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# 4,000 musicians find 'Hoosier Hospitality'

God's justice is theme as Indianapolis is site of 20th annual national convention

By Margaret Nelson

The halls were alive with the sound of music at the Indiana Convention Center last week. So were the workshop and conference rooms.

For five days, 4,000 pastoral musicians from across the nation gathered for singing and instrumental programs that promised to enhance the performance of any parish musician, ranging from the person-in-the-pew to the pastor.

The theme of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' (NPM) 20th annual conference was "Sing the God of Justice Who Knows No Favorites."

The gathering gave special attention to cantors, choir and ensemble members, directors, dancers, educators, guitarists, handbell ringers, liturgists, organists, pianists, technicians and youth ministers along the way.

Music ranged from Gregorian chant to gospel to *Taize* (a simple music used in prayer by an ecumenical monastic community in France) to post-Vatican II hymns, with influences from Hispanic, African-American and Irish cultures and others.

The conference offered eight plenums for the whole assembly, with speakers in liturgical settings. Participants chose from more than 225 workshops or seminars, with most presenters inviting participation by the attending musicians.

Workshops by men whose compositions appear in current Catholic hymn books, such as David Haas, Marty Haugen and Grayson Brown, drew standing room only crowds.

Brown, drew standing room only crowds.

Daily morning, mid-day and evening prayer services were available for those attending the convention. On July 9 and 10, there were concerts (at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.) at four different sites in Indianapolis. Also offered were "jam sessions" for musicians at the convention center late into those nights.

On July 11—the feast of St. Benedict—at the membership breakfast, Father Virgil C. Funk, president and founder of NPM, gave the organization's highest honor, the 1997 Jubilate Deo award, to Benedictine Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee for his work on behalf of liturgical renewal.

That evening, Benedictine Father Noah
Casey, archdiocesan minister to priests,
presided at the Mass. He sang the Eucharistic
Prayer and delivered a homily that encouraged
the musicians to "lean into" their ministries.
(See related story on page 2.)
Liturgical dancers from the Indianapolis

Liturgical dancers from the Indianapolis area participated in the procession and offertory preparation. An 80-person choir sang during the Mass.

On Saturday morning, social activist Jesuit See MUSICIANS, page 2



Marty Haugen, a popular composer and performer of Catholic hymns, performs at the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' convention in Indianapolis. Haugen was one of several nationally-known musicians who led workshops and performed at the convention.

# Providence superior reports on Vatican ceremonies

By William R. Bruns

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—Her sparkling eyes and beaming smile belied the fact that she had been traveling for eight or nine hours.

But Sister Diane Ris, general superior of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Maryof-the-Woods, had good news to announce on July 9 as she approached the lectern standing in front of the conventual Church of the Immaculate Conception at the Providence congregation's motherhouse here in west-central Indiana.

"We have just returned from Rome,"
Sister Diane told the assembled group of
news media representatives and Sisters of
Providence, "where Pope John Paul II has
approved Mother Theodore Guérin for beatification. This is a great moment in our history," she said, "and one that so many of us
have been anticipating for many years."

Matter Theodore Guérin founded the

Mother Theodore Guérin founded the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She and five other French Sisters of Providence arrived in the Indiana wilderness in 1840 to establish an academy for girls. The academy later grew into Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the first Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States.

"To return here to these beloved woods to tell you this is almost overwhelming," Sister Diane continued as tears filled her eyes and her voice faltered momentarily. "Knowing that this holy woman walked on these very grounds," she continued, "and started who we are is a great joy not only

for us but now for all the world. Because of her beatification, we can now give Mother Theodore and her legacy to everyone."

On July 7, the pope presided over a special ceremony at the Vatican to promulgate decrees for the sainthood causes of Mother Theodore and 18 others.

Accompanying Sister Diane at the ceremony were Sisters Ann Margaret O'Hara, vicar, and Joan Slobig, councilor.

No date has as yet been set for the public beatification ceremony, although early indications are that it will occur in the fall

Sister Diane Ris, general superior of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, speaks to reporters and Providence sisters following a papal meeting in Rome in which a miracle attributed to the intercession of Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Providence congregation, was promulgated. The validation of the miracle will result in Mother Theodore's beatification, which will occur sometime next year. Sister Diane is the 15th successor to Mother Theodore, who died in 1856.

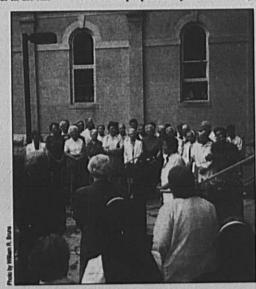
of 1998, according to Sister Diane.

Asked about the relevance of saints in the modern world, Sister Diane said, "The tradition in the Catholic Church of recognizing good, holy women and men who have gone before us gives us heroes and role models to look up to and follow. If there was ever a time when we need good role models and holy people, it is now. "Mother Theodore devoted her life to

"Mother Theodore devoted her life to education and to the care of the sick, caring for the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the people. She spent herself doing that. Through this public recognition, we are able to say to people, "There really are See VATICAM, page 2

#### 'Faith Alive' on vacation

"Faith Alive!" begins its annual summer vacation this week. The religious education page prepared by Catholic News Service will next appear in the Sept. 12 issue of *The Criterion*.





Composer and vocalist David Haas of St. Paul, Minn., sings during the "God Has Done Marvelous Things concert July 10 at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis. The concert by David Haas and Leon C. Roberts and Friends was part of the 20th annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

# ИUSICIANS

Father Daniel Berrigan read his poetry at the closing plenum of the conference

Liturgist and composer Tom Conry orchestrated the program, which started with dozens of NPM members carrying one long

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good, holy people who have lived and are still living among us. Follow them.''' The next step in the canonization process

is sainthood, which normally requires the validation of another miracle. Sister Diane said the congregation will begin working on the necessary documentation. "Just in these last days since the news of her impending beatification," she said, "we have received word of miracles happening in people's lives that they are attributing to Mother Theodore's intercession.

Very few candidates for sainthood reach this stage, especially those from our country. We believe that Mother Theodore is a holy woman, a woman for today," Sister Diane declared.

Other saints and *beati* (blesseds) who died or ministered in the United States include: Elizabeth Bayley Seton, John Neumann, Frances Xavier Cabrini, Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, Katherine Drexel, Kateri Teckakwitha, Junipero Serra, and Rose Philippine Duchesne.

banner down the steps of the RCA Dome and processing into the convention center. The assembly followed.

Most poignant were his poems to his brother, Father Philip Berrigan, who is imprisoned with five other Jesuits in a Maine prison for anti-nuclear activities.

Hope and Pray This Doesn't Happen to You was inspired by an imprisoned poet who was tortured in an attempt to force him to recant his words

Indianapolis-area members of NPM hosted the national meeting. The core committee for the NPM conference was co-chaired by Larry Hurt, music director at St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis, and Tom McTamny. It included Father Stephen Jarrell, pastor of SS. Francis and Clare Parish in Greenwood, Dianne Gardner, music director at St. Mark Parish, in Indianapolis, Mary Ann O'Neal, Sondrea Ozoline, Joan Stucker and Mary Martha Johnston

Charles Gardner, archdiocesan secretary for spiritual life and worship, and Father Richard Ginther, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral and associate director for archdiocesan liturgies, co-chaired the liturgy com-mittee, which also included Father David Groeller, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville, and Nancy Hublar. Franciscan Sister Sandra Schweitzer, a liturgical art consultant, took care of space environment Carey Landry, music director at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, and Carol Jean Kinghorn-Landry, were among local musicians who presented workshops. Hundreds of local liturgists worked on other details of the five-day conference.

# Feast day at convention was very Benedictine

By Margaret Nelson

The July 11 feast day had a very Benedictine flavor during the 20th annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians

Association of Pastoral Musicians
(NPM) in Indianapolis.
The day started with Archbishop
Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee and
former abbot primate of the worldwide
Benedictine Confederation receiving
the group's highest honor—the 1997

In presenting the award, Father Virgil C. Funk, NPM president,

said, "Archbishop Weakland has been a voice for moderation, alance, and progressive development since the early days of the post-conciliar [Vatican II]

renewal.
"His name is associated with one of the most widely-read state-ments about the development of pastoral music in the United States, The Milwaukee Symposia for Church Composers: A Ten Year Report," said

After receiving the award, the Benedictine archbishop pointed out that it was St. Bene-

dict's feast day. He told of his search for a motto when he became a Benedictine abbot. He used "Equal Love For All" for the 14 years he served in that capacity.

He decided to use the same motto

when he became archbishop of Milwaukee.

'It has kind of a justice sentiment that everyone is precious in the sight of God," said Archbishop Weakland.

He said that he was proud of the NPM assembly for trying to recapture the theme of justice in its motto: "Sing the God of Justice Who Knows

"You cannot have good liturgy without being very much aware of jus-tice," said Archbishop Weakland.

Good liturgy was apparent as Benedictine Father Noah Casey of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and minister to priests for the archdiocese, presided at the Friday Mass at the convention center.

He began his homily by quietly humming, then singing and inviting the assembly to join him, with: "O God give us wisdom to sing of your justice." "Sometimes you just

have to take chances," began Father Noah. He told of his first fear-

ful ride on a motorcycle with his carefree friend Wally. When the driver told him, "Lean into it!" Father Noah found that meant to move toward the turns the vehicle was making.
"Benedict of Nursia

was a youth who took a serious look at the society of his day and took a risk," said Father Noah. A student in Rome, "the culture of his day was bad news-decadence, greed, violence-a total lack of any common good or social order.

He said that Benedict knew there must be a better way and "fled from the world 15 centuries ago, not so much to escape as to promote the kind of justice that is lifted up on the wings wisdom.

Father Noah called St. Benedict "a wise person leaning into the turn of

graced opportunity."

He said, "Justice requires us to take stock of what our brothers and sisters are owed, respect the rights of others and create conditions in which those rights can be realized."



**Archbishop Rembert Weakland of** 

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# CYO partners are still making the tough calls

Thwack!!!

Cheers erupted from one team and half of the crowd as the kickball soared across the Little Flower School playground on the

Indianapolis east side in late May.

"Go, go, go, go!!!" a Catholic Youth
Organization (CYO) Cadet kickball coach urged the kicker as she rounded first base and headed full-speed for second.

Longtime CYO coaches and officials

Harold Reilly, a charter member of St. Bernadette Parish in Indianapolis, and David Shiflet, formerly of St. Lawrence Parish and now a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, surveyed the large ball's flight with critical and experi-

enced eyes.

"Looks like a home run," Reilly said.

"Nope. It's a ground-rule triple."
Reilly and Shiflet were spectators for this
CYO tournament game, but usually they are
right in the middle of the action as kickball umpires every spring and fall. As retirees, they continue to stay active by pursuing their love of youth sports.

Both men are former CYO volunteer coaches who started officiating for CYO and Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) competitions four decades ago in multiple sports. At 77, they both still make tough calls on close plays on a moment's

Between them, Reilly and Shiflet figure they have coached or officiated football basketball, baseball, softball and kickball

games for about 85 years.

"Sometimes you've got to make the tough calls," Shiflet said. "It's all a part of the game. It becomes automatic after you've done it for so many years.

Close plays are an exciting part of sports, Reilly said. "Over the years I've had a few kids cry because of tough calls. Sometimes

the girls turn on the tears, especially the smaller ones. It's part of the game. A rule is a rule, and you've got to call them out if

they're out."
Harold and Margaret Reilly raised four children, so he brings his empathy as a father and his love of youth sports to his role as an official. Reilly sees the close calls as wonderful opportunities to teach good sports-manship, and he believes CYO coaches do a manship, and he believes CYO coaches do a great job instructing children in the rules of

A former CYO St. John Bosco Award

A former CYO St. John Bosco Award recipient for outstanding service to youth, Reilly especially likes kickball—a long-time CYO girls' sport in Indianapolis—and regrets that it isn't played in high schools.

