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# State of the Archdiocese introduces capital and endowment campaign

Archbishop announces 'Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation' as campaign theme

By William R. Bruns

ore than 800 priests, religious and lay leaders from all regions of the archdiocese joined Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein the evening of Sept. 3 in the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis for the fifth annual State of the Archdiocese Dinner and Address.

The yearly gathering, scheduled to coincide with the archbishop's anniversary of installation in the See of Indianapolis, is held, in the archbishop's words, "to render an account of what God has done among us" in the church in central and southern Indiana. (See editorial on

The dinner this year also served as a kickoff of the long-discussed archdioce-san-wide capital and endowment campaign, which the archbishop announced would be known as "Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation."

"A legacy is something precious," Archbishop Buechlein pointed out in explaining the choice for the campaign's

title. A legacy "is also something substantive . . . something that is given, or handed-on, from generation to generation. "The legacy of hope that we are handing on to future generations," the archbishop continued, "was given to us by Catholics who came to Indiana from many different native lands and who brought with them a united Catholic faith that was truly multicultural. . . . They handed on the faith they received from their parents and grandparents—and they also bequeathed to us their legacy of hope for the future."

The campaign—the first archdioce san-wide capital campaign in the 163-year history of the archdiocese—is unique in two ways: it is essentially parish-based, with 60 percent of the funds raised going to capital and endow-ment needs determined by each parish; the balance will be allocated to the archdiocesan mission and ministries. Secondly, the campaign will have a strong planned-giving aspect in which participants will be invited to consider a



#### Prayer for peace

A Christian pilgrim lights a candle in Nativity Church in Bethlehem after Israell forces lifted a month-long internal closure on the town Aug. 27. The move allowed Palestinians to travel to other Palestinian-controlled towns, but not to areas under Israell control.

planned gift to the parish and to the arch-diocesan mission. Planned gifts include bequests, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, life insurance, etc.

But as important as the financial aspects of such a campaign might be, Archbishop Buechlein told his listeners that the campaign "is not about bricks and mortar; it is not about leaking roofs and broken-down boilers; it is not about capital reserve funds or endowments. Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation is the spiritual mission of the church; it is the prayer and the sacraments:

and it is opening our hearts to God, lis-tening to his Word, and doing his will." This campaign is about "reaching out to our sisters and brothers in faith; it is welcoming home our prodigal sons and daughters; and it is serving the poor as Mother Teresa says—for Jesus, with Jesus and to Jesus.

Turning to archdiocesan priorities for the coming year, Archbishop Buechlein said that in order to "underscore the basics, I have decided that our major priority during 1997–98 will be implementation of the nine goals of the Journey of Hope 2001":

- More personal prayer in our homes
   Much larger attendance at Sunday Mass
- More frequent confession
- Increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- 5. Larger participation in lifelong religious education programs
  6. More people returning to the church
- More generous support for our church's 8. A successful capital and endowment
- campaign 9. Fewer meetings and more pastoral

This year's address was peppered with rhetorical questions—Why are we here?

GENERATION Journey of Hope 2001

Why did we develop our strategic and satellite plans? Why did we carry out all those ministries last year? Why are we setting major priorities again for the coming

year? Why are we launching a capital campaign? Why will all households in the archdiocese be asked to support the capital campaign? To each question

in this litany, the archbishop gave an unequivocal response: "Because we love God and the church." This response varied only

response varied only when he spoke of the church's appreciation of the priests, religious and lay leaders, and employees of archdiocesan agencies. Here the archbishop affirmed that "they love God and the church."

"What an exciting and challenging time to be a leader in our church," the archbishop concluded, "especially as we journey to the new millennium." †

#### Prayer

## Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation

ord God

We pray for your guidance and the gift of your love as we journey with hope to the new millennium.

Through the intercession of Saint Francis Xavier and the Venerable Mother Theodore Guérin, we ask for your blessing on our capital and endowment campaign.

As we do your work, help us always remember that unless you build the house, the builders labor in vain.

Bless us, we pray, with a generous and grateful spirit. May our efforts truly build a legacy of hope from generation to generation.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(This prayer, written by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein for the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign, was introduced to archdiocesan leaders Sept. 3 at the annual State of the Archdiocese Dinner and Address. The prayer places Legacy of Hope under the patronage of Francis Xavier,

who is the patron of the archdiocese, and Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Moiner ineodore Guerin, joundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who will be proclaimed "blessed" by the pope in the near future. Mother Theodore is likely to be the first person from Indiana to be canonized a saint the saint.)†

Special to The Criterion

TELL CITY-Many members of the Catholic community have made significant contributions to the establishment of Perry County Habitat for Humanity (HFH).

The groundbreaking for the first Habitat home was

held Aug. 8. The program will allow a low-income Tell "partner" family to move into its own home by Christmas.

The Perry County group was officially affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International on July 1, 1997. Founded in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller,

Habitat is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that forms partnerships of people from all walks of life—from the affluent to the needy—to build affordable new housing for low-income families.

Through volunteer labor, management skills, and

tax-deductive donations of money and materials,
Habitat groups build and rehabilitate homes with the
"sweat equity" help of the prospective homeowners.

A family selection committee chooses homeowners

based only on their level of need, willingness to become partners and their ability to repay the loan.

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Benedictine Father Benet Amato, co-pastor of
St. Paul Parish in Tell City said, "This is a worthwhile
way of living the Gospel message of service to others."
Rev. Ben Keckler, president of the HFH board of
directors and pastor of Evangelical Church of Christ in
Tell City said, "Habitat in Perry County has been the
key player in ecumenical ministries of this community.
"Habitat has helped bring together caring Catholics
and caring Protestants to share the Good News of Jesus
Christ." he said.

"The Catholic community has been instrumental in providing administrative leadership for Perry County

HFH," said Rev. Keckler. "It has also been instrumental in finding financial resources as well as being prayerful and conscientious in the formation of the county

newest not-for-profit corporation."

Members of St. Paul are on the HFH board of directors. Wendy Alvey, a member of St. Paul, is HFH trea-surer and a chair of the Family Nurture Committee. She said, "Habitat allows me to take the word of God and put it into action—taking the lessons we learn in church every week and applying them to everyday life. Habitat helps show other people we are Christians through our work."

Larry Kleeman said, "The Bible speaks of faith, hope and love, with the greatest of these being love. Perry County HFH gives me the opportunity to witness—in a very tangible way with other Christians—my Catholic faith, hope and love."

Kleeman is chair of the Family Selection Committee.

Joe Zarella, a member of the Family Selection
Committee said, "There is a great need for housing for the working poor in Perry County. Habitat gives us the opportunity to perform material and spiritual acts. They are material in helping provide and build homes, and spiritual in the opportunity they give us to practice works of mercy.

"I'm very proud to be associated with Perry County HFH," said Sally Fenn of the Family Selection Committee. "I've enjoyed working with a diverse group of individuals and I would encourage everyone

Susan Kramer, a member of the Board and Development Committee, is also a member of St. Paul. And Jenny Bower, on the Family Nurture Committee, is a member of St. Mark in Perry County.

(Pam Drake is a member of St. Paul Parish in Tell

City, and is on the HFH Family Selection Committee.)†



Digging in at the groundbreaking for a home being built by the Tell City Habitat for Humanity are members of the partner family (from left)—mom Brenda and daughters Kristi and Kim Keene. Observing are Wendy Alvey, treasurer of the Habitat group, and Larry Kleeman, Family Selection Committee chairperson. Alvey and Kleeman are members of St. Paul Parish in Tell City.

# New gardening program announced by Catholic Cemeteries

By Mary Ann Wyand

As part of a new gardening program announced by Catholic Cemeteries, family members can adopt an area of Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis to beautify with flowers in memory of loved ones.

Holy Name parishioner Judith Doyle of Beech Grove and other members of the Doyle family selected an available site near their parents' graves last May and have been tending their triangular-shaped memorial garden all summer. den all summer.

An engraved stone marker set in the middle of the

An engraved stone marker set in the middle of the colorful floral display identifies the garden as donated "in loving memory of Earl and Roselyn Doyle." Their graves are nearby, shaded by a huge black oak tree.

"I've got three brothers and a sister," Doyle said, "and we're all helping with the garden project. We were wanting something like this that we could work on together. We put in 12 kinds of flowers."

Doyle talked with Catholic Competeries assistant

Doyle talked with Catholic Cemeteries assistant director Steve Fredwell and grounds superintendent John Wahl, both of Indianapolis, to select a location

and plan the family garden.

Cemetery grounds crew members tilled the dirt to prepare the site at no charge, then the Doyles planted

Easter lilies, geraniums, coleus, petunias, ornamental cole, begonias, dusty miller, Sweet William and several other kinds of flowers. The result is a cheerful blaze of color on this formerly grass-covered corner at the inter-

color on this formerly grass-covered corner at the intersection of two cemetery roadways.

"We liked the idea that everybody can enjoy it," Doyle
said. "The cemetery staff ordered the marker for us at cost,
and put it in right before Father's Day, which made it nice.
My father liked to garden, and working on this garden has
helped us. It means a lot to us. We've enjoyed it."

Catholic Cemeteries director Gene Harris of
Indianapolis said he saw similar memorial gardens in
cemeteries located in New York and Canada, so he

cemeteries located in New York and Canada, so he decided to implement the volunteer project here as a way to involve families.

Sponsoring a memorial tree in the cemetery is another way to remember deceased loved ones,

Fredwell said, but many people prefer the idea of caring

for a flower garden.
"John Wahl and I found areas in Calvary Cemetery that were appropriate sites for memorial gardens," Fredwell said. "We chose areas where we could still get our equipment in to do grounds maintenance. Right now we've got a list of about 12 locations that can be used for memorial gardens."

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Grounds crew members plant and care for thousands of ornamental flowers in Calvary, Holy Cross, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Peace cemeteries in Indianapolis each spring, he said. "Every year we plant somewhere in the area of 3,500 to 5,000 annual and perennial flowers to beautify the four cemeteries. This new garden project for families complements our other landscaping." plements our other landscaping."

(Call Catholic Cemeteries at 317-784-4439 for more information.)†

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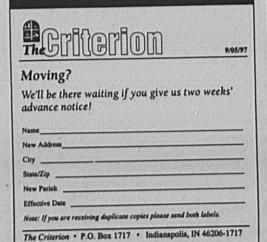
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## New Vicar for Clergy and Parish Life Coordinators

# Father Stumpf is new to management team

By Margaret Nelson

"The key part of my job is providing resources and support," said Father Bill Stumpf.

As the new vicar for clergy and parish life coordinators, he is a member of the Archdiocesan Management Council.

Coordinated by the moderator of the curia, the management council includes the six secretaries (heads of secretariats)



and the two vicars (vicariate leaders) that make up the archdiocesan curia.

Father Stumpf said the Vicariate for Clergy and Parish Life Coordinators is there to assist the clergy and other leaders in personnel

and formation issues. And it works with the parishes of the archdiocese in priest

There are three components of the work of the vicariate: priests and parish life coordinators personnel and forma-tion, priestly and religious vocations, and ministry to priests.

"In parish staffing, we work closely with the Priests' Personnel Board," said Father Stumpf. "The archbishop ultimately decides all appointments, but we make recommendations."

He said vocations issues are part of the work of the Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations. Father Paul Etienne is director of the vocations department. He collaborates with Benedictine Father Noah Casey, who directs the Office of Ministry to Priests.

"My sense is that one of the most

important things our vicariate does is assist parishes and priests when there are clergy moves," said Father Stumpf.
"We assist parishes by doing parish profiles," he said. "We discern what kind of priest or pastoral leader a parish needs. When there is an opening, we needs. When there is an opening, we meet with members of the parish, the parish council, staff members, and others in leadership roles to learn about the needs of the parish. "We get help with that from the Priests' Personnel Board," he said. "I call it a parish consultation. It outlines the strengths and needs of the parish."

Father Stumpf will have experience in

a parish as he heads up his new office. He will serve as pastor of St. Agnes in

He is uniquely prepared for another part of his job—"to assist priests who are struggling or having difficulties."

Ordained in 1985, he served as associate pastor of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis for five years. He said, Then I felt a real calling to help the clergy.

The late Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara believed it would be good to have a priest with a background in psy-chology and counseling. Father Stumpf went to Loyola College in Baltimore for master's degree studies in pastoral counseling that would "wed psychology and spirituality."

When he started studying for his doctorate at Loyola, he interned at St. Luke Institute in Silver Springs, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C.

"It's a small psychiatric hospital just for priests and religious—folks struggling with anxiety, depression, alco-holism and sexual behavior problems," said Father Stumpf.

During the four years he was complet-ing his doctoral studies, he conducted evaluations of the seminarians, priests and religious who were inpatients or outpatients at St. Luke Institute.

After Father Stumpf finished his doctorate in 1995, he was offered a fulltime job at the institute as director of after care

"Archbishop Daniel [Buechlein] let me take that," he said. "Patients are followed for five years after they are dismissed. We treated people from all over the world. We visited them on site—so I did a lot of traveling."

He went to England several times, and to Ireland and Venezuela. The clients also returned to the institute in Maryland two times a year for workshops

"It is really a wonderful place," said
Father Stumpf. "In dealing with problems,
we went beyond working with the clients
to working with people who had been
abused and traumatized themselves. I have a lot of empathy for those who have

been the victims of abuse."

Father Michael Peterson started the

ministry at the institute. In addition to the treatment program, Jesuit Father Jim Gill, a psychologist who is editor of Human Development magazine, directs an educational institute on human sexuality where religious and priests study the moral, theological

and ethical issues in sexuality.

Father Stumpf works with Benedictine Sister Jane Becker to provides a workshop on celibacy and sexuality for semi-narians at Saint Meinrad. He has done other workshops on pro-fessional boundaries in ministry.

Seminarians have formed an annual National Seminarians

National Seminarians
Conference. Father Stumpf was asked to
speak to the group in 1998 on the topic
of "Journeying Toward the Priesthood,
Growing in Holiness."

"Last fall, Archbishop Daniel asked me
if I could come home," said Father
Stumpf "I liked the work at the institute.

Stumpf. "I liked the work at the institute, but I was ready to come home-to get back to my roots.

"I hope in some small way to use my skills, not only to help the priests, but the Church of Indianapolis," he said. "The office is not reserved just for

Father Stumpf grew up on the south side of Indianapolis and attended St. Barnabas Elementary School. He has two brothers— Lou, production coordinator for The Criterion, and Larry, who works for General Motors in Indianapolis. His mother is a res-

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ident of St. Paul Hermitage.
Bill Stumpf got his bachelor's degree in business administration at Ball State University. He worked in purchasing administration for a year and a half at Detroit Diesel Allison in Indianapolis.

For his seminary work, he received his master of divinity and his master of arts degree in Biblical studies at Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Cincinnati.

He plans to head for St. Agnes, Nashville, on Friday afternoons, stay there through the weekends and come back to Indianapolis on Mondays.
"I want to say how

of all the hard work Father Paul Koetter did," said Father Stumpf of his predeces-sor in both the office and the parish. "It's made the transition easy for me."

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Speaking of the other priests here, he said that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is "lucky to have a fine presbyterate. We are really blessed that we have very high quality people.

"Part of the draw—of my wanting to come home—is to be in more regular contact with the good priest friends I have," he said. "It goes a long way in helping me through my work."

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Father Stumpf is a smiler. When

someone remarked on how nice is was to see the celebrant smiling during Mass he said, "Well, I figured the people went to all the trouble of being there. They deserved a smile."†

# Divine Mercy Chapel to mark eighth anniversary

Eight years ago the late Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara chose the date of Sept. 14, Feast of the Holy Cross, to mark the beginning of perpetual adoration in parishes in the Archdiocese of Indi-

anapolis.

