

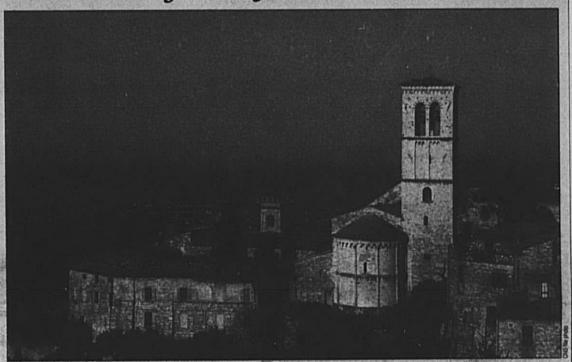
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Details for Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy are announced



The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has announced details for the 1997 archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrines of

Italy.

The pilgrimage is scheduled for Oct. 2 through 11. Father Joseph F. Schaedel, archdiocesan vicar general and moderator of the curia, will lead the

and moderator of the curia, while an pilgrimage.

Last year's archdiocesan pilgrimage to the shrines of southern Europe, which was led by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, included visits to Spain, France, Switzerland and Italy. It kicked off a series of annual archdiocesan pilgrimages that are an integral part of the archdiocesan Journey of Hope 2001 celebration.

The 1997 Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy includes visits to Rome, Assisi, Siena and Florence.

In Rome, pilgrims can look forward to a brief tour of the city's secular attractions, such as the Coliseum, the

Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain.

The journey to the "Eternal City" also will include an Oct. 8 papal audience—subject to Vatican scheduling—

The 1997 archdiocesan pligrimage will visit many holy places in Italy, including the Um Assisi, the birthplace of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. Assisi's simplicity and natural b a favorite pligrimage destination of Catholics around the world.

tours of St. Peter's Basilica and the

The pilgrimage will feature a brief visit to the Tuscan town of Siena, which is considered an example of a well-preserved medieval town.

Siena is the birthplace of

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of the church. Tours through Florence, also located in Tuscany, will feature a variety of religious art and sculpture. As a center of the Renaissance, Florence's history traces the development of both the Catholic Church and cultural rebirth throughout Europe.

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Pilgrims also will visit Assist, the birth-place of St. Francis and St. Clare. Located in the region of Umbria, Assisi offers a pilgrimage destination that is preserved against modern development, Francis is the 13th century saint known for his rever-ence of nature and all of God's creation. Regular Masses have been scheduled as part of the itinerary.

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Saint Meinrad College to close after 1997-98 school year

School of Theology is unaffected, remains open

Officials of Saint Meinrad Archabbey announced April 29 that Saint Meinrad College will close at the end of the 1997-98

On April 26, the Board of Trustees of Saint Meinrad College voted to close the college. The vote was confirmed by the monastic community of Saint Meinrad Archabbey on April 29. The college will be open until May

Saint Meinrad School of Theology is not affected by this decision.

According to the statement released April 29, the college's board of trustees "judged that the costs of enrolling and aiding an outstanding, yet very small, student body have become too great. They acknowledge that the stresses caused by the trends in recruitment and financial aid do not show evidence of diminishing in the near future.

Enrollment in the college this year totaled 100 students from 24 states and one foreign country. Six students from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are currently enrolled

Saint Meinrad College is an undergraduate, liberal arts institution for Catholic men. Its five-formations program provides

Youth supplement in this week's issue

Revelations, the annual youth supplement written by archdiocesan teen-agers, appears in this issue beginning on page 11. Teen-agers from central and southern

Indiana discuss their faith, hopes and dreams, life decisions and popular culture

in the eight-page supplement. Stories address the importance of mak-ing time for spiritual retreats, the Christian Leadership Institute and the Archdiocesan Youth Conference, as well as surviving the college selection process and realizing dreams of the stage or travel abroad.



Knights and Ladies of Holy Sepulchre meet April 26-27 in Indianapolis

At St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis (from left), Lady Mildred "Kitty" Cook, Lady Patricia McGraw Sweeney, Lady Donna Gettelfinger, and Knight Dale Gettelfinger gather with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein after their Sunday investiture in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The members of the six midwestern states met in Indianapolis last weekend.

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students the opportunity to mature acade-mically, spiritually, in character, in physical wellness and in volunteer service to the community. Its alumni nationwide include many priests and bishops, business profes-sionals, lay ministers, educators, physi-cians, attorneys and health professionals. In their statement, Saint Meinrad offi-

cials said the decision of the board of trustees was based on a number of interrelated factors. First, identifying and enrolling students is a challenge for nearly every college in the United States, from private colleges to well-known public universities. This is especially true for small, specialized institutions, the statement said.

Second, the statement continued, this competitive recruitment challenge was compounded for Saint Meinrad because it is best known throughout the Midwest for its seminary program, which today is a special program within the larger liberal arts institution.

Finally, Saint Meinrad officials said, "the continuing need for financial assistance for students to attend college—particularly a private college—remains daunting." The faculty, staff, students and administrators of the college expressed "great disappointment and sadness" over the decision.

In 1982, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, who had previously served as a college faculty member, dean, and spiritual director at Saint Meinrad was appointed president-rector of the college in addition to his duties as president-rector of the school of theology. After learning of the decision to close the college, the archbishop said, "I regret this very painful decision. Saint Meinrad College has made a significant contribution to the church, and it will be impossible to replace the college-level formation that so many of our priests and lay leaders received there.

My heart goes out to the monks, faculty, trustees and students of Saint Meinrad College," the archbishop said. For more than two decades, the monks of Saint Meinrad made enormous sacrifices Saint Meinrad made enormous sacrifices to keep the college open. Joined by many alumni and friends, Saint Meinrad invested millions of dollars in student financial aid and in the day-to-day operations of the college. They are to be com-mended for their generosity and their service to the church."

Benedictine Father Mark O'Keefe. president-rector of Saint Meinrad College, said, "Although we accept the judgment of the board of trustees and the monastic community as the most prudent course in light of current external circumstances, it nonetheless a difficult time for all

"Throughout the coming year, the college administration will work to ensure, as much as possible, that all of its current students will be able to graduate without serious disruptions, either at Saint Meinrad ous disruptions, either at Saint Meinau College, or at another college to which they might transfer," Father Mark added. "Also in the year ahead, we will find ways to celebrate the college's tradition and the accomplishments of its graduates

The decision of the board will allow Saint Meinrad to further focus and direct its personnel and financial resources to the work of Saint Meinrad School of Theology. The graduate-level school prepares men from around the country for the priesthood as well as professional lay ministers for a variety of services in parishes, schools and dioceses

'As people of faith, we believe that God can bring good out of every disappoint-ment," Father Mark said. "Certainly the ability to refocus our considerable resources to the work of Saint Meinrad School of Theology will only enhance our service to the church throughout the United States and, indeed, the whole world.'

Archbishop Buechlein also expressed his strong support for the continued work of Saint Meinrad School of Theology. "The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been greatly enriched by the contributions made by the school of theology. A majority of our priests and many of our

lay leaders were educated there, and the school of theology is a tremendous resource for our archdiocese and the universal church. We will do everything in our power to help ensure the continued success of Saint Meinrad School of

Theology."
Saint Meinrad College has roots in the seminary, established in 1857, shortly after the first Benedictine monks arrived in Indiana from Switzerland. It was sepa rately incorporated in 1959 and accredited

In 1992, in the face of declining enrollment in college seminaries around the country, Saint Meinrad College's board of trustees voted to expand the college's programs to include young men who were not pursuing a vocation to the priesthood but who wanted a college based in spirituality and the Benedictine tradition. Lay leadership students who selected Saint Meinrad College as the setting for the collegiate experience had sought not only a solid liberal arts education, but also a distinctive holistic Catholic education.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis currently has 12 students enrolled in the school of theology.

Much talent, ethnic diversity lies in 1997 class of priests

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Among the almost 500 men who are to be ordained in the United States this spring can be found "an immense amount of talent and ethnic diversity," said the head of the United States' bishops' Office for Vocations and

Priestly Formation.
"There are men who entered the seminary after high school or college," said Father Timothy Reker in a statement. "There also are men who enrolled in semi-

studies after professional careers in fields such as law and investments. A few have children and grandchildren.'

The incoming group of priests includes Anglos, Hispanics, Asians and African-Americans, reflecting the racial and ethnic diversity of the U.S. Catholic Church in the 1990s. Most of the men are native born Americans, but some were born in Mexico, Poland, Korea, China, the Philippines, Lebanon, Haiti, Colombia, Vietnam and Ireland.

Worldwide, the number of ordinations is up, according to statistics from the Vatican. In the United States the number has remained steady for five years.

To increase awareness of vocations, the U.S. bishops last year launched "A Future Full of Hope," a vocations-awareness program focused on parents, parishes and priests and their role in encouraging young people to think about becoming priests, brothers and sisters.

Parents are urged to be open to having a vocation to the priesthood or religious life in their family," he said. Such an openness seems especially important in light of recent statistics showing that many youths say they have thought about becoming priests without encouragement from their parents.

U.S. priests number more than 49,000. About 32,400 have been ordained for dioce-ses and 16,600 for religious orders. There are also more than 89,000 women religious,

6,300 religious brothers and 11,500 permanent deacons in service to the church.

Regarding age, Father Reker said some candidates for priesthood were as young as 25, but most were in their late 20s and early 30s. Many had established careers ranging from work as a stockbroker, accountant, lawyer, physician, art director, teacher and basketball coach.

Vacation memories

The Criterion invites readers to submit their favorite summer vacation memories for publication in the 1997 Vacation/Travel Guide. Please limit submissions to two pages. The deadline to submit is May 9. Address to *The Criterion*, Susan Bierman, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN, 46206-1717, or fax 317-236-1593.

Correction

In last week's issue, The Criterion incorrectly reported that Father William Stumpf, former associate pastor at St. Luke, Indianapolis, and staff member at St. Luke Institute in Maryland would become pastor of St. Luke, Indianapolis. In fact, Father Stumpf has been appointed pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Nashville and vicar of ministry personnel for the archdiocese. We apologize for the error and for the confusion this must have caused at both St. Luke and St. Agnes parishes. Here is the corrected announcement:

Official Appointments and Announcements

Effective August 1, 1997

Rev. William Stumpf, currently serving on staff at St. Luke Institute, Suitland, Md., appointed as vicar of ministry personnel and pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Nashville.

The above appointment is from the office of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis.

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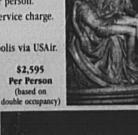


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Called to be a missionary to Africa

'Like Jonah: I refused, I argued, I bargained'

By Father Jim Farrell

(Father Farrell interviews lay missionary Sherry Meyer, former Catholic school administrator in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.)

You had nearly 20 years experience in Catholic education before coming to



Uganda six years ago. What prompted you to make such a major change in the direction of your life at that time?

I don't consider what I am doing a major change from what I have done all my life. I am sur-

prised by my reaction—because six years ago I felt like I was jumping off the edge of the world. Actually, it was more like I was being dragged kicking and screaming to the edge of the world and pushed off!

Though I am hardly a great prophet, I responded to God's call in much the same way as Jonah and others: I refused, I argued, and I bargained with God. At the time, I was very happily working and liv-ing in the Archdiocese of Chicago. I was also pursuing a master's degree in theol-

During my last few years in Chicago, I persistently felt an urging, a voice within me telling me to go to Africa. I would wake up in the night with this call and begin long arguments with God. I kept telling God that I was unfit for mis-sionary life. Sort of, "Here I am, Lord; send someone else!" But God is relentless, and I began bargaining. I told God that I would mention the idea of going to Africa to my closest friend and he would laugh and then both God and I would know how foolish the whole thing was.

Jerry never laughed. So I told other friends. They never laughed. Then I told God that I would apply to some missionary groups and they would turn me down. I was sure that would convince God.

But missionary groups interviewed me and accepted me. My final bargain with God was that I would go to Africa and when I surely failed, God would finally accept the foolishness of the plan. God won. God always wins.

I believe that God works through others. Certainly, my ministry in the Church of Chicago and my interaction with all those wonderful, faith-filled people there influenced me.

Why Uganda?

In the beginning, I was scheduled to go to Zimbabwe as a secondary school teacher. Then, shortly before I was to leave the States, the lay missionary group

I was with asked me to accept an assignment as a pastoral worker in Uganda Since I knew nothing of either Uganda or Zimbabwe, I took their advice. Now I am convinced that the Arua Diocese was the ideal assignment for me.

Since you came to Uganda you have worked in the pastoral coordinator's office. What is the function of that office?

Every diocese in Uganda is basically divided into two departments; social ser-vices/development and pastoral. Most bish-ops have a coordinator of each department. Liturgy, catechesis and pastoral care all fall under our department. Some of our work is administrative and some is in the development and translation of appropriate liturgi-cal and catechetical materials, but most of our work is in the formation and training of pastoral leaders: catechists, priests and other ministers

What's been your most rewarding

To see others teaching what I have taught them.

Everything has a downside. What are some of the most difficult experiences you have encountered as a lay missionary?

I am the only lay missionary in the diocese. It is sometimes difficult for other missionaries to accept me. It is sometimes difficult for priests, both missionary and diocesan, to welcome a lay woman to minister alongside them.

The phone lines from Arua to Indianapolis have been "out of order" for nearly two months; airmail letters take two weeks. How do you cope with the absence of immediate contact with family and friends?

Separation from family and friends is the poverty that I find most difficult to embrace. I live here knowing that if something happens to one of my family members, I may not reach them. A message to me may take two days by phone and radio call; if I am able to fly from Arua immediately, I will need yet another two-day flight to reach Chicago and another two-day linght to teach changed and another three hours to reach Indianapolis. In honesty, I must say that I don't cope with this situation very well. I am unable to put my complete trust in God. I am still busy trying to control things as if I can actually control them. For this reason, letters are precious. The time lapse is troubling but it also teaches me how time heals. For example, when I am going through a difficult time and I pour my heart out in a letter, when the responding letter of consolation arrives, I think to myself: "Oh yeah, I remember

Though you came here as a member

of the Volunteer Missionary Movement, when your two-year com-mitment expired, you chose to stay on as a lay missionary from the Archdiocese of Chicago. What does that mean?

As a lay missionary from the Archdiocese of Chicago, my "sending community" is the Office of Catholic Education, where I worked, and the network of schools that I served. I correspond with them. They participate in my missionary life not only through contri-

butions but also through their formation of me in the past and their continuing formation of me now. We are all in mission together. Each of us has a role to play.

One very important thing for me in the past

Sherry Meyer was the support the Chicago missionaries received from Joseph Cardinal Bernardin. He never failed to write at Christmas and Easter. Missionaries from the USA need health insurance and the people of Chicago provide it for us through their contributions to the mission office.

How do you meet your expenses?

Barely. By American standards, I am unemployed and living well below the poverty line. By Ugandan standards, I am one of the richest women in West Nile. I am very privileged to be sup-ported by friends and family in the United States. It is a very humbling experience, but it is a humility that I must embrace in order to work in

The Arua Diocese doesn't have enough income to support its own local Christian communities. Most families can only afford to give some sorghum or cassava or peanuts from their fields or 50 shillings (five cents) to their chapel each Sunday. That is hardly enough to support the programs in the parish. The dioce has no money to pay me as an employee of the chancery. I write to donor agencies to find funding for my monthly allowance of \$250. With that allowance, I manage my personal expenses, food and fuel for my kerosene refrigerator and

What have you learned from your experience here?

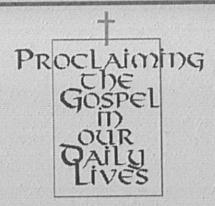
Poverty is complicated. At first, the poverty I saw was one I judged by my standards of living. But for me, the real poverty is the inability to raise up leaders

who can fight poverty.

I have an even greater love and appreciation for the power of education to develop critical thinking skills in human beings. Uganda has a tremendous potential in its human resource, but that resource is underdeveloped.