"Kickball is a good sport for girls," he said. "It's very competitive, and harder than it looks. I like to see the girls compete. They put a lot of effort into the game. I don't know why the high schools don't pick it up."

After coaching baskethall at

After coaching basketball at
St. Bernadette Parish for a decade, Reilly
turned to officiating a variety of CYO
leagues and IHSAA baseball, softball and basketball competitions as a way of staying involved in sports as his children grew up. Over the years, he's been late for dinner on countless occasions.

"If you're sports-minded and want to stay active in sports, CYO is a good place to start coaching or officiating," he said. "We've had lots of guys who got started officiating in the CYO program and went on to officiate in IHSAA sports, even doing the state final games for basketball."

Reilly said his son, Steve, also coached CYO sports and earned the organization's Msgr. Albert Busald Award for his distin-

guished volunteer service to youth.

Both Reilly and Shiflet can talk about CYO and IHSAA sports for hours and can easily remember details about memorable games from yesteryear.



Catholic Youth Organization officials David Shiflet (left) and Harold Reilly of Indianapolis have spent the equivalent of 85 years coaching and officiating a variety of sports for CYO and as officials for the Indiana High School Athletic Association. They still serve as CYO kickball umpires.

"Like Harold [Reilly], I first got involved in coaching," Shiflet said. "I was the CYO football coach at St. Lawrence Parish. I started coaching football for the 100-pound fifth- and sixth-grade boys in 1958, while our three children were schooled at St. Lawrence. After three years of coaching, I was asked to consider officiating."

Later Shiflet and his wife, Monica, decided to move to Christ the King Parish when their children attended Bishop Chatard High School.

Shiflet still carries his IHSAA official's card in his wallet.

"I started officiating in 1960," he said. "I've had my card for 37 years. I'm qualified in football, basketball and baseball. Reilly and I have both had some interesting [officiating] situations over the years, espe cially involving the Catholic high schools in basketball and football."

Catholic school rivalries are strong, Shiflet said, and parochial games are almost always excellent athletic contests.

"There are very few arguments, if any, because they play by the rules and are very

because the parish CYO programs help build strong high school programs. The boys and girls come out of those CYO leagues with a good sense of how to play sports and the ability to move on to a higher level of competition. I have a lot of respect and admiration for the volunteer coaches who are helping kids learn to play sports and learn

A retired U.S. Army officer and former troop leader, Shiflet said some of his favorite memories are related to Catholic

Youth Organization volunteer service.
"I think the greatest pleasure I ever had in my life," he said, "was the years I was involved in coaching football at St. Lawrence Parish."

As exuberant screams erupted from the playground, Reilly and Shiflet turned back to the just-completed Cadet

In August, both men plan to be back on Catholic school playgrounds in Marion County officiating CYO fall kickball competitions.

# Grayson Brown wants 'heart and soul' brought to liturgical music

By Margaret Nelson

Grayson Warren Brown was there to tell the 300 people who attended his workshop "practical ways to bring good old-fdshioned singing to the parish."

The composer and international speaker from the Bronx, N.Y., gave a presentation June 10 at the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' 20th annual convention, held July 8-12 in Indianapolis.

When he was corrected for giving the wrong number for the workshop, he quipped, "All the people on the parish councils just raised their hands."

Brown said, "We have a wealth of music available, but we only sing a little bit of it.

"I want you to hear how nice some of this music really is when done with a little heart and soul," he said. "I want you to discover

some of this music again for the first time." He demonstrated—using a line-by-line method—how to teach the assembly a 19th century song, The King of Love My Shepherd Is.

Though music leaders have indicated to him that the faithful have trouble learning music, Brown has found that there is often no need to go over a song a second time. He reports getting signs from the assembly: "We there; we cool!" before the final practice.

Brown encourages the people to take a

Brown encourages the people to take a look at the words of a song before they sing it. Reading the words "makes people identify with the prayer," said Brown.

"This goes from a bunch of words and a bunch of notes to prayer," he said. If they read the words and begin to think of it as a prayer, they are less likely to say things like, "I have a theological problem with this song."

Brown told of attending an Aretha Franklin concert. "She sang about some man somewhere who 'done her wrong' . . .. She

sang the song in such a way that people knew what she was going through and they could identify with it.

"That's what good church music is sup-posed to do," he said. "You should be able to say, 'Yes, I understand.'

say, 'Yes, I understand.'

"A lot of the problems we have in our churches has nothing to do with music. It's a ministry of healing," said Brown. "That has to happen in our churches and music can be a great tool to do it. a great tool to do it.

But it is difficult for any congregation to sing, 'Where Charity and Love Prevail' if they are killing each other every time they get together—if people come and sit in church and feel they are not welcome."

Brown said, "If I sang, 'I feel so lonely I could die,' a lot of people would say, 'Now, I can relate to that.'

I can relate to that.

"If people know and feel, because of the experience of church that they get in your parish, that God loves them no matter who they are, what they look like, how they speak, or the color of their skin, then they can relate to this music and sing about their experiences," he said.

Speaking about choirs, Brown said, "The principle role of a choir is not to sing. The principle role of a choir is to show through your music the love you have for God.

"The second role is to put that to music— to get that feeling you have in here out through song," he said, adding that members of choirs can be great evangelizers.
"That's the role of the choir. Do not put

on a show. Please do not make Sunday morning your Saturday night gig, OK?"

"Right now, we have a wonderful history of contemporary music," he said. "We don't do it well sometimes." He suggested they 'learn the art of singing slow.

Then Brown had the group carefully read the words and sing "Blest Are They."

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# Editorial

# Using the catechism to maintain a balance in teaching materials

rchbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was featured in the Catholic press was featured in the Catholic press
last month for his work as chairman of the National Conference of
Catholic Bishops' Committee on the
Catechism of the Catholic Church. In an
oral report to the bishops meeting in
Kansas City on June 19, the archbishop
described his committee's efforts to
ensure that catechetical texts used in
Catholic schools and parish religious edit Catholic schools and parish religious edu-cation programs are faithful to the authen-

cation programs are faithful to the authentic teaching and practice of the church.

In his report, Archbishop Buechlein said that the "original inspiration" for the Catechism of the Catholic Church "was the perceived need for a common lander that the control of faith in the perceived need for a common language in service to the unity of faith in the global context of cultural diversity and religious illiteracy." Thus, the main purposes of the catechism are to promote an authentic unity-in-diversity and to help all of us come to a fuller, more accurate understanding of the Catholic faith. The role of bishops, as teachers and guardians of the faith, is to see that supplementary catechetical materials (textbooks, videos, and other teaching aids) are faithful to church teaching and practice—as presented to us in the "common language" of the catechism.

Archbishop Buechlein shared with the bishops some bad news and some good news. The bad news is that the catechetinews. The bad news is that the catecher-cal materials reviewed by the bishops' committee reflect a pattern of doctrinal deficiencies in 10 areas: the Trinity, the divinity of Christ, the church's role as authoritative teacher, the spiritual nature of the human person, God's active role in the world and in human history, the con-cept of grace, the sacraments as effective

signs of divine life in which human beings participate, original sin and sin in general, Christian moral life, and concepts of heaven, hell and the transcendent.

As Archbishop Buechlein observed, these deficiencies appear to be the result of an imbalance created when authors place too much emphasis on what is human, material or historical and too little on the divine, spiritual or transcendent. on the divine, spiritual or transcendent.

Truth, the archbishop reminds us, is found in the proper integration and balance of the spiritual and material dimensions of life

The good news is that the publishers of the catechetical materials reviewed by the committee welcome and appreciate the guidance they are being given by the bishops. Instead of viewing the committee's work as "interference" in the creative process of authors and publishers, the majority actually welcome the close the majority actually welcome the close working relationship that has developed between the bishops' committee and the

The 10 areas of doctrinal deficiency noted by Archbishop Buechlein represent complex theological and doctrinal matters which are not easy to present clearly and simply. But these concepts are absolutely essential to a mature understanding and practice of the Catholic faith, and we dare

practice of the Catholic faith, and we dare not neglect them in religious instruction.

Authors, publishers and catechists need clear guidance as they strive to present these core teachings in the most accurate and effective ways possible. We encourage the bishops to remain actively involved in shaping the catechetical materials that are used to form the minds and hearts of adults, youth and children in our Catholic community.

-Dan Conway

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# **Extending the** invitation **to** hear **God's call**

ne time on a flight from Memphis to Chicago a gentleman tapped me on the shoulder and said "Bishop, I'm from Holy Spirit parish. I've been wanting to mention something to you about vocations to the priesthood. When I was young, priests would ask me if I had ever considered becoming a priest. I don't think my two sons even have the opportunity to decline that invitation. Does anybody ask anymore?" The man caught my attention.

For a variety of reasons in recent decades, our church in the United States stumbled a bit in this "invitation" aspect of our church vocations. Rightly, there has been a preoccupation with the invitation to urge and encourage you lay folks to claim your rightful role in carrying out our church's mission. In fact we need to do more of that, but not at the expense of other vocations. Also, as I mentioned last week, there has been confusion about the distinctiveness of priesthood and religious life in the church's mission. "If all ministries are the same and there is no distinctiveness, why become a priest? I can serve just as well as a lay person.' "Just as well" isn't the issue. What does God have to say?

Unfortunately, for complex reasons, the issue of vocation became politicized and the common focus became a "power" struggle. Comparison of roles in ministry began to be measured in terms of political power rather than in terms of distinctive ways of serving in the Body of Christ. It is almost as if the theology of ministry and the spirituality of service doesn't count. Sociological and political analyses shifted the focus of concern and became highly charged emotionally. This is one reason some of our priests became quiet about inviting young men to consider priesthood. The silence has been noteworthy.

There is another reason why some priests have been quiet. In the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council and a subsequent confusion about the identity of the ministerial priesthood, there was a fairly radical change in programs of priestly formation. Some important elements, for example spiritual formation, were virtually "off the screen" for a while. There was also a collapse of some diocesan "structures" that supported individual priests in their identity and way of life. Sadly, numbers of priests left the active ministry. This shook the confidence of a lot of us priests and so there has been more reticence to invite.

More recently the distorted media

coverage of a statistically small rcentage of priests who violated their commitment to celibate chastity has embarrassed all of us. It has been a further cause for some hesitation to invite others to consider our way of life.

Actually a more basic problem surfaced recently. If priests are over-extended and cannot be present to our youth, how can they extend personal invitations to consider God's call? And so the clergy shortage further complicates vocational recruitment for priesthood. There is an added dimension of this problem. If priests are viewed as overextended in ministry and if they are perceived as working too hard, then our youth might be discouraged from pursuing their way of life. The problem of clergy shortage and the impact on ministry is a major reason for one of the goals of our Journey of Hope 2001: "Fewer meetings and more pastoral ministry." Lay people need to assume roles in the church which are not necessarily priestly, for example financial and personnel administration, especially in our larger parishes. We need to let priests be priests. I am sure we agree that more pastoral presence would encourage more of our youth to consider a church vocation.

For a while the impression was given that our priests are unhappy in ministry. Recent national and regional surveys tell us differently. An overwhelming number of priests signaled their happiness in pastoral ministry. True, a number also indicated that business administration shouldn't take so much of their time. Many of the complications for the priests' role in vocational recruitment can be fixed. I will say more about the joys and excitement of priestly ministry in a later column.

Perhaps I have focused too much on the role of priests in issuing the invitation to consider priesthood. All of us share the responsibility to help our youth consider God's call to priesthood and religious life and the lay state. You parents play a decisive part. You grandparents, godparents, teachers, coaches, youth ministers, religious education directors and catechists, all of you share a responsibility in helping our youth listen for God's call.

