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## Pope encourages Cuba to embrace freedom and human rights

**Pontiff expresses hope that visit will mark start of new era for Caribbean nation**

HAVANA (CNS)—Encouraging Cuba to turn a new page on religious freedom and human rights, Pope John Paul II visited the Caribbean island for five days of liturgical celebration, pastoral consultation and lots of evangelizing.

Stopping in four major cities Jan. 21-25, the pope warned that Cuba's religious roots were in danger of eroding, along with family values and a sense of public virtue. He strongly defended the church's right to bring the Gospel to all areas of social life, saying spiritual renewal was the ultimate answer to the country's problems.

He encouraged young people not to leave the island, called for the release of political prisoners and consoled the sick. In nationally televised events, he explained to Cuba's many nonbelievers that the church's goal is not political power but freedom to serve society.

Cuban President Fidel Castro played the gracious host, meeting with the pope at five events, including a private session lasting nearly an hour, and provid-

ing the pontiff with a platform unprecedented in communist Cuba. Many Cuban Catholics—along with some visiting U.S. cardinals, bishops and pilgrims—expressed the hope that the papal visit would mark the start of a new era.

The pope had similar thoughts.

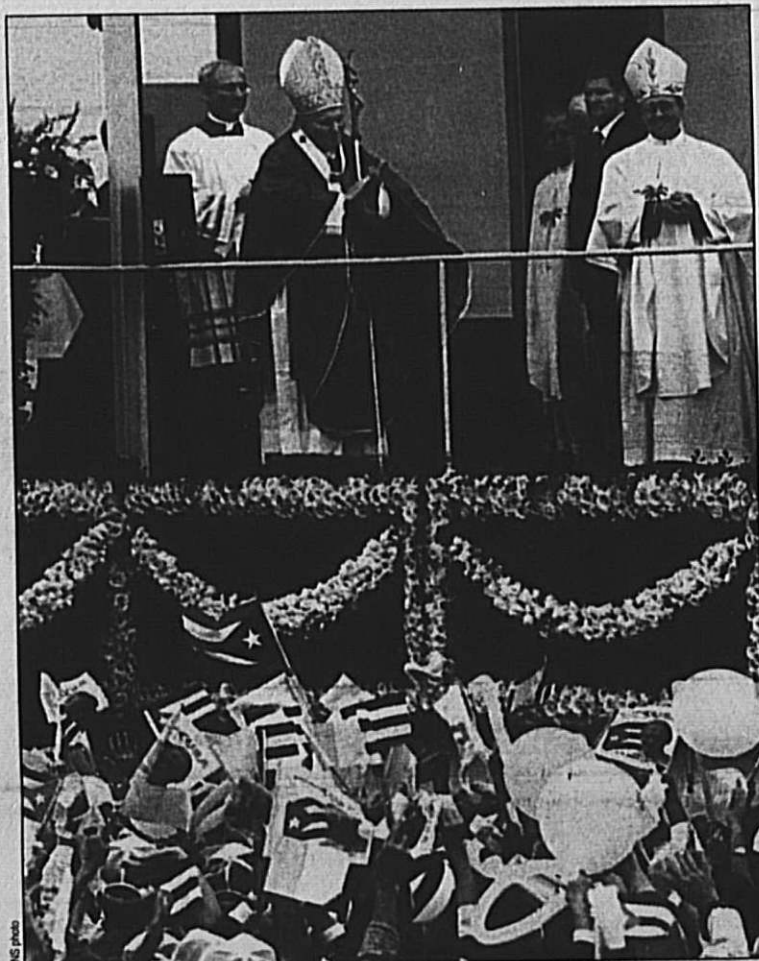
When it started to rain on his last day on the island, he remarked that perhaps it signaled the announcement of a new Advent in Cuba.

The visit culminated in a Mass Jan. 25 in Havana's Plaza of the Revolution, where liturgical prayers replaced the shouted slogans of communist rallies. From an altar that stood beneath a giant painting of Jesus, the pope castigated communism's past efforts to marginalize the church, saying religious expression is not only a fundamental right but a requirement for social development.

"As everyone knows, Cuba has a

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Pope John Paul II applauds the cheering crowd at the end of Mass in Revolution Square in Havana Jan. 25. Chants for freedom, applause and cheering interrupted the pope during his homily as he condemned the evils of both communism and capitalism. At right is Havana Cardinal Jaime Ortega Alamino.

## 'I'm not afraid to stand up for what I believe in'

**Hundreds of youth, others from archdiocese march to remember the 36 million unborn who have died in abortion since 1973**

By Mary Ann Wyand

WASHINGTON—Every 25 seconds an unborn baby dies in an abortion somewhere in America.

And so—a quarter century after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy in its *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton* decisions—312 archdiocesan teen-agers

and their chaperones joined thousands of pro-life supporters from dozens of states for the 25th annual March for Life Jan. 22 in Washington, D.C.

The two-hour march commemorated the lives of an estimated 36 million unborn babies who have died in abortion in the U.S. since 1973.

Halfway up Constitution Avenue, March for Life organizers played a recording of a bell tolling every 25 seconds in memory of the unborn babies killed in abortions.

"I want to show the world how I feel," Bishop Chatard High School junior Jim Rawlinson from St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis said before teen-agers from central and southern Indiana peacefully and prayerfully protested abortion during the massive pro-life march.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein joined the archdiocesan youth at the Ellipse and prayed the rosary with them during the march up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill.

Also marching with the teen-agers were Fathers Vincent Lampert, Gregory Bramlage, Joseph Moriarty and David Coons; Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon; and seminarians Joseph Brown, Steven Dabrowski, Jr. and C. Ryan McCarthy. Father Lampert is director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, which organized the youth bus

trip to Washington for the third year.

"I liked walking up Constitution Avenue and saying the rosary with the archbishop during the march," said Cardinal Ritter High School freshman Sean Danda of St. Malachy Parish in

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein walks with Bishop Chatard High School graduate Zygmunt Mazanowski (left) of St. Luke Parish and Chatard junior Jim Rawlinson of St. Matthew Parish during the march.



# CUBA

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Christian soul," the pope said. "She needs to open herself to the world, and the world needs to draw close to Cuba." His words about freedom, oppression and the church's legitimate role prompted long outbursts of applause and cheering among the crowd of 150,000 people.

When he arrived in Cuba Jan. 21, the pope was welcomed warmly by Castro, who defended his 40-year-old revolution and his government's record of social development.

The pope said simply that he had come to evangelize and preach "the truth concerning Jesus Christ," because the Gospel could help open a climate of freedom, trust and justice, and encourage an end to Cuba's international isolation.

## Speaking on social issues, faith

Celebrating his first Mass on Cuban soil in Santa Clara the next day, the pope condemned the widespread practice of abortion in Cuba, the high divorce rate, premarital sex and birth control. Among the social factors contributing to such evils, he said, were low wages, inadequate housing, ideological dissatisfaction and emigration, which he said has "torn apart whole families."

The pope encouraged Cubans to seek the ultimate answers to these problems not in state programs but in Jesus Christ.

"No ideology can replace his infinite wisdom and power. For this reason there is a need to recover religious values at the level of the family and of society," he said.

In a liturgy in the central city of Camaguey Jan. 23, the pope called on young people to rediscover Christian virtues and reject the temptations of consumerism, free love and social indifference. He criticized the U.S. embargo of Cuba, but said it was not the most important cause of the country's problems.

The great challenge facing the island's people is to "return to your Cuban and Christian roots" and start building a "new society . . . in which you can be the principal agents of your own history," he said. Some 60,000 people cheered him.

Meeting that evening with academics, writers, artists and cultural leaders at the University of Havana, with Castro unexpectedly in attendance, the pope spoke of renewing the "soul" of Cuban culture—its core of religious convictions and moral values.

He focused on a figure respected by church and state in Cuba, Father Felix Varela, a teacher and independence leader in the 19th century who spent much of his life exiled in New York.

## Santiago de Cuba

In Santiago de Cuba the next day, he quoted the Cuban patriot Antonio Macea, who said one cannot love one's country without first loving God. The pope called for church operating space in society, for freedom of association and expression, and for protection of human rights.

In a welcoming talk, local Archbishop Pedro Meurice Estiu was even more blunt, and he treated Cubans to a nationally televised display of free expression. He complained of a process of depersonalization in Cuba, the result of "paternalism"—a clear reference to Castro. In Cuba, he added, ideology substitutes for culture and a single party is confused with patriotism. A government

official later expressed irritation at the speech, saying the archbishop had gone too far.

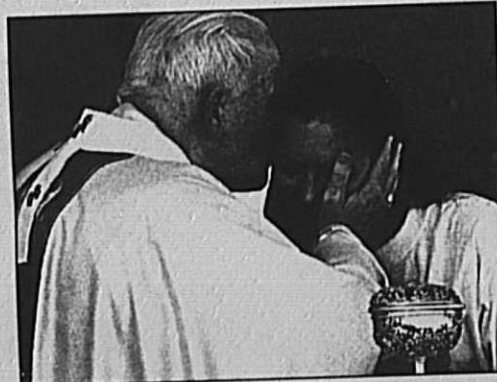
Santiago was also the site of perhaps the most emotional religious moment of the trip, when the pope crowned the image of the Virgin of Charity of el Cobre. The small wooden statue, which legend says was found floating in the sea in the 1600s, has long been a symbol of national unity. As the pope placed the crown on her head, many in the crowd began to cry.

## Reaching out to the poor, imprisoned

In Havana Jan. 24, the pope visited residents in a church-run hospice for AIDS patients and sufferers of leprosy. He paused to bless and touch each of the men, women and children, and accepted the small gifts they offered him.

In a talk, the pope reached out to a group he was unable to visit: Cuba's estimated 500 political prisoners. The pope said they were imprisoned for "ideas which though dissident are nonetheless peaceful" and should be reinserted into society.

Earlier, the Vatican had presented Cuban officials with the names of several hundred Cuban prisoners, asking for clemency on humanitarian grounds. The Cuban government said it would study the possibility.



Pope John Paul II gives a kiss to a young woman during Mass Jan. 23 in Camaguey, Cuba. The pope addressed young people during the service, talking on themes of freedom and peace.



Cuban Catholics cheer for Pope John Paul II as he enters the stadium in Santa Clara for Mass Jan. 22. The crowd chanted "John Paul II, Cubans love you!" as it welcomed the pope.

but made no promises. One Cuban official later said that no one was in jail in Cuba "solely for his ideas."

Before leaving the country, the pope met with leaders of other Christian churches and with Jewish representatives, led a prayer service with priests and nuns and handed a speech to the country's bishops. He endorsed the bishops' calls for access to the Cuban media and a greater role in education.

He also referred to the Cuban exile community, asking them to cooperate peacefully and constructively in Cuban affairs and avoid "useless confrontations." Hundreds of U.S. pilgrims, many of them Cuban-Americans, came to Cuba for the papal visit.

In his final speech in Cuba, the pope pronounced his harshest words on the U.S. embargo, calling it oppressive, unjust and ethically unacceptable. He said that "imposed isolation" was striking the weakest Cubans and depriving them of the "bare essentials of decent living."

"All can and should take practical steps to bring about changes in this regard," he said.

At the same time, the pope offered a parting shot at the Castro government, saying the roots of Cuba's suffering were also to be found in "unjust inequalities, in limitations to fundamental freedoms, in depersonalization and the discouragement of individuals."

In his farewell address, Castro said that Cuba had openly hosted the pope in the eyes of the world, without suffering the "apocalyptic events" some people had predicted. He thanked the pope for the honor of his visit, for the affection he showed all Cubans and "for every word you have said—even those I might disagree with." †

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# Kickoff launches campaign for the center city

## Building Communities of Hope is first step of capital and endowment campaign

By Sue Hetzler

At least 200 corporate and civic leaders attended the Building Communities of Hope kickoff event held Jan. 29 in Indianapolis.

The Building Communities of Hope initiative is the first step of the archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign, Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation. Support during this initial effort is solicited from the business and corporate community in Indianapolis, with funds to go directly to center-city schools and Catholic Charities agencies in Marion County.

Leadership committee members announced at the kickoff event the current pledges and donations that have come in during the past six months in support of the capital and endowment campaign that will help rebuild and renovate center-city Catholic schools and grow endowments to support tuition assistance and social service programs. (A complete report of pledges and donations will be published in the Feb. 6 issue of *The Criterion*.)

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was joined at the event by campaign leaders Jerry Semler, general chair and chairman, president and chief executive officer of

American United Life Insurance Company in Indianapolis; the Honorable Stephen Goldsmith, mayor of Indianapolis and honorary chair; and Marilyn Tucker Quayle, national chair. These and other community leaders are key players in the partnership that is so critical in making this effort of investing more than \$20 million into the center city a success, said Daniel J. Elsener, executive director of Catholic Education for the archdiocese and lead staff member to the Building Communities of Hope cabinet.



"Because of the generous investments of the Indianapolis business and corporate community, more children are attending our schools and achieving educational excellence," he said. "More students are discovering the best within themselves and more persons are finding the support

they need to become more productive citizens. We could not accomplish this without the strong partnership between the church, Catholic healthcare and our community, business and corporate leaders."

Mayor Goldsmith said the Building Communities of Hope initiative offers the city a tremendous opportunity to gain access to many of the resources necessary to the success of his recently announced Front Porch Alliance program, which also

relies heavily on the concept of community partnership.

"This is not a Catholic project," the mayor said. "It is an effort to strengthen neighborhoods, and it will benefit the community. It needs and deserves community, business and corporate support."

On the national level, Quayle said she has been inspired to join the initiative because of its potential to be tailored to other cities across the country. This campaign will serve as a model, she said, for other urban areas facing the same educational and social problems as Indianapolis.

"The phenomenal success of Catholic schools here in Indianapolis is reflected in Catholic schools in other urban areas throughout the United States," said Quayle. "The growing partnership between the archdiocese, the city and the business and corporate community can only serve to strengthen the fine work already being done. The opportunity is before you to truly make a difference, not only here but across the nation."

The Building Communities of Hope initiative has received at least five commitments of \$1 million or more and other large gifts from both local and national investors.

Building Communities of Hope began in August as an effort by the archdiocese to reinvest in its eight center-city Catholic schools and the many Catholic Charities agencies that help students and people from diverse backgrounds break the cycle of poverty. Campaign funds will help build two new schools in the center city—Holy Angels and Holy Cross Central—and lay the foundation for at least \$9 million in endowments

that will offer tuition assistance and other opportunities to the more than 1,000 children currently on waiting lists to attend center-city schools.

Catholic Charities agencies will receive \$2 million in endowment funds to help ensure the continuation of programs and services like youth outreach programs, counseling and emergency assistance. Another \$2 million will provide capital improvements for facilities that house these programs and services.

"You have to work together to make a difference," said Elsener. "While some shake their heads at the problems of the center city, the archdiocese is partnering with the city and community leaders to stay here and grow. We're giving hope by expanding opportunities to the families and children in our city and by building healthier neighborhoods for our city."

The parish phase of the archdiocesan-wide campaign, Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation, will begin this spring. The campaign is an integral part of the Journey of Hope 2001 celebration.

Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation seeks a minimum of \$40 million to benefit the people and parishes throughout the archdiocese. The primary purpose is to help meet capital and endowment needs in local parishes and schools. Sixty percent of the goal will go toward this end.

The campaign is also intended to meet the broader mission and ministry needs of the archdiocesan church. Forty percent of the campaign goal will be used for that purpose. †

(Sue Hetzler is director of communications for the archdiocese.)

## Local Cubans see hope in papal visit, faith for future change

By Peter Agostinelli

While Catholics across the world watched Pope John Paul II arrive Jan. 21 in Havana, Cuba, Delia Diaz watched on television in her home on the south side of Indianapolis.

It was an encouraging but emotional moment for Diaz and other Cubans who emigrated from the island to leave behind religious oppression, social unrest and, in most cases, family members and friends.

Diaz serves at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis as pastoral minister to the Archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate. She came to Miami in 1962 with her family, which includes her husband and three children. They later moved to Indianapolis.

Diaz admits that part of her emotion is anger—anger at Fidel Castro for not fulfilling promises to the Cuban people and for restricting religious activity, among other things. But she said watching the pope meet with Fidel Castro and make his first pastoral visit to the country's 4 million Catholics was uplifting to her as a Cuban and as a person of faith.

The images of the Holy Father in Cuba are almost bittersweet for Diaz because she has never returned to her country. It's also difficult because her sister lives in Santiago de Cuba, and they haven't seen each other in years. In fact, it's only because of relaxed government restrictions in recent years that the two have been able to re-establish direct communication.