Next: The interview continues

(Father Jim Farrell has recently been (Father Jim Farrell has recently been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette parishes in Indianapolis. He is a former dean of the New Albany Deanery. He is spending several months of his yearlong sabbatical working in Uganda. The Criterion will print more articles by him as they are received.)



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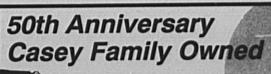
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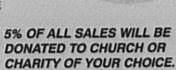




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Yom ha-Shoa: for the sake of our souls

At sunset tomorrow (May 3), many Jews throughout the world will begin the observance of *Yom ha-Shoa*, Holocaust Memorial Day. In the Jewish calendar, it is the 27th of Nissan, a date which falls dur-ing the time when the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was fought in 1943. The twenty seventh of Nissan is also one week prior to Israeli Independence Day. The date was chosen by the Israeli government to underscore the massacre of 6 million Jews by the Nazis and the creation of the state of Israel three years after the war.

The observance is new enough that no uniform rituals have been developed. In Israel, sirens will be sounded for two minutes at 11 a.m. Sunday as traffic and all other activities come to a halt in silent memory of those who were murdered by the Nazis. In the United States, many temples and synagogues will be holding memorial services, often featuring an address by a Holocaust survivor.

The world needs Yom ha-Shoa. We need to never forget the horror of the Holocaust. We need a time to honor the memories of those who died, those who survived, and those who sheltered or hid Jews from the Nazis. And each year, the need for such a day becomes more critical because by 2015, it is estimated, few, if any, concentration camp survivors will be left as living witnesses.

Even today, as difficult as it is for rea-sonable people to believe, the neo-Nazis, skinheads, Ku Klux Klansmen, and assorted others would like us to believe that the Holocaust never happened, that it was all a fabrication, a "plot of world Jewry." This idea would be laughable and those who profess it ridiculous except for the fact that the neo-Nazi movement is growing and incidences of anti-Semitism in Europe, especially France, and in the United States are on the rise.

We hope that Catholics and other ha-Shoa (Saturday evening and Sunday) to remember and pray for all those who died at the hands of the Nazis: the 6 million Jews and others, including Catholics, such as St. Maximilian Kolbe; other Christians, such as Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer; and thousands of gypsies and homosexuals. We even suggest that Holocaust victims and survivors be remembered in the general intercessions at Masses in our parish churches this weekend and that prayers be offered asking forgiveness for any responsibility we Catholics

may have had for the Holocaust.

We need Yom ha-Shoa for the sake of our society's soul. We can never allow the world to forget the horror of the Holocaust.

-William R. Bruns

Difficult issues

The two letters to the editor concerning John F. Fink's columns about the treatment of Palestinians by the state of Israel (see page 5) have caused much discussion among the editors.

We acknowledge that the Israeli-Palestinian question is extremely complex and often controversial and that persons of good will can strongly disagree about them in good faith. Both the ancient and modern history of the region and its religious and political environment contribute to this complexity. It is particularly difficult to dis-cuss situations in Israel because it is often impossible for all sides in the discussion to make the proper distinctions between the state of Israel (and the actions of its govern-ment) and the religion of Judaism. With this in mind, we appreciate the letter from Dr. Marcia Goldstone and Rabbis Dennis so and Eric Bram printed on page 5. They have a different view of this complex question, and we believe it is important for our readers to understand their perspective.

We also acknowledge that wrongs have been and continue to be committed by both Palestinians and Israelis. Neither side is

However, The Criterion will continue to discuss these issues (and others) because this newspaper is committed to carrying out its role in bringing the teachings of Jesus and the church to bear on situations of injustice, division, and evil in our society.

We realize that criticism of the actions of the state of Israel can be painful to many in the Jewish community. With this in mind, we wish to be very clear about the fact that *The Criterion* follows the lead of Pope John Paul II in rejecting all forms of anti-Semitism wherever they occur. We are committed to maintaining strong relations with our Jewish sisters and brothers here in Indiana and throughout the world. However, we cannot remain silent in the face of violent acts that contribute to the 'culture of death" that pervades our world. And we will speak out regardless of who perpetrates such acts.

Editor Emeritus Jack Fink, a past president of both the Catholic Press Association and the International Federation of Catholic Press Associations, brings to the Carnolic Press Associations, orings to the Israeli-Palestinian discussion a unique per-spective, having just spent three months in Israel and having visited the country eight times over the last 20 years. Several more columns have been filed by Fink from Jerusalem concerning various aspects of the Israeli-Palestinian question. They will be published in future issues.

Because The Criterion is committed to providing a "forum for the responsible exchange of freely held and expressed.

exchange of freely held and expressed opinion," we invite comment from our readers, and we will publish such com-ments in accord with our "Letters-to-the-Editor" policy (see page 5).

-William R. Bruns

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

Catholic education is a gift that keeps on giving

t was an unusual experience to go back to the grade school from which I was graduated 45 years ago! Last Tuesday, I was invited to celebrate Mass with the children and teachers of Holy Family School in Jasper as the parish observes the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1947. My mind is flooded with memories of that school even though I was only there for my eighth grade, beginning in the fall of 1951 when the school opened.

I remember waiting for Bishop Grimmelsman to name the parish. Mom was delighted that he chose the Holy Family as our patron. We felt so much a part of the school and parish because our family and others were very involved in volunteer jobs during the parish's building phase.

My memories of eighth grade include a severe respect for the principal who was also our teacher. Providence Sister Rose Veronica, while short in stature, was formidable and brooked no nonsense. I speak for myself when I say she made a significant contribution to my learning discipline.

I remember cleaning classrooms after school in the evenings with my fellow classmate and cousin, Father Jim Blessinger. I am sure we were paid, but I doubt that it was much because I don't remember having much money. I do remember that in those days we cleaned the floors with moist sawdust and large dust mops. Both the principal and the pastor, Father Othmar Schroeder, were tough inspectors. We also washed and waxed floors during vacations. In fact, Father Jim and I had that job for awhile, even after we began seminary studies at Saint Meinrad.

I still remember the delicious aroma of chili, beef and barley soup and sloppy joes, which were prepared by an aunt who was chief cook in the school cafeteria. I have never found chili or sloppy joes quite like hers. We eighth graders were commandeered to help police the dining room, which was not a bad idea since it caused us to monitor each other's behavior. We were a small eighth grade class, so we all did the multiple tasks that help make a new school work. Some of us were both altar servers and choir members. We attended daily Mass. While it wasn't always thrilling, nonetheless I suspect that it had a lot to do with developing an early regard for the Eucharist in my life.

I haven't said a lot about the strictly educational or academic impact of my grade school experience. It is sufficient to say that we were very well prepared to move on to high school, and we were able to learn with the best.

Our new school was a kind of "total immersion" school. Most of us did a lot more than study and learn there. In a very real sense, we did much more than learn our religion, which we did. I won't speak for other grade school classmates, but I can say that through my elementary school experience I absorbed a sense of the church. I came to love our church because it was so real to me in such a simple way. I picked up that love of church from teachers and priests as well as my parents. We learned a sense of community, too. Sometimes I wonder if today we don't spend so much time talking about "community" or that it is reduced to holding hands at the Our Father rather than "just doing it" in the most practical ways.

We learned the rhythm of the liturgical year. Advent and Christmas and Lent and Easter and May, Mary's month, and major feast days became part of life. I remember that every half hour when a bell would ring to signal the time to move on to another academic subject, someone was assigned to jump up and say "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus" to which we responded "All for thee, Jesus, Mary and Joseph." Then it was on to spelling or arithmetic or whatever. Forty-five years later, I find myself saying that brief prayer through the day. What a great way to teach us to make prayer a part of daily life and to keep us conscious of God all around us.

I remember that regularly we were herded into church to go to confession. I didn't particularly look forward to that and although we never really talked about it, confessing at the same time gave me a sense of solidarity with and support from my classmates.

Even after 45 years, I can trace some pretty basic pillars of my spiritual formation to Catholic grade school. What a great environment in which my vocation could take root and be nourished! Times change, but even today Catholic education is a gift that keeps on giving!

To the Editor

Concerts should be better attended

The Magnificat by John Rutter was pre-sented April 20 in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Truly it lived up to its title and was a brief hour of sheer blends of voices, instruments and directorship.

Mrs. Geraldine Miller, who chose and

conducted this difficult piece, is to be applauded for her fine leadership and dedication to bringing such beautiful music to us.

The concert was free, poorly publicized, and should have had a standing room-only audience. The combined efforts of choir members, musicians, soloist and the cathedral personnel should be encouraged in the future so that such programs may continue.

A. Lojkovic Indianapolis

Columnist should show more empathy to Jews

With all due respect to the editor emeritus of The Criterion, I believe a more balanced approach to the Palestinian struggle should be in evidence in anything pub-lished in the archdiocesan newspaper. I refer to his column in the April 11 edition. I would like to see Mr. Fink show the same empathy to the Jewish people as the Pope does in his Crossing the Threshold of Hope in the section, "Why so many reli-

I understand the Muslims devotion to al Quds and the connection to the Prophet's journey to heaven. We Christians are also emotionally connected to Jerusalem. But this is 1997, and apparently it is the Jewish people's time to be in control in Israel. I believe most Israelis would be fair to the Palestinians if they (the Israelis) are allowed to live in peace. And I believe they have tried to follow the admonition of Ezekiel (Ez: 47-21-22) to which Mr. Fink refers. It is a difficult thing for those in control to maintain their humanity and not become cruel and inhuman to those under

points of others.

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Send letters to: "Letters to the Editor," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206-1717. Readers with access to e-mail may send letters to criterion@archindy.org. their power. I am sure the Israelis would rather not have the responsibility of the Palestinians that has been heaped upon them. The Palestinians' brother Arabs

The Criterion seeks to promote the unity

The Criterion seeks to promote the unity of the church by serving as a forum for the responsible exchange of freely-held and expressed opinion among its readers. Therefore, the newspaper welcomes letters from its readers. Opinions must be relevant, accurate, well-expressed, and temperate in tone. They must reflect a basic sense of courtesy and a willingness to hear the view-points of others.

should be of more help. Mr. Fink says that if outsiders overran a country and took it away from its people in any other place in the world they would be condemned. This is a distortion of what has happened in Israel. For the last 1,300 years, Christians, Muslims and Jews have co-existed in the area, sometimes peacefully and sometimes in horrible warfare. Crusaders were, for the most part, very un-

Mr. Fink's final statement that the Palestinians "want only to live on it in peace" (referring to the land of their birth) seems very naïve and unfair. We haven't seen much evidence of their wanting to live in peace, certainly not from some leaders and groups who seem to wield undue influence.

Views of editor emeritus do not reflect modern spirit of Christian-Jewish dialogue

John Fink's column of April 3 vilifies Israel, lacks perspective and reflects an utter disregard for historical accuracy. Mr. Fink uses "Zionist" as a pejorative (they are "oppressors" guilty of "takeover" and expul-sion) and calls the Jewish people "outsiders" to the land with which we have been connected long before the emergence of Christianity or Islam.

In his account, there is no mention of the UN Partition Plan, accepted by the Jews and rejected by the Arabs who then attacked the fledgling Jewish state with the explicit intent of annihilating it. No mention of subsequent wars in 1967 and 1973, in which Israel suc-cessfully defended itself and no mention of the watershed events of September 1993 the Oslo Accords and the beginning of an historic rearrangement of the relationship between Israel and the Palestinians and Israel and the surrounding Arab states. Contrary to Fink's implication that Palestinians are regarded as "aliens" by Israelis, these Accords recognize the histori-cal claims of the Palestinian people and seek to establish a framework within which workable solutions to conflict can be negotiated between the parties. Unfortunately (and also contrary to his assertion), many Palestinians do not seem to want peace. Too many appear willing to commit acts of terror which serve only to make more and more mainstream Israelis wary about the efficacy of a peace process with partners who seem not to be seeking peace. Amazingly, despite Fink's presence in the area at a time of high tension, he appears impervious to events around him. Neither has Fink seen fit to comment on the lack of progress by the Palestinian Authority toward amending the Charter to delete calls for "armed struggle" aimed at eliminating the State of Israel. Fink offers not a word of support for the peace process, not a word condemning terrorism, and no call for the Palestinian Authority and

its president to democratize (at a time when more than a few Arabs on the West Bank and in Gaza fear their own "security forces" more than they did Israelis).

Although he deplores Christian emigra-tion from the Holy Land (as do we), he fails to acknowledge this as a 20th Century phenomenon, encouraged today by rising Islamic fundamentalism which threatens Christian life and prosperity in the area. So much for fairness and integrity.

More distressing is the evident pre-Vatican II ethos which pervades Fink's lan-guage whenever he speaks about Israel or guage whenever he speaks account the Jewish people. He claims that Western support for Israel is based on a misreading of the library and an excess of Christian sympathy toward Jews in light of the Holocaust. Since Pope John Paul II speaks and acts warmly to the Jewish people (and has inaugurated a new era in Catholic-Jewish relations as a result of his own experience), it is hard to understand why Fink is not in step with the teachings of his own church.

Fink presents a dated and unyielding vision of the many sides of truth in a difficult and complicated situation. Such a mean-spirited and cramped vision should be treated for what it is—an embarrass-ment and a relic of other shameful times Such a vision does not reflect the dignified spirit of Christian-Jewish dialogue today. Nor does it help to foster a climate conducive to the search for peace.

Marcia Goldstone, Ph.D. Executive Director Jewish Community Relations Council

Rabbi Eric Bram Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

Rabbi Dennis Sasso Congregation Beth El-Zedeck

(See editorial "Difficult issues," page 4.)

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

Bringing the fruit of forgiveness to others

Headlines all over the world said it: "In Sarajevo, Pope Calls for Forgiveness."



again, Pope John Paul II, visiting a major world trouble spot, was proclaiming a central teachings of Jesus: that we must forgive.

The pope's words were powerful: "For the edifice of peace to be

solid, against the back-ground of so much blood and hatred, it will have to build on the courage of forgiveness.

Reading those words, I prayed intensely that the world would take notice, listen and find the courage Pope John Paul II was talking about. Because it does take courage. To forgive takes an indescribable strength.

Ironically, the day before I read about the

pope's visit to Sarajevo, St. Joseph's Church in Brookfield, Conn., hosted a talk by Officer Stephen McDonald, the New York police officer who was shot in the head in Central Park 11 years ago by a teen-ager. The wound left him paralyzed, unable to move his arms or legs.

Remarkably, McDonald refused to stop

living and found himself in a new "mission" as a living witness to the beauty of life and the power of forgiveness to help us live that life for God and others. He said he chose to forgive the 15-year-old who shot him (and was killed in a motorcycle accident two weeks after serving eight years in prison) because of wanting to move on and help others. He would have been stuck in his

anger if he could not forgive.

Some 150 people came to hear this man, who was determined, in spite of his disabling injuries, to make his life meaningful and share his message of faith and forgive-

About a third of those who came were youths, because the sponsors of this talk were, admirably, St. Joseph's youth group. McDonald spoke of his dependence on the Mass, the Euphasist, the

the Mass, the Eucharist, the rosary-and his family-for the renewal of his spirituality. The enthusiastic response by the young people present was heartwarming

I think I was supposed to be focusing on forgiveness that week because the same day that I went to hear McDonald, I had finished reading a manuscript by Johann Christoph Arnold, titled Seventy Times Seven, Stories of Forgiveness. This is soon to be published by the Plough Publishing House of the Bruderhof Foundation

Arnold-known in Catholic circles for his powerful book A Plea for Purity-tells more than 25 stories of people who found a life after gaining the courage to forgive. These people suffered in the Holocaust, or from prejudice against their interracial relationships, or from infidelity in marriage, or who lost children, homes, positions. You cannot help but be moved by the

truth that emerges from these stories—that it is out of suffering that we humans come to learn the power and truth of Jesus' words about the necessity of forgiveness.

"Instead of leaving us weak and vulner-

able, forgiving strengthens and empowers our lives and our work," writes Arnold. "More than that, it sets in motion a positive chain reaction, which brings the fruits of our forgiveness to others. We see our own need for forgiveness; we realize the

own need for torgiveness; we realize the extent of God's love to us and must pour out that love to all."