Let's speak clearly and positively about the distinctive roles in the church's apostolate. Let's keep in mind the impact of hyper-criticism about the "institutional" church or "the priest" or "the nuns" or any other state in the church. With God, we are in this together.

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#### Stories. Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen

# **Evangelization networking** crosses borders, boundaries

My work as evangelization coordinator not only takes me all over the territory of



the archdiocese, it sends me on travels beyond our boundaries and puts me into conversation with people from various parts of the country.

This spring found me in Dayton, Ohio,

for a workshop on "Follow Me: Disciples for the 21st "Developed by the National Pastoral Life Center in conjunction with St. Anthony Messenger Press, this parish renewal program provides a variety of resources a parish can use to follow the three stages of the pope's Third Millennium process

Drawing on some of the elements of the older Renew process and combining those with the "see-judge-act" approach of the Christian Family Movement and Young Christian Students, this program uses small lectionary-based Lenten faithsharing groups as its central focus. It also provides a variety of other ele-

ments that a parish can use if it so desires. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has made it clear that we are not going to mandate any new large program during the Journey of Hope 2001 celebration, but we do want to investigate resources that might help parishes as they work out their own plans

Later on I, together with 57 other Indianapolis parishioners, crossed what Lafayette Bishop William Higi calls "the porous boundary of 96th street" to participate in the evangelization congress on the theme of "Parishes Alive for the Year 2001!" During the opening liturgy. Bishor 2001!" During the opening liturgy, Bishop Higi reminded all of us that our call to be evangelizers comes with the sacraments of initiation. Paulist Father John Hurley, special assistant for the bishops' Committ on Evangelization, noted that every

Eucharist we take part in ends with the command "Go!" We are sent to share what we have received in word and sacrament.

Throughout the rest of the day Father Hurley and Jane Bensman, evangelization coordinator for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, showed us ways that parishes and small faith communities can help with key elements of evangelization. We ourselves are in constant need of renewal, we need to welcome people into communities not just congregations, and we need a faith that is political in the sense that it is active in a way that impacts society.

In mid-June four of us from Indianapolis—Joe Kappel from the Office of Catholic Education; Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of Holy Angels Parish; and Sister of St. Joseph Kathleen Karbowski, Holy Angels School evan-gelizer, and I—traveled to Minneapolis for the National Council for Catholic Evangelization Conference. In keeping with the pope's Third Millennium process, the conference theme was Together We Walk With Jesus."

Just to sample a couple of the keynotes, Maureen Kelly, director of the Vatican II Center, invited us to consider several Scripture stories as a way of seeing how Christ remembers us as part of his body, makes us "one of our own" through the events of our life. Mark Berchem, Director of National Evangelization Teams Ministries, drew on his experience with retreats for young people to remind us that we need to be faithful to our own journey with Christ if we hope to be effective in ministering to others.

Of course, one of the main benefits

of a national conference is the formal and informal networking that allows us to learn from the experience of others. And then there is the exhibit room with plastic bags full of interesting and helpful resources

There are indeed blessings in crossing borders and getting beyond our boundaries.

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

# A passionate man 'owned' by the Lord

In his talks on stewardship to people in all regions of the United States, Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy used to say, "It doesn't



matter who I am or what I own. What matters is: Who or what owns me?

I couldn't help thinking of this as I observed the crowds of people who came to St. James Cathedral in Seattle to pay their last respects to their arch-

bishop. What mattered to them was not his title or prestige. What mattered to them was the passionate love that "owned" him.

Archbishop Murphy was a passionate man, a man who cared deeply about his faith, his family and friends and his church. He was immensely proud of the three local churches he served (Chicago, Great Falls-Billings and Seattle), and he never hesitated to share his pride with the people he came to

know all across the country.

Archbishop Murphy was owned by his passion, but that never prevented him from sharing it generously with others. And his generosity was contagious. When he spoke about his love—for the Lord, for the church or for the people he served—you could feel it "in your skin." That's why people loved to hear him speak. His words, always warm and gracious, were often stirring, and his language (especially the poetic images he

chose) always spoke to the heart.

The archbishop's funeral liturgy was attended by a standing-room-only crowd that included dignitaries from church, state, business and professional life. But there were also lots of ordinary folks from the Northwest and from many other regions of the country who came to say a final farewell to this gentle shepherd. In his homily, Father George Thomas, administrator for the Archdiocese of Seattle, described the archbishop's many passions-for stewardship, evangelization, the priesthood, multicultural ministry and anything related to Chicago. He also described Archbishop Murphy as a spiritual leader who was determined to reach out to every one. "In every way, he was like the good steward of the Gospel," Father Thomas said, "a living parable of selfless service for the sake of others."

In the 10 years he served the Archdiocese of Seattle, Archbishop Murphy proclaimed the joy and hope of Christ to 350,000 Catholics and many others in western Washington. During his six years as chair-man of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Stewardship, he taught gratitude, accountability, generosity and "returning God's gifts with increase" to his brother bishops, to pastors, to diocesan stewardship directors and, through the bish-ops' pastoral letter on stewardship, to mil-lions of people throughout North America.

But during the last seven months of his life, Archbishop Murphy offered his most passionate personal witness to the Gospel. Spokane Bishop William Skylstad, who presided at the archbishop's funeral, described it this way: "Archbishop Murphy's faith deepened even as his body was dying. At a meeting of priests and lay leaders in Spokane shortly before his death, the archbishop talked about stewardship as a way of letting go and letting God take con-trol of our lives. It was a message none of us will ever forget!'

Archbishop Murphy was a passionate man who freely shared his gifts and talents with others. It didn't matter who he was or what he owned. For Archbishop Murphy, the only thing that mattered (his bottom line) was to be owned by the Lord.

# Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

# The workings of the Holy Spirit

Julian of Norwich, a Catholic mystic from England, has been declared "blessed" by the church and is



therefore worthy of our veneration. She was born in 1342 and died around 1413. We know very little about her other than that she was an anchoress, who lived a pious life of prayer and solitude. In her book,

Revelations of Divine Love (Image Paperback), the following passage taken from page 157 is one of my favorites:

"I felt within myself five kinds of working of the Spirit. . . I felt 'rejoicing' because God gave me the understanding and realization that it was he himself whom I saw. I felt 'mourning' for my fail-ures. I felt 'desire' in that I wished I could see him ever more and more, understand-ing and realizing that we shall never have complete rest until we see him clearly and

in truth in heaven.
"I felt 'dread' because it seemed to me "I felt 'dread' because it seemed to me all during that time that the sight would fail and I would be left by myself. I felt 'sure, true hope' in the endless love by which I saw I would be kept by his mercy and brought to his bliss. Rejoicing in his sight with this sure, true hope of his merciful preservation gave me feelings of comfort so that the mourning and dread were not very painful."

The stirrings of "joy" at the knowledge

The stirrings of "joy" at the knowledge of God's love go hand in hand with the spirit of "mourning." To be honest about

it, all of us are sinners, and it hurts to admit it. Leon Bloy once said, "The sad-

dest thing of all is not to be a saint."

It comforts me to think that feelings of sorrow and repentance are really inspira-tions of the Holy Spirit. So too are the longings of our soul.

St. Augustine captured the idea beautifully in these words, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord."

When dark feelings come over you, when you feel lost, lonely and empty, especially in times of sickness, it is good to remember that the Holy Spirit is closer to you than your own heartbeat. The fact that these feelings might even be prompted by the Holy Spirit can bring comfort.

Out of love the Spirit awakens in us all kinds of feelings to bring us closer to him. We experience a revulsion for sin and a deep craving for holiness, all at the same time

Julian explains how the stirrings of joy and true hope eventually become dominant in the soul, overpowering fear and sad-ness. The Lord said, "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust" (Mk 5:36), but we can never be entirely free of fear in this life. The Holy Spirit continues to teach us even ve work to rid ourselves of needless fear and anxiety.

Trust the lover within, and he will

guide you safely home to the eternal bliss awaiting you in heaven.
(Father Catoir will lead a retreat on "The Art of Living Joyfully," a vacation retreat for senior adults, Aug. 8-10 at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. Call 317-545-7681 for more information.)

# From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

What the apostles couldn't grasp

Did you ever wonder why the apostles were so thick-headed when it came to understanding who Jesus



was? They couldn't understand why he was so slow in accepting the role of Messiah that they hoped for. They expected him to lead them in a fight to restore the kingdom of Israel and they argued

about the positions they might have in that kingdom. Even after the Resurrection, they asked, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6).

To understand that, I think we have to be

aware of the conditions the Jews found themselves in during the time of Christ. It was not an easy time. They were subservient to the Romans and had been since Herod the Great overthrew the Hasmonaeons and conquered Jerusalem in the year 38 B.C. The Hasmonaeons were the family of Jewish rulers and high priests who descended from the Maccabees.

The Jews remembered that Herod, after he crushed the Jewish state and was named king by Emperor Antony, executed 45 of the 71 members of the Sanhedrin. The Jews also resented the fact that under Herod and his successors, the temple's high priest was appointed and dismissed by the king or the Roman governor. The high priests were pup-

pets of the ruler, and the people knew it.

The Pharisees, and in particular the
Zealots who were a fanatical offshoot of the Pharisees, saw Israel's redemption in the struggle against Rome. And Galilee, where is and the apostles grew up, was a hotbed of the Zealots.

Between Tiberius, which was a Roman city, and Capernaum, a Jewish city, both on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, are the cliffs of Arbela. They are pockmarked with caves. This had been a stronghold of the Jews who opposed Herod. The Jewish guerrillas took refuge in the caves and the only way Herod could get to them was by lowering his men in baskets over the edge of the cliffs, using grappling hooks. Herod's soldiers would then throw torches into the

caves to dislodge the Jews.

The party of the Zealots was founded by Jehuda of Gamla, the neighboring town of Bethsaida, in 6 A.D. Peter and Andrew were originally from Bethsaida and Andrew, after originally from Behrsauda and Andrew, and meeting Jesus, whispered into his brother's ear, "We have found the Messiah" (Jn 1:41). Luke's Gospel describes one of Jesus' apostles as "Simon who was called a Zealot" (6:15) and it's probable that most of the apostles sympathized with those who were zealous for independence from Rome. Eventually the Zealots instigated the revolt against Rome from 66 to 70 that resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

One of the things that angered the Jews was the Roman system of taxation. This is why tax collectors were looked down on. The Jews had to pay a census tax, a town or village tax, income taxes up to 50 percent, and a frontier tax that was collected every time someone went from one district to another. There were five such taxes collected between Capernaum and Jerusalem. Two tax collectors along that route were Levi, or Matthew, stationed on the Via Maris near Capernaum, and Zacchaeus in Jericho.

Of course, by the time Jesus began his public life, Herod the Great had been dead for 30 years. But his son, Herod Antipas, ruled in Galilee and he was completely loyal

Considering the political atmosphere at the time of Christ, it's no wonder that the apostles found it so difficult to understand that Jesus was not a political Messiah.

#### Cornucopia / Cynthia Dewes

# Learning from Dr. Kevorkian

Some of us are getting to an age where we wouldn't be surprised to see



Dr. Jack Kevorkian handing out business cards in the places we visit more and more frequently: hospitals, nursing homes, wakes and funerals. That's because the end of life is the biggest and scariest unknown

that all of us inevitably must face.

It isn't that we aren't given hints along the way, such as the death of pets. At a certain point in family life, most of us establish little graveyards somewhere in our backyards with "headstones" reporting that Tweety was the smartest parakeet ever, or that here lay Max the noble dog. Naturally, being Christian pets, they have crosses too!

We're also told that Christ died on the

cross for us, but at age 3 or even 13, this is an abstraction we find hard to grasp. One of the charms and strengths of youth is the certainty that we are immortal. Physically immortal, of course, since spiritual immortality is a worry for another day.