Regardless, Diaz has been praying for Castro. She prays that he will lead the country to better times and continue to ease restrictions on religious activity and other privileges. And she thinks the pope's visit could be symbolic of more positive things.

"It gives the Cubans light—that there is hope for the future," she said.

Armando Frías, a member of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis and a teacher in Indianapolis Public Schools, also thinks the pope's visit sheds light on future hope. But it's clear, he said, that it will take faith to continue to build on the hope that seems to be rising in Cuba's horizon.

Frías is confident the pope said what he

needed to say in Cuba. He read many of the pope's talks that are posted on the Vatican World Wide Web site and was pleased that the pontiff addressed religious and social issues in his talks.

It's encouraging, Frías said, because he had seen changes in Cuba during his recent trips there. He visited in 1995 and 1997, the first times he had returned to his country since leaving in 1962. On both trips he said he saw a renewal of Christianity in Catholic, Pentecostal and other churches.

Frías, who lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Nancy, appreciates this change. He's also thankful that he has been able to visit family members and provide them with financial assistance.

Lourdes Daily of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis thought as recently as five years ago that these kinds of positive changes would never come to Cuba. But on her return trips to the island, she too has been encouraged by what she has seen—although she has been frustrated by the tedious process of bringing her fiancée to the United States.

Daily is cynical about Castro's intentions in welcoming the pope so graciously, but she's optimistic about the future. And, she says, so are many of the Cubans she talks with on her visits.

"I just keep thinking that, everywhere the pope has been, there has been change," Daily said.

As part of her efforts at the Archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate, Diaz works with Cubans who have settled recently in Indianapolis. She describes many of them as good people who don't know their Catholic faith very well. After all, she said, the church in Cuba struggles with Castro's crackdown on religion and a scarcity of priests and opportunities for Catholic education.

Regardless, Diaz talks of hope for Cuba's future and the optimism of the pope's visit.

Frías agrees.

"I would like to speak with a voice of faith and say things will happen," he said. "One needs to have faith that the Holy Spirit is there, and that changes will take place." †



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## Child abuse, society and the church

The news media have recently reported alleged sexual abuse of children two decades ago by an archdiocesan priest. Once again, our attention has been focused on this grave social problem, which sits like a hidden wound on the body of our society.

Child abuse in all its forms is a tragedy. And it is an unfortunate fact that it affects all segments of society. No vocation or career is immune from the psychological disorders that lead to it. But it is particularly distressful when the abuser holds a position of trust in the church, the family or the community.

For this reason, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is determined to do all it can to prevent such abuse, to respond immediately when it does occur, and to bring the healing ministry of Jesus to all who have been victimized by any form of child abuse.

Our policies and procedures in this regard are very clear: Child abuse, by definition, is contrary to Christian principles and constitutes a gravely serious matter that can cause inestimable pain and anguish to victims and their families. It is unacceptable behavior for volunteers, lay employees, religious or priests in this archdiocese. Such behavior will not be tolerated.

Archdiocesan policies in this matter are designed to protect children, youth and adults from all threats to their dignity and privacy. They are also intended to protect church personnel against false or unsubstantiated accusations of child abuse or sexual misconduct, which can all too easily destroy the reputation and personal integrity of women and men whose service to the church has been exemplary in all respects.

News media inquiries about allegations of child abuse or sexual misconduct by church personnel are dealt with in an open and responsible manner in accordance with archdiocesan policy. However, we also take very seriously the right to privacy of all who are involved in child abuse cases because of the permanent harm that can result from such situations. It is frustrating that, by law, the state's Child Protective

Services, which investigates child abuse allegations, is prohibited from disclosing any information about its investigations, yet persons both inside and outside the news media accuse the church of "covering up" when it refuses to violate the confidences of persons involved in these situations.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis cares deeply about all victims of child abuse or sexual misconduct. These are good people who are hurt and who are in need of healing. Unfortunately, no miracle cures exist for this terrible social problem. Let us pray for all who are caught in this insidious web of abuse: abusers themselves and all victims—both those who have been directly abused and the families, friends and members of the church and the larger community who are affected by this horrible affliction. †

—Suzanne L. Magnant

(Suzanne Magnant, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and an attorney, is a member of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc.)

It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to reach out to anyone who has been harmed by child abuse or sexual misconduct by a church volunteer, lay employee, religious, or priest. Anyone who believes that he or she has been a victim of such abuse or misconduct is encouraged to contact:

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Copies of the archdiocesan policies on child abuse, sexual misconduct, and ministry to minors are available from the chancellor's office at the above address or telephone.

## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



# Respect for the dignity of all humans

Last week's observance of the 25th anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* decision which legalized abortion on demand in the United States was virtually eclipsed because of the breaking news of alleged sexual impropriety and illegalities by President Clinton. Even the historic Cuban visit of Pope John Paul was sidelined. A common thread ties together the wrong of abortion and the degradation of sexual impropriety. At issue is respect for the dignity of human beings.

I have participated in the annual Prayer Vigil for Life at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the March for Life in Washington for 10 years. Every year more high school and college youth participate at great personal sacrifice. This year, counting adults, the group from our archdiocese numbered more than 400. (Other bishops were amazed that so many came the distance from Indianapolis.) I applaud our youth, the school administrators, parents and benefactors who permit their participation. Believe me, these students learn a great lesson for life! I especially want to applaud the adults who accompany the youth on the overnight bus rides and who slept on the gym floor at Catholic University! Experiencing the solidarity of a packed national shrine and the march of hundreds of thousands of folks encourages those who consider respect for human life a fundamental moral value.

For the most part, students who attend have an innate intuition about the continuum of human dignity from conception to natural death. The prayer vigil and related activities help them to understand the particulars of this intuition. Our students and other pro-life folks deepen their understanding of respect for human dignity.

I happen to be writing about this topic on the liturgical commemoration of St. Francis de Sales, a great teacher of the church and the patron saint of journalists and other writers. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, had a large influence on my spiritual development as a seminarian and novice at Saint Meinrad. This church doctor said a lot about respect as a fundamental and profound virtue. Respect for the human person is grounded in the belief that God is the creator of life and that God leaves the trace of his image in every human person. The divine imprint in each and every human person is our claim to dignity and

respect. No matter how much a person may violate his or her own human dignity, the basis for human respect, the divine imprint remains.

Saint Francis de Sales teaches that, like all virtues, respect must be cultivated and is in fact the fruit of a constellation of other virtues. He writes "meekness, temperance, integrity and humility are virtues that mark all our actions in life . . . We must always have on hand a good supply of these general virtues since we must use them constantly" (*Intro. To the Devout Life*, 3,1). He wrote that "charity is the humility which appears on the outside. Humility is the charity which is on the inside" (11,2). Humility and charity are especially necessary in order to appreciate the real worth of all of human life. We call this appreciation *respect*. Our English word *respect* derives from the Latin and it means "to look at with regard." Humility is fundamental because self-centeredness blinds us to the image of God not only in other people, but in ourselves as well because pride causes us to arrogate to ourselves the place that belongs to God.

Saint Francis de Sales says that we should be indignant toward evil while at the same time being as polite as possible towards our neighbor. One of the sad characteristics of our culture is a fascination with evil and the human failings of other folks. We speak of a "media frenzy" about the alleged sins of people in high places. The prudent respect needed to deal with the truth of sin in our midst while maintaining a judicious respect for the dignity of a human person has suffered a tragic decline in the last half of this century. The patron saint of journalists and writers has something to teach us in our times.

What does the fascination with the sins of people "in high places" say about our culture? It says that at root faith in God has been eclipsed. Yes, the public has "a right to know" and to despise evil. No, the public doesn't have a right to violate the sinner, to sensationalize human sin and to assume the role of God. Speaking of these things last week in Washington, Archbishop Justin Rigali of St. Louis quoted to me the opening words of Franz Werfel's *Song of Bernadette*: "For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible." Somehow that says it. †

## Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for February

**Young Adults:** That they may realize the importance of their presence in our parishes and have the generosity and courage to consider service in the church, especially as priests and religious.



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## Buscando la Cara del Señor

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



# Respeto por la dignidad de todos los seres humanos

**L**a semana pasada la observancia del 25° aniversario del fallo Roe contra Wade, el cual legalizó el aborto en demanda en los Estados Unidos de América, no recibió gran atención debido a las noticias de las alegaciones de impropiedad sexual e ilegalidades por parte del Presidente Bill Clinton. Aún la histórica visita del Papa Juan Pablo II a Cuba recibió muy poca cobertura. Hay un elemento común que conecta el mal del aborto y la degradación de la impropiedad sexual. El punto en cuestión es el respeto por la dignidad de los seres humanos.

Durante los últimos diez años, he participado en la anual Vigilia de Oraciones en favor de la Vida en la Capilla Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción y en la Marcha en favor de la Vida en Washington. Cada año participan más estudiantes jóvenes de las escuelas secundarias y de la universidad a gran sacrificio personal. Este año el grupo de nuestra arquidiócesis contó con más de 400 personas, incluyendo los adultos. (Debido a la distancia, otros obispos se asombraron de que tanta gente asistiera de la ciudad de Indianapolis) Aplaudo a nuestros jóvenes, a los administradores escolares, a los padres y a los bienhechores que permitieron su participación. ¡Sepa, que estos estudiantes aprendieron una gran lección sobre la vida! ¡Sobre todo quiero aplaudir a los adultos que acompañaron a los jóvenes en el viaje por autobús durante la noche y quienes durmieron en el piso del gimnasio en la Universidad Católica! La experiencia de estar en la solidaridad de la Capilla Nacional, llena de gente, y estar con los miles y miles de personas que participaron en la Marcha en favor de la vida alientan aquellos que consideraron el respeto de la vida humana es un principal moral valor.

Por la mayor parte, los estudiantes que asistieron a la marcha tienen una intuición innata sobre el continuo de dignidad humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. La vigilia de oraciones y las actividades relacionadas ayudaron a los estudiantes a entender los particulares de su intuición. Nuestros estudiantes y las otras personas en favor de la vida ahondaron su comprensión de respeto por la dignidad humana.

Da la casualidad que yo estoy escribiendo sobre este tema en la conmemoración litúrgica del San Francisco de Sales, un gran maestro de la iglesia y el santo patrón de los periodistas y otros escritores. Su famosa obra, *Introducción a la Vida Devota*, tenía una gran influencia sobre mi propio desarrollo espiritual como un seminarista y novicio en el seminario San Meinrad. Este doctor de la iglesia dijo mucho sobre el respeto como una fundamental y profunda virtud. El respeto por la persona humana está basado en la creencia que Dios es el creador de la vida y que Dios deja un

poco de su imagen en cada persona humana. La impresión divina en cada persona humana es nuestra demanda a la dignidad y al respeto. No importa en qué manera una persona viole su propia dignidad humana, queda la impresión divina, la cual es la base del respeto humano.

Nuestros estudiantes y otras personas en favor de la vida continúan ahondando en su comprensión de respeto por la dignidad humana.

San Francisco de Sales nos enseña que el respeto, como todas las virtudes, el debe cultivarse y, en realidad, está en el centro de un grupo de otras virtudes. Él escribe que, "la mansedumbre, la templanza, la integridad y la humildad son las virtudes que marcan todas nuestras acciones en la vida. Debemos tener un gran suministro de estas virtudes generales ya que debemos usarlas constantemente." (Intro. A la Vida Devota, 3,1) Él escribió que "la caridad es la humildad que aparece por fuera. La humildad es la caridad que está por dentro." (11,2) La humildad y la caridad son especialmente necesarias para apreciar el valor real de la vida humana. Esta apreciación se llama el respeto. La palabra en inglés "respect" está derivada del Latín y significa "mirar con estimación". La humildad es muy importante porque somos egocéntricos y no vemos la imagen de Dios ni en otras personas, ni en nosotros mismos, porque el orgullo nos causa a arrogar el lugar que pertenece a Dios.

San Francisco de Sales dice que nosotros debemos ser indignados por el mal, y a la vez, siendo lo más cortés posible a nuestro vecino. Una de las características tristes de nuestra cultura es la fascinación con el mal y los fracasos humanos de otra gente. Hablamos del "frenesí en los medios de comunicación" sobre los pecados de las personas en altas esferas. El prudente respeto que necesitamos para tratar con la verdad de los pecados alrededor de nosotros y para mantener un respeto juicioso para la dignidad de una persona humana ha sufrido una trágica disminución en la segunda mitad de este siglo. El santo patrón de periodistas y escritores tiene algo para enseñarnos en estos tiempos.

¿Qué dice la fascinación con los pecados de personas "en altas esferas" sobre nuestra cultura? Dice que la fundamental del problema es que ha disminuido la fe en Dios. Claro, que el público tiene "el derecho de saber" y despreciar el mal; pero, el público no tiene el derecho de violar al pecador, o de sensacionalizar el pecado humano y asumir el papel de Dios. La semana pasada en Washington, el Arzobispo Justin Rigali de la ciudad de Saint Louis me citó las primeras palabras de La Canción de Bernadette de Franz Werfel: "Por aquellos que creen, ninguna explicación es necesaria. Por aquellos que no creen, ninguna explicación es posible". Esto dice todo. †

## Letters to the Editor

### Why Roe vs. Wade?

Why was Roe vs. Wade?  
Why was our legal system pitted against the most helpless of its citizens?

Why can it be legal to bring babies to a partial-birth, then brutally murder them, yet illegal to abuse them if they are allowed to be born?

Why, when a child is wanted, it's a baby, but when it's unwanted it's a blob, a nothing, a "choice"?

Why do some bumper stickers say, "I'm pro-choice and pro-child" when the choice is between the life and death of an unborn child?

Why is it right to give children and adults life-sustaining liquids, nutrition care for weeks, yet right to deny them for unborn babies for the same or less time?

Why does an organization call itself Planned "Parenthood" yet get most of its income by de-parenting (by abortions)? And get additional millions of tax dollars for its work, too?

Why can't new mothers and fathers understand that those praying and counseling at abortion clinics want to help, not hurt them; that they believe in the truth of abortion with compassion for all involved with it?

Why were 35 million little babies killed in 25 years? And so many parents wanting to adopt?

Why can't all come to believe in the sanctity of life, at all stages, from conception to natural death?

Why was Roe vs. Wade? Why Lord, Why?

John Hanagan  
Indianapolis

### Vocations and CCD

With great joy and excitement I read (in the Vocations Supplement in the Jan. 16 edition of *The Criterion*) about men

and women who have devoted their lives to the religious sector. I thought to myself, "How wonderful it must be to be called by the Almighty. Nothing could compare to this magnificent honor!"

Yet after a moment, I became saddened. I read that a seminarian goes and speaks to young men and women at some local high schools. He feels that this is a time in a person's life that the vocation might begin. I stopped and contemplated my parish and the teenagers that belong to it. I also thought about the time when I was a teen-ager in this very same parish.

After attending a Catholic grade school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, my father moved our family to a small town in southeastern Indiana. In this location, there were no Catholic high schools nearby to attend. We attended CCD classes to further educate us in the Catholic religion. Even today, there still isn't a Catholic high school for the children. Men and women in the religious did not come to speak to us then about vocations, and they don't come to speak to our young members now about vocations. I can't help but wonder how many callings were not recognized and answered because of a mere oversight!

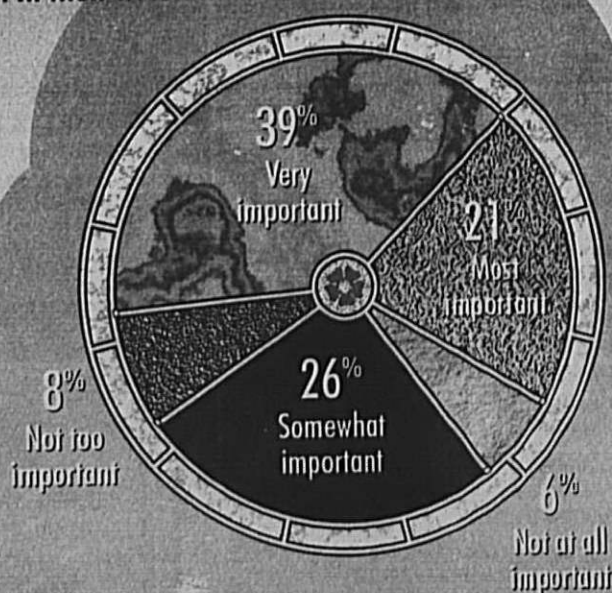
I want my [three young] children to remain strong in their religious beliefs and someday seriously consider a life with the religious. In order to accomplish this, I feel it is necessary to keep them involved while they are young and impressionable.

I see many good-hearted young adults in our parish. I think it would be very beneficial for seminarians, priests, brothers, novices, or sisters to come and talk to our children in our CCD program. Let's not miss out on a great opportunity.