McDonald's message is the same. He same who have to leaven now," and so he can even thank God for his injuries. We all have much to leave from records who have have much to learn from people who have suffered and still forgive.

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Christians are few in Holy Land but they belong to many churches

the Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies, I attended a week of ecumenical prayer services to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. They were evening services in some of the



Christian churches in Jerusalem. Two of the services were Roman Catholic, one conducted by the Franciscans who maintain custody of Catholic Holy Land shrines, and the other by the Benedictines of the Dormition Abbey (the site at the top of

Mount Zion where, according to tradition, Mary died). The other services were hosted by St. George Anglican Cathedral, Redeemer Lutheran Cathedral, St. James Armenian Orthodox Cathedral, St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Cathedral, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and the Melchite (Greek Catholic) Church.

This gives an idea of the wide variety of Christian churches here in the Holy Land. But it also gives an idea of why Jews and Muslims are easily confused by Christianity—there are so many Christian denominations in a land where Christians are a small minority anyway. We Americans are accustomed to many different denominations, too, but most of them are Protestant and we live in a country that

is still predominantly Christian. Not so the Christians who live in the Holy Land.

Of the 5.45 million people who live in Israel, there are only 130,000 Christians (2.4 percent). There are also 4.45 million Jews, 780,000 Muslims and 92,000 Druze. Of the 2 million people who live in the Occupied Territories, there are 1.825 million Muslims, 140,000 Jews and 35,000 Christians. So in all of the Holy Land con-trolled by the Israelis, Christians account for only 2.2 percent. And they are the ones who are divided into the most denominations

Among Christians, the Greek Orthodox Church is the largest and most influential. Not far behind, though, is the Melkite Church, also known as the Greek Catholic Church. Latin Rite Catholics (we Roman Catholics) come in third. Other churches include the Armenian, Syrian, Coptic and Ethiopian, which are all Orthodox churches, and the Maronite, which is Catholic. Protes-tant churches, all of which are quite small, include Anglican, Lutheran, Messianic Jews

and a very few others.

The Orthodox churches fall under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. Besides the Orthodox churches already mentioned, there are also Russian Orthodox and Romanian Orthodox. Many Romanian men were brought into Israel as workers, which created a social problem when they began to socialize with

The number one crisis of the Christian churches continues to be the emigration of Christian youth, all of whom are Palestin-ians, who leave the country in search of a better life. Christian leaders continue to believe that this crisis could be turned around if housing and economic opportuni-ties could be provided, but even educated Palestinians have a tough time finding a good job. The Jews don't want a higher per-centage of non-Jews in their country because they don't want a powerful non-Jewish political party. Therefore, they encourage the Palestinians, both Christian and Muslim, to emigrate.

Build consensus or build parish hall?

As most leading church observers will tell you, a parish faced with the challenge of



building consensus will-given the opportunity—opt to build a parish hall instead.

Disagreement within the church is hardly new. Yet we all know that by accepting the direction of Jesus, we are called upon to love and care for even those

with whom we disagree.

No matter how much we disagree. Or about what. No kidding. Even if it is something as horrible and wrenching and exas-perating as discord over sacramental theology, liturgical style or (pew) kneelers.

Keep tuned, however, as I have some connections with a couple of canon lawyers looking for loopholes in regard to disagree-ments over opening day of fishing season and Mass obligation.

So far they have established some fertile areas of discussion, having confirmed that Jesus himself hung out with a number of fishermen.

They also note that Scripture features the parable of the loaves and fishes, not the parable of the roast beef on wheat, as it were. And just where did those fish come

Be assured, consensuses (also known as consensusi) can be reached on points of disagreement. Many believe consensus has been achieved only when they get their way, but the other person(s) just don't realize it. Of course, the other people might also be getting their way and are pretty sure you

Further, they might know you think you pulled one over on them and are just happy to let you smugly bloop along thinking that.

But you know they know they think they're letting you bloop along, when you know you are actually just letting them think they know you think something or

(For this line of thought to continue, one needs to master Betty Crocker's Group Dynamics Correspondence Course
VII:Geometry of Double Negatives.)
Advanced consensus-building experts

agree that the most productive way to deal with religious disagreement is to get elected to the parish council where you will have

the power to do what you want. While might does not make right, power wielded with a certain flair can certainly

make it feel like it does, they point out.

There are also tried-and-true consensusseeking exercises. One features you stating your position, then your opponent respond-ing, "Is not."

You then say, "Is too."

Involving as many people as possible, you now set up a point, counterpoint session of "Is-not, Is-too," continuing this until both sides are exhausted. At this point you reach a consensus: You agree to drive on down to Shirley's Cafe and Take-Out for some fries and cold drinks.

Where you decide the parish needs a

Check It Out . . .

The archdiocesan HIV/AIDS Ministry will sponsor a retreat, "Living and Thriving with HIV," May 1 through May 4 at Oakwood Farm in Selma. The cost of the retreat is \$30.

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center will hold a Serenity Weekend for "Twelve Steppers," May 2 through May 4 at the retreat center in southern Indiana. The weekend begins with registration at 7 p.m. May 2 and concludes May 4 after lunch. Franciscan Father Jim Fintan Cantwell is the presenter. The cost is \$90 single resident; \$150 per couple resident; \$65 for single commuter; and \$90 for couple commuter. For more information call the retreat center at 812-

St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis will host an auction and spaghetti dinner May 3. Dinner is at 6 p.m. The auction is at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the eighthgrade class trip.

"Good God Spirituality," an HIV/AIDS retreat, will be held May 9 through May 11 at Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. Father Bob Pawell, who has won national recognition for his contributions to AIDS ministry, is the presenter. For more information or to register call the retreat center at 812-923-8817. Mount Saint Francis is located off Hwy. 150, just 15 minutes from Louisville, Ky.

St. Vincent Hospital Guild will host a luncheon and style show May 15 at Crystal Yacht Club in Indianapolis. Social hour is at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is at 12 noon. The cost is \$16 per person. For reservations call Betty Jo at 317-251-

Saint Meinrad Archabbey will host Monte Cassino Pilgrimages to honor Our Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine. Pilgrimage dates are: May 4, May 11, May 18, and May 25. The services begin at 2 p.m. The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the archabbey on State Highway 62. For more information call 812-357-6585 or 812-357-6501.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers will hold a self-confidence class at 7 p.m. May 9 at the St. Francis South Campus in Beech Grove. Participants will learn factors that contribute to a lack of self-confidence, such as: certain ill-nesses like depression, childhood experiences, old habits, relationships with a perfectionist, and negative thinking. In addition participants will also learn other techniques that build self-confidence. For more information call Kerry Minnis at 317-783-8477.

Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a picnic at 1 p.m. Sunday May 18. For

more information call the parish office at 317-353-9404.

Parishioners at Our Lady of Providence in Brownstown, will celebrate the 40th ordination anniversary of their pastor, Father Joseph B. Sheets, with a dinner following the noon Mass May 4. Former members of the parish are invited to participate in the Mass and dinner.

VIPs ...



Sister of Saint Francis Laure Poeling, an Oldenburg Franciscan, was selected by

her peers as "Nurse of the Year" for her service area, behavioral health. She will be onored for her achievements at 2 p.m. May 6, National Nurses Day, at St. Francis Hospital on the Beech Grove campus. This award honors the nurses who best exemplify the image of a professional nurse.

Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa Demetria Smith has been appointed to the Board of the United States Catholic Mission Association. The purpose of the association is to unite and support the people committed to the crosscultural and global mission of Jesus in service to the church and world. Sister Demetria is the mission educator in the archdiocesan Mission Office.

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Knights and Ladies of Holy Sepulchre meet

Four leaders from the archdiocese were honored as nearly 400 Knights and Ladie of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepul-chre of Jerusalem from Indiana and surrounding states gathered April 27 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein

invested Dale Gettelfinger of Holy Family Parish in New Albany as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, along with 42 other men. His wife Donna Gettelfinger; Mildred

His wife Donna Gettellinger, Mildred
(Kitty) Cook; and Patricia McGraw
Sweeney were among the 35 invested as
Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre.

Also invested as a knight was James
Adair, president of Regina Tours of
Cleveland. His tour company worked with
the archdiocese for the 1996 Pilgrimage of
Hope to holy places in southern Europe
and is also involved in the 1997 archand is also involved in the 1997 archdiocesan pilgrimage to Italy.

Jan Marten, sister of Father Joseph F.

Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, and her husband, Christopher, also ere invested. The Martens live in the Lafavette Diocese.

Ten priests were invested as Knights of the Holy Sepulchre; five monsignors, as knight commanders; and Bishop Raymond L. Burke of La Crosse, Wisc., as knight commander with star.

The ecclesiastical order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre is one of the oldest in the church, founded to preserve the church's presence in the Holy Land. The North Central Lieutenancy consists of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Kentucky. The Indianapolis meeting was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27. Knight Dale Gettelfinger is the husband of Donna Block Gettelfinger. He is a direc-

tor of Monroe Shine & Co., Inc., certified public accountants. He grew up attending St. Michael School in Bradford and attended Bishop Bruté Latin School in Indianapolis.

Gettelfinger received his bachelor's and master's (accounting) degrees from Indiana University. He received his law degree in 1977.

He is active in many professional orga-nizations, having served as president and in other offices of the Indiana Certified

Gettelfinger is currently president of the Catholic Community Foundation, Inc. of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He is a mem ber of the Miter Society and serves this year as co-chair with his wife of the United Catholic Appeal. The couple co-chaired the

lead-gifts phase of the appeal last year.

He is a member of Holy Family Parish in New Albany and has worked on its parent-teacher association. He has been active at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville, serving as a member of its board of directors and chairman of its development committee and strate-

Married in 1973, Dale and Donna Gettelfinger are the parents of four children: Jessica, 16; Jeremy, 15; Jenna, 12; and Joanna, 9.

Lady Donna Gettelfinger is on the bereavement committee at Holy Family

bereavement committee at Holy Family
Parish. Along with her husband, she is the
1997 general co-chair for the United
Catholic Appeal, and was lead-gifts cochair for last year's appeal.

Mrs. Gettelfinger worked as a registered nurse for eight years—assistant head
nurse of the intensive care unit at Clark
County Memorial Hospital; head nurse of
the surgical unit at Bloomington Hospital;
and medical surgical and emergency and medical, surgical and emergency room nurse at the Harrison County Hospital in Corydon.

She has been very active in her children's schools: Holy Family, New Albany, and Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarksville. She's been room mother, served on the performance-based accreditation board and the search committee for a junior/senior high school youth minister.

Donna Gettelfinger has judged the junior

high school science fair for five years, served as a classroom reader and planned eighth-grade awards banquets. She has used her nursing experience to assist school and health department nurses, along with numerous other services

A native of Cincinnati, Lady Patricia McGraw Sweeney received her bachelor's degree from Edgecliff College, where she has since served as a board member. She earned her master's degree in education from the University of Cincinnati. She taught school for four years. She has spent

many years as a community volunteer. The widow of Jerome R. Sweeney, Patricia is the mother of five sons: Jerome R. Jr., James Patrick, Gregory B., Brian E., and Robert. She has a brother, James J. McGraw and a sister, Rosemary Breene.

Sweeney has lived in Indianapolis 40 years, serving as a community volunteer leader. A member of St. Luke Parish, she has been active on the boards of St. Vincent Hospital Women's Group, Brebeuf Mothers' Club, St. Luke School, Spring

Mothers' Club, St. Luke School, Spring
Mill School, and the Indiana branch of the
Orton Dyslexia Society, Inc., working with
them in fund-raising and publicity efforts.
Among other leadership activities that
Sweeney has been involved in are Camp
Delafield, Family Support Auxiliary,
Starlighters, Indianapolis Museum of Art,
Indianapolis Symphony women's group. Indianapolis Symphony women's group, Indianapolis Ballet Theater; People of Vision of Indiana, Day Nursery Auxiliary; Fortnightly Literary Club and Contem-porary Club of Indianapolis.

Lady Mildred (Kitty) Cook is the wife of Knight Robert Cook. A member of St. Jude Parish, she was nominated by Lady Shirley Irene Dreyer, director of religious education

at the Indianapolis parish.

Dreyer cites Kitty Cook's support of her husband "as he carries out his many

duties in positions held within the Catholic Church." Dreyer said she exemplifies "the most important vocation, the ministry of mother and wife." Kitty and Robert Cook have a young

son, James. Kitty is the stepmother of six grown children: Richard Cook, Joan Dreicer, Kathy Keyler, Robert Cook, Vickie Lobeck, and Tim Cook. There are

11 grandchildren. She is active at St. Jude Parish, especially in supporting the Catholic schools.

Cook has been working with the parish bereavement ministry and the festival.

Before the investiture Mass Sunday, John

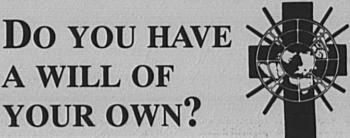
F. Fink, editor emeritus of The Criterio spoke at a luncheon and discussed his threemonth trip to the Holy Land.

He said that, through a contribution from a knight and lady couple of the Holy Sepulchre, the repairs have been made to the dome in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Fink said that the most important thing he found is that all the people there must learn to live together in peace.
"It is possible for all of us to learn to

live peacefully together," said Fink. "We must pray that God will enlighten the minds of all the leaders in the Holy Land

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'March for Jesus' events organized throughout the archdiocese

On Saturday, May 17, Catholics throughout the archdiocese will join in local Marches for Jesus that will make them part of a worldwide celebration to honor Christ.

The sole purpose of the event is to gather in public prayer and song, together with other believers in Jesus. There are no causes, issues or protests, just public praise of Jesus.

Several members of the archdiocese have been active in promoting and even initiating marches in their areas. Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen, evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese, is serving on the steering committee for the march in Indianapolis and central Indiana.

Some recent changes have occurred in the march route. The group will gather at New York and West streets. Parking for the day is available in the IUPUI lots for \$2. Marchers will start congregating at 9:30 a.m. After a brief prayer service, the march will start down West Street at 10:00 a.m. Once the whole group arrives at Victory Field, there will be a more extensive prayer service followed by an optional picnic and concert. A special feature of the central Indiana march is that five of the prisons will hold "branch" marches in their facilities.

In the Batesville deanery, Rita Fritsch and other deanery youth ministers initially discussed arranging car pools to the Indianapolis march. A suggestion to start their own marches touched off a series of phone calls to their counterparts in Protestant churches, meetings with the area clergy association, and negotiations

over routes and permits with the police and city council. The result is a march that will begin at the community swim-ming pool across from the middle school in Batesville and will wind up at the

Batesville community park. In the New Albany area, Jack Shirley, a parishioner of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs, and a member of the south region archdiocesan evangelization advisory committee, contacted some local church leaders, got several copies of the March promotional video from Father Folzenlogen, and ordered the materials from the national March for Jesus office. There were also some negotiations over routes and permits especially because the main street in New Albany is a state high-

way. But the march is a go.

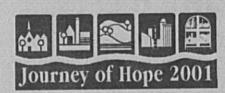
Anyone is welcome to join any of the marches. For more detailed local information you can call:

Indianapolis—Jesuit Father Joe
Folzenlogen, 317-236-1489
Batesville—Rita Fritsch, 812-934-3204
New Albany—Jack Shirley, 812945-0353

Scottsburg—Rev. David Richie, 812-794-2222

Seymour-Rev. Howell Thomas, 812-523-3722 Terre Haute-Pastor Smith, 812-232-2521

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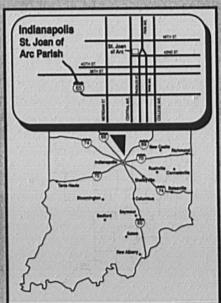
Indianapolis North Deanery

St. Joan of Arc Indianapolis

By Mary Ann Wyand

Fast facts:

St. Joan of Arc Parish has welcomed 105 new members in the past year through its Parish Companion Program.



Parish Companion Program welcomes new members

St. Joan of Arc parishioners are living out their mission statement with a Parish Companion Program created last year to welcome newcomers to the Indianapolis North Deanery parish.