His decision paved the way for Catholics to elevate the Eucharist on the altar 24 hours each day and night for adoration at the Divine Mercy Chapel, which is located between St. Michael Church and Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis

Since that time, adorers have been faithful in spending their weekly designated hours before the Blessed Sacrament. Their commitment—some-times involving travel of long distances or the sacrifice of getting up in the mid-dle of the night—provides the possibility of an open door for others to come when

they can.

Adorers, who have come to seek the
Lord's true presence in adoration, praise, and thanksgiving, often speak of a new sense of peace and an abiding presence.

One woman who has made the effort to come to pray in the middle of the night for sight years attributes the sight years attributes

eight years attributes the return of all her family to the church as a gift for her sacrifice of prayer.

According to Mary Ann Schumann, who coordinates activities of the chapel, St. Peter Julian Eymard, a modern day apostle of the Eucharist, states that the great evils of our times—the lack of faith and indifference—come because we fail to go to the very source of the one who was lifted up on the cross for our redemp-tion and sanctification.

In response to a question Eymard often asked, "What is the remedy, what is to be done?" he stated, "We need to return to the fountain of life, not just the historical Jesus nor the Jesus glori-fied in heaven, but rather to Jesus in the Eucharist who is among us here and

He said that adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the most powerful mission

All of the faithful are invited to join Father Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, for the celebration of Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14, Feast of the Holy Cross, at 3 p.m. at St. Michael Church 3354 West 30th St. in Indianapolis
Following this the stable of the stable All of the faithful are invited to join

Following this, the eighth anniversary of the Divine Mercy Chapel, all are welcome to attend the reception.†





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# Editorial

# 'Unless the Lord builds the house'

he first ever archdiocesan-wide cap-ital and endowment campaign was launched last Wednesday at the annual State of the Archdiocese Dinner.
(See article, page 1).

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein is

quick to point out that the campaign, being planned as part of our larger celebration of Journey of Hope 2001, is not his campaign. It must be an effort of the entire archdioce-

This campaign is the archbishop's lead-ership response to the growth challenges facing the church in central and southern

facing the church in central and southern Indiana today.

Shortly after Archbishop Buechlein arrived here five years ago, he was presented with the results of a dozen planning studies containing hundreds of recommendations. Many of these involved substantial investments of human, physical and financial resources. Upon learning that the archdiocese had no reserve funds for capital improvements or the emergency needs of "home mission" parishes and schools, the archbishop concluded that we needed a capital campaign.

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Five years later, the archbishop was able to write to all priests and parish life coordinators and say, "We have done our homework, and we're ready to begin." But he added, "Like you, I still get anxious when I think about the challenges we face trying to raise \$40 million... I remind myself daily that unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."

The homework referred to includes five years of strategic planning. It also includes several years of preparation and consultation with pastoral leaders and professionals in the field of stewardship and development. Most important of all, it includes establishing a spiritual founda-

tion for this fund-raising campaign through its integration into the broader celebration of Journey of Hope 2001 and the three themes of spiritual renewal, evangelization and stewardship.

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In his recent letter to priests and parish life coordinators, Archbishop Buechlein said, "After careful consideration, I chose the campaign theme 'Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation' because I believe it suggests important Scriptural themes ('a future full of hope' from Jeremiah and 'all generations will call me blessed' from the Magnificat). All of us need to remember that the legacy that we are handing on to future generations is not endowment or capital or reserve funds. The legacy we share with future generations is the spiritual mission of the church. We inherited this legacy from those who served before us—the pioneers who built the parishes, schools and service agencies of this archdiocese, not for their own sake, but for God and for the church's mission. Our challenge is to strengthen this legacy for the new millennium."

As the archbishop sees it, this capital and endowment campaign is not an ordinary fund-raising effort. It is an opportunity to strengthen and hand on something precious from one generation to the next generation and to all generations to come. It is a chance to hand on a legacy of hope for the church in southern and central Indiana.

We will need to work together as never before to make this historic fund-raising campaign an instrument for genuine spiritual growth, evangelization and stewardship. Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation belongs to the Lord who we pray will direct his "builders"—all of us—in the handing on of our church's spiritual legacy to future generations. †

legacy to future generations. †

-William R. Bruns

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

# We can only be grateful for the new catechism

ast week, at the conclusion of the annual retreat for the bishops of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin in Chicago, I chaired a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The bishops of the United States, through their National Conference Administrative Committee, have charged the committee with a variety of tasks, the most pressing being that of working with Catholic publishers of texts for religious education in our school and parish programs.

Publishers who seek to provide texts in conformity with the teaching of the church as proposed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church present them to the committee for review. A group of theological and catechetical experts are available to assist the committee in conducting these reviews. A typical series of religious education texts takes approximately 400 hours of work by the experts, our Washington, D.C., staff and the bishops involved.

We bishops and publishers have entered into a partnership that has not happened before. A year ago last August, and again this year, our committee met with some 20 publishers in Chicago. We could not ask for more positive cooperation from the publishers. I would hope they feel the same about the bishops. We hope to establish the same kind of spirited partnership with the catechetical leaders of our country.

Last June, I reported to the United States bishops some of the trends we have found thus far when reviewing series of religious education texts. As I did so, I stressed the positive cooper-ation of the publishers in revising their texts to make them accurately reflect the church's teaching in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In some cases, the reporting did not accurately reflect the fact that publishers had made the requested revisions and that all of the series reviewed thus far accurately conformed to the catechism. Publishers whose series have been reviewed are grateful for the process and often tell us they have learned a lot. We bishops, indeed all of us Catholics, are grateful.

Like the other bishops and many of you, I welcome the opportunity to see that these deficiencies are no longer operative in our archdiocesan catechetical programs. Here are some of the areas in which religious education texts are becoming more precise:

1. There has been an insufficient attention to the Trinity and the trinitar-ian structure of Catholic beliefs and

teachings.

The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. The language used in

ferring to the persons of the Trinity contributes at times to a lack of clarity. This is most evident in the reluctance to use the word Father for the first person of the Trinity and, at times, to substitute "Parent God" for God the Father. Particularly, the relationship between Jesus and the Father is often weak.

2. There has been an obscured sentation of the centrality of Christ in salvation history and insufficient emphasis on the divinity of Christ.

Jesus the savior has often been overshadowed by Jesus the teacher, model, friend and brother. It has been a question of imbalance

3. There has been an indistinct treatment of the church context of Catholic beliefs and magisterial teachings. Catechetical materials have not always clearly presented the church as established by Christ. The teaching role of the church and its apostolic nature, as well as the role of the hierarchy and the leadership of bishops and priests in teaching the Word of God has been undertreated.

4. There has been an inadequate sense that human persons are religious by nature, that the desire of God is written in the human heart.

5. There has been a tendency to de-emphasize God's initiative in the world and to overemphasize human action. It's as if God can only act if our human experience invites or permits.

6. The doctrine of God's grace has been insufficiently recognized. Usually grace is described as God's love, and that's about it.

7. The sacraments have not been presented very well. It's as if the sacraments are important human events in which God becomes a

8. Teaching about original sin and sin in general has been deficient.

9. There has been a meager explanation of Christian moral life. At times an overemphasis on personal identity and self-respect has given the impression that these are the primary "sources" of morality. The source of morality in God's revealed law as taught by the church and grounded in natural law have not been adequately treated.

10. Finally, the church's teaching about the kingdom that is to come and the final judgment has been

neglected.

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While these have been pretty serious deficiencies in previous religious education texts, the new catechism has provided us with the resource to measure new publica-tions more accurately for the future. We can only be grateful.†





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#### Be Our Guest/Shirley Vogler Meister

## Home is child's first school

written by guest columnists who are asked to contribute their special insights.)

"Thanks for playing a part in Dave's first burst of enthusiasm about school," wrote my daughter Diane about my



"Remember the book you sent David—Harold and the Purple Crayon (by Crockett Johnson)?" she asked.

Unbeknown to Diane, David's first grade teacher had shared the book with

the class. One night after that, Diane also read it to her son. Because he associated it with school, he exclaimed, "I am so exciting that we have this book. Aren't you exciting, too, Mom?'

Although David's choice of the word exciting wasn't exact, it didn't matter. According to Diane, that was the first burst of enthusiasm my grandson had about school that semester—"with the exception of the day they had pancakes and sausage," she added. Children usually love books, especially

when reading is a part of the daily activi-ties. This is sometimes wearisome for hard-working parents whose time is limit-ed, but it ultimately pays off.

What an important role family mem-

bers play in influencing the young, espe-cially in primary grades! Parents and

grandparents, aunts and uncles, older brothers and sisters—all relatives and family friends—are responsible for stimulating children to learn.

Education isn't what happens when a child goes to school. It's an ongoing process that's strengthened through good chools. If children have family support,

formal learning can work better, and teachers would be less apt to burn out.

Family apathy produces apathetic students, who recycle that indifference when they begin families of their own. The pattern can be known only by making educatern can be broken only by making educa-tion exciting, starting in the home. After all, the home is a child's first school.

If there's no decent home life, who is then responsible? Aren't we all our children's keepers?

How can we do this? By being inter-ested and involved with all children in our lives and by extending our interests through:

· Volunteer programs in churches and

schools
• Literacy work

Youth groups,
Involvement in parish-sponsored programs is a good start. If there are none, start one. Calls to nearby schools or libraries, plus creative thinking, will also put us on the right track for keeping children's learning experiences exciting.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is an Indianapolis writer whose prose and poetry appears in diverse publications, many of them Catholic.)†

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

# The pope, the archbishop and 'the sorry state of the church'

I recently received a letter from a reader who feels hurt and angry over "the sorry state of the church."



The source of his bit-terness is "the smoke of Satan, euphemistically called the spirit of Vatican II" which this reader believes has "infested" the church and its hierarchy.

"The church, once the last bastion against relativistic moderni-ty, now finds the enemy within," says this reader. "Heresy was always in the church but a relativism corrosive of all belief is something new. . . Yet, our peripatetic pope, who is no fool, does nothing. Indeed, rather than defend the church against her enemies, he is planning a great 'mea culpa' for the centennial. From the top down, no authority is exercised except against the remnant which defies the revolution."

Our church is in a sorry state, indeed, when words such as these can be written by an intelligent human being who is also a committed Catholic. How is it possible for anyone to say such things—especially if he has read the writings of John Paul II, or seen his impact on millions of people (young and old), or observed his forceful presence as a world leader, or experienced presence as a world leader, or experienced the effect of his dynamic spiritual leader-ship? How is it possible for anyone to say that this pope "exercises no authority" and "refuses to defend the church against her

I have more sympathy for liberals who criticize Pope John Paul II for his politically incorrect positions on doctrinal or disciplinary matters. Here, at least, the liberals are in touch with reality. This "peripatetic pope" is not sitting idly by—or fiddling— while Rome burns. You may disagree with what he says or does, but to accuse him of

The church celebrates the birth of Mary

"doing nothing" is absurd.

My correspondent urged me to read a book titled *The Undermining of the Catholic Church*, by Mary Bell Martinez, a former member of the Vatican press corps who used to write for The Wanderer. In a personal note to my correspondent, which was included the materials he sent me, Martinez among the materials he sent me, Martinez says of our archbishop (who received a complimentary copy of her book), "The bishop will be sure to read it, not that it will do him any good... Bishops are chosen for their compliance and lack of intelligence." So much for this authoritative

In my opinion, the person to read if you want to get an intelligent, honest and authentically Catholic view of the state of the church—both before the Second Vatican Council and after—is none other than Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II). In his writings (both before becoming pope and afterwards) there is warmth, inspiration and a genuine love and concern for the church. Above all, there is a profound respect for the church as the Body of Christ, a mystery that is much larger (and deeper) than the visible structure and organization of the church.

To my correspondent, and to all who fear that the church has been "infested by the smoke of Satan," the pope says: "Be not afraid. The church, as the living Body of

afraid. The church, as the living Body of Christ, penetrates and embraces all of useven as it resists the corrosive powers of fear, doubt and despair." Pray fervently for the church, he says, but never lose hope.

This pope is not "doing nothing." He is aggressively exercising his spiritual and moral authority, and he is trying to lead his reluctant (and recalcitrant) flock. Are we ready to follow him? Or are we too busy complaining about the are we too busy complaining about the sorry state of the church?†

#### To the Editor

#### Pax Christi lacked facts about part-time workers

As a life-long Catholic and a 27-year employee of United Parcel Service [UPS], I was very disappointed in the statement by Pax Christi about the use of a part-time work force at UPS (The Criterion,

Aug. 15).

An organization such as Pax Christi certainly has a right to speak out about any topic including the use of part-time workers by UPS, but it also has the responsibility of investigating and getting the facts prior to making a statement that clearly is not based on the facts. The statement that part-time workers make lower wages have much less in benefits, and have far

less job security" must be examined.
First of all, the average UPS part-time
employee made \$13 per hour and almost an additional \$7 per hour in benefits under the previous contract. The work of our part-time employees, such as unloading vehicles and scanning packages, does not require the skill or training that a UPS driver or a UPS pilot must have. The work performed by the part-time workforce is simply less skilled but the pay received is well above the industry averfor similar work

The second point that Pax Christi made was that part-time workers have "much less in benefits." The fact is that four out of five part-time jobs in this country not have any benefits; however, all UPS part-time jobs include benefits such as vacation, holidays, and retirement plans.

These benefits include family coverage for medical, dental and vision insurance without any cost to the employee or family.
These benefits are offered whether an
employee is full time or part time. The statement by Pax Christi that "part-time workers have far less job security than workers with similar full-time work" is simply not the case. Until the Teamsters strike against UPS, layoffs at UPS were almost unheard of. Now, unfortunately, fewer full-time and part-time employees will be needed at UPS due to the loss in will be lieuwed at 010 and 100 to the business. Sadly, this includes many of the "Welfare to Work" employees hired recently and cited by President Clinton in

the State of the Union address as an example of the private sector's efforts in reduc-ing the welfare rolls.

Pax Christi also failed to note that the UPS part-time workforce includes over 40 percent who are college students who pay their way through college and work part time by choice just as I did over 20 years ago. Also, many are housewives and others

who choose to work part-time by choice.

UPS also uses part-time employees due to the nature of the business, which requires that the work be completed in short win-dows of three to five hours each. In most cases, these cannot be expanded without impacting service levels. Finally, I would ask that Pax Christi refer to the same Catechism of the Catholic Church they cited in their statement and read sections 2494 and 2497 [which deal with the obligation for truthfulness and completeness of the facts disseminated through the news media] prior to making future statements on topic about which they are not fully informed.

Stan Schenher

(Schenher is an area sales manager for

#### Mass revisions and the bishops' priorities

This is in regard to your front page article

"Sacramentary revision means Mass changes" (The Criterion, Aug. 22).

Recent surveys indicate that the majority of U.S. Catholics no longer attend Mass regularly, no longer believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and do Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and do not accept the encyclical Humanae Vitae, which teaches that birth control, sterilization and abortion are serious evils. With the surveys in mind, one has to wonder how more revisions to the Mass became a top priority for the U.S. bishops. It's unfortunate that in many cases changes result in abuse and eventually more changes are needed to cover what's already taking place without approval. approval.