Suzanne A. Galle  
Sunman

## Power of Faith

Americans describe the influence of religious faith in their lives as...



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### La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en febrero

**Adultos jóvenes:** que se den cuenta de la importancia de su presencia en nuestras parroquias y tengan la generosidad y el valor de considerar el servicio en la iglesia, especialmente como sacerdotes y religiosos.



# Lawrenceburg Catholics invited to 'come home'

## Evangelization effort includes collaboration with Cincinnati parishes

By Sr. Mary Cecile Deken, O.S.B.  
Special to The Criterion

LAWRENCEBURG—Because Lawrenceburg is so close to Cincinnati, and since many parishioners of St. Lawrence work in Cincinnati and most listen to Cincinnati television and radio stations, the parish has joined with 16 Cincinnati parishes for a joint "Come Home" program.

The purpose of the program is to welcome Catholics who have left the Catholic Church to return home to their Catholic faith.

Beginning the week of Jan. 11, radio announcements began airing on Cincinnati stations WLW, WGR and WCIN and WSCH in Aurora. Channel 6 TV in Lawrenceburg includes the mes-

sages on its community happenings.

Also, 10 billboards carry the message in the Cincinnati area, and yard signs will be placed in Lawrenceburg and Cincinnati. A "Come Home" bulletin distributed to every person who attended the Christmas Masses listed the sites and dates for the "Come Home" sessions.

"Come Home" nights will be hosted in 16 Cincinnati parishes and in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church at 7 p.m. on Mondays, February 9, 16, and 23.

The evangelization committee participated in a two-hour session at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati to learn in detail how to conduct the three "Come Home" sessions. Two of the three sessions will

be primarily devoted to listening to the hurts, needs and concerns of the alienated Catholics who come. Father John Hartzler will be present for the three sessions, because it is important that a priest be present. As the team listens and summarizes the needs and concerns of the participants, team members are enabled to prepare to respond in the third session to the topics brought by the participants.

The evangelization team will spend at least a half hour before each evening together in prayer. Members will serve as hospitality ministers for the evening. After each session a team member will partner with a participant to do a follow-up call, thanking them for coming, inviting them to the next session and assuring them of any help they would request.

All the members of St. Lawrence are asked to pray for the evangelization team and for all the people who choose to come.

Neighboring parishes in the Batesville Deanery were invited to be a part of the program. St. Anthony of Padua in Morris; St. Paul, New Alsace; St. Martin, Yorkville; and St. Mary, Aurora will put announcements in their bulletins. St. Mary parishioners will also help with the advertising and participate in the sessions.

The Cincinnati experience in 1997 resulted in 100 persons coming to the sessions, 10 transients who heard the radio announcements asking to be referred to parishes where they lived, and many phone calls. Priests in the parishes also reported that the announcements encouraged Catholics who returned through the sacrament of reconciliation but did not attend the sessions.

The 17 locations and dates of the "Come Home" Program are also listed on the Internet. †

(Benedictine Sister Mary Cecile Deken is pastoral associate of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg.)

## Check It Out...

St. Mark Parish in Indianapolis will host a Bowl-a-thon for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana from 2 p.m. Jan. 31. Make-A-Wish stars can be purchased for a \$5 donation. Food and raffle items will also be available. The wish child is Molli, who has a life threatening illness and has been granted a wish

by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana. The youth of the parish are sponsoring the fund-raising event. All proceeds will go to the foundation. Information: 317-783-9574.

The Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center will host "When I Was Hungry..."

an explanation of the Africa: Seeds of Hope legislation at 1 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center, 2931 Ohio Blvd., in Terre Haute. Rev. Beverly Phillips, regional organizer for Bread for the World, will explore how this bill will help open opportunities for the poorest people in Africa. Information: 812-232-8400.

The Serra Club of Terre Haute is sponsoring a gathering for those interested in discerning a religious vocation from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Providence Center on the campus of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Information: Call John Heck at 812-535-3558. †

## VIPs...

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hasemeyer of Indianapolis will celebrate their 50th anniversary Feb. 5.



The couple has three children: Pam Newton, Bonnie Hasemeyer and Kim Herbertz. They also have four grandchildren. The Hasemeyers are members of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Zinser, formerly of Indianapolis, will mark their 50th anniversary Feb. 7.



The couple will celebrate with an open house and Mass at St. Barnabas

Parish in Indianapolis. The open house is at 1:30 p.m. with Mass following at 5:30 p.m. The couple was married Feb. 7, 1948 at St. Mary Church in Greensburg. The Zinsers reside in Haines City, Fla. The couple has three children: Judy Wampner, Pamela Bullock, and Paul Zinser. They also have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Getz of Carmel will celebrate their 50th anniversary Feb. 7.



The couple was married Feb. 7, 1948 at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. They have seven children: Debbie Gerbers, Tom, Bob, C. J., and Bill Getz, Kathy Howard, and Jeanne Loughery. The couple also has 13 grandchildren. They are members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel in the Lafayette Diocese. †



## Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience team member Steven Nicholas of Greenwood serves dinner to Nativity parishioner Beth Goddard and her son, Calvin, of Indianapolis during a Marsh FunD Feast fund raiser Jan. 16 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish. The event raised \$700 to benefit archdiocesan Beginning Experience programs and activities for separated, divorced and widowed persons. The next Beginning Experience weekend is Feb. 6-8. For information, contact the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries at 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586.

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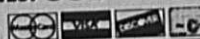
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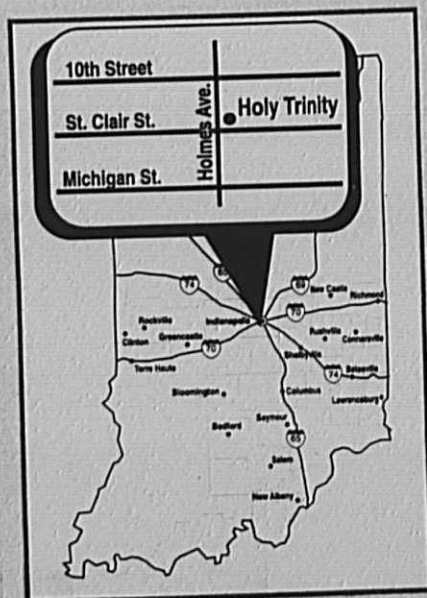
## Indianapolis West Deanery

## Holy Trinity Parish Indianapolis

Story and photos by Margaret Nelson

### Fast Fact:

Since December, Holy Trinity's 20-year-old parish newsletter, *The Trinitarian*, is posted on the parish home page on the Internet. Those interested should go through [www.massintransit.com](http://www.massintransit.com) and follow prompts to browse parish home pages. At no cost to the parish (through Catholic Catalog Company), the site also provides the parish Mass schedule, phone numbers and vision statement.



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# Holy Trinity means service to the Haughville neighborhood

According to Father Kenneth Taylor, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Indianapolis, the biggest focus of the parish is service to the community.

The service ranges from the daycare center and preschool services for the very young to adult day care for the neighborhood elderly.

Adult Day Care West, now sponsored by Catholic Social Services (CSS), was started by the parish back in 1980. It was the first program to provide day-long care for adults in Marion County, Father Taylor said.

"The parish started it as a response to a need in the community," he said. "Senior citizens were faced with being home alone all day."

Many of the adults who come to the center are there every day from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The program allows them to continue to live in their homes, even though their caregivers work. The pastor added, "Here, they have something to do."

The program offers time for devotions, crafts, group discussions, physical exercise, movies, recreational activities and games that are mentally stimulating.

Services include help with personal grooming, individual and group counseling, a noon meal and snacks, social work services, support groups for the clients and nursing care. There is a licensed practical nurse on staff.

Most of the 20 to 35 people who come to the adult daycare live within a few miles of Holy Trinity Church. A few are parishioners. They may get transportation from the Indianapolis Metro Open Door buses. Wheelchair clients use vans run by CSS.

Once a week, the Holy Trinity staff takes Communion to the Catholic clients. Some Holy Trinity parishioners—like Joan Gootee, on-site director—are employed by the adult

daycare, and others volunteer to work with the men and women who spend their days there.

Sometimes, both young and older daycare programs get together. The children in the daycare go to the senior citizens' building and play bingo or other games with them.

Students from Holy Trinity Daycare and Kindergarten learn and share their skills during a Black History program each February. For the eighth year, more than 80 children will study men and women of the past and present that they consider role models. Some are well-known and some take some work to find out about. The youngsters join their classmates dressed



Children in Holy Trinity Daycare Center pause to pray before having their afternoon snacks.

like their heroes for the special program.

Someone always dresses like Father Taylor. Last year, the 3-year-old kids picked heroes like Shirley Chisholm.



Pastor Father Kenneth Taylor chats with Holy Trinity parishioner Frances Yovanovich after a Wednesday bingo for senior citizens from several west side parishes. The players' quarter donations have purchased drinking fountains and coolers for the children's daycare center. Future contributions will go for classroom fans.

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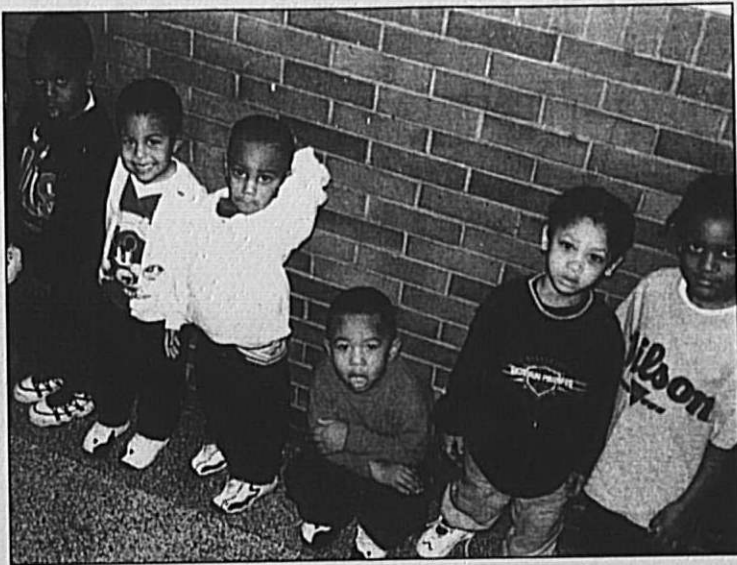
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Waiting their turns in line are children from the Holy Trinity Daycare Center. The facility serves three-year-olds through kindergartners. Graduates of Holy Trinity comprise 20 percent of the enrollment of nearby All Saints elementary school.

Thurgood Marshall, Reggie Miller, Oprah Winfrey and Jackie Joyner Kersee.

The 4-year-olds picked celebrities like Whoopi Goldberg, Sugar Ray Robinson, Whitney Houston, Jackie Robinson, Tina Cosby, Pamela Carter, Rosa Parks and Alex Haley. One child dressed like the director of their school, Dr. Sue Ann Yovanovich.

Pre-kindergartners chose others to imitate for the Black History Month presentation: Coretta Scott King, Indianapolis Police Chief Michael Zunk, Harriet Tubman, General Colin Powell and Barbara Boyd.

Marian Anderson, Stevie Wonder, Mahalia Jackson, Ray Charles and The Supremes are among those copied by the kindergartners. And they also joined the others for skits and songs. Their rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" could only be done by a group of pre-schoolers.

Holy Trinity's younger daycare has brought students to All Saints Catholic School after completion of kindergarten. The pastor estimates that 20 percent of the elementary school's enrollment comes from the daycare.

In addition to the usual projects to help the poor in the neighborhood, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has a Christmas Giving Tree. The conference was able to provide gifts for 25 families last year. The parish is part of a neighborhood network with its clothing room. Proceeds from the monthly rummage sale are used for the poor. The food pantry goes on all year.

New parishioners will be welcomed by the Holy Trinity community after the 9 a.m. Mass on Feb. 8. For four years, the parish has had coffee and doughnuts every Sunday after the early Masses. The Evangelization Commission hosts them and extra donations go to the food pantry.

The Family Life and Social Concerns Commission of the parish has started a series of Neighborhood Forums to keep people up-to-date on events that are contributing to the good of the community. Parishioners are shown how Holy Trinity and they, as individuals, can be part of what's going on in the neighborhood.

"Our folks ask questions," said Father Taylor. "We don't want to become isolated. We want to do everything to have a positive impact on what is going on in the community."

The parish is involved in many other neighborhood projects. Yovanovich was a member of the planning committee for the annual Police Appreciation Day Dec. 29 that acknowledged the service of police officers from the west side of Indianapolis. The staff is also active in the neighborhood association, West Side



The West Side Adult Day Care was started by Holy Trinity in 1980 and is now sponsored by Catholic Social Services. Adults, mostly from the area, can spend any or every weekday at the building, with supervised activities and care.

## Holy Trinity (1906)

**Address:** 2618 W. St. Clair St., Indianapolis, IN 46222  
**Phone:** 317-631-2939  
**Fax:** 317-631-2921  
**Church Capacity:** 350 &  
**Number of Households:** 296

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenneth Taylor  
**Pastoral Associate:** Sr. Anita Eberle, OSB  
**Music Director:** Norma Stefanciosa  
**Parish Council Chair:** Sue Ann Yovanovich

**Principal:** Mary Patricia Sharpe  
**School:** All Saints School, 337 N. Warman Ave., 317-636-3739 (1-8)

**Daycare:** Holy Trinity Daycare and Kindergarten, 902 N. Holmes Ave., 317-638-9509

**Daycare Director:** Sue Ann Yovanovich  
**Daycare Enrollment:** 100

**Masses:**  
Saturday Anticipation — 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday — 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Day Anticipation — 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Day — 8:00 a.m.  
Weekdays — Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.

Community Development Corporation (WESCO), which sponsored the event.

A new Westside Health Center, which will open next month, will house 20 examination rooms, a pharmacy, an X-ray lab and counseling center. Yovanovich is also on the advisory council for this facility. Franciscan Sister Anita Eberle, pastoral associate, is working on the neighborhood maternity project.

Parishioners are represented in the anti-drug marches and children from the daycare center are there to offer water for the mini-marathon runners who pass by the parish in early May.

Father Taylor is quite concerned about the record number of murders in Indianapolis and the ecumenical prayer services for the victims. He tries to be there or send someone from the parish, especially for those who die in the neighborhood. The staff planned to attend services for a woman with connections to the daycare, who was murdered earlier this month.

"The whole Haughville area is on the upswing," said Father Taylor. "Things are being concentrated here. A lot of people are working to make things better. We can add a lot to it by being here." He noted that Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith's State of the City address was given at nearby Christamore House.

Parishioners are kept up-to-date on these and other activities with *The Trinitarian*, a 20-year-old newsletter that goes to every household, plus a list of about 100 "friends of Holy Trinity." The theme of the informative publication is "Spreading the Good News of Holy Trinity Parish." †



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# Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Award Recipients

## 'Whatever the Lord wants is what's important'

By Margaret Nelson

Benedictine Archabbot Lambert W. Reilly was one of the seven men and women awarded the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* medal during a Jan. 18 liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Speaking of the archabbot, abbot at Saint Meinrad Archabbey since 1995, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein commented, "Known for his deep spirituality, dedication to monastic life and tradition, sound judgment, and wonderful sense of humor, the archabbot is a sought-after speaker, retreat master and spiritual director."

With his perpetual smile, the Saint Meinrad archabbot commented, "I think I got it [the papal award] because the archbishop feels very indebted to me."

In a more serious vein he added, "I told him I don't want it. He said I had to take it."

The very day of the awards ceremony, Archabbot Lambert had spent the morning in Terre Haute parishes. He said, "I didn't have anyone else to send, so I went myself."



Benedictine Archabbot Lambert W. Reilly vests before the Jan. 18 liturgy.

As Archbishop Buechlein said during the presentation, "Archabbot Lambert has been generous with his own time, serving as a speaker at clergy gatherings and as a member of the steering committee for the archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign and assisting with confirmation ceremonies throughout the archdiocese."

Talking about his life as a Benedictine monk, Archabbot Lambert said, "Whatever the Lord wants is what's important. When you stop planning and let God do it, it saves you a lot of energy. If you think it's what the Lord wants you to do, do it."

"I'm a priest; I'm a monk. I don't have to go looking for something to do," he said.

"Saint Meinrad has been generous to the archdiocese," the archabbot said. "We have 14 full-time monks working for the archdiocese, starting with the archbishop himself."

"We are especially blessed right now. We have eight novices who came six months ago. We have a large number of priests. The older ones are blessed with good health and are interested in helping where they can."

"We are trying to do what we are supposed to be doing and the archbishop is saying thank you," said Archabbot Lambert.