The mission statement reads, "We, the parish of St. Joan of Arc, founded in 1921, are a community of faith grounded in Catholic tradition. Embracing our racial, cultural and economic diversity, we exist to love and serve
God, those in our parish family, our school and our neighborhood. As a sacramental people,

we recognize the presence of Christ in all people. We extend ourselves in Christian love and hospitality to the poor, the sick, the searching and to our forgotten brothers and sisters. We live our mission through prayer, worship, evangelization, outreach, education and stewardship."

The idea for this hospitality min-

istry evolved last summer when Father Patrick Doyle, pastor, and Pastoral Associate Mary Breckenridge met with a group of 14 parishioners to discuss how to wel-come people. The group met for six consecutive weeks to plan the new Parish Companion Program. Currently, 21 parishioners serve

as parish companions and represent St. Joan of Arc's diverse population. They have welcomed 105 new mem-



St. Joan of Arc Church

bers to the faith community in less than a year.

Nineteen-year parishioner Mable Brown helped organize the Parish Companion Program.

"Father thought it would be a good thing to officially wel-come new parishioners by visiting them and taking along gifts of a Bible and a loaf of bread as an offering," Brown said. "I've been a companion to five new members. It makes the person feel very welcome in the parish. Some of our new members later joined the committee as companions. This is a

very rewarding ministry, and I would recommend that other parishes adopt this program."

this program."
Since Joan Walton joined St. Joan of Arc Parish 25 years ago, she has seen lots of changes in the faith community. Walton said she believes the new Parish Companion Program is one of the best ways to strengthen parish life.

"This welcoming program is one that I feel is tops," Walton said. "I've seen the positive change it has had on the parish. I was asked to be a companion after my husband died last year, and it helped me tremendously."

Companions call on new persons or families to welcome them to the parish and ask if there is anything they need, she said. "We ask how we can help them, and if they have any special prayer requests. We pray for

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and with our new members. As companions, we are build-ing friendships in the parish."

During a Rite of Welcome and Registration for new mem-

bers, Walton said, a young woman began crying. The woman later explained, "I feel I'm a part of this church now."

Since the program's inception last summer, Walton said, "St. Joan of Arc parishioners have become closer. This Parish Companion Program is wonderful. You can see the change in the parish. It was always a welcoming community, but now it feels even more friendly."

Companions are asked to love unconditionally, accept all people, appreciate and respect each person's faith journey, respect privacy, keep confidences, respond to needs, find ways to bring people together in friendship, see the parish as a special place, and have fun with their new friends.

"The traits of a parish companion were suggested by the group," Father Doyle said. "The focus is on biblical teachings are seed and appropriate to the group."

teachings, prayer and community sharing. We are trying to help people develop deeper relationships to sustain our faith. We celebrate our diversity. We also want to help each person make a solid decision to be a member of this parish. That can only happen after people become acquainted with the community and make a commitment. We want to acquaint people with the uniqueness of St. Joan of Arc and the various ministries here that make us what we are today."

Newcomers who decide to join the parish participate in a Rite of Welcome and Registration during a weekend Mass, Breckenridge said. "The newcomers publicly renew their commitments to proclaim the faith which joins us together by our one baptism in Christ and through our Catholic Church. They also make public commitments to become active members of the St. Joan of Arc community. They are sponsored by their parish companions."

During this rite, she said, "the parish receives them with

the prayer that they will find St. Joan of Arc to be a community of warm welcome and a place where they will experience the love of God. We also encourage people to stay connected.

The program has its roots in Scripture, Breckenridge said.
"Jesus welcomed people. There are numerous references in
the New Testament about hospitality. We are told by Peter that love covers a multitude of sins, and we are to be hos-pitable to one another without complaining. We want to be

an open parish where every one feels welcome and can be a real part of St. Joan of Arc. There is unity in diversity, and we are a people who reach out to others."

After living in Washington, D.C., for 22 years, Margaret Gross returned to her hometown last spring. She attended Mass at St. Joan of Arc Parish "for nostalgia reasons" so her 8year-old daughter, Elizabeth, could experience her moth-er's childhood parish.

"After Mass, Elizabeth said, 'Mom, can we join St. Joan of Arc again?' So we did," Gross said. "We could see that it was a friendly parish. Then when I saw the parish mission statement, that cemented it for me. I really like the notion that the parish publicly pro-claims that we are a community of inclusiveness and respect and that we embrace diversity. We embrace peo-ple for who they are and we welcome them." welcome them.

Because she is a former parishioner, Gross said Father Doyle invited her to participate in the hospitality ministry as a companion for newcomer Jowanna Peterson and her daughter, Alesha, who is a first-grade student at St. Joan of Arc School.

"We live within three or four blocks of each other, Gross said, "and we both have young daughters. The first time we talked I felt a spark of friendship. We share the camaraderie of parenting."
St. Joan of Arc's "friendly

atmosphere and sense of welcome and warmth attracted me back to the parish," Gross said, "and I wanted to offer that to others. So here I am back home again after all these years. I believe the Holy Spirit is working in my life.

St. Joan of Arc Parish and School have been answers to prayers, Jowanna Peterson said. "We live in the area, and I came over to check out the school. I found the staff of St. Joan of Arc School to

be very caring."
Peterson said she began volunteering at the school and decided to find out more

about the parish.

"At school they were taking such good care of my daughter and she was learning so much, so it made sense for me to be a part of this parish," Peterson said. "I was interested in the companion program because I needed someone to help me understand the parish community Margaret welcomed me with open arms. We talk on the phone and visit. One time when I was sick she brought me ice cream. The Parish Companion Program has helped me feel a sense of belonging," she said. "It's given me a sense of direction as to involvement with the church, and has helped me grow spiritually. I feel welcome here.'



New St. Joan of Arc parishioners Alesha and Jowanna Peterson (from left) enjoy ice cream and cookles with Margaret and Elizabeth Gross, who are their parish companions. At right, the girls play a computer game





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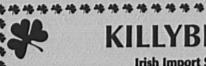
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Rome approves U.S. cremation indult

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Holy See has said each U.S. bishop can decide whether to allow a human's cremated remains at Catholic funeral Masses in his diocese. The bishops had asked for that permission at their general meeting last June. Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, notified the bishops of the Vatican decision April 18. He asked them not to implement it until needed adaptations in liturgical texts and rites are cleared through Rome.

Bishop visits flood victims housed at air base

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (CNS)—With 95 percent of Grand Forks under mandatory evacuation, Fargo Bishop James S. Sullivan went to the Grand Forks Air Base April 20 to visit the nearly 4,000 residents who have taken shelter in huge aircraft hangers converted into dormitories. Noting the significance of the day's Gospel on the Good Shepherd, Bishop Sullivan said, "These people have been entrusted to me. I assured them I had prayed for them and searched for what I might do to help. All I could do was offer presence and assurance of support of every kind." It was expected to be several weeks before some people could return to their homes, and even longer before sewer and water services could be re-established.

Two cities unite in prayer over Oklahoma City bomb

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS)—Oklahoma City and Denver became sister cities united in grief, prayer and hope in ceremonies marking the second anniversary of the blast that destroyed Oklahoma City's federal building. On April 19 Archbishops Eusebius J. Beltran of Oklahoma City and Charles J. Chaput of Denver celebrated Mass in their respective cities for the victims, their families and survivors of the bombing. The Oklahoma City Mass took place following a civil ceremony during which 168 seconds of silence were observed at 9:02 a.m., the time of the bombing, for the 168 people who lost their lives when a bomb brought down the Alfred P. Murrah building. In Denver at 9:02 a.m., the bells at Holy Ghost Church tolled 168 times in remembrance of the lives lost in the blast. Holy Ghost Church is one block away from Denver's federal building, the site of the courtroom where the bombing trial is taking place.

NFPC president urges new vision of diaconate

ATLANTA (CNS)—An inadequate vision of diaconal ministry in the United States has led to the increasing "parochialization" of permanent deacons, a priest told a national conference in April. Father Nick Rice, president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils, addressed the National Association of Diaconate Directors at its annual meeting in Atlanta April 9-12. Noting that 8 percent of U.S. permanent deacons are already in charge of parishes that are without resident pastors, Father Rice said that percentage is likely to increase as the priest shortage worsens.

"This increased 'parochialization' of the diaconate ought to be studied very carefully, lest the diaconate be cast as a 'miniaturized priesthood,'" he said.

Panel: Laity, priests both essential to renewal

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. (CNS)—The spirit of renewal will continue in the Catholic Church because the Holy Spirit continues to inspire the lay people who will have to do the work, according to a panel of speakers at St. John's University in Collegeville. But Father Andrew Greeley, a sociologist and author, said priests also have an important role if church renewal is to be successful. In fact, priests will be the ones holding parish communities together, helping to make the parish a place that all can live with, the Chicago priest said during the April 17 panel discussion.

World

Pope to preside over family celebrations during Brazil visit

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II plans to open the World Meeting of Families in Brazil this fall with a festive celebration and an outdoor Mass attended by more than one million people. During his Oct. 2-5 stay in Brazil, the pope will also preside over encounters with local priests and religious, meet political leaders and dine with 560 Latin American bishops, according to details released in mid-April by Cardinal Eugenio de Araujo Sales of Rio de Janeiro. Vatican sources confirmed the dates and the papal program.

Romanian invitation to pope highlights tensions

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—An official invitation for Pope John Paul II to visit Romania has highlighted continuing discord between the Catholic and Orthodox churches there. Romanian Foreign Minister Adrian Severin extended the invitation during an April 17 papal audience. He then told the Romanian service of Vatican Radio that the pontiff had accepted. But the Vatican made no announcement about it, and the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano noted only that Severin had seen Pope John Paul. The next day, a spokesman for the Romanian Orthodox Church was quoted in local newspaper interviews as saying the time was not yet right for a papal visit.

Vatican official appeals for safe return of refugees to Bosnia

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A Vatican envoy has appealed for the safe return of an estimated 1.5 million refugees in Bosnia-Herzegovina, saying a lasting peace depends on the right to return to one's home. Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Pontifical Justice and Peace Commission, made the remarks in mid-April during a meeting in Geneva with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, a Vatican statement said. Cardinal Etchegaray said he wanted to convey Pope John Paul II's deep concern over the refugee problem in Bosnia.

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



YOUTH SUPPLEMENT

Youth retreats leave long-lasting impressions

'God's presence was there; he was waiting for me to begin a relationship with him.'

By Joey Konz

If you ever have the opportunity to take part in a spiritual retreat, seize the

chance the minute you are presented with it.



There are several different kinds of spiritual retreats available and, depending on the one offered, each will have its own purpose as to its prime topic of fulfillment. However,

the basic idea of fulfillment is behind every spiritual retreat—and this fulfillment is what makes each retreat unique and meaningful.

I have been fortunate enough to attend three separate retreats. Each retreat was very special to me in different ways. Yet it was not until recently that I realized how all three had the same basic idea of fulfillment-growing in my relationship with God. The various approaches made each retreat unique and meaningful.

The first youth retreat I attended was at Young Life's Camp Castaway in Minnesota.

Some 40 members of Good Shepherd, St. Monica and Christ the King parishes in Indianapolis represented Indiana and endured the 18-hour bus ride to the camp. Once there, we were greeted by another 300 to 400 teen-age campers from across the country.

Relaxation was the key to this retreat. The beautiful camp was strategically located along the shore of one of the many breathtaking lakes in Minnesota.

I had the opportunity to spend hours of free time lounging on the beach or in the hot tub, parasailing, tubing, canoeing and skiing on the lake, and playing basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, pool or Foosh

Whatever the activity, it was empha-sized that everyone have fun and relax. This attitude gave the camp a friendly "home-away-from-home" atmosphere where everyone became friends

The retreat's main focus was our rela-tionship with God. Every night all the campers would gather in the Anchor, a miniature amphitheater, and the program leaders would discuss God and our relationship with him.

These light-hearted lectures were meant to open our eyes to the amazing opportunity for all people to be in a relationship with God, and this retreat effectively achieved its goal.

The second retreat I took part in brought me to an Indian reservation in New Mexico. The atmosphere was much different than that of Camp Castaway

The Good Shepherd parishioners who traveled to Cottonwood Gulch were presented with the hardships of living off the bare necessities needed for survival—no TV, no telephone, no electricity, plumbing or running water. However, this approach gave me the wake-up call I needed-nature.

The purpose of this retreat was, once again, to focus on our relationship with God, and also how he communicates with us. That was made quite clear to me as I watched the sun rise over distant plateaus and gazed on the myriad of twinkling stars at night. I remember the gently rolling clouds in the clear blue sky and the soft summer breezes that blew freely across the rocky cliffs during our hikes.

God's presence was everywhere, pro-viding me with evidence that he was and waiting for me to begin a relationship with him.

The last retreat I participated in was a



Pro-life pilgrimage

Bishop Chatard High School sophomore Nathan Mazanowski of Fishers, a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, talks with St. Mary parishioner Allison Schmalenberg of Greensburg near a shrine in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. last January. They were among 260 archdiocesan youth who journeyed to the nation's capital to participate in the 1997 March for Life and U.S. bishops' pro-life prayer vigil to end abortion.

Christian Awakening Retreat for Roncalli High School seniors.

It was clear that the main focus of the retreat was to strengthen our relationships with God and those around us. The days vere filled with numerous activities and discussions aimed at opening up our minds and hearts to God and others.

All our leaders were there to listen to our problems and to offer a shoulder to lean on when we needed one.

The experience was extremely emotional, and completely positive, successfully convincing any doubters of the importance of God in our lives.

The Christian Awakening retreat definitely achieved its purpose and influenced me in a deeply moving way to seek a greater closeness to God and others.

Each retreat had unique values—the sights I saw, the lessons I learned, the friends I made—yet each was overwhelm-ingly fulfilling in its task, leaving long-

I would not trade my retreat experi-ences for the world, and would take part in any of the retreats again.

Encourage teen-agers who have the chance to be involved in a retreat to take it. The friendships made and the spiritual fulfillment you might encounter can never be equaled. However, you will never know the fulfillment being offered unless you actually experience it for yourself yourself.

(Joey Konz is a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Indianapolis and is a senior at Roncalli High School.)

Life experiences teach us much about God

'My experiences with the world have taught me a lot about faith, spirituality and religion.

By Jennifer Frayer

I step out the door at the beginning of the day, and I say a prayer.

I sit in religious



education class, and I am exposed to the wonders of God and how many diverse people react to those wonders.

I attend youth group activities with my friends from Christ the King Parish

after school, and I rejoice for how much God has given me.

Religious education is not limited to school. Anyone can learn from God any-

I try to look for God in everything that I encounter, and I learn from those Yet it was not without many mentors

experiences. This is my definition of religious education.

I have had religious education classes since my first-grade year. I have learned about God for almost 12 years of school. I believe that these classes have helped plant a seed that has grown and developed into a real spirituality.

Because of the things I have learned from my religion classes, I have been able to develop the faith that I have today. Without that faith background that I received beginning in my first year of grade school, I would not have the direction or the hope for the future that inspires me to help others and build a better relationship with God.

Beyond what I have learned in the

classroom, my experiences with the world have taught me a lot about faith, spirituality and religion.

who have shown me the glory of God that I have been able to learn so much from the world.

Many faithful people have placed me on the path to spirituality outside of the classroom. I feel so blessed to have these mentors in my life, and it is from them that I am able to experience and learn so much from my encounters with people and the outside world.

Each time I step out of my house, attend class, or take part in rejoicing in the Lord with my peers, I learn some-thing more about God.

My goal is to become a mentor to

someone and show that person what so many others have shown me—that we can learn so much about God from the world.

The important factor is that we look for it, and take to heart all that there is to

(Jennifer Frayer is a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis and is a senior at Brebeuf Jesuit



Youth Liturgy St. Benedict parishioner Karen Grimes of Terre Haute serves as incense bearer dur-ing the Archdiocesan Youth Conference liturgy on April 5 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Preparatory School.)

