realize joint meetings in places of significance for the great monotheistic religions."

In his apostolic letter on preparing for the jubilee, Pope John Paul II said he hoped such a meeting with Jews and Muslims would be possible.

Archbishop Sergio Sebastiani, secretary general of the committee, told Vatican Radio the committee was working with Jewish and Muslim authorities to set up the meeting "in 1999, on Mount Sinai, if possible."

In addition, he said, "there already have been two meetings at the World Council of Churches to prepare for the great pan-Christian meeting, which should take place in the year 2000 in the Holy Land."

The archbishop also confirmed in the interview that in the fall, the jubilee committee's theological-historical commission would hold a meeting on Catholicism and anti-Semitism.

The meeting in late October and early November, he said, would be part of "that examination of conscience which the pope called for in *Tertio Millennio Adveniente*, the apostolic letter on the jubilee."

"Attention will be centered on anti-Semitism in past centuries in order to see whether or not we Christians were implicated," the archbishop said.

The jubilee committee issued a press release March 13 on the meeting and distributed a report on the jubilee-related activity of national bishops' conferences.

But the committee declined to release the reports from its working groups and commissions saying they were never

intended to be made public.

Another event already planned for 1997, Archbishop Sebastiani said, will be a study day on ecumenism and indulgences. An integral part of Catholic Holy Years, indulgences are a source of division between Catholics and other Christians.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, an indulgence "is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven."

The granting of indulgences for visits to specified holy places, along with the recitation of certain prayers and performing charitable acts, is seen as alleviating the time of purification a repentant sinner must go through.

The granting of indulgences in return for contributions to church projects in the late Middle Ages was one of the abuses that sparked the Protestant Reformation.

The ecumenical study is important because "this is the first time that a Holy Year—a year of indulgences—has a very strong ecumenical connotation, and you can imagine that much attention will be needed if we do not want to disturb our friendly relations, especially with the Protestants, when we speak of indulgences," Archbishop Sebastiani said.

"Clearly, we are not going to renounce indulgences, but we must pay attention to the way we speak about them," he said.

The archbishop said, the phrase "to earn indulgences" should not be used because "it indicates something material and that absolutely must be avoided."

The central committee's press release highlighted the ecumenical dimensions of the preparations taking place in the Holy Land.

Where once political pressures contributed to the fracturing of Christianity, today they are pushing Christians in the Holy Land closer together, said



Pope John Paul II rides through St. Peter's Square March 12. During his audience he talked about Mary as a model for all who suffer for their faith.

Auxiliary Bishop Kamal Hanna Bathish of Jerusalem.

"The recent and harsh political conditions in the Holy Land, especially since the 1960s, have forced the churches to meet, to draw closer and to unite their efforts in order to survive," the bishop said in an article he wrote for the jubilee committee's magazine, *Tertium Millennium*.

The six Catholic rites in Jerusalem and the seven Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant churches present in the city have promised to keep each other advised about individual jubilee activities, he said.

They also have established the Jerusalem Inter-Church Committee with members from each tradition to coordinate joint efforts, Bishop Bathish said.

Cardinal Ratzinger: Jubilee preparation requires personal reflection

ROME (CNS)—Preparation for the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 must involve reflection on the importance of Jesus in one's own life, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger told a gathering of Italian cultural leaders.

Far from suggesting big-budget projects for the year 2000, when the cardinal met Italian artists, journalists, performers and movie makers, he asked them to reflect on who Jesus is in their lives.

The cardinal's March 5 talk at the Basilica of St. John Lateran was part of a series of evening reflections aimed at specific segments of Rome's population in preparation for the Holy Year 2000.

"Celebrating the great jubilee means, on the one hand, not giving credit to fantastic speculations about a turning point in time and not increasing fear of catastrophes," said Cardinal Ratzinger, head of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation.

"On the other hand, it does not mean celebrating a past reality as happens with great commemorative events," he said.

The jubilee's focus must include the past, present and future, he said.

It must begin with the historical person of Jesus Christ, his teachings and his founding of the church, he said. But it also must include a reflection on the permanent foundation and importance of Christ in people's lives today and for the future.

The heart of Cardinal Ratzinger's reflection for cultural leaders was based on the Gospel story of Christ being tempted by the devil in the desert.

"Being tempted is an essential part of his being man, of his descending into communion with us, into the abyss of our misery," the cardinal said.

In the Gospel, the devil attempted to get the fasting Jesus to turn stones into bread, to test God's care for his physical well-being by throwing himself from the pine-nacle of the temple and to claim dominion over the earth.

The temptations, Cardinal Ratzinger said, not only raise questions about Christ's real mission, but about the ordering of human life in general.

"The heart of every temptation is to set God aside," the cardinal said. "To maintain that one's own self, needs or desires are more important than him—this is the temptation which always threatens us."

At the basis of the temptation to change stones into bread is the perennial human request to God: "If you exist, O God, then you must show yourself," the cardinal said.

The request for proof of God's existence makes even more sense when the suggested sign is providing food for the hungry, he said.

"Shouldn't the first identification card of the redeemer before the world and for the world be that he gives bread and ends the hunger of all?" the cardinal asked.

"Marxism had exactly this idea: It would work to end all hunger and to turn the desert into bread," Cardinal Ratzinger said.

But Christ's multiplication of the loaves later in the Gospel shows what has to happen in order for a gift of bread to become an end to hunger and injustice, he said. The people had gathered to hear God's word, they left their other concerns behind and when the bread was produced they willingly shared with one another.

"As persons who opened their hearts to God and to one another, they could receive bread in the just way," Cardinal Ratzinger said.

Trying to tempt Christ into testing God's promise of protection is another example of the common call for God to meet human criteria to prove his existence, the cardinal said.

The third temptation, offering Jesus an earthly kingdom, is another sign of how misunderstood Christ's mission on earth was, he said. But it is a temptation that has been repeated throughout history, he added.

"The Christian empire quickly sought to make faith a political factor in the unity of the empire," the cardinal said. "The weakness of the faith, the earthly fragility of Jesus Christ, was to be supported with political and military power."

"In every century, this temptation to ensure the faith with power has continually re-emerged in a variety of forms, and every time the faith has been threatened with being suffocated in the very embrace of power, he said.

"The struggle for the freedom of the church, the struggle so that Jesus' kingdom cannot be assimilated by any political form, must be conducted in every century," the cardinal said.

Christ's rejection of the temptations and his acknowledgment that God comes first is the lesson he left for humanity for all time, Cardinal Ratzinger said.

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Thousands rebuilding after devastating floods

FALMOUTH, Ky. (CNS)—Many of the 2,700 residents of Falmouth remember rebuilding after the flood that nearly destroyed their town in 1964.

Now they are rebuilding again after the Licking River rose 20 feet in one hour, leaving 95 percent of the town submerged.

"They are devastated," said Father Louis Dickmann of the 200 families who belong to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Falmouth. "They've lost everything."

Father Dickmann can relate to the circumstances of many of his parishioners who lost both their homes and their businesses. His rectory, church and former school all had about three feet of water inside, and when the water retreated it left in its wake inches of slimy mud and silt.

Father Dickmann is staying with a parishioner whose residence wasn't affected by the flood, and will remain there until the rectory is livable. An insurance adjuster estimates that it will take "months to get the church back to normal."

"You just can't imagine this unless you have been through it," Father Dickmann told *The Messenger*, newspaper of the Diocese of Covington, Ky.

That comment could have been echoed throughout flooded areas of Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia, Illinois and Missouri in the first days of March, as thousands were left homeless and scores killed or injured by the storms.

But the aftermath of the storms also brought out the best in people, with parishes and other Catholic institutions finding sometimes innovative ways to help the victims of the flooding. Parishes in the Archdiocese of

Indianapolis were asked to take up a second collection at Masses the weekend of March 15 and 16.

At Assumption High School in Shepherdsville, Ky., senior Julie Bischoff lost many personal belongings when eight feet of water came into her home and knocked it off its foundation. But on March 7, the senior class threw a surprise 18th birthday party for their fellow student, providing her with \$1,400 raised by the student body. Bischoff also received birthday presents, letters of encouragement, an engraved photo album with her senior pictures, and two tickets to her senior prom.

In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, parishioners of St. John Church in West Chester filled several trucks with household supplies, furniture, clothing and food for flood victims at two parishes in the affected area.

Students at Jesuit-run Xavier University in Cincinnati also organized a flood relief project in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On March 10 and 11, Xavier's shuttle bus ran every two hours from the university to the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse, where students unloaded relief supplies and reloaded them on trucks headed to flooded areas.