People often ask if the archbishop is the archabbot's superior or vice versa. Archabbot Lambert explains that the archabbey is within the archdiocese, of which Archbishop Daniel is ordinary. Since the archbishop is a Benedictine monk, he would be obedient to the archabbot, but when he became bishop, his obedience was transferred to the Holy Father.



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presents the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (For the Church and the Pontiff) award to Benedictine Archabbot Lambert W. Reilly of Saint Meinrad Archabbey during a special Jan. 18 liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

The archabbot loves to joke about their relationship. He tells a story of the two comparing responsibilities. He ended the conversation with a laugh, "I am one of seven archbishops in the world. Archbishops are a dime a dozen."

And at the Sept. 30, 1997, rededication of Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln—at which Archbishop Buechlein presided—Archabbot Lambert gave the welcoming comments. He said that he got along with his archbishop better than any of the other archbishops did. Then he added, "None of the others have archbishops." That's because the other archbishops are not in archdioceses, as Saint Meinrad is within the Indianapolis Archdiocese.

Patricia DeVault of Indianapolis—St. Anthony volunteer and co-chairperson for the archdiocesan capital and endowment campaign on which the archabbot serves—also received the *Pro Ecclesia* award. She commented, "The archabbot has the most remarkable memory and he absolutely has the best sense of humor. He is very down-to-earth. He doesn't make you feel like he is superior. He's probably younger than I am, but he makes me feel like I'm talking to my big brother."

Internationally-known as a retreat master, the archabbot recently had his first book published. "Because There Is Jesus" is a collection of his homilies and conferences. The sermons are ones he gave to the monks and other people who attend Mass at Saint Meinrad. The conferences were for the Benedictine monks.

Abbey Press approached the Pittsburgh native about publishing his talks in a book that could be given to benefactors of the archabbey.

"Afterwards, they asked if we could

put the book on the market," said Archabbot Lambert. "I told them there is a difference between talking and writing and I didn't have time to take the material and 'make the jump.' They pushed me. I was embarrassed by it in a way."

He said, "The material is direct; it's Gospel and some of it is humorous."

"One good thing about it is that people will learn that we're all alike," said the archabbot. "Monks aren't holy people. We are trying to become holy people."

"Mother Teresa had given me an endorsement on it," he said. In her last letter to the archabbot—about three weeks before her Sept. 5, 1997 death—she wrote: "You can put this in your book. 'We know Father Lambert from his retreats. He always preaches Jesus.'"

The archabbot said he could get into trouble with people whose stories he "stole." Then he added, "No author has too much claim on stories."

The "shepherd" homily he gave last July during a Mass to celebrate the anniversaries of Benedictine priests and brothers is included in the book.

For the funeral for Father Martin Dusseau, prior of the archabbey, he said, "As monks, our life is no more than planned conversion. He created us without consulting us. But he won't save us without consulting us."

"I sincerely believe each one has to claim his or her own personality. We are the way we are. We can't be the way others think we should be. If I claim my personality, I hope you will accept me."

But he said we cannot look at others then and say they shouldn't be the way they are.

"The Lord sees us with a double vision for what we are and what we can become," said Archabbot Lambert. "If only we could view ourselves and others that God-like way." †

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### Hispanic meetings begin Jan. 31

The archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry will sponsor gatherings of "Church and Community" to explore the issues facing the Hispanic church in central and southern Indiana.

Presented by the Mexican American Cultural Center, it will begin in St. Augustine, Jeffersonville on Saturday, Jan. 31. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end with a prayer service at 2:30 p.m.

The Jeffersonville presentation will focus on ways to reach members of the community and it will cover religious and liturgical concerns of the Hispanic community.

On Sunday, Feb. 1, a liturgy will be held at St. Patrick, Indianapolis, beginning at 11 a.m., followed by a program for the St. Patrick Parish community.

On Feb. 2, a program for youth and young adults and those ministering to them will be presented at Holy Rosary, Indianapolis. The workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

"Cultural Awareness for Catechists and Educators," will be the topic for an all-day workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Allison Mansion at Marian College in Indianapolis on Feb. 3.

Pastoral leaders, parish life coordinators, parish staff, associate pastors and liturgical ministers are among those asked to attend the workshop on Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

Faith expressions will be the focus of a presentation at the St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington on Feb. 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. It is intended for the Hispanic community and those who minister to them in the Bloomington-Columbus area.

The Terre Haute Hispanic community and ministers will have a workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Terre Haute on Feb. 7.

A program for the St. Mary Parish community in Indianapolis will begin at 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 8. †



# Seven-year old organist serves Seelyville parish

By Penny Blaker Mitchell  
Special to The Criterion

SEELYVILLE—On a cold and gray Sunday morning in January, members of Holy Rosary Parish in Seelyville stood to sing the opening hymn, "Morning Has Broken." The simple, pure music drifting from the balcony was produced on a portable keyboard by Adam Brown, who is 7 years old.

During the homily, Father Michael J. Zahorchak, administrator-delegate of Holy Rosary, reminded members of the congregation that all are called "to follow Christ, at this moment in our lives, as best we can." Parishioners had to look no further than the boy in the balcony to see for themselves one way of responding to the call to ministry.

"I volunteered to fill in until they find another organist," Adam said after Mass. As he and his father prepared to dismantle the keyboard for the return trip home, Adam perched on a metal folding chair, clasped his hands in his lap and, in the way of little boys, swung his legs back and forth. A confident child, Adam accepts the role of serving as interim organist for the parish with a matter-of-fact, determined attitude.

"Can I practice on the big organ before we leave?" he asked his father. "I really want to learn to play it."

A second-grade student at Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Terre Haute, Adam is preparing for his First Communion in April and is looking forward to becoming a server at Mass.

Adam's parents, Jay and Kathy Brown, are proud of their son's eagerness to serve the church. They are grateful that Father Zahorchak allows him to play.

"This is a great opportunity that Father Mike has given

to Adam," Kathy said. "In a lot of churches, a person wouldn't have such an opportunity, regardless of age. Adam is comfortable playing here because of Father Mike and because he knows everyone."

Adam began playing when he received the keyboard for Christmas two years ago. Currently, he takes piano lessons from Providence Sister Mary Bates.

"I practice before I go to school and when I come home from school," he said. "I haven't had player's cramp yet."

During the Mass on Jan. 11, Adam also played "Walk By Faith," "Silent Night" (his favorite) and "Away In A Manger."

Adam credits his great-grandmother, Mary Rice of Indianapolis, as the source of his musical talent. "She's always been able to play any instrument," he said. "She never had lessons and she can't read a note, but she can tune a guitar by ear."

"Nobody else in our family is like that. Dad did try to play the guitar once though."

Jay, Kathy, Adam and Ashley, who is 4, have attended Holy Rosary for three years. Jay serves the parish as a Eucharistic minister and takes Communion to parishioners who are sick. Sometimes Adam goes along to help. Occasionally Jay loads the keyboard into the car and Adam plays for people who are homebound.

Kathy serves as a lector for the parish and announces the hymns, "without introduction," because Adam doesn't play introductions.

While his willingness to participate in the Sunday Mass may be rather remarkable, Adam is a typical 7 year old. He plays baseball and basketball. He is considering playing football. He's also a Cub Scout. His collection of musical instruments includes two guitars, one with an amplifier,



Seven-year-old organist Adam Brown prepares for his work as organist at Holy Rosary Parish in Seelyville. Adam is a second-grader at Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Terre Haute.

and an accordion, which is a little heavy for him.

Adam isn't sure what he wants to do when he is an adult, but in January, his thoughts were turning to driving for NASCAR, playing in the NBA, and playing piano for the Terre Haute Symphony. In the meantime, though, he is content to go to school and play the keyboard for Mass.

"Oh, I have another job, too," he said. "Sometimes I help pass out candy and stickers to the children after Mass. I want to help as often as I can."

Father Zahorchak encourages and praises Adam. At the end of the Jan. 11 Mass, he looked up to the balcony, and said, "Very well done, Adam. Thank you!" †

## Youth Conference scheduled for March 14-15

"Building Our Faith" is the theme for the 1998 Archdiocesan Youth Conference scheduled March 14-15

at the Holiday Inn, Lakeside in Clarksville.

The annual youth conference brings teen-agers together from throughout the 11 archdiocesan deaneries for a weekend of faith-sharing and fellowship.

"The theme, 'Building Our Faith,' speaks of the importance of community," said Marlene Stammerman, associate director of youth ministry for the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries.

"We all share in this journey and we all need to take action, working together to build the Kingdom of God," Stammerman said. "When we take an opportunity to get away for a weekend with people of faith and work on our relationship with Christ, we are all builders of faith, in ourselves, in each other and in the church as a whole."

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will celebrate Mass and participate in a youth forum on March 14.

Keynote speaker Renee Bondi is an inspirational singer and speaker who travels throughout the United States sharing the story of how her faith and music helped her recover after she suffered a paralyzing fall that left her unable to walk.

The two-day youth conference also includes speakers, creative sessions, a liturgy, dinner, lunch, lodging, swimming and a dance.

Registrations are \$70 per person and must be post-marked to the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries by Feb. 9. Late registrations must be post-marked by Feb. 16 and accompanied by a \$10 late fee per participant.

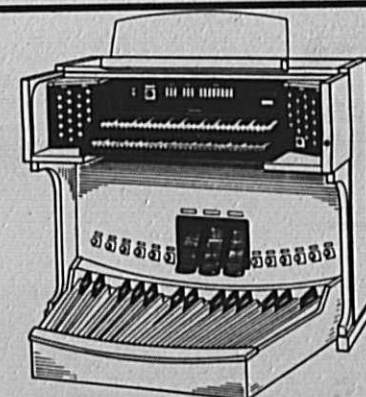
The registration fee also includes a T-shirt and conference materials. For more information, call the Office for Youth and Family Ministries at 317-236-1439 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1439. †

## New statue

St. Anne Church in New Castle installed this new statue of the Holy Family Jan. 24. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presided at the Mass and blessed the new statue.



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# St. Elizabeth Seton honors Richmond alum

Seton graduate Raymond A. Zaleski bought Richmond pharmacy 43 years ago; honored for values, ideals

By Margaret Nelson

RICHMOND—Two dozen sixth-grade students from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Richmond got to stay up late Saturday night, Jan. 24. And so did a few eighth-graders.

The sixth-graders provided the "Angels Among Us" entertainment for the second annual Seton Star Spectacular dinner for supporters of the Richmond Catholic schools.

Raymond A. Zaleski received the Distinguished Catholic School Graduate award. The honor highlights "people who, as adults, practice the values and ideals they learned in their Catholic elementary schools."

Zaleski has operated a drug store in Richmond for 43 years. He and his wife, Mary, have five grown children, all of whom attended Catholic schools in Richmond. Four are pharmacists and one is a teacher.

A graduate of Notre Dame University, Raymond Zaleski, has recruited Richmond-area students for

his alma mater.

Zaleski, who attended St. Joseph School in East Chicago, talked about some of his elementary school experiences. The audience laughed with understanding when he related the story he gave his mother when he had to stay after school: "I was helping the nuns," when that was built into the punishment.

He attended the Bishop Noll High School in Hammond. He served as student manager, working with the athletic programs in the schools he attended.

"Thank you for this award," said Zaleski. "I'll cherish it for the rest of my life."

John Staud, director of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) for the University of Notre Dame, was the keynote speaker at the dinner.

Staud talked about the ACE, a program that recruits Catholic students to spend two years working with the underprivileged in southern U.S. schools. When the program began four years ago, he said there were 40 applicants. This year the staff expects 300 people to apply for the



At a Jan. 24 Seton Star Spectacular dinner, Raymond A. Zaleski receives the Distinguished Catholic School Graduate award from Mike Manning, president of the Richmond Catholic Community Board of Total Catholic Education.

60 available spots.  
Right now, 120 students from Notre

Dame and other colleges are teaching in 70 schools across the South. "These young

people could do things that pay far more." Instead, their payment will be in an "eternal way," he said.

Staud noted that the national magazines have recently discovered the "secret success of Catholic education, especially in the poor urban areas." He called the schools "places of love, sacrifice and true purpose."

All four points Staud made about ACE's ministry involve how people view Christ as teacher. His teaching had a passion or urgency about it. He knew his students or audience. Jesus taught with authority, which lay in his ability to live out what he taught, said Staud. And he did more than transmit information. He taught the model with his very life.

In his opening prayer, Comboni Father Todd Riebe, administrator of the Richmond Catholic Community, thanked God for those who "help us do all we can" to nourish the lives of the children.

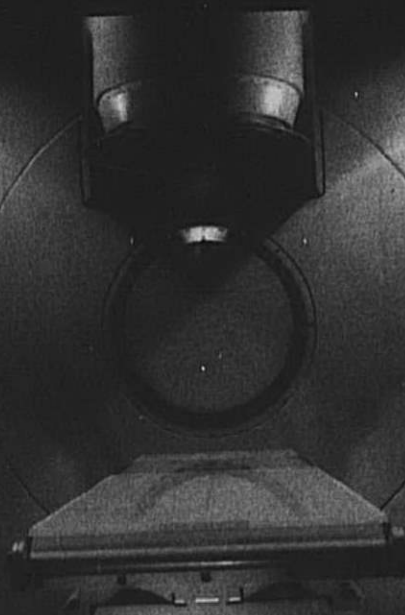
In his comments at the end of the program, Father Todd told about the two parish buildings that house the Catholic elementary school for the Richmond Catholic Community. He invited the guests to visit the schools, especially during Catholic Schools Week. He said they would recognize that "there is a spirit. We think Richmond is catching the spirit."

"We are convinced that a Catholic high school is good for the Catholic Community and good for the Richmond community." The Richmond Catholic Community Board of Total Catholic Education is planning to build a high school in the next few years.

Many leaders of the city, a former mayor, judge and several lawyers were among those who supported the schools by attending the event.

The eighth-graders who "stayed up late" provided a checking service for patrons' coats. †

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Brownsburg. "The experience meant a lot to me—speaking out against abortion, showing my concern for those who are pro-choice, and praying that they may become pro-life and turn toward God and his light."

Shaw Memorial High School freshman Amber Torline of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison said she was energized by the huge showing of youth and young adults at the rally and march.

"It was incredible to see how many other people, especially the kids, who came from all over the United States for the march because they felt the same way I do about abortion," Amber said. "It's awful to murder innocent children."

Amber and a number of archdiocesan teen-agers said they liked participating in the liturgy during the National Prayer Vigil for Life Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Archbishop Buechlein and Evansville Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger joined the papal nuncio, four cardinals and numerous bishops and priests for the pro-life Mass.

"I'll always remember the special solemn Mass at the basilica the night before the march and all the cardinals, bishops and priests who were there," Amber said. "It was very inspiring—just incredible."

Cardinal Ritter High School senior Terrell Gentry of St. Michael Parish in Indianapolis participated in the pro-life pilgrimage for the second year.

"It was nice to get a chance to protest abortion," Terrell said. "I know we can eventually make a difference if we keep trying and don't give up."

Shaw Memorial High School sophomore Melissa Dee of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison said she hopes she can make a difference in the battle against abortion.

"One person can make a difference,"

Melissa said, "and there were a lot of people at the march—more than I expected. I think the youth, as the future of our country, can work to change the laws. I was glad that so many people came to Washington to show they care and stand up for what they believe in. But it broke my heart to hear that bell ringing during the march because each time it rang we lost another life."

St. Jude parishioner Erin Vagedes of Spencer said she felt important walking in the national march and participating in the pro-life Mass. She plans to share the experience with her friends.

"The basilica is the biggest church I've ever been to," Erin said, "and I liked seeing the cardinals and bishops."

St. Charles Borromeo parishioner Tim Becker of Bloomington, who also traveled to Washington last year, described this year's pilgrimage as "an awesome experience, just to be there, and to see all those people."

Tim said he plans to wear his pro-life sweatshirt, with its "Got life? Count your blessings! Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 1998 March for Life" message, to school.

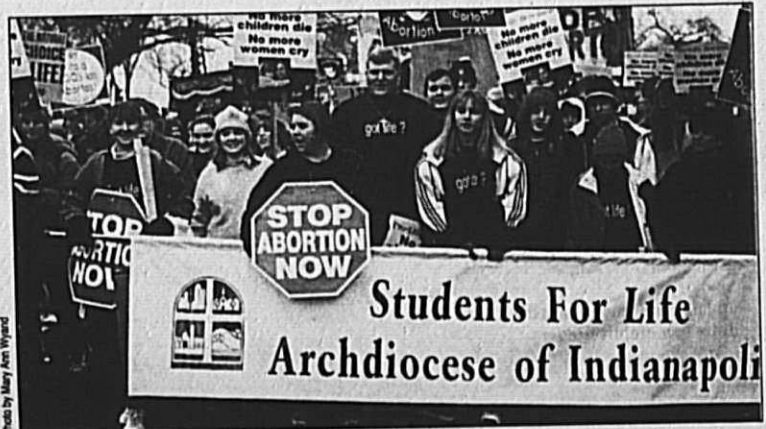
"I want to show everybody how proud I am to be a Catholic and to have been a part of this march," Tim said. "I want people to know I'm not afraid to stand up for what I believe in."