'This retreat offered endless opportunities to strengthen each person's leadership qualities.'

By Michelle Mayfield

CLI! Wow! What can I say? When I first heard about the



Christian Leadership Institute, I thought about sitting through boring seminars, spending a week with total strangers, being forced to make speeches in front of a large group (you know, something every "leader" does), and worst of all, dorm food.

Boy, was I wrong! CLI turned out to be a spiritual, underestimated, fun-filled and educational retreat. Somehow, a group of volunteer team members worked together to show 60 Christian

youth a whole new outlook on life.

Going into CLI, I was a member of the St. Margaret Mary Parish Youth Commission, board of education, and youth group in Terre Haute. But I attended fundraisers, meetings and service projects with only half my heart in it. You see, in order to totally commit to

You see, in order to totally commit to something, you must be a part of all aspects of it—the planning, brainstorming, coordinating, implementing, evaluation, and everything else in between. CLI taught me how to do all of that.

The archdiocesan Christian Leadership

Institute has so much to offer the young

people in our region.

The retreat at DePauw University in Greencastle last summer showed me how to look at what is inside a person rather than stereotyping from the image the person either portrays or is given by others. I realized that the weaknesses buried deep inside you can become some of your greatest strengths.

Through a hands-on activity, we saw

how people with disabilities have learned how to draw from their different attributes

to help them get through each day.

During CLI, I was opened up to new
ways of leading, such as directive,
shared and enabling. Everyone has one leadership type that works best, I learned, but some of the best leaders always consider the majority opinion when making decisions

Patience and a controlled temper are other main ingredients for being a good leader. I became aware of ways to slow down, listen to what others have to say, be open to new ideas, and realize that not everything is going to run smoothly.

CLI showed me how to involve everyone in the planning process and in decision-making and, most importantly, how to follow through with a game plan. Good leadership requires a con-stant focus on the group's main purpose, and the knowledge to know when to step in and when to sit back.

This week-long retreat offered endless opportunities to strengthen each person's

Youth forum

Scecina Memorial High of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis asks Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein a question during a youth forum on April 5 as part of the Archdiocesan Youth Conference at the Indiana Convention Center. Archbishop Buechlein spent an hour talking with archdiocesan teen-agers about a variety of issues.



leadership qualities. All 60 participants were assigned to small groups for daily planning sessions. The youth planned everything from the morning energizer to the night-time socials to the liturgies. We each had a turn facilitating and helping others with activities.

Our days began with morning song or dance, then a prayer and breakfast. Morning workshops featured hands-on activities, small-group projects, individ-ual journaling time, or large-group discussions.

Lunch followed a grace planned by youth, then the afternoon included several hours of free time for swimming, volleyball, cards, crafts, talking and sleeping. To focus after our break, we were led in a song or an icebreaker.

The afternoons held endless possibilities. I can remember prayer stations and personal reflection times as well as pizza-making and role-playing. Prayers were said before dinner, then after eat-ing we gathered in small groups for

planning sessions to decide the many tasks needed to carry out a specific activity for a large group. During this hour every night, I learned the most valuable lessons of the week.

Social time every night included ice cream sculpting, the Olympics, a talent show and a dance. To calm down before bedtime, everyone gathered in one room for a lights-out ceremony. I found this to be very relaxing and a great time to get close to God.

If you ever have the chance to attend the Christian Leadership Institute, I would tell you in a heartbeat to go to it. CLI will reward you and change you in ways you never thought were possible. You will make new friends and strengthen the bonds you have with old ones. Above all else, you will become closer to God than

you ever have in the past.
(Michelle Mayfield is a member of
St. Margaret Mary Parish in Terre
Haute and is a senior at Terre Haute South High School.)

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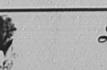
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Listening is an important part of leadership

'The key to being an effective leader is knowing when to start listening."

Leadership is a difficult thing to explain. It comes in so many forms that sometimes it goes unrecognized.

For many of us, our leaders are those we see on TV. We recognize them for their speeches and their claims, their accomplishments and their follies.

However, this single-sided view of leaders brings forth the misconception that all leaders can be seen on the "Six O'Clock News.

I'd like to share with you a simple

story of leadership: Walking into the room, the young man stood in absolute horror as the people in the room gazed at him. The new kid. It was one of the most uncomfortable feel-

ings in the world.

He looked around at the wonderment in each of the kids' eyes. What were they thinking? How are they going to react? Questions echoed in his head as they watched him walk to the front of the

Everyone else seemed to know each other fairly well. He glanced around again and tried to pick out visual cues from each of the people at the table. What had he gotten himself into?

In the front, the supervisor was intent

on rereading the notes from the last meeting. A shadow and the strange silence alerted him to a visitor in the

You must be John," he said. "Pick out an empty chair, and we'll get started here in a second."

John found a seat and began to write in his notebook, pretending to be busy. He was a very unassuming person, shy and introverted. However, when he was put in a leadership situation, he knew that he could get down to business and make it

The supervisor rose from his seat and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Leadership Council. He explained that they had had one graduating member from the previous council, and that John was her replacement. He introduced everyone in turn and had John stand up and tell a little bit about himself.

John rose to speak. But as he began talking, his voice cracked to a highpitched squeal. He instantly turned red, then finished his introduction and sat down in a matter of seconds.

After he sat down, he began to think about how he was going to be a leader in a group of leaders. He was at the bottom rung, and he knew that to make this volunteer opportunity work he had to step up and contribute in some way.

As the meeting progressed, the dis-cussion evolved into a heated debate. Often one person's sentences were cut off by another person. Nothing was getting across to anyone. No one was listening to anyone because they all were

too busy making speeches to deaf ears.

John stopped vying for an opportunity to speak. He sat back and tried to pick out individual arguments and listen to each

point being made.

After a few minutes of arguing, the allowed each person to speak without interruption. Everyone said the same thing he or she had argued about earlier in the debate. Not a point changed, not a word was out of place. They had accom-

plished nothing.
Finally it was John's turn to speak.
He stood up and cleared his throat. The first words he said were quoted from another member of the council, the next from another, and so on. John quoted the main points of each argument and built on them. Incorporating ideas from each person, he formed a solution that everyone could agree on.

Listening is as much a form of lead-ership as opinionated words or crafty ideas. Most often, it is the better leader that listens first to the opinions of others and forms a logical view based on those

A person doesn't need to be able to

project his or her voice the loudest to be an effective leader. There are no points for shouting.

As much as we need people to share their views in words and protest them to others, we also need people to listen to these views, analyze them, and act in

the spirit of the words.

The key to being an effective leader is knowing when to stop talking and

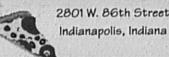
when to start listening. When a person is able to do this, he or she becomes a

(J. R. Montoya is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville and is a senior at St. Xavier High School in Louisville, Ky. He serves on the Indianapolis Archdiocesan Youth Council as a member of the executive leadership committee.)

'Throughout our history as a people, God has often chosen youth to spread the Gospel message. Throughout our Journey of Hope 2001, I strongly encourage you to recommit your lives to Jesus through increasing your prayer life, sharing the Gospel message in your homes, schools, and communities, and doing more for the poor. I thank you for the hope that your generation gives to me and other adults throughout the church in central and southern Indiana.'

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B. April 5, 1997





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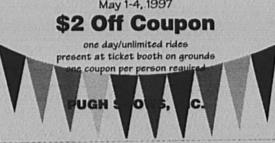
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Teen-ager wrote essay about his early death

Eric did not allow personal goals to get in the way of helping others.'

By Eric Jackson (Feb. 20, 1978—May 31, 1996)

(Editor's Note: Cathedral High School seniors are asked to write an epi-taph for a religion



class lesson focusing on death and dying. Eric wrote this essay about himself shortly before he died in an automobile accident on the night before his Baccalaureate Mass. Father Mark

Svarczkopf, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis, read it during Eric's funeral liturgy. His essay is reprinted here in memory of all deceased teen-agers.)

When I think of Eric Jackson, one

word comes to mind: determination. He was determined to excel in every activity in which he participated. He excelled in his academic pursuits. He was one of the top students in his class. His lifelong goal was to attend the University of Notre Dame, and he was accepted there.

But he was also extremely successful

in his extracurricular activities, both

school- and sports-related.
His determination was not only dislayed in school-related endeavors, he also showed his drive in the community.

Whether he was volunteering his time at various organizations for different purposes or he was making contributions financially, Eric did not allow his personal goals and aspirations to get in the way of helping others. In fact, his altruism was one of his daily goals.

This well-rounded individual's

unselfishness greatly contributed to his

His untimely death has made a tremendous impact on many, but I challenge you to keep the spirit of Eric Jackson alive in your hearts daily as you go through the ups and downs of

(Eric Jackson's Cathedral High School diploma was displayed at the funeral home with a collection of photographs and memorabilia from his childhood and teen-age years. He was a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis and had earned the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout and the Pope Pius X Medal, the highest scouting honor given to a Catholic youth.)

'The world has so much to offer kids. It just takes motivation and courage to find what it is you want to do with your life.'

A weight was lifted when I finally decided I would be attending Hanover College next fall. It was the first of many big decisions I know I will face in my life.

As a freshman and sophomore at Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis, I was working toward college but I had no idea what I wanted to do.

In the second semester of my junior year, I knew I wanted to play volleyball and I began to look at colleges more seriously. There were

so many aspects to consider—whether I wanted to attend a big or small college, where I could play volleyball, and how far I was willing to go from home. All these factors had a definite impact on my deci-

My mother and I have taken trips around Indiana and to Chicago and Ohio to visit colleges. After visiting all these colleges, Hanover remained my favorite. I'll admit it was the gorgeous campus that lured me in, but after talking to people and asking questions, I knew that was where I wanted to go to college.

Hanover is small, so I won't feel like just a number

in the classroom, which is something I decided I wanted. I will be playing on the volleyball team.

I would like to have a career in sports management.

At Hanover, I will major in communications and take classes in sports management. Hanover has a great internship program and opportunities for studying abroad, which are two things I am very interested in doing while in college.

Along with most other seniors in high school, I knew I had to find ways we would be able to afford college. I began to look for scholarships that I could apply for, and heard about the Ancient Order of Hibernian's scholarship for children of Irish heritage.

Applying for this scholarship was especially appealing to me because I am so proud of my Irish

ancestry.

My father's parents, who were from County Kerry and Galway, came to America when they were young adults. My mother's grandparents also came to America from Ireland for better opportunities.

I'm sure it was hard for them to come to a new country where the Irish were not always looked upon highly by society, but they had a dream and they fol-

lowed it.

My grandparents met and married here, where they found good jobs and started wonderful families. It

made me very proud to receive the Hibernian scholarship, and I hope to follow in their footsteps and achieve all I plan to do in life.

My mother visited both sets of relatives in Ireland when she was young, so we have kept in contact with a couple of our relatives there over the years. This summer my sister will be traveling to Ireland with a group sponsored by the Hibernians. I have a dream of spend-

ing a semester of my college years in Ireland.

It has been said that, "Life shrinks and expands in proportion to one's courage." I have found this to be true. When I go away to school next fall, it will be a scary experience, but I hope college will expand my life into new and exciting opportunities.

The world has so much to offer teen-agers. It just takes motivation and courage to go out and find what it

is you want to do with your life.

(Shannon White is a member of Little Flower Parish in Indianapolis and is a senior at Scecina Memorial High School.)

Prayer helps teens make decisions

'Jesus' presence is obvious when a teen-ager says no to wrong-doings, especially under pressure.'

By Nick Schmalenberg

Have you ever heard a teen-ager say, "I only did it because everyone else did it?

I'm sure you have, because kids these days seem to go with the flow of the others around them and often succumb to peer pressure.

I know this because I've been

down that road too.

Being a teen-ager who is dedi-cated to the Catholic faith and trying to practice it every day makes it even more difficult to resist peer

pressure inherent in popular culture.

Kids of all ages are plagued by alcohol, drugs, sex, violence, racism and all sorts of other negative images featured in newspapers and other forms of media coverage.

Catholic parents try so hard to teach their children all of the important values and beliefs of their faith. They hope their children will make the right decisions. That's easier said than done

There still are plenty of great kids in the world try-

ing to make a positive influence every day. Then again, there are also the kids in the world who hope to make record sales on the marijuana that their cousin gave them.

Jesus' presence is obvious when a teen-ager says "no" to wrong-doings, especially under pressure. I believe it would hurt Christ to see a Catholic teen make a decision that would only make his or her life much more difficult and painful.

It is everyone's responsibility to help youth make the right choices and lead a Catholic life.

Whatever your age, why not take a moment each day to pray for all of the struggling teen-agers in the world so they will listen to God, make the right choices in their lives, and live the way God would like to see them live?

Teen-agers need to learn to say "no" to risky situa-tions and walk away with a smile. Otherwise, they will be compromising their integrity, their family and their God-given faith.

(Nick Schmalenberg is a member of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg and is a senior at Greensburg High School. He serves the Archdiocesan Youth Council as the Batesville Deanery liaison.)

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College and military recruiters target teens

'College recruiters are trying to sell a product. You are their commodity.'

I'm getting phone calls in the middle of the night, receiving more mail than my



parents, and I can still hear Father Mike Hilderbrand cackling in the Our Lady of Providence High school guidance office. So it must be college application

Who are these evil admissions officers

and college recruiters flooding me with propaganda, rushing daily down to the local post office with armfuls of the latest mass mailings? Are they really trying to make my life miserable?

In trying times such as these, where better to go than the guidance office and Father Mike to find all the answers.

"College recruiters are trying to sell a product," Father Mike said. "You are their commodity. If you've got the credentials, they'll come after you."

And come after me they have. After going to the college fair at New Albany High School in New Albany my junior year, a flood of mail has been pouring in

But the college recruiters aren't the worst. The militry recruiters are.

Trying to get off the phone when a

U.S. Army recruiter has called you is like pulling teeth. Or maybe more like sword

"So, Jeff, why don't you come down

here and join the Army?" asked the

I don't think so," I replied. "I'm thinking about going on to college."
"You can learn just as much and

maybe more in the Army as you will in

any college," the recruiter said.
"But I think I am going to study jour-

"You can be a journalist in the Army."
"I don't think so, and besides, I'm just

a skinny guy and could never survive basic training."

"You think you're a skinny guy, well, I just had a 120-pounder come back from basic training, and he said it was a piece

"I'm just not interested in the Army. I have to go now.'

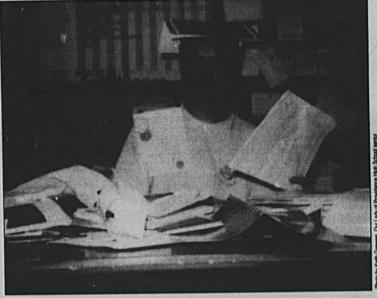
If anyone wonders why the defense or budget is so high, they just need to take one look at my desk at home. Letters from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force are piled up in a mound. In bold, huge letters, the mass mailings promise adventure, excitement, \$20,000 for college, and a free pen set, if I will just sign on for a couple of years.

In fact, all those college and military

recruiters have turned my desk into a liv-ing, breathing monster. Some animals could get lost in the lush jungle of paperwork and glossy brochures. I sometimes hear my desk creaking in the night, strain-ing under the weight of all that mail. When more mail keeps pouring in

every day, it's hard to keep it all orga-

Father Mike suggests a box technique



In recent months, Our Lady of Providence High School senior Jeff Shireman of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville has received more mail than his parents on a regular basis. College and military recruiters are inundating him with brochures. The names of high school juniors and seniors seem to end up on mailing lists for all sorts of undergraduate colleges and universities.

to keep it all straight. He advises putting all college mail into a box, and periodi-cally going through the box to weed out mail from schools that don't meet your specifications for location, size, and admissions standards.

Father Mike also advises taking college

propaganda with a grain of salt.
"Don't be impressed by smiley-faced brochures," he said. "Just because they have a slick publication doesn't mean they really have a wonderful campus. Visits are extremely important. Talk to students who you will be going to classes with. Get a lot of firsthand information." So, armed with this new information, I

can go out now and not be afraid of college recruiters calling me on the phone, stalking me, and pretending to be my new best friends. If only my desk wouldn't

(Jeff Shireman is a member of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville and is a senior at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville. He plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington.)