As we mature, we may now and then see our relatives, neighbors and friends pass away now and then. We feel sad, but death still seems remote from us personally. Even when close family mem-bers die, the shocking realization of our own mortality doesn't last if we are

emotionally healthy.

Only when we're getting down to the wire does the fear of the unknown really become an issue for us. The hints become stronger and more personal; we feel disoriented because we can't see clearly anymore, or we experience lapses of memory or decreasing energy. It's then that we need to sort out fear from reality based on faith.

Dr. Kevorkian can inadvertently teach

us a lot about that and about the fact that death, scary as it is, is a continuation of life. A happy death is the logical exten-sion of a happy life, and we aren't talking here about painkillers.

We used to pray piously for a "happy death," by which we meant repentance and freedom from serious sin at the time of our death so that we might reunite quickly and joyfully with our Maker. Now, unfortunately, a happy death more often means dying without pain, fuss or inconvenience to ourselves or others.

Aside from the fact that he must be Aside from the fact that he must be certifiably nuts, Dr. Kevorkian's philosophy has a genuine appeal. We all feel compassion for those who suffer severe and constant pain, those who are apparent "vegetables" who depend upon other than the severe of staving alive. ers for every aspect of staying alive, or those who face increasing dementia or removal from whatever reality exists for them. Especially when we know and love them.

We also understand the desire to not be a burden upon our children or other care givers. We resist causing others financial, physical or emotional distress, and we struggle to be independent until the day we die, often because of human pride.

But understanding such feelings does not lead to condoning assisted suicide. If we truly believe that God made us to be happy with him forever, we must also believe that he will help us fulfill our

Earthly happiness depends upon liv-ing fully the life God has given us, taking risks out of love, and accepting responsibility only for what we can humanly accomplish. A happy death

depends upon the same efforts.

So, however we manage it—by stoic acceptance or technology or by healing prayer—we must trust God when we come to the end times of pain and loneliness and suffering that may precede death. We must continue living the happy life.

#### Check It Out . . .

A day for those infected/affected by HIV will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 9 at Stokely Mansion at Marian College. The day will include a brief period of guided mediation, small-group sharing and support, and opportunities to swim, play volleyball, croquet, cards, darts, and board games. The fee is \$10, which includes snacks, lunch, dinner, swimming, and all materials. Inability to pay is not a factor in attendance. To register or for more informa-tion call 317-631-4006 or 800-813-0949.

"The Art of Living Joyfully," a vacation

retreat for women and men, will be held Aug. 8 through Aug. 10 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The retreat is a relaxing experience for people over 40. Father John Catoir, diocesan Director of Evangelization in Paterson, N.J., is the presenter. The cost is \$120 for singles and \$200 for married couples. The deadline to register is July 28. For more information, call the retreat house at 317-545-7681

St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a dinner/dance Aug. 16 in the school hall. All

former parishioners and alumni are invited to attend. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 p.m. A social hour will follow and a dinner buffet, catered by Primo, will be served at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by Good Timers Indianapolis Sound following dinner. Tickets can be purchased through July 31 and are \$20 per person. To purchase tickets former parishioners and alumni are invited to and are \$20 per person. To purchase tickets call Lynn Meyer Baumann at 317-787-2351 or Terry Hohmann Krohne at 317-784-2428.

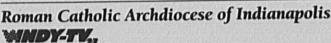
Saint Meinrad School of Theology will offer a graduate-level weekend course this fall titled "Infant Baptism in the Postconciliar American Catholic Church," taught by Benedictine Father Kurt Stasiak. It will examine the theology and pastoral practice of the sacrament of infant baptism. The weekends for this course are: Sept. 6-7; Oct. 11-12, and Nov. 8-9. New students should register by Aug. 15. For fee information, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 812-357-6599 or 800-730-9910.

VIPs ...

"Biomedical Morality: Interacting Ethics and Pastoral Care," a three-credit weekend course, will be offered Sept. 20-21; Oct. 25-26; and Nov. 15-16, on the campus of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad. The graduate-level course will be taught by St. Paul Father Richard Sparks, associate pastor of Old St. Mary's Church in Chicago, and nationally known presenter on medical ethics. The course will focus on medical, ethical, and pastoral concerns surrounding the biomed-ical revolution. New students should regis-ter by Aug. 15. For fee and registration information, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 812-357-6599 or 800-730-9910.

A mini-retreat, "The Spiritual Journey Part II," guidelines for Christian growth, will be offered Aug. 15-17 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center in Beech Grove. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lee of Indianapolis celebrated their 50th anniver-sary July 16. The couple was married July 16, 1947 at St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis. They have three children: Deborah Fleary, Cheryl Stevens, and John W. Lee III. The couple also has four grandchildren. The Lees are parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis.





Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoagland of Greenfield will celebrate their 40th anniversary July 20. The couple was married July 20, 1957 at. Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis. They have four children: Mary Best, Kathleen Wilson, and Joseph and Michael Hoagland. They also have seven grandchildren. The Hoaglands are parishioners at St. Michael Parish in Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Cecil of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Cecil of Indianapolis will celebrate their 50th anniversary July 19 with dinner hosted by their family. The couple was married July 19, 1947 at Sacred Heart Parish in Indianapolis. They have five children: Ann Mennel, Karen Bryant, Christie Koetting, and Mark and Matthew Cecil. The couple also has 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. grandchildren.

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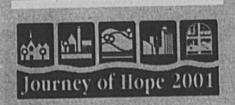


We'd dwell more on eternity if it didn't take one just to get to work. Maybe if traffic didn't have quite so many repairs to brake for, or the workplace wasn't so inefficient, we'd have the time to focus on more important things. Sometimes it's all we can do to get through the gridlock, our job and the week. Sometimes the here and now brings progress on the hereafter to a standstill. A Making the time to get to work on a spiritual

program is tough going. But it's not impossible. If you're stuck somewhere on the off-ramp to spirituality, there's hope. In fact, there's the Journey of Hope 2001, happening right now in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It invites you to get together with other Catholics to clear a path to God, restart your relationship with Him, and get going again on the way to a more joyful life.



GET GOING AGAIN



# **Batesville Deanery**

St. Anne Hamburg

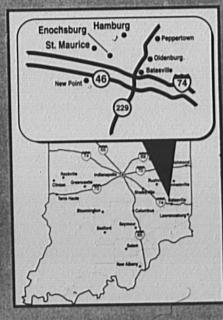
St. John the Evangelist Enochsburg

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By Susan Blerman-Etter

#### **Fast Fact:**

The church building at St. Anne, Hamburg, has been rebuilt twice due to natural disasters. In 1954 the original structure was destroyed by fire after lightning struck the steeple, and in 1974 the church was again left in ruins as a tornado swept through the area.



# Three parishes share leader, strong belief in religious education for their children

ENOCHSBURG—Spiritual renewal is a hot topic at three parishes in the Batesville Deanery.

"I think spiritual renewal seems to be an area that the

parishioners seem to be very much interested in," said Father Jonathan Stewart, who is the pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Enochsburg; St. Anne, Hamburg; and

the Evangelist, Enochsburg; St. Anne, Hamburg; and St. Maurice, St. Maurice, Decatur County.

The children's religious education program is strong at all three of the parishes. St. John and St. Anne have a combined program that is led by Mary Lou Kinker, the administrator of religious education. St. Maurice's religious education program is led by Brenda Emsweller, who is also the pastoral associate at the parish.

Emsweller said the two programs are run parallel so that she and Kinker can cover for one another if needed.

Kinker said both of the programs are well attended. There are about 10 students in classes of pre-school through the 12th-grade enrolled in the St. John/St. Anne program; and about 11 students per class enrolled in the St. Maurice program. The 11th-grade confirmation class is made up of youth from all three parishes.

Among the two programs are about 30 volunteer cat-

"There are a lot of dedicated parishioners when it comes to religious education," said Emsweller.

Married couples, single persons, young adults, adults, parents of religious education students and nonparents are among those who make up the team of cate-

Kinker said one particular catechist, Joe Scheidler, has been with the program for five years. He teaches the

first grade.
"He comes in and does a wonderful job with those first graders. I am so amazed," Kinker said.

She said something that interests her about some of the catechists is that a number of them have graduated from the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. Two men, who became Catholic when they were in college, are among the catechists.

'They are very good and very dedicated," Kinker

Father Stewart, who has served at the three parishes since October 1995, said one of the first things he noticed was a good sense of volunteerism among the parishioners of St. John, St. Anne, and St. Maurice.

"The people are really taking ownership that this is their parish, and this is something they are committed to doing," Father Stewart said.

He said most of the catechists have been with the

He said most of the catechists have been with the

religious education programs for quite a while, so it's not something that is new to

"They are used to what they are doing and they are good at it," Father Stewart said.

He said the catechists are not stagnant and they are always looking for all kinds of new resources and books.

"I am always ordering new things for them to have available to use," he said.

Father



St. Maurice Church

Stewart added that the catechists are good people and can be entertain-

ing to the children.
"I just think the kids enjoy them. And the children know that it's a stable and good program," Father Stewart said.

Father Stewart said he makes himself available to

Father Stewart said he makes himself available to help the catechists during their classes.

"Last year, Mary Lou [Kinker] made a good suggestion to me," Father Stewart said.

Kinker told Father Stewart that it would be a good idea for him to be seen by the religious education students often so they can get to know him.

"I try as much as possible to do that," he said.

Father Stewart usually teaches part of the classes or

comes into a classroom to talk about a specific topic or to answer any questions the children have.

Father Stewart said when he was an associate pastor

he helped with the Tobit program, a program for engaged couples or couples who are thinking about

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becoming engaged. He uses an idea from this program to teach the children step-by-step about daily Mass.
This particular Mass was held at St. Maurice, but

parishioners from St. John and St. Anne were invited to attend. Father Stewart celebrated a regular weekday Mass, but the Mass was celebrated in slow motion. This Mass is done slowly so he can stop and explain each step taken during the Mass and even offer some history about

the liturgy.
"It's so the kids can get a good understanding of what is going on in the Mass," Father Stewart said.

He said there was good response from e parents after this Mass was celebrated.

"The parents feel that the kids are going to have a greater understanding of what is going on at Mass rather than just attend- St. John the Evangelist Church ing," Father Stewart

Kinker said even the parents of the children and other adults who attended learned a lot about the Mass.

"Especially our catechists—it was a big help for them when they went back to their classrooms, Kinker said.

Father Stewart plans to continue offering this special Mass. However, he will rotate parishes each time.

"Each parish will have a chance to have it at its church," he said.

Vacation Bible School was held June 16 through June 20 for the three parishes for kids pre school through fourth-grade. For half the week, e children met at St. John and for the other half they met at St. Maurice m 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fifth- and sixth-grade stu-dents were on hand to serve as teachers' aides.

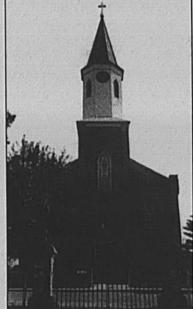
"They get something out of it too, and it does n't make them feel like kids," Kinker said.

Several volunteers were involved during the week

The children spent the week learning finger action rhymes skits, hearing Bible stories, singing songs, and making crafts.

There is a combined board of education for St. John and St. Anne, while St. Maurice has its own board.

The three parishes may share a lot, but each has its own parish council.





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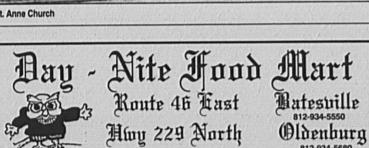
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#### Entertainment

Movie Review/Gerri Pare

# Contact explores alien life from deep space

Jodie Foster solidifies her Oscar-winning career playing an astronomer willing to sacrifice her life to



be the first human to visit alien life in Contact, a new summer release from Warner Bros.

This sweeping movie tries and to some extent succeeds in blending entertainment with loftier

philosophical questions.