In Ripley, Ohio, St. Michael Parish joined other churches in the Ripley Ministerial Alliance in serving a daily hot lunch for flood victims and volunteers. St. Michael's parishioners also served sandwiches from a trailer located in the middle of town. The InterParish Ministry, an organization composed of churches in Ohio's Hamilton and Clermont counties, has appealed to community members unaffected by the flood to adopt families

who might have lost everything in the flood and whose home might need extensive cleanup and repairs.

Ecumenical cooperation of another kind came into play at St. Clare Oratory in Colesburg, Ky., where flood waters from the Rolling Fork River reached four feet in the church building and parish hall.

That situation prompted the Rev. Mark Judd, pastor of Colesburg Baptist Church, to offer his church for Mass. Father Ivo Cecil, who normally has Sunday Mass at St. Clare, celebrated Mass March 9 in the Baptist church, which sits on higher ground and was not flooded.

"That was most special," said St. Clare parishioner Carol Fowler of the Mass. "We were overwhelmed by their generosity."

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in southern Jefferson County, Ky., about 50 parishioners formed into work crews to assist about 19 families in cleanup. While the work crews were out, about 10 other people were at Mount Carmel church preparing hot meals which were taken to families being assisted.

The church also assisted flood victims with:

- Cleaning supplies, canned goods and other nonperishable food and clothing. "It's overwhelming the number of people who have been in," said parish manager John Niner.
- Certificates worth \$50 per person for buying clothing and household supplies at a Target store. About \$6,000 had been given out in a little more than a week.
- Food vouchers worth \$40 to two area grocery stores. Niner estimated that several thousand dollars in food vouchers had been distributed.

On March 12, Catholic Charities USA sent initial grants of \$10,000 each to its agencies in Memphis, Tenn.; Indianapolis and Evansville, Ind.; Lexington and Owensboro, Ky. Earlier grants of the same size went to Catholic Charities agencies in Little Rock, Ark., Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio, and Covington and Louisville, Ky.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul also sent an initial \$10,000 to each of its diocesan councils in Covington, Owensboro and Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati and Milford, Ohio. The charitable group was also assessing emergency needs in Wheeling, W.Va., as well as flooded areas of Illinois and Missouri.

"Details of need are sketchy at this point in some of the affected areas," said Joseph Mueller, the society's national president, in a March 11 statement. "As electricity and phone service are restored, we expect we'll learn more of the help the victims will need with food, clothing, and cleanup supplies."

Meanwhile, some in the affected areas were giving thanks at the minor damage they had suffered, and joining in to help their neighbors with bigger problems.

At three Masses March 8 and 9 at St. Aloysius Parish in Shepherdsville, "the people looked tired," said Father Jerry Bell, pastor. "Everyone has been touched by a friend or family members (affected by the flooding). There was sadness but also hope that we will go on. People are helping each other."

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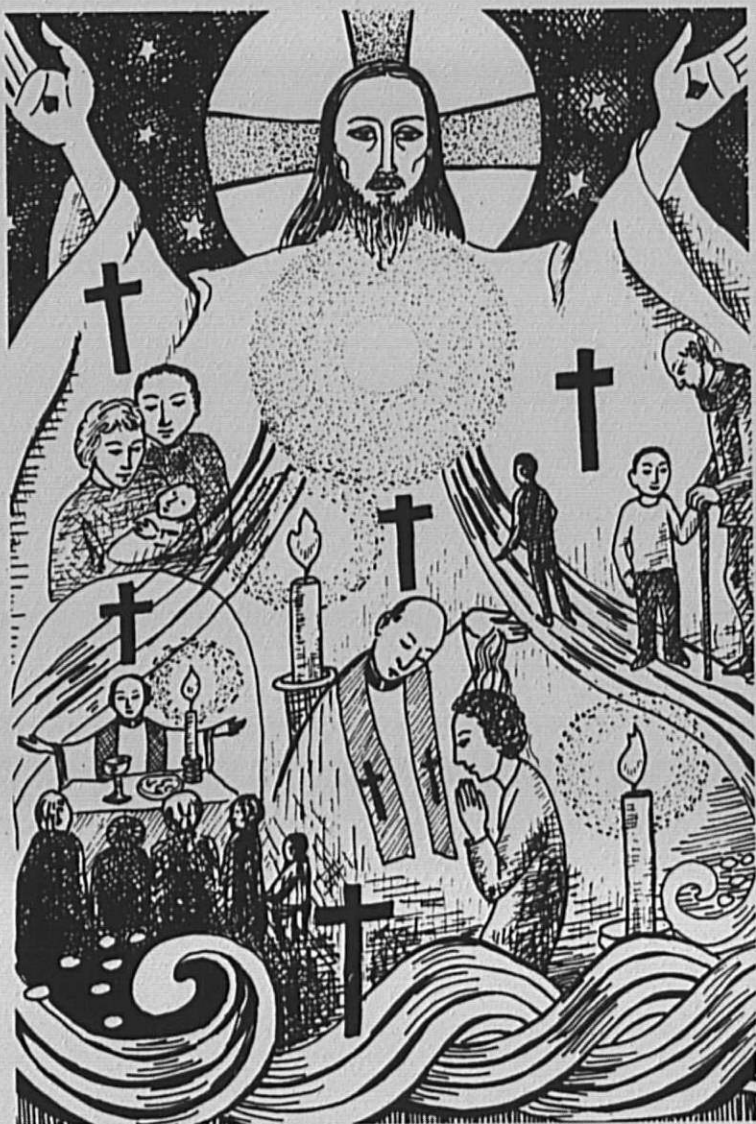


Two people row up to the steps of St. Joseph Church in Cincinnati March 8. The church is one of several in the Cincinnati area flooded by water from the swollen Ohio River.

Faith Alive!

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Baptism unites us with Christ's life, mission



The many images of Jesus that the liturgy offers us remind us that he is always more than we can grasp or describe adequately. Each image—whether of Jesus as light, clothing, healer, body, bridegroom or friend—gives us another insight into what he can mean for each of us.

Light of Christ dispels darkness

By David Gibson

"What good would life have been to us had Christ not come as our redeemer?" That is a question in the church's Easter Vigil liturgy, in what is known as the *Exsultet*.

The *Exsultet* is magnificent poetry, one of the year's finest moments in speaking

of Jesus. It says that Jesus "dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy, casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride."

No wonder the *Exsultet* suggested that Christ changed all of life.

(David Gibson edits "Faith Alive!")

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

As Jesus and his disciples walked near Caesarea Philippi, he asked them who people thought he was.

After their varied answers, he posed the critical question: "But who do you say that I am?"

Each of us must answer that question, for it is a critical question of faith.

One way to deepen our answer might be to pose the same question to the liturgical rituals we call sacraments.

How do the different sacraments reveal the person of Jesus? Who do they say that he is?

Easter is the premier time for celebrating baptism, the sacrament that establishes our relationship to Christ. The primary image of Christ in baptism is of one who died and rose again. Through baptism we share in Christ's death and resurrection, dying to sin and rising to new life.

But the prayers that are part of the liturgy of baptism suggest other images too. You probably don't find it surprising to hear that baptism speaks of Jesus in terms of death and resurrection. But would it surprise you to hear that baptism speaks of Jesus giving birth?

One of the blessings of the baptismal font includes a prayer picturing Jesus in that very way—as giving birth: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only son, for you offered yourself on the cross, that in blood and water flowing from your side and through your death and resurrection the church might be born."

What are some other images of Jesus in the liturgy?

• **Clothing**—After the actual baptism, new Christians are given a baptismal garment, and Jesus is described as clothing: "N. and N., you have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ."

• **Light**—Then the newly baptized are given a baptismal candle, and Jesus is called the light: "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light."

• **Body**—Adults and children of catechetical age who are baptized at the Easter Vigil are confirmed immediately after their baptism.

The words addressed to the newly baptized speak of their membership in the body of Christ: "My dear newly baptized, born again in Christ by baptism, you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit

sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost."

Thus, Christ is described as a body with many members and as the one who sends the Holy Spirit.

Other sacraments offer us other images of Jesus.

• **Healer**—The anointing of the sick, not surprisingly, focuses on Jesus as a healer and one who is close to us in our suffering.

The rite's opening instruction reminds us that, "We are gathered here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is present among us. As the Gospels relate, the sick came to him for healing."

The thanksgiving over the blessed oil says, "Praise to you, God, the only-begotten Son. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you heal our infirmities."

One of the concluding prayers speaks eloquently of Christ's power to heal and comfort: "Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature, to redeem all people and to heal the sick. Look with compassion upon your servant N., whom we have anointed in your name with this holy oil for the healing of his/her body and spirit. Support him/her with your power, comfort him/her with your protection, and give him/her the strength to fight against evil."