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Disaster films flood big screen

I remember an era in movie history when the bad guys were easily identified. Usually they carried large weapons and killed civilians, but recently the

bad guys aren't even guys; they are simply forces of nature.

The first of these films was Tornado, in which a town was ravaged by torna-does, and a group of "storm chasers" attempted to better understand the prop-

erties of the elusive cyclone.

This movie was followed shortly by the high-budget action/adventure

Twister, in which a town was ravaged tornadoes, and a group of "storm chasers" attempted to better understand the properties of the elusive cyclone.

The next, and most frightening of this new genre was the made-for-TV thriller Deadly Invasion: The Killer Bee Nightmare. This cinematic masterpiece featured a swarm of deadly killer bees who hold a city at their mercy by flying around and stinging teen-agers and

Of course, a can of Raid could have solved the problem, but the townspeople found that firing their shotguns at the bees would be much more efficient than some silly old

Dante's Peak is another recent big-screen release, and

Volcano is scheduled for box offices this summer.

I haven't seen either one, but they both entail a bunch of scientists telling the residents of Dante's Peak and Los

Angeles, respectively, that a big volcano will erupt and bury the city. But, of course, the people shrug their shoulders and continue to frolic about until they are covered with a river of molten lava.

The most recent disaster drama was the TV miniseries Asteroid. In this movie, the government uses space lasers to save Earth by destroying an enormous asteroid, but instead the lasers blow it into many pieces, possibly in an attempt to democratically spread equal chaos and destruction across the nation.

The success of the aforementioned films at box offices

across America will breed more of this type, so I'm going

to get a head start on the Hollywood bigwigs and share ideas I've been tinkering with for a new disaster movie.

My movie is entitled *Tsunami: Tidal Wave from Hell*, and it begins with a massive underwater earthquake that and it begins with a massive underwater earthquake that releases a tidal wave of lava that completely buries California. Ten years later, the mineral deposits from the lava cause the soil to become abnormally fertile, yielding 50-pound naval oranges. Then, part two, entitled *Drought:* Heat Wave from Hell, explores the resilience of the human spirit in times of low precipitation.

The reason for the multitude of disaster films is obvious. Since the human race no longer needs to worry about bigotry, war, violent crime or drugs, Hollywood can focus on society's true problems: lava and killer bees.

(Kurt Laker is a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis and is a senior at Cathedral High School.)

Youth conference was a great experience

By Amber Weigleb

"A Generation of Hope" was the theme for the 1997 Archdiocesan Youth Conference, held April 5 at the

Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Teens from all of the deaneries in central and southern Indiana attended the event, which was spon-sored by the archdiocesan Office for Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries.

The archdiocese planned many fun activities for the youth. Boomer, the Indiana Pacers mas-

cot, greeted everyone in the opening ceremonies.

The keynote speaker, Steve Angrisano, is a nationally recognized Catholic musician and youth speaker. He has two albums to his credit and is currently in production for his third release. The teens got to sing with him and listen to his heartfelt talks.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein spoke with the teen-agers during an hour-long youth forum. The teens asked many questions about their concerns.

After answering questions, the archbishop talked about prayer and stewardship. He also discussed his goals for the Journey of Hope 2001. He closed the youth forum by leading the teen-agers in the Journey of

Archbishop Buechlein also celebrated a liturgy with the

youth, who participated by giving the readings, singing and receiving the Body of Christ.

Each conference participant also had an opportunity to choose two educational sessions dealing with hope. Session topics included

'Hope for the Future,' "Hope in the Face of Violence," "A Culture of Hope," "The Hope of Jesus," and "Stories of

Hope."
"I learned to always have hope, even during stressful periods," said John Ciriura, a member of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville.

Liz Pittman, a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, said she now has a better understanding of the Catholic Church.

The fun continued that night when the teens attended a dance with disc jockey Jeff Christian.

To end the conference, the teens gathered for a closing ceremony and everyone had a chance to reflect on the day and pray. Angrisano talked and sang again to end the conference.

St. Andrew parishioner Sara Hartman from Richmond said she "liked the hands-on creative workshop where we made candles.

Justin Wathen, from St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg, said he enjoyed the opening cere-

Many of the teens said they liked the keynote

Conference committee member Tom Cici, the youth ministry coordinator from St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs, said he thought the day was

very successful.
"I think the youth enjoyed this year's confer-ence because it was upbeat," Cici said. "It was very musical and spiritual."

(Amber Weigleb is a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs and is a sophomore at Floyd Central High SOUTHEROOGEREECOOURECOOUREECOOUREECOOUREECOOUREECOOUREECOOUREECOOUREECOOUREE

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A TRADITION FOR TOMORROW

Academy education inspires personal growth

'Today when I talk about Oldenburg Academy, I don't mention color, just my personal growth.'

By Maisha Maddox

Oldenburg Academy is an all-white Catholic girls school located in Oldenburg, an all-

Oldenburg, an allwhite, mostly Catholic town. Some Oldenburg

Some Oldenburg students live in a dormitory through the week, but most students come from the surrounding area and are day students.

When my parents told me this was the new school they wanted me to attend for my junior year of high school and that I would be dorming there for five days of the week, I was dead-set against going.

My first day at the academy, I was surprised to find that I was the only black person in the school and the town As I walked through the halls, all the girls looked the same to me. I didn't look to see faces; I just saw blond and brown ponytails.

I am a talkative person, but suddenly

I became a quiet one. I didn't talk to anyone the first two weeks. I just kept to my daily routine, which was to wake up, go to school, have soccer practice, then go back to my room and study. Soccer is what helped me the most. I took out my anger at being there on the soccer field.

Eventually, I adjusted somewhat.
When my parents told me that I was going to be returning to the academy for a second year because they wanted me to graduate from Oldenburg, I wasn't thrilled but I recognized the opportunity

The second year has been a lot easier than the first. I have good friends now, not just people I go to school with. My grades have improved, and I have matured in so many different ways that adults who have known me all my life, and also peers, mention the change.

Today when I talk about Oldenburg Academy, I don't mention color, just my personal growth.

Going to a Catholic girls' high school has helped me develop as a person and One example is my experience playing soccer. When I left Cincinnati, I never expected to play league soccer again. When I first came to Oldenburg, the soccer field was a place where I could relate to others. Not only was I playing soccer again but I was also one of the leaders on the field. Soccer has also helped me to schedule my time.

I have gained insight beyond book knowledge with this experience. Thanks to this experience, I accept people as people. I've learned the true meaning of "You can't judge a book by its cover." I am more open and willing to try new things.

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Attending high school at the academy has made my desire to learn more apparent to me. I see clearly now that college is essential to my growth as a person.

ent to me. I see clearly now that college is essential to my growth as a person. (Maisha Maddox is a senior at Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg. She is from Cincinnati.)



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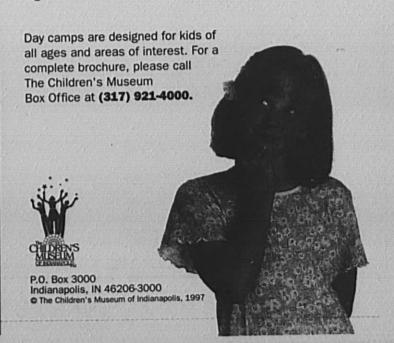
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Acting helps teen-agers gain self-confidence

'Acting taught me how to express myself. It gave me confidence and pride in who I am.'

By Victoria Battista

I was shy when I first came to Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis.



I used to look at my feet when I spoke to people, and large groups of unknown teen-agers terrified me. When people asked me my name, I mumbled an inaudible jumble of syllables to the floor.

The stage was only an unattainable idea in the back of my mind, so I joined the Young Actors Theatre in Indianapolis, directed by Charlotte Kaufman.

The first thing she etched into our brains was to speak our names with pride. She said if someone asks for your name, they probably want to know you. Even if they don't, you can make them want to know who you are by the way you present yourself.

By the time the first performance of Beauty and the Beast was under way, I could talk to people and look them in the eye! I loved the stage, and for once in my life I had confidence.

Acting increased my self-esteem, enhanced my imagination, and made me feel that I could talk to anyone.

In the next play produced by the Young Actors Theatre, I was cast in one of the main roles, the countess in *Puss in Boots*, and I was so proud.

All the nervousness I had experienced in the first play melted away in the heat of the excitement for the next play. I had fallen in love with the limelight. It had only been nervousness holding me back.

The thunder of applause from the audience drew me from the shadows into the spotlight in all areas of my life.

Talking in front of the class became easy. I found that I love having friends over for parties or just to hang out.

I've always enjoyed drawing, but now my art is more creative. I began writing poetry, and now I even have the confidence to read my poems to my peers at Dandy Funk, Brebeuf's poetry club.

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The Hunchback of Notre Dame was the last play I starred in for Young Actors Theatre. I played the part of Esmerelda. In this production, I learned how to play with the audience. If they laugh, that's an indication to "ham it up" even more. If someone forgets a line or leaves a prop backstage, the scene continues anyway.

scene continues anyway.

Thinking is a huge part of acting, and many times actors have to improvise on the spot. Actors feed off the energy of their audience.

Acting taught me how to express myself without being embarrassed. It gave me confidence and pride in who I am. My imagination expanded its borders,

My imagination expanded its borders, and I became more creative. After only a year and a half, I grew from being timid and uncertain into believing that I can do whatever I want to do as long as I try.

whatever I want to do as long as I try.
(Victoria Battista is a sophomore at
Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School. For
more information about the Young Actors
Theater in Indianapolis, contact Charlotte
Kaufman at 317-253-2455.)



Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School sophomore Victoria Battista (left) of Indianapolis portrays
Esmerelda in a recent Young Actors Theatre production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Ben Davis
High School student Eli Grimes (front) from Indianapolis and Mount Vernon High School student Chris
Brunstrup (right) from Mount Vernon also starred in the play.

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Greed exacts human price for wealth, power

Chinatown! I love Chinatown-in San Francisco, Chicago, everywhere, but especially in New York. To get there, I take the No. 6 subway

rio get there, I take the No. 6 subway train at 77th Street on the Upper East Side to Canal Street, where I emerge into a whole new world. It is like going from the middle of New York to old Canton while never leaving New York City.

In Chinatown, everyone is Chinese, xcept a few foreigners like me. Some of the Chinese are the children or grandchildren of immigrants who came from China in the last century.

Some of the residents of Chinatown came more recently, and some are business people or visitors from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and increasingly from mainland

Looking at the crowded restaurants, banks, shops and stalls, it is hard to imagine the conditions in which the Chinese first came to America.

The Chinese came here as cheap labor-working very hard for long hours, balancing heavy burdens on bony shoulders, sometimes under a hot sun, sometimes in rainy or cold and icy weather, all for meager wages.

The Chinese were brought to the United States by millionaires, often called "robber barons," to build the railroad grid that people now take for

As the millionaires became multimillionaires many times over, the Chinese workers lived in squalor.

Being a "robber baron" is one thing, but nobody likes to be called one.

Many of the Chinese died on the job with no one to grieve them. Somehow many of them survived. They settled at the railheads in San Francisco, Chicago and New York, and they thrived in a land far from home

And that is the origin of our Chinatowns in America.

Sitting at a restaurant in Chinatown in New York, eating baby clams with black bean sauce (my favorite Chinese dish), my mind often flips back to the days our Chinese population first came to the United States.

Their story is one of grit and heroic survival. The story of those who hired them is one of greed.

There are many stories of heroic sur-

vival in the building of the country. For each one of them, there tends also to be a

story of greed.
What is greed? From a distance, greed

is fairly easy to recognize, although it can easily be disguised.

What would the country have become without the "robber barons" of those times? From a distance, they appear heroically enterprising and almost benign. It is easy to forget the countless workers who lived in squalor.

Closer to home, greed is much harder to recognize. When we suspect its presence, it is easy to excuse it. After all, everybody has to provide for the future! It is a matter of acting responsibly. Everyone has to have insurance against a rainy day! It is a matter of prudence.

And that is true: Everyone does have to provide for the future. But the line between acting responsibly and acting greedily is sometimes very fine. Greed comes in many disguises.

Greed is not a matter of the money ou make. Nor is it about your bankbook

or the amount of your possessions.

Greed is about how you acquire the wealth, the human price paid for it, the attitude you have toward it, and what you do with it.

A saying of Jesus is apropos: "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in exchange of his life?" (Mark

We could extend Jesus' saying further to include anyone's life. Acquiring wealth at the expense of someone's life, whether spiritual life or physical, natural life or supernatural, is a sure sign of greed.

Greed values money and possessions over people. Greed values acquisitions over even life itself. That is why some people can work themselves to death or at least risk their lives, risking the lives of others at the same time.

Jesus has another saying about greed: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does

not consist of possessions" (Luke 12:15). Christ also has a parable about a rich fool who spends his whole life providing for the future, building bigger barns to store more grain, only to have his life taken in the midst of the effort (Luke 12:16-21).

Some people make a lot of money and accumulate many possessions. But some-



In Chinatown, looking at the crowded restaurants, banks, shops and stalls, it is hard to imagine the conditions in which the Chinese first came to America, brought here by millionaires as cheap labor to build our railroads. The story of those who hired them is one of greed. Many Chinese died in unsafe work environments while trying to carve out new lives in America.

one who is not greedy does not hoard the money, using it instead to create work for

money, using it instead to create work to others and to pay them a just wage

Like lust and hate, greed can blind a person. Like a demon, it can possess a person. That is why, like anger, pride, gluttony, lust, envy and sloth, greed—sometimes called covetousness or avarice—is one of the seven deadly sins avarice-is one of the seven deadly sins.

Greed is miserly and parsimonious. Greed also stands in the way of common charity.

In God, the creator of all, there is no greed. God is love.

If you wonder sometimes if you are greedy, remember this simple rule: Where love abides, there is no greed. Love cuts through every disguise.

Love also forgives and sets its memory

I love Chinatown.

(Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar, lecturer and writer.)

Discussion Point

We often use people, love money

This Week's Question

In a conversation with teens, how would you discuss the purpose of money and possessions?

"That I think too often we use people and love money, instead of the reverse." (Sister Mary Kevan Seibert, SND, Lexington, Ky.)

"That even though we have to work for our money and possessions, they are still a gift. Even the talents and education we have to gain them are a gift, and that if we're blessed with wealth we should use it not just for ourselves, but for other people as well." (Sharon Pleiman, Dayton, Ohio)

"It's more important how you live your life and what you have spiritually than what you have materially.
You need money to live, to put food on the table, but beyond that we have a tendency to get a little carried away." (Elizabeth Listwan, Suffern, N.Y.)

"Money and possessions are necessary for us to take care of ourselves, but they're also there to allow us to help others." (Ellen Kalenberg, Casselberry, Fla.)

"I would tell them money and possessions are a means to an end, not an end in themselves. They also carry with them the loving responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters by making sure there is an equitable distribution of our money and possessions. That responsibility counterbalances our justifiable pride in earning our money." (Stephen Burke, Providence, R.I.)

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Movie Review/Gerri Pare

Murder at 1600 mixes corruption, motives

When a young woman is found stabbed to death in the White House, a homicide



detective and a Secret Service agent risk their own lives investigating the Murder at 1600, a new Warner Bros. release.

This latest action thriller, following soon after actor, director and producer Clint Eastwood's Absolute

Power, also presents a highly cynical portrait of corruption, sexual venality and blatant cover-up at the highest level of the executive branch of the government.

It will probably do just fine at the box office in the U.S., and even better in overseas theaters.

Directed in swift, glossy style by Dwight Little, we meet veteran Washington homicide cop Harlan Regis (Wesley Snipes), who is called to the White House when a secretary is found stabbed to death there late at night.

