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## Bishop Pilla: Divided church cannot witness reconciliation to world

*NCCB president identifies four areas of reconciliation during presidential address at bishops' conference*

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A church divided within cannot witness reconciliation to the world, Bishop Anthony M. Pilla told the U.S. bishops as they gathered for their fall general assembly Nov. 10.

Bishop Pilla, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, challenged those "who claim to be Catholics and at the same time act like bullies."

"A church which is not at peace with itself acts as a counter-sign," he said in a presidential address which received a standing ovation from the nearly 300 bishops in attendance.

He said Catholic polarization must end because it contradicts the Christian "imperative for reconciliation."

Bishop Pilla focused especially on four areas where he said reconciliation is needed:

- In the liturgy
- In public discussion of issues in the church
- In response to those "in any way hurt by ministers of the church"
- In resolving "the polarization which takes place around matters of doctrine, or at least authoritative teaching."

He praised the bishops themselves for their own spirit of harmony, saying that even their disagreements "are usually free of bitterness, personal antagonism or mistrust."

He called liturgy an area in which reconciliation is needed.

"It is no secret that some find the irritants that alienate them, paradoxically, in the church's ultimate unifying act of the liturgy," he said. "Worship is a deeply sensitive matter. If anything has strained even this body's civility in recent years, it has involved the liturgy."

"Essential to true reconciliation within the church is the principle that being Catholic is not a purely personal and subjective matter but is something that involves accepting



U.S. bishops pray at the start of their annual fall meeting in Washington Nov. 10. The bishops were to discuss and vote on a number of issues affecting Catholics in the United States. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein can be seen on the left, four rows back.

church teaching and practice as the expression both of something that must be deeply personal but which also transcends the personal," he said.

On public discussion of issues in the church, he sharply criticized those "very angry voices who apparently feel justified in using a rhetoric of violence toward whoever disagrees with them."

To those harmed by ministers of the church, especially "those who have been victims of sexual abuse," Bishop Pilla

said, the bishops "need regularly to renew our message" that they "grieve with those who have been victimized" and offer pastoral care and concern to all who wish to accept it.

On questions of polarization over doctrine or authoritative teaching, he commented: "Striving for reconciliation in these matters cannot be permitted to obscure the clarity of the faith."

"However, to give up on the striving may involve a failure to imitate the example of the Good Shepherd who left the 99 to find the one who was no longer with the flock," he said. "Truth must be spoken in love. In this sense, even with issues of doctrine, we must try to talk not across a chasm but side by side."

Referring to "the tensions which divide Americans," including divisive politics, racism and an apparently growing lack of generosity toward immigrants and the poor, he said that if Catholics want to help heal wounds in the nation "reconciliation within the church becomes even more pressing."

"The world cannot bring the spirit of reconciliation to the church. It must be the other way around," he said. †

## Lay people in ministry top 26,000 and growing, says priest

WASHINGTON (CNS)—U.S. Catholic parishes now have more than 26,000 paid lay ministers, Msgr. Philip J. Murnion told bishops in Washington Nov. 9. That figure is nearly 5,000 higher than it was six years ago, he said.

More than 50 U.S. bishops attended the half-day workshop on ecclesial lay ministry, held the day before the start of their annual fall meeting.

The workshop, sponsored by the lay ministry subcommittee of the bishops' Committee on the Laity, focused on three main areas: the current situation of lay ministry in the U.S. Catholic Church, the theology of ecclesial lay ministry, and what is being done in diocesan lay ministry formation and certification programs.

Msgr. Murnion, director of the National Pastoral Life Center in New York, said when the center published its first study of parish lay ministers for the bishops in 1992, it found that when the study was carried out in 1991, 54 percent of the nation's Catholic parishes employed at least one lay minister on its pastoral staff for 20 or more hours a week. In a follow-up study this past year, he said, 60 percent of the nation's parishes reported employing at least one lay minister.

He said the number of lay ministers employed full time has risen, but the number employed part time has gone up faster. Part-timers—working from 20 to 34 hours a

week—rose from 28 percent to 37 percent of the total lay ministry work force.

Where nonordained religious, mainly women religious, formed 41 percent of the lay ministry work force in the 1992 study, in 1997 they formed only 25 percent.

The percentage of parish lay ministers employed in religious education remained about the same, slightly over 40 percent, but those specializing in music ministry rose from 8 percent to 13 percent, and those in youth ministry rose from 8 percent to 12 percent.

Msgr. Murnion said full-time lay ministers are being compensated better now than they were in the 1992 study.

In real terms, after adjusting for inflation, their average yearly compensation has increased about 20 percent.

But he said the current figures remain a matter of concern. Best off are full-time liturgists who earn an average of nearly \$28,000 a year. Next come music ministers with an average of about \$25,000, youth ministers at \$24,000, religious educators at \$23,000, general pastoral

ministers at \$22,000, and all others averaging about \$21,000.

Zeni Fox, director of lay ministry at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, said that despite the low salaries parish lay ministers receive in relation to their educational background and expertise, the vast majority "are very happy in their work." †

*The number of parishes employing at least one lay minister has risen since 1991*

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## St. Plus Sesquicentennial

On Nov. 2, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein blesses the church as St. Plus Parish in Troy marks the sesquicentennial of its founding. Standing by are the archbishop's assistant, Raymond Nahlen (middle), and Benedictine Father Severin Messick, co-pastor of St. Plus.

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# Carmelites to mark 75 years in archdiocese

By Mary Ann Wyand

Facing uncertain challenges in 1922, Discalced Carmelite nuns from Bettendorf, Iowa, moved to Indiana and began a 75-year spiritual journey that resulted in the foundation of monasteries in Terre Haute and Reno, Nev.

Seventy-five years ago this month, on Nov. 24—then the Feast of the Carmelite St. John of the Cross—the nuns gathered for a public liturgy in the chapel of a little house on Ninth Street in New Albany that temporarily served as their monastery.

A decade later, members of the cloistered religious community moved to their present monastery on Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis. The massive stone monastery was still under construction, and the nuns even helped build the chapel.

"Now, as we come to the end of 1997," Carmelite Sister Joanne Dewald, prioress, said, "we look back over our 75-year history, grateful for God's loving providence, Wisdom's guidance, and the Spirit's promise for the future."

The nuns will celebrate their diamond anniversary in Indiana and Indianapolis with a "modest" liturgy of praise and thanksgiving at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23, in the chapel of the Monastery of

the Resurrection at 2500 Cold Spring Road. Jesuit Father Albert Bischoff, rector of the Indianapolis Jesuits, will preside at the liturgy, which also will honor the memory of the nuns who were responsible for the spiritual and material foundations of the Indianapolis monastery.

The nuns also will offer thanks for the devotion of Mother Agnes of Jesus, foundress of the Carmels in Terre Haute and Des Plaines, Ill., and the only living member of the early group of nuns who founded Carmel of Indianapolis.

They also will recognize the kindness of their many friends who have supported their ministry of prayer in Indianapolis.

"It's a modest liturgy celebrating a big event," Sister Joanne explained. "The sisters want to share our gratitude and offer thanks to the priests and lay people who have been so good to us."

Due to limited seating, friends of Carmel who would like to attend the 75th anniversary Mass are asked to call the monastery at 317-926-5654 by Nov. 15.

Guests will receive a copy of the jubilee book which was written by Sister Jean Alice McGoff, the former prioress who has been a member of the order for 48 years. It commemorates the Carmelites' history in New Albany and Indianapolis.



Members of Carmel of Indianapolis helped with the construction of the Monastery of the Resurrection. This photograph taken in 1961 shows the Discalced Carmelites helping raise the old temporary chapel in preparation for the construction of the new chapel on Cold Spring Road. Discalced means "barefoot or wearing sandals, used of certain religious orders." Today the Carmelite sisters continue their prayer ministry, bake communion wafers, and publish religious books.

Dr. Mary Jo Weaver, a professor of religious studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, contributed a narrative of the late Carmelite Sister Miriam Elder's life for the historical text.

"The anniversary Mass will be an intimate liturgy because that's the way we are—simple and close to God," Sister Jean Alice said. "We work hard to balance our life with solitude and presence to people so we have time to spend alone with God."

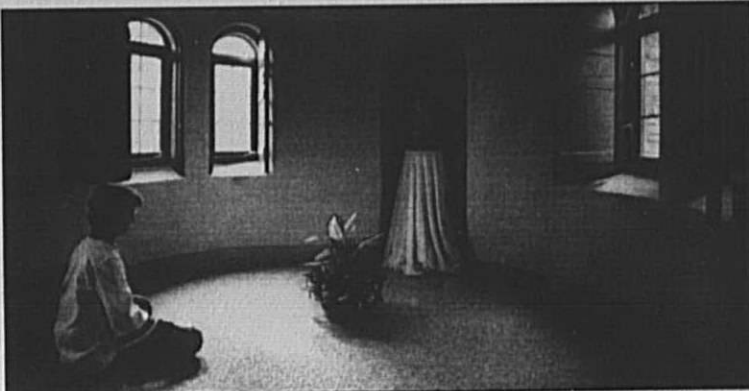
Carmel's history in Indianapolis begins with completion of the first wing of the monastery and temporary chapel in 1932 followed by the arrival of Mother Theresa Seelbach and four nuns. The second wing of the monastery was built in 1936, the year Mother Theresa died at age 54.

In 1939, the nuns initiated a public outdoor novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, an annual event that attracted thousands of people to the monastery grounds until 1974.

The sisters started construction of the third wing of the monastery in 1941. Some of the Carmelites moved to Terre Haute to found a monastery in 1947. The last wing and permanent chapel of the Indianapolis monastery were completed in 1961.

In 1990, the Indianapolis Carmel joined Carmelites throughout the United States in a celebration of the cloistered order's 200th anniversary in America.

"It's been an amazing spiritual experience here," Sister Jean Alice said, "being faithful to the essence of our life and yet feeling ever ancient and ever new, as St. Augustine would put it. It's like being at the center of a turning world. Our lives are centered in prayer, but we feel very connected with the human struggle and with what God is doing in the world. Much has been accomplished in these 75 years, and this anniversary liturgy will celebrate all of them." †



Discalced Carmelite Sister Jean Marie Hessburg prays in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Monastery of the Resurrection in Indianapolis. Prayer is Carmel's gift to the church and world.

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## Answering the call

"Through the process, I know God and myself much better"

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"While some people have not understood my call to the priesthood, as I have grown in response to God's call, they have been able to see a new peace within me. My faith has grown tremendously as has my love for God."

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## Editorial

### A firm foundation to be thankful for

**I**t's colder outside, and the greens are turning brown.

But life is everywhere. The days are shorter, and lately most of them have been gloomy and cold. But a light shines brightly. The Catholic Church in central and southern Indiana seems to be more vibrant than ever.

The "happy challenge," as Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has called it, is all around us. Our archdiocese faces enormous capital and maintenance needs and all the challenges that come with them. However, our circumstance is a good one. A lot of work remains to be done, but it will be done in a time of growth and celebration.

Consider these causes for celebration: Since the 1990 census, every deanery in the archdiocese has experienced growth in Catholic population. In some deaneries, the growth has been dramatic.

Enrollment in our Catholic schools continues to increase every year. Many have the happy problem of waiting lists.

The number of our seminarians is increasing, providing real hope for the future of priestly ministry. With the work of the Interdiocesan Task Force on Lay Ministry and the establishment of an archdiocesan Secretariat for Lay Ministry and Pastoral Services, we're also seeing a growing awareness of the need for well-formed lay ministers.

Alongside these signs of physical and demographic growth, we're also seeing a growth in need expressed in a hunger for spiritual nourishment, the hunger for community and family life, and the hunger for the basic necessities of life—food, shelter, clothing, health care and other staples.

We're growing in numbers, growing in need, and, we hope, growing in our desire and ability to carry out the church's mission here in central and southern Indiana.

Maybe it's fitting that so much good news has been celebrated the last few months across the archdiocese. We've seen:

- SS. Francis and Clare Parish in Greenwood dedicate its new church in western Johnson County
- St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis relocate to new facilities in northeastern Marion County and dedicate the first phase of its new facilities
- St. Magdalene Parish in New Marion celebrate 150 years this past summer
- St. Pius Parish in Troy also celebrate a sesquicentennial
- The Carmelite nuns in Terre Haute celebrate 50 years as a community, while the Carmelite nuns in Indianapolis plan the celebration for their 75-year anniversary
- The monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey dedicate their renovated archabbey church.

Meanwhile St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis plans the dedication of its new church right before Christmas.

And the list goes on. Lots of work remains for today, and lots of challenges are on our horizon. But a tough task always is easier if the laborers are standing on a firm foundation. As Archbishop Buechlein reminds us, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."

As the Thanksgiving holiday draws closer, just look at how much we Catholics in southern and central Indiana have to be thankful for. †

— Peter Agostinelli

## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



### Gossip and the sensationalizing of sin

**L**ast week I quoted the poem my mother used to recite this time of year. All Saints Day and All Souls Day brought my folks to mind. Like everyone else, my mom and dad left me with lasting impressions in a variety of ways. Recently one in particular has been on my mind. My mom abhorred gossip and would have nothing to do with it. (I think I inherited my dislike for the telephone from her.) When caught in unavoidable circumstances where gossiping happened, I recall that she would fret about it afterwards. Dad just ignored the whole thing.