Foreign exchange student Adriana Cordero from Costa Rica, who is attending Bloomington South High School this year and traveled to Washington with youth from St. Charles Borromeo Parish, said she has never had an opportunity to participate in a national rally and march.

"I was surprised to see all of the people," Adriana said. "I liked seeing the Lincoln Memorial and the shrine for Our Lady of Guadalupe at the basilica."

St. Agnes parishioner Robyn Schuster of Nashville said she will always remember the unity shown by pro-life supporters of many faiths.

"It meant a lot just to know that so many people love one another and love



Youth minister Mike Stumpf (center) of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and Meg Smith (far right), pastoral associate for youth formation at St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, march with students.

life," Robyn said. "I liked seeing little children with their parents and all the elderly and handicapped people marching with us."

During the all-night bus trip back to Indiana, Roncalli High School senior Maria Pepin of Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove tried to catch up on her schoolwork after missing three days of classes. The buses were scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis at 6 a.m. last Friday, and she planned to return to school that morning.

"I think it's great how everybody can get together, unified from all different faiths, uniting for the same goal of working for life," Maria said. "There's strength in numbers and we certainly had that. There were a lot of people at the rally and march. I was glad I could come to Washington and stand up for what I believe in, to take what I've learned in my Catholic schools and in my family, and actually put it to use. I wanted to show my peers and my country that this is what we're about—the sanctity of human life,

how it's a miracle that a child is born, and that God has the power to give that miraculous life."

St. Lawrence parishioner Tom Pottratz of Indianapolis helped the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities staff organize the youth pilgrimage for the third year. Before the seven buses of youth and adults from the archdiocese departed from Union Station in Washington, Pottratz thanked the teen-agers for their commitment to the cause of life.

Pottratz also invited the teens to participate in the archdiocesan pro-life Mass at St. Andrew the Apostle Church at 8:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month, then to pray the rosary outside an abortion clinic on East 38th Street. Archbishop Buechlein will celebrate that liturgy and lead the rosary on Feb. 21.

"I hope the kids will continue to work for the cause of life," Pottratz said, "and promote the pro-life message on a day-to-day basis by helping the unborn, the poor, the homeless, the elderly and the disabled." †



Paul Hudepohl (foreground, at right) of St. Anthony Parish in Morris joins other young Catholics from the Batesville Deanery Jan. 21 at the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

## Supporters gather at Statehouse

By Mary Ann Wyand

More than 300 pro-life supporters from many faith traditions gathered at the Indiana Statehouse Jan. 25 to commemorate the lives of an estimated 36 million babies who have died in abortion since 1973.

The 25th anniversary memorial service was sponsored by Right to Life of Indianapolis and included brief remarks by Father Vincent Lampert, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, and Bishop Chatard High School senior Emily Bertsch of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis, who participated in the archdiocesan youth pro-life pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., last week.

Emily read a pro-life poem entitled "An Untold Child's Cry" during the gathering. "I wrote this poem in the seventh grade when I realized how much of an issue abortion is in our society today," Emily said. "I love going to the March for Life and devoting myself to a cause that I truly and deeply believe in."

Father Lampert commended the more

than 300 high school students from the archdiocese who made the 30-hour round-trip bus ride to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. Then he criticized media coverage of the event.

"The media did not give the March for Life the attention that it deserved," Father Lampert said. "I attended the march last year, and this year the crowd seemed to be at least three times greater than last year."

Before the march last Thursday, he said, "I had the opportunity to visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington. It is dedicated to another great tragedy, another dark moment, in history."

An eternal flame burns inside the museum in memory of the Jews who died because of Nazi persecution, he said, and Scripture passages cover the walls of that room. One verse from Deuteronomy reminds people of the need to choose life.

"It struck me that here in our nation's capital was God's Word reminding all of us of what we needed to be about, and yet somehow it was falling upon deaf ears," Father Lampert said. †

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### Don't stop study abroad, college organizers say

WASHINGTON (CNS)—People at Catholic colleges who organize international volunteer or study programs say that because of the need to better understand conditions in other countries, the Jan. 16 attack on a student group in Guatemala should not deter others from making such trips. Sixteen students and teachers from St. Mary's College, a Maryland public college, were robbed at gunpoint after their tour bus was stopped on an isolated Guatemalan highway. Five of the women in the group were raped before a passing military patrol broke up the assault. Within a few days, four men had been arrested in connection with the attack. At the request of the Guatemalan government, the FBI said Jan. 22 it would provide technical experts to help with the investigation. Amid a U.S. outcry over the incident, the organizers of study trips at several Catholic universities said there's no reason to stop such programs.

### Protestors found guilty, given jail time for trespassing

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Twenty-two people who entered Fort Benning, Ga., in November to protest the School of the Americas housed there were found guilty of trespassing Jan. 21. All were given six-month jail sentences and fined \$3,000. Earlier, six other defendants had trespassing charges dismissed when it was learned that letters barring them from re-entering the property were improperly sent. All 28 had been convicted previously of trespassing at Fort Benning, with the "ban and bar" letters part of their sentence. In all, 601 people were arrested in the demonstrations Nov. 16, the eighth anniversary of the slaying of six Jesuit priests, their cook and her daughter at the University of Central America in San Salvador. A majority of Salvadoran soldiers implicated in the killings had been trained at the School of the Americas, a U.S. Army-run school for Latin American military leaders.

### Legal scholars reflect on meaning of Roe vs. Wade abortion ruling

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Several legal scholars suggested the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* abortion ruling was decided on emotional, not legal criteria. In a Senate hearing Jan. 21, the day before the 25th anniversary of the ruling, professors from the

University of Notre Dame and the University of Illinois law schools were among panelists discussing how the *Roe* ruling was made and its impact since then. Notre Dame professor Gerard V. Bradley said the late Justice Thurgood Marshall's papers show that debate and draft opinions about the 1973 case did not focus on constitutionality, but on personal and medical issues.

### Religious investors confident SEC will reject restrictions

NEW YORK (CNS)—Church groups in the corporate responsibility movement are entering a new season of stockholder meetings with an expectation that the Securities and Exchange Commission will reject some proposed restrictions on stockholder challenges. Timothy H. Smith, a United Methodist layman who directs the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility in New York, told Catholic News Service Jan. 20 that he was confident the proposed changes would not be approved. The center, which began under the auspices of the National Council of Churches but is now becoming independent, coordinates most of the church activity in the corporate responsibility field. Currently, groups bringing stockholder resolutions cannot continue to pursue an issue unless they get at least 3 percent of the stockholder vote the first year, 6 percent the second time and 10 percent thereafter. One proposal would have raised those figures to 6, 15 and 30 percent.

## World

### Cardinal Ratzinger: Archives opening should bring understanding

ROME (CNS)—Opening the archives of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is a sign of the Catholic Church's support for scholarship as well as a sign that it is not afraid of being embarrassed by its secrets, said Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. The cardinal, prefect of the congregation, discussed "the opening of the last of the closed Vatican archives" with an international group of scholars meeting Jan. 22 in Rome. The meeting was organized by the congregation and by the National Academy of Lincei, a prestigious Italian scientific and cultural foundation formed in 1603. Galileo Galilei was once a member of the academy, which currently has 540 members from around the world.

### Indonesian cardinal urges parishes to aid efforts during crisis

JAKARTA, Indonesia (CNS)—Cardinal Julius R. Darmaatmadja of Jakarta has called on parishes throughout the archdiocese to organize public kitchens to feed the needy during the Asian economic crisis. The cardinal said he wanted parish priests and

local social action groups to "collaborate with local communities to open public kitchens to provide meals for the hungry." Cardinal Darmaatmadja's remarks were reported Jan. 22 by UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. "It should be well organized, because the crisis will perhaps last long," he said, while clarifying that the social program he was calling for was not an exclusively Catholic charitable work. Instead, it "should be made a joint public movement involving people of all faiths as a common effort to avoid social unrest."

### Pope asks clemency for Texas woman on death row

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope John Paul II has asked Texas Gov. George W. Bush to grant clemency to Karla Faye Tucker, a Texas woman scheduled to die Feb. 3 for two 1983 pickup murders. Tucker, 38, would be the first woman executed in Texas since 1863 and the first anywhere in the United States since 1984. She admits her part in the murders but is now a born-again Christian. Supporters say she is a changed woman who devotes her time in prison to Bible study, counseling and helping other inmates, and who does extensive work, through mail, visits and educational videos, to counsel young people against drug use. At the time of the murders she was a 23-year-old prostitute who had been using drugs since she was 8.

### Apostolic blessing given to three longtime pro-life supporters

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Three longtime pro-life supporters were given Pope John Paul II's apostolic blessing in a Jan. 21 ceremony in Washington. The blessings were given to Nellie Gray, founder of the March for Life; Father Edward Bryce, who headed the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities from 1978-88; and Sally Reynolds, the head of Mothers of Mary, who is credited with being the inspiration for the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The prayer vigil is held in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the eve of the annual March for Life.

### Vatican surprised at timing of release of senator's letter

CAMAGUEY, Cuba (CNS)—The Vatican expressed its surprise after a letter from U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., on the pope's Cuba trip was made public almost before the pontiff had a chance to see it. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls characterized Helms' letter, dated the day Pope John Paul II arrived in Cuba, as a personal, private message to the pope. In the letter, Helms, a leading supporter of the 35-year-old U.S. embargo against Cuba, said he joined many Americans in hoping that the pope's trip would help bring about a "free, just and united" Cuba.

### Brazil says Vatican land reform document not aimed there

SAO PAULO, Brazil (CNS)—The Brazilian government says it is performing the world's biggest agrarian reform and that the criticisms in a Vatican report on distribution of land were not aimed at Brazil. However, a Brazilian bishops' land commission official called the government's action on agrarian reform weak. At the Vatican, an official said Brazilian church and government leaders were consulted because "Brazil is among the first countries" needing help with land reform. Sergio Amaral, Brazil's presidential spokesman, said that "if the report criticized the implementation of agrarian reforms, it was certainly not referring to Brazil."

### U.S. church leaders hope for relaxed restrictions, embargo end

HAVANA, Cuba (CNS)—Several U.S. church leaders expressed hopes that Pope John Paul II's five-day Cuban visit would lead to relaxed restrictions on the local church and help end the U.S. economic embargo of the island nation. The embargo is hard to justify morally and politically, said Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia. Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington said that the embargo was established at a time when the U.S. feared war, but that threat is gone. Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston said the embargo has the *de facto* effect of keeping Cuba a closed society through international isolation. Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J., said Cuban President Fidel Castro is reading the signs of the times and sees the church as an important institution in Cuba's future. †

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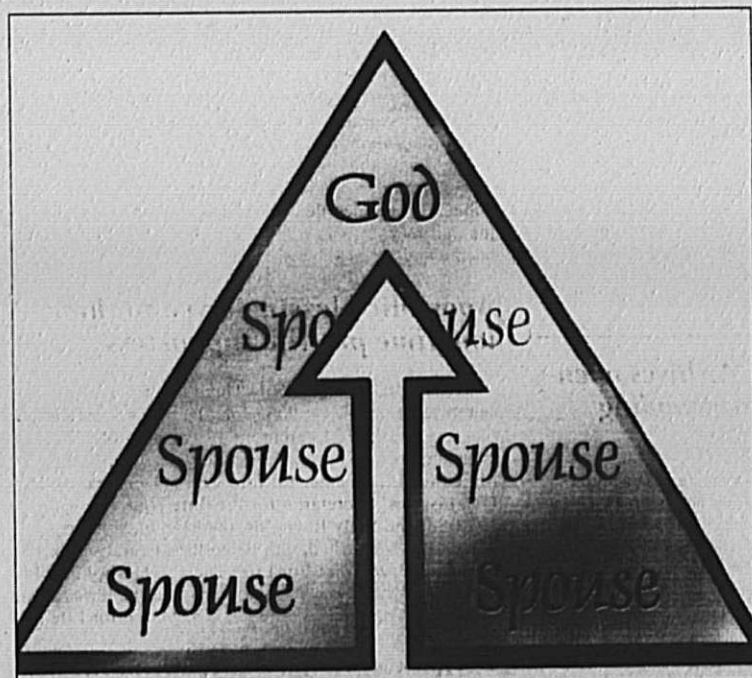
## Faith helps married couples face challenges

By Andrew and Terri Lyke

We believe that had it not been for faith, our marriage, now 22 years long,

would have lasted at best five years.

The truth is, we didn't really know what we were getting into when we said, "I do" for "better" and for "worse."



Picture a triangle with God at the top and the two spouses flanking the angles at the base. The closer the spouses are to God, the closer they are to each other.

## 10 suggestions can help people live authentic Christian lives

By Fr. Paul J. Schmidt

How do we live an authentic Christian life? Try these 10 suggestions:

**Observe**—It is essential to exercise a contemplative sense to observe the world with a clear, open mind and eyes of faith. Then we see that people and the world are "charged with the grandeur of God."

**Reflect**—Silence is necessary, as well as time to think. And Scripture is an indispensable aid to fruitful reflection.

**Love**—Service to others is the way we prove that our life matches our faith and how we show love to God and neighbor. We also must love ourselves with proper diet, exercise and rest.

**Give**—Generosity with time and money are key indicators of Christian priorities.

**Forgive**—Jesus considered forgiveness so important that he made it part of the

Our Father. Daily human contacts provide 70 times seven occasions to forgive.

**Pray**—Living a life of faith is really impossible, humanly speaking. God does not expect us to do this alone. If we pray, good things happen.

**Evaluate**—Be honest and take regular personal inventories. The sacrament of reconciliation is a great help in continuing personal and spiritual growth.

**Adjust**—When something is not what it should be, we must be willing to change due to demands and life conditions beyond our control.

**Laugh**—Laughter means that we have the ability to hope.

**Thank**—St. Paul says to be thankful always. This reminds us that everything we have is gift and that we are blessed. †

(Father Paul Schmidt is director of Priests Personnel for the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.)

How does faith factor into married life? How do faith and life meet in this very "real" context?

Faith takes a marriage to heights and depths that a couple can never reach as individuals. When the chips are down and married partners are trapped in disillusionment about their relationship, faith allows them to discover and rediscover reasons to make their marriage work.

Particularly in a marriage's early years, the "romance to disillusionment to acceptance" cycle is experienced as perennial. Until a couple really experiences what it takes to arrive at the acceptance that can follow disillusionment, the "for worse" part of their marriage vows won't have practical meaning.

In fact, experiencing the "worse" times leads to the dissolution of many marriages. However, surviving disillusionment and experiencing the deepening of love in spite of, or even because of, difficulties increases a couple's confidence in their life commitment to each other.

This increased confidence in their marriage buoys them for the next (inevitable) storm. The new confidence allows the couple to "believe in" something that is beyond what they can see.

We believe that discovering the sacred in our relationship helped us to envision ourselves in a "till death do us part" kind of marriage.

This isn't an automatic process for couples. To get through the quagmire of disillusionment in order to experience the joy of acceptance, couples need openness to new goals, fresh dreams and a willingness to see the relationship differently.

This may be difficult when the vision of the marriage is built solely upon the agendas, collective though they may be, of the two partners. In that case, it may be very hard for a spouse to let go of a personal goal or lifelong dream for the sake of the marriage without feeling resentment.

To embrace change, new goals and dreams, faith is an essential component, one that directs and reshapes the spouses' individual visions of the marriage. Faith transforms the marriage and pushes it toward a Godly relationship.

By discovering and nurturing a spiritual life together, we came to recognize a synergy in our marriage. We found a co-creativity in us that we attribute to the faith component of our marriage.

When we consider choices we made over the years—choices shaped by

faith—we find that we actually grew. We experienced transformation!

For example, in 1993, after much prayer and discussion, Andrew decided to leave his job at Ameritech to continue family-ministry studies. It wasn't easy because some executive managers there were mentoring him, really helping his career along. Even when the decision was made, the doubts didn't evaporate overnight.

In fact, Andrew panicked at the last moment—on the last day he could change his mind about resigning. He was reaching for the telephone to call and say the job change was off when the phone rang!

It was a call from the director of family ministries in a diocese in Illinois offering him a position as an associate director! While we had had no plans to relocate, Andrew heard this as a call from God saying, "Don't worry; you are valued."