Several policing agencies immediately clash over jurisdiction on the case and the Secret Service boss (Daniel Benzali) makes it clear that Regis is not welcome in "his" house—and must get all information through his assigned Secret Service liaison agent, Nina Chance (Diane Lane). The cop chafes at this, especially when

he realizes he's not getting access to all the evidence. In quick order, a janitor is accused of the crime in what only appears to be an open-and-shut case.

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Unconvinced, Regis keeps digging and surmises the president's womanizing son (Tate Donovan) had sex with the victim just before her demise and that she was planning a tell-all expose about him and his just-asrandy presidential pop, which would cer-tainly provide a strong motive for murder.

Yet the more Regis studies the inner circle of White House VIPs, the less sure he is of what is really going on and who

actually killed the young woman.

Providing reluctant but crucial help to
Regis in this search for the truth, agent Chance dives in, knowing full well their lives as well as their jobs are in jeopardy once she goes behind her boss's back.

In the promising first hour, the plot thickens agreeably and red herrings sur-face to keep viewers guessing.

Technically, the movie looks sleek and the pace moves along at a good clip.

However, the narrative starts unravel-

off by a definitely far-fetched climax in which Alan Alda's character is allowed to go over the top and the press is fed a whole new set of lies by the press secretary about the just-uncovered cover-up.

Sadly, such deeply cynical films about abuse of power in all agencies of the government seem to be hot sellers now, to the extent that good old-fashioned idealism looks nearly idiotic.

The script has the president (Ronny Cox) under pressure to take military action



Actor Wesley Snipes stars as Detective Harlan Regis in the suspense thriller Murder at 1600. The U.S. nce classifies the film A-III for adults.

against North Korea for holding 13 soldiers hostage, but this aspect of the plot only wedges itself awkwardly into the action here and there until its significance becomes

obvious at the overwrought finale.

Some may find this suspenseful entertainment if they don't think the rules of logic need apply to escapist movies. Snipes and Lane are more than adequate as the crusading snoops, although as her

hard-nosed boss Benzali is very much a one-note character.

Because of a shadowy bedroom scene with fleeting nudity, intermittent violence and occasional profanity with rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film A-III for adults.

(Gerri Pare is on the staff of the U.S.

Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)

Researchers urge better ratings about TV violence

By Mark Pattison

WASHINGTON (CNS)-The level of violence has not changed appreciably from one television season to the next,

according to the second in a series of three studies on TV violence.

The report urged that changes be made to the TV ratings system implemented in January because the age-based system acts as what one researcher called "forbidden fruit" to children younger than the recommended age group for viewing.
It said the ratings should reflect "the

harmful effects of television" to give parents a clearer description of the show's content, said Dale Kunkel of the University of California-Santa Barbara.

The study was made possible by a \$3.3 million grant from the cable television industry. Researchers at four universities studied TV violence over

three years.

Researchers analyzed what they called a "composite week" of TV—full week's worth of programming between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., but selected at random between October 1995 and May 1996. More than 3,200 programs shown over 2,000 hours were

subject to the analysis.
In all, 23 channels were sampled: Los
Angeles's ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC and PBS affiliates; three Los Angeles independent commercial stations; the HBO, Showtime and Cinemax premium cable services; and the basic cable channels A&E, American Movie Classics, Black Entertainment Television, Cartoon Network, the Disney Channel, the Family Channel, Lifetime, MTV, Nickelodeon, TNT, USA and VH1

The percentage of programs on the broadcast networks containing violence went up from 47 percent to 54 percent.

The number of shows on all the sampled channels showing violence went up from 58 percent to 61 percent. The pre-mium cable services led with 86 percent

of their programming depicting violence. University of Wisconsin researcher Joanne Cantor, who testified before a U.S. Senate committee in February on the new TV ratings, noted that the latest sampling took place before the ratings

system was instituted earlier this year.
The study reported that children's shows, and cartoons in particular, showed a substantial number of "highrisk" incidents that give patterns for learning aggressive behavior to young children, who cannot distinguish children, who cannot distinguish between fantasy and reality. "High-risk" was defined as when there is an attractive perpetrator and violence seems jus-tified, goes unpunished, shows minimal consequences, and appears realistic to viewers under age 7.

Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie . . . A-II A-I — general patronage; A-II — adults and adolescents; A-III — adults; A-IV — adults, with reservations O — morally offensive

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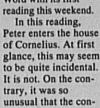
The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 4, 1997

- Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- · John 15:9-17

As is the case so often in the Easter season, the Acts of the Apostles provides the Liturgy of the Word with its first





temporaries of Peter likely were thun-derstruck as they observed it.

Cornelius was not Jewish. He was a Roman, and Rome was pagan. The origins of Cornelius surely were pagan. In addition, he was a centurion, a military officer commanding a group of 100 men. He was directly responsible for maintaining the Roman congression of the Jews.

Reman oppression of the Jews.
Respectable Jews did not enter the homes of pagans. (It should be recalled that on Good Friday the Jews of Jerusalem would not enter the residence of Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, so he was required to try Jesus in the courtyard outside the residence.)
That Cornelius was a leader of the

army which pressed the awful Roman domination upon the people only made him worse in pious Jewish eyes. Nevertheless, Peter entered the house.

Inside the house, Peter communicated with the "relatives and friends" of Cornelius. This exchange also would have been shocking.

Equally amazing for the devout was the fact that Cornelius believed in God. For the just, such belief represented a wisdom and an insight not given to pagans.

Peter confirmed this belief, and the

belief of the others in the household of

Cornelius, by calling them to baptism.

The second reading is from the First

Epistle of John. It is a lovely, poetic appeal to Christians, asking them to "love one another."

This plea expressly has its roots in the fact that God is love. No one can be of God and not love others. It is as simple as that. The epistle reminds its read-ers that God proved this love by sending into the midst of humanity Jesus, the

Son of God, as Redeemer.
Finally, the Gospel of John supplies this
Easter weekend with its Gospel selection.
This reading is as graceful and as moving as the reading from the First Epistle of John, as compelling as the reading from

the Acts of the Apostles.

Taken from John's magnificent section reporting the Lord's discourses at the Last Supper, this reading reminds us, and the apostles who first heard the Lord's words, that God loves us.

Human love for God must be more than lip service. If people love God, they will keep the commandments.

The Lord continues. There is no greate love than the love of a person who would lay down life itself for friends. It is an obvious reference to the death of Jesus which, in the chronology of this Gospel, soon will occur. By willingly being crucified, Jesus proved God's unlimited love for all humanity.

Finally, Jesus establishes the appropriate relationship between God and those who respond to God's love with their own. It is a relationship of friends, of father to child. This analogy, while clearly in the Jewish tra-dition, was otherwise novel among the religious of the day. The Greek religion, for instance, had no concept of such intimacy between the divine and the human.

These readings majestically meet in one, reassuring, glorious message. The

Daily Readings

Monday, May 5 Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149:1-6, 9 John 15:26 - 16:4a

Tuesday, May 6 Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8 John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 7 Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1 Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14 John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 8 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23

or Ephesians 4:1-13 or Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Mark 16:15-20

Friday, May 9 Acts 18:9-18 Psalm 47:2-7 John 16:20-23a

Saturday, May 10 Acts 18:23-28 Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10 John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 11 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 1 John 4:11-16 John 17:11b-19

message is that God loves us all.

An intriguing, and very poignant, figure in all this is Cornelius, the Roman centurion. under no circumstances, as they then applied in Jewish philosophy, could Cornelius even comprehend the reality of God. Moreover, Cornelius was a contemptible figure, being so importantly a part of the apparatus that kept God's people in humiliation and bondage.

Yet God, in unlimited divine love, touched the soul of Cornelius. Cornelius rec-

ognized God. God blessed him. The church the mystical body of Christ, through Peter, the Lord's representative, accepted the faith of Cornelius and welcomed him into its midst.

God's love knows no limits. Cornelius was an unlikely candidate for redemption because of his ethnicity and military rank. Others may be unlikely candidates for sal-vation because of their sin. It is of no matter. God loves all. If anyone humbly seeks God, God's love, strength and wisdom overflow. In God, there only is joy.

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

The Kingdom of God is one of justice, love, peace



My question is about the words "thy kingdom come" in the Our Father. Maybe this is trivial, but those words seem to say that the Kingdom of God is in the future, at the end of the world, which is

what I always thought.

However, a priest speaking at our parish during Lent said the kingdom is here and now. He quoted Jesus as saying the kingdom is among you.

I think about the Sunday Gospels a lot,

but now I'm not even sure I know what the Kingdom of God is. (South Dakota)

A Your question isn't trivial. The Gospels, Matthew particularly, speak of that kingdom dozens of times as a truth which frames and forms our relationship

with God here and in eternity.

One difficulty is that the Kingdom of God, or kingdom of heaven, is quite a fluid term in the New Testament. Jesus never actually defines what it is.

Rather, he alludes to it with a variety of

images and stories that give us something of a composite, a multicolored description of what he means.

The kingdom of which Christ speaks is first of all not a place, or anything else static, something finally finished here or perhaps even in the future.

God's reign, his rule and power over all creation, is active and dynamic, an

ongoing reality continually operative in everything he is creating. Neither is it something new. God

has always been Lord of the universe and of the human family, specifically

From the beginning of his public life,
Jesus declares that this rule of God continues now; we must reform our lives to recognize his reign and to re-establish the harmony of creation destroyed by sin. © 1997 by Catholic News Service

In fact, the core of the "good news" ("Gospel") is that this God whose reign we honor is a gracious, loving, merciful and joyful Father who is unveiled in the life and words of his Son—perhaps most of all in the great parables such as those in Luke 15

Ultimately, it is this conviction that the infinite Mystery surrounding us is a benevolent one, that allows Jesus to urge us to trust, not to be afraid. Whatever happens, we are sure of the Father's presence

and power active in the world.

As the preface of the feast of the
Kingship of Christ puts it, the kingdom he proclaims is one of justice, love and peace. All these are active, ongoing realities that, at least here, are never totally perfect, always moving toward

fuller realization.

The New Testament indicates often that this reigning presence of God is not something we merit or "build." It is his work, a pure gift to his people when they try to live as a community of char-

ity and faithfulness. When we look at it this way, as part of the mystery of God's creating love, perhaps we can understand at least a little how the reign of God will always be here, and always be coming, as long as the Creator continues his work.

The more we are aware of the power of this divine rule among us now and of its continuance in eternity, the greater is our confidence that, in Paul's words, nothing can separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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My Journey to God

Unspoken Prayers



I have heard you say, "I cannot pray, not now, I am too broken."

Don't you know when you love him, unspoken prayer sifts steadily from the ashes of your dreams?

Rest, and close your eyes, this incense

does not depend on you to make it rise.

Don't you know when you love him, you are a living censer, burning every moment,

My friend, there never is a time you don't pray.

By Sandra Marek Behringer

(Sandra Marek Behringer is a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)

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Sundays

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

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

Mondays

Benedict Inn. 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, yoga classes from 7-8:30 p.m. Information, fees, registration: 317-788-3142

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 57th & Central Ave., Indianapolis, a Marian Cenacle will meet to pray the rosary from 1-2:15 p.m.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center Hospice will hold a bereavement support group 3 - 4:30 p.m. at 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis; or 6:30 - 8 p.m. at 438 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis Information: 317-865-2092.

Thursdays

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St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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

St. Lawrence Church, Indian-St. Lawrence Church, Indian-apolis, will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction before

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

Saturdays

A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., Indianapolis.

MONTHLY

First Fridays Holy Guardian Angels Church, 203 U. S. 52, Cedar Grove, will

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St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will hold First Friday Vigil ado-ration from 7-8 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, will hold a Sacred Heart devotion from 7-8 p.m.

St. Thomas Parish, Fortville, will hold Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion of the Eucharist. Information: 317-485-5102.

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Apostolate of Fatima will hold holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th & Bosart, Indianapolis. Information: 317-784-9757.

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St. Joseph Hill, 2605 St. Joe Rd., West Sellersburg, will hold First Friday eucharistic adoration following 8 a.m. Mass and closing with 3 p.m. benediction.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, will hold exposition of Blessed Sacrament following 8 a.m.

Mass in the chapel, closing with benediction at 5:15 p.m.

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Fourth Sundays

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First Tuesdays

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Second Wednesdays

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Third Mondays

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May 1 - 4

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St. Susanna Church Women's Club will hold the annual Kentucky Derborama Raffle and Pig Roast, from 5 - 8 p.m., in Zore Hall, 1212 E. Main St., Plainfield.

May 2 - 4

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, will hold a Koinonia (community) Retreat. Information, registration: 317-545-7681.

May 3

St. Michael School will hold a garage sale at St. Michael Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, will hold an auction and spaghetti dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

St. Christopher Parish, Speedway, Singles & Friends will volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul distribution and service center. Information: 317-879-8018

Little Flower Parish, Indianapolis, Ladies Club will hold a spring dinner and dance in the social hall, 13th & Bosart, 7 - 11:15 p.m. Information, reservations: 317-359-4096; 317-356-9812; 317-356-8058.

Holy Cross Central School, 125 N. Oriental St., Indianapolis, will hold a chili supper/auction in the gymnasium from 5 - 10

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CYO Camp Rancho Framasa, 2230 N. Clay Lick, Nashville, is having a "Work-A-Thon" from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Information: 812-988-2839.

May 4

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles and Friends will host a Sunday brunch and planning meeting. Information: 317-879-8018.

Benedictine Oblates and friends of Our Lady of Grace Monastery will gather at 2 p.m. for the bi-monthly meeting at 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Information: 317-787-3287

St. Barnabas Church and School, 8300 Rahke Rd., Indianapolis, will hold Playground Prix '97, a 5K and 1 mile walk/run fund raiser at 3 p.m. Information: 317-882-3797.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, will conduct pilgrimages to honor Our Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine. The first pilgrimage will be "Mary, Sign of Contradiction," by Benedictine Brother Anselm Russell, beginning at 2 p.m. Information ctions: 812-357-6585; 812-357-6501.

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, will have a pancake and sausage breakfast in the parish hall from 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Freewill offering.

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St. Augustine Guild will hold a luncheon and fashion show fundraiser for Little Sisters of the Poor at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian, Carmel, 11:30 a.m. Reservations: 317-842-3136.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, will offer a crisis intervention workshop from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Advanced registration: \$75; at the door registration: \$85. Information, registration: 812-357-6599; 800-730-9910.

May 8

St. Christopher Parish, Indian-apolis, Singles & Friends will host Ascension Thursday Mass at 6:30 p.m. Dinner to follow. Information: 317-879-8018.

May 8 - 9

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May 9 - 11

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May 10 - 12

Saint Meinrad, St. Meinrad, will hold a Come and See Weekend. Information: 812-357-6585; 800-634-6723

May 10

St. John the Apostle, Bloomington, Women's Club will host a "Spring Fling" craft show. Information: 812-879-5022.

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends and St. Lawrence Parish. Indianapolis will play volleyball at 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., at 7 p.m. Information: 317-328-8186. 317-543-0796.

Christ the King Parish, Indianapolis, King's Singles will attend 8:30 a.m. Mass fol-

lowed by breakfast and St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Day.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, will conduct pilgrimages to honor Our Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine. "Mary, First Among Holy Women' Benedictine Brother Terence Griffin, beginning at 2 p.m. Information, directions: 812-357-6585; 812-357-6501.

St. Louis School, Batesville, will hold a natural family planning class in room B-16 from 9 a.m. 12 noon. Fee: \$15. Information registration: 812-934-3338; 812-934-4054.

May 12

St. John the Apostle Church, 3410 W. Third St., Bloomington, St. John's Speaker Series will present "Family Values in the Ancient World: A Study of the Book of Ruth," by James S. Ackerman, at 7:30 m. Childcare will be prop.m. C vided.

May 13

The Ave Maria Guild will meet at 12:30 p.m. in St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold a feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, "Mary and Pentecost Today," reflection Tuesday retreat for women and men. Child care available. Fee: \$20. Information: 317-545-7681.

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Student artist leaves mark at Providence

By Mary Ann Wyand

Award-winning cartoonist Jason Latta of Charlestown graduates from Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville in a few weeks.