At its center is the driven character of astronomer Ellie Arroway (Foster). First seen as an only child whose widowed father (David Morse) encourages her interest in radio transmissions and astronomy, Ellie is orphaned at age 9 and grows up consumed by science and determined to discover if life exists on other planets

While doing pure research in Puerto Rico at the world's largest radio telescope, she meets former seminarian Palmer Joss (Matthew McConaughey), who is explor-ing the relationship between science and faith. He is wary of technology but is a firm believer in God, and she is just the



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opposite. They manage to put aside their differences for one passionate night, but the next day she leaves to continue her research from New Mexico.

After four years of ridicule for moni-toring radio signals from deep space, Ellie succeeds in taping audio commu-nications and then video images from the distant star Vega

Revealing her findings, Ellie is immedi-ately surrounded by powerful White House players with their own agendas. James Woods, as the national security adviser, wants to militarize any response, while Ellie's ambitious former mentor, David Drumlin (Tom Skerritt), is eager to usurp

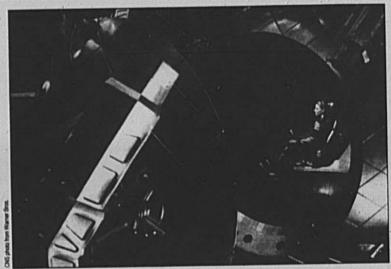
Palmer, now the president's spiritual adviser, is a key person in determining who will be the first human to make alien contact. It seems the intergalactic message is a blueprint for an elaborate space vehicle with room for only one human to

cle with room for only one human to make the historic voyage to Vega. Drumlin campaigns to be the chosen one, and uses Ellie's refusal to say she believes in God as a deterrent against her, as does Palmer, whose motivations are more complicated.

Although Drumlin wins the seat in "The Pod" spacecraft, waiting in the wings is the techno-mogul (John Hurt) who funded all the years of Ellie's research, and who is convinced she should be the one to make first contact.

Oscar-winning Forrest Gump director Robert Zemeckis blends science fiction, romance, political intrigue and spiritual concerns into his two-hour and 22-minute movie, which is based on the late Carl Sagan's 1985 best-selling novel. It's an ambitious project and a more serious and sophisticated approach than recent comic alien-themed movies with extraterrestrials as deadly killers in *Independence Day*, Mars Attacks and Men in Black

As the besieged scientist, Foster is tense and intense, and thoroughly believable as someone for whom human



Jodie Foster stars as an astronomer willing to sacrifice her life to visit alien life in *Contact*. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III for adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG with parental guidance suggested.

connections are secondary to nonhuman

connections in the name of science.

McConaughey is less credible as a hunk who left the seminary when celibacy who left the seminary when celloacy
proved a problem and ended up as a charismatic New Age-type guru whose spoutings
about technology's impact on society have
the rapt ear of the president.
Foster and McConaughey seem more

like sheer symbols of science and religion than lovers who are trying to find com-mon ground. Yet the movie stresses neither science nor faith are mutually exclusive, as Ellie experiences a spiritual awakening of sorts based on her experiences that cannot be empirically proved.

Woods, and Angela Bassett as another presidential adviser, are brittle characters of little definition, and Hurt as the billionaire techno-nut seems mostly to provide whimsy in the narrative and the financial

means for Ellie to persevere.

Viewers will hardly fail to notice many Gumpian touches throughout the movie, as when President Clinton appears alongside the cast, or in a climactic scene by the Washington Mall's Reflecting Pool.

But it seems almost anti-climactic when the crucial in-person contact is finally made, given what the breathlessly awaited verbal response is

However, visually the movie never

disappoints, from telling close-ups of Ellie caught between conflicting political infighting, to glorious linked vistas of mammoth dish-shaped radio telescopes in the desert, to the remarkable-looking cir-cular revolving space vehicle, to in-flight views of other golden galaxies.

Zemeckis seems hard-pressed to balance the basic story of making alien contact with the philosophical issues raised, and at the same time keep a dubious romance going and the subplot of Ellie being dished out of credit for her discovery by the devious Drumlin.

The script makes a point of stressing that 95 percent of humanity believes in a Higher Power, and Ellie is scorned for believing in atheism unless she gets sci-entific proof of God's existence.

Contact is one of the more interesting movies of the year in daring to actually pre-sent philosophical concepts, even if the conclusions are superficial at best.

Because of some sexual innuendo and fleeting violence, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III for adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG, with parental guidance suggested.

(Gerri Pare is on the staff of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and

Broadcasting.)

Movie Review/Gerri Pare

# Con Air shows an airborne bloodbath

A parolee's plane ride home from prison becomes an explosive bloodbath in the overwrought action film Con Air from Touchstone Pictures.

Air from Touchstone Pictures.

A manipulative script introduces ex-Army Ranger
Cameron Poe (Nicolas Cage) who, upon rushing back
from the Gulf War to be with his pregnant wife (Monica
Potter), immediately finds himself lethally defending her
honor against a trio of knife-wielding drunks.

Sentenced to seven years in prison, Poe passes the years writing to his wife and daughter, then hitches a ride home aboard a U.S. Marshal's plane which is transporting hardened criminals to another prison. A few of the convicts, led by dead-eyed John Malkovich, murder the guards and seize control of the jet in an elaborate plan that involves secretly landing the jet at an abandoned airstrip,

involves secretly landing that jet at an abandoned airstrip, where a drug lord will transport them to South America. Poe is not about to let that happen. First, he stops the attempted rape of a surviving female guard, but he can't prevent the murder of an undercover Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agent. The consthink he's on their side, unaware he has scrawled their secret destination on a dead man's T-shirt whose body was tossed from the jet.

On the ground, a DEA honcho gives orders to have the

hijacked jet shot down, despite the presence of innocent peo-ple on board. Opposing that strategy is U.S. Marshal Larkin (John Cusack), who has surmised that Poe is an ally and may save the day. That Poe will be a hero is never in doubt, but first the audience must endure bullets, bloodshed, infernos,

impalings and other glorified violence.

Because of excessive violence and glamorized mayhem, the U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film O, morally offensive.

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# Strategic Plan for inistr

1st Draft

Dear Readers:

Many of you are well aware of and familiar with the strategic planning process in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. In the fall of 1993, after much consultation and many drafts, the archdiocese promulgated its Archdiocesan Strategic Plan.

In the fall of 1996, efforts were begun to gather representatives from all the religious communities of men and women in the archdiocese, along with representatives from the archdiocesan vocation office, archdiocesan vocation committee, and the archdiocesan Council of Priests. This group met several times since the first of the

year to review and evaluate current vocation programs and initiatives and to set forth a plan that will give direction to the future efforts of vocation ministry in the archdiocese. The result has been the vocations strategic plan that is set forth on the following page.

This draft, along with current efforts already in place, establishes the direction for our vocation ministry efforts for the next two to three years. Its focus is to provide knowledgeable speakers to address people of all ages regarding vocations and their discernment. It also seeks to provide topical and timely educational tools to strengthen the priestly and religious vocations element in our school and religious education curriculums. These materials target not only students but their families as well.

Now we would like to have your input. You are the People of God who make up the Church in central and southern Indiana. We seek to serve you, and we want to know how best to do this. All the major elements of the draft are included in this insert. For the sake of brevity, we have not included time lines, or areas of accountability.

We would like to have your comments and suggestions about how we have done in preparing this plan. Does this address the vocation needs as you see them? Have we missed something important? If so, what? Please take this opportunity to comment on the draft and send your comments to one of us at the Vocations Office. May the Lord continue to lead and guide us as we seek to assist men and women in their efforts to discover and follow their God-given vocation.

Sincerely,

Reverend Paul D. Etienne **Vocations Director** 

Sr. Marge Wissman, O.S.F.

Chairperson; Vocations Committee

Plan found on the next page

# **\ocations**Ministry

Goals and Objectives

## Goal 1

Make effective use of available resources in the areas of education, faith formation, and campus ministry to provide vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

#### Objective 1.1:

Develop and market a speakers' bureau for use by principals, campus ministers, and other ministry personnel.

#### Objective 1.2:

Research and develop a vocations curriculum with lesson plans for schools and religious education programs.

#### Action Step 1.2.1:

Enhance archdiocesan curriculum guide with supporting lesson plans.

#### Action Step 1.2.2:

Develop accompanying lesson plans for parents.

#### Action Step 1.2.3:

Target deanery meetings to present vocation curriculum to principals, directors of religious education, and youth ministers.

#### Action Step 1.2.4:

Target five pilot parishes.

#### Action Step 1.2.5:

Implement archdiocesan wide.

#### Objective 1.3:

Develop a vocations resource manual for retreats, presentations, and other programs, such as web site information.

#### Objective 1.4:

Mail yearly calendar of events to appropriate agencies to inform them of all vocations events.

#### Goal 2

Evangelize and educate parents so they may better assist their children in hearing and responding to God's personal call.

#### Objective 2.1:

Produce vocations materials to educate parents through existing parish organizations.

#### Action Step 2.1.1:

Solicit articles written by priests and religious for their home parishes to use in newsletters and publications.

#### Action Step 2.1.2:

Research and develop homily aids.

#### Action Step 2.1.3:

Utilize companion piece for parents which accompany vocations lesson plans in religion classes.

#### Objective 2.2:

Expand the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (4th Sunday of Easter) to include open houses in religious communities and parish rectories.

#### Objective 2.3:

Develop information and tools for discernment education.

Your Comments:

Please send your comments and suggestions to:

Rev. Paul D. Etienne, c/o Vocations Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1410

#### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, July 20, 1997

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Ephesians 2:13-18
- Mark 6:30-34

The prophet Jeremiah is the source of this weekend's first reading.

When the long his-



tory of the people of God is considered, few of the prophets are recorded in the Scriptures, so it is easy to assume that figures such as Jeremiah were rare.

In reality, they were not. Many had ideas and opinions as to how the people should respond to their call to be God's special nation on earth. They freely spoke in public, and their opinions were sharply defined.

None of the prophets was active in times absent of controversy and even of peril for God's people. Often an element of fear, even panic, prevailed among the

people.

The targets for these many religious speakers and writers were those people in the society whose sinfulness led the nation away from God. Conflicts were many, as were denunciations of those

judged to be wrong-doers.

Jeremiah's time was no exception. He faced opposing views and often was

challenged.

In this reading, Jeremiah warns of those who presumed to be religious lead-ers, but who in fact guided people to sin. By contrast, Jeremiah calls the people

to him and to his word.

His prophecy is that one day a great king shall come. He will descend from David. He will rule justly, and in his reign God's law will triumph.

The epistle to the Ephesians provides the next reading.

Ephesus was a major seaport, commercial center and religious shrine in the Roman Empire. It faced the Mediterranean Sea in an area which is

now part of Turkey.

As the centuries have passed, however, the harbor of Ephesus has been overcome by silt and plants. Today the ruins of Ephesus are found some distance from the sea.

Ephesus was not an easy environment in which to begin a Christian community,

nor did conditions enhance the growth of

this community.
On one occasion, pagan Ephesians rose against their Christian neighbors. The Christians were belittling Diana, the Roman goddess of the moon, in whose honor a great temple stood in the city. The Christian complaints were not well-received, to say the least. This epistle, with all its forceful lan-

guage, was written to reassure the Ephesian Christians. It stresses that Christ is the Redeemer. In Jesus, life

itself is different.
St. Mark's Gospel supplies this week-

In all the Gospels, in all their verses,
Jesus is the central figure. This is as
much true of Mark as of the others.

The apostles are also important in this reading. In the story read this weekend, the apostles obviously have been very active caring for others and preaching. Jesus approves of what they have done and said. He calls them to rest.

The people thirst for the word spoken by Jesus and the Twelve. The crowds pursue them.

At last, Jesus meets the crowd and views them with "pity." It is an expression of love.

#### Reflection

For weeks, the church has used the weekend Liturgies of the Word to teach Christians how to be disciples.