We view our marriage as a triad made up of the two of us and God.

Picture a triangle with God at the top and the two spouses flanking the angles at the base. The closer the spouses are to God, the closer they are to each other.

Through prayer as a couple, we acknowledge God in our midst, and we draw closer to God and each other.

To move toward God along the lines of this triad, our vision must encompass more than our individual goals. It must also be more than our mutual goals as a couple. We must always be open to God's agenda for us.

We discern God's agenda by embracing the story of God, a story so promising and compelling that we claim it for ourselves. Through study, reflection, prayer and action, we find ourselves connecting with the story of God and becoming transformed by it.

The confidence in our relationship that grows over time is grounded in our faith in God, who takes us places we could never have dreamed of going on our own.

But this is not a sureness grounded in pragmatic thinking. Sometimes our faith choices just don't make sense from a practical standpoint.

Without faith to guide, push, encourage, invite and renew us, we never would have gotten through the "for worse" moments in marriage and never would have known all the riches God has in store for us. †

(Andrew and Terri Lyke are the coordinators of the Marriage Ministry to the African-American Community for the Archdiocese of Chicago.)

## Discussion Point

### Faith renews relationships

#### This Week's Question

In specific terms, how does your faith impact your marriage?

"We've moved around a lot, and sometimes it's difficult to adjust to a new place without friends or family nearby. I've really relied on my faith in those circumstances to help keep our marriage strong." (Cheryl Osting, Katy, Texas)

"It's because we believe in God that we've been able to live through very difficult times when, because of illness, we didn't know where our next dollar was coming from." (Rita Wroblesky, Huntsburg, Ohio)

"My faith and my religion are kind of like the fireplace in the home—the place from which to draw warmth and strength for our family life." (Mike Sears, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio)

#### Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: How would you advise or support someone you know well who is suffering a loss of hope?

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## Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John E. Fink

### Knowing religion as adults

Last fall I read the book *The Vanishing American Jew*, by Alan M. Dershowitz, the renowned lawyer and professor at Harvard Law School. As I read the book, which I reviewed for *The Indianapolis Star*, I couldn't help make comparisons between what has happened to Judaism in the United States



with what is happening to Catholicism.

Dershowitz's thesis is that the Jews are the victims of their own success. Today they are more secure, more accepted, more assimilated and more successful than ever before. But because of that assimilation, because of high rates of intermarriage with non-Jews resulting in children being raised as non-Jews, and because of Jewish low birth rates, Jews are vanishing. Today they comprise about 2 percent of the total population and that percentage continues to decrease.

Catholics are also more secure, more accepted, more assimilated, and more successful in this country than ever before. There is no doubt that both anti-Semitism and anti-Catholicism have decreased, although pockets of both still exist here and there. Since Catholics are a minority in most parts of Indiana and other parts of the country, intermarriage with non-Catholics is high. However, the frequency of children being raised as non-Catholics is not as high as the frequency of children in Jewish mixed marriages being raised as non-Jews. As for birth rates, although few Catholics have the large families earlier generations did, their birth rate is still higher than that for Jews.

The biggest contrast is that the Catholic population continues to grow while the Jewish population is dwindling.

There was, however, another way that Dershowitz's analysis compared with Catholicism. He lamented that Jewish children receive an inadequate education

about Judaism. "Jewish education generally ends at the bar or bat mitzvah," he wrote. He joked that, when the Jewish Reform synagogue became rat-infested, the rabbi proposed a simple solution: "I'll bar mitzvah all the rats; then we'll never see them anywhere near the synagogue again." Too often, Catholic children believe they've "graduated" from learning about their religion once they've been confirmed. Change that joke from "bar mitzvah" to "confirm" and "synagogue" to "church," and the joke is Catholic.

Dershowitz wrote: "When young Jewish boys and girls drop out of Hebrew school in the seventh or eighth grade, they go through life with a seventh- or eighth-grade understanding of Judaism. None of us would permit our children to go through life with a seventh- or eighth-grade understanding of science, math or literature."

The same situation exists among Catholics. For too many, their understanding of Catholic doctrine and practice ends with what they learned while they were going to school—elementary or high school, in Catholic schools or religious education classes. While they get a good foundation for their religion in those classes, as Jews do in Hebrew school or Protestants do in Sunday school, they shouldn't be satisfied with that religious education. Just as they are entering adulthood, with adult problems and situations, they stop learning about their religion. They enter adulthood with childish ideas about their faith and wonder why it's not adequate to help them with adult problems.

Dershowitz ended his book with an appendix that he called "the \$500 beginning Jewish home library." He said that "the secret to Jewish survival is learning, learning, learning" and that every Jewish home should be equipped for the task. Although I'm not concerned about Catholic survival, I do believe that every Catholic home should have a basic Catholic library, and I'll give my suggestions for such a library next week. †

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

### Rediscovering reconciliation

Steve Chambers of Religious News Service focused in a recent article on a number of studies showing that fewer Catholics are going to confession these days and that this "signifies a profound change in how American Catholics observe their faith." Having conducted one of those studies for the U.S.



bishops, I must concur with his observation.

Realizing what an enormous change was occurring, the bishops' study recommended that priests be better trained as spiritual directors and that all four rites of the sacrament of reconciliation be reviewed. Another recommendation called for better catechesis on the sacrament.

In advocating frequent participation in the sacrament of reconciliation, the study was not calling for a simple return to past practices of a time when confession was readily available and Catholics were taught to frequent the sacrament.

But confession in the past could become mechanical and drift from its original intent. It was also true that lay people often were not encouraged to develop their own spirituality. Instead, many would run to confession and "deposit" their sins.

But while confession needed, and still needs, renewal, regular confession never has been ruled out as part of that renewal.

Why stress the factor of regularity? Because just as we need periodic reminders to go to the doctor for a checkup, the sacrament of reconciliation serves as a reminder that we need good, outside assistance every so often in order to improve spiritually. This wisdom reflects the principle that we are not meant to go it alone in this life. We need each other.

Our study pointed to a new age of individualism as one reason for the drop-off in the practice of sacramental penance. People want to stand on their own two feet, and they don't like others interfering in their lives.

When we lose contact with the community, we lose a valuable corrective force in life. We are deprived of opportunities to view things from others' points of view, for example.

The recommendation of regular participation in the sacrament of reconciliation also is based on the tradition of the saints. When we study the lives of the saints, we learn that as holiness increases, the desire for repentance and fuller faith in the Gospels becomes stronger, not weaker.

Apparently, the nearer the saints come to God, the stronger they feel the infinite distance separating them from God.

I remember one researcher telling me that if a parish ever made reconciliation the center of its renewal, an awesome dynamism would be unleashed. In his view, reconciliation not only unites us with God, but with each other. And once united, God's people can move mountains. †

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

### The blight of slavery

My admiration goes out to movie producer Stephen Spielberg. First he taught



us about the horror of the Nazi Holocaust in his massive and honest film *Schindler's List*. Now, he has given us *Amistad*, the story of the landmark 1839 court ruling on the case of 53 Africans stolen from their homes to be

sold as slaves.

Chained together on a Spanish slave ship named *La Amistad*, one man managed to unlock the chains. In the ensuing revolt the Africans killed all but two of their captors. Attempting to sail back to Africa, they were captured by the U.S. Navy off the coast of Long Island, N.Y.

The movie shows how people who found slavery abhorrent used the legal system to free the Africans, who had been born free and were sinned against when they were abducted from their homes.

Spielberg had more than entertainment in mind when he made this movie of a powerful moment in history. His DreamWorks studio also produced a study guide and sent it to some 20,000 college and high school educators. The guide is designed to generate discussion on the blight of slavery and the slave trade, to show that they utterly contradicted what America stood for.

I would love to see more dramatizations of the people in history who found the courage to speak out against slavery, even at great personal price. We could begin with Peter Claver, a saint of the early 1600s, who lived his life trying to help

Africans stolen and made slaves by the Spanish.

Another fine man was a French clergyman, Henri Gregoire, who wrote powerful treatises against slavery in the French colonies and was miserably treated by the church's hierarchy for his courage.

Many great Americans found slavery repulsive and spoke out against it, people like John Paul Jones, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, Andrew Carnegie and Susan B. Anthony. That noble woman actually lost her teaching job because she associated with "colored people." Showing her contempt for the authorities who could be so callous, she went on to devote her life to freedom for all.

Perhaps the most surprising one to hate slavery was Robert E. Lee, the Southern general. He condemned slavery in vehement words: "Slavery as an institution is a moral and political evil. I regard it as a greater evil for whites than for blacks." It seems contradictory that he would have chosen to lead the South in the Civil War. But he was a Virginian and felt it a duty to stick by his state.

I think it is essential for young and old alike to remember the battles over slavery. It is extremely important that we never stop learning, never stop being shocked by the evils of the past. How else can we work to ensure that they never be repeated?

Some voices complain that Spielberg's study guide is not historically accurate and should be banned. I disagree. I found that while *Amistad* took some liberties with the actual events of a historical incident, it was absolutely accurate in underscoring the humanity of blacks, as it depicted the evil of slavery.

That, to me, is the really important point. †

The Yardstick/Msgr. George Higgins

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Taylor Branch just published the second book in his trilogy on the life and times of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., *Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-1965*.

The first volume, *Parting the Waters*, won the Pulitzer Prize for history. The current volume is equally important.

Branch brings to bear 15 years of research: archival investigation; nearly 2,000 interviews; new primary sources from FBI wiretaps to White House telephone records; etc. One distressing finding is that the FBI, which repeatedly tried to destroy King's reputation, made a desperate effort to prevent him from having an audience with Pope Paul VI.

In a dossier on what it called "the unsavory nature of King's character, both from a subversive and a moral standpoint," the FBI warned that the slightest sign of papal favor might boost King toward a Nobel Peace Prize. Thanks be to God, Paul VI received him anyhow and may well have boosted him toward a Nobel Prize.

The record of the FBI's attempts to destroy King's reputation is disgraceful—enough, in my opinion, to warrant changing the name of its J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington.

King had more than his share of human faults—and Branch is honest enough to document them in detail. Yet I believe King's life and death teach us much about the meaning of heroic religious sanctity in today's troubled world.

I made that point in a homily a decade ago on King's birthday. But I think this is an opportune moment to reiterate some of what I said then.

In a perceptive study on sanctity's

meaning in the modern world, Lawrence Cunningham, a U.S. theologian, defined a saint as a sign of God. "The saint," he said, "is a sacrament, a sign of mediating grace."

Cunningham argued that while continuing to honor and learn from forms of sanctity in the past, "we should watch for (new) signs (in our own day and age)."

I think King was such a "sacrament"—a sign mediating grace to those he lay down his life for in Memphis and those left to carry on his work.

But saying that is not to indulge in sentimental piety that would cheapen, if not betray, the faith that led King to dedicate his life to the poor and oppressed, and which alone accounts for his trip to Memphis during a strike of black sanitation workers. That he went willingly despite the risks is an example of modern martyrdom.

I believe King was a martyr in the term's two senses: a witness, giving testimony to Gospel values of justice and peace; and, in the end, one prepared to die for them.

It is important to update our understanding of sanctity and martyrdom, to look to the example of women and men who, by God's grace, received the courage to stand up to the forces of tyranny and oppression. They are true signs of how God speaks.

Ladislav Boros, a discerning spiritual writer, might have been thinking of King when he wrote: "If we are Christians, we must prove to others that tomorrow will be a better day. In this way they experience God: total benevolence and infinite love."

"There are proofs of God that refute unbelief with logical impeccability. But in the great crises of human existence they mean nothing or very little. In such times there must be a man whose life is at least a sign that humanity is respected and honored, that it is taken up into unconditional friendship, that is, that he really exists who makes all possible: God." †



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998

- Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
- Luke 1:21-30

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend with its first scriptural reading at Mass.



Conditions surrounding Jeremiah the prophet were anything but serene, and the reactions to his words were anything but affirming.

Jeremiah wrote in the seventh century before Christ. At the

time, the people of God still had their independence and the claim to their homeland, although this independence was severely qualified by their entangling alliances with great powers nearby, and their homeland was divided into two kingdoms established when the heirs of King Solomon could not agree on a common ruler.

This being the case, Jeremiah did not confront the very bad situation which met Second-Isaiah, or Deutero-Isaiah, for example, some years later.

Nevertheless, times were bad. Some fled the land—including Jeremiah himself. Bad fortune and threats were everywhere.

The prophet saw the cause for all these problems in the people's lukewarm, at best, approach to their covenant with God. The covenant was not vague. It called the people to obey the law of God given to Moses by God.

Most of all, it required the people to keep primary in their minds the fact that they were indeed God's people. All considerations and all actions had to be beneath the umbrella of this understanding.

Attention to the covenant, and obedience to God's law, required the people's courage and determination.

Jeremiah called the people to the covenant—well-aware that his words presented them with a challenge many found too demanding to accept.

The second reading this weekend is from the First Epistle to the Corinthians. This is one of the most beautiful and

memorable texts of the entire Scripture. It is Paul's magnificent tribute to love.

For the Corinthian Christians to whom it was addressed, indeed for anyone in that era or at any other time, the text is both magnificently compelling and very hard to meet. In it, Paul defines love. In his estimate, love is the most perfect and divine of human qualities.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the final reading.

As surely were many other early Christians, the author of this Gospel was struck by the fact that so many people had scorned Jesus.

So aflame with their love for and faith in the Savior, these pioneer believers found it difficult to understand how others discounted the Lord, or even more amazing to them, how others despised the Lord.

Certainly with this fact in mind, this Gospel recalled the Redeemer's own words about opposition and rejection.

Nevertheless, the bold statement of Jesus is important. He speaks the very Word of God itself.

## Reflection

Christians today live in a societal situation so dismissive, and abusive, of God that they could begin to take it for granted.

However, the removal of God from human life in so many manifestations is a terrifying and extremely dangerous development in modern culture.

It presents itself in many ways. One way is in the ridicule which may meet Christians who act according to the Gospel.

Another way, more subtly, is in the questionings which the current fad of spurning God may have upon believers. It tempts them to forget God themselves.

The Gospel this weekend reminds us that in Jesus God speaks to us. We too are partners in the covenant. We must meet our part of the contract, which is to obey the law of God.

What is the essence of this law? It is to love God, and to love all others with precisely the feeling and expression outlined by Paul in this weekend's second reading. †

## My Journey to God

### Going Home

Yesterday slipped quietly from our lives, no more to be, recalled briefly in memory.

Today's moments tiptoe unheeded into oblivion. Prayers strengthen our belief things will be better.

Tomorrow lies just beyond our grasp, teasing us with visions of wishes fulfilled.

The future waits in the distance, shadowy and undefined, holding forth hopes for peace and rebirth.

When our span on earth is over and we hear his voice telling our spirit to come home,

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



may we have earned the right to be known as a true child of God.

By RoseMarie Jackson

## Daily Readings

Sunday, Feb. 1  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  
Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13  
or 1 Corinthians 13:4-13  
Luke 4:21-30

Monday, Feb. 2  
The Presentation of the Lord  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 24:7-10  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40  
or Luke 2:22-32

Tuesday, Feb. 3  
Blase, bishop and martyr  
Asgar, bishop, religious and missionary  
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3  
Psalm 86:1-6  
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, Feb. 4  
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17  
Psalm 24:9-17  
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, Feb. 5  
Agatha, virgin and martyr  
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12  
(Response) 1 Chronicles 29:10-12  
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, Feb. 6  
Paul Miki, religious, missionary and martyr and his companions, martyrs  
Sirach 47:2-11  
Psalm 18:31, 47, 50-51  
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, Feb. 7  
1 Kings 3:4-13  
Psalm 119:9-14  
Mark 6:30-34

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

## Diocesan tribunal staff offers helpful advice

**Q**I need advice on what makes a valid marriage. It concerns my 26-year-old brother, who was married for two years but has been separated from his wife for three years.



Once he was open, friendly and happy. Since the separation, however, he has taken on a completely new, withdrawn personality.

He is almost like a hermit.

At the end of their two years of marriage together, when he continued urging her to get help for her marijuana addiction, his wife told him to leave.

Three months later, she had a live-in boyfriend. Her second live-in friend gave her a baby daughter, and now she is on her third boyfriend.

I am very worried about my brother. In spite of what has happened, he refuses, out of some misguided loyalty to the marriage sacrament, to consider a divorce so he can get on with his life.

Isn't throwing away one's life on a one-sided love affair a sin? I cannot believe that God blesses a young man with health and a loving heart to waste it on such a self-destructive person or unhealthy relationship.