Bob Zapfe Bloomington

#### From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

# Mary is presented in Temple

on Monday, Sept. 8—exactly nine months
after the feast of the Conception, when Mary was conceived, on Dec. 8. Last week I wrote about her parents, Joachim and Anne, and about the vision Joachim had. The story, as told in the Proto-

evangelium of James, continu Meanwhile, Anne was back in Jerusalem feeling just as sad about her barrenness as was Joachim. She went for a walk in the garden by her home and sat down under a laurel tree. She prayed, "O God of our fathers, bless me and hear my prayer, as you did bless the womb of Sarah and gave her a son,

While she was lamenting her condition, an angel appeared to her and said, "Anne,
Anne, the Lord has heard your prayer. You
shall conceive and bear, and your offspring
shall be spoken of in the whole world."
Anne then made this promise: "As the
Lord my God lives, if I bear a child, whether

male or female, I will bring it as a gift to the Lord my God, and it shall serve him all the days of its life."

When Joachim arrived home, Anne was waiting for him at the gate and they both rejoiced over the messages each had received.

And so Anne brought forth her child, And so Anne brought forth her chind, probably around the year 25 B.C. The 
Protoevangelium records: "And she said to 
the midwife: 'What have I brought forth?' 
And she said: 'A female.' And Anne said: 
'My soul is magnified this day.' And she lay 
down. And when the days were fulfilled, Anne purified herself from her childbed and gave suck to the child, and called her Mary.

The writing also describes the great feast

Joachim gave on Mary's first birthday: He "invited the chief priests and the scribes and the elders and the whole people of Israel." They blessed Mary saying, "O God of our fathers, bless this child and give her a name

when Mary was 2, Joachim suggested that it was time for them to present her in the temple in accordance with the promise Anne made to present her child as a gift to God. This was similar to Hannah and Elkanah's child Samuel (cf. 1Sam 1:27-28), who also was considered a gift of God and who was was considered a gift of God and who was presented in the temple. (The name Anne derives from the Hebrew Hannah.) Anne, though, said, "Let us wait until the third year, that the child may then no more long after her father and mother." So Joachim agreed to wait.

When Mary was 3, Joachim said, "Let us call the undefiled daughters of the Hebrews, and let each one take a lamp, and let these be burning, in order that the child may not turn back and her heart be enticed away from the temple of the Lord." So they took Mary to the temple and the priest received her. He said to Mary, "The Lord has magnified your name among all generations; because of you the Lord at the end of the days will manifest

his redemption to the children of Israel."

Mary was happy to be in the temple, and, the Protoevangelium says, "The Lord God put grace upon the child, and she danced for joy with her feet, and the whole house of Israel loved her. And her present upon the child. Israel loved her. And her parents went down wondering, praising and glorifying the almighty God because the child did not turn back to them. And Mary was in the Temple nurtured like a dove and received food from the hand of an angel."

Tradition says that Mary remained in the Temple until she was about to reach puberty. Then the high priests decided it was time to find a husband for her.

Continued next week †

#### Cornucopla / Cynthia Dewes

# he unconditional human condition

Listen, not to be boring or anything, but do you realize that all those old say-



ings we've heard forever are true? Things like, "It's a small world" and "People are the same everywhere," and even "One person's trash is another's treasure."

We've often noticed these things to be true while travel

ing. And in direct opposition to our usual sophisticated posture, we've been forced to admit that the masters of the cliché are right.

While visiting Germany, we met an American opera singer who's based in Hamburg because he sings most frequently in European opera houses, and also because he has a German wife. Not only is he American, but he's a Hoosier from West Lafayette! Small world.

We met another American who runs a translation business in Hamburg with her British husband. These two will translate almost anything, but their favorite work involves translating clever American commercials into equally catchy German. (Try replacing "the Pillsbury Doughboy" with "der Pillsbury Brotchen-Bube" sometime and you'll discover how truly difficult this is a Translation. discover how truly difficult this is.) This woman is also a Hoosier, except that she's from The Region. A smaller world,

We've also become convinced that it's not just a small world we live in, but a world filled with people who are more alike than they are different.

Now, it's true that in Spain we saw visitors to monasteries, cathedrals and other sacred places kissing holy statues and crawling around on their knees and lying flat on their backs before altars. tuff like that you don't see much in Hoosierland.

But on the other hand, we saw people at Spanish Masses peeking sideways at good-looking members of the opposite sex and yanking a kid to attention here and there. Common occurrences in the American churches we've attended.

· We saw old ladies and gentlemen (about our age) who certainly looked the part more than we did. They wore somber black dresses and suits with expressions to match, sending disapprov ing glances at our shorts and T-shirts and sandals.

But when they met a group of their friends on the street, they crupted into happy hugs and smiles and loud joking. Actually, it was just like our own pals gathering at the bowling alley for the weekly game, or meeting for coffee and catching up before the Bible study meeting

Our favorite observation of the truth that junk is junk wherever it is, and that someone out there will buy it regardless, occurred at a flea market in Bremen. This was an entire city block covered with stands and booths and sometimes blankets crowded with stuff. I mean, lamps with cracked shades, leather gob-lets, worn pet dishes with "Schatzi" printed on them, small aircraft engines. You name it, it was there.

Also there were the same weird old ladies with shopping bags, teens with more money than brains, and pathetic people in mismatched outfits seen at U.S. garage sales, all examining the merchan-dise and actually paying money for some of it. In fact, lots of it. It's true. All God's children are related

somehow, they all exhibit the same emotions, and they all possess unreasonable affections.

Traveling is educational, uplifting and fun. It also reinforces the fact that the human condition is truly universal. There's no escape.†

"Rhythms in the Key of Ebony," with a cast of vocalists, actors, dancers and a cast of vocanists, actors, unineers and musicians, will be presented at 6 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Madame C. J. Walker Theatre, 617 Indiana Ave., Indianapolis. Tickets are \$15. Information: 317-236-2099 or 317-239-5151.

The 1947 Class of St. Mary's Academy is having its 50th class reunion at 1:15 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Athenaeum Building, Rathskeller Restaurant, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis. Anyone who has not been contacted call: Ann Marie Snider McLaughlin at 317-823-4103 or Bernice Pich Roberts at 317-882-9232.

St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will begin offering a 5:30 Sunday evening Mass Sept. 21.

The St. Francis Hospice, Beech Grove, a provider of services to terminally ill patients in their homes, is seeking volunteers. Information: 317-865-2092.

The 1997 Handicapable Camp will be held at Bradford Woods Sept. 12, 13, and 14. The Handicapable Camp provides recreation and overnight camping for men-tally and physically handicapped individu-als. Information: 317-971-2486.

The eighth annual St. Joan of Arc French Market will be held from noon to 10 p.m. Sept. 13. Information: 317-791-1672.



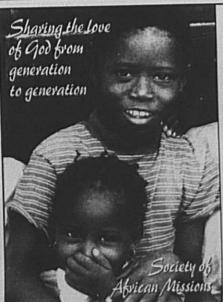
#### Cornerstone

Father Gerald J. Kirkhoff, pastor of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis, blesses the cornerstone of the new church during the Feast of the Assumption. It was also the 38th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Father Kirkhoff is assisted by Steven Dabrowski, a seminarian and parishioner. The cornerstone reads: "To the glory of God and Jude, apostle and martyr, 1997."



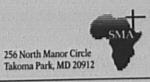
## Making a difference

Former Indiana government students at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis learn that they can they can make a difference as Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon signs a law that was the result of their efforts. In 1991, the students contacted their state representatives to encourage a bill that would prevent lead poisoning. The next year, they went before a hearing in the House of Representatives to testify about the dangers of lead poisoning to children. Representing their class, Joel Williams (front row, from left), and Evert Jones, now of Chatard High School flank the governor at the June bill-signing ceremonies. With them are (standing) Evert's mother, Dianne Jones; Joel's mother, JoAnn Williams; Judy Williams, teacher of the class that pushed the bill; and State Representative William Crawford, who authored HB 1181. Former Indiana government students at Holy Angels School In Indianapolis learn that they can



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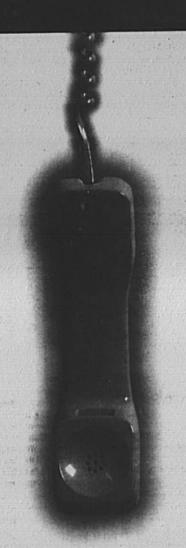
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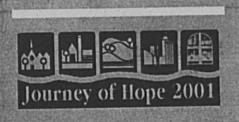
### PRAYER.

Making contact gets more difficult every day. We encounter obnoxious little beeps, unfriendly personnel, music from Mars, misinformation, misconnection and Miss I'm-Sorry-He's-Not-At-His-Desk. We rarely encounter our intended party. And when we're lucky enough to do so, she may have just been given the same kind of runaround by someone else. You end up talking to a highly frustrated individual with badly impaired listening skills. This is not the case when you give God a call. Connection is instantaneous. Listening is guaranteed. And, while results may

take some time, relief can be immediate. The We encourage you to pray more. We also encourage you to join 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 rediscover the power of prayer, restart your relationship with God, and get going again on the way to a more joyful life.



GET GOING AGAIN



# **Tell City Deanery**

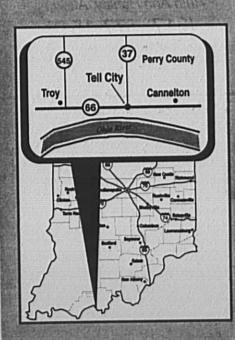
St. Michael Cannelton

St.Pius Troy

**By Susan Etter** 

#### **Fast Fact:**

At St. Pius, Troy, a time capsule was sealed and placed in the wall of the sanctuary in 1981 on the 100th anniversary of the church building. The time capsule, containing a copy of the parish's updated history, a registry signed by those attending, the text of the late Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara's talk, coins of the year and other items, is not scheduled to be opened for another 100 years.



# **Dedication is a common** quality at St. Pius, St. Michael

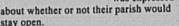
ELL CITY—Something impressed Benedictine Father Severin Messick when he first arrived as co-pastor at St. Pius, Troy, and St. Michael,

Cannelton a year ago.
"How much their faith means to the people in both the parishes and how much they really strive to keep their parishes going," he said.

Father Severin noted that the parishes

are both small, so their commuclosely knit. St. Michael has 161 households, while St. Pius has 142.

Marilyn Rhodes, the administrator of religious educa-tion at St. Mi-chael, recalls a few years ago when concern was expressed



stay open.
"The people were scared we would lose our parish," she said.

Father Severin Messick, O.S.B.

In reference to the people, Rhodes said she just isn't talking about the St. Michael parishioners. She is referring to the entire

town.

"A lot of people who weren't even
Catholic said they didn't want us to lose

our church," she said.

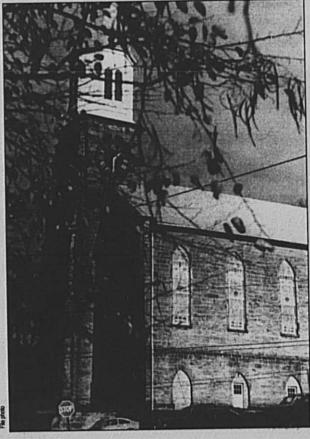
Father Severin added that when losing St. Michael was an issue, the people banded together.

"They really came out to support the urch," he said. church.

St. Michael's church sits up on a hill overlooking the town of Cannelton.

Rhodes said even though the correct street name on which the church sits is Washington, the people in the town call the street "Catholic Hill."

"St. Michael's is our community-



St. Michael, Cannelton



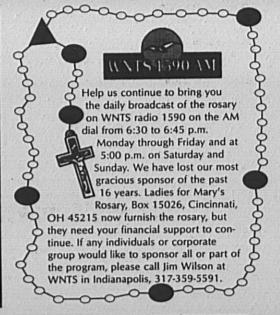
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hub of the whole city," Rhodes said.

Dedication is a common quality at St. Michael and St. Pius.

Father Severin explained that St. Pius, Troy, is in the capital campaign part of the Journey of Hope

2001. The capital campaign began last fall at St. Pius. He said St. Pius started its capital campaign a little early, partly as an experiment to see how well it would go and also to pursue a project of installing air

ing. Father Severin said he is very impressed by the success of the campaign.

Parish members have pledged \$46,000, with \$27,000

of that amount already paid.
"I was pleased with the response," Father Severin said. Although the capital campaign has not yet begun at St. Michael, Father Severin said the parish already has plans to get the chimes in the church steeple's clock back in working order.

Rhodes, who has been a parishioner of St. Michael for 31 years, said she remembers hearing the chimes when she was a child.

"It makes me excited to think we might get all that going again," she said.

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St. Plus, Troy

Severin said.

He estimated that the bells had not rung for some

The clock itself wasn't working for quite some time since it was damaged by wind nearly two years ago.
When he was new at the parish, Father Severin also

recalls mentioning at a parish council meeting that there were no ropes on the bells in the tower. By the

ing the

bells were

ringing. Without

Father

Severin's

knowledge, some of the

men from

the parish

climbed

into the tower and

replaced

"One

woman

told me

those bells

hadn't rung

for years-

tears to her

eyes," Father

had

20 years.

Heading into the new millennium, the two parishes are preparing themselves structurally as well as spiri-tually. Father Severin said the two parishes began their Journey of Hope 2001 celebrations by focusing spiritual renewal

St. Michael, St. Pius, along with St. Paul, Tell City, hosted a tri-parish mission. The three parishes are referred to as a tri-parish because they share many resources, including another pastor Benedictine
Father Benet Amato, O.S.B.
Father Severin said with Journey of Hope 2001 in

mind, he has tried to stress an appreciation for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist in several ways.

"Not only by speaking but also by how we act in church," he said.

Rhodes said she and others in the parish have learned from Father Severin not to sit down until the Blessed

Sacrament has been returned to the tabernacle at Mass.
In preparing for the new millennium, Father Severin said he is following the words of the Holy Father, "This is a time for us to stop and reflect where we have been and where we are going."

From the standpoint of religious education, Chris

Zimmerman, administrator of religious education at St. Pius, said it seems people make a stronger effort in getting their children to religious education classes than in the past.

# St. Plus, Troy

Address: c/o St. Paul Parish Office, 802 Ninth St., Tell City, IN 47586 Telephone: 812-547-7994 Fax: 812-547-6985 Church Capacity: 200 Number of Households: 142

Co-Pastors: Rev. Benet Amato, OSB, and Rev. Severin Messick, OSB Administrator of Religious Education: Chris

Zimmerman. Parish Council Chair: Michael Malone Business Manager: Valeria Simmons Parish Secretaries: Judith L. Meunier, Nellie Peter

Sunday — 10:30 a.m.

Enrolled in the preschool through high school programs at St. Pius there are 65 and at St. Michael there are 35.

At St. Michael, Father Severin said there is a special effort on the children to be there because religious edu-cation classes follow the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Rhodes who has been in her position as administrator of religious education at St. Michael for four years, said she has set special goals for herself.

"In my mission, I am try-

ing to put an emphasis on prayer," she said.

Zimmerman, who has also been in her position as administrator of religious education at St. Pius for four years, said her program also puts a strong emphasis on

prayer.
"It doesn't have to be structured prayer—just get-ting up in the morning and asking God to help you on your journey for the day,"



Father Benet Amato, O.S.B.

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Co-Pastors: Rev. Benet Amato, OSB, and Rev. Severin

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Administrator of Religious Education: Marilyn Rhodes
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# Classes still held in 116-year-old St. Nicholas School

Student enrollment soars despite aging facilities

By Sue Hetzler

St. Nicholas School in Sunman has come a long way since it opened in a one-room log building nearly 140 years ago. But there's one thing that hasn't changed over time—students from the parish still pay no tuition to get what their pastor, Monsignor Bernard Schmitz, calls the best education in Ripley County.