• **Bridegroom**—The sacrament of marriage presents another image of Christ: as the bridegroom of the church. One form of the nuptial blessing, for example, begins: "Father, you have made the union of man and wife so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his church."

It then prays that the husband may always honor and love his wife "as Christ loves his bride, the church."

Jesus is a lover and a friend. Like any good friend, he meets us wherever we are and offers to be for us whatever we need.

The many images of Jesus that the liturgy offers us remind us that he is always more than we can grasp or describe adequately.

Each image—whether of Jesus as light or clothing, as one who gives birth, as healer, body, bridegroom or friend, as one who died and rose—gives us another insight into the person of Jesus and what he can mean for each of us.

During the final days of Lent, as Christians prepare for Holy Week, it is appropriate to reflect on the person of Christ. Who do you say that he is?

(Father Lawrence Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.)

Discussion Point

What is your image of Christ?

This Week's Question

When you "imagine" Jesus—see him in your mind—what image tends to come to mind first?

"Love and family is the first image that comes to mind because that's where I see him and that's where I find him." (Kris Hohnke, Chelsea, Mich.)

"I always think of him as a very compassionate person. I tend to think of Jesus as a young man, talking to children, showing his compassion, caring and patience." (Connie Ortman, Brookville, Ind.)

"I think of him first as a man having to struggle with the everyday realities. It's much easier to relate to him in his human form, instead of as a spiritual light off somewhere.

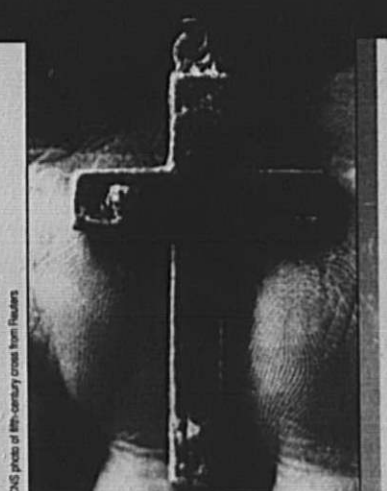
I find that comforts me as a Christian." (Donna Hintreschr, Rockville, Md.)

"A person of tender compassion with arms outstretched, embracing the poor, the sick, the lame, the weak." (Sister Margaret Boyle, P.B.V.M., Manhattan, N.Y.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: In a conversation with teens, how would you discuss the purpose of money and possessions?

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Entertainment

Viewing with Arnold/James W. Arnold

Donnie Brasco lends insight into mob life

Gangster films are an ancient (since the 1920s) and notoriously violent genre, and in that respect they're getting worse rather than better. *Goodfellas* and *Casino* (both directed by Martin Scorsese) represent the edges of the envelope for now, and *Donnie Brasco*, the new Al Pacino film, is right up in that bloody neighborhood.

"Things" happen (via special effects) that never or seldom happened before in these movies, like close-ups of gunshots to the head or private parts, splattered blood, butchering of corpses, etc. The "R" rating by the Motion Picture Association of America at least guarantees that these moments won't be extended or lingered upon, but tolerance for these details definitely distinguishes "old" and "new" gangland movies and their fans.

A lot of other stuff keeps these films popular, ranging from simple curiosity about how criminals live to social commentary and universal themes like friendship, ambition and rivalry, marital and family tensions, loyalty and betrayal. *Donnie B.* earns distinction because it explores these moral and human issues with sensitivity.

Donnie Brasco falls into the undercover category of crime films, and so has a "good guy" hero. It's based on Joseph Pistone's book about his six years as an FBI infiltrator of the New York Mob. Johnny Depp is outstanding in his first truly adult role as Pistone, who used the *Brasco* name as his gang persona. The production is top-of-the-line, from the producers of the NBC series "Homicide."

For British director Mike Newell,

reversed for such gentle fantasies as *Amazing Grace* and *Chuck*, *Enchanted April* and *Into the West*, this film is an astonishing change of pace. Of course, it can be seen as an unusual love story with a sad ending. It's not a Mafia movie, Newell says, but a story about a faithful worker who is ultimately downsized.

That would be Pacino, who gets into the body and soul of the key character, a veteran hoodlum named Lefty. Pacino, of course, is a distinguished actor of wide range, and one of his specialties is gangsters. He's played top dogs (*The Godfather* series and *Scarface*) but here is a distinct underdog, one of the "soldiers" in a Mafia crew.

He's proud ("I'm known"), but tough. He claims repeatedly to have killed 26 people in his long career. Of course, he doesn't seem like a killer because he is warm, funny and fatherly.

Lefty is the one who befriends, protects and "vouches for" Donnie, lets him into the group as a regular, and mentors him toward graduation in status (to "wise guy" or "made man"). Lefty's own adult son is a doomed drug addict, and Donnie clearly bonds with him as a symbolic substitute. The inevitable betrayal will destroy Lefty, but not until Donnie tries desperately to save him. Pacino and Depp go beyond poignance to give their anguish the feeling of tragedy.

It seems like a terrible thing to use personal trust to destroy someone. But that's what undercover agents do. Depp's Pistone at least worries about it. Lefty also understands and accepts it. In the Mob, as we see repeatedly, "business" comes before friendship. It's always your "best friend" who does you in.

Another major stress for Donnie is, obviously, his own family. He has a wife and three young daughters he



Oscar nominee

Actor Tom Cruise stars in a scene from *Jerry McGuire*, a film about a sports agent who chooses integrity over "the system." The movie received a nomination for best picture and Cruise was nominated for best actor when the Academy Award nominations were announced on Feb. 11. Oscars will be presented on March 24. ABC-TV stations will broadcast the Academy Awards at 9 p.m. local time.

rarely sees. He leaves them for months at a time for a world of ugly venality where a kind of brotherhood is the only emotional reward. Newell and writer Paul Attanasio expose this conflict superbly, and newcomer Anne Heche is powerful as the loving wife who sees her husband dissolving into his criminal role. "I'm not becoming like them," he admits. "I am them."

A moving moment in the film centers on a conversation Donnie has with his daughter while she is preparing for her First Communion. "Where is God?" she asks. "God is everywhere," he replies. It could be the unstated theme of this unique movie.

Donnie B. encourages us to ponder the miserable ambiguity of the life of the deep-cover agent. He achieves great social good (here with 200 indictments and 100 convictions) at enormous personal cost. (In real life, Pistone's marriage survives.) In movies, the suspense is usually about

whether the agent will avoid exposure. Some of that suspense is evident here, especially as Lefty seems to become suspicious.

But the real drama of *Donnie B.* is about the vagaries of human love and whom we discover (often to our surprise) to be our brother in the deepest sense.

Attanasio's screenplay is among the best this columnist has ever seen. It ranges from ironic discussions of the many meanings in gang talk of "forget about it" to Lefty's quiet grief outside the hospital room where his son lies near death from an overdose, and his realization that it was the same hospital in which his son was born. "He's asleep in there, same as 28 years ago," he says, "with the same expression on his face."

(Tough but high-class gangster film, with many deep dimensions; graphic genre violence and language; recommended for adults.)

USCC classification: A-III for adults.

Networks and cable plan Holy Week broadcasts



Pope John Paul II prays during Mass on the Feast of the Presentation on Feb. 2 in St. Peter's Basilica. The pontiff's Easter Mass, followed by his annual "Urbi et Orbi" message taped on Dec. 25, 1996, will be broadcast on cable by EWTN beginning at 7 p.m. on Easter Sunday, March 30.

By Catholic News Service

Cable and broadcast outlets are planning to show numerous Masses and religious specials during Holy Week and the Triduum.

The cornerstone of network broadcasting specials is "Celebrating Christ's Splendor," to be shown on Easter Sunday, March 30, on ABC affiliates. (Check local listings to verify the program time.)

The one-hour special, filmed at St. Joseph Cathedral in Cleveland, takes the form of a paralytic service featuring the Scripture reading of the Israelites' escape from the Egyptians, music from a brass quartet and timpani, the "Hallelujah Chorus" of Handel's *Messiah*, and a reflection and homily from Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the U.S. bishops.

"Celebrating Christ's Splendor" is a production of the Catholic Communication Campaign in cooperation with the Cleveland diocese's communications office and WEWS-TV in Cleveland.

Selected PBS stations will broadcast a 1994 Catholic Communication Campaign-funded special, "Creativity: Touching the Divine" during Holy Week, Easter weekend, or in April. As of March 10, more than 60 PBS affiliates had agreed to air the show. (Check local listings to verify the program date and time.)

Cable channel EWTN's program schedule for Holy Week and Easter includes the following liturgies and religious specials, listed by Eastern Standard Time:

Palm Sunday Mass live from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala., broadcast at 8 a.m. on March 23.