I believe divorce is a horribly hurtful thing in our society. Yet, do you think a marriage exists in the case of my brother? (Illinois)

**A** It is not my place to make such a judgment. For Catholics, that decision belongs to the diocesan tribunals (courts) established by the church for this purpose.

I can, however, make some important observations about the situation you describe.

One way or another, your brother does seem to be throwing his life away in a dysfunctional reaction to what has occurred between him and his wife.

As the Catholic Church understands it, marriage is an agreement or a covenant in which a man and woman create with each other a lifetime relationship, a communion of all life and love. (See Canon 1055 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1601.)

Thus, the object of marriage consent, or vows, is a particular kind of relationship, not simply one of any sort that happens to fit that particular woman and man.

According to Catholic belief and tribunal practice, the inability to form that type of relationship that identifies a real marriage makes the consent null and nonexistent.

Canon lawyers sometimes compare the inability for consent to impotence, the physical inability to have sexual intercourse, which renders a marriage, and marriage consent, invalid. Similarly, there can be what is called psychic, or psychological, impotence. An individual so emotionally handicapped that he or she is incapable of that commitment to a lifelong communion of life and love is simply incapable of marriage.

As one tribunal official puts it, whether it's impotence or severe emotional dysfunction, the person is promising something he or she cannot deliver in the marriage. In the one case it is sexual relations they cannot "deliver," and in the other it is commitment to a lifetime communion of love.

If your brother can grasp the basics of what I'm saying, it may encourage him to talk to a priest or tribunal official about his circumstances. Judging from what you have told me, it is well worth his doing so. This could be his opportunity to put some closure on what is causing his self-destructiveness and help him begin to heal and move on with his life.

**Q**What is the definition of "soul"?

**A** Put very briefly, our soul is the spiritual (non-material) part of our nature that makes us distinctly and specifically human. Christians believe the "spirit" part of us constitutes our real dignity and which, along with our bodies, identifies us as human beings. †

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



## The Active List

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

### January 30

Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis, 3360 W. 30th St., is accepting registration for the second semester. The deadline to register is Jan. 30. For information, call 317-924-4333.

### January 31

St. Mark Parish, Indianapolis is having a Bowl-a-Thon for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana, at Sport Bowl on U.S. 31 beginning at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate by sponsoring a bowler or by being an event sponsor. For information contact St. Mark Youth Ministry, 317-783-9574.

Bishop Chatard High School, Indianapolis, 5885 N. Crittenden Ave., will host a Monte Carlo Night, 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost: \$10-pre-sale; \$12 at the door. The cost of the ticket includes door prizes, drinks and a catered dinner. For information, call Craig Barr, 317-254-5434.

All Saints Catholic School, Indianapolis, 337 N. Warman Ave., will hold a Mexican Fiesta, 5:30-8 p.m. The evening will include authentic Mexican food buffet, pinatas, Mexican music, karaoke. Cost: \$6 unlim-

ited; \$4 one trip; \$2.50 children.

### February 1

Little Flower School, 1401 N. Bosart, will hold an open house from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration for grades 1-8. All are welcome. Information: 317-353-2282.

### February 2

Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center will hold a Charismatic Mass at 7 p.m. Information: 923-8817.

The Office for Youth and Family Ministries will present "Divorce and Beyond," 7-9 p.m., to be held every Monday for six weeks at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Cost: \$25, registration is required. For information and registration, call 317-236-1586.

Seccina Memorial High School will hold incoming freshman registration for current 8th graders and their parents. The following schools are able to register on this day: St. Simon, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Cross and St. Rita. Enrollees will be asked to fill out the registration packet and tuition information in order to schedule classes for their freshmen year, the registration fee of

\$125 must be paid before classes can be scheduled. Registration will be from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria at Seccina High School. For information call Irene Marcotte at 317-356-6377 ext. 119.

### February 3

St. Vincent Hospital Guild will hold a general business meeting and chili luncheon in the reception hall at St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Diane Healey, RSVP: Julie McLaughlin, 317-581-8801.

St. Meinrad School of Theology and St. Meinrad College will give a lecture in observance of Black History Month in the Newman Conference Center at 8 p.m. Featured guest speaker will be Rev. Abba Tesfamariam Baraki. Information: Barbara Crawford at 812-357-6501.

### February 5

The Indianapolis archdiocesan branch of Presentation Ministries will present, "An Evening of Praise and Discussion about Presentation Ministries," 7:30-9 p.m., O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Early registration requested. For information and registration, call 317-251-1815.

### February 6

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather for a Mass and healing service at Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Teaching begins at 7 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Father Joseph Reidman will be the celebrant.

St. Roch Youth Athletic Board will host a Monte Carlo night, 7 p.m.-midnight in the school cafeteria. A charity event that will feature blackjack, Texas poker, chuck-a-luck and other games, plus food, free refreshments, door prizes and more. For information, call 317-783-6155.

### February 6-8

Kordes Enrichment Center, Ferdinand, will hold "Letting Go and Going On: The Freedom of Forgiving" from 7:30 p.m. Friday-1 p.m. on Sunday. For reservations and fee information: 800-880-2777.

### February 7

Marian Heights Academy, Ferdinand, 812 E. 10th St., will host an open house for girls who wish to learn more about the school and their families. For information, call 800-467-4642.

St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, 1302 27th St., will present its fifth annual marriage day workshop. Experiences of Covenant, a day of enrichment for married couples. St. Columba campus from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Register soon, space is limited. For information call 812-379-9353.

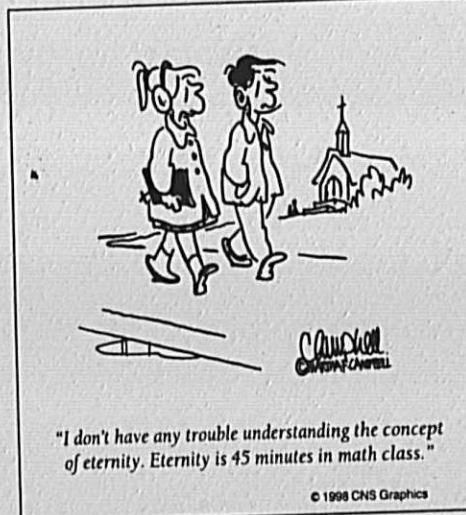
Central Catholic Alumni will host a Monte Carlo at Primo Banquet Hall, 2615 E. National, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Cost: \$10 Indianapolis includes snacks, beer and soft drinks. All proceeds go to benefit Catholic schools. For information, contact Michael Page 317-783-1756.

### February 8

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, will hold a Valentine Breakfast in the parish hall from 7:30 a.m.-noon. Free will offering. Sponsored by the Ladies Sodality and National Society of Foresters.

St. Meinrad Archabbey Church will hold an organ performance by Mary Thomas-Smith at 2:30 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt will present Father Kantenich's Invitation to You, 2:30 p.m., Mass 3:30 p.m. On 925 South, .8 mile from 421 South, 11 miles South of Versailles on U.S. 50.



### February 8-11

St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis, will hold a four-day mission from 7-8 p.m. given by Lucious Newsom. Babysitting available.

### February 9

Seccina Memorial High School will hold Incoming Freshman registration for current 8th graders and their parents. The following schools are able to register on this day: Holy Spirit, Little Flower, St. Philip, St. Michael and any non-deanery schools (public, township, etc). Enrollees will be asked to fill out the registration packet and tuition information in order to schedule classes for their freshmen year, the registration fee of \$125 must be paid before

classes can be scheduled. Registration will be from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria at Seccina High School. For information call Irene Marcotte at 317-356-6377 ext. 119.

### February 10

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis, will hold "Women and Heart Disease" workshop at 7 p.m. For fee and registration, information: 317-865-5865.

February 11-March 18 New Albany Deanery Catholic Charities will offer a Divorce and Beyond Workshop each Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish Hall, Jeffersonville.

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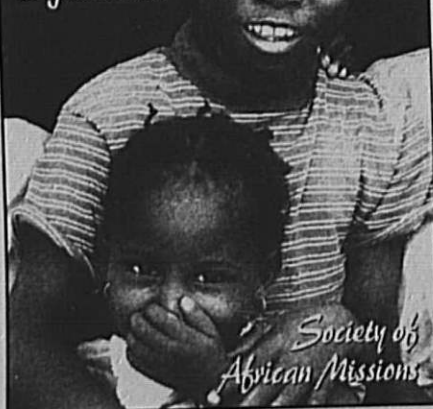
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### February 12

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, Beech Grove, will hold a workshop "Open Mind, Open Heart" from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee is \$75 and includes lunch. Information: 317-788-7581.

### Recurring

#### Daily

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College faculty will display their works during the 1998 Faculty Art Exhibition in room 132 of Hulman Hall. The gallery will be open daily Mon.-Thurs. and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sun. Information: 812-535-5137.

St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis, will hold a Tridentine Low Mass (Latin), 8 a.m.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., Parish center building, will hold perpetual adoration daily, 24 hours.

### Weekly

#### Sundays

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

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville will offer "Be Not Afraid Family Hours," topic "Healing through Consecration," presented every Sunday, 6-7 p.m. For information call Bob or Phyllis Burkholder 812-246-2252.

#### Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., will hold a prayer group, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

#### Tuesdays

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

St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis, Single Adults Group will meet in the parish reception room, 7:30-8:30 p.m. For information, call 317-299-9545

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Shepherds of Christ Associates will pray for priests and religious, the rosary, the litanies to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy following 7 p.m. Mass.

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., will hold Marian prayer group, 2:30-3:30 p.m. every Tues.

#### Thursdays

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

St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates will gather, 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and lives consecrated to Jesus and Mary.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers will offer Caterpillar Kids, a bereavement support group for children ages 5-12, to meet on Thursdays, January 29-March 5, 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31 S. Cost:

Free. Space is limited, so call early. For information, call 317-865-2092.

### Fridays

St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, 1210 E. Main, will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

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

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

### Saturdays

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

### Monthly

#### First Sundays

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, prayer group will meet in the church, 7-8:15 p.m. For information call 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

#### First Tuesdays

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

#### First Fridays

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Cedar Grove, 405 U. S. 52, will have eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m.

St. Roch Parish, Indianapolis, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., will hold First Friday vigil adoration, 7-8 p.m.

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

St. Thomas Parish, Fortville, will celebrate Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion of the Eucharist.

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

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, will hold First Friday eucharistic adoration following 8 a.m. Mass 9 til 12 noon.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold exposition of Blessed Sacrament following 8 a.m. Mass, closing with Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, celebrates exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9:30 p.m. The sacrament of reconciliation is available from 4-6 p.m.

#### First Saturdays

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, will have 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music followed by the Fatima Rosary. Monthly SACRED Gathering will follow in the parish school.

Apostolate of Fatima will hold

holy hour, 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th & Bosart, Indianapolis.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., will hold First Saturday devotions starting with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by the rosary and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis, 28th & Martin Luther King Jr. St., will hold exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-Noon.

### Second Wednesdays

The archdiocesan Family Life Office, Natural Family Planning Classes, will meet at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. For information, call 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836.

### Second-Thursdays

Focolare Movement meets Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Millie and Jim Komro. For information, call 317-257-1073 or 317-845-8133.

### Third Mondays

Young Widowed Group, sponsored by the archdiocesan Family Life Office will meet at St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m. Child care available. For information, call 317-236-1586.

### Third Wednesdays

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

Calvary Chapel/Mausoleum,

Indianapolis, 435 W. Troy Ave., Mass, 2:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass, 2:00 p.m.

### Third Thursdays

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold Family Rosary Night, 7 p.m.

### Third Fridays

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather for a Mass and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis. Teaching will begin at 7 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

### Third Saturdays

The archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Andrew Parish, Indianapolis, 3922 E. 38th St., will have a Mass for Life, 8:30 a.m., followed by a prayerful walk to the abortion clinic at 2951 E. 38th St. to pray the rosary, returning to St. Andrew for the Benediction.

### Fourth Sundays

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of Secular Franciscans will gather in the Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, 3 p.m. Benediction and Franciscan service followed by business meeting and social. For information, call 317-547-6651

### Bingos

TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; St. Malachy, Brownsburg, 5:30

p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m.; St. Roch Parish, St. Roch School, 3603 S. Meridian, 6:00 p.m. THURSDAY: Msgr. Downey K of C Council 3660, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C,

American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday of each month, 1:15 p.m.

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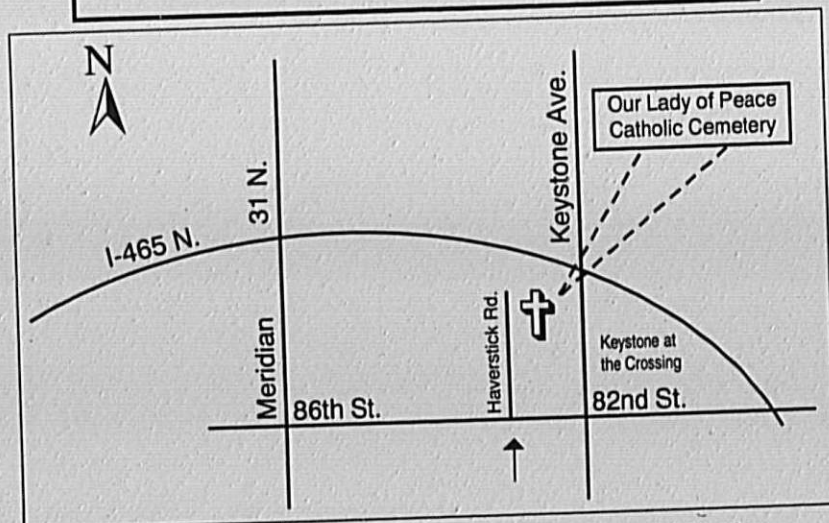
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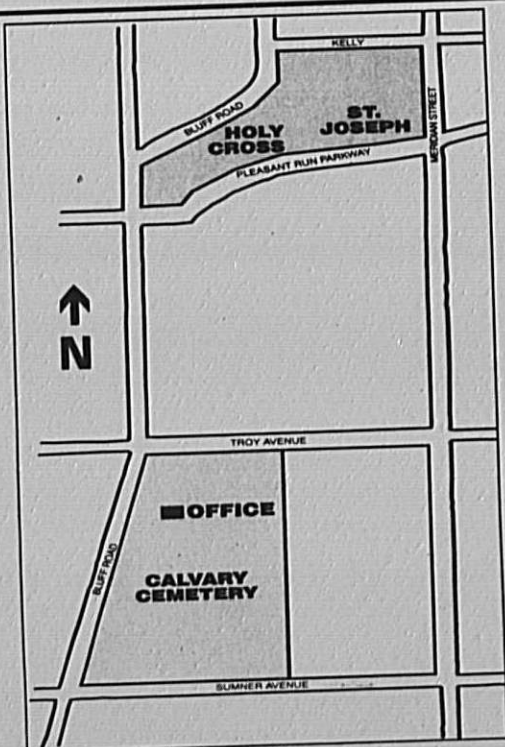


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# Student seeks healing through strong faith

By Sue Hetzler

About a year ago, St. Mark School eighth-grader Molli Casetty was assigned a writing project that required her to answer a question posed by her teacher: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Without hesitation, Molli wrote that she would like to see Paris, the castles and all of its historic landmarks, many of them religious sites that held special significance to her strong Catholic faith. And like any teenage girl, she wrote about shopping at the exclusive French department stores.

This week, because of a tragic turn of events that never could have been imagined a year ago, Molli is fulfilling that dream of experiencing Paris first-hand. On December 16, after weeks of being treated for flu-like symptoms that had contributed to weight loss of more than 20 pounds and severe dehydration, Molli was diagnosed with a rare form of gastrointestinal cancer.

"When they told me, Molli was sitting on my lap in the hospital and I was holding her," said Carol Casetty, Molli's mother. "I had a few silent tears and prayed."

While the family was left stunned by the news, 14-year-old Molli embraced her faith and looked optimistically to the future. She never cried, but instead thought: "If I'm going to die, that's God's will, and I'll be in heaven with my grandma and grandpa."

Shortly after the diagnosis, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana was contacted and approved a "rush wish" that would make Molli's dream of going to France come true.

More specifically, Molli's wish was to go to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes where the waters have been said to heal the sick. Molli said she wanted to bathe in the waters that had the power to heal her illness.

It was the first time there was such a

powerful desire for a spiritual wish, said Andy Cardimen, chairman of the board for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana.

"Her desire to go to Lourdes is such an important part of this trip," he said. "Her focus has been very centered on healing."

Molli and her family left for France on Jan. 27 and are spending the first three days in Paris touring the Palace of Versailles, Cathedral of Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, and various museums. Molli will also shop at one of the largest department stores in France. They will go to Lourdes on Jan. 31 and stay for two days before returning to Paris.