There's no luxury here, he said of the rural school that is surrounded by corn fields. In fact, the 200 students are spread out in a hodgepodge of class-rooms located in four separate buildings on campus—the newest is 50 years old. St. Nicholas has been

expanding its school to other buildings on the parish property since the new school replaced the one-room log building in 1881. The new school then had two classrooms and also served as the convent for religious teachers from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg.

A one-room addition was joined to the building in 1953 to make room for further growth. When additional classroom space was needed in the mid-1970s, a meeting room in the basement of the parish hall was converted into a fourth classroom. At that time, the school had two grades in

In the early '90s, St. Nicholas again faced the need for additional classroom space and another por-tion of the parish hall basement became a classroom.

By the '95 school year, St. classrooms in the basement of

"Our students shuffle

every classroom

Nicholas was forced to set up

the parish office and upstairs of the original convent. A modular unit was added last year to accommodate two more class-rooms and another modular unit was added this year.

between these locations for various classes, and we know that efficiency and consistency of education suffer because of that," said Principal Rita Grathwohl.

Safety is also a factor, she said. To get to the cafeteria and gym, students must cross a public road.

Couple the logistics problem with a long list of capital improvement needs and St. Nicholas builds a strong case for the importance of the archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign. Without funds from the campaign, Monsignor Schmitz said deferred maintenance needs and necessary renovations

will get put off even longer.
"Our whole plant here is documented as a capital need," he said. "Over the years we have expanded our classrooms to other buildings to accommodate the growth of our school, but now we have no

growth of our school, but now we have no place left to grow and our facilities are in dire need of repairs and renovations."

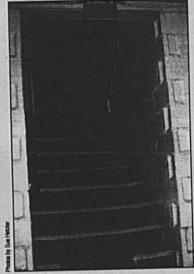
St. Nicholas averages 25 students per class with waiting lists at all grade levels. It started a kindergarten grade in '92, but because of space limitations opted to have classes seven miles away at St. Authory of classes seven miles away at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Morris. Monsignor Schmitz is also pastor of St. Anthony Parish.

A sampling of the improvements needed at St. Nicholas include new sidewalks, interior painting, fencing around the playground area, additional classrooms, replacement of classroom floor boards that date to 1883, repair and repaving of blacktop areas, and several

ongoing maintenance projects.

The dream would be to start from scratch and have a whole new school for those who have remained faithful to Catholic education and the Catholic tradition, said Monsignor Schmitz. "We have endured for more than 150 years, but as we approach the 21st century, our ability to maintain this tradition is being tested," he said.

It is unlikely St. Nicholas will build a new school in the near future, though.



The basement of the school suffers from water damage. This is a high traffic area for students going from one classroom to another.

Financially, the parish could not afford to

support the incurred debt.

Parishioners there are mostly laborers, factory workers and farmers who work long, hard hours for their income According to parish demographics, most are in the low to middle income bracket.

But the parish is growing—baptisms at St. Nicholas and St. Anthony average close to 20 per year for each parish—and that could offer some opportunity for improved facilities in the future.

"What seems to be most income

"What seems to be most important to them right now is for their children to receive a traditional Catholic education," receive a traditional cannot educator, said Grathwohl. "It's not the physical church or the physical school they are look-ing at. They are looking for the faith ele-ment and how that faith is being passed on. There's no doubt in my mind about that." †

The main school building of

St. Nicholas School was built in 1881. It still houses

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# Training for archdiocesan peer ministry chastity program to be offered Sept. 24-25

By Mary Ann Wyand

The archdiocesan peer ministry chastity program is now available to all parishes for use in schools and religious education classes.

In conjunction with the archdiocese's Religion Curriculum Guide and new Guidelines for Sexuality Education, the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education invites parish representatives to participate in a "Train the Trainer" seminar for the "A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality" program. It will be offered on Sept. 24-25 at St. Francis Hospital and Health Center's South Campus in Indianapolis.

Daniel Elsener, executive director of

Catholic Education, said the two-day training seminar is designed to assist parishes in supporting parents and adolescents by helping foster an understanding of sexuality as a God-given expression of the

ity as a God-given expression of the human personality.

"A Promise to Keep is not a human anatomy course," Elsener said. "The essential elements stressed in this series are sexual purity, healthy spiritual, social and physical development, and fidelity in marriage."

Elsener said the Promise to Keep program's approach to sexuality education follows the guidelines of the archdiocese because its curriculum emphasizes "the dignity of all persons, the primacy of parents as educators, the importance of family, the obligation to live a moral life, and the sanctity of marriage."

Chastity peer ministers are older teenagers trained to present the curriculum

and serve as positive role models for

younger students. Since 1994, more than 436 high school students have presented the peer ministry chastity program to 4,000 middle school students in the archdiocese. This fall the program is beginning its fourth year in the Catholic schools in Indianapolis, its third year in the religious education programs of the Indianapolis South Deanery, and its second year in religious education classes in Nashville and Terre Haute.

There is no registration fee for archdiocesan residents to receive the A Promise to
Keep training. The seminar is jointly sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Catholic
Education, St. Vincent Hospitals and Health
Services and St. Francis Hospitals and

Health Centers in Indianapolis.

Overnight accommodations at the Inn at St. Francis are \$60. Registrations are due by Sept. 12 to Eve Jackson, coordinator of th

Sept. 12 to Eve Jackson, coordinator of the archdiocesan chastity program, in care of the Office of Catholic Education, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206. For additional information, call Jackson at 317-236-1478, or 800-382-9836, ext. 1478.

"Sexual purity, healthy adolescent development and fidelity in marriage are the essential elements embraced in this formational series," Jackson said, "so youth can mature socially, physically, emotionally and spiritually without the added pressure and demand that accompany sexual relationships. Much more than another 'just say no' program, A Promise to Keep helps adolescents understand why it is best to save sex for marriage, as well as develops character in its participants."†

# St. Matthew to 'lighten up' with celebration

Weeklong celebration to help parish focus on evangelization

St. Matthew Parish, 4100 East 56th Street in Indianapolis, is planning a weeklong parish celebration which it is calling "Lighten Up!" to focus on how Christ makes a difference in people's lives.

"Lighten Up" begins on Saturday, September 13, with the Walk, Run, Pray-a-thon, a family-oriented walk/run. The 5K Walk, Run, Pray-a-thon starts at 9 a.m. at St.

Matthew and ends there as well.

The public is invited to attend, get some exercise, pray

and enjoy the day. Cost for the event is \$25 for families, \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

Weekend Masses on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 5:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., will feature Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen, evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese. Father Folzenlogen will preside at the Mass and will also be the facilitator and master of ceremonies for the mission week of "Lighten Up," which begins at 7 p.m. Sept. 14. For five nights, the St. Matthew mission will feature guest speakers, special music, children's programs, socials and community fellowship. Babysitting services will be provided each evening.

Father Folzenlogen said that the "purpose of this St. Matthew mission is to show how Christ makes a difference in our lives. 'Lighten Up' reminds us of the passage in Matthew 11 where Christ invites us to bring our burdens to him, and he will lighten them. 'Lighten Up' also invites us to shed some of our glumness and to find in our faith the enthusiasm and energy of the Holy Spirit. One of the things that can be powerful about the faith community is that we can lighten each other's burdens as well as our own."

Each of the five evening programs of mission week will

Each of the five evening programs of mission week will

carry with it a theme:

Sept. 14—Lighten Up!
 Sept. 15—The Presents of the Lord
 Sept. 16—Footprints (youth night)
 Sept. 17—Parish Boundaries and Beyond
 Sept. 18—How Shall I Send Thee?

The program each evening begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a social at 8:30 p.m. These programs are being planned and presented by members of the St. Matthew community.

"Lighten Up" also features special children's programs for preschool to eighth grade, which will run concurrently with the dult reaches and are being bosted by

with the adult regular programs and are being hosted by the St. Matthew Children's Ministry Committee.

"Lighten Up" will conclude on Saturday, Sept. 20, with the fourth annual Fire Fast, which is on a formation.

the fourth annual Fun Fest, which is an afternoon and evening of live music, adults' and children's games, entertainment for the whole family and a picnic with a lot of food. The festivities are held on the St. Matthew campus at 4100 East 56th Street and run from 2 p.m. until 1 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend—not only St. Matthew parishioners, but anyone who wants to share enthusiasm and interest for Christ. All denominations are welcome to come

as they are and celebrate Christ's light.

For more information or to find out how to help with this week-long celebration of light, call St. Matthew Parish Office at 317-257-4297.



**Breaking Ground** 

St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington celebrated a groundbreaking Aug. 17 at the site of the parish's new church on State Road 46 in Bloomington. Participating in the ceremony are (from left)Juliet Frey; Ken Miller, parish council chair; Ann Floyd; Bill Williams; Larry Tipperman, architect; Bill Hawk; Donna McGarvey; Ed Tipperman; and Mark Ryan, building committee chair. Not pictured is Bill Frohliger, building committee member. Father Charles Chesebrough, dean of the Bloomington Deanery and pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington, presided at the groundbreaking.

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# Irish cardinal warns of 'unhealthy' Marian devotions

WALSINGHAM, England (CNS)-WALSINGHAM, England (CNS)—
Cardinal Cahal B. Daly, retired archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland, has warned against "unhealthy forms of devotion to Our Lady."

Speaking at England's national Marian shrine in Walsingham Aug. 20, the cardinal quoted Pope Paul VI's encyclical Marialis Cultus and warned enginest "the exaggerated search for nov-

against "the exaggerated search for novelties or extraordinary phenomena."

Cardinal Daly spoke at celebrations

marking the centenary of the first national pilgrimage to Walsingham, where Mary appeared in a dream to Richeldis de Faverches, Lady of the

Manor of Walsingham, in 1061.

"Among these unhealthy manifestations of Marian devotion, we must surely name the excessive credulity which is sometimes nowadays shown toward alleged 'visions' and 'messages,' often accompanied by dire warnings of divine punishment and coming doom," the cardinal said.

"Such apocalyptic phenomena seem

to increase as we approach a new mil-lennium; they are not the church's way or the Gospel's way or Mary's way of preparing for the end of the second mil-lennium.

"Instead, we must try to enter deeply

into the program of spiritual renewal out-lined for us by Pope John Paul II and by the bishops of each country for the years which follow before the great Jubilee of the Redemption in the year 2000."

During the celebrations, the cardinal

led an ecumenical procession along the Walsingham pilgrimage route, the first time that Anglicans and Catholics processed together here.

In his keynote address, the cardinal described as "a caricature" efforts to present Mary as "a subordinate, docile and submissive woman which the male church wished all women to be."

He added, "Mary has always been pre-

sented by the church as a model for all followers of Jesus, males as well as females."

Mary has always been shown to us by the church as a strong woman, who stood by her son on Calvary, when all the male disciples except John had fled," said the cardinal.

"In the most familiar of our litanies, "In the most familiar of our litanies,
'The Litany of Loreto,' Mary is invoked
as 'Mirror of Justice,' 'Queen of
Martyrs,' 'Tower of David,' 'Virgin
Most Powerful,' 'Help of Christians,'
'Virgin Most Faithful'—scarcely the
epithets which we use for 'timid and
submission' women." he added to submissive' women," he added.†

#### on perpetual adoration Michigan bishop issues guidelines

MARQUETTE, Mich. (CNS)— Bishop James H. Garland of Marquette has issued guidelines for Catholic parishes that want to start the practice of perpetual exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

To adore the Eucharist enclosed in a tabernacle, no special permission or reg-ulations are needed, he said, but a number of conditions must be met when the Eucharist is set out in public view for

He said parishes that wish to do so must ensure that there will always be someone present before the exposed Eucharist and ordinarily two or more peo-ple present at all times.

A separate chapel should be used to avoid interference with the daily liturgical celebrations of the parish. . .. Reservation outside of a church, chapel or oratory, even in a room of a rectory or convent, is forbid-den," he said. Church laws forbid exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a church or chapel while Mass is being celebrated there.

He said a parish with perpetual adoration must form a local chapter of a church-approved pious association estab-lished for that purpose.

He called for regular catechetical for-mation in parishes with perpetual adora-tion "to enable the faithful to have a wholeness and balance in their understanding of eucharistic theology and in their prayers of adoration."

tic worship is the act of participation in Mass," and all other eucharistic worship must be understood in that context.

If smaller parishes attempt to establish a schedule of perpetual adoration, they could create an undue "physical and moral bur-den" on their people, he said. To cover 24 hours a day seven days a week with two people per hour requires a scheduling commitment of at least 336 hours each week.

"A parish family should not be tempted to feel less generous or guilty if they are unable to maintain perpetual adoration," he wrote. "Much better that they limit adoration to one or two days a week and adore with a larger complement of the parish members in attendance

"To think God's generous blessings are due to our maintenance of 24 hours of prayer a day is offensive to God's goodness and his gratuitous grace," he added. "People are obligated to pray, but we can only encourage and not obligate people to participate in a devotion of perpetual adoration."

St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette began

perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in 1993.

The Marquette Diocese covers

Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

In an interview with his diocesan newspaper, the U.P. Catholic, Bishop Garland said he was not sure why the perpetual adoration devotion has gained so much popularity in recent years.

One reason, he suggested, may be that in a changing world, people "want to be assured of the presence of God and God's favor. This is a way to come to the assur-ance that God is present and close to us."

He said concern about reports that fewer people believe in Christ's real pres-ence in the Eucharist may play a role for some. For others, it might be a rediscovery of private devotion after the near-dis-appearance of many Catholic devotional practices in the years following the Second Vatican Council, he said.

"I think there has been nothing to take

the place of private devotion that responds to people's needs," he said. "They're looking for something. Maybe this is one way they're fulfilling that need."

He said people who practice the devotion properly can experience a pos-itive effect on their spiritual life. "People who spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament will tell you it's the most peaceful and rewarding hour of their week," he said.
In his guidelines, Bishop Garland

traced the history of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for extended periods to the 40 Hours devotion begun in Rome in 1592 and first practiced in the United States in 1857. Church liturgical instructions recommend some period of extended

exposition of the Eucharist once a year in all parishes where it is feasible.

He said a 1973 Vatican instruction per-

mitted perpetual exposition and adoration by "some religious communities and other groups" that have made the practice part of their constitutions and regulations

The wording of that instruction led commentators to conclude that the practice was not permitted outside a religious community, he said, until 1986 when the Vatican, in response to questions, stated that a bishop can grant permission for per-petual exposition to a pious association, provided all the conditions governing the practice are observed.

In 1991 the Pontifical Council for the Laity approved the statutes of the Los Angeles-based Association of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration as a pious associa-tion of Catholics devoted to promoting

perpetual adoration.

Bishop Garland suggested that parishes interested in starting a practice of perpetual adoration should consider first joining with a neighboring parish that already has the practice. As another alternative, he said, they should start out with just one or more weekly suchariswith just one or more weekly eucharis tic days, starting after morning Mass, to evaluate parish involvement and the feasibility of perpetual adoration.†

# Vatican issues new regulations for its investigation of theologians

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-The Vatican's doctrinal congregation announced new norms that it said would better safeguard the rights of theologians under examination for unorthodox or "dangerous" opinions.

The five-page Regulations for Doctrinal Examination, unveiled at the Vatican Aug. 29, represents the first revision of pro-cedures used since 1971 by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in its investigation of dissident theologians.

The new norms provide for a more direct role by the local bishop, who is to act as an intermediary between the Vatican and the theologian throughout the process. They also include the possibility of naming an advocate and an adviser for the theologian, and face-to-face meetings between the the-

ologian and congregation members.