No matter how you cut it, I think gossip is wrong. Why? Because it is either untrue information or rash speculation or it is spreading evil about another or others which either destroys (or further erodes) their right to a good name. Gossip is a form of injustice, yet how prevalent it is in our society! It is prevalent not only in private circles but also creeps into public forms of communication.

Even listening to news reports one has to listen carefully in order to detect that sometimes reported information is based on surmise or speculation or false information and originates from sources that are not authoritative.

It is a short step from gossip to tabloid journalism. Traveling under the guise of investigative reporting allegedly done as a service to the common good of society, tabloid journalism has infected some of the public media. I don't mean to paint the media with a broad brush, and I don't want to concede to cynicism, but the motivation suffers the hazard of becoming news for profit. We owe a deep respect to news journalists, and we must recognize the challenge they face as they meet their complex public responsibility. Society has a right to public information and news, whether good or bad. I regret to observe that in some cases, the media creates news, bad news usually.

I have a particular example in mind. In the recent past, a local TV station aired a two-part series about the Indiana State Police. Apparently, unknown to several troopers who were attending some sort of continuing education program at Hilton Head, S.C., they were filmed enjoying some time on the beach and jogging and some questionable forms of entertainment. Later they were questioned about their activities and, apparently, they were not truthful in their

responses. The bottom line of the investigative report was that state troopers could go away and play while at home there is a shortage of troopers on the job.

While it surely looks like some of their behavior was out of line, it is not for me to judge those individual troopers. That is the responsibility of their superior officers. My concern is that however wrong they may or may not have been, I don't think the common good was well served by making their behavior into a public news story. The impression left with the public is the notion that the Indiana State Police are at best negligent if not somehow corrupt. Even if there are problems to be addressed by the leadership of our state law officers, it is wrong to undermine the public's confidence in their authority and their service. Even if the entire organization were corrupt, which it is not, that would be a matter for the governor to handle. And if true, then that bad news would be appropriately reported to the public.

In the present media market, it is hazardous to make investigative reporting the tool for competition because it is easy to cross the line to tabloid journalism. As it is now, the news media must vie for the most sensational news reports in order to survive in the business. Whose responsibility is this turn of events? Newspapers and TV stations have a right to make a profit like any other business enterprise, and they are in a competitive market. It is their perception that sensationalism is what the public wants these days. Sensationalism sells. The responsibility for this state of affairs is complex, but a large part of the difficulty rests on our shoulders as readers and TV audiences. We are the market.

Somehow our society has accepted the practice of being entertained at the expense of other people, their tragic circumstances, their sins. I was present once when Pope John Paul II worried aloud about the soul and character of the United States. He was musing about our society's public fascination with the tragic sin of others, especially public figures. Sin is wrong, especially regrettable when it involves people of public trust. But public fascination and the sensationalizing of sin is also wrong because it corrodes the moral fiber of a society just as it destroys an individual. †

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## To the Editor

### Disagrees with columnist's view of eucharistic presence

Charles Gardner's article "Real eucharistic presence: Both 'on' the table and 'at' the table" (Oct. 24) reminded me of the various meanings of "the body of Christ." Gardner quotes an author, Nathan Mitchell, who calls for a "renewed appreciation for the richness of the eucharistic presence." However, in the quote, the presence of the body of Christ in the gathered assembly, the persons of ministers and songs and prayers are cited as if these are all equal to the sacramental species, that is the body and blood of our Lord in the Eucharist.

Upon reviewing the section of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on "The presence of Christ by the power of his word and the Holy Spirit" (#1373 and following), I found a different emphasis of the Holy Eucharist as the real body and blood of Christ. "Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us" is present in many ways to his church: in his word, in his church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But he is present ... most especially in the *Eucharistic species*. ... This presence is called 'real'—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." (#1373, #1374—italics emphasis from the text.)

Gardner further quotes the same author, who attributes to Thomas Aquinas the insistence that "celebrating Eucharist is not to produce the sacred species for the purposes of reservation or adoration, but to create the united Body of Christ which is the church ...." This statement implies that eucharistic adoration is not acceptable devotion of the church. Again, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession" (#1378).

Of course there is no such adoration afforded to the other types of presence of Christ's body. One wonders if the treating of other types of the presence of the body of Christ as equal to his real presence in the Eucharist is partly responsible for the loss of faith in this sacrament. The catechism states, "The church and the world have a great need for eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease" (#1380).

Darlene Davis  
Greenfield

### Disturbed by column on eucharistic presence

I am disturbed by Charles Gardner's column, "Real eucharistic presence: Both 'on' the table and 'at' the table" (Oct. 24). I am most bothered by the line in his argument, "... we must be careful not to diminish the other ways in which he is truly present." The scandal and the horror of *The New York Times* poll is that most Catholics no longer believe that Christ is made present in the holy sacrament of the Eucharist by the change of the whole substance of the bread into

his Body, and of the whole substance of the wine into his Blood. This, as Pope Paul VI says in *Mysterium Fidei* (1965) is "unique and truly wonderful."

Mr. Gardner would have us lose sight of this very important concern by pointing out that most Catholics also no longer believe that they are the mystical body of Christ. This compounding of errors does little to ease consciences about the grave irreverence shown our Lord every time he is really present in the host.

This citing of other "real presences" only further confuses the concerned Catholic by obscuring the beliefs of the faith. "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst." This, from our Lord, is another "presence" Gardner might have mentioned; however, there is no way this presence can be equated to the actual physical presence of our Lord in the Eucharist.

Mr. Gardner, himself, promotes the lack of faith in the real presence by referring to the altar in church as a table. If the Mass were only a memorial meal in which the bread and the wine were mere symbolic reminders of Jesus, then a table would suffice. However, the Mass is not a meal, but a sacrifice. Sacrifices are offered on altars. The most holy sacrifice is offered on the altars in our churches.

Finally, Catholics must simply remember what our Lord said in John 6. "Truly, truly, I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Jeff Clemons  
Greensburg

(Charles Gardner responds)

As the writers of the above letters correctly point out, the belief in the abiding presence of Christ under the forms of bread and wine is at the heart of our Catholic tradition. But by locking themselves into an "either/or" approach, they risk missing out on the tremendous richness of the eucharistic presence.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal avoids quantitative phrases like "equal to" or "equated to" when referring to this mystery. It asserts that "Christ is really present in the assembly itself which is gathered in his name, in the person of the minister, in his word, and indeed substantially and permanently under the eucharistic elements." It also refers to the Mass as both a meal and a sacrifice and to its place of celebration as both an altar and a table (paragraphs 7, 48 and 259; emphasis mine). To affirm that the Eucharist is first of all an "action of Christ and the people of God" does not deny the value of prayer and adoration in the presence of the reserved sacrament (# 1; introduction, # 11).

There is only one Christ really present to us in a rich variety of ways. And as Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles points out, this richness is no more evident than during the communion procession when "the body of Christ comes forward to receive the Body of Christ." (Gather Faithfully Together, A Guide for Sunday Mass, # 70). What a great privilege and responsibility it is to participate fully and actively in this dynamic mystery! Surely St. Augustine still says it best: "If you are Christ's body ... it is your own mystery that you are receiving." *The Body of Christ! The Blood of Christ! Amen* to what we receive and "Amen" to what we are!

### Believes column on eucharistic presence raises many valid points

Charles Gardner's Oct. 24 column "Real eucharistic presence: Both 'on' the table and 'at' the table" raises many valid

points. The Augustinian emphasis upon the "mysterious and wonderful unity of [the] two modes of Christ's real presence" in the Mystical Body of Christ is something to which we should always pay close attention. The Lord is truly present "at the table" in the gathering of the two or three in his name, and he is truly present "on the table" in the eucharistic species.

Gardner cautions against diminishing the other ways in which Christ is present (at the table) when reaffirming the traditional teaching of Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine (on the table). The caution echoes what is stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* about the many ways in which the Lord is present at the Eucharist (cf. #1373). However, we do well to remember that the church teaches that the Lord Jesus is "present ... most especially in the eucharistic species" (#1373). The catechism asserts:

"The mode of Christ's presence under the eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as 'the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend.' In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood,' together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained.' This presence is called 'real'—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense; that is, to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (#1374).

So unique is the presence of the Lord Jesus in the eucharistic species that "the Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration" (#1378) and "worship" (#1178) due to God alone.

Those who are zealous about reaffirming the traditional teaching of Christ's real presence under the appearance of bread and wine, and who do so in a manner consistent with the discipline of our church, can and often do honor the presence of the Lord both in the eucharistic species and in the Body of Christ in the communion of the church. In fact, they can and often do a great service to the church by drawing attention to the sacrament before which St. Augustine exclaimed, "O sacrament of devotion! O sacrament of unity! O bond of charity!" (cited in #1398)

Father Daniel J. Mahan  
Pastor, St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis

### Thinks U.S. is 'on the wrong side of history'

On Oct. 29, Chinese President Jiang Zemin visited the White House and was criticized by President Clinton for China's policy on human rights. Clinton said that China is "on the wrong side of history."

Every year in the United States, 1.5 million little people are killed in abortion clinics and, twice in the last 14 months, President Clinton has vetoed a congressional ban on partial-birth abortions. During the congressional debate to override the first presidential veto, a congresswoman from Texas complained that a "medical procedure" has been made into a political cause. Of course, the United States is on the "right" side of history because there is a "constitutional right" to do "medical procedures."

In 1933, Chancellor Hitler "revised" the Reich Constitution so that it gave Nazi "doctors" the "right" to do medical procedures on 6 million Holocaust victims. In 1973, *Roe v. Wade* "amended" the U.S. Constitution and 36 million little people have been terminated by medical procedures. When President Clinton criticized President Zemin, he should have added, "but don't do as we do—do

as we say." China need not change its political actions, it only needs to "amend" its constitution and change its terminology and then China will be on the "right" side of history.

Paul S. Collignon  
Indianapolis

### Catholics should vote for supporters of life

In the Oct. 24 issue of *The Criterion* was an excellent, thought-provoking editorial by Valerie Dillon titled "What are we to make of this man?" It concerned the president's veto of the bill passed by Congress banning partial-birth abortions.

I think another question we should ask is this. What are we to make of the American voters who have twice elected such a man to the highest office in the land, knowing full well that he was in favor of abortions at any time of pregnancy?

It's high time that Catholics let their elected officials know that they are opposed to abortion, all abortions, and that they will not support any candidate of any party who does not agree!

We say that partial-birth abortion is a cruel way to kill a baby, but, from what I've read, I'm not sure that it's any more cruel than any other method of abortion. We must act and pray to stop abortion!

Winferd E. (Bud) Moody  
Indianapolis

### Thunderstruck by movie reviewer's reasoning

As I finished reading Gerri Pare's movie reviews in the Oct. 31 edition of *The Criterion*, I was thunderstruck by the reasoning behind the rating of the film *Fairy Tale: A True Story*.

It reads as follows: "Due to serious argumentation over the existence of fairies and fleeting mild language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II for adults and adolescents."

Seriously?

Where do clerics find the time to argue over whether wee people exist? In the face of this absurdity, I must say that if I happened upon a fairy, I would thank God for the sight of this wondrous creation. Until I do, what difference would it make? What weight, in the greater scheme of things, could such a theological debate carry? (Also, could someone explain what is meant by "fleeting language"? I can assume the intention, but taken literally, it makes no sense.)

Either this is a joke made specially for *The Criterion's* Halloween edition, or proof positive that the world has surely gone mad.

Tim Mulherin  
Indianapolis

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Cornucopia / Cynthia Dewes

# The next best thing to 'grands'

We have this new granddog, named Hans. Now, you might think that means that he's a German dog and you'd be right, sort of.



What happened is that he was supposed to be a German Shepherd/Yellow Labrador mix, and was named accordingly. But in one of those jolly surprises that happen in

life, he turned out instead to be a short, yellow wurstie with perky ears and a perpetual grin. What you call a mixed breed.

His master says Hans is not a rocket scientist, and this may be true based on his performance when he visits us. Although the cats fled in terror at his first appearance, never to be seen again while he's in the same county, he rushes about barking and sniffing. "I know you're there, you cute little devils," he seems to

be thinking. "Come out, come out, wherever you are!"

Nevertheless, like all our relatives, human or whatever, we're devoted to this new granddog. He may not be Lassie, but he's ours.

We have another granddog, almost the exact opposite of Hans in every aspect except loveability. Of course, he's the oldest so that makes him special in still another way.

Zeus (note the noble name) is a huge dog who by coincidence happens to be what Hans was supposed to be but isn't: a German Shepherd/Yellow Lab mix. He could snarf up Hans in one bite (maybe two, considering Hans's girth). But he's gentle, good with kids, and is his mistress's righthand—er—dog.

Grandcats are more numerous than the dogs in our family. The German connection continues, however, with Pussy, our German grandcat, who lives in a suburb of Hamburg and is the mother of many

kitties, all given away. So now she's the sole spoiled darling of a family she used to have to share with, of all things, rodents.

This family had a succession of hamsters as pets. Talk about rocket scientists: They run around wheels, breed, and rustle seeds and things around the bottoms of their cages, period. And they're rodents. Pussy is lots more interesting and she's quiet besides.

Then we have the grandcats Tigger and Roo, Snickerdoodle and Nick, all males. Tigger and Roo are orange-striped brothers, big guys who swagger around the house like Arnold Schwarzenegger. Snick was a long-haired foundling and maybe because of his deprived beginnings he's become an ardent lover, forever winding around your legs and into your heart.