This weekend, it takes note of the controversies and problems met by believers in today's world.

The epistle sets the stage. The cult of Diana faded away long ago, but a new paganism reigns as powerfully as any which long ago existed in ancient Rome.

Modern paganism involves the wor-ship of this world, of the material things of this world, and of self.

No genuine future lies in this new paganism. Jesus alone is the key to happiness now and in the future.

Jesus has not abandoned us to chance, to our own imperfect abilities. He has left us the Gospel and the very life of God in the sacraments. These fortifying and guiding supports help us to live and ultimately to find God.

Long ago, Jeremiah predicted that

God's mercy would give us Jesus.

Jesus is with us, in the apostles, and in the church which they formed in the Lord's name.

# **Daily Readings**

Monday, July 21 Lawrence of Brindisi, presbyter, religious and doctor of the church Exodus 14:5-18 (Response) Exodus 15:1-5 Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 22 Mary Magdalene, disciple of the Lord Exodus 14:21 - 15:1 (Response) Exodus 15:8-10, 12, 17 John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, July 23 Bridget of Sweden, married woman and religious foundress Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 Psalm 78:18-19, 23-28 Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 24 Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Response) Daniel 3:52-56 Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 25 James, apostle 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1-6 Matthew 20:20-28

Saturday, July 26 Joachim and Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 27 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

# Catechism discusses formation of conscience

Recently I read part of a confusing address given to a group of theolo-gians by a Roman pro-

fessor.



Any appeal to con-science, he said, "to contest the truth" of what is taught by the magisterium, is a rejection both of the magisterium and of conscience.

If the quotation is

accurate, it seems that in a conflict between the two, a Catholic is obliged to follow the magisterium in preference to

his own conscience.

This is not what I was taught throughout my Catholic education, nor have I heard it from any other church source. Are we now expected to place the

magisterium above our own consciences? If so, when did this profound change come about? (Maryland)

A The statement as you quote it is dif-ficult to interpret clearly. To "con-test the truth" of magisterial teaching, in moral matters at least, could have three or four meanings.

Your interpretation is the one probably most people would immediately draw and may be the one intended.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is overall a good place to start. It clearly states the serious responsibility to form our consciences with faith, diligence and prayer. Interestingly, it notes that this education of conscience is a long process, "a lifelong task."

The word of God lights our path, in the presence of the Lord's cross; we are assisted by the gifts of the Spirit, the witness and advice of others, and guided by the authoritative teaching of the church (No. 1785).

The first and longest section on con-science, however, is devoted to the obligation to follow faithfully what one's conscience judges to be just and right. Conscience, it says, "is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God, whose voice echoes in his depths.

Cardinal John Henry Newman's

famous statement is quoted:
"Conscience is the aboriginal vicar of
Christ," the voice of Christ for us before all others (1778).

Obviously, then, the duty to form our consciences carefully and honestly, prudently considering all the elements mentioned in the catechism, is paramount and most serious.

After that, the individual must abide by that "law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey" (1776). This is what you remember learning.

It is worth noting that we have here nothing new in the church. Thomas Aquinas, along with other great theolo-gians, taught that even when conscience is in error it must still be obeyed, even though that might lead to unhappy

Probably no one has articulated the Catholic tradition more clearly and unambiguously than the most well-known Catholic theologian of our generation, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

Over every other authority, he said, there stands the ultimate tribunal, "one's own conscience, which must be obeyed before all else, if necessary even against the requirement of ecclesiastical

How conscience is formed, he continued, cannot be left out of the question. But in the last resort, conscience is "transcendent," "beyond the claim of external social groups, even of the official church" (Commentary on the Documents of Vatican II, ed. Vorgrim-ler, 1968; on Gaudium et Spes, Part I,

Chapter I).

Those who are familiar with the writings of Pope John Paul II will know that he has more than once repeated this understanding of conscience, especially as it regards religious obligations. (See, for example, his 1991 encyclical on the mission of the church.)

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Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

# My Journey to God

# With God by my Side

I walk each day with God by my side.
The roads are paved; paved with an archway of dark, green foliage.
It's as if the branches of the trees are bowed to the Lord.
An array of beautiful plants and flowers await me on the paths I take.
The beauties dance and sway in joy with the gentle breeze.

with the gentle breeze.

I marvel at God's wondrous creations

I marvel at God's wondrous creati he made for me.

He is with me all ways, all days, in what I see and hear, wherever my travels take me.

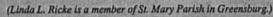
And the struggles along the paths are made lighter by his touch.

At every walkway of my journey of life, I know I'm not alone.

He is just around the next bend, waiting for me.

waiting for me.

By Linda L. Ricke



#### The Active List

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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.

St. Luke Church, Indianapolis, single adults group will meet in the church reception room, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-299-9545

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#### Fridays

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

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#### Monthly

#### First Sundays

St. Paul Church, Sellersburg, Prayer Group will meet in the Church from 7 - 8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555; 812-246-9735

#### First Tuesdays

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

#### First Fridays

Holy Guardian Angel Church, 203 U. S. 52, Cedar Grove, will have eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m.

St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will hold First Friday vigil adoration 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 celebrate Mass and exposi-tion of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion of the Eucharist. Information: 317-485-5102.

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Council and Court #191 of the Counter and Cadies of Peter Claver will sponsor the First Friday rosary at 5:15 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., ndianapolis.

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

St. Joseph Hill, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Sellersburg, will hold First Friday eucharistic adoration fol-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.

#### First Saturdays

St. Nicholas, Sunman, will have St. Nicholas, Sunman, will have 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music followed by the Fatima Rosary. Monthly S.A.C.R.E.D. Gathering will follow in the Parish School.

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

#### Second Sundays

St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis, will hold a Tridentine (Latin) Mass at 1:30 p.m.

#### Second Wednesdays

The archdiocesan Family Life The archdiocesan Family Life Office Natural Family Planning Classes, will meet at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1596, or 1-800-382-9836.

#### Third Mondays

Young Widowed Group, spon-sored by the archdiocesan Family Life Office will meet at St. Matthew Church, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-236-1586.

#### Third Wednesdays

Catholic Widowed Organization will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

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#### Fourth Sundays

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of Secular Franciscans will gather in the Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St., Indian-apolis, at 3 p.m. Benediction and Franciscan service followed by business meeting and social.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather for a children's Mass at the for a children's Mass at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis. Teaching will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by praise, wor-ship and Mass. Information: 317-927-6900.

#### July 18 - 19

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, will have a sum-mer festival featuring food, games and rides. Carry-out beginning at 4:30 p.m

St. Lawrence Church, 4650 Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, will hold a rummage sale to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday; 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday.

The Catholic Widowed
Organization will gather at the
O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, for a pitch-in, cold cuts, dessert party with entertainment, begin-ning at 4 p.m.

July 20 St. John the Baptist Church, 25743 St. Rte. 1. Guilford (Dover) will hold a summer fes-tival from 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. EDT, featuring a chicken din-ner, games, country store and bingo. Carry-out available. Information: 812-576-4112.

St. John Church, Osgood, will hold the annual parish chicken dinner and festival following 10 a.m. Mass. Festival features games, quilts, prizes, country store and homemade crafts.

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will meet for an Eagle Creek hike and dinner at 3:30 p.m. Information: 317-329-8203.

St. Anthony Church, Clarksville, Apostolate for Family Consecration holy hour, week three, "Pope Leo XIII on St. Joseph," 6 - 7 p.m., followed by confession and Benediction

St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church, 1117 Blaine Catholic Church, 1117 Blaine Ave., Indianapolis, will have the annual blessing of wheeled vehicles commemorating the Prophet Elias' ride to heaven in his fiery chariot, following 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Information: 317-545-5704; 317-632-4157.

Little Sisters of the Poor and the Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of St. Augustine's Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis will hold a holy hour in the chapel at 4:15 p.m. to pray for vocations, fol-lowed by evening prayer, expo-sition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

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Christ the King Church, Indianapolis, King's Singles will attend noon Mass and lunch. Meet in parking lot at 1 p.m. if not attending Mass.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will begin a 7 - 8:30 p.m. Fees: \$36. For all sessions; \$8. each. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530
Union St., Indianapolis, will
hold a summer craft fair from
6:30 - 7:30 p.m, featuring
instruction in woodcrafts, knitting, crocheting, art, ribbon bow making, gift wrapping.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold an Introduction to Centering Prayer workshop from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a centering prayer summer retreat from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

St. Louis de Montfort Parish, 11441 Hague Rd. Fishers, will host a Catholic Charismatic Mass at 7 p.m. Fr. David Newton will be celebrant and homilist. Healing service following Mass. Information: 317-842-6778; 317-842-5869.

July 24

St. Christopher Parish. Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will celebrate July birthdays at Rick's Boatyard, 7 p.m. Information, reservations: 317-879-8018.

July 25 - 27

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold a Tobit weekend for engaged couples. Information, registration: 317-545-7681.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., Clarksville, will hold the parish picnic and festival, 5 p.m. -midnight on Friday; 2 p.m. midnight on Saturday. Information: 812-282-2290.

July 26

St. Christopher Church, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will attend Midsummer Mozart-Symphony on the Prairie. Information, carpooling: 317-879-8018.

July 26 -27

St. Martin Church, Yorkville, parish picnic and festival featuring food stands, games, beer garden, live music, country store, kiddie land, volleyball tournament, prime rib and chicken dinners. Saturday Mass 4 p.m., festival hours 5 - 11:30 p.m. EDST. Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m., festival hours 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDST. Information: 812-623-2591; 513-367-0921. 513-367-0921.

St. Augustine Church, Leopold, parish picnic and festival, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. Mass at 10

a.m. Festival features fried chicken dinners, bingo, country store, quilt raffle, horseshoe tourney, volleyball tourney, cash raffle. Information: 812-843-5143

St. Anthony Church, Clarksville, Apostolate for Family Consecration holy hour, week four, "Joseph of Egypt," 6 - 7 p.m., followed by confession and Benediction.

At Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt & Hermitage, "The Crises of Faith and the Eucharist" at 2:30 p.m., with Fr. Hardon, followed by Mass at 3:30. Information: Fr. Elmer Burwinkel 812-689-3551. Directions: .8 mile E. of 421 on 925-S, 10 south of Versailles.

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of Secular Franciscans will gather at 3 p.m for Benediction and Franciscan service in the Sacred Heart parish chapel, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, Business meeting and social will follow in the Friary. Information: 317-547-6651.

July 29

St. Christopher Church, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will have a peer faith sharing evening in the church annex at 7:30 p.m. Information: 299-9818.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, will hold a summer craft fair from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m, featuring instruction in woodcrafts, knitting, crocheting, art, ribbon bow making, gift wrapping.

August 1

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 523 S. Merrill St., Fortville, will have a Monte Carlo Night and reverse raffle from 7 - 11 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 523 S. Merrill St., Fortville will have the annual chicken noodle dinner and summer festival featuring games, rides, face paint-ing, bingo, raffle, outdoor grill, ction, crafts, variety talent contest, lip sync contest, praise concert, El Dorado Band.

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

# Vatican City plans for underground parking

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-The Vatican hillside that is home to historic monuments and sacred tombs is about to acquire a thoroughly modern addition: an underground

Billed as a "mega-facility" capable of alleviating Vatican City's traffic crisis, the subterranean structure is the first of its kind in a territory that, over the centuries, has been walled, decorated, gardened and even excavated-but never for a parking lot.

A catacomb for cars? Some will see it as the latest incongruity to visit the Vatican, where major building and renovation projects have drawn outside criticism in recent years.

The plans came to light accidentally in early July, when a

leaked letter from a Vatican official explained that the above-ground areas inside Vatican City had already been "exploited to the maximum" for parking.

The underground lot will be located a few hundred feet

behind St. Peter's Basilica, on the slope of the Vatican Hill, site of the ancient cemetery where St. Peter and other Christians were buried some 1,900 years ago.