Palm Sunday Mass live from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, airing at noon and 7 p.m. on March 23.

Holy Week Masses live from the National Shrine, broadcast at 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. on March 24-26. One of the two Masses will be repeated at 7 p.m. each evening.

"Choral Meditations on Eucharistic Themes," live from the National Shrine, broadcast at 5:30 p.m. on March 27

and repeated at midnight on March 28.

Mass of the Lord's Supper, live from the National Shrine, at 6 p.m. on March 27 and repeated at 12:30 a.m. on March 28.

"Silent Witness: The Shroud of Turin," a documentary reconstructing the events of Christ's Passion and using science to trace what may have been the history of the shroud, airing at 10 p.m. on March 27 and repeated at noon on March 28 and at 8 a.m. on March 29.

"Bach's St. Matthew's Passion," taken from the Gospel of Matthew, at 4 a.m. on March 28.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, live from the National Shrine, at noon on March 28 and repeated at 4:30 a.m. on March 29.

"Via Dolorosa," the Stations of the Cross, as prayed in Jerusalem, at 7 p.m. on March 28.

Easter Vigil liturgy live from the National Shrine at 8 p.m. on March 29.

Handel's *Messiah*, as performed at the church in Ellwangen, Germany, at 11 p.m. on March 29.

Easter Mass live from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on March 30.

Easter Mass live from the National Shrine, at noon on March 30.

Easter Mass followed by Pope John Paul II's annual "Urbi et Orbi" ("to the city and to the world") message taped on Dec. 25, 1996, at the Vatican, airing at 7 p.m. on March 30.

Odyssey, formerly known as the Faith & Values Channel on cable, has a full slate of special programming for the Triduum. Highlights include:

- Christ Mass with Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, airing at 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on March 27.
- Pope John Paul II's "Via Crucis" (Way of the Cross), re-creating Christ's journey to Calvary, from noon until 1:30 p.m. on March 28.
- Easter Mass celebrated by Cardinal John J. O'Connor from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on March 30.

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 23, 1997

- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Mark 14:1, 15, 47

This weekend is the great moment of Palm Sunday. The church offers its people a rich and ancient liturgy to observe this historic remembrance of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week this year.



At the start of the liturgy, the priest solemnly blesses palms which then are distributed throughout the congregation. Then the people join the celebrant in a procession of the palms. The procession recalls the passage of Jesus into Jerusalem. The liturgy acclaims him as "son of David" and "king," as did those who greeted the Lord in the Holy City so many centuries ago.

As the liturgy progresses, the Book of Isaiah is read as the first scriptural reading. A special mark of the second section of Isaiah is in its presentation of the four Songs of the Suffering Servant. These songs, or poems, marvelously tell of a servant of God who is faithful despite the cost. Some scholars wonder if the prophet had himself in mind, or another prophet or leader, or the people collectively. In any event, the church uses these songs often in its Holy Week liturgy to refer to Jesus. This poem emphasizes the unyielding loyalty of the Servant.

The second reading this weekend also is in the form of poetry. Some think that it was an ancient hymn to Jesus sung in the very earliest times of the church.

Taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Christians of Philippi, it is a splendid salute to Jesus, an acclamation of the

Savior as Lord, indeed as God.

Each of the four Gospels painstakingly recalls the passion and death of Jesus. Every year the Gospel story of the passion proclaimed on Good Friday is from St. John's Gospel. The Gospel reading for Palm Sunday, selected from one of the three Synoptics, varies from year to year. This year the reading is from St. Mark's Gospel. All four Gospels are careful in their attention to detail, but each evangelist had his own perception of the deep theological meaning of what happened when Jesus was tried and executed.

Mark sees the event of the Lord's death as a moment of colossal betrayal, viciousness, and horror. In every respect, Jesus is the Suffering Servant foreseen by Second Isaiah, constantly faithful but rejected by all.

An interesting figure in Mark's story is the Roman centurion, the officer with responsibility for 100 soldiers. He was a pagan, a soldier of Roman conquest and brutality, and a sinner. Yet touched by the grace of God, seeing the reality of the Lord's identity, he fearlessly announced that the executed man was the Son of God.

Reflection

The church never loses hope. Always firm in its faith in God's power and mercy, the church believes that reform is possible.

The centurion represents and confirms the church's hope. As he saw the unflinching devotion of Christ to God, even in the midst of the horrible scene of crucifixion, the centurion proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God.

The Lord was faithful to God until the end. His is the example the church unreservedly places before us. As the servant who followed God, the victim for sin, Jesus is the king, the Lord, the Redeemer. Hosanna!

Daily Readings

Monday, March 24

Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 25

Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17
John 13:21-33, 36-38
Chrism Mass
Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27
Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21

Wednesday, March 26

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, March 27

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, March 28

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1 - 19:42

Saturday, March 29

Holy Saturday
The Easter Vigil
Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24-35
or 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22
Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 16:5, 8-11
Exodus 14:15 - 15:1
(Response) Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18
Isaiah 54:5-14
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
Isaiah 55:1-11
(Response) Isaiah 12:2-6
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4
Psalm 19:8-11
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or, when baptism is celebrated, (Response) Isaiah 12:2-6 or Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, March 30

Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Christ may have died from heart complication

Q I am not a physician, but through my profession I do have some medical knowledge.



We are told that Jesus suffered much in the scourging and carrying of the cross, and while he was on the cross.

This may be a stupid question, but what did he actually die of? I realize there were no doctors or scientists there to report what happened.

Since even Pontius Pilate was surprised that Jesus died so soon, there must have been something different about his death than what was usually experienced by people who died by crucifixion. (Massachusetts)

A First, let me assure you there may be a lot of stupid answers around, but there is no such thing as a stupid honest question.

Your question about the actual medical cause of Christ's death has been addressed often through the centuries. Usually, of course, the response reflected the state of scientific information at the time.

To my knowledge, the best study of the subject in light of modern medical science was produced by two members of the medical staff of the Mayo Clinic with two Methodist clergymen. It appeared in the March 21, 1986, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Their study deals with the entire passion story, starting with Gethsemane. The final section speaks directly to your question and is the source of most of what follows in this column.

As you note, the fact that Jesus' death occurred in so few hours amazed Pilate himself (Mark 15:44). The process of dying by crucifixion could continue for many hours, even days.

This fact, coupled with the loud cry (reported by Matthew and Mark) just before he died, suggests that some sort of catastrophic event caused his death.

It may have been a rupture of the heart. The massive physical and emotional traumas of the previous 24 hours may have caused "non-infective thrombotic vegetations" to form on the mitral or aortic valves. These could dislodge into the heart's blood supply system, causing a rupture in the cardiac muscle wall, and nearly immediate death.

Perhaps a more likely explanation is simple terminal exhaustion, resulting from loss of blood and severe shock during the scourging a few hours before and from the painful struggle to breathe as his body weakened on the cross.

This would cause him to die relatively quickly, too exhausted to even take another breath, from some form of acute heart failure, perhaps a fatal cardiac arrhythmia.

So apparently, as modern medicine analyzes it, either cardiac rupture or cardiorespiratory failure finally killed our Lord, bringing him to the moment when, in John's powerful words, "he handed over the spirit," and died (John 19:30).

(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.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

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My Journey to God

A Good Friday Meditation

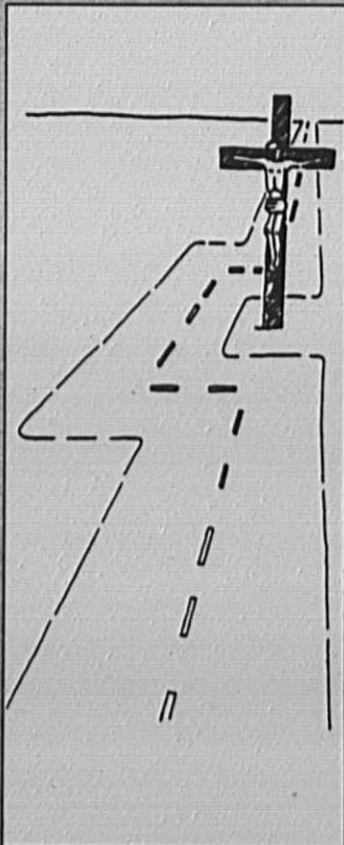
Bethlehem's star led to Jesus Christ's tomb, prefaced by betrayal and Calvary's doom.

Straw transformed into thorns on his head; swaddling clothes to a shroud for the dead; the manger's wood into an old rugged cross, humankind's sign for what's gained or lost.

The gifts of kings turned to vinegar and nails; angel-hymns into grief-toned wails; Mary's smiles later changed to tears; the wonder of shepherds into dire fears. The life of Our Lord was simple yet profound, and his death put our souls on holy ground. May we all stay grateful for God's sacrifice to permit us to be nearer to his Paradise.