The document stipulates, however, that in "urgent" cases of clear theological error, the congregation may omit such safeguards and proceed more directly to a final decision.

The regulations further state that there is no appeal if the congregation declares a theologian automatically excommunicated because of heresy, apostasy or schism. In such cases, it would be legal "formalism" for the church to review the congregation's conclusions, an explanatory note said. Approved by Pope John Paul II, the

norms were two years in preparation. It marked the first time the regulations for review of theologians have ever been pub-lished by the Vatican. In recent years, sev-eral censured theologians have complained about the doctrinal congregation's methods, saying they were "inquisitional."

"An important point here is the total transparency of the regulations. Another is the added guarantees that are provided," said Vatican press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. He emphasized that while the investigation procedure cannot be compared to a civil trial, the new norms have added two important figures to aid in the theologian's defense: the adviser, named by the theologian; and an advocate named by the congregation, who is to defend the author's positions.

The document outlined steps to be followed whenever theological writings are reviewed. The first is a preliminary examination of the writings to see if they warrant formal study. If they do, the doctrinal congregation decides whether to proceed by the procedures of ordinary examination or urgent examination.

Urgent cases are those in which a writing is judged "clearly and certainly erro-neous" and capable of causing grave harm to the faithful. In such cases, a commission is quickly named to determine specific errors, and its findings are examined by the congregation

by the congregation.

At that point, with the pope's approval, the author is notified through his bishop that his theological writings have been found in error, and he is asked to correct them within two months. The bishop can propose that the author explain his views in writing to the congregation.

If the author does not correct his errors in a satisfactory way, the congregation can proceed to penalties—including that of declaring the theologian automatically excommunicated, if heresy is involved.†



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A Pastoral Word About Spiritual Renewal

Journey of Hope 2001

By Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B. Archbishop of Indianapolis

# Introduction

n the tenth anniversary of my ordination as a bishop, I offer this reflection

about spirituality in our day-to-day lives. I remember how much spiritual health was on my mind as I moved from the monastic and seminary community at Saint Meinrad to the bishop's residence on busy Poplar Avenue in Memphis.

The call to be ordained a bishop in 1987, and the move to West Tennessee, came as a shock. Leadership had been pretty much a part of my life. I probably should have been concerned about that, but I was more concerned that for the first time in my life I would be living alone, not in a community. I worried because I would not have the monastic and seminary routine to support my spiritual life. The monastic and seminary prayer schedule and the readily available spiritual directors and confessors had been a gift. It was a big change to live on my own. I have continued to learn a lot about spirituality.

In a series of hearings around the archdiocese, we met with more than 300 people whom we consulted about our Journey of Hope 2001. Everywhere people asked us to make spirituality our first priority. It was an echo from the previous round of hearings when we crafted our first Archdiocesan Strategic Plan. In fact, the Journey of Hope 2001 celebration in preparation for the third Christian millennium is a result of that spiritual hunger. In this letter I want to reflect about spiritual renewal as our first preoccupation on the journey to the year 2001.

Originally written last spring and published as an insert in *The Criterion*, "Seek the Face of the Lord" is Archbishop Buechlein's pastoral about spirituality. This brief teaching establishes spiritual renewal as the context for the archdiocesan Journey of Hope 2001 celebration. It is reprinted here in this large-type format by popular demand. Additional copies are available from *The Criterion* at no charge while supplies last.

# What is spirituality?



hat do we mean when we talk about the primacy of spirituality in our lives? We Catholics

have a specific idea of spirituality. Our lives are shaped by our belief in Jesus Christ and our understanding of God as he is revealed in the Bible and the Tradition of the church.

We know that spirituality is not something apart from "real life," but that is not an easy lesson. I am reminded of a story. Shortly after I moved to Indianapolis in 1992, a priest of the Diocese of Memphis, Father Bill Stelling, published a delightful little book titled *Simply Spiritual*. He begins with the story that he adapted from one told by Jesuit Father Anthony de Mello. A little fish in a large aquarium was being watched by an older and wiser fish. The little fish was swimming frantically back and forth and up and down and all around the tank. The older fish swam up next to the little fish and asked, "What are you doing?"

The little fish answered, "I was told that a fish needs water to live, so I'm looking for the water."

The older fish was not surprised at this response; you see, he'd been through this before. "We're in the water, the water is all around us. That's what we are swimming in," he said

"You're kidding," said the little fish, with astonishment. "It can't be that simple."

With that, the little fish swam off to continue his search for the water.

Father Stelling writes: "Dictionaries and theologians may put it differently, but for me, spirituality is simply becoming aware that God is all around me. The quality of my spirituality goes up and down depending on how I let people, places, things and events interfere with, or add to, my awareness of God." I think he puts it well.

I learned in Memphis that "God is all around me" no matter where I am. It helped that I have a particular devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, because as soon as I placed the Sacrament in my house chapel, I felt anchored once more. I had a reference point for God's presence. The same happened when I moved to Indianapolis in September 1992.

Spiritual renewal is the first priority of our Journey of Hope 2001. It is a personal challenge, but we shouldn't make it complicated. Yet, like the small fish, we just can't believe it is simple. Let's not be mistaken; just because it is simple doesn't mean it is easy!

Spirituality has to do with becoming holy and that tends to both intimidate and, sometimes, discourage us. Strictly speaking, only God is holy. And so becoming holy has something to do with drawing close to the holiness of God. If we want to warm our hearts, we need to draw close to the fire of God's love. If we want to radiate the light of Christ, we need to get close to the Light who is Christ. We don't feel worthy, nor do we succeed without failing.

We forget that we don't have to become holy by ourselves. We speak of life according to the Spirit and that means we are guided by the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Anointed by the Holy Spirit, we are configured to Christ in full communion and service in the church, and thus spiritual life is made possible.

Becoming holy seems like such a monumental task! Pope John Paul II describes the spiritual life as a path of *increasing* faithfulness. We don't become holy all at once. I think the best advice is to live close to God one day at a time. Someone once said that the most important thing about becoming holy is being willing to keep on starting over again and again and again.

Becoming holy means turning away from seeking whatever keeps us from seeking the face of Jesus. It means that, with God's grace, we decide one day at a time to live as Jesus did and as he taught us to do. Like Jesus, we make choices in favor of God. The key is to trust in God. We become holy if we discover that we need God and when we learn to depend on God day in and day out.

# A Holy Person Seeks the Face of Jesus with Feet on the Ground

Spirituality happens in the real world. Becoming holy happens only in the stuff of everyday life. Spirituality is our first priority and is also practical. We do not become holy without planning and determination. One time the sister of Saint Thomas Aquinas asked what she needed to do to become holy. "You have to want to," he told her. In other words, the idea of a spiritual life has to be translated into a specific, practical program of getting close to God through Jesus Christ. Because of our baptism and confirmation, by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can do that. There is an inner dimension and an exterior, or active, dimension of our spiritual program. The gospel life of Jesus sets a basic program of prayer and of service.

Why prayer? We learn to trust another person only if we get

to know that person. The same is true with God. We learn to know Jesus through the Scriptures and the teachings of the church and we learn to know him through prayer. We learn to know Jesus through communion with him in the Eucharist and in the community of faith, his Body. We also come to know Jesus through personal, solitary prayer.

When I moved to Tennessee, I rediscovered what I had always known—the basics that keep us aware of God and the things that interfere with or add to that awareness aren't complicated. For me, daily prayer, especially the Eucharist, and regular visits with a spiritual director/confessor are basic. The challenge is to do the basics in busy times. And that means discipline. Thanks be to God, I had been schooled in that discipline in the seminary and the monastery.

What we need to do is simple, but good habits don't come easily. Keeping aware of God around us day after day requires a program of prayer and the sacraments. That is simple enough, but the habit of doing it requires a positive decision and dogged determination. Morning and night prayers, prayers before meals and short prayers during the day provide a basic framework for seeking the face of Christ. Sunday Mass and regular confession are minimal, but they make the difference. The sacrament of penance helps track what diminishes our daily search for Christ and provides the context in which we build a life of virtue in the stuff of everyday life. To live faith, hope and charity takes the natural virtues of patience and courtesy and courage and humility.

Sincere prayer moves us to action. Authentic spirituality is not self-centered. As for Jesus, so for us, prayer helps us resist the temptations of Satan and live a moral life of love. Communion with Jesus in prayer moves us to seek his face in our sisters and brothers and so we are impelled to participate in the life and service of the church. Like the life of Jesus, our own lives are shaped by prayer and service. Prayer and service are the backbone of a program for becoming holy.

Without planning and commitment, prayer and service don't happen. Prayer and service cannot be divorced from busy everyday life, hence the need for planning. And beginning is everything! Prayer and work and charity need to be wedded.

# Jesus Expanded the Notion of Family

Someone once said that God made us because he loves stories. No two human stories are exactly alike. And so our spirituality, like our relationship to God, is an individual one. Yet, we are part of the Christian family, so becoming holy happens in community. When Jesus told us that everyone who does the will of his Father is our father and mother, sister and brother, he expanded the ordinary notion of who we are as family. As we experience our union with Jesus in prayer we also experience our solidarity with our expanded family. Our sense of human solidarity leads us to seek the face of Jesus in all our sisters and brothers, especially those most in need. Christian service is essential in our program for holiness. It also implies the essential role of the church in our spirituality.

# The Real World of Suffering

How we handle suffering has a lot to do with becoming holy. No one escapes suffering. In the traditional Morning Offering prayer we offer our "prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day." We become holy in the real world, which is the real world of suffering as well as joy. At one time or another, life seems unfair, and pain and suffering come our way, no matter who we are.

We suffer many crucifixions with Jesus, but we don't always feel the presence of Jesus. This can become a real spiritual obstacle. Sometimes we might not be so much troubled by what seems like the absence of Jesus as by the absence of the consolation that comes from feeling close to Jesus.

Responding to the challenge of suffering is something active. We can choose to reach for wholeness and interior peace by intentionally joining our suffering to Jesus on the cross. Inevitable suffering can be transformed into union with Christ's by patience. By patience and alertness of faith, we unite our sufferings with those of Jesus on the cross. But this can happen only in prayer.

Pope John Paul has said that a purpose of suffering is to offer us the opportunity to

release God's love. Suffering joined to that of Jesus in prayer leads us to release God's love in service.

# New Sense of Mission and A New Sense of Responsibility

Prayer and service encourage a sense of mission to our expanded human family. In word and action, we are challenged to live as Jesus did in the stuff of everyday life. We call that evangelization, the second theme of our Journey of Hope 2001.

Prayer and service also awaken in us a sense of gratitude for the wonders of God's creation. Our awareness of our dependence on God tells us that we are stewards of his gifts, not just materialistic producers and consumers. Prayer and service lead to a sense of stewardship, the third theme of our Journey of Hope 2001.

# Postscript

Saint John Chrysostom once said that whether a bird is tied to a tree by a thin thread or a heavy rope, unless the tie is cut, it cannot fly. Based on the experience that even the small sins of daily life restrict our spiritual freedom, spiritual directors have always recommended that we examine our conscience at the end of the day. It is yet another way to check our awareness of the face of Jesus among us. The following might be some starter questions:

- Did I pray today? Did I give God as much attention as I could?
- Did I think of God during the day: at work, at school, at play?
- Did seeking the face of Jesus make a difference in my relations with others?
- Did I do things that block my awareness of God around me?
- Did I do things that, perhaps, caused others to block their awareness of God?
- Did I put myself or someone else or something else in God's place?
  Did I live my faith today, or did I live on the
- surface of life?

   Do I live my hope today, or did I tend to be
- cynical?

   Did I live charity today, or was I indifferent
- or, perhaps, even hateful?Did I treat God's gifts as a grateful steward or simply as a consumer?



# Study: religious educators behind on internet use

DAYTON, Ohio (CNS)—Few Catholic educators consider the Internet a valued resource for religious educationpartly because of their own inexperience with the communication tool and partly because of the cost of incorporating the

technology into classrooms.

That's the major finding in a national survey of more than 2,000 Catholic survey of more than 2,000 Catholic school principals, directors of religious education, parishioners and media conducted by the University of Dayton for the ACTA (Adult Catechetical Teaching Aids) Foundation.

A summary of the study is published in the summer issue of *The Living* 

Light, a quarterly journal published by the U.S. Catholic Conference's Department of Education. The ACTA Foundation is based in Chicago.

"If we really believe this technology is going to be part of the 21st century, the Catholic Church needs to embrace it," said Sister Angela Ann Zukowski, director of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton and president of Unda, the international Catholic association for broadcasters and communicators.

"Two thousand years ago, Jesus employed the most powerful medium of

his time to spread God's word: He climbed the hillside and addressed all who would listen," said Sister Zukowski, a member of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart. "While Christ's message has endured through the centuries, the media for its communication have been transformed through a technological revolution.

"What this survey tells us is that if the new medium exists within the home environment, it has become part of the fabric of life. Why not find creative communication technology program-ming for areas of religious education?"

Most Catholic school teachers (65 percent) do not use the Internet in religious education, according to the survey of principals. The average school has nearly 20 computers, and only 6.3 percent don't have at least one computer for student use

Even fewer parish-sponsored religious education teachers (10 percent) use the Internet in their classes, accord-ing to the survey of parish religious education directors. However, more than 85 percent of parish and diocesan religious education programs don't have any computers for student use,

according to the survey.

A number of educators who responded to the survey noted they don't have funds to buy the software and equipment necessary to incorporate multimedia, the Internet or other new technologies into the classroom.

Sister Zukowski, who conducted the

study with University of Dayton communication professors James D. Robinson and Samuel P. Wallace, said religious educators who say they prefer to wait until "this whole thing settles down" could find themselves turning into Rip Van Winkles who wake up groggy one day.
"You need to see the whole picture,"

she said. "It's not that everything must be done today. We can work with dio-ceses to help them move slowly. There are all kinds of media available, like overhead projectors, video and audio-cassettes, the use of the telephone for audio conferences in the classroom, media education and music."

The 24-question survey gauged use of the Internet as well as a number of other communication technologies, including laser discs, CD-ROMs, videotapes, television and radio programs, video conferencing and distance

of software packages provided by publishers.

The researchers offered a number of recommendations for speeding up the use of technology in religious educa-

- Develop a training program to teach teachers how to use communication technologies in religious education.
- Initiate a national "think tank," a group of seven to 10 people to brain-storm applications of new technologies and redesign religious education.
- · Publicize the efforts of Catholic dioceses that are effectively using the Internet and other information technologies in their curriculums.
- Design a media planning kit to help religious educators use multimedia applications as a supplement in the
- classroom.

  Publish a three-year pilot newsletter to identify software for religious education, outline the costs and illus-trate practical ways to use technol-
- ogy in classrooms.