But Nick is the grandcat who demands the most attention, much as there is always one livewire among the grand-kids. Because of some chronic ailment

(we hate to ask) he has no teeth so he gets only soft food, and now and then a shot of cortisone to jazz him up. He doesn't speak, but he loves to appear suddenly in linen drawers and hang from the tops of kitchen cupboards.

We are lucky to have grandchildren on every front, but not every family provides us with granddogs or grandcats. They'd probably like to, but they have kids' allergies to consider. Not only that, but because they live in the South they put up with stuff like huge undomesticated snakes that appear now and then on the patio. Dogs and cats would certainly have their paws full to do the pet thing there.

All in all, we receive great satisfaction from our granddogs and grandcats. It's true we can't attend their baptisms or first Communions, and there won't be any weddings to go to.

But on the other hand we won't need to worry about their health, education and moral development, either. †

## Check It Out . . .

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will perform at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis during the noon Mass on Nov. 16. The choir consists of singers from several parishes.

Shirley Vogler Meister, a frequent columnist for *The Criterion* and a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, has a light verse in the newly-released Papier-Mâché Press collection, "There's No Place Like Home

For The Holidays." She will offer a book signing at the Clearwater Barnes and Noble in Indianapolis at 2 p.m. Nov. 22.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel of the Lafayette Diocese, will host a conference on biotechnology and bioethics from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the parish hall. Andrew Kimbrell, an attorney, activist and author of "The Human Body Shop," will be the speaker. †

## VIPs . . .



Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School will honor St. Luke parishioner Katie McKinney of Indianapolis for exemplary service and dedication to Brebeuf and the community during the school's 19th annual President's Dinner Nov. 22 at the Holiday Inn North. Jesuit Father Walter

Deye, Brebeuf's president, will present the 1997 President's Medal to McKinney in recognition of

her longtime service as a staff member and volunteer. For information, call Brebeuf's Office of Institutional Advancement at 317-870-2755. Proceeds will benefit capital improvements at the Jesuit high school.

Bill Fike, a member of St. Christopher Parish in Speedway, will narrate a two-hour Discovery Channel special. "Our Time In Hell: The Korean War" will premiere Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. The program examines the Korean War through the eyes of American soldiers. †

## Statue blessing

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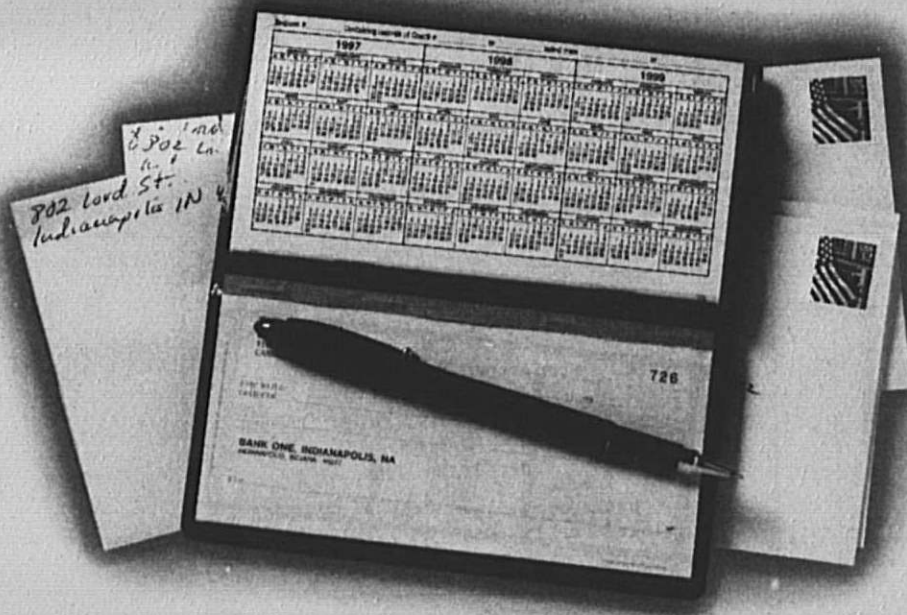
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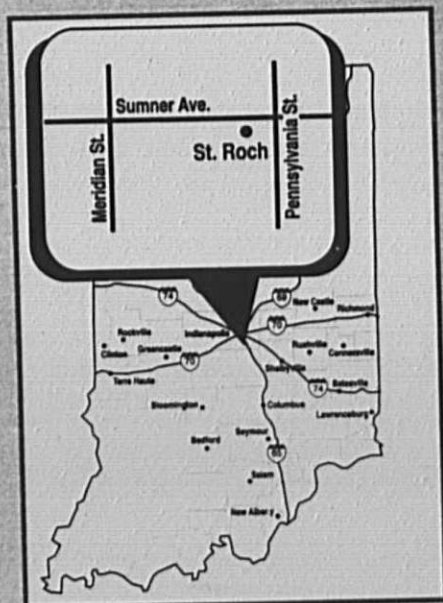
### Indianapolis South Deanery

### St. Roch Indianapolis

Story and photos by Margaret Nelson

#### Fast Fact:

A strong Catholic tradition continues to grow at St. Roch Parish as it celebrates its 75th anniversary.



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# New St. Roch leaders work to strengthen faith community

The staff thinks the St. Roch Parish community is pretty "together" for a group of people who just got a new pastor in July.

And togetherness is the goal of Father James Wilmoth and his staff.

For the first time in its 75-year history, St. Roch does not have a Franciscan priest as pastor. In June, the Franciscans announced that they could no longer staff the parish.

"I think the people are taking the changes well," Father Wilmoth said. They've even inspired their pastor.

Father Wilmoth told about the Oct. 11-14 mission that was planned long before he arrived at St. Roch. It was directed by a Passionist priest from Louisville, Father Jim Demanuele.

"The church—it holds 600 or 700 people—was full every night for four nights!" said Father Wilmoth.

"I think we learned a lot from the mission," he said. "It showed me where these people were, what they've been doing. It showed they wanted redirection—a better focus."

"It was just amazing. It showed me they were looking for something. They were very interested. They really wanted to be here and wanted to move on from where they were."

"That mission was planned before I came," he said. "I just encouraged it, pushed it and talked about it."

"I think people here really want to be involved. The parish is important to them. They don't want to dwell on the past."

Patricia Mayer, pastoral associate and director of religious education, is a link with the former staff. She's lived in the parish 47 years and taught in the school for 12 years

before she began her 17 years as DRE.

Kathy Mears, principal at St. Roch School, ended last year as principal of Cardinal Ritter High School.

Father Wilmoth is pleased with her leadership. "She is doing an excellent job. There is a good spirit in the school."

Mears said, "Father is very active and supportive. He opens the doors for the kids each morning. His presence helps build community. If we had more priests like him, more kids would want to be priests."

"Everyone has been very nice, very welcoming," said the new principal.

As the staff talked about the parish, Father Wilmoth hung up the office phone with a big smile. "She loves my sermons, so she's going to come to bingo—and bring all her friends," he said.

Mayer said, "People needed the mission. But they needed Father Wilmoth to heal the wounds," referring to changes. She commended him for adding three more Masses to the weekday schedule and a Mass for Sunday evenings.

"Mass attendance is up,"

said the pastor. "People are really showing their faith."

St. Roch's Sunday evening Mass is the only one in the Indianapolis South Deanery.

"It is well attended," said Father Wilmoth. He counted 240 people on one recent Sunday. "It is a service to our people, and also serves the south side."

"A lot of young people, high school kids and young families attend," said Mayer. The staff reported seeing some University of Indianapolis T-shirts, too.

"At first, the people were not participating," said Father



Chatting in front of the outdoor shrine to the Blessed Mother are members of the St. Roch Parish staff (from left), Patricia Mayer, Father James Wilmoth, Kathy Mears and Tammy Good.

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Wilmoth. "But the last couple of Sundays, they've really joined in." Tammy Good, who has been the parish secretary for one year, plays the piano on Sunday evening.

"As a whole, the parish participation in Sunday Masses has impressed me," Father Wilmoth said. "The people pay attention. They are right with you."

"These people came up with the idea of building community—of bringing people together," he said of the October mission.

"The idea has spilled over into the school," said Father Wilmoth. "The teachers tell me they never had such a good start. They are more focused on being together."

"Kids were very much present at the mission. They sang in the choir. The teachers told them to come and bring their families," he said. "They had no homework that week."

"Their homework was to come to the mission," Mears explained.

One 4-year-old told her, "It really was nice that God came to the mission." The staff suspects that she meant the Passionist priest. "He was a dynamic person," said Mayer.

From a stewardship focus, the parishioners are being very supportive. Financial support has increased in the past few months.

Mears said that the parents are very involved in the school. The sports teams are getting positive responses to calls for volunteers. Father Wilmoth reports that 100 volunteers are bringing desserts for the bingo.

"It always was a service-oriented parish," said Mayer. "Everyone puts aside everything to work together."

The parish has a large youth group. Two people—Dick Gallamore and Karen Kiefer—are the "forces behind" the youth from St. Roch and other southside parishes they work with.

"There is some sort of youth activity almost every Sunday night," said Father Wilmoth. He told of social, spiritual and outreach activities.

The outreach involvement "spills down" into the grade school, said Father Wilmoth. Right now, the students are helping the youth collect food for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

"I couldn't believe the number of kids involved in the youth Mass," said Father Wilmoth. The youth Mass is held on the third weekend of each month, alternating between Saturdays and Sundays. The young people carry out the ministries of greeters, ushers, lectors, choir members and petitioners, as well as bring forward the gifts.

Mears said she's found that many St. Roch families "have been here forever."

Mayer talked about the second-generation families, and Good said that there are third-generation families, as well.

Father Wilmoth said, "The people are committed to the neighborhood and the parish. There is a great deal of stability."

Mears said, "We have a lot of kids who walk home to lunch every day."

The parish is growing. Last year, 28 people, counting some youngsters, went through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process.

"We've found children at school who weren't baptized all of these years," said Mayer. "We're getting all of them baptized and back into the church."

Good said that there are "a lot of noncommitted non-Catholics."

"We have them right here for evangelization" said Father Wilmoth.

"I can see a marked difference now from when I unpacked my socks," he said. The parishioners are very interested in whatever we're doing. And it has been an interesting four months for me and Kathy as well."

"I think people have a new sense of belonging. Everyone belongs now," said Good. "There is no division."

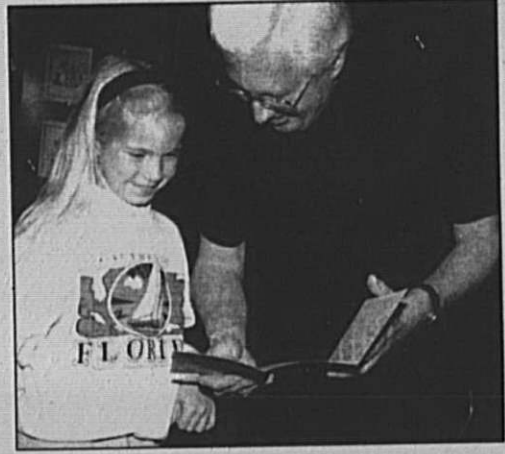
Mayer said, "Most parish children are in the school."

Father Wilmoth said, "That's right. There are very few kids in religious education. There are 17 to 20, including all the age groups. It shows the parishioners' commitment to Catholic education."

"It is a tribute to the teachers in the school," said Mears.

"They are very committed and eager to help the kids. The teachers who stayed are tickled with the school spirit."

"The parish staff really works to be on a team," said Father Wilmoth. "That goes to Pat, Tammy, Kathy and everybody. I think when the teachers and parish have the same goals, it



St. Roch School second-grader Amanda Murphy gets her report card from the pastor, Father James Wilmoth.

brings us all together. They're good people."

"Pat and Father are working to make positive things happen," said Mears.

"We've prayed together" said Father Wilmoth of the mission and liturgies. "We've played together" he said, remembering the parish picnic. "We're working together" on the bingo. "We are building community."

Many adults in the parish provide leadership for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and all the CYO activities.

"There is a real commitment by everyone to the children of this parish," said Mears. "We are all on the same team." †



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# Family has new home thanks to St. Paul project

By Matthew Gladue  
Special to The Criterion

**BLOOMINGTON**—For 15 years, Richard and Shirley Babbs lived in the Crestmont public housing project in Bloomington. Although both of them worked full-time, they had trouble saving enough money to make a down payment on a home.

But the Babbs moved into a new house in late September. Over the course of several months, they worked with St. Paul Catholic Center and the Monroe County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity to build a home that otherwise would have been out of their reach financially.

During those months, parishioners learned about the problems of poverty housing and the necessity for human beings to work together to meet the needs of a family and a community.

Jerry Marsischky, former co-director of finance and development at St. Paul now serves as director of community relations for Monroe County Habitat.

"Whether it was delivering meals or doing the Catch the Spirit opening prayer, there was a real opportunity for parishioners to meet with the Babbs family and get to know them."

The project was truly a grassroots effort. Father Michael O'Mara, co-pastor of St. Paul, said that interest in the project came from the parishioners themselves.

Dr. Helen Gibbons challenged St. Paul to raise \$15,000 for the purpose of building a Habitat home. She agreed to match it with her own gift in that amount. The co-pastor called her "a committed parishioner and a missionary-minded woman."

Although the parish had just com-

pleted its own fund drive, members of St. Paul's Just Faith program responded quickly to Gibbons' challenge. The group, which had been studying Catholic peace and justice traditions, saw building the Habitat house as a way to connect contemplation to action. A member of the program, Marsischky developed a fundraising plan.