By Shirley Vogler Meister

(Shirley Vogler Meister is a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis.)



The Active List

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March 21

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

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union Street, Indianapolis, will hold exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent, following 8 a.m. Mass and closing with Benediction and prayer service at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Stations of the Cross follows at 7 p.m. in the church.

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will have a Night Out on the Town, at a comedy club. Information & reservation: 317-328-8186.

St. Simon the Apostle, 8400 Roy Road, Indianapolis, Lenten Series "A New Heart: Forgiven & Renewed" Father Ron Ashmore. 7:45-9 p.m.

St. Roch Parish Men's Club will hold a fish fry from 5-7 p.m., at 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. Dine-in or carry-out.

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.

St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main, Plainfield, will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. every Friday.

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

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.

March 21-22

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will present a Tobit Retreat for engaged couples. Fee: \$195. Information, registration: 317-545-7681.

March 22

Christ the King, Indianapolis, King's Singles will volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul

Warehouse. Meet at Christ the King at 9 a.m.

Catholic Widowed Organization will hold a Pizza Party at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, at 4 p.m. Cost: \$4. Information: 317-784-4207; 317-359-6452.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold An RCIA Day of Reflection Retreat, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Information, registration: 788-7581.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold Breakfast With the Easter Bunny, 9 a.m.-Noon. Information/reservations: 317-788-7581.

March 23

Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, will present St. Joseph's Table, an Italian buffet, 1-6 p.m., at Primo Banquet Hall, 2615 E. National Ave., Indianapolis. Proceeds to benefit Central Catholic School. Information: 317-636-4478.

St. Lawrence School, 4650 Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, will hold an Open House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Grades: pre-school-8th grade. Information: 317-543-4923.

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

The Apostolate for Family Consecration "Be Not Afraid"

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

At Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt, "The Covenant of Love-1." Mass begins at 2:30 p.m. Information: Fr. Elmer Burwinkel 812-689-3551. Directions: 8 mile E. of 421 on 925-S, 10 south of Versailles.

Holy Guardian Angeles Church, 203 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove, will hold eucharistic adoration every Sunday, from 6-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of Secular Franciscans will meet at 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. Benediction and Franciscan service followed by business meeting social. Information: 317-888-8833.

March 23-30

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will host a Holy Week Directed Retreat beginning at 6:30 p.m., March 23, concluding at 11:30 a.m. March 30. Fee: \$420. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

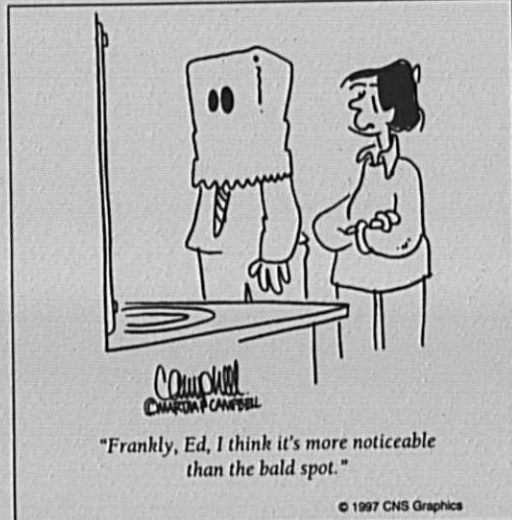
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Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold Yoga classes from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$8. Information: 317-788-3142.

March 25

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. All are welcome.

St. Patrick, Terre Haute, will sponsor Divine Mercy class at St. Patrick School, 449 S. 19th



"Frankly, Ed, I think it's more noticeable than the bald spot."

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St. Terre Haute at 7:15 p.m. Information: 812-234-6746

317-635-2021. All are welcome.

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

Marian College, 3200 Cold Springs Rd., Indianapolis, will hold a series of Mature Living Seminars from 10 a.m.-12 noon, in Room 251 of Marian Hall. Week two, "Calendars—Different Systems of Recording Time," Father Leopold Keffler. Information, registration: 317-929-0123.

March 26

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. All are welcome.

St. Barnabas Church, 8300 Rahke Road, Indianapolis, will hold a Lenten Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. Hunger, Inc. program at 6:30 p.m.

St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia, Indianapolis, will present Lenten Pipe Organ Recital by Adeline Yoder, following 12:10 p.m. Mass. Information:

St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, will host a reception for interested families in the Skyroom of the Indianapolis Athletic Club, 350 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, 7 p.m. Information/reservations: 800-447-8781.

March 27-30

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a Triduum Silent Retreat. Fee: \$125. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

March 28

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Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union Street, Indianapolis,

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Settlement will affect Holy Land's Christians

By John F. Fink
Special to The Criterion

JERUSALEM—The building of a new settlement on Har Homa, the large hill just north of Bethlehem in southeast Jerusalem, will have a serious effects on the Christians in the Holy Land.

According to Afif Sahieh, the Palestinian representative to the Holy See, it could "mercilessly threaten the Palestinian-Christian community with extinction precisely in that very area where Jesus Christ and the Christian message were born."

The planned Jewish housing units on Har Homa were the subject of a meeting between President Bill Clinton and Palestine Authority President Yasser Arafat March 3. Clinton and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak also discussed the matter at a meeting on March 10. And at the United Nations

March 7 the United States used its power of veto to quash a resolution calling on Israel to abandon plans for the new Jewish neighborhood. The vote in the 15-nation Security Council was 14 in favor of the resolution and only the United States against.

Present plans announced by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are for the government to build 2,600 Jewish housing units now with an additional 3,900 units to be built at a later date, or a total of 6,500 units. The Jewish housing units would be built from money given to Israel by the United States.

To try to appease the Palestinian community in Jerusalem, he has promised to issue building permits to Palestinians for them to build 3,500 housing units in Arab sections of East Jerusalem. The government has refused to issue such permits recently.

The large hill on which the Israeli government plans to build these units is located on the east side of the Hebron Road that runs south from Jerusalem to Bethlehem and then on to Hebron. The hill overlooks Shepherds' Field in Beit Sahour, where the angels announced the birth of Christ, and the city of Bethlehem.

Bethlehem is a Palestinian city located in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

In his statement about Har Homa, Sahieh noted that international law prohibits occupying authorities from undertaking policies that might result in changing the physical aspect or the demographic composition of an occupied territory. He also noted that the Har Homa settlement will be built on confiscated land that was stolen from Christian Palestinians.

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will celebrate a traditional Good Friday service at 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 p.m. in the church.

March 30

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

March 31

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

April 1

Hermitage Retreat House, 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, will present a lecture on The Silva Method of Meditation by Friar Justin Belitz in the library at 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-545-0742.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Springs Rd., Indianapolis, will

hold a series of Mature Living Seminars from 10 a.m.-Noon, in Room 251 of Marian Hall. Week three, "Diversity in the Expression of Language" presented by Franciscan Sister Margaretta Black. Information, registration: 317-929-0123.

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. All are welcome.

St. Patrick, Terre Haute, will sponsor Divine Mercy class at St. Patrick School, 449 S. 19th St., Terre Haute at 7:15 p.m. Information: 812-234-6746.

Divine Mercy Chapel, next to Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis, will hold Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession at 6:45 p.m.

April 2

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. All are welcome.

April 3

The Altar Society of Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, will hold a Spring Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 21 N. 17th Ave.

April 4

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will hold Mass, healing service and teaching at St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis. Teaching will begin at 7 p.m. Praise and worship begins at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by Mass and healing service. Information: 317-927-6900.

April 4-6

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold a Silent Retreat in the tradition of St. Ignatius for men and

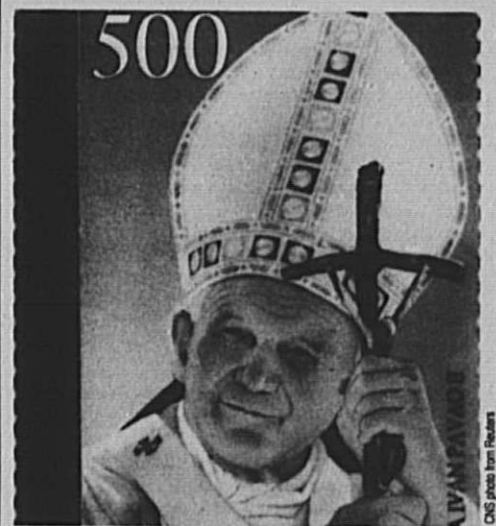
women. Fees and information: 317-545-7681.

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. Malachy, 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.