When Jason collects his diploma on June 1, his popular cartoon character Pioneer Pride probably will don a cap and gown over his superhero mask and uniform and graduate from the pages of BluePrints, the Providence school news-

"Pioneer Pride is going to say 'bye-bye' this month," Jason said. "I think I'm going to have him graduate with me."

During the past four years, Jason's Pioneer Pride cartoon strip has addressed a variety of school issues and promoted school spirit at the New Albany Deanery interparochial high school.

In the strip, Pride went to the school prom this year, dressed in a tuxedo over his superhero costume, even without a date. The cartoon character also has attended a variety of athletic events and school activi-ties, always with humorous results.

Pride's comic strip escapades and other unrelated editorial cartoons earned widespread school recognition for Jason, who does character voices for fun and describes himself as "a wacky guy, a very cartoony person, who just wants to know people."

The strip and cartoons also have earned him statewide recognition in the form of first-place student journalism contest awards from the Indiana High School



his popular comic strip, "The Adventures of Pioneer Pride," before a press deadline for BluePrints, the school newspaper.

Student Press Association, the Southern Indiana Student Press Association, the Greater Louisville High School Press Association, the Media Marathon at Indiana University, and the Woman's Press Club of

Jason also received the coveted Harvey Award from the Indiana High School Student Press Association, which is the organization's highest honor, in recognition of "outstanding achievement and responsible, effective print communications.

He plans to study animation by pursuing a career in major media studies at the Columbus School of Design in Ohio, and someday hopes to work for Walt Disney Studios as an animator.

While earning a "B" average at Providence, Jason served as staff illustrator and cartoonist and designed page layouts for the attractive and professional school newspaper. He also worked on the yearbook staff.

"I try to unify the newspaper pages as far as design goes," he said. "I also work with the center spread editor to keep the center looking good. As the staff illustrator, I'm the one who fills in the spaces."

Jason created the paper's trademark ink blot logo, which is used throughout the publication, and also has designed attwork.

publication, and also has designed artwork for a variety of school functions, including advertisements for the school musical, covers for play programs and yearbooks, and T-shirt designs for sports teams. He also has starred in three Providence school musicals.

"I was lucky my freshman year to be able to get on the newspaper staff without



Our Lady of Providence High School senior Jason Latta of Charlestown has entertained students by addressing school issues with humor during a four-year career as a staff illustrator for BluePrints, the Providence school newspaper. In the process, he has earned a variety of state awards in student journalism competitions.

first taking a journalism course," he said. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. I have designed the entire paper and also have been doing computer graphics and cartooning all four years, but I've probably only written two articles for

BluePrints."
Providence journalism students publish
BluePrints about every three weeks, he said, and keep busy with deadlines. Jason praises the 10 staff members for their talent, creativity and dedication.

"Usually on deadline weeks I get to school an hour early and I'm there until 8:30 p.m. or 9 p.m.," he said. "We pace ourselves and try to make it [the newspa-per] fit into everyone's busy schedules."

Jason also has assisted the school news-

paper staff with computer technology, which has resulted in enhanced graphics and a professional look for the paper.

"It's been a great four years at

Providence, a great learning experience," he said. "I like to make people laugh, to make people happy. I'm a people watcher, and I'm always cracking jokes. I like to entertain people."

Because the comic strip targets issues related to school pride, Jason said, Pioneer Pride has faced adversity on occasion.

Pride's creator also has had to over-come adversity. Jason has Tourette's syn-drome, a disorder which causes muscles to involuntary expand and contract, and this unexpected twitching sometimes makes drawing difficult. He also has a form of attention deficit disorder, but has success fully managed to overcome both physical challenges.

"When I was younger, I was self-con-scious about it," Jason said. "I was often made fun of as a child. I finally learned that it doesn't matter what other people think of me. It's what I think of myself."



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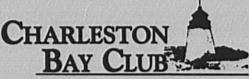
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Three Catholic colleges and a seminary located in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will confer degrees on 437 students this month during commencement ceremonies at Marian College in Indianapolis, Saint Meinrad College and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute. Franciscan Sister Francesca

Thompson, assistant dean of Fordham University in New York, is the commencement speaker at Marian College and will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

During a 2 p.m. ceremony on May 10 at the St. Francis Colonnade at Marian College, 246 graduating seniors will

receive degree

Dr. Daniel Fellicetti, Marian College president, will preside at commencement and also confer honorary degrees to G. Christopher Duffy of Indianapolis, president and chief executive officer of Wabash Valley Broadcasting Corp., who will receive a doctor of humanities degree, and Charles "Jug" Eckert of Indianapolis, owner of Jug's Catering, who will receive a doctor of public ser-

Saint Meinrad College will hold its commencement exercises at 3 p.m. on May 17 in St. Bede Theatre.

Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly, chairman of the board of trustees of Saint Meinrad, will confer bachelor's degrees on one classical studies major, two English majors, six history majors, six

philosophy majors, six psychology majors and two Spanish majors

No commencement speaker is scheduled. College administrators will address the leadership shown by seniors in the five formation areas of the curriculum, which focuses on academics, spiritual formation, character development, community service and wellness

College officials at St. Meinrad also will present the Isidore Hobi Award to the graduate who demonstrates the highest academic achievement and the Pour le Collège Award to the graduate whose life best embodies the philosophy of the holis-tic formation program at the college. The college's Baccalaureate Mass for

graduating seniors is scheduled at 3 p.m.

on May 11 in the college chapel.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology will hold its graduation convocation at 2 p.m. on May 15 in St. Bede Theatre.

Archabbot Lambert will confer degrees

on 19 master of arts (Catholic thought and life) graduates, nine master of theological studies graduates, and 15 master of divin-ity graduates, who will be ordained in their home dioceses this summer.

Bishop John J. McRaith, of the Diocese

of Owensboro, Ky., will present the convocation address.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will have its 156th annual commencement ceremony with 125 graduates at 11 a.m. on May 11 in the Conservatory of Music's Cecilian Auditorium.

The graduates represent the college's



Marian College senior Katrina Segrest (right) of Indianapolis accepts her graduation cap from Dr. Roseann Pirtle, an education professor at the Franciscan college, after an awards ceremony last Sunday. Segrest is the first student to complete her undergraduate degree through Marian College's new Head Start Project designed for staff who work in the Head Start Program for low-income preschool children.

campus-based, women's external degree, and masters of arts in pastoral theology programs.

Mistress of ceremonies is Monica Dell-Osso, chair of the board of trustees. Jane Wynne, associate director of the women's external degree program, will serve as marshal during the "Woods Wedding March" processional.

Honorary degree candidate and nationally-known artist Mary Engelbreit of St. Louis, Mo., will deliver the commencement address

Other honorary degree candidates are

Mari Hulman George, a long-time college supporter whose family owns and oper-ates the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; and Jacqueline DeFazio, who is accepting for the American Association of University Women.

Constance Bauer, vice president for academic affairs, will present candidates as Providence Sister Dr. Barbara Doherty, college president, confers degrees.

A baccalaureate ceremony for seniors and their families is scheduled at 4 p.m. on May 10 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

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BILLMAN, Laura, 97, St. Pius, Ripley County, April 4. Mother of Rose Mary Bulick, Lawrence Billman, Sister of Anna Mae Grossman. Grandmother of seven, greatgrandmother of 18

BILLMAN, William Fredrick, 75, April 6. Husband of Anna Mae Billman. Brother of John, Ed, Robert, Thomas Billman,

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CLARK, Robert W., 81, St. Mary, Richmond, April 17. Husband of Viola Clark, Father of Lewis, David W. Clark, Judy Beane, Jane Kauffman. Grandfather of 11.

CRAWFORD, Charles "AI," 67, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 18. Husband of Bernie (Hardin) Crawford. Father of Charley, Steve, Dennis Crawford, Mendez. Brother of Louis, Pat Crawford, Judy Efta, Margaret Duvall, Mary Ann Phillips, Agnes Clifford, Martha Rosen-baum. Grandfather of eight.

DAVIS, Elizabeth, 83, St. Andrew, Richmond, April 18. Mother of John Davis, Nancy Mother of John Davis, Nat Sitch, Rosann Rayborn, Johanna "Jenny" House. Grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 11.

DIERCKMAN, Lawrence, 86, St. Nicholas, Sunman, April 11. Husband of Marie Dierckman. Father of Thelma Schornick Evelyn Hornberger, Anna Mae Ca, Myrtle Gunter, Alma Herbert, Carol Jean Knue, Arnold, Ronald, Roger Dierckman. Brother of Romilda Gindling, Jeanette Munchel, Kathryn Bettice. Grandfather of 30, great-grandfather of 34. HANNA, Hugh "Max", 80, St.

Vincent, Bedford, April 19. Father of Michael Hanna. Brother of William Hanna, Helen Howell. Grandfather of one.

HORTON, Mildred, 92, Prince of Peace, Madison, April 21. Grandmother of four, great-

HOVENSTINE, Rosemary, 65, Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 10. Wife of Paul Hovenstine. Mother of Donald, Thomas, Steve, Kenneth, Mike, Janet Hovenstine. Sister of Louise Droeger, Cecilia Hoffman, Sally Ann Miller, Veronica Harris. Grandmother of six, great-grandmother of one.

JOSEPH, Charles A.
"Chuck," 72, Holy Name,
Beech Grove, April 14. Father
of Phillip Joseph, Jolie F. Rahn.
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KIEFFER, Michael G., 45, St., Maurice, Napoleon, April 27 Husband of Donna K.(Meyer) Kieffer. Father of Justin M., Kieffer, Jennifer M. Risher. Son of Walter and June (Hamblin) Kieffer. Grandson of Martha Williams. Brother of Theresa Eadler, Elaine Vollmer, Peggy

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LEE, Joyce Ann (Fry), 49, St. Mary, Greensburg, April 23. Mother of Brent G. Lee. Daughter of Ralph and Kathleen Fry. Sister of Ronald E., David J. Fry, Carol M. Schwendenmann.

McCLAIN, Catherine R. (Zipp), 89, Sacred Heart, Indianapolis, April 1. Mother of Donna J. Cothron, Joyce A. Volpp, Mary C. Catterson, Patricia Reckley, Thomas H., John A. McClain. Grandmother of 27, great-grandmother of 45, great-great-grandmother of five.

McCLELLAN, Francis C. "Bob," 70, St. Francis Xavier, Henryville, April 20. Husband of Alice McClellan. Father of Mark, Bernie McClellan, grandfather of four, great-grandfather of one.

McGUIRK, Mary A., 97, St. Michael, Bradford, April 16. Aunt of nieces and nephews.

McOUINN, Robert, Sr., 69, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, April 13. Husband of Betty McQuinn. Father of Belinda Srader, Patricia Smith, Carol, Michael, Robert, Thomas McQuinn. Brother of Elizabeth Portteus, Thelma Wright. Grandfather of three.

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POPP, Clarence W., Sr., 89, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, April 17. Father of Marvin, Clarence Jr., David Popp. Grandfather of 16, great-grandfather of nine.

RENN, Herman "Hobie", 75 St. Paul, Sellersburg, April 14. Husband of Helen (Schafer), Renn. Father of John, Tom, Joe Renn, Kay Clark. Brother of Frank, Elmer Renn. Grandfather of seven, greatgrandfather of two.

SMITH, Marie "GG" Loretta (Bowlen), 93, Little Flower, Indianapolis, April 11. Mother of Patricia Schlenz. Sister of Betty Reilly, Rosemary Jennings, Joan Humbles. Grandmother of six, great-grandmother of 18, great-great-grandmother of six.

SPELLMAN, Mary R. "Rose", 86, Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, April 1. Mother of Mary Jo Buker, Paul V., Edwin L., Michael T. Spellman. Sister of Dorothy Campbell, Grandmother of 22, greatgrandmother of 36, great-great-grandmother of one.

STOBAUGH, William E., 71 Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 15. Husband of Rita Marie (Ginder) Stobaugh. Father of

John, Mark E. Stobaugh, Teresa Blackford. Grandfather of five, great-grandfather of one

STURM, Thelma M. (Crail). 76, St. Ann, Indianapolis, April 19. Mother of Sandra Metcalf, Shirley Steadham, Janice Austin, Vicki Inclenrock, Mary Wagner, Edward M., Tommy L. Sturm. Grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of 14.

UNTERBRINK, Helen, 78, Prince of Peace, Madison, April 17. Mother of Charles, John, Thomas Unterbrink, Barbara Carson, Marie Pasquesi, Theresa Saylor, Ruth Pagan. Sister of Charles Kaverna mm Grandmother of 19, great-grandmother

VOLK, James A., 50, St. Mary, Greensburg, April 21. Husband of Linda L. (Shirk) Volk. Son of Ruth (Martin) Volk. Brother of Teresa, Cecilia Volk.

WEINTRAUT, Philomena, 87, St. Vincent de Paul, Shelbyville, April 21. Mother of Thomas, Daniel, David, Stephen Weintraut, Rita Uebelhor. Sister of Alvina Leising. Grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of 10.

YOUNG, William G., 57, St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs, April 12. Husband of Gwendolyn Wallen. Father of Jeff, Jenny Young, Kim Zembrodt, Karen Haubner, step-father of Ryan, Heather, Jessica Leach. Brother of Maureen Meyers, Joanne Kuhl, Kathleen Gessner, Grandfather

Portland Archdiocese says goodbye to Archbishop George

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS)—Worshipers filled St. Mary's Cathedral for a special Mass April 20 to say farewell to Portland Archbishop Francis E. George.

Although some of those attending Mass expressed sadness that he is departing, those feelings were tempered with understanding. After only 10 months as the church's leader in western Oregon, Archbishop George will officially become Chicago's archbishop May 7.

During his homily, the archbishop said he sometimes finds himself "saying hello and goodbye in the same breath. Perhaps the Archdiocese of Portland trains its archbishops too well."

He said when he visits parishes in western Oregon, he often receives two greetings when people approach him and say, "Welcome

and say, "Welcome."

"Sometimes people would (also) say, 'Welcome. It's good to have a bishop again," he said. "What matters is that Catholics, to be Catholics, need a bishop; it's a job essential to the faith."

A bishop must keep the flock together, he said, but there is "much more to Catholicism than togetherness."

"Catholics must know Jesus Christ and his mission—for without Jesus the church is just ideas and rules," he added. "But

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with Jesus it all falls into place.

Archbishop George thanked many religious and lay leaders for their help, saying, "All of you will be in my heart."

He said he has at times been troubled by the area's

dark winters, but once in Chicago, he expects to "look at the weather reports with great envy."

After the Mass, the congregation said their goodbyes to the archbishop. Some shook his hand, others kissed his hand and others asked to be blessed.

One woman told the archbishop, "God bless you. We'll

miss you—a lot."

During a reception, the archbishop was presented with

I'm really grateful for that," he said. "But I'm more grateful for your friendship and your prayers. Keep me in your prayers, and you'll always be in mine."

Sitting a few feet away from the archbishop were Lucille Catherine Vitale and her daughter-in-law Clara Stoner from St.

John the Apostle Parish in Oregon City.

"The Mass was great," Vitale said. "It tore me up because we met him before. There's just something that radiates from

it's more than charisma." "It's peace," Stoner interjected, and Vitale nodded in

Archbishop welcomes priests to new home

CHICAGO (CNS)-Taking their new archbishop at his word that "mi casa es su casa"—"my house is your house"—nearly 700 priests of the Chicago Archdiocese joined in an open house at the residence of Archbishop Francis E. George. Many of the priests stood in line for over an hour for the chance to shake hands and introduce themselves to their new leader. They were unanimous in their approval of the gesture by the former arch-bishop of Portland, Ore., who is to be installed in Chicago May 7. "I'm so happy he's come to us as priests, realizing that

we need to work together," said Father Dennis Riley, pastor of St. Angela Parish. "It's very symbolic to open his home," added Father Michael Meany, pastor of St. Clotilde. "I've never been here before

Father Meany wasn't the only priest to mention that he

had never seen the inside of the archdiocesan residence. Some men who had been ordained 50 years or more said they had never been invited to the house

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