"To make a Habitat project work," said Father O'Mara, "it would take some kind of body to support it. Just Faith came to be that body."

Within two months, Just Faith members raised the \$15,000 plus an additional \$5,000 to build homes in El Salvador.

When the group asked fellow parishioners for support, they received more than money. Hundreds of St. Paul parishioners said they could do the work required to build a house.

"The response wasn't a surprise to me," said Marsischky. "The turnout was great. The church was abuzz with the idea of doing a Habitat house. I don't think I talked to a single person who wasn't totally supportive of it."

Using materials that were donated or purchased at cost, parishioners worked side by side with volunteer contractors and the Babbs family.

On April 19, St. Paul members participated in a Habitat Blitz Day. Dozens of volunteers raised the walls, hoisted the trusses and nailed down the shingles—all in the space of 12 hours.

Siding, dry wall and windows were added on the weekends that followed.

On Sept. 14, St. Paul parishioners, Habitat volunteers and the Babbs family dedicated the house.

Of the parishioners she came to know, Shirley Babbs said, "These same people came week after week. I think they wanted

us to have a house as much as we did. I'll bet we know 100 new people who are just really awesome."

Babbs compared the family's new home with living in the housing project. "Here, it's your home. You have pride in it. You're going to spend an extra 20 bucks [to fix it up] because you know you're going to live here forever."

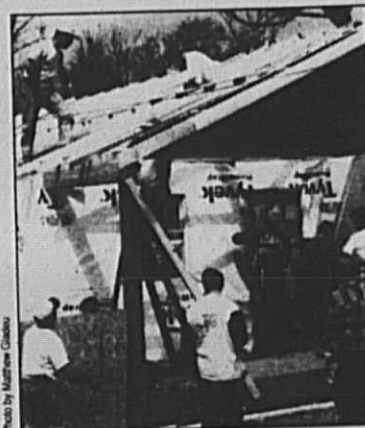
Habitat houses are sold for less than the value of homes on the open market. In the Babbs' case, a house that would sell for more than \$60,000 will cost them just over \$40,000. The mortgage carries no interest and payments are less than public housing rent.

The Habitat project brought many of the 2,700 community and 3,000 student members of St. Paul together.

Joan Zaretti, a first year graduate student, stained windows for the house. New to Bloomington, she had volunteered on Habitat projects in Tennessee. She said, "I loved what I did there, and I wanted to help in the community I'm in now."

Marsischky pointed out that the project helped, not only with community building, but church building. "The financial returns have increased at St. Paul. Our collections are up."

Father O'Mara said it helped parishioners spiritually. He said they lived out central elements in their Catholic faith by their work for Habitat. "The essential belief of our church is that we are the body



Members of St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, Habitat for Humanity at Monroe County and the Babbs family work together to build a Habitat Home.

of Christ. One part of the body can't say, 'Your needs are less important.' We are all equal members. One of the things that Eucharist tells us is that we must be a part of each others' struggles."

Richard and Shirley Babbs saw St. Paul parishioners living out their faith. "Everybody goes to church and they talk about the spirit of giving," said Shirley Babbs. "They really understand it. If they kind of thought they did before, they really do now." †

## Fifth annual Star of Hope festival will benefit youth

Star of Hope: A Festival of Trees, will be held Dec. 4-8 in Exhibit Hall C of the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The decor will follow the event's theme of "It's a Dickens of a Christmas."

Now in its fifth year, Star of Hope events are sponsored by the St. Francis Healthcare Foundation and Catholic Social Services (CSS). The expected \$75,000 proceeds will benefit youth served through CSS and the St. Francis Neighborhood Clinic.

The festival will begin with the annual Grand Illumination Gala at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4. Catholic Social Services will honor local volunteers with the Spirit of Indy Awards for dedication and service.

The Indianapolis Children's Choir will sing. The Indianapolis Zoo will provide reindeer and a sleigh.

Co-chairs of the event are Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Marianne Tobias.

Tickets for the Thursday dinner are \$75 per person and seating is limited. Those interested should call (317) 464-9389 for information or for reservations,

which should be in by Nov. 21.

The hall will be illuminated by more than 100 decorated Christmas trees. Guests may bid—by silent auction—on the trees and wreaths created by area designers, businesses and personalities.

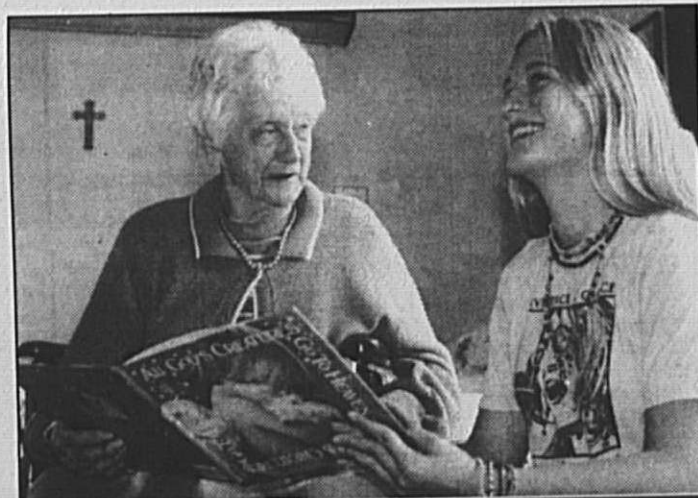
Other Star of Hope activities are geared to families. They include a Youth Day Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Breakfast With Santa will be on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets at \$10 each are available by calling (317) 464-9389. The hall will feature a Santa's Secret Shop, where children can buy gifts for their parents and teachers and have them wrapped for \$3.

The hall, with decorated trees and other gift items, will be open to general admission on Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, \$3 for children under age 12.

On Monday, Dec. 8, a Senior Social will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is \$10 for Senior Promise members and \$15 for other seniors.

More than 5,000 people are expected to attend the festival. †



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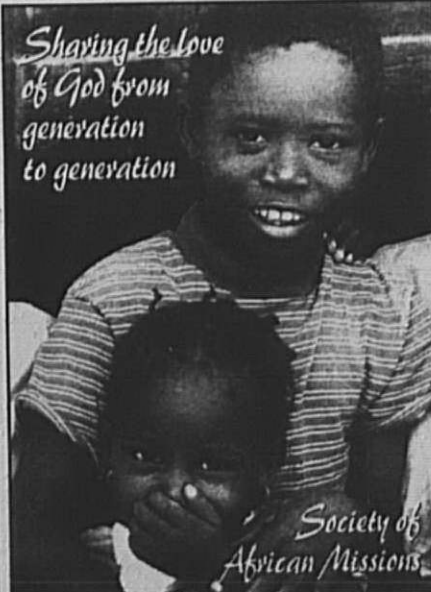
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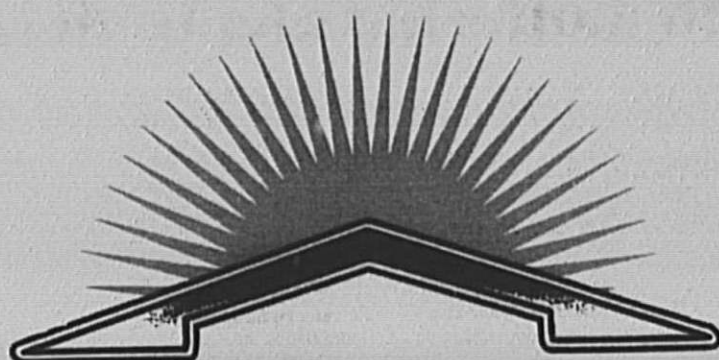
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# Seminarian, Benedictine sister share stories

By Susan Etter

**FLOYDS KNOBS**—A seminarian and a Benedictine sister told their stories at an Oct. 21 vocations dinner at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs.



Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick, O.S.B.

Their audience included young men and women who are interested in hearing more about religious life and the priesthood. They came from parishes in the New Albany Deanery with their parish sponsors to hear seminarian Joe

Brown and Benedictine Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick tell their stories of what attracted them to their vocations.

Brown, who is a fourth year student at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, is a 1990 graduate of Secca Memorial High School in Indianapolis. Brown said he was first introduced to the Catholic faith while attending the Catholic high school as a non-

Catholic student.

After high school graduation, he went on to Greenville College, a small liberal arts college in Greenville, Ill.

"I wasn't exactly sure where I wanted to go with my life," he said.

The idea of the priesthood followed him in spurts.

"At one point in high school I thought I would like to be a priest but then it quickly faded away," he added.

At college, Brown's major was religion, and his minor was psychology. He continued attending Mass regularly at a parish in St. Louis, about 30 miles west of Greenville. He said he became acquainted with a young priest there and soon entered the Catholic Church in 1992.

His priest friend from St. Louis often questioned Brown about joining the priesthood.

"On several occasions Father would tell me to think about it. And he told me that if I didn't give it a try, I would always go through life wondering 'what if,'" he said.

In 1993, Brown graduated from college, moved to St. Louis and looked at pursuing a career in law enforcement. However, the idea of becoming a priest still followed him, so he called Father Paul Etienne, director of vocations for the

Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

"He told me to wait a bit," Brown said.

The following spring, Brown said a recruiter from Saint Meinrad School of Theology called him and invited him to come for a visit and a look into the lay ministry program.



Joe Brown

"So I did—I knew it was a great opportunity for me to go see the seminary without actually being involved with the priest formation program," he said.

That fall, Brown was a little surprised to discover that the classes he

would be taking as a lay minister were the same he would be taking if he were in the first-year classes for the priesthood.

"It was a very difficult experience. I must admit that my first two years in the seminary were very challenging for me. I think part of the reason was that I was really struggling with the idea of the priesthood," he said.

And now, in his fourth year at the semi-

nary, Brown said he has grown a great deal.

"My experience at the seminary has been one which is beyond words. My calling to the priesthood is a great thing," he added.

Brown went on to offer advice to his listeners who are interested in priesthood and religious life. He told them if they feel God is calling them to this life, "I suggest you give it a chance," he said.

Benedictine Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick, from Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, also offered some advice to those at the dinner.

After two years of living with the sisters in Beech Grove, Sister Sheila made her first profession last August.

She said two paths usually lead a person to religious life: the first is a calling, in which a person will check into various religious communities; and second, a person already knows the community and falls in love with it.

"The second happened to me," she said.

In 1992, Sister Sheila had moved to Indianapolis from Illinois to take a job with Eli Lilly.

"I had an active life, I was active in my parish, and I felt pretty happy," she said.

She told her listeners that her initial contact with her community was with a sister whom she told it wouldn't be necessary to contact her further.

The idea of joining religious life kept popping up. In her parish bulletin, Sister Sheila read a blurb about religious vocations and whom to contact. Then she contacted Benedictine Sister Joan Marie Massura of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

"I went and it was the same place I had gone before," she said. "I was certainly drawn in," she added. †

## St. Vincent de Paul helps poor with gift certificates

For the third year, the archdiocesan council of St. Vincent de Paul has a new approach to gift giving.

The council offers gift certificates—in several denominations—to restaurants, department stores, and supermarkets that are accessible to most Hoosiers.

Last year, the council made almost \$15,000 dollars on the gift certificates it offered. In purchasing the certificates, the buyer contributes a "commission" to the charitable works of St. Vincent de Paul. The money buys food for the poor.

Some restaurants with certificates in different amounts include Applebee's, Bennington's, Bob Evans, Burger King, Carvers and Chi-Chi's.

Some department stores include Bath and Body Works, Casual Corner, Eddie Bauer and The Gap.

Certificates are available for Kroger, Marsh and Honey-Baked Ham.

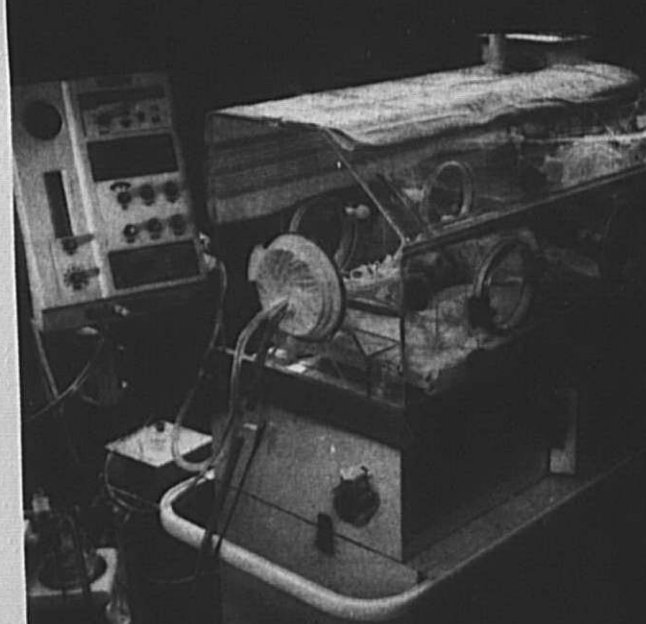
This year, \$25 certificates are available for Hyatt Hotels and Marriott Hotels.

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(Inserts about this St. Vincent de Paul program will be in this week's Criterion.) †

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# Archbishop Buechlein urges halt to execution

ICC chairman asks governor to commute death sentence for Gary Burris to life imprisonment without parole

By Brigid Curtis

In a Nov. 8 letter to the governor, Daniel M. Buechlein, archbishop of Indianapolis and general chairman of the Indiana Catholic Conference's board of directors, urged Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon to halt the execution of Gary Burris and commute his death sentence to life in prison without parole in a Nov. 8 letter to the governor.