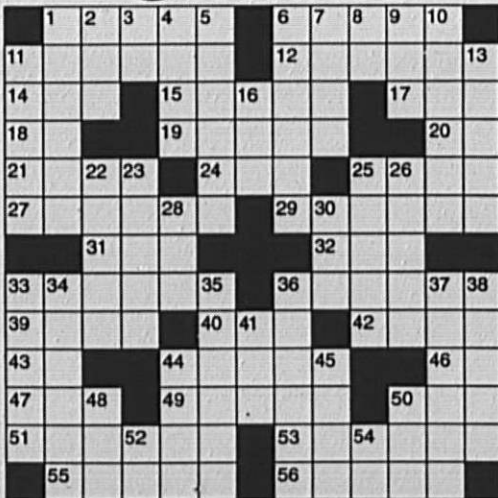
THURSDAY: Msgr. Downey K of C Council 3660, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; **FRIDAY:** St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. **SATURDAY:** K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. **SUNDAY:** St. Ambrose, 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.



Papal stamp

A special edition postage stamp of Pope John Paul II is being issued by the Bosnian postal company. The pope will visit the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo for the first time April 12-13.

Catholic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Like crystal (Rev 21:11)
- 6 Father of Moses (Ex 6:20)
- 11 Lighthearted, cheerful
- 12 "A people of a speech" (Isa 33:19)
- 14 Decay
- 15 Cook's wear
- 17 Flightless bird
- 18 Location indicator
- 19 Job took Amasa by this (2 Sam 20:9)
- 20 "— Mice and Men"
- 21 "He — an snow beyond him" (1 Sam 20:36)
- 24 Author Delighton
- 25 Land of Lima
- 27 God knows these (Luke 16:15)
- 29 Wanders
- 31 Steeped beverage
- 32 "Can one go upon — coals" (Prov 6:28)
- 33 Do unto —
- 36 "The heaven shall — his iniquity" (Job 20:27)
- 39 Go by
- 40 Sigma follower

DOWN

- 42 "Let not thine heart — sinners" (Prov 23:17)
- 43 Chicago train
- 44 Easter plants
- 46 Son of Judah (Gen 38:3)
- 47 Like Esau (Gen 25:25)
- 49 Dole out
- 50 Mine mineral
- 51 Not plant or mineral
- 53 Neglectful
- 55 "Mine eyes do fall with —" (Lam 2:11)
- 56 Manner
- 1 "His enemies will I — with shame" (Psa 132:18)
- 2 Illuminated
- 3 Spielberg's alien
- 4 Evil king of Israel (1 Ki 16:30)
- 5 Drives away
- 6 Decorates
- 7 Fix
- 8 Music note
- 9 Mimic
- 10 "The — of the just is blessed" (Prov 10:7)
- 11 Bold
- 13 Son of Simon the Cyrenian (Mark 15:21)
- 16 Woman's name
- 22 "Perform unto the Lord thine —" (Mat 5:33)
- 23 "We may eat of the fruit of the —" (Gen 3:2)
- 25 "Examine me O Lord, and — me" (Psa 26:2)
- 26 Was consumed
- 28 Paving goo
- 30 Common connector
- 33 Puccini work
- 34 Gold weight (Ex 37:24)
- 35 Solomon had forty thousand (1 Ki 4:26)
- 36 Gospel tidbits
- 37 Disinclined
- 38 Harp-like instruments
- 41 "Honor — men" (1 Pet 2:17)
- 44 Carson's predecessor
- 45 Cancel a debt
- 46 Backgammon cube
- 50 Anointing substance
- 52 Barker or Bell
- 54 Belonging to me

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Vespers - Procession with the Holy Shroud
and Holy Burial Service

Holy Saturday
March 29th - 5 p.m.
Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
and Blessing of Bread, Wheat, Wine and Oil

Easter Sunday
March 30th - 8 a.m.
Resurrection Matins with Procession,
Divine Liturgy, Holy Anointing
and Blessing of Easter Baskets

Bright Monday
Maarch 31st - 7 p.m.
Divine Liturgy

Youth News/Views

19 youth earn awards in CYO Science Fair

By Mary Ann Wyand

Caffeine, garlic, yeast and popcorn were inspirations for four of the award-winning exhibits in the Catholic Youth Organization's 1997 Archdiocesan Science Fair on March 1 at the CYO Youth Center in Indianapolis.

Nineteen junior high students representing 10 parishes earned top honors for experiments related to the physical and biological sciences. They were selected from 135 students at the archdiocesan competition who were first-place winners in school science fairs.

CYO Executive Director Edward J. Tinder said each year he is impressed with the quality of the students' research projects and dialogue with the judges.

"The young people are extremely knowledgeable about their projects," Tinder said. "The judges tell us how impressed they are with the students and the quality of their projects."

"Protein" was the research topic chosen by Matt Wilsey from St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, who was the overall winner in the eighth grade physical science competition.

Other eighth-graders who earned awards in the physical science category were Emily Hostettler from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, who studied "Barometric Pressure," as well as Katie

Thomas, from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, in the Lafayette diocese, who reported on "Insulation," and Ryan Fitzpatrick from Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, who also was a winner for "Which Insulation Is Best for Your Home?"

In the seventh grade physical science competition, Gerold Schroeder of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis was the overall winner for an exhibit on "Pressure."

Seventh-graders Angela Morgan and Marissa Stibbins from St. Gabriel Parish in Indianapolis shared an award for their research on "Energy and Efficiency in Popping Corn." Other winners in the seventh-grade physical science category were Erin Powers from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, who studied "Brush-on Hair," and Diana Ress of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, who researched "Pendulums."

St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Patrick Koenig of Indianapolis earned a seventh-grade physical science award for his research on "Insulation and Heat," and Kelly Lewis-Walls and Aimee Deveau from St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis shared an award for "Which Diaper Holds the Most Water?"

Our Lady of the Greenwood parishioner Marcy Buerklar of Greenwood was the



Eighth-graders Sarah Roembke and Alissa Ladyman from Our Lady of the Greenwood School in Greenwood wait for their project to be evaluated by judges during the Catholic Youth Organization's 1997 Archdiocesan Science Fair on March 1 at the CYO Youth Center in Indianapolis. Roembke and Ladyman researched the topic "Can Bacteria Be Spread Through a Handshake?"

Photo by Jerry Ross, Catholic Youth Organization

overall winner in the eighth-grade biological science competition for her report on "Does Caffeine Affect Performance?"

Other eighth-graders who earned top awards in the biological science category were David Beckwith, a St. Barnabas parishioner from Indianapolis, for his research on "Bacteria," and St. Luke parishioner Megan Linnemeier of Indianapolis, for her exhibit entitled "Garlic to Gingko."

Eighth-graders Maureen Stanton and Courtney Brown, from St. Bartholomew

Parish in Columbus, shared a biological science award for their study of "Plant Growth Hormone."

In the seventh grade biological science competition, St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Mark Sinsko of Indianapolis was the overall winner for his exhibit on "Color of Lights and Plants."

Nativity parishioner Megan Pfarr of Indianapolis also earned a biological science award for her research on "Yeast and Sourdough Breads."

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Campus/Young Adult News

Marian organizes Midwest cycling contest

This year, the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval is opening a little early for use by racers who rely on pedal power rather than horsepower.

The occasion is the inaugural **Indianapolis Motor Speedway/Marian College Midwest Cycling Classic** on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There is no admission charge for spectators.

Cyclists from Marian College, Indiana University, Purdue University, Ball State University, and other Midwestern colleges and universities will race around the world's most famous speedway for pride and a little prize money.

Della Pacheco, director of communications for Marian

College, said race organizers expect as many as 200 cyclists to compete in the inaugural event, which is part of the National Collegiate Cycling Conference Midwestern Road Series.

Other sponsors for the first Midwest Cycling Classic are WRZX-FM, WNDY-TV, and *NUVO Newsweekly*.

For additional event information, telephone the Marian College communications office at 317-955-6123.

Marian College in Indianapolis will sponsor its **10th annual health fair** on Thursday, March 27, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Student Center in Alverna Hall, located at 3200 Cold Spring Road.

"Health Fair '97: The Bear Essentials" is the theme for the educational event. "The Bear," the mascot from radio station WGRL 104.5 FM, will greet participants.

Over 25 booths will be staffed with representatives from community health agencies and businesses, including the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Prevent Blindness Indiana, and the Dairy and Nutrition Council.

Representatives of the Indianapolis Speech and Hearing Association will conduct hearing tests, staff members of the Indiana Department of Health will provide oral health information, and employees of Eli Lilly & Co. will offer lung capacity testing. Also during the fair, Winona Hospital staff members will provide blood pressure screening and associates of Northside Cardiology will offer blood tests. Representatives of Marian College academic departments and organized clubs also are planning booths. Marian's health fair is free, with the exception of one station where blood panels will be drawn for \$10 to conduct a complete blood lipid profile.