Excavations for the parking lot will temporarily disturb the tranquillity of the Vatican Gardens, a green oasis used by a long line of pontiffs for meditation. Nearby is the buried site of the Circus Vaticanus, a racetrack built by the Emperor Caligula where, according to the Roman historian Tacitus, Christians were killed during a first wave of persecutions.

Digging has always been risky business in Rome, and innumerable projects have been stopped in their tracks—for months or forever—by archeological finds. Inside the Vatican, which operates by its own rules, such obstacles may be easier to get around.

Yet, especially in recent years, Romans have been sensitive to the sound of jackhammers inside the Vatican walls. Some feel the current governors of Vatican City are far too eager to summon the wrecking ball and the cement mixer.

The just-completed construction of a five-story guest use—a skyscraper by Vatican standards—drew the ire of environmentalists and some art historians, who claimed the structure blocked part of the view of St. Peter's. This year, the Vatican Museums started work on a major new entrance. the Vatican Museums started work on a major new entrance, which entailed punching holes in the 15th-century walls that enclose the city-state. In Rome, which reveres its historic walls with patriotic pride, that would be sacrilegious.

But Venezuelan Cardinal Rosalio Castillo Lara, who stands at the helm of the Vatican City governor's office, explained last year in an interview that the Vatican cannot be

preserved untouched, as if it were a museum. It is a living environment that needs constant maintenance, development and improvement, he said.

In fact, a look at the 109-acre topography of Vatican City reveals that many of its features were added in this century: a new mosaic school, the miniature railroad station, a painting museum, the governor's palace, the Ethiopian College, a

And, of course, parking lots to accommodate the thousands of vehicles that enter Vatican gates every day.

A Vatican City report in July also showed that renovation of existing structures is pretty much constant. In 1996 alone, the Vatican technical offices

- •Fixed the pope's roof, which was infested with insects.
  •Rebuilt a retaining wall behind St. Peter's.
- ·Oversaw a complete refurbishing of one of the pope's private chapels.
- ·Built new restrooms for tourists in St. Peter's Square.
- Renovated Swiss Guards' barracks
- Completed a restructuring of the Vatican bank.
- Built an Internet center for Vatican financial offices
- ·Constructed a new analysis lab for the Vatican's health service.
- ·Cleared a new warehouse for the Vatican pharmacy (the

papal band lost its practice room).

•Embarked on a major restoration of the Vatican walls, to

be finished by the year 2000.

Going underground may seem drastic as a solution to the worsening parking problem inside Vatican City, but officials say it's actually far-sighted. They are already considering where to place additional subterranean facilities.

They say demand for parking spaces is expected to increase as the city of Rome continues to install pay-parking in the area surrounding the Vatican. The Vatican's employees, most of whom drive to work, are bringing their cars inside the Vatican gates, where parking is free.

That prompted the Vatican to send a warning to its auto-

mobile-dependent employees.

"Parking one's car is not a 'right,' but is strictly tied to the availability of spaces. The state does not have the responsibility to guarantee to all the Holy See's employees the possibility of parking inside the Vatican," said a letter from the Vatican City governor's office.

The principle was clearly stated. But meanwhile, employees are already asking how they can obtain permanent spots in the new underground lot.

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# Indiana All-Star earns All-American honors

By Mary Ann Wyand

Hard work and perseverance, com-bined with her love of basketball and natural talent, earned state and national recognition for 1997 Cathedral High School graduate Katrina Merriweather of Indianapolis last month.

In June, the three-sport athlete com-peted in the Indiana-Kentucky Girls' All-Star Basketball Tournament, then achieved All-American honors in the 18and-under division of the national Amateur Athletic Union tournament at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The four-year varsity letter-winner for the Lady Irish also was named the female recipient of the sixth annual John Wooden/MCL Cafeterias All-Star Citizenship Award last month.

That award is named in honor of Martinsville native John Wooden, a threetime All-American in basketball at Purdue University who coached UCLA to an unprecedented 10 national basketball championships between 1964 and 1973.

Wooden recently called Katrina to offer his congratulations. Indiana Boys'
All-Star Michael Menser from
Batesville High School received the

1997 boys' award. Katrina's citizenship award recognizes her exceptional leadership as two-time team captain of the Lady Irish and her considerable volunteer work as a peer mentor for center-city girls.

Alternating as a guard and forward,

Katrina scored 1,077 points for the Lady Irish in Indiana High School Athletic Association basketball games.

She received the 1997 award for Most Outstanding Senior Female Athlete from the Marion County Coaches of Girls' Sports Association. She also was a member of Cathedral's 1996 IHSAA Final Four girls' volleyball team, and competed in shot put and discus in track and field.

Katrina will attend the University of Cincinnati on a basketball scholarship and hopes to play for the Woman's National

Basketball Association someday.
"I feel like I've been very blessed as far as my teammates and coaches," Katrina said. "I've been surrounded by very tal-ented and unselfish people at Cathedral and on the All-Star team who helped me

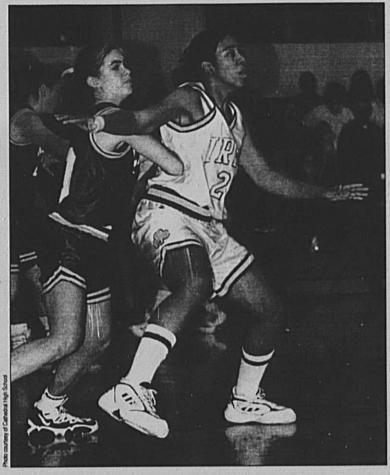
achieve these accomplishments."

While averaging 20.5 points per game her senior year, she also concentrated on defensive support for teammates. To perfect her game, Katrina said she shoots a minimum of 50 free throws every day and

practices a variety of perimeter shots.
"I love competition," she said. "I think that's what drives me the most, that and

the camaraderie of playing on a team." Cathedral Lady Irish head basketball coach Linda Bamrick praises Katrina for her composure under intense pressure.
"I was put in a last-second shot situa-

tion five times and hit all five times,' Katrina said. "My father taught me never to attempt a shot I didn't think would go in. That advice helps me play my best.



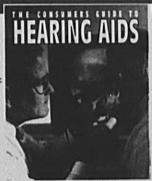
Cathedral High School Lady Irish guard and forward Katrina Merriweather of Indianapolis earned state and national basketball honors in June. Her father, Kevin Merriweather, coached her in Amateur Athletic Union competition. As an Indiana Girls' All-Star last month, Katrina wore the same uniform number her grandfather, William Merriweather, wore during the 1955 Indiana Boys' All-Star games.

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St. Matthew sponsors

concert to benefit youth

St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis will sponsor a benefit concert from 2:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on July 28 to raise money for the archdiocesan "A Generation of Hope Endowment Fund" for youth.

Admission is \$7 a person in advance or \$10 at the door for the five-hour concert, which features a variety of local bands comprised of high school and junior high school musicians.

"There will be live music, dancing, food and fun,"
St. Matthew youth ministry coordinator Paul Jefferson of
Indianapolis explained. "This concert is titled 'BabyFest,"

St. Monica Chess Club members will sponsor a summer Chess Camp for youth in all skill levels from noon until 4 p.m. on Aug. 11-15 at the St. Monica School gymnasium, located at 6131 N. Michigan Road in Indianapolis. The camp fee of \$40 per player includes daily snacks. Participants will learn chess fundamentals as well as advanced strategies from avacrianced chass.

well, as advanced strategies from experienced chess instructors, including Jay Carr, editor of *Chess in Indiana*, as well as James Dean and Todd Kennedy.

For registration information, call Rene or Leslie Trischler at 317-251-1473.

This fall the Catholic Youth Organization will sponsor a new chess league for archdiocesan youth. For information about the CYO Chess League, call the CYO Youth Center at 317-632-9311.

Discount tickets are still available for the Catholic Youth Organization's annual Archdiocesan CYO Day at King's Island amusement park near Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 30. For tickets or information, call the CYO Youth Center at 317-632-9311.

Sixty at-risk center-city youth are participating in the Mentoring in the City program sponsored by Marian College in Indianapolis this summer. Activities provide opportunities for youth in the sixth through ninth grades to develop leadership skills and learn new hobbies.



# **News briefs**

#### Church readies Michigan education effort on assisted suicide

SAGINAW, Mich. (CNS)-As a Michigan group prepares to circulate a petition to put physician-assisted sui-cide on the 1998 state ballot, the Michigan Catholic Conference is stepping up its education efforts against the practice and the petition. The group, Merian's Friends, is expected to seek about 350,000 signatures by Nov. 15 to put legalization of assisted suicide to a public vote. The Ann Arbor-based group is named after Merian Fredericks, and Ann Arbor woman who committed suicide with Dr. an Ann Arbor woman who committed suicide with Dr.

Jack Kevorkian's help. State laws prohibiting assisted suicide were upheld unanimously by the U.S. Supreme Court
June 26. But the justices also left open the possibility of future rulings permitting assisted suicide under certain circumstances.

#### Partial-birth abortion bans signed in Rhode Island, vetoed in Missouri

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS)—Legislation banning partial-birth abortions became law in Rhode Island when Gov. Lincoln Almond signed it July 2. But in Missouri, Gov. Mel Carnahan vetoed similar legislation July 8 and an override vote was expected in September. Maria Parker, Respect Life coordinator in the Diocese of Providence, said the pro-life victory in Rhode Island was "due to the unprecedented, united effort of thou-sands in this state" and "truly demonstrates that the action of each individual can make a difference." Parker praised Almond for signing the bill despite his oft-stated support for keeping abortion legal.

#### Secrets and Lies, NYPD Blue among Humanitas Prize winners

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—The Oscar-nominated British drama "Secrets & Lies" and the ABC police drama NYPD Blue were among the top winners in the 1997 Humanitas Prize competition. It was the second prize for NYPD Blue, which also won in 1994. The Fox children's show Life With Louie won for the second year in a row. The prizes were announced at a July 9 luncheon in Hollywood.

#### Franciscan brings 18th-century mission music to compact disc

OCEANSIDE, Calif. (CNS)—Much of the music written or adapted by Franciscan friars for use in the California missions in the 18th and 19th century has California missions in the 18th and 19th century has never been recorded, but it will soon find its way onto a compact disc. When the planners of the 1998 celebration of the 200th anniversary of Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside looked for ways to raise money, Franciscan Brother Rufino Zaragoza had a suggestion. A liturgical composer residing at the mission, the priest said they should sell recordings of California mission music. "I talked myself into a job," said Brother Zaragoza in an interview with The Southern Cross, newspaper of the Diocese of San Diego. He already has newspaper of the Diocese of San Diego. He already has a number of recorded works to his credit, including "Misa Juan Diego," a bilingual Mass, available from the Oregon Catholic Press. Recording California mission music was a very different challenge, however. "We're kind of rediscovering part of our Franciscan past," Brother Zaragoza said.

#### World

#### Germany's Catholic, Protestant churches urge care for refugees

ROME (CNS)—Germany's Catholic and Protestant churches united to urge more humane treatment of foreigners, reprimanding political leaders for not taking more effective action and supporting church asylum.

"The churches claim the right to speak out on issues of migration, expulsion and the seeking of refuge because these subjects almost always concern the care for and protection of the value of human life," Bishop Karl Lehmann of Mainz, head of the German bishops' conference, said in early July when the joint statement was released. "Migration, expulsion and flight... are a challenge to the community of humanish and an challenge to the community of humankind and an appeal for solidarity with other countries."