The archbishop's letter, written on behalf of the ICC board of directors, expressed deep regret that the Indiana Parole Board decided against recommending clemency for Burris, who was sentenced to death for the murder of Kenneth Chambers.

"As Catholics who follow Jesus Christ and his Gospel of Life, we believe that capital punishment perpetuates the cycle of violence and undermines the respect for life. We need to look to the example of Jesus who forgave those who put him to death. The life and teachings of Jesus call Christians to lives of forgiveness," Archbishop Buechlein said.

His letter went on to explain that the Catholic Church's opposition to the death penalty does not stem exclusively from theological concerns. Many thoughtful people have come to oppose the death penalty for a variety of reasons:

- It does not effectively deter serious crime in our nation.
- It does not alleviate the fear of violent crime or better safeguard the people.

- It fails to protect more effectively than alternatives such as life imprisonment without parole.
- It does not restore the social order breached by the offenders.
- It is often imposed unfairly, falling disproportionately on racial and ethnic minorities and the poor.
- It is not imposed in a way that prevents the execution of people who may be innocent.
- It is financially more costly to our society to impose the death penalty than is life imprisonment.

The board of the Indiana Catholic Conference affirms the inherent dignity of all people because it believes all people are called into life bearing the image and likeness of God. The Indiana Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana representing more than 700,000 Catholics, strongly reiterated its opposition to the death penalty in its statement *Choose Life*, released in Dec. 1996.

For copies of the Indiana Catholic Conference's *Choose Life* statement, contact the ICC archdiocesan coordinator, Thomas Gaybrick, at 317-236-1560, or 800-382-9836, ext. 1560, or e-mail [charities@archindy.org](mailto:charities@archindy.org).

Burris' execution is scheduled to take place at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City on Thurs., Nov. 20, at midnight.

(Brigid Curtis is director of research and communications for the Indiana Catholic Conference.) †



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As I was growing up, there was no question which high school I would be attending. While many of my classmates pondered the decision about attending another Catholic high school on the south or east sides of town, or considered the closest public school, I was completely focused on attending Cathedral High School. My father and three brothers had already become members of the unique population of Cathedral alumni. Actually, two of my brothers were still in high school, and there was no doubt that my younger brother, John, would also attend Cathedral.

It seemed natural to me that many of the other young guys I saw on the football fields at CYO field on Sundays while playing for St. Bernadette were my fellow classmates at Cathedral. It also seemed natural to me to be attending school at 14th and Meridian rather than one of the closer schools on my side of town. It further seemed natural to me to be attending an all-male institution which included demanding academics, rigorous discipline, and long-standing pride and tradition. I think like most other freshmen, I was overwhelmed when I looked at the trophy cases, or the pictures in the cafeteria that adorned the walls above the lines where we stood for lunch every day. I was still only in eighth grade when I attended the football game against Bloomington South. Can anybody say 60-1?

I attended high school with the people who have influenced my life the most. Some are adults, teachers, coaches, and parents. Others are friends, teammates, and family. One of the surest truths is that outstanding people make outstanding institutions. No institution can stand alone on its past laurels and deeds. Its current and future viability rely on the teachers, administrators, and students who make the school a shining star and an example for others to follow.

I always felt lucky to attend Cathedral. I have always been proud to say I personally knew, and was taught by, or coached by some of the most outstanding people I have ever known. Rarely does a day go by that I do not think of my first days in Mr. McLinn's health class or Mr. Copeland's wrestling team, or Ms. Luckey's speech class, or Mrs. Beyer's English class, or working for Mr. McGinley on Sundays cleaning up bingo. Who can forget Mr. Mauger's moles, or Doc Wellman's love for I.U.? Does anybody besides me remember "mini-course week?" How many guys remember playing handball during lunch when we attended school at 14th Street?

While it is ever apparent that the look of Cathedral High School has changed since the '70s, it is clearly evident that the focus and formula of Cathedral High School and her success have remained constant. Outstanding people make up an outstanding school. I learned the value of pride, tradition, persistence, dedication, determination, desire, and the overall pursuit of excellence during my four years at Cathedral High School. These ideals were taught to me by the people of Cathedral, teachers, administrators, parents, classmates, teammates, friends, brothers, and sisters. It was never difficult to find someone to look up to at Cathedral, be it Brother Pedro, or my older brother Vincent, or Father Clem Davis. School was always filled with role models, and it was always easy to surround yourself with good people. I have no doubt that this remains true today. You know, I now live almost 1,000 miles away from Indianapolis, but I consistently meet people who have heard (favorably) of Cathedral High School. That kind of revelation is really a reflection of the incredible numbers of outstanding alumni that continue to help shape Cathedral into the outstanding institution it remains today.

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## Nov. 19 prayer vigil organized for Indiana death row inmate

By Mary Ann Wyand

The Indianapolis Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and Amnesty International have organized a prayer vigil for Indiana death row inmate Gary Burris from 11 p.m., Nov. 19, until 1 a.m., Nov. 20 in front of the Governor's residence. They hope to convince Gov. Frank O'Bannon to stay the scheduled execution.

People are asked to gather in front of the governor's residence at 4700 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis Wednesday night, if Gov. O'Bannon has not already granted clemency for Burris.

Two archdiocesan priests are among other Hoosier opponents of capital punishment who are calling for clemency. Burris is scheduled to be executed early Nov. 20 for the 1980 murder of a cab driver.

Father Francis Bryan, assistant professor of theology at Marian College in Indianapolis, and Father William Munshower, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, participated in a panel discussion, "For Life—A Discussion of the Death Penalty," Oct. 26 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Both priests reminded the audience that Catholic Church teachings oppose capital punishment.

Father Bryan noted that after the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* was published, Pope John Paul II issued a stronger statement against the death penalty than what was contained in the catechism. He also noted that the Holy Father had forgiven Mehmet Ali Agca, the man who attempted to kill him in 1981. The pontiff later met with Agca at an Italian prison in 1983.

Life imprisonment is the only suitable recourse for death row inmates, Father Munshower said, because it is a humane and safe solution for criminal justice and takes into consideration the possibility of errors on the part of the legal system.

St. Susanna parishioner Karen Burkhart of Plainfield, the Indiana Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Amnesty International, and St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Joseph L. Smith Sr. of Indianapolis, past chairman of the Indiana State Parole Board, also urged abolition of the death penalty because of its harmful effect on society at large and the fact that statistics indicate capital punishment is not a deterrent to crime. †

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started a school more than a decade ago when the founder realized the Indian children in the Mission's CCD classes didn't have even the most basic reading and writing skills. Today over 300 children, most of them Native American, join in prayer to keep their school from closing. Mission staff believe education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

The Indian boys and girls attending St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School live with the following realities:

- 55% of the Navajo population cannot read or write;
- McKinley County (where the Mission is located) has the highest poverty rate (43%) in the state;
- The suicide rate among Navajo teenagers is ten times higher than for their age group in the U.S. population at large.

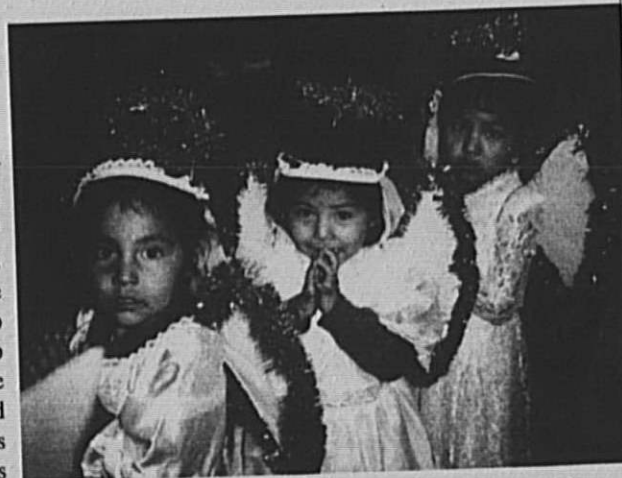
• McKinley County has the highest alcoholism rate in the United States.

Thirty dedicated lay missionaries teach and carry out the other work of the Mission. This "other work" includes maintaining the buses and vans which travel the remote mesas to bring the children to school; preparing two nourishing meals daily for the children; and bringing both food and water to aging Navajos living in poverty in remote areas of the barren Reservation.

New lay missionaries often ask, "Can this be America?" They've experienced failure in other schools or inability to get to school from great distances.

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The shining eyes of these three Navajo "angels," part of last year's preschool pageant, reflect the hope of all at St. Bonaventure - to keep the school open ... to give 300 children the skills they will need to break the cycle of poverty and to live a Spirit-filled life.

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Bob O'Connell, Director  
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## Parents nurture children for life passages

By Dan Luby

As a veteran parent, he had traveled this path before.

What happened is that a conversation on the way to school became a teaching moment. Patiently, he listened to his child's observations. Then, in carefully chosen words, he described what the Catholic Church teaches about the issue at hand.

The child got out of the car and grabbed his backpack.

"Who cares what the church teaches?" he asked earnestly and ran to join his peers.

The father stared in disbelief at his child's disappearing figure, then drove on in stunned silence.

Later, after talking with a wise friend, he realized he had just been offered another lesson in the life-long school of parenthood.

These days, many parents begin their education in parenthood with actual child-birth classes. There they learn details of fetal development and prenatal care. They learn about what to expect in childbirth and about care of a newborn.

Of course, the period of prenatal parenthood in itself holds lessons, schooling us in patience and anticipation, longing and hope.

After a child is born, parents learn about the difference between a well-founded expectation on the one hand and lived reality on the other.

Children are nothing if not surprising! They have all kinds of stages to pass through, and skills to master, and developmental milestones to achieve.

Children's lives are a kind of canvas on

which a scene of great complexity and breathtaking beauty is painted. Parents have to become keen observers of the here and now, as well as vigilant lookouts for the future. They learn to watch intently for signs of progress and wonder, threats to growth, patterns of sickness or health.

Learning to cultivate the long view often is a required lesson in parenthood.

Children's teen-age years offer parents new lessons. Any illusions parents may have maintained about controlling all that influences their children tend to evaporate during these years.

Children test limits at all ages, but now, nearing physical maturity, those tests get harder.

Even when parent-child relationships are rock solid, adolescence has more than a little passion in it. So this is when parents learn more than they may have wanted to learn about letting go, confronting their personal limits, and wondering what they might have done better.

When the stormy seas of the teen-age years have been crossed and children enter young adulthood, many parents experience what has been called the "empty nest syndrome."

Finding their children gone from home can call the parents' own identity into question after, for so long, structuring their time, activities and emotions around the needs, successes and failures of their children.

The crisis these changes provoke, however, creates an opportunity. With schedules and resources no longer governed by children's daily needs, parents are challenged to consider more thoughtfully how they will spend their



Parents have to become keen observers of the here and now, as well as vigilant lookouts for the future. They learn to nurture their children by watching intently for signs of progress and wonder, as well as threats to growth.

time and use their resources.

Fortunately, life-giving possibilities are everywhere: developing new friendships; rediscovering lost skills; engaging previously unexplored interests; undertaking a ministry in the church.

In the end, learning to be a parent is a good school for spirituality, for discipleship. The lessons learned all along the way by parents, whether in a classroom or in the crucible of experience, are lessons in

courage, hope, generosity and trust.

Parents learn of God's passion for children and mercy in forgiving them; of grace, kindness and gratitude.

Parents' lives can be enriched immeasurably as they imitate God's parenthood in their own families and open themselves to the lessons of the Spirit.

(Dan Luby is the director of the Division of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas.) †

## God's unconditional love is best example for parents to follow

By Anne Hansen

Children arrive all soft and cuddly, but they set parents on a course of trial-and-error learning that lasts a lifetime.

And children bring indescribable joy and love, but at times they create equal doses of confusion and pain.

Becoming a parent does not require classes or licensing. Parents probably know more about a new car than about becoming a parent when the first child arrives.

Visit a library, and you will find volumes written about parenting. Universities also offer parent education courses. Books, classes and lectures are useful. But in most cases, education about parenthood comes from one's own parents.

How we who are parents were raised has the biggest influence on how we will approach childrearing. If our parents were warm and loving in their guidance, we will probably treat our children the same way. The rules we unconsciously picked up will serve well.

But if our childhood home was a place where violence took the place of guidance, and fear was the dominant emotion, we may find ourselves resorting to similar tactics as parents. There will have to be a conscious effort to erase the negative parenting script imprinted in our minds.

It is clear to me that my expectations for my children and reactions to their behavior are based on experiences I had growing up. I hear myself saying things my mother said to me. This can be

annoying or comforting.

Few of us develop free from the influences of our childhood. Modeling our skills as parents on the positive input we receive as children is good. It is what carries families forward from generation to generation. It builds tradition. The desire to take care of children is somewhat instinctive. The difficulties arise over smaller, everyday experiences as parents. And parenting becomes more challenging as the child gets older.

This is also the stage in parenthood when people start to watch and listen to other parents and talk about how they handle difficult times. Parents learn from each other.

Books, grandparents and friends are great teachers. Another group, however,

plays a role in what we learn about parenting: our children. They are brutally honest. They know what they are feeling and experiencing.

If there is mutual respect between parent and child, and an honest willingness to listen and learn, children's input may at times be the most valuable. And looking at life from the children's perspective offers new insights.