  Produce videos demonstrating practical applications of new media.†

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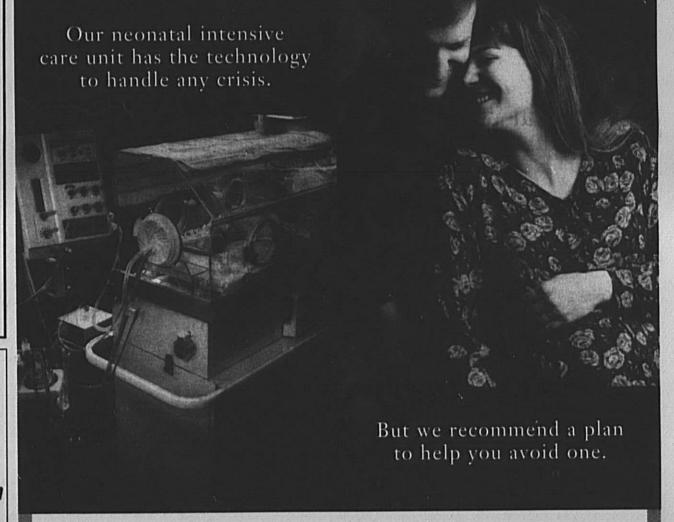
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# **News briefs**

#### As congress opens, African-American Catholics urged to evangelize

BALTIMORE (CNS)—As the eighth National Black Catholic Congress opened in Baltimore Aug. 28, a bishop urged black Catholics to evangelize others in the African-American community.
"What St. Monica did for Augustine,
what someone did for each of us, we
must do now for our brothers and sisters," Auxiliary Bishop George V. Murry of Chicago told the estimated 3,600 participants at an evening Mass marking the feast day of St. Augustine. The theme of the congress is "What We Have Seen and Heard We Proclaim and Celebrate: The Call to Evangelization." Noting the significance of gathering in Baltimore for the Aug. 28-31 event, the bishop said, "We are here in the first diocese in this country for the last black Catholic congress of this millennium."

#### Cleveland's first unaffiliated Catholic school opens

CLEVELAND (CNS)—The first Catholic school in the Cleveland Diocese initiated by parents and unaffil-iated with any religious organization opened Aug. 26. Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland blessed the new Seton School in suburban Hudson and celebrated Mass there the day before it opened for classes. More than 80 stu dents registered for classes from kinder-garten through the sixth grade, said school board member Diane Niemiec. She said parents and teachers put in long hours in getting the school ready for classes. Earlier this year, the school's benefactors bought and converted the former Hudson Community Chapel.

#### **Texas Catholic** community questions goat herder's death

REDFORD, Texas (CNS)—Months after the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old goat herder along the Texas-Mexico border, the predominantly Catholic community where he lived is still looking for answers. What they do know is that Ezequiel Hernandez Jr. Was herding his family's goats in the river valley of the Rio Grande when he was shot May 20 by a U.S. Marine who was part of an anti-drug-smuggling mission. In mid-August, est Texas grand jury decided not to

indict the Marine who shot Hernandez, saying it was confused about some of the

#### World

#### Revised Russian religion law said to include term 'Christianity'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The new version of a religious freedom bill in Russia replaces a reference to the Orthodox church with the more inclu-sive term of "Christianity," Vatican Radio reported. Officials working on the draft legislation say it's preamble will state that Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Judaism are an inalienable part of Russian history, the radio said Aug. 27. An earlier version of the legislation referred to Orthodox Christianity but omitted any reference to the Catholic Church. It was vetoed in July by Russian President Boris Yeltsin after objections by Pope John Paul II and others.

#### Antigua-based diocese aids volcano victims

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (CNS)-Churches on the Caribbean island of Antigua are working together to assist the people of Montserrat fleeing the Soufriere Hills volcano. Speaking from his office in the Antiguan capital of St. John's, Bishop Donald J. Reece of St. John's-Basseterre told Catholic News Service that a committee has been formed to help the more than 3,000 evacuees already in Antigua, and those now leaving the volcano-threatened British territory. The volcano, situated in southern Montserrat, roared to life in July 1995 after 400 years of dormancy. Since then, half the original population of 11,000 has left.

#### University removes Irish-language signs seen as divisive

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (CNS)-Irish-language signs for shops, restaurants and restrooms at Queen's University, Belfast, have been removed following allegations that they were "driving a divi-sion" between Catholic and Protestant students. The decision was welcomed by loyalist leaders, mainly Protestants who seek to maintain British rule in the province. They see Irish-language activities as part of an effort by "a pan-nationalist front" to end British rule in Northern Ireland. "It is another little step in the healing process in Northern Ireland," said John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, who also claimed that

# Pope says Dante's vision of heaven still inspires courage and hope

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—After listening to a recital of the last canto from Dante's Paradise, Pope John Paul II said the medieval poet's description of heaven had lost nothing over the centuries

"What a comforting vision!" the pon-tiff remarked after the evening reading Aug. 31 in the courtyard of his summer residence outside Rome.

"Even after seven centuries, Dante's art can evoke sublime emotions and supreme certainties, and is still able to inspire courage and hope," he said. Paradise is the last section of Dante's

Paradise is the last section of Dante's Divine Comedy.
Pope John Paul said for contemporary men and women, the Divine Comedy can help direct what is sometimes a difficult, existential search toward "the truth that never disappears."

Dante Alighieri, an Italian poet, wrote

his three-part poem to describe an imagined spiritual pilgrimage to the depths of hell, through the sufferings of purgatory and up to a radiant vision of heaven.

The pope noted that the final canto of the poem reserves a central place for Mary, who enlightens the last stages of the pilgrimage after having helped the poet in other ways throughout his spiri-

tual journey.

The reading was performed by
Vittorio Sermonti, an Italian Dante cholar, and was attended by a handful of Italian cultural and political figures. Among them was Walter Veltroni, Italy's vice prime minister and a leading member of the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communist Party.

Veltroni said he had been moved by

Dante's poetry, especially by what he called its stimulating tension between doubt and faith.†

more people in Northern Ireland spoke Chinese than Irish on a daily basis.

#### People

#### Philippine justice department ends probe into bishop's killing

CAGAYAN DE ORO, Philippines (CNS)—The Philippine justice secretary announced that the government has com pleted its investigation into the killing of Bishop Benjamin de Jesus of Jolo, Philippines. The special task force assigned to the case is preparing formal charges against two suspects in the Feb. 4 shooting of Bishop de Jesus, said Secretary of Justice Teofisto Guigona at an interreligious leaders' meeting Aug. 12 in Cagayan de Oro, 480 miles southeast of Manila. Department of Justice Director Jude Romano confirmed in Manila that an indictment naming Aman Hayudini and his son, Muammar, as Bishop de Jesus'

killers was submitted to the Office of the President Aug. 13.

## South African claims religious political motives for murder

PRETORIA, South Africa (CNS)— Clive Derby-Lewis said he had a religious as well as a political motive for planning the assassination of South African anti-apartheid leader Chris Hani. "As a Christian, my first duty is to the Almighty God before everything else. We were fighting against communism, and communism is the vehicle of the Antichrist," said Derby-Lewis, testifying on the 1993 murder of Hani, a popular Communist Party leader and opponent of apartheid. Derby-Lewis—who left the Catholic Church and was expelled from a Catholic men's organization in the cash. 1000s. nization in the early 1980s—spoke before the amnesty committee of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Pretoria in mid-August.†

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#### Entertainment

Movie Review Henry Herx

# G.I. Jane dramatizes plight of female SEAL

Showing that a woman soldier can be as deadly on the battlefield as any male



combatant is the hokey military melodrama G.I. Jane, a new release from Hollywood Pictures

What's implausible is not the premise but the way it is dramatized in the story of a woman officer going through the rigorous

training program for the Navy's elite combat force, the SEALs.

A feminist senator (Anne Bancroft) has dragooned the military into accepting a woman for combat training as a test case.

Military officials do so grudgingly, though their male egos make them confident no woman can withstand the physical exertion and emotional ordeals demanded of SEAL trainees, less than half of whom complete the course.

The candidate selected by the senator is Lt. Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore), a naval intelligence specialist whose record shows she's bright, ambitious and good in sports.

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Seeing the SEALs as a career opportunity leading to a command position,

O'Neil accepts but tells the senator that she doesn't want to be used as a "poster girl for women's rights."

This is about as much motivation as the

movie provides for O'Neil's perseverance through the exhausting weeks of training

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exercises designed to push trainees to the

breaking point.

The bulk of the movie is devoted to disjointed scenes of the physical punishment undergone by the trainees, with the grimly determined O'Neil at center stage showing her pain and grit while others falter.

Done in realistic fashion, these scenes are almost as tiring for viewers to watch as for the actors during filming, especially as they emphasize the brutality of the training and the military's penchant for using foul lan-guage and macho sexual posturing. The training scenes grow increasingly

tiresome as the action is all on the surface rather than leading to any understanding of the individuals involved, especially the gung-ho O'Neil.

The story about gender stereotypes in the military is largely unconvincing because the characters never emerge as much more than stereotypes themselves.

O'Neil is basically an abstraction,

given little human dimension in Moore's dour, one-note performance, which invites little sympathy for her quest to become a warrior heroine.

Directed by Ridley Scott from a script by David Twohy and Danielle Alexandra, the melodrama does not seriously address the issue of women in combat, nor even the problems of a unisex barracks when O'Neil bunks with other trainees

Instead, it relies on a formula plot of an individual in conflict with authority, dressed up in the gender politics of the day

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Demi Moore stars at Lt. Jordan O'Nell, the first female candidate for the elite Navy SEALs, in G.I. Jane. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV —adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

Offering no real insights about women in the military, the movie concentrates on O'Neil's ordeal to prove she's as tough as any man. However, the result is hardly worth the effort.

Because of much brutality, some violence, several sexual situations, a flash of nudity, occasional profanity and recurring rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV, for adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R for restricted viewing.

(Henry Herx is director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)†

TV Undate Mark Pattison

# PBS to debut weekly religious news program

After more than a year of preparation, a weekly half-hour religious news program is set to debut on public television.

The anchor and executive editor of Religion & Ethics Newsweekly is Bob Abernethy, who reported on religion and other topics as NBC's Washington cor-respondent for much of the 1980s and '90s, except for a 1989-94 stint as Moscow correspondent. "It's a great gift to be able to do it," he said.

While Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly had been slated for airing as far back as June of 1996, the process of starting a show was slow until the Lilly Endowment furnished a \$5 million grant

in January to fund 39 programs.

The first show will be fed to PBS affiliates Sept. 5, but most affiliates are scheduling it for various weekend time slots. As is the case with most PBS pro-

slots. As is the case with most PBS programming, it's best to consult the local TV log book for dates and times.

"Because [affiliates] haven't aired anything like this before, they don't know where to put it," said Rose Lynn Marra, a publicist for WNET, the PBS affiliate in New York, producer of Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly.

Marra said PBS stations in the 30 largest U.S. markets have signed on to

largest U.S. markets have signed on to carry the show.

ch program, according to Abernethy, Each program, according to Abernethy, will lead off with the top religious news of the week, followed by a "cover story" about a religious issue in the news, a piece on popular culture's treatment of religion, profiles of people or groups whose faith inspires them, a roundtable of panelists discussing religious and ethical issues, and a calendar noting different religious celebrations in the week ahead.

The debut show will feature a look at the portrayal of priests on TV, including

the portrayal of priests on TV, including the tempest surrounding the new ABC show Nothing Sacred; an interview with American Muslim leader W.D. Mohammed; a Hindu festival in Flushing, N.Y.; and a so-called "highway to heaven" in suburban Washington where nearly three dozen congregations have houses of worship on a 10-mile stretch of road.

Future programs will examine the debate over school vouchers; how Jews

are leading the fight against the persecu-tion of Christians around the world; what it means to be Jewish; and the growing realities of bioethics.

Abernethy told CNS that medicalmoral ethics will be covered on the program, as well as other topics like religious views on adultery in light of this year's military sex scandals.

Correspondents include Arthur Kent, who made a name for himself covering the Persian Gulf War for NBC, and Mary Alice Williams, who worked for CNN and NBC and now hosts an interview show on the Odyssey cable channel. Chief corre spondent will be Maureen Bunyan, a fix-ture in Washington local television news.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly has a 26-member advisory board. On it are four notable Catholics: theologian Father Virgil Elizondo, a faculty member and founder of the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas; ethicist Father J. Bryan Hehir, a professor at Harvard University and Harvard Divinity School; Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, editor of Commonweal, a lay Catholic journal of opinion; and George Weigel, a senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington.†

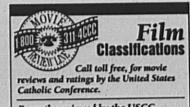
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# The Sunday Readings

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- · Isaiah 35: 4-7a
- Psalm 146: 7-10
- James 2: 1-5 · Mark 7: 31-37

Being in a foreign country and not knowing the local language is a humbling experience. For many of us it can

also be as near as we ever come to being "tongue-tied" or deaf.

I remember woman going to take up a new job in Berlin. The position required proficiency in English and Polish, which I had, but did not require knowledge of German. Though the work was very interesting and my colleagues kind, I soon found myself very lonely. My leisure hours, and especially the weekends, were often times of painful isolation. I was limited in many

Shopping,

going to church, traveling, choosing from a menu, even buying a ticket on the sub-way were all challenges, constant reminders of my handicap. I have vivid memories of straining to follow a simple conversation and failing to do so, of painstakingly trying to make myself understood and failing there too. I heard but it was as if I was deaf. I heard, but it was as if I was deaf; I tried to speak, but was tongue-tied.

Then one day I was contacted by a friend of a friend, in town for a brief visit. We met and spent the next few days together exploring the city and

talking, laughing and talking some more. Michel's German was only slightly better than mine, but suddenly the situations that had been so difficult for me became easy and funny and fun.

My loneliness was gone and with it the inhibitions that had kept me frightened and silent. But the real surprise came when Michel left Berlin. I did not revert back to my lonely, fearful isola-tion, but engaged with my surroundings

with new energy, regis-tered for German classes and eventually learned to understand and speak the language with When we

embark on the spiritual journey we are often "of a fearful heart," queshow to pray. Scriptures today remind us to "be strong" and not to fear! We have a friend who will help us: Jesus is

open our ears and our hearts, to loosen our tongues and to teach us the language of the kingdom of God, the language of love.

QUESTIONS: In your own spiritual life have you ever experienced being tongue-tied and unable to speak to God or hear God? What helped you in that

(Monsignor Owen F. Campion's regular column on the Sunday readings was not available this week. He will return next week in the Sept. 12 issue.)



"He said to him, "Ephphathal" (that is, "Be opened!") At once, the man's ears were opened; he was freed from the impedithe man's ears were opened; he was freed from the ment, and began to speak plainly." -Mark 7:34b-35

## **Daily Readings**

Monday, Sept. 8 The birth of the Virgin Mary Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30 Psalm 13:6 Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or Matthew 1:18-23

Tuesday, Sept. 9 Peter Claver, presbyter, religious and missionary Colossians 2:6-15 Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11 Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sept. 10 Colossians 3:1-11 Psalm 145:2-3, 10-13 Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, Sept. 11 Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 150:1-6 Luke 6:27-38

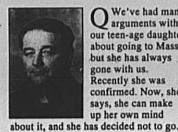
Friday, Sept. 12 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, Sept. 13 John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the church 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Psalm 113:1-7 Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, Sept. 14 The Holy Cross Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

# Teen debates need for weekly Mass obligation



We've had many arguments with our teen-age daughter about going to Mass, but she has always gone with us. Recently she was confirmed. Now, she says, she can make

It's not that important, she says, because she was never taught any such obligation in her weekly religion classes.

I do know the director of these classes is opposed to "legalism."

Do you have any insights that would help? (Iowa)

First, even if she didn't hear about an A obligation to participate in Sunday Eucharist from anyone else, which I doubt, she certainly heard it from you.

It seems your daughter may be simply experiencing some not uncommon spiritual growing pains of adolescence.

Being "opposed to legalism" can have many meanings, some of them good and some not so good. On the not-so-good side lies the spiritual crippledness of doing things solely out of legal obligation when we should be doing them eventually from inner convictions.

As children we may well view attending Mass and other obligations as something we ought to do because someone-parent, teacher, priest-says

As we grow through adolescence into adulthood, however, actions that flow from faith need to be more and more internalized until they become part of ourselves.

This process includes much reflection, questioning, asking reasons, even expressing disagreement with some points. Ultimately, making our faith

something inside, part of our personality, is the goal of healthy maturing.