Amid all the glamour of Paris, Molli says what she is looking forward to the most is being cured.

"I want to be able to splash the water at the shrine on my face," she said. "I want the feeling of knowing that I'm cured."

There have been many turning points in Molli's case since being diagnosed with cancer six weeks ago. Carol describes them all as "divine intervention," a string of messages from God.

They have prayed the rosary, and Molli says she smelled the aroma of roses outside the chapel.

"I felt it was a sign for me," said Molli. "I felt that Mary was with me. I've never felt like that before. I feel now that Mary will always be with me."

The family has also sought the help of Solomon Wickey, an Amish herbal practitioner in Madison, Ind., who says Molli does not have cancer. By his advice, Molli has gone on a special diet.

Within two days of changing her diet, Carol says Molli was visibly better. She has gained almost five pounds and has gone from "looking like near death to what I consider thriving," Carol said.

"I feel fine," admits Molli. "Maybe the doctors were right about my cancer before. But I don't think I have cancer now. If I did, I don't think I would be feeling this good."

Molli returned to school part-time this week and one of her friends since first grade, Natalie Biggs, says Molli looks great. "There is a lot of hope now," said Natalie.

During her illness, Molli wrote to her classmates at St. Mark giving them this advice: "Have faith in God and love Jesus. That is what is important and matters. Also, be nice to each other and love each other."

Molli also challenged the students at St. Mark to sing loudly in church. "If you sing loud enough in church, I will feel it in my heart and know that it is for me," she wrote.

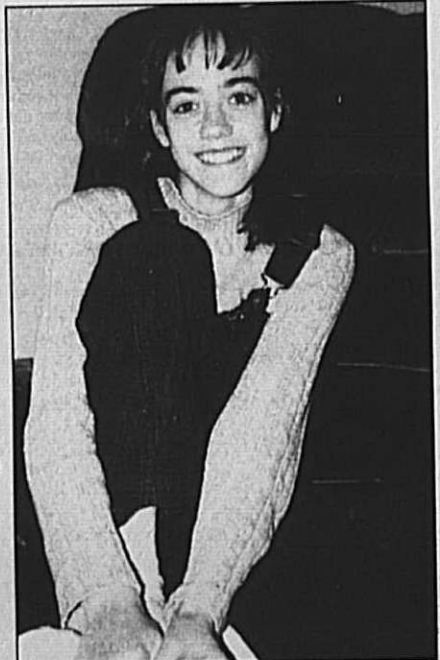
Carol and Molli's father, Bill, credit the support of family members and the St. Mark community with giving them the strength to get through this difficult time. There have been many wonderful angels out there, said Carol.

The St. Mark youth are sponsoring a Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser on Jan. 31 to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana. They expect to raise an estimated \$7,000 that will help support future wishes granted through the foundation.

"This is a tremendous community effort on the part of that parish and school," said Cardimen. "Very, very impressive."

Molli says she's learned a lot about herself during the past two months. And her parents admit they are surprised, yet comforted, by Molli's close relationship with God.

"I don't know why God put me through all this, but I know I'm going to



Molli Casetty

be well," said Molli. "I don't know how long it will be, but I can't wait."

Carol added that her daily prayer is that Molli will live a full life. "But if that doesn't happen, I guess that's God's will. I don't know how I will be, but we just take it one blessed day at a time."†

(Sue Hetzler is director of communications for the archdiocese.)

## ICC efforts include education, textbook tax credits

By Brigid Curtis

As the close of the first month of the 1998 General Assembly approaches, two bills concerning education tax credits for accredited, non-public schools are moving forward, and these schools are included in legislation for the Ambassador for Education Program.

Senate Bill 470, authored by State Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport), would provide tax credits for educational purposes for all children in accredited schools, both non-public and public.

Families earning under \$35,000 receive a \$1,000 tax credit per child or a maximum of a \$2,000 tax credit per family. Families earning over \$35,000 could receive a \$500 tax credit per child or a maximum of a \$1,000 tax credit per family. The tax credit would include educational purposes such as tuition, transportation, textbooks, instructional fees and remediation expenses. It is expected to pass the Senate Finance Committee.

The bill is assigned to the State Senate Education Committee and was heard Jan. 21. The ICC will testify in support of the legislation. The Indiana Catholic Action Network (I-CAN) and the Indiana Federation of Catholic Schools Families (IFCSF) were notified to contact members of the Senate Education Committee and urge their support for the legislation in a Jan. 14 action alert.

Another education measure offering textbook tax credits is House Bill 1001. The bill, authored by State Rep. Pat Bauer (D-South Bend), requires the state to pay the first \$50 of textbook and materials expenses that would otherwise be billed to the student or parent. This legislation includes students who attend accredited, non-public schools.

The bill also includes the House Democrats' budget surplus proposal, which would return \$100 to each Hoosier taxpayer who files a state income tax return. The bill passed the House Ways and Means Committee during a Jan. 12 hearing, in which the ICC testified in support of the textbook tax credit portion of the bill. The bill is headed to the House floor for further action.

Senate Bill 184, the Ambassador for Education Program measure, provides the Indiana Teacher of the Year the opportunity to represent teachers at education, business, and leadership conferences. The purpose is to promote teaching as a profession and to offer professional development opportunities for other teachers. Under the bill the Ambassador would be granted a year's paid sabbatical for further graduate study at a university or to work with the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. The bill has passed a second reading and is eligible for a third reading on the Senate floor.

The Ambassador for Education Program bill, also authored by State Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport) was amended in committee to include all accredited, non-public schools. Public school corporations and accredited, non-public schools are eligible to nominate one teacher of the year candidate for the Ambassador for Education Program.

For more information on ICC priority issues or to become part of the I-CAN Network, contact the archdiocesan coordinator, Tom Gaybrick, at 317-236-1560, or 800-382-9836, ext. 1560, or e-mail him at [charities@archindy.org](mailto:charities@archindy.org).

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



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## Rest in peace

**BRADING, Paul C.**, 87, St. Christopher, Speedway, Jan. 10. Husband of Mary E. (King) Brading. Father of John R., William P. Brading, Margaret B. Eichler. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of two.

**BRUNSMAN, Joseph A.**, 90, St. Anthony, Morris, Jan. 20. Husband of Emma Brunsmann. Father of Helen Laugla, Alma Waywood, Theresa Holbert, Anita Peters. Brother of Sally Brunsmann, Clara, Frieda Merkel.

**CHARLTON, Phyllis Marie (Koeberlein)**, 74, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Jan. 10. Mother of Terry P., Jeffrey T. Charlton, Karen Story, Linda Cooper. Sister of James, Clarence, Lawrence, Alvin, Helen Koeberlein, Margaret O'Connor, Marcella Stenger, Cleta Reinhart. Grandmother of three.

**DURBIN, Donald**, 70, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Dec. 19. Husband of Lois Durbin. Father of Steve, Greg Durbin, Maureen Strohmann. Son of Mary Durbin. Brother of James, David, Robert, John Durbin, Mary Lee Ball, Ruth Lynne Walsh. Grandfather of four.

**FELTZ, Charles T.**, 79, St. Michael, Brookville, Jan. 13. Husband of Vivian (Moore) Feltz. Father of Judy White. Brother of Harry Feltz. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of one.

**FESSEL, Dorothy M. (Baxter)**, 79, Holy Family, New Albany, Jan. 14. Mother of James A., Sr., Michael W. Fessel. Sister of Charles Baxter. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of seven.

**HALLUM, Rita B.**, 47, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Jan. 19. Wife of Gary C. Hallum. Mother of Katie Hallum. Daughter of Rita Keegan Broderick. Sister of Sheila Behrman, Dee Dee Stillinger, Jill, Meg Broderick, Joan Canatser and Liza Matucan.

**HEMINGWAY, Irene Marie**, 70, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Mother of Dennis Hemingway, Sheryl Zook. Sister of Rosanna Stewart, Augusta Keeler. Grandmother of four.

**INGELS, Catherine M.**, 86, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 13. Mother of Richard D., Ronald L. Ingels. Sister of

Margaret Loyal. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of six.

**KEINSLEY, Catherine**, 93, St. Mary, Lanesville, Nov. 29.

**KNUCKLES, C. Theresa (Distel)**, 39, Prince of Peace, Madison, Jan. 13. Mother of Tosha, Mickie, Brittney Knuckles. Sister of George A., Gregory P., Mary E. Distel, Kathryn A. Distel-Freeman.

**MOORE, Robert M.**, 80, St. Mary, New Albany, Jan. 11. Brother of Melissa M. Kelly.

**RIGGS, Roy "Whimpy,"** 76, St. Vincents, Bedford, Jan. 19. Husband of Dorothy Wampler. Father of Pat Scott, Robin Medlock. Brother of JoAnn Rosenberger. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of two.

**ROSNER, Lewis J.**, 67, St. Christopher, Speedway, Jan. 12. Husband of Barbara (Butterworth) Rosner. Father of Stephen, Joseph, Anthony, Patricia Rosner, Connie Toler, Nancy Figg, Linda Gregory, Kathryn Foltz, Julie Gardner, Shirley Wyrster, Donna Carney, Mary Livers. Brother of Roberta Baker, Ruth Morby, Joanne Dowling, Carol Mertz, Rose Aust. Grandfather of 16. Great-grandfather of one.

**SCHELLENBERGER, Rose**, 58, St. Mary, Lanesville, Nov. 3.

**SKATES, Mary Ann**, 93,

St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, Jan. 11. Mother of David, John Skates, Ann Binion, Marie Smith, Janet Walker. Sister of Katherine McConkey. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 37. Great-great-grandmother of two.

**STARK, Vivian**, 80, St. Mary, Lanesville, Nov. 27. Wife of Herman Stark.

### Providence Sister Mary Zita Geheb ministered in ceramics

Providence Sister Mary Zita Geheb died on Jan. 21 at Karcher Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 92. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 27 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Born in Marshall, Ill., she entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1937, professed first vows in 1939 and final vows in 1944.

Sister Mary Zita ministered as housekeeper at Guerin Hall for 17 years and at Ladywood in Indianapolis for 15 years. She also ministered 16 years in ceramics and convent service at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Mary Zita is survived by a sister, Rose Merkle.

### Providence Sister Desiree Trainer taught in archdiocese

Providence Sister Desiree Trainer died on Jan. 2 at Karcher Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 92.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 7 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The former Desiree Marie Trainer was born in Malden, Mass. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1922, professed first vows in 1925 and final vows in 1930.

Formerly known as Sister Aloysie Cecile, she taught at St. Agnes and St. John academies and at Ladywood High School in Indianapolis. She also taught at schools in the Fort Wayne and Evansville dioceses, as well as schools in Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina and the District of Columbia.

Sister Desiree is survived by a sister, Alice Brennan.

### Franciscan Sister Jane Frances Martin taught in high schools

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis for Franciscan Sister Jane Frances Martin, who died on Dec. 26. She was 78.

Born in Cynthiana, Ind., she entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1938 and professed her final vows in 1944.

For 25 years, Sister Jane Frances taught at the Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg. She taught at St. Mary Academy and Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis. She also taught in Ohio. In 1979, she became the originator and teacher of the ceramics department at the motherhouse.

Sister Jane Frances is survived by one brother, William Martin.

**ULGADO, Dr. Edmundo S.**, 71, St. Bridget, Liberty, Jan. 5. Husband of Zenaida Ulgado. Father of Mary Jean Havens. Brother of Antonio Ulgado, Maria Guinungundo.

**WHEELER, Russell L.**, 83, St. Gabriel, Connerville, Jan. 18. Husband of Marie Wheeler. Father of Ronnie, Monte, Lisa Wheeler. Brother of Violet Hilbert. Grandfather of one.

## Archdiocese to celebrate consecrated life with Feb. 1 Mass

Day to be marked with special liturgy, blessing of jubilarians; all are invited to attend celebration

By William R. Bruns

The church in central and southern Indiana will mark the World Day for Consecrated Life on Sunday, Feb. 1, with a eucharistic celebration at 2 p.m. in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside.

Invitations have been sent to more than 1,000 religious priests, sisters and brothers who serve the church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Special invitations were also sent to those religious who are celebrating jubilees this year. They will receive a special blessing during the liturgy. All laity and diocesan priests of the archdiocese are invited to attend the celebration. Similar celebrations are being observed in dioceses throughout the country.

Archbishop Buechlein said, "Those who choose to live a consecrated life as religious priests, sisters or brothers or as members of secular institutes are really very special gifts to our church. Their unselfish embrace of a committed life lived for others serves as an inspiration to all of us. It is fitting that we set aside a special day to celebrate their lives and to thank them for the gifts they are."

For many years, the Church in Rome has traditionally celebrated consecrated life on Feb. 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Last year, Pope John Paul II called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal church and declared Feb. 2 as the day for the celebration. Since that date falls on a Monday this year, the U.S. bishops have moved the celebration to the nearest Sunday so that more people can participate.

The pope said that the day offers the entire church the opportunity to thank God for the gift of consecrated life, to promote knowledge of the life and to invite consecrated people to celebrate what the Lord has accomplished in them and acquire more awareness of their mission in the church and the world. †

## Nathanson: Changing national tide favors pro-life cause

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS)—The changing national tide now favors the pro-life cause, former abortionist Dr. Bernard Nathanson told a Catholic audience in Arlington.

A recent *New York Times* poll showed 50 percent of Americans say abortion is murder.

"We have a great opportunity here to capitalize on this," Nathanson said Jan. 19. "The tide on abortion, and the thinking about abortion, is running strongly in the pro-life favor. This is the golden time."

"We have to change hearts and minds," he said. "That's not impossible. We've done it with tobacco and many other things. The ultimate weapon, the nuclear weapon in this whole conflict, is prayer. It may be the only thing that will help."

Nathanson, who was also a featured speaker at the annual March for Life rally on the National Mall Jan. 22, took part in a panel discussion on "Natural Law, Medicine and Bio-Ethics." Sponsored by the Natural Law Study Center, the panel was held at St. Agnes Parish Hall in Arlington.

As one of the leading abortion proponents in the United States during the 1960s, he helped establish the National Abortion Rights Action League in 1969. By the early 1970s he operated the largest abortion clinic in the Western Hemisphere and has said he was personally responsible for 75,000 abortions.

He shaped much of the agenda of backers of legal abortion, coining such slogans as "freedom of choice," "reproductive rights" and "a woman's right to control her own body."

Nathanson now admits that most of the arguments used by abortion supporters prior to the pivotal 1973 Supreme Court decisions in *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton* were fabrications.

The two decisions legalized abortion on demand in the United States. *Roe* threw out most state restrictions on abortion; *Doe*, the companion case, permitted abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. †

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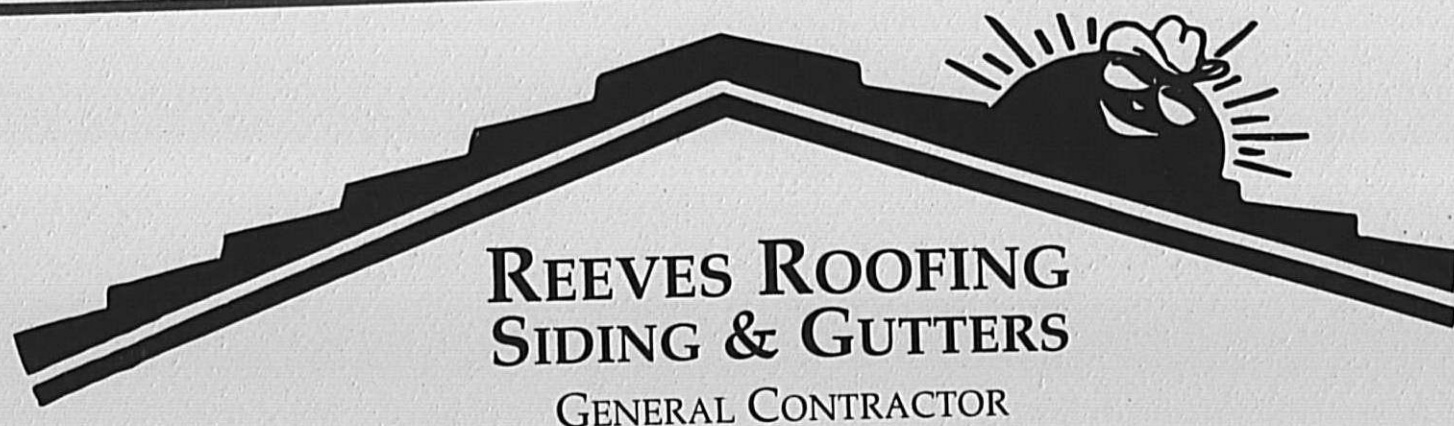
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