Our children will challenge us and disappoint us, just as we did our parents. That's why if we can understand the unconditional love God gives each person, we will have learned the biggest lesson of all from the best teacher.

(Anne Hansen is a parent education consultant and free-lance writer in Camarillo, Calif.) †

### Discussion Point

## Parenting requires love, respect

### This Week's Question

Who, or what, helped you gain needed insights on how to be a good parent?

"The example I got from my mother. I was the oldest, and she always treated us with respect. She treated the problems of a 2-year-old with the same seriousness as my problems as a teen-ager." (Mary Lou Von Euw, Boston, Mass.)

"A lot of those insights came from my wife because she showed me how to be a good person, how to treat people as valuable individuals. My goal as a parent is to help each of my children be the best they can be and to treat them as unique persons." (Robert Butterworth, Davenport, Iowa)

"My father and my grandfather. They were good, holy men of faith and they knew how to love. And that's what is needed: You love your children strongly and teach them to love each other." (Lucianne Lilienthal, Cincinnati, Ohio)

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Enter Jack's court-appointed attorney, Shen Yuelin (Bai Ling), who at least speaks English, but dutifully reiterates to Jack that it would be in his best interest to confess guilt.

However, her change of heart regarding her client never translates into believable romantic sparks with Gere. Despite their contrived stories—his wife and child were

entertainment expected from the gangster movie genre.

Due to some gory violence, a fleeting bedroom scene and brief nudity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III for adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R for restricted viewing.

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

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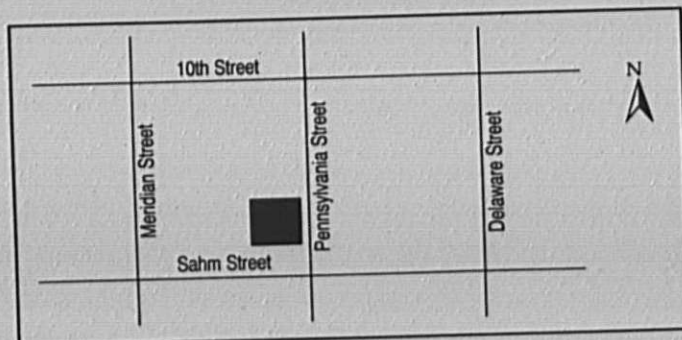
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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Nov. 16, 1997

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
- Mark 13:24-32

The Book of Daniel provides this weekend's liturgy with its first



Scriptural reading. While the Book of Daniel is rarely read in the liturgy, this work is one of the more fascinating passages in the Bible.

Central to the book is Daniel, a Jew who lived in exile in Babylon. However,

the authorship is less clear.

As is the case with other prophets, Daniel's eloquence, image and imagination provide the finest of reading.

The 12th chapter, from which this reading is taken, is gathered from a vision. Daniel saw angels. The visions speak of past history or of contemporary circumstances or of the future. Because of these visions, Daniel is especially dramatic and intriguing to read.

Times are bad. Usually, in fact, times were bad for the Jews. However, Daniel is optimistic. He foretells that a great angel, Michael, who is the guardian of the Jewish people, will come forth in a time unsurpassed in distress.

All will be vindicated, according to Daniel. The loyal, suffering people of God will triumph. Even the dead will rise. Everyone obedient to God will be spared and will endure.

The Epistle to the Hebrews is the source of the second reading this weekend.

Hebrews is one of the greatest tributes to Jesus, as Redeemer, as Lamb of God, and as the hope of humankind ever composed.

This weekend's reading certainly meets that expectation. It is a great revelation of the belief that in Jesus the perfect act of

reconciliation between God and humanity was accomplished. The key to this accomplishment was in the sacrifice of Jesus, willingly and perfectly given on Calvary. St. Mark's Gospel gives this liturgy its Gospel proclamation.

As was Daniel, this reading is strong with eschatological imagery. These days are numbered. Earthly life is not everlasting.

One day in the future, the order of nature will be changed radically. The sun will be darkened. All will be in turmoil, but Jesus will come on the clouds as victor and as judge.

All those faithful to God will be spared, and in addition, they will be raised to eternal life.

In this reading, the author of Mark relies upon the brilliant imagination of Daniel, as well as of other Old Testament writings.

## Reflection

The church is concluding its year of lessons. It is bringing us to the full realization of our need for salvation, and of the love and mercy with which God totally fills that need in Christ Jesus.

Interestingly, of all human experiences none is as universal as birth and death. All persons are born. All die. However, people speak of death only with uneasiness and they often avoid the topic.

As a careful and responsible teacher, however, the church warns us that this life is impermanent. The world will pass away. Our birth marked the first day on our path to exit from this world.

The message, however, is not of gloom. It is supremely uplifting. In Jesus we have nothing to fear. He is our Redeemer and protector, our brother, our Lord. In Christ is eternal life. His sacrifice on Calvary assured us of life forever.

However, we must follow the Lord in all our days and in all our undertakings. This is the requirement if we wish to possess everlasting life. †

## Msgr. Campion will audit synod

Msgr. Owen F. Campion, associate publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor*, has been named by Pope John Paul II to be an auditor at the forthcoming synod in Rome of bishops from North, Central and South America.

Forty-one persons, nine of whom are priests, from throughout the Western Hemisphere were appointed as auditors and will participate in all synod sessions. Auditors may not vote on resolutions.

Synods of bishops are an outgrowth of the Second Vatican Council and are

designed to give the pope and his advisors a view of the church's contemporary pastoral needs and experiences.

This synod will look to a renewed Catholic evangelization of North and South America to prepare for the new millennium. It will consider what is meant by conversion to Christ amid the cultures of the Western Hemisphere; how the church can be more cohesive; and how the church should create solidarity with those facing poverty, the culture of death, and other contemporary societal problems. †

## Daily Readings

Monday, Nov. 17

Elizabeth of Hungary, married woman and religious  
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64  
Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158  
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov. 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome  
Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin, religious, missionary and educator  
2 Maccabees 6:18-31  
Psalms 3:2-8  
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov. 19

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31  
Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15  
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov. 20

1 Maccabees 2:15-29  
Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15  
Luke 19:41-44

Friday, Nov. 21

The Presentation of the Virgin Mary  
1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 (Response) 1 Chronicles 29:10-12  
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov. 22

Cecilia, virgin and martyr  
1 Maccabees 6:1-13  
Psalm 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19  
Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, Nov. 23

Christ the King  
Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm 93:1-2, 5  
Revelations 1:5-8  
John 18:33b-37

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

## Mystery of salvation occurs by God's grace

Q As I understand it, both Roman Catholics and Evangelical Protestants believe in salvation by grace through faith.



Evangelicals do not believe that "good works" are involved in our salvation, which is a gift of God. Catholics believe that those who work well to the end and who trust in God will achieve eternal life, as said the Council of Trent.

The idea of salvation by "faith alone," if we truly accept Jesus as our savior, makes a lot of sense.

As a life-long Catholic, I don't understand exactly what the church's position is on this issue. Are we saved by faith alone or by faith plus works?

Or am I off base entirely wondering about it? (New Jersey)

A I'm sure you're aware this has been a hot issue in Christianity, especially since the Protestant Reformation.

Fortunately, interfaith dialogue on the subject in recent years generally has raised the "debate" above the either-or, heated arguments so common in the last 400 years. Discussions are more charitable today and probably much closer to the truth than they once were.

We are, after all, dealing here with a mystery. As with other mysteries, when we attempt to explain an interaction between the infinite, eternal God, and very limited, circumscribed creatures like human beings, we inevitably run into frustrations.

How can God, a divine person, unbounded and without limit, be contained within the limits of a human nature? How can a human being, limited and fragile "like us in everything except sin," as St. Paul says, be at the same time the infinite Creator God?

There is no rational answer, no way to solve the puzzle to our satisfaction. Yet, that seeming contradiction is precisely what we believe, by faith, about Jesus Christ.

The mystery of how God's action interweaves with ours in accomplishing salvation is much the same. Several truths appear to be certain from revelation; at least some of them also seem to be irreconcilable. For example: The grace of justification (freeing us from sin and sharing with us his divine life) is a pure, unmerited gift from God.

Sanctifying grace (literally "the gift that makes us holy"), God's life in us, is a purely gratuitous, unmerited outpouring from God.

Since we are made in the image and likeness of God, having the power to know and to love him, we must respond to that free initiative of God.

God freely has chosen to involve us in the saving work of his grace. We are free to enter that communion of love which God offers or not to enter it.

Since there is an infinite inequality, a chasm of being, between God and ourselves, we can never possess a real right, or merit, to anything from God.

Nevertheless, God accepts our cooperation with his grace as "merit," which is itself pure gift of his goodness.

If you think about it, there is obviously no way to wrap all those positions into a neat, satisfying package.

Accepting them doesn't bring us any closer to explaining how merit, human freedom and God's gracious generosity meet in the process of salvation.

Yet, each of these doctrines is necessary; we discard or ignore any one of them only at the cost of undermining the Gospels' message of hope.

There is, I believe, no major Christian denomination which has a body of basic beliefs that would reject any of these statements. The difference, if any, would be about emphasis.

The Catholic position on the subject is, of course, found in a multitude of documents through the centuries. It is briefly and well summarized in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (# 1987-2011).

(Send questions for this column to Father John Dietzen in care of Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.) †

## My Journey to God

### Seasons of Life

My journey through life has been a long trek. Pitfalls, stumbling blocks, impede my passage, Time progressing, taking me in its flow. Spring of childhood found wonder in all things, God's loving hands steadying faltering steps. Summer's teen quest for a place in the sun, Learning the rules, choosing right from wrong. Fall's adulthood trials and tribulations, Shouldering responsibilities. Winter of my life looms in the future. As it progresses, how swiftly time flies! My journey is almost over; seasons have passed. Have I accomplished his will, earned his love? Faith, God's guiding light, shall lead me on home.

By RoseMarie Glaub Jackson

(RoseMarie Jackson is a member of St. Rose Parish in Knightstown.)





## 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, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

### November 14

Little Flower Parish, Indianapolis, will hold a Chili Dinner and Western Dance in the social hall from 7-11:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12 at the door.

Oldenburg Academy will present "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" at 7 p.m. on Friday and again at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$4.

### November 14-16

Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, will hold a guided retreat for women and men, "On the Job: Spirit and Freedom," presented by Joseph Foley. Fee for each: \$110 for single, \$180 married couple.

For more information, 317-545-7681.

### November 15

St. Mark Parish will hold its annual Craft Junction from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Schaefer Hall.

Marion Heights Academy, 812 E. 10th St., Ferdinand, will host an open house for girls and their families starting at 11 a.m. For more information call 800-467-4642.

The archdiocesan Office of Worship will hold a cantor workshop from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Mark Parish, Indianapolis. For more information, 317-236-1483.

St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center will host "Camelot in the Country" a dinner and auction at 6:30 p.m. at Joe Huber's Family Farm and Restaurant in Starlight. Tickets: \$25. For more information, 812-949-7305.

St. Michael Parish, Greenfield, will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar in the activity center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, raffles, and gift ideas will be featured. Food will be available.

### November 16

St. Andrew Parish, Indianapolis, will hold an auction at 1 p.m. in the social hall. Food and drinks will be available.

### November 18

Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, will present "The Psalms: Two Ways of Prayer" for Reflection Day. For more information, 317-545-7681.

Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School will hold an informa-

tion night at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at St. Gabriel School, 6000 W. 34 St., Indianapolis. For information call, 317-924-4331.

### November 20

Oldenburg Academy will hold "Visit Days" for prospective students and their families. To schedule a visit or for more information, 812-933-0737.

### November 21

The Couple to Couple League will hold a Natural Family Planning class at 7 p.m. to be held at Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove. For information, 317-862-3848.

### November 21-23

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, Beech Grove will hold Introduction to Centering Prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday through 11 a.m. Sunday. For information, 317-788-7581.

### November 22

St. Roch Parish, Indianapolis, will hold its annual women's club holiday bazaar from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

St. Barnabas Men's Club will hold a Monte Carlo from 7 p.m.-midnight at the K of C, 511 Thompson Rd., Indianapolis. Admission: \$4.

### November 22 and 23

St. Bernadette Parish, Indianapolis, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday. Baked goods, Christmas crafts, raffle, and white elephant table will be featured.

### November 23

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School will hold an Open House from 12:30-3 p.m.

Indianapolis members of Teams of Our Lady will hold an information meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Little Flower parish center, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. For information, call 317-353-8186.

### November 25

Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School will hold an information night at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at All Saints School, 337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis. For information call, 317-924-4331.

### November 27

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will host a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner starting at 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information and reservations, call 317-356-7291. Cost: \$2 per person.

### November 30 - December 4

St. Peter's Parish, Brookville, will hold a mission each evening at 7 p.m. presented by Father David Wilton. Information: 812-623-3670.

### November 30

St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis, will an Advent Organ Recital and Vesper Service at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

### Recurring

#### Daily

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Art Gallery, Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods, will present an exhibition of Jan Tenenbaum's primitive print-making techniques entitled "Sources." Information: 812-535-5212.