Free fruit and other give-aways will be available during the three-hour health fair. Students from Marian College and Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis as well as members of the Catholic community in Indianapolis are invited to participate in the health fair. For more information, contact Lisa Larkin, R.N., Marian's director of health and wellness services, at 317-929-0310.

The National Evangelization Teams, a Catholic youth out-

reach based in St. Paul, Minn., is recruiting young adults with an active faith to share their faith with others.

The group, known as NET, hopes to recruit 108 single Catholic young adults to serve as team members for nine months and present youth retreats and other appearances scheduled throughout the United States.

For more information, contact NET Recruiting, 110 Crusader Ave. W., West St. Paul, Minn. 55116.



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Spring tour

Quincy College Choir members began a four-state, seven-performance spring tour with a concert at Sacred Heart Church in Indianapolis on Feb. 13 featuring music from around the world. Franciscan Friar Dennis Schafer conducted the 40-voice, mixed chorus in a program of sacred and secular music.



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BERNARDI, Paul Joseph, 74, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Mar. 5. Father of Barbara Babbitt, Joe Bernardi, brother of John Bernardi, grandfather of one.

COX, Joseph T., 72, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Mar. 5. Husband of Mary Cox, father of Andrew Cox, Suzanne Perryman, Kathleen Walton, brother of Angie McCellan, Therese Rife, grandfather of six.

DALL, Bernard, 69, St. Paul, New Alsace, Mar. 1. Brother of Anthony Dall, Martha, Mary Schuman, uncle of nieces and nephews.

DAUBY, Curt F., 88, St. Paul, Tell City, Mar. 1. Husband of Helen Dauby, brother of Ferdinand, Bernard, Willard Dauby.

DAUBY, Lillian Marie, 74, St. Paul, Tell City, Mar. 7. Wife of Gervase Dauby, mother of Darlene, Gary Dauby, Donna Kessler, Diane Mahoney.

DeVITO, Steven, 33, St. Mary, Richmond, Mar. 7. Son of Franklin and Jane DeVito, brother of Vincent, Anthony, Teresa DeVito, grandson of Florence Gaddis.

DONNELLY, Paul, 50, Holy Cross, St. Croix, Mar. 1. Father of Nikki, Sara Donnelly, son of Lynette Donnelly, brother of David, Gary Donnelly, Michele Schmidt.

DONOHUE, John R., 44, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Mar. 3. Husband of Susan R. (Maley), father of Ryan P., Joseph M.

Donohue, son of Josephine E. (Teagardin) Donohue, brother of Joseph T., Thomas M., James F., Kevin M. Donohue, Marsha Fecht.

GAUCHAT, Bob, 73, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, March 7. Husband of Eloise (Koon) Gauchat, father of Philip Gauchat, Kay Miller, Stephanie Emerson, Cathy Stewart, brother of Richard Gauchat, grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of three.

GETTELFINGER, Viola E., 86, Prince of Peace, Madison, Mar. 2. Services and burial at St. Michael, Bradford. Mother of Shirley A. Jones, Robert K., Melvin C., Ernest E., Glenn F. Gettelfinger, grandmother of 23, great-grandmother of 40.

GRIFFIN, Joseph D., 76, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Mar. 5. Husband of Laura J. (Gray) Griffin, father of Judith Butler, Victoria Brown, Louise Gorman, David Griffin, Mary M. Jones, Evelyn K. Wallace, brother of Carl Griffin, Mary Manning, Vera Pein, Margaret Griffin, grandfather of 29, great-grandfather of 39.

KESSANS, Bernard "Bud", 68, St. Paul, Tell City, Feb. 28. Husband of Elda Kessans, father of Randy Kessans, brother of Dennis Kessans, Doris Marsch, Georgia Lee "Mutz" Scott, grandfather of two.

LACY, Ida M., 84, St. Mary, Rushville, Mar. 3. Mother of Michael, Robert, William, Ted, Mark Lacy, Phyllis Ware, Gwen Washington, Jacqueline Downs, grandmother of 28, great-grandmother of one.

LAHRMAN, Elizabeth A., 88, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Mar. 7. Aunt of one nephew, three nieces.

LOWRY, Helen M. (Zink), 85, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Mar.

12. Aunt of nieces and nephews.

LYKINS, William "Bill", 76, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Mar. 9. Husband of Elizabeth (Conley), father of Jim Lykins, Elaine Court, Patty McGoff, Joann Peters, brother of Murline Lydon, grandfather of eight.

MARKEY, John Joseph, 72, St. Susanna, Plainfield, Mar. 2. Father of William J., John J., Patty A. Markey, Mary A. Leggett, Barbara L. Robison, Diane L. Anderson, Elizabeth A. Warrior, brother of Martha Jo Baltz, grandfather of 10.

McKILLIP, James F., 66, Holy Family, Richmond, Mar. 10. Husband of Mary Ann McKillip, father of John, James, Joseph McKillip, Julia Chappo, Jane Vogt, brother of Donald McKillip, Margaret Wilkerson, Marilyn Gilliland, Mary Christianson, Nancy Farrel, uncle of nieces and nephews.

McNALLY, Julia A. (Dugan), 87, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Mar. 3. Mother of Mary Daresh, grandmother of three.

MEIER, Louis F., 89, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Mar. 7. Father of Richard, Frank, Ken Meier, Dolores Riddle, brother of Joseph Meier, grandfather of 21, great-grandfather of 26.

MEYER, Anthony, 86, St. Michael, Brookville, Mar. 4. Father of Mary Ann, Sara Meyer, brother of Paul Meyer, Mary Roth, Rose Bailey, Terry Schuman.

MISSI, Idabel C., 96, St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs, Mar. 9. Mother of Donald, Robert Missi, Maurice, Martha Engle, Mary Becht, Ida Mae Kaelin, sister of Sr. Francine Ackerman, grandmother of 37, great-grandmother of 91, great-great-grandmother of two.

MORGAN, Shirley M. (Kent), 60, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Mar. 8. Wife of Harry L. Morgan, mother of David T. Morgan, Mary H. Fouch, Jonie M. Fairbanks, sister of Donald Kent, Beverly Freije, grandmother of four, great-grandmother of two.

MULLEN, Anna J., 86, St. Mary, Richmond, Feb. 25. Mother of Cheryl, Terry, Michael Mullen, grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of two.

O'CONNOR, Richard C., 79, Holy Family, New Albany, Mar. 12. Husband of Anne L. O'Connor, father of Patricia A., Andrew J., William L. O'Connor, Mary L. Skeehan, brother of Michael C. O'Connor, Patricia O'Connor, Elizabeth Gillespie, grandfather of five.

RINGWALD, Harold Francis, 75, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Mar. 12. Husband of Mary Lou (McGee) Ringwald, brother of Margaret Loos.

SEGAR, Mildred E. "Millie" (Uebelhor), 72, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Mar. 10. Wife of Bernard G. Segar, mother of Jeffrey P. Segar, Kathleen Evans, sister of Adeline Brang, Edmond Uebelhor, grandmother of six.

SHMANIA, Henry, 72, St. Simon, Indianapolis, Mar. 3. Father of Dennis, Steve Shmania, brother of Martha Staniec, grandfather of two.

SWEAT, James D., 33, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 25. Son of James D. and Mary Catherine (Alvey) Sweat, brother of Sara J. Stiner, grandson of Sarah H. Alvey.

SHIELDS, Mary B., 82, St. Mary, Mitchell, Mar. 6. Mother of Carrol Shields, Wanda Brinkerhoff, grandmother of five.

STATEN, Howard, 77, St. Anne, New Castle, Mar. 14. Brother of George, Robert, Anthony Staten, Deloris Hawkins, Betty Brown, Bessie Green, uncle of nieces and nephews.

WRIGHT, Charles E., Sr., 69, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Feb. 26. Husband of Virginia Wright, Charles Jr., Kevin, Dwight, Karen Wright, Sharon Pelkey, brother of Chester, Anna Mae Wright, grandfather of nine, great-grandfather of one.

Wisconsin church looks at changes in farming

MADISON, Wis. (CNS) — Farm life, family life and church life in Wisconsin are threatened if trends continue toward fewer people farming more acreage, according to a report by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference.

"Agricultural economists say the state's farm economy has stabilized since the mid-1980s' downturn, which drove many farmers out of business," said the report.

"But many farmers disagree. They say the farm economy might be considered stable, but it is not healthy," added the report, titled "The Changing Role of Rural Life in Wisconsin: Implications for Family Farms and the Church." It was released March 5 in Madison by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops.