Particularly is this true of our sharing in the Sunday eucharistic sacrifice. It is part of church law now, of course. But the church had no such rules at all for many centuries; it was simply taken for granted that, if peoples' Christian faith was gen-uine, they would be there. Father William Sherzer puts it well in

his entry in the New Catholic Encyclopedia. Church law in this matter, he says, is more a reminder of this obligation than the cause of one.

Sharing in the Eucharist is rooted in filial love of the Father, the virtue of gratitude and the spiritual needs of the Christian life. "It is more like the need to eat than a duty arising only from pos-itive law" (13:788). Maybe you can help your daughter

look at Mass a little more from this adult perspective, rather than as a younger child whose sense of responsibility arises only from rules and laws.

Q If Communion can be brought to sick people, can Mass be offered for them in the home too?

My father is confined to a wheelchair

and doesn't go many places. Would it be possible for a priest to have Mass in his home sometime? It would mean very much to him and to the rest of us.

More than once during recent years, A More than once during the church has indicated that bishops may allow Masses outside of churches or chapels-in homes, for example.

One of the many different circum-stances in which such Masses are explicitly approved is the gathering of family and friends in the homes of the sick or aged who cannot otherwise participate in the eucharistic celebration.

Some rather obvious regulations are indicated for such celebrations to precharacter of the Mass. (See the
Instruction for Masses for Special
Gatherings, May 15, 1969.)
Home Masses for the sick, and for

other gatherings and events, are not uncommon in our country. In most dioce-ses, Mass may be offered in homes at the discretion of the pastor of the family in whose home the Mass is to be celebrated.

(A free brochure answering questions (A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)†



#### The Active List

The Criterion welcomes announcements for "The Active List" of parish and church-related activities open to the public. Please keep them brief, listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No announcements can be taken by telephone. No pictures, please. Notices must be in our offices by 10 a.m. on Monday of the week of publication. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, "The Active List," 1400 N. Meridian St. P.O. Box 1717, Indiangnolis, Ind. 46206 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

St. Mary Church, New Albany, will have eucharistic adoration. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in reparation to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart. Information: 502-583-2056.

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will have Friday movie night. Information: 879-8018.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather for a bilingual Mass and healing service at St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey, Indianapolis. Teaching will begin at 7 p.m. followed by praise, worship and Mass. Fr. Mauro Rodas will be the Celebrant. Information: 317-927-6900.

#### September 5 - 6

St. Ann Parish, 2862 S. Holt Rd., Indianapolis will hold the annual Family Fun Fest, 5-11 p.m. Food, crafts, country store, beer garden, casino, grand raffle and door prizes will be featured.

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#### September 5 - 7

St. Mary Church, 212 Washington St., North Vernon will hold the annual Pork Festival featuring a euchre tournament, bingo, silent auction, country store, games, live entertainment, car wash, family fun night, 3 on 3 basketball, and \$10,000 drawing. Information: 812-346-4608; 812-346-8831.

#### September 6

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will attend Oktoberfest at German Park. Information: 379-879-8018.

St. Patrick Church, 950 Prospect St., Indianapolis will hold a flea market from 7 a.m.-12 noon. Vendor rental space available for \$25. Information: 317-631-5824.

#### September 7

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will have a cook-out and planning meeting. Information: 317-329-8203.

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, will host the arch-

diocesan Golden Jubilee Celebration. Archbishop M. Daniel Buechlein, will celebrate the mass at 2 p.m. followed by a reception. Information: 317-236-1596: 800-382-9836.

St. Mary Parish, Rushville, will host a ham and fried chicken dinner, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 765-938-5821

St. Pius Church, Troy, will host a fall festival on the church grounds from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be a yard sale, antique/classic car exhibit, games, live music, and food.

#### September 7 - 14

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will have an icon writing retreat, led by Trudy Engstrom. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

#### September 8

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

St. Michael Church, Bradford, will host "The Last Canticle of St. Francis," a one-man play fea-turing Charles Baker, at 7 p.m. Information: 812-364-6173.

#### September 9

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

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will have a Peer Faith Sharing Evening at 7:30 p.m., in the annex. Information: 317-297-

Parenting in Cultures of Change Seminar, session two "Value Based Parenting" presented by Janice Gabe at Bishop Chatard High School, 5885 Crittenden, Indianapolis, 7-9 p.m. Admission: Free

#### September 12

St. Patrick Church Adult Catechetical Team, Terre Haute, will sponsor a one-man play "The Last Canticle of St. Francis in the Sacred Heart Holy Family Center, 2322 N. 13-1/2 St. at 7 p.m. Information: 812-232-2827

#### September 12 - 14

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will have a guided retreat for men and omen, "Black & Catholic: The Gifts We Share", presented by Dominican Fr. Thomas Jackson. Information, registration: 317-

#### September 13

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis, will hold the 9th annual French Market, noon-10 p.m. French food, live entertainment, market, games, music, raffle and a silent auction will be featured.

St. Matthew Church, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, 5K walk, run, pray-a-thon, 9 a.m. Information: 317-841-7031.

The Religious Education Department of Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, will present "I Paul," by Charles Baker at 7 p.m. Free will offering will be taken.

The Indianapolis Chapter of Bread for the World will sponsor a free "Offering of Letters" workshop, 9 a.m. - 12 noon at Immanual United Church of Christ. 1035 S. New Jersey. Indianapolis. Information, registration: 317-359-3080.

St. Augustine's Home will host an evening of prayer and reparation in the chapel, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, beginning at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Mariamante-Lambs of Christ red by

Chapter of Shepherds of Christ Associates, St. Malachy.

Holy Trinity Church, 2618 W. St. Clair St., Indianapolis, will sponsor an evening of armchair horse racing and Texas poker, 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$4. Information: 317-638-9509.

September 13 - 14 St. Mary Church, 203 4th St. Aurora, will host River Fest '97 parish festival with live music

and food in Lesko Park. Saturday, 4-11 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 812-926-4722

September 14

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Church, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis, will host Charles D. Baker in a performance on the life of Blessed Damien at 2 p.m. An ice cream social will follow. Baby-sitting will be provided for children 3 and under. Information: 317-576-0038.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, will host the annual Music Fest, at 4 p.m. featuring music, humor, videos, face painting, and nents. Information: 317refres 638-5551.

The Altar Society of St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis,

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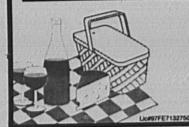


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will host a euchre party in Ryan Hall at 1 p.m. \$3 admission.

At Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt & Hermitage, "The Holy Eucharist As Communion Sacrament" at 2:30 p.m., with Fr. Hardon, followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. Information: Fr. Elmer nkel 812-689-3551. On the web at http://www.seidata. com/~eburwink/; e:mail eburwink@seidata.com Directions: .8 mile E. of 421 on 925-S, 10 south of Versailles.

#### September 14 - 18

St. Matthew Church, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will host a week-long celebration of light and hope entitled "Lighten Up". Information: 317-255-3585.

#### September 15

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will host a Reflection Day, "The Importance of Family," pre ted by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein. Childcare available. Information, registration: 317-545-7681.

#### Recurring Weekly

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

#### Mondays

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, yoga class, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Information,: 317-

#### Tuesdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood

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

The Shepherds of Christ Associates of St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Hill, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Sellersburg, prays for priests and religious, the rosary, the litanies to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy following 7 p.m. Mass. Information: 812-944-5304.

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Thursdays

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

St. Mary Church, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates gathers at 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and lives centered in consecration to Jesus and Mary. Information: 812-969-

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(Acts 24:21)

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Main, Plainfield, will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8-a.m.-7 p.m. every

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

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

#### Saturdays

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

#### 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 Fridays

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 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 exposition 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 Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver will sponsor the First Friday rosary at 5:15 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

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

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

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

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

#### **First Saturdays**

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 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.

#### Bingos

MONDAY: Our Lady of Lourdes, 6:30 p.m.; TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; St. Malachy, Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433. 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m. THURSDAY: Msgr. Downey K of C Council 3660, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRI-DAY: St. Christopher, Indian-apolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, ech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATUR-DAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUN-DAY: 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.



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## Youth and Young Adult News

# Pilgrimage and prayer offer reflection time

By Dominique Schott

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Pope John Paul II celebrates largest

Mass in French history.

One million gather for papal Mass at

750,000 attend baptismal vigil. Youth from every corner of the world assemble in Paris

Although these World Youth Day head-lines were translated and published in newspapers and magazines around the world, this international faith story encom-passes a much larger spectrum of events.

On Aug. 18, Paris officially opened its doors to the 400,000 pilgrims who had reg-istered for the 12th annual World Youth Day sponsored by Pope John Paul II and the Catholic Church.

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Armed with pilgrims' bags containing copies of *The Pilgrim's Guide Book* and other relevant information, our group of Little Sisters of the Poor and 105 lay international delegates navigated to the Little Sisters' Home for the Aged at Auteuil, our residence for the week.

Each day followed a pattern of various morning catechetical activities available

morning catechetical activities available in all languages with an assembly of all the pilgrims in the afternoon.

Joining more than 400,000 young Catholics under the Eiffel Tower for the welcoming Mass and cheering for our Holy

welcoming Mass and cheering for our Holy Father were overwhelming. However, the small events also reminded me of God's presence and beauty, not only in the universal, but also in the personal.

On the mornings of Aug. 20-22, bishops offered catechetical lessons in many languages throughout the city. Our designated group of 1,000 English-speaking pilgrims gathered at the *Palais des Sports* to welcome archbishops from dioceses in come archbishops from dioceses in

Scotland, South Africa and India. We listened to their wisdom, shared conversations about faith in small groups, and ended each catechetical session with the celebration of the Eucharist.

After the session, most groups took part in the subtle but equally powerful experience of table fellowship. These informal meals during the week of World Youth Day events involved much more than simply opportunities to receive necessary physical nourishment.

Meals were provided to pilgrims with the appropriate food ticket. However, in order to receive the meal, pilgrims were required to gather in six-member groups. What initially appeared to me as a hassle eventually revealed itself as ingenuity. Pilgrims often sought out strangers to complete the table seating. Meal time became a chance to meet new people, realize our need for others, and celebrate the universality of the church through breaking bread together.

Reconciliation services also brought the pilgrims together. Churches throughout the city opened their doors to the

out the city opened their doors to the youth and young adults for daily confessions, special programs or lectures.

These large stone churches served World Youth Day pilgrims as places of prayer and rest. Although an occasional camera light flashed, the pilgrims demonstrated respect for the Blessed Sacrament and the atmosphere of prayer.

One church in particular spoke to the pilgrims in a new way: the cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris. This cathedral is filled year-round with tourists, pick-pockets (as several signs warned visi-

pockets (as several signs warned visi-tors), and groups there to study its many façades and architectural intricacies.

Each evening, World Youth Day pilgrims gathered for prayer in nearly every



St. Roch parishioner Dominique Schott (right) of Indianapolis and Terri Walsh (left) of San Francisco lead the Little Sisters of the Poor and lay delegates to Mass on the Feast of the Assumption in Rennes

church around the city. On Aug. 21, Notre Dame became the voice of the church through a vigil for vocations.

through a vigil for vocations.

Thousands of young people assembled on the plaza in front of the cathedral to hear a letter written by Pope John Paul II for bishops, priests, religious, seminarians and for laity thinking about religious life.

The Holy Father's written witness to the beauty of religious life was followed by a candlelight prayer for vocations.

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Illuminated by candles held by thousands of pilgrims, the stones of Notre Dame were compared by the priest to each person of the universal church. Pilgrims were asked, "Where will you build your stone?"

During this vigil, I experienced one of the most powerful aspects of World Youth Day: the interchange between individual and universal prayer. In one instant, I was

and universal prayer. In one instant, I was alone with God. I could not hear the music nor see the lights or people around me. In the next instant, I was again surrounded by the vast sea of the universality of the church united in faith and cone. of the church united in faith and song.

With the pilgrims present in the cathedral, the faithful at home, and the choirs of angels, I joined this community of prayer.

Although the opportunity for prayer is available each day we live as Catholics, World Youth Day presented its powerful spiritual presence to me many times that

Whether it was during morning prayer with the Little Sisters of the Poor, at the Stations of the Cross on the hill of Montmartre, or as one in a million pilgrims attending the papal Mass, the opportunities to completely surround myself in the love of God through prayer

myself in the love of God through prayer were omnipresent. Each moment of prayer had such special significance.

The smaller events, as well as those with record-setting crowds, offered new opportunities to open one's heart, soul and mind to the glory of God and each other.

(Dominique Schott is a member of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis. She attended World Youth Day as a lay delegate of the Little Sisters of the Poor.)†



#### Journey of Hope 2001: The Importance of Family

Mon., September 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Archbishop Daniel Buechlein

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Bloomington Speedway, located at 5185 S. Fairrax
Road in Bloomington.

"Pure for Sure" is the YouthFest theme. The gates open at 10 a.m. for the nearly 12-hour festival featuring contemporary Christian music, games and testimonials from special guests about the importance of practicing chastity until marriage.

Admission is \$20 a person, and tickets may be purchased at the gate. For ticket information or directions, call the YouthFest office at 800-775-9395.

Activities include mud slides, a hoop shoot, a slam

Activities include mud slides, a hoop shoot, a slam dunk contest, soccer, ultimate frisbee, a dunk tank, a speech contest, a Velcro wall, and concerts by 14 contemporary Christian bands performing on two

Gov. Frank O'Bannon has declared Sept. 6 as Gov. Frank O'Bannon has declared Sept. 6 as Indiana's "YouthFest Day" and signed a proclamation promoting sexual abstinence among teens, which is one of the main goals of the youth festival.

In the proclamation, Gov. O'Bannon noted that Indiana is "dedicated to ending teen pregnancy by encouraging teens to abstain from sexual activity."

YouthFest participants will be offered pledge cards to voluntarily affirm their commitment to sexual purity.

In a letter to YouthFest organizers two years ago, Mother Teresa of Calcutta endorsed the "Pure for Sure" theme.

Sure" theme.

"To all young people I say: you are the future for family life," Mother Teresa wrote. "You are the future of the joy of loving. You are the future of making your life something beautiful for God . . . a pure love. That you love a boy or that you love a girl is beautiful. But don't spoil it, don't destroy it. Keep it pure. Keep your heart virgin, so that on the day of your marriage you can give something really beautiful to each other . . . the joy of a pure love."†

# Archdiocesan pilgrims renew faith in Paris

A dozen World Youth Day pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis joined an estimated 1 million youth and young adults from around the world at Longchamp Racetrack near Paris Aug. 23 for the culmination of the week-long Catholic pilgrimage

The prayer vigil with Pope John Paul II ended at nightfall, and the racetrack was packed with pilgrims. Some pilgrims were still filing into Longchamp 10 hours after

the gates were opened.

Candles were distributed as part of the baptismal rite celebrated during the vigil. Looking around, the Hoosier pilgrims could see hundreds of thousands of people surrounded by the symbolic light of Christ.

"I was very moved with the whole atmosphere," said Shannon Ulrich, a mem-ber of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in

Muncie, after viewing the candles and reflecting on the light they represented.

After World Youth Day officials announced "lights out," the pilgrims were supposed to be sleeping. Some of the archdiocesan delegation returned to their hotel for the night for health reasons. The for the night for health reasons. The Hoosier pilgrims who remained at Longchamp were only able to sleep a few hours. They were awakened by people lit-erally standing over them! They discovered that World Youth Day

They discovered that World Youth Day officials were trying to fit as many pilgrims as possible into the racetrack to participate in the Mass with the pope.