#### Weekly

#### Sundays

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

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

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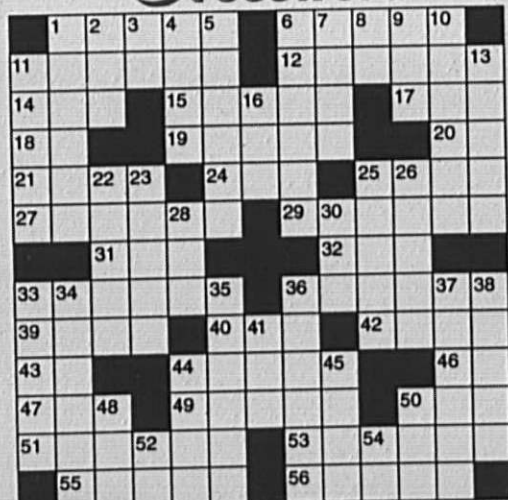
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St. Paul Church, Sellersburg, prayer group will meet in the

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

## Catholic Crossword



#### ACROSS

- 1 Disney deer
- 6 Giving person
- 11 Confused struggles
- 12 Worn away by wind
- 14 Nest builder (Isa 34:15)
- 15 Wipe out
- 17 Grandmother of Enos
- 18 Peach State (Abbr)
- 19 Belly button
- 20 Peoria's St.
- 21 Author Leon
- 24 "The barley was in the —" (Ex 9:31)
- 25 "Lord, — me" (Mat 14:30)
- 27 A legume
- 29 Worked the soil
- 31 Father
- 32 Sleep like a —
- 33 Horned herbivores
- 36 "Build me here seven —" (Num 23:29)
- 39 Christ, to the church (Eph 5:23)
- 40 Building wing
- 42 Jacob grabbed Esau's (Gen 25:26)
- 43 "— must be born again" (John 3:7)
- 44 Keep away from

#### DOWN

- 46 3,14, approximately
- 47 Medical doctors (Abbr)
- 49 Simon, for one (Mark 14:3)
- 50 Swamp
- 51 Creeper
- 53 Snooping
- 55 "Our — is turned into mourning" (Lam 5:15)
- 56 Mischief, to a fool (Prov 10:23)
- 13 Edited out
- 16 Actress Gardner
- 22 Calcutta's country
- 23 "Behold, I — at the door, and knock" (Rev 3:20)
- 25 A deadly sin
- 26 Scum on a pond
- 28 Altar vow (2 wds)
- 30 Under the weather
- 33 Harmonize
- 34 Listened to advice
- 35 Stringent
- 36 Sigourney Weaver film
- 37 "And if he —, forgive him" (Luke 17:3)
- 38 David's weapon
- 41 Cut off
- 44 Actor Baldwin
- 45 "Thy paths — fatness" (Psa 65:11)
- 48 Madrid Mrs.
- 50 "So Hiram gave Solomon cedar and — trees" (1 Ki 5:10)
- 52 "Meet Me — St. Louis"
- 54 Egyptian king (2 Ki 17:4)

Answers on page 22.

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## Youth News/Views

# Roncalli students excel at community service

By Mary Ann Wyand

This year their goal is 45,000 cans of food, and Roncalli High School students are hard at work canvassing southside neighborhoods in Indianapolis to collect that many non-perishable food items for the poor in time for Thanksgiving.

They expect to reach their goal, as they have in other years, because community service is a school-wide effort and every student helps with this holiday project.

Roncalli students also have collected more than 3,400 sets of new underwear and socks for area needy people.

The Indianapolis South Deanery interparochial high school's annual "Underwear Drive" again resulted in a major gift to the archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Christmas Store.

The Roncalli Rebels tennis team also took their "service" prowess to the Indianapolis center city earlier this fall by participating in a community service project organized by a near-eastside neighborhood organization and Xavier University's Alumni Association.

Rebels tennis coach Dave Gervasio and men's varsity team members helped paint two houses for needy families who live in a center-city neighborhood on the eastside.

Roncalli senior Tony Dale of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis is another example of the school's dedication to church and community service. He was recently honored by WISH-TV in

Indianapolis, as a "We Value Youth" honoree for his volunteer work with TeenLine, a telephone hotline offering help for troubled teen-agers.

Like many Catholic high school students throughout the archdiocese, Tony also finds time to participate in a variety of school, church and community activities while maintaining excellent grades.

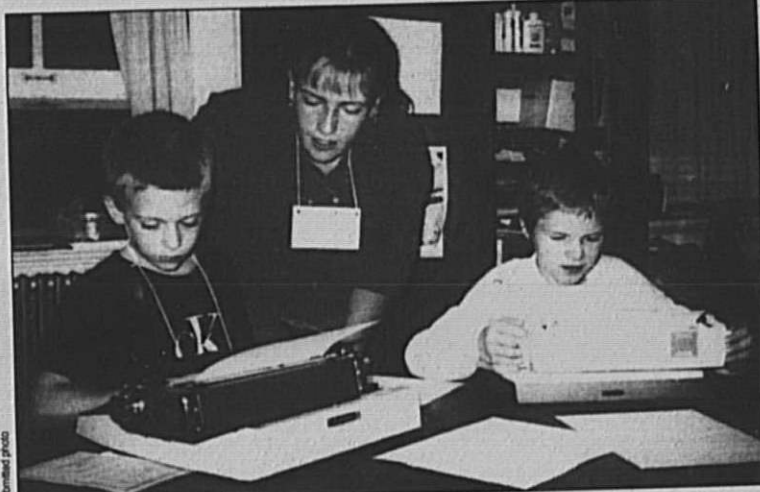
Tony serves Roncalli on the Student Council, Spell Bowl Team, Speech Team and French Club and is an academic letter winner. He also volunteers at St. Barnabas Parish as a lector and is a youth group member.

Roncalli students learn early that service learning is a major part of the school's curriculum. "If it is to be, it is up to me" is a school motto.

The service learning mission statement focuses on "the belief that God leads us all to recognize that we are called to serve others."

In doing so, the mission statement reads, "we hope to recognize who we are and the gifts we possess, gaining a greater sense of self-worth. We believe that in service to all people, especially those most in need, we act as Christian role models, sharing God's presence with them while increasing our own faith. Through our call to service, we will be empowered to act out Jesus' 'command' to love one another."

In response to that mission statement, each year Roncalli students contribute an average of 7,688 volunteer hours of community service through a variety of pro-



Roncalli High School freshman Amy Hayes helps two center-city students learn to type at Sacred Heart Parish in Indianapolis. Roncalli students help Sacred Heart neighborhood children with homework.

grams and activities.

The collaborative efforts of students, alumni and business also resulted in the construction of a house for a needy family through Habitat for Humanity. Students also travel to Appalachia to serve the poor there.

And upperclass students regularly participate in the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education's "A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality" program as chastity peer mentors to junior high students.

Roncalli service projects also benefit Special Olympics, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Marian College's "Mentoring in the City" program, Oaks Rehabilitation Center, Dayspring Center, Youth as Resources, the United Way, Sacred Heart Parish in Indianapolis, the Hispanic Center, Holy Family Shelter, the Family

Support Center, St. Francis Hospital and Lighthouse Ministries.

If their list of service projects seems endless, it is a reflection of the students' energy and commitment to serve others.

Roncalli senior Heather Hollman from Nativity Parish in Indianapolis and several of her school friends spent part of last weekend knocking on doors in her southside neighborhood to collect cans of food for the poor. Heather said they collected 90 cans in an hour. She also has helped at the Gleaner's Food Bank warehouse in Indianapolis.

"I like to do Christian ministry projects," Heather said. "By helping people in need, that's where I find God. I believe when you help someone else you are helping Christ in the same way because he is a part of all of us." †

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## Campus/Young Adult News

# Actor John Dye enjoys his TV role as the Angel of Death

By Mary Ann Wyand

The Angel of Death gets lots of mail. So do other cast members of the award-winning and top-rated drama *Touched By An Angel*, which airs on CBS at 8 p.m. on Sundays.

Actor John Dye, who portrays Andrew, the Angel of Death, on the spirituality-themed television series, said on Nov. 8 that he loves to talk with people about God and he is humbled by the overwhelmingly positive public response to the show.

Dye visited Indianapolis last weekend to host the Heartland Film Festival's Crystal Awards banquet at the Indiana Convention Center. The film festival and awards ceremony honor movies that promote messages of hope and positive values.

During a rehearsal break, Dye said *Touched By An Angel* viewers continue to send letters of thanks and praise for the program's spirituality messages, and letter writers also frequently share accounts of their personal experiences of God.

"The volume of mail we get is incredible," he said. "It's wonderful. And the kind of mail we get is so humbling. We get letters from people specifically talking about an episode [of the show] which reflected their personal experiences of God, and how the show reinforced it and helped them deal with it. We are reminded of why we are doing this show and the impact we're having by doing it."

The show's executive producer, Martha Williamson, has collected several national awards on behalf of the cast and production staff. An award of excellence from Catholics in Media and a Gabriel Award from UNDA honored *Touched By An Angel* for bringing hope and positive expressions of faith to television.

"The show is very hope-filled," Dye said. "It's very empowering. We get to say every week that 'God loves

you.' A lot of people go years and years without hearing anybody say 'I love you,' and we tell them 'God loves you.' It's truly wonderful. Maybe it sparks an interest in their journey, some interest and some hope."

Giving hope to others in the role of an angel, as a televised messenger of God, is a "tall order," Dye said of his character. "It's a joyful one, a gift. It's a great responsibility. It's also a great opportunity."

Although the Mississippi native is a Christian, Dye said he hesitated when he was offered the role of the Angel of Death with angel co-stars Monica (Roma Downey) and Tess (Della Reese).

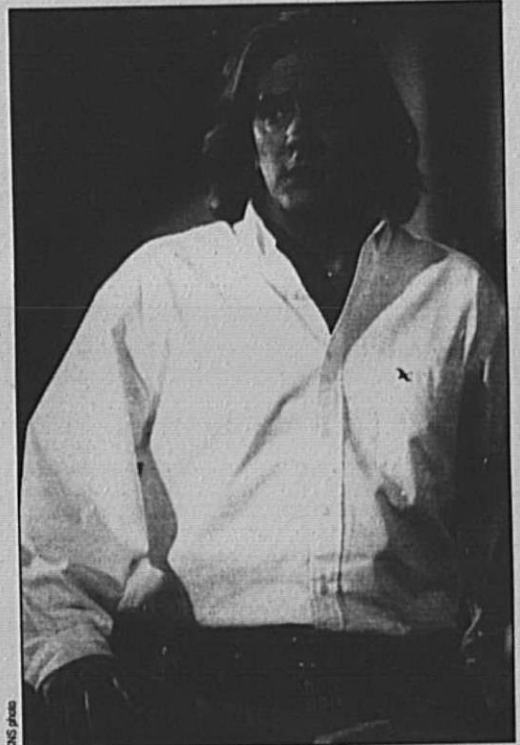
"I had to ask myself if I wanted to be on TV every week talking about God," Dye said, "and whose version of God would I be talking about? I think religion is best left to prayerful individuals or brilliant theologians. I'm a simple man, an actor, so I decided to focus on the character's role as the Angel of Death."

Whether people have faith or profess atheism, he said, "death is the biggest change we can imagine. It's the great unknown. Even with the faith of Job, there is probably a bit of fear for every person simply because it is the unknown."

Dye said he decided that because Andrew is the angel who takes people to heaven, he wanted to portray him as "the most compassionate, caring, gentle, accepting face I could possibly put on him. I wanted to make Andrew as welcoming and as strong as possible."

Either on or off the *Touched By An Angel* production set in Salt Lake City, Dye said, "talking about God is one of my favorite conversations. I love to find out about different people's interpretations of God, or who God is in their life, or if God is in their life."

The series also focuses on the beauty of living in the present moment, Dye said. "The nature of the show forces me, and Roma and Della, to be compelling, because we can't fake that. We have to channel the scripts through the



Actor John Dye, who portrays the Angel of Death on the acclaimed CBS drama *Touched By An Angel*, said he enjoys talking about God both on and off the production set.

best parts of ourselves in order to make them work, otherwise every Sunday night the show is just a sermonette. And who wants to watch that?"

*Touched By An Angel* encompasses stories about miracles in life, he said, not coincidences.

"I don't believe in coincidences," Dye said. "My mom always says that a coincidence is when God remains anonymous. And that's where faith comes in." †



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# Rest in peace

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**BISCHOFF, Mildred F.**, 82, Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove, Oct. 24. Mother of Linda Dunn, Betty, Robert Bischoff. Sister of Andy Sturwald, Marge Schwegman. Grandmother of five.

**BOWMAN, Mary Helen**, 69, St. Luke, Indianapolis, Nov. 2. Wife of Donald E. Bowman. Cousin of Sister Mary L. Lane, Rev. Kenny Sweeney, Thomas Sweeney. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

**COMBS, Beatrice Fay**, 91, St. Mary, New Albany, Oct. 27. Wife of Stanley A. Combs Sr. Mother of A. Eugene, Robert W. Combs, JoAnne McKinley. Grandmother of 20. Great-grandmother of 49. Great-great-grandmother of 1.

**CONKLIN, Mary Agnes**, 93, Holy Cross, St. Croix, Oct. 26. Aunt to several nieces and nephews.

**DAUGHERTY, Bernice (Lovell)**, 81, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Oct. 26. Mother of Len Hollis, Dennis, James

Daugherty, grandmother of four, great-grandmother of one.

**DAVY, Robert R.**, 75, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Nov. 1. Husband of Bette J. (Cain) Davy. Father of Sally Anne Davy-Smiley.