The number of family farms in Wisconsin has steadily shrunk from a peak of 199,877 in 1935 to 78,000 in 1994.

The decline in rural population has affected the church. One farmer quoted in the report said his parish "used to have the better part of 80 families and now we've got only about 30 families. Our schools, our community is disappearing."

Wisconsin's dairy farmers make up the majority of the state's farm production, even though they represent about 37 percent of its farmers. About 80 percent of Wisconsin's dairy farms are family owned, but the size of farms is growing, giving rise to the concern that declines in farm numbers will have an impact on the viability of rural communities in the future.

Overall, Wisconsin farmers make up about 2 percent of the state population, the report said. The median total farm household income is \$43,483, which includes 61 percent from farm earnings and 39 percent from off-farm sources. Forty-seven percent of farm families obtain more household income off the farm than on the farm.

The report highlighted how the state's Catholic dioceses have responded to rural life issues, noting that resources vary within each diocese. The Milwaukee archdiocese is a partner in the Wisconsin Farmers Foundation, which has a "Project Isidore" grant program to help farmers with short-term needs or a revolving loan program. The archdiocese surveyed parishes to see how they minister to rural families in poverty and found that "many rural families are only one paycheck away from disaster." The Diocese of Green Bay's social concerns office has a rural life disaster program which gives grants of up to \$500 to help farm and rural families meet short-term needs. To date, 188 families have been helped.

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News briefs

National

Catholic mutual fund strives for social responsibility

NEW YORK (CNS)—In a switch on Wall Street jargon, the bull's teaming up with the lamb, and Catholic investors are expected to be the beneficiaries. A new mutual fund, which invests only in companies whose business practices do not violate Catholic teaching, became available to the public March 12. The Catholic Values Investment Trust, operated by Wright Investors' Service of Bridgeport, Conn., is a blue chip, growth-oriented fund aimed at long-term investors. Minimum investment begins at \$1,000 for individuals and \$50,000 for institutional investors.

Supreme Court to keep Muhammad image despite protests

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Supreme Court will not remove an image of the prophet Muhammad from a frieze in the court chamber, despite a request from the

Council on American-Islamic Relations and other Muslim groups. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said March 12 that the frieze will not be altered, although descriptions of the image will be changed in brochures. Rehnquist wrote to the Washington-based group saying that removing the image would harm the artistic integrity of the wall sculpture. The 16 Muslim organizations said the image of Muhammad was offensive because it depicts him with a face, which violates an Islamic tradition against sculpted or painted images of the prophet. They also objected to the portrayal of Muhammad carrying a sword as an unfairly violent stereotype of Muslims.

Physician wants discourse on care of dying

NEW YORK (CNS)—The debate over the issue of physician-assisted suicide is challenging Americans on the type of society they have and wish to have, said a Catholic physician who specializes in pain management. "We need a national discourse on how we will be treated when we are dying, who will care for us, who will pay for our care," said Dr. Kathleen M. Foley, one of the prominent professional voices challenging the movement for physician-assisted suicide. Foley is a leading specialist in the management and alleviation of pain of cancer patients, and heads the unit with that responsibility at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

World

Impoverished Guinea-Bissau disintegrating, Bishop says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—While it may not be one of the world's best-known trouble spots, the small African nation of Guinea-Bissau is struggling to fight a cholera epidemic and disintegrating social services, a bishop there said. The West African country, where income averages only a few hundred dollars per year, has run into even worse economic problems in recent months, Bishop Settimio Arturo Ferrazetta of Bissau said in an interview with Vatican Radio March 13. Government-run hospitals and schools are paralyzed because professors, doctors and nurses have not received their salaries for months, he said. In addition, there is a serious lack of medicines in the country.

Authorities release Jesuits arrested in Mexico

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASES, Mexico (CNS)—Chiapas authorities released two Jesuit priests and two other men who were arrested on murder charges after two policemen were killed in Palenque, Mexico. The head of the Chiapas State Supreme Court, Noe

Castanon, said there was not sufficient evidence to detain the four men, who were arrested March 8 and released March 13. However, Castanon said the case remained open to new evidence. The Jesuit provincial in Mexico, Father Mario Lopez Barrio, informed the U.S. Jesuit Conference of the men's release, according to a March 13 statement from the conference's international ministries office.

Religious leaders remain as anarchy spreads in Albania

ROME (CNS)—As Albania continued to descend into anarchy, religious leaders were struggling to restore peace and to remain in place while others fled the country. "There have been some serious incidents, and a few people in the streets have been hurt," an adviser to the papal nuncio in the capital, Tirana, told Catholic News Service March 14. "We are trying to continue our work here, while taking into account the risks." More than a dozen people throughout Albania were reported killed, and at least 50 were injured in shootings attributed to civilians using firearms from looted weapons depots. Those police officers who had not deserted their forces were struggling to maintain control as one village or city after another dissolved in chaos.

(These briefs were compiled from reports by Catholic News Service.)

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Positions Available

Adult Day Services Assistant

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Requirements for this position include a bachelor's degree in education, psychology, or a related field. A master's degree in spirituality, theology, pastoral ministry, or a related field is preferred. Additional requirements include the ability to develop and implement programs, strong decision-making skills, and excellent communication, interpersonal, and evaluation skills. Previous work experience in the area of vocations and/or youth ministry is a plus. All applicants must be practicing Catholics.

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- Coordinating sacramental preparation.
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- Other opportunities to expand the religious educational opportunities for the St. Francis of Assisi and Ball State University community.

Terms of employment: 12-month position; starting date will be July 1, 1997, or a mutually-agreeable date; salary and benefits commensurate with experience; preference given to college graduate and person of Catholic faith.

Application deadline: May 1, 1997.

Application procedure: Submit a cover letter of interest, vitae, college/university transcripts, and three letters of reference or placement file to: Fr. John D. Kiefer, Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Newman Center for Catholic Students, 1200 W. Riverside Avenue, Muncie, IN 47303.

Coordinator for Family Ministry

The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana is seeking a Coordinator for Family Ministry. Position involves planning, training, and organizing diocesan-wide ministry in the areas of: marriage preparation; natural family planning; divorce ministry; and *Rainbows*. Position also provides consultation to parish personnel in supporting a family perspective in ministry. We seek a person with excellent communication and organizational skills who can work collaboratively with the team in the Pastoral Office for Formation. Applicants must be dynamic and visionary Catholic people formed by the Documents of Vatican II and the Pastorals of the U.S. Bishops. The diocese stretches across Northcentral Indiana and the position requires a valid driver's license, means of transportation and a willingness to travel. Desired qualifications include 3-5 years pastoral experience in family ministry and a master's degree in theology, pastoral ministry or a related field. If interested, call 317-474-6644 or send resume: ATTN: Marilyn Winter, OP, Pastoral Office for Formation, 2300 S. Ninth St., Lafayette, IN 47905. Deadline for application is April 15, 1997. Position to be filled on or before July 1, 1997. Salary and benefits commensurate with qualifications.

Associate Director

Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, IN, is seeking an Associate Director of Program Development. This person is responsible for implementing spiritual growth programs supporting the mission of Fatima as a center for spiritual enrichment for parish communities. The Associate Director is responsible for marketing Fatima programs, services, and facilities. Requirements: Master's degree in a related field, excellent written/verbal communication skills, knowledge of Catholic church/faith/spirituality, superior computer and organizational skills, minimum five years' ministry experience. Position starting date: June 2. Competitive compensation, excellent benefits including health insurance and retirement plan. Send cover letter, resume, salary history, in confidence, to: Ed Isakson, Director of Human Resources, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1410. Application deadline: March 31.

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Custodian

Holy Family Shelter, an agency of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is seeking a person to perform custodial and light maintenance duties. Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent, have a valid driver's license, and be able to push, lift, and/or carry 50+ lbs. Please send resume or letter of interest to Amy Moelthman, Holy Family Shelter, 30 E. Palmer Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225.

Business Manager

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, located at 335 S. Meridian Street in Greenwood, is seeking a business manager to serve as a steward of the human, financial, and physical resources of the parish. Responsibilities include administering the budgetary process, maintaining financial records, supervising office and maintenance staff, coordinating purchasing, and overseeing the use and upkeep of parish facilities.

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Requirements for this position include a strong working knowledge of computers (Microsoft Office, WordPerfect, Q&A and Fundmaster), ability to handle multiple assignments and prioritize tasks, outstanding interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills, strong organizational skills, ability to be a team player, knowledge of office practices and procedures, and ability to perform well under deadlines and stress. All candidates must possess a high school diploma or equivalent, have at least three years of previous experience in an administrative office. Previous experience in a development office and not-for-profit is preferred.

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