Sleeping in the dirt reminded the archdiocesan pilgrims of a story that Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein shared with them during an Aug. 18 Mass in the Holy Family Chapel at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center before their denature for Paris. departure for Paris

In his homily (and in his Aug. 29

Criterion column), Archbishop Buechlein told the story of two Jews who failed to appreciate the miracle of the parting of the Red Sea because they were looking down and complaining about having to walk across the muddy sea bottom.

Good Shepherd parishioner Marlene

Stammerman of Indianapolis, the trip coordinator, said having the bare ground for a

bed in a very crowded and dusty space that night reminded her of the archbishop's story and his advice about looking for the positive rather than the negative in life.
"You immediately think of those nega-

Tou immediately limit of those nega-tive things, but then you look around and see all these people," Stammerman said. "They are here because of their faith. It's something incredible."

After listening to the pope's messages throughout the week, Good Shepherd parishioner Christy Bruck of Indianapolis said the pontiff "gave me some new chal-lenges that will bring me to a new spiri-tual life."

Bruck said she will always remember the Holy Father's reminder that, "You are never alone. Christ is always with you."

St. Monica parishioner Mike Kirkmeyer of Indianapolis said he will remember the pope's answer to the question "Master, where are you staying?" which was the World Youth Day theme.

World Youth Day theme.
"He is within all of you who believe," the pope told the pilgrims.

For St. Bartholomew parishioner Cindy Lecher of Columbus, the pope's messages as well as the pilgrimage itself provided spiritual inspiration that will help her build her trust in God.

"I had a lot of anxiety [about the pil-grimage]," Lecher said. "Will my needs be met? Will there be restrooms? Will there be food? Will I get sleep? It wasn't always met on my time-frame or the way I thought it would be, but every need was met." Kirkmeyer reminded the group that

when they first gathered last April at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, they were told they would have to step outside

their comfort zone.

The week-long adventure provided encouragement for Kevin Sochocki, an Indiana University student and member of St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington.

In everyday life, Sochocki said, there are times when he feels he is one of only a few students who are Catholic. However, he said, seeing all the pilgrims gave him renewed confidence about his faith.

Although time was spent in prayer and writing journals, the pilgrims said there is still much to reflect on about their World

Youth Day experiences.

When the group discussed their overall



World Youth Day pligrims Shannon Ulrich of Muncie (from left), her sister, Megan Farrell of Greenfield, and Julia Pauley from Bedford listen to the Liturgy of the Word during the opening Mass on Aug. 20 in Paris. Twelve pilgrims from central and southern Indiana attended the 12th annual international Catholic pilgrimage for youth and young adults.

reactions to the pilgrimage, St. Mark parishioner Mark Sekel of Indianapolis noted that, "It will take weeks to digest everything.

Others in the archdiocesan group said Others in the archdiocesan group said they were saddened by the pope's weak-ened physical appearance. His hands trem-bled and his speech was often slurred. At times, he would cough and the sound would echo on the loudspeaker system like a dark reminder of his frailty.

"The longer we live." Pope John Paul II

The longer we live," Pope John Paul II said at one point, "the more we realize how precarious life is, and the more we wonder about immortality.

The Hoosier pilgrims interpreted the contiff's words to mean that he has begun

pontiff's words to mean that he has begun to prepare for death.

Some of the pilgrims wondered if the Paris gathering would be the last World Youth Day celebrated by this Holy Father. In the pope's struggle to stay longer and his reluctance to leave the pilgrims, the Hoosier group wondered if the pontiff thought the Paris pilgrimage might be his last international youth gathering. last international youth gathering.

The English translator on the radio also commented on the pontiff's delayed depar-

commented on the pontiff's delayed departure.

"He doesn't want to go," the announcer said. "The youth don't want him to go, but they have to because he has given them the mission to spread what they heard."

Now the group of 12 World Youth Day pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are back to their normal routines. However, all the pilgrims said they came away from the international pilgrimage with a new respect for their Catholic faith.

The pilgrims noted that they went to Paris and experienced a common culture based upon that faith; they saw the universality of the Catholic Church; and they heard an invitation from Jesus delivered by Pope John Paul II to live the Gospel mes

sage in their homes and communities.
(St. Christopher parishioner Linda
Lehman of Indianapolis is an administrative assistant for the archdiocesan Office
for Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries.)†

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ABENDROTH, Miriam, 81, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Aug. 18. Sister of Don, Harry Smith,

ARNEY, Alice M. (Compton), 88, St. John, Indianapolis, Aug. 22. Grandmother of Kathy A. Lee.

BILLMAN, Edward, 73, St. Charles, Milan, July 25. Brother of John, Robert, Thomas Billman, Alma Shorten.

BRAUN, Ann E., 50, Our Lady of Lourdes, Aug. 20. Daughter of Mildred Braun. Sister of Joseph, Charles, Frances, Dolores Braun, Georgia Lucas, Mary Payne, Dr. Clare Braun-Hashemi, Marcia Floyd.

BRAUN, Adeline, 74, St. Paul, New Alsace, Aug. 1. Mother of Paul Braun, Rosalee Wuestefeld. Grandmother of five.

BULLERDICK, Naomi, 47, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Aug. 13. Wife of Ralph Bullerdick. Mother of Chris, Ryan Bullerdick. Sister of Howard, Paul, Ralph Brown, Dorothy Shafer, Carolyn Sears,

EVRARD, Agnes Lucille, 76, St. Paul, Tell City, Aug. 12. Wife of Louis F. Evrard. Mother of Patricia Rogier, Diane Luck, Angela Peter, Dawn Kleaving, Phillip N., James L., Samuel W., Gerald D., Dale E. Evrard. Sister of Leo Graves, Betty Jo Dowell. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

FREIBERGER, Anna Lee, 70, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, Aug. 23. Wife of Wilfred

Freiberger. Mother of Gordon, Scott Freiberger, Susan L. Miller, Pamela Riley, Candace Rickard. Sister of Melvin, Robert Engle, Irma Fosskuhl, Iola Rudy, Lillian Meyer, Martha Schroder ndmother of 10.

GLEGOR, Albert J., 81, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Aug. 24. Husband of Mary C. (Cherry) Glegor. Father of Sherry (Harrington) Eller, Mary Jane (Harrington) Housel. Brother of Dorothy Decelan. Grantfather of four Grandfather of four

GOODEN, Melissa "Missy", 47, St. Pius, Troy, Aug. 9.
Mother of Tracey, Rustin, Katie
Gooden. Daughter of Maurice
Backer. Sister of Pat, Mark, Jay Backer, Rebecca Heil, Candice Brenner. Godmother of one.

GRAHAM, William L., 57, Holy Family, New Albany, Aug. 24. Husband of Karen S. Graham. Father of Kimberly Graham, Gwen Cornett. Son of Mary Dorothy Hecker. Brother of John, Harry Graham, Jim, ie, Tom Hecker Grandfather of one.

GROARK, Frances C., 81, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville,

HAYNES, Martha Jean, 35, St. Paul, Tell City, Aug. 5. Mother of Rissa, Jesse Haynes. Daughter of Robert W. and Martha L. Guillaum. Sister of Robert Dean, John Mark, Michael Noel Guillaum, Lisa Kathleen Guess Sarah Jane Foster, Granddaughter of Evelyn Guillaum, Lucille McFall. Step-granddaughter of Vera Gotthard.

HUENEFELD, Isabella, 86, St. Anthony, Morris, Aug. 24. Mother of Ann Hartman, Paula Jude O'Neal, Helen Eisert, Paula Huenefeld. Grandmother of 10, great-grandmother of six.

KRASSICK, Anna M., 87, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Aug. 19. Mother of Walter M. Krassick. Grandmother of two.

LINTZENICH, Dorothy L., 78, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Aug. 8. Mother of Thomas E. Lintzenich. Grandmother of one.

MARTIN, Estella C., 85, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Aug. 17. Wife of William J. Martin. Mother of William H. Martin, Mother of Winiam H. Wattin, Jean McAtee, Carol Jahnke, Mary Clifford, Sister of Alma Scholte, Sylvester Ruther. Grandmother of 16, great-grandmother of 31.

McDONOUGH, John S., 77, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Aug. 26. Father of James McDonough, Cheryl Sucher. Brother of Mary Reisert, Betty Johnson, Alice McDonough, Helen Coleman. Grandfather of six.

MILLER, Alfred, 89, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Aug. 21. Father of Ronald Hazelwood. Brother of Irwin Miller.

MILLER, Robert Dennis, 71, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, Aug. 20. Husband of Bertha (Rimstidt) Miller. Father of (Rimstidt) Miller, Father of Theresa Meyer, Thelma Chal-mers, Rita Mozingo, Wayne Miller. Son of Barbara Miller. Brother of Howard Miller. her of five, great-grandfather of one.

MILLHOLLAN, Jessie M., 81, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarks-ville, Aug. 17. Mother of L. Patrick, Michael Millhollan, Sherry Simpson. Grandmother of three, great-grandmother of one.

MOTSINGER, Dorothy C., 76, St. Ann, Indianapolis, Aug. 20. Mother of Patricia Paul, Janet, Jean Motsinger. Sister of Rosemary Shook, Joan Berry. other of two, great-grandmother of two.

NURNBERGER, Mary
McNulty, 81, St. Luke, Indianapolis, Aug. 7. Wife of Dr. John
I. Nurnberger. Mother of John I.
Jr., Joanna, David Nurnberger,
Connie Litrell; foster mother of Raul Sarmiento. Sister of William McNulty. Grandmother of nine.

O'HARA, William F., 72, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Aug. 19. Father of Michael, Tom, Jim Ryan, Dennis O'Hara, Kathleen McConahay, Colleen Routh, Casey Jenkins. Brother of Jim, John O'Hara, Kathleen Hartwig. Grandfather of 11.

PAQUETTE, Patricia L. (McAlpine), 70, St. Susanna Plainfield, Aug. 13. Wife of

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AST RYAN
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Richard J. Paquette. Mother of Paul, Richard Paquette, Mary Bolger, Cathy Sutphin, Denise Legge, Patricia Byorick. Sister of Rose Lentz. Grandr great-grandmother of one.

SCHAAF, Norman Theodore, 69, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Aug. 16. Father of Patricia Brown, Lisa Heselschwerdt, Maria Donahue, Norman Schaaf. Brother of Mildred Mason, Rita Huff, Marcella Allen. Grandfather of five.

SCHWING, James V., 71, St Malachy, Brownsburg, Aug. 10. Father of Michael Schwing.

SCROGGS, Georgia A., 60, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Aug. 23. Wife of Robert E. Scroggs. Mother of Mark, Jeffrey, Andrew, Dennis, David Scroggs. Sister of Daniel Guckien, Patricia Justice. Grandmother of three.

SIMS, Alice (Voils), 81, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Aug. 19. Aunt of Jackie Pierson.

SMITH, Matthew R., 32, St Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Aug. 2. Son of James R. and Priscilla R. (Clements) Smith. Brother of Michael R., Kenneth R. Smith Catherine R. Wooton, Brenda R. Bailey. Grandson of George E.

SOERGEL, Edith M. (Day), 97, St Mary, New Albany, Aug. 17. Mother of Victor W., Paul F., Joseph A. Robert F., Edwin A. Jr., Sister Edith, Mary Soergel, Doris G. Hancock, Therese M. Hulsman. Grandmother of 18, great-grandmother of 26, greateat-grandmother of two.

STENGER, Victor J., 91, St. Michael, Brookville, Aug. 20. Husband of Mary (Reuter) Stenger. Father of June Ott, Jean Dwenger, Virginia Buck, Martha Drammon, Darlene Steinmetz, Victor E. Stenger. Brother of Harry, Arthur Stenger, Elsie Geiling. Grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of nine. grandfather of nine.

THIESING, Marian Joyce, 56, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Aug.
12. Sister of Mary Joanne Doyle,
Jacqueline Marie Felter, Frederic
Jerrold, John Francis, Joseph
Byron, Edward Jeffery, Michael

URDAL, Florence M., 94, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Aug. 25. Mother of Robert, Richard, Ronald Urdal. Sister of Evelyn Farthing. Grandmother of six, great-grandmother of one.

WARD, Billy B., 41, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Aug. 14. Father of Meghan D. Ward. Son of Floyd L. Ward, Sr. Brother of Ruth Ann Rusie, Jimmie L Cunningham, Danny E., Floyd L. Jr., Ward. Grandson of Reva

WEAKLEY, Mary Eileen, 70, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Aug. 21. Mother of Thomas J., William R. Weakley.

WEBER, Melvin J., 77 WEBER, Melvin J., 77,
St. Mary, New Albany, Aug. 17.
Husband of Ann M. (Waltman)
Weber, Father of Joseph P.
Weber, Patricia A. Brimer.
Brother of Mary Edith Grantz.
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WESSLING, Emma M., 96, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Aug. 14. Mother of Eugene J. Wess-

ling, Marcella E. Bauman, Evelyn A. Gatchell. Sister of Vincent Volk, Gladys Heichelbech. Grandmother of 10, great-grandmother of 10.

WRIGHT, Robert L., 58, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Aug. 24. Husband of Karen J. (Sweat) Wright. Father of Chris Wright Angela Wilkinson. Son of Gladys L. Wright, Brother of Ruby Hosier, Frances Collins. Grandfather of four.

#### Providence Sister Anne Therese was 94

Providence Sister Anne Therese Mullowney died Aug. 24 in Karcher Hall at Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Aug. 27.

Born Elizabeth Anna Mullowney, she entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1918, professed first vows in 1921 and final vows in 1926.

Sister Anne Therese taught at St. Anthony and St. Philip Neri schools in Indianapolis, as well as schools in the Evansville and Fort Wayne dioceses. She also taught in Massachusetts and the District

She ministered as a counselor and psychologist in Chicago for nine years.

# Study: belief in afterlife on increase

CHICAGO (CNS)—Belief in life after death is growing in the United States, even among people for whom it is not a strong element of religious beliefs.

In a paper released in early August at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Toronto, Father Andrew Greeley said 81 percent of Americans believe in an afterlife, compared to 77 percent in the 1970s.

The study of the views of 19,000 people between 1973 and 1994 showed significant changes in the number of Catholics and Jews who say they believe in life after death.

For instance, in 1977, 74 percent of Catholics and 19 percent of Jews professed such a belief. By 1994, 81 percent of Catholics and 48 percent of Jews accepted the belief. An earlier study found that in 1910, just 65 percent of Catholics believed in an afterlife.

The study notes that belief in life after death is not nearly as strong a component of Jewish religious tradition as it is in

Christianity.

The number of Protestants who believe in an afterlife remained constant throughout the

Father Greeley, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese who is known for his novels as well as his sociological work, said in the report that many of the most obvious explanations for such an increase in belief in life after death do not, for various reasons, account for the change. Such dis-counted explanations include experiencing death in one's own family, increased distrust of other humans or changes in personal happiness and attitudes.

Father Greeley attributed the change instead to the immigration of Catholics and Jews into "a more devout society than the one from which they came, one in which high levels of religious practice are generated by a fiercely competitive religious

marketplace."
"The immigrants were playing 'catch up' with the beliefs of Protestant Americans and the earlier arrivals from their own religious background," the report said.

But the strong American emphasis on reli-gious practice also may have had an effect as a sort of "marketplace" pressure to particite in religious practices, according to Father Greeley.†



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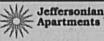
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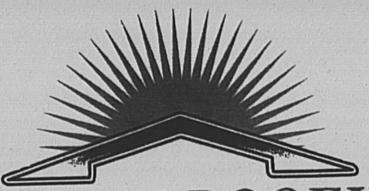
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