**ENNIS, Margaret "Peggy"**, 67, Nativity, Indianapolis, Oct. 26. Wife of Ellie Cleo Ennis. Mother of Barbara Abbott, Marsha Magly, Brenda, Timothy Ennis. Sister of John Danny, Jimmy Clegg. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of one.

**HILDWEIN, Loretta**, 85, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Oct. 25. Mother of John P., Nancy A. Hildwein, Elaine M. Walker. Sister of Marie Bernloehr. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of three.

**HILGENBERG, Marjorie (McDonough)**, 78, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Oct. 30. Wife of Joseph Hilgenberg. Mother of Joseph M., Dr. John C., Robert S. Hilgenberg, Theresa O'Rourke, Christine Hilgenberg. Grandmother of nine.

**HUTT, JR., Lawrence W. "Andy"**, 73, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Oct. 23. Father of Rebecca Mattingly, Terri Jackson, Debbie Schreck, Lawrence W. III, Kevin Hutt. Brother of Frank L., George A. Hutt, Mary McDougall, Clara Weidner, Wilma Belvly. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of two.

**JAEGERS, Marie**, 95, Holy Family, New Albany, Oct. 28. Mother of Thelma Stephens, Carl Goldsmith.

**JUGG, Elizabeth R.**, 76, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Oct. 29. Mother of Ronald S., Louis J. Jugg, Judith Otey, Diana Cain. Sister of Joe Clements, Mary Sanders.

**KEIFFER, Vincent H.**, 73, Mary Queen of Peace, Danville, Oct. 9. Husband of Eleanor (Rogier) Keiffer. Father of Ronald, Brian Keiffer, Carole Wright, Beatrice Stephenson, Lucille Hoffbauer, Maxine Kramb. Grandfather of seven.

**KIEFER, Dolores**, 92, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Oct. 5.

**KOSCHNICK, Bernice O.**, 98, St. Luke, Indianapolis, Oct. 29. Mother of Virginia Tuohy, C.J. "Buddy" Koschnick. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of three.

**KRAMER, Clara M.**, 89, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Nov. 4. Mother of David E. Kramer, Deloris Haskamp, Mary Jo Drehoel. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 12.

**LEONARD, Robert Ernest**, 71, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Oct. 18. Father of Linda Mikels, Sharon Williams, Elaine Daniels, Marybeth, Debbie, Amy, Melissa Leonard. Brother of William Leonard, Kathryn Hillman. Grandfather of four.

**MILLER, Antoinette**, 94, St. Agnes, Nashville, Nov. 2. Sister-in-law Harriet Miller.

**MORFORD, Olyvia Brooke**, infant, St. Michael, Brookville, Oct. 23. Daughter of Aaron and Brooke Morford. Sister of Brett Morford. Granddaughter of Dane and Judy Riehle, Jim and Roberta Robinson. Great-granddaughter of Elmer and Rita Riehle, Charles and Myrtle Love, Marian Corn, Delores DeRossett.

**OBBERMEYER, Bea J.**, 71, St. Maurice, Napoleon, Oct. 28. Wife of Frank Obermeyer.

Mother of Bill, Bob Obermeyer, Mary Bultman, Grandmother of six.

**PORTER, J. Douglas**, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Nov. 1. Husband of Louise Perez Porter. Father of Joe Porter. Brother of Earl D. Porter, Jr., Jeanne Caldwell, Madonna Bain. Grandfather of three.

**PRENATT, James**, 61, Prince of Peace, Madison, Oct. 22. Father of Steven Phillips, Brother of Patty McCellen.

**QUANDT, Jacqueline Suzanne**, 16, Mary Queen of Peace, Danville, Nov. 5. Daughter of Herbert and Barbara (Hoffmann) Quandt. Sister to Scott A., Herbert M., Cassandra, Susannah, Lindsay, Mary Kay, Elizabeth, and Debra Quandt. Granddaughter of Judith Hoffman.

**RADY, Theodore**, 48, Mary Queen of Peace, Danville, Oct. 23. Husband of Judy (Klopp) Rady. Father of Vernon Renfro, Donna Fowler. Son of Fred and Betty Rady. Brother of Pat Rady, Julia Cottey, Janette Rady. Grandfather of one.

**RECKLEY, F. Robert**, 75, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Oct. 22. Husband of Mary Jo (Catterson) Reckley. Father of Daniel R., Scott N., Robert J. Reckley. Brother of Thomas, Daniel, Stephen Reckley, Therese O'Brian. Grandfather of nine.

**ROESSLE, Josephine**, 89, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Oct. 19. Mother of Betty Sweetman, Jody Roessle. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of nine.

**ROLLEY, Sally (Stout)**, 77, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Oct. 19. Mother of Cheryl Rodriguez, Gi Maddox. Sister of Francis Stout, Marie Fox, Winnie Ziegelbauer, Pat Whitaker. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

**SANDERS, Helen D.**, 79, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, formerly of Christ the King, Oct. 17. Mother of Philip J. Jr., Stephen D., Patrick J., Gregory D., John D. "Jack" Sanders. Grandmother of three.

**SEIBEL, Afra**, 89, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Oct. 25. Mother of Dr. Jo, Michael, William Seibel. Grandmother of three.

**SKINNER, Walther J.**, 79, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Oct. 22. Husband of Rose Lucille Skinner. Father of Linda M. Hodges, Janet L. Hunter, Deborah Patmore, Gary A., James P., Ronald F., Patricia L. Skinner. Brother of Mary Hendrix. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of seven.

**SKORJANC, David Anthony**, 41, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Nov. 1. Father of Jeremy Skorjanc, Shannon Frank. Brother of Philip, Daniel, Stephen Skorjanc, Kathy Young. Grandfather of one.

**SPARKS, Alva M.**, 72, Holy Family, New Albany, Oct. 27. Husband of Mary Jane Sparks. Father of David A., Dean E., Linda M. Sparks. Brother of three. Grandfather of three.

**STUCKER, Frances C. (Prestel)**, 90, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Oct. 31. Mother of Thomas Stucker. Sister of Henrietta Sciscoe, Dorothy Bray.

**TEDROW, Linda K.**, 61, St. Mary Mitchell, Nov. 2. Wife of Kenneth Tedrow. Mother of Matthew, Philip, Barbara Jane. Sister of Barbara Brewer, Sarah Jane Mathens, Nannette Golden. Grandmother of seven; two step-grandchildren.

**THOLE, John B.**, 89, St. Maurice, Napoleon, Oct. 27. Husband of Alma C. Thole. Uncle of several nieces and nephews.

**TUTSIE, Albert P.**, 74, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Oct. 22. Husband of Patricia (Witwer) Tutsie. Father of Michael S., Paul G., Stephen G. Tutsie, Deborah A. Downard. Brother of Joseph, Steve Tutsie, Sister Agnes Cecelia Tutsie, Theresa Kiec, Josie Danastasio, Stacey Greenwald. Grandfather of five.

**WANINGER, Linus A.**, 71, St. Boniface, Fulda, Oct. 17. Husband of Bernice Waninger. Father of Betty Hagedorn, Charles, Gary, Alan, David, Leon Waninger. Brother of Dorothy Schaefer, Virlee Troesch, Ruth Dorcholz. Grandfather of seven.

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# News briefs

## U.S.

### Health groups oppose Oregon's assisted suicide

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Catholic Health Association and the American Medical Association sharply criticized Oregon voters for reaffirming the legalization of physician-assisted suicide. "The AMA will continue its unyielding opposition to physician-assisted suicide," said Dr. Thomas Reardon, chairman of the AMA Board of Trustees. "We will do everything in our power to see that this practice never becomes a generally accepted option to quality patient care." "Legalizing assisted suicide is the simplistic, wrong answer to a difficult and complex problem," the CHA said in a statement Nov. 5.

### New York cardinal: Distortions, not church teaching itself, hurt Jews

NEW YORK (CNS)—Catholic Church teachings did not contribute to the Holocaust, but "gross misinterpretations" of them played a significant role, according to Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York. Authentic church teaching was "misused," "abused" and "distorted" in ways that helped to bring about the Nazi action against the Jews, he told Catholic News Service Nov. 5. "This distorted interpretation became a weapon that was then used by some for their own purposes," he said.

### Pollster: You look at Catholics, you're looking at America

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS)—"You look at Catholics, and you're looking at America," pollster George Gallup Jr.

told participants at Unda-USA's 25th annual conference in the Washington suburb of Arlington. "Today, Catholics are as upscale as the rest of the population. Catholics reflect the views of the entire country," Gallup said Nov. 5 in a keynote address to the Catholic broadcasters' association. Poll findings taken of Catholics over the years also show that while Pope John Paul II and the church are respected, their teachings are often rejected. "The majority disagree with (church) teaching on social issues such as sexuality, the role of women and celibacy," he said.

### Catholic Common Ground announces new initiatives

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., has announced nine new committee members for the Catholic Common Ground Initiative and the initiative's plans for its second conference next spring. The meeting—the Second Annual Cardinal Bernardin Conference—is to be held in Milwaukee March 6-8, with "Church Authority in American Culture" as its main topic. Jesuit Father Avery Dulles of Fordham University, Father Joseph Komonchak of The Catholic University of America and Father James Coriden of Washington Theological Union are to write preparatory papers, to be read in advance by the approximately 50 invited participants.

## World

### Vatican newspaper calls arguments for Oregon law 'aberrant'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican newspaper decried a vote in Oregon to retain a law allowing doctor-assisted suicide and said the arguments favoring it were "absurd and aberrant." In the Nov. 7 edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, Franciscan Father Gino Concetti wrote that "even if it's with the benefit of the law, whoever commits suicide is making a homicidal choice that offends the dignity of the person and the honor of the Creator."

### German chancellor criticizes calls to end religion classes

BERLIN (CNS)—German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has criticized calls for religious classes to be scrapped at state schools following a campaign by the country's Catholic and Protestant churches. The chancellor's remarks follow vigorous support for religious classes by the speaker of the German parliament, Rita Süssmuth, who told the nation's Catholic bishops at an October symposium that religious teaching formed "part of the culture of the German state" and had become "more important than at any previous time."

### Pope urges Belgian bishops to protect children, boost faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II urged the bishops of Belgium to concentrate their efforts on protecting children and boosting Belgians' faith in their national institutions. In the wake of a string of pedophilia and mass murder cases that have shaken Belgians' sense of trust in their society and the church, the bishops came to the Vatican on their *ad limina* visits in early November.

### Visit called encouraging for Catholic-Orthodox relations

WASHINGTON (CNS)—More than halfway through his monthlong visit to the United States, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople has already given "great encouragement" to Catholic-Orthodox dialogue here and internationally, according to Cardinal William H. Keeler. The Baltimore archbishop, who hosted the Orthodox Christian leader early in his Oct. 19-Nov. 17 U.S. visit, told Catholic News Service Nov. 5 that Patriarch Bartholomew has said "some wonderfully affirming things" about Catholic-Orthodox relations during the trip. †

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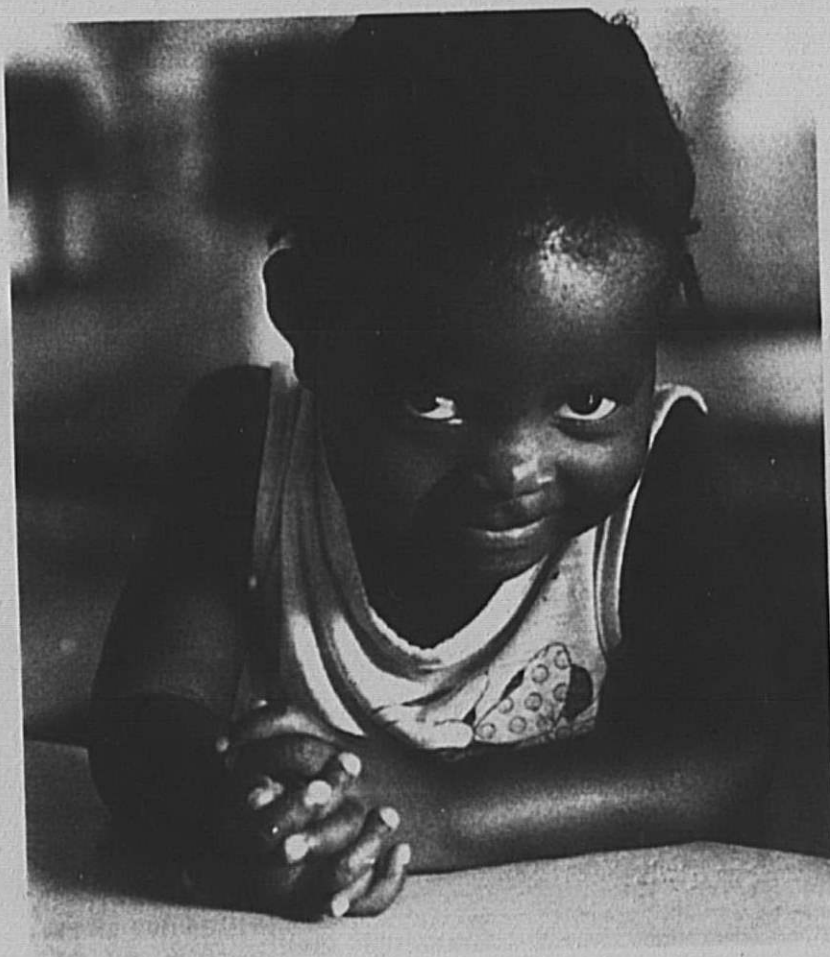
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