# Philippine church to aid Vietnamese cut off from U.S. aid

PUERTO PRINCESA, Philippines (CNS)—The Philippine church will assist stranded Vietnamese cut off from U.S. aid, but only after legal options have failed, said a church official. "The church can step in at any time to intercede with the Philippine government, but has decided to stay out of the case until the (Vietnamese) have exhausted all legal means possible," said a Vietnamese chaplain, Msgr. Pietro Nguyen Van Tai. Hundreds of Vietnamese stranded in the Philippines were considering suing the U.S. government for breach of contract as the U.S. State Department cut off aid to Amerasians and their families in the Philippines June 30, Msgr. Tai said.

#### Church works to rebuild Albania after unrest, elections

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Church officials and organizations in Albania were trying to help the country recover from months of unrest after national elections had been completed. Clerics and representatives of sev eral aid agencies met in Rome July at a conference titled, "Today for the Albania of Tomorrow: Objectives and Strategies of a Church Amid the People." Archbishop Rrok K. Mirdita of Durres-Tirana, Albania, told Vatican Radio the church needed to shore up its infrastructure in the troubled Balkan country in order to intensify its pastoral activities, particularly with young people.

#### Thai Catholic aid agency ready to receive Cambodian refugees

BANGKOK, Thailand (CNS)—As military combat subsided in Phnom Phen, Cambodia, representatives of Thailand's Catholic aid agency said they were preparing to receive any Cambodians who decided to seek refuge in Thailand. "The situation looks OK now, but I believe Vannaprateep, Cambodia country representative for Catholic Organization for Emergency Relief and Refugees. He could not speculate on how many refugees he would expect. Chalor spoke July 11 from Bangkok, after COERR pulled all 17 of its Thai and expatriate staff out of Cambodia and moved them to Thailand. Chalor said they were not so much worried about civil war as the general lawlessness in Phnom Phen.



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#### Plant images show shroud is from Jerusalem, botanist says

JERUSALEM (CNS)—Images of flowers and pollen samples that appear on the Shroud of Turin are those of plant species that grow in the area of Jerusalem, says an Israeli botanist. "The assemblage of plants . . . shows (the shroud) could only come from the Middle East, and the best fit is Jerusalem," said Hebrew University Professor Avinoam Danin, an expert in the flora of the Holy Land. Some 96 percent of the 28 flower species identified on the shroud grow between Jerusalem and the Qumran Caves. Add the southern Dead Sea area to the equation and 100 percent of the species can be found, said Danin.

#### Church leaders welcome Protestant decision to reroute marches

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (CNS)—A huge sigh of relief was breathed across the British province of Northern Ireland when the Protestant Orange Order said it would not march through Catholic areas. Church leaders have welcomed the announcement, which they said was a courageous and unprecedented move. Archbishop Sean B. Brady of Armagh, Northern Ireland, said July 11 that he was relieved by the decision. "I hope it can become the context for future progress and developing future relations. It will bring a lot of relief to a large number of people," the archbishop said.

#### Ecumenical movement won't stop, pope tells Lutherans

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Improvements in Catholic-Lutheran ties are irreversible and the ecumenical movement unstoppable, Pope John Paul II told a global Lutheran gathering in early July. "The progress made in our relations over the years since the Second Vatican Council is a sign that the Lord is blessing our efforts," the pope said in a message addressed to the Rev. Gottfried Brakemeier, outgoing president of the Lutheran World Federation. The Geneva-based organization was holding its ninth general assembly in Hong Kong. Organizers reported the meeting attracted an esti-mated 900 participants, about half of whom were delegates from 68 countries.

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

#### POW Mass, rosary planned

The Italian Heritage Society of Indiana will sponsor the The Italian Heritage Society of Indiana will sponsor the 8th annual Mass, rosary service and picnic to commemorate the construction of a chapel built by Italian prisoners of war at Camp Atterbury (near Edinburgh). The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3, at Camp Atterbury. The event commemorates the 54th anniversary of the "Chapel in the Meadow" built by the POWs in 1943. The Indiana National Guard co-sponsors the event.

For more information, call Salvatore (Sol) Petruzzi at 317-849-9731.

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BATES, Gerald, 55, St. Gabriel, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, July 9. Brother of Providence Sister Mary Margaret, Robert, Paul, Patrick, Joseph, Bernadette, Theresa Bates, Dolores Clarke, Dorothy Carson, Elizabeth Price, Catherine Souter.

BENAGES, Lourdes, 87, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 6. Mother of Anthony, Alfie Benages, Maria Antonia. Grandmother of 20, greatgrandmother of nine

BOESCHE, Helen L. (Haehle), 84, Christ the King, Indianapolis, June 30. Wife of Charles Boesche. Mother of David, John Boesche, Marilyn Pehrson. Grandmother of five, great-grandmother of one.

BRAUN, Janet J., 80, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, July 2. Wife of Lester Braun. Mother of James Cloud, Jane Newton, Mary

Johnson. Grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of seven.

BURDEN, Charlotte, 92, St. Mary, New Albany, July 3. Aunt of several nieces and nephews

BUSH, Herman J., 57, Holy Family, New Albany, July 6. Husband of Ruth Bush. Father of Nicholas J., Thomas A., Michael J. Bush, Teresa A. Helen Carpenter, Grandfather of

DEFFNER, Ronald H., 55, St. Michael, Brookville, July 3. Father of Douglas Deffner. Son of Alfred and Alma Deffner. Brother of Dale Deffner, Patricia Naayers, Sharon Singer, Velma Dieckman

FICKER, Mary V., 88, St. Boniface, Fulda, July 6. Wife of Henry Ficker. Mother of William, Paul, Ficker, Barbara A. Dilger. Sister of Frankie, Herman Peter.

Grandmother of 12, greatgrandmother of 10.

FULTZ, Anna M. (Busse), 81, St. Mary, New Albany, July 1. Aunt of Janet, Mark Busse.

GORDON, Helen, 92, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 10. Sister of Raymond, Walter Roginski.

GRUBER, Donald, 67, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, July 2. Husband of Barbara Gruber. Father of Karen, Stephen Gruber. Brother of five

HOGGAT, Doyle, Jr., 71, SS. Peter and Paul, Indianapolis, July 1. Brother of Morris, James H. Mosely.

RAMSEY, James H., Sr., 92, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, June 28. Father of James H. Ramsey, Jr. Brother of Ann Brown, Mary

REISERT, Frances, 91, St. Gabriel, Connersville, July 10. Mother of Joan Dudley, Rita

Clark, Patricia Jacobs. Grandmother of seven, greatgrandmother of 10, great-greatgrandmother of two

SAMPSON, Mary Catherine SAMPSON, Mary Catherine (O'Boyle), 67, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis, July 9. Wife of Richard A. Sampson. Mother of Richard, Matthew C. Sampson, Suzanne M. Dilts, Martha C. Repp. Grandmother of nine

SANDERS, Charles G., 77, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, May 29. Husband of Betty Sanders. Father of Nancy Seeman. Grandfather of two

STEWART, Mildred G., 77 Holy Family, New Albany, July 3. Mother of T. Scott, Jill A. Stewart, Patricia L. Whitney, Barbara J. Paris. Sister of Joseph Brockman, Helen Sinkhork. Grandmother of eight.

WALTERS, Carl L., 80, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, July 2. Brother of Dale Walters,

Pauline Roach, Louise Anabit.

WOLFA, Helen B., 82, St Christopher, Speedway, July 2. Wife of Charles Wolfa. Mother of Charles, Daniel, Carolyn Wolfa.

WOLFE, Charles E., 80, St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs, July 4. Husband of Lois J. Wolfe. Father of Dian Jacobi, Betty J., C. Walter Wolfe. Brother of Wesley, William Wolfe, Viola Dupre. Grandfather of six; great-grandfather of five.

WOMACK, Lawrence WOMACK, Lawrence
Alphonse, 98, St. John the
Baptist, Osgood, July 4. Father
of Joseph A., Lawrence
Anthony Womack, Doris Baker,
Nancy White, Anita White,
Martha Fields, Theresa Joy Hill. Stepfather of Mary Etta Anderson, Herman, Harold, Jimmy Sizemore. Grandfather of 19, great-grandfather of 20, great-great-grandfather of three

# Internet Mass piques interest, raises questions

Diocese of Raleigh's Sunday Mass on the World Wide Web home page has inspired discussion of liturgy through new medium

RALEIGH, N.C. (CNS)—News sto-ries about a weekly Mass available on the Diocese of Raleigh's World Wide Web home page aimed at homebound Catholics have generated lots of interest and raised some questions.

After a recent article on the Internet site by the Raleigh News & Observer daily newspaper was picked up by The Associated Press, phone calls from

news media around the country flowed into the diocesan Catholic Center.

"After the article passed through several organizations," said diocesan communications director Frank Morock, "the story began to read as if we were offering the opportunity for Catholics to meet their Sunday obligation on the

'Clearly that is not possible.

However, for those who cannot attend Mass because of illness, age, infirmity or incarceration, the use of the Internet Mass can be a valuable tool for their

spiritual well being."

But Morock told the NC Catholic, diocesan newspaper, that he is pleased with the response because it gives the diocese a chance to fully explain how and why it uses the Internet.

He said the Mass on the Internet could be used in various ways. The Mass is also broadcast by a local radio

station at 6:30 a.m. on Sundays.
"Since the Mass is there for those who may not have access to a computer, we are hoping that this can become a personal ministry for individ-uals who do have access," Morock

He said it would be a simple process for those with access to make an audiotape of the Mass on a cassette recorder "and hand carry it to someone who is homebound or in prison," he said. "The total investment in that project-not counting time—is the price of a small tape recorder and a cassette tape."

The site, which can be reached at http://www.raldioc.org, offers reflec-tions on the weekly readings by Dominican Father Jude Siciliano of Raleigh.

As with the audio from the Mass, the reflections are portable. They can be printed from the site and used in con-nection with the Sunday readings.

Soon the diocese expects to offer leaflet missals in a large type size for those who are sight impaired and listen to the Mass offered through the Internet. The booklets, containing the weekly readings, will be distributed free of charge through American

Catholic Press in Chicago.

"Again we want to emphasize that these booklets, like the Mass, are tar-geting a specific group," said Morock. "The use of 'prayer books' in church is usually discouraged, and we are not

offering these booklets for that purpose.
"The ability to read along or to do further study on the Word should be a benefit and comfort to those who can not fully participate in their local faith communities.

The diocesan home page has been in operation for several years. It began with a simple listing of Masses and became an increasing popular site with the addition of stories from the NC Catholic in 1995.

News stories and photos are posted on the Internet site within hours of church events. Late last year the groundbreaking for a new church and a celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe were on the home page the

same day.

During Holy Week and the Easter season, the home page offered explanations of the special liturgies held during the week, including the Chrism Mass, the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Easter Vigil. Images, homilies and stories were added immediately after the

liturgies. Recently, former NBC newsman Bob Abernethy spoke at an annual media luncheon in Raleigh. Abernethy's talk has been on line since it was delivered.

More than just news from the Diocese of Raleigh is available through the Internet site. Stories from 10 Catholic newspapers in the Southeast are also available at the Southern Catholic Review site.

As the technology grows, the diocese intends to make full use of its potential, according to Morock, who also is presi-dent of UNDA-USA, the national association of

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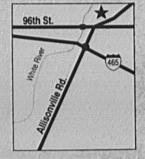
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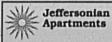
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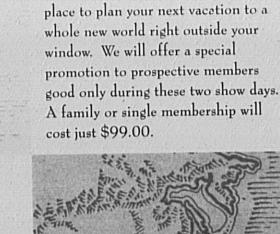
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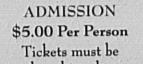
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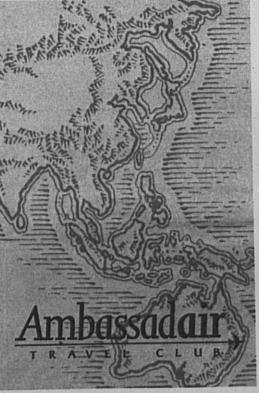
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