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Retired archdiocesan priests now have 'a home of their own'

Archbishop Buechlein blesses new priests' retirement floor at St. Paul Hermitage; Benedictine sisters to continue as caregivers

By Margaret Nelson

The priests of the archdiocese now have a home of their own where they can retire. And three have already moved in.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein blessed the new priest retirement floor April 25 at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove.

Benedictine Sister Patricia Dede, administrator of the Hermitage, said that the sisters and other staff at Our Lady of Grace Monastery had already been serving the priests in the two-floor residential section and the health care area.

As soon as the new health care wing—south and east of the building—was finished last year, renovation began to turn the former third-floor health care area into the 14 apartments for retired priests.

Sister Patricia, who has ministered at the Hermitage for 12 years, said, "We're used to doing this." But the newly renovated area will allow active retired priests more independence.

"It is our privilege that we can do that after the priests have served everybody else all these years," said Sister Patricia.

Msgr. Richard Kavanagh, Father Charles Sexton and Father John Sciarras moved in during April. Father Henry Brown is expected to join them in about a month.

"I check in with them," said Sister Patricia. "They seem very satisfied."

Father Sexton said, "It's a nice spot. I'm very happy with it." He's been there for about one month.

He said that the area looks "much different" than when it was used as a nursing care area. "It is very attractive now. Everything is brand new. I'm going to vote for it. I'm very happy with what I've got here."

Each new apartment includes a living room, bedroom, kitchenette and bathroom. A guest room is located on the priests' floor.

Father Thomas Carey, at 88, the oldest priest in the archdiocese, will continue to stay in the residential area of the Hermitage. (See related story on Page 26.)

Because of his health, Father Ernest Strahl will remain in the health care area.

The Hermitage itself has been serving the elderly since 1959. Because there is a waiting list, Sister Patricia said that the apartments will be filled with lay people when there are not enough clergy to fill them. But each third-floor resident's lease will have a clause that makes the space available when another priest wants to move in. The staff will then find room in the residential area for the lay person.

Benedictine Sister Mary Luke Jones said the facility offers independent living services to the priests.

She said Msgr. Kavanagh has asked the kitchen to prepare one meal a day for him, and he will fix his own breakfast and supper. By letting the staff know a few hours before, he can change his meal arrangements.

The apartments are various sizes. They were designed especially for the



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein blesses Father John Sciarras (above) after blessing the retired priest's apartment during the dedication of the new priests' retirement floor of St. Paul Hermitage on April 25. The facility is a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery.

Benedictine Sisters, along with staff members and residents, enjoy the archbishop's comments during the blessing of the new priests' retirement floor.



priests by an archdiocesan group that included Msgr. Kavanagh and Msgr. Frank Tuohy, pastor of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis.

Msgr. Harold Knueven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, was one of three priests who helped with fund raising.

"The Benedictines asked me to help, and I will do anything for them because they help so many people," said Msgr. Knueven. "It was a very popular cause. People were very generous.

"We all have to have a place to stay. Priests are on their own, unless they have some family," said Msgr. Knueven. "The priests decided to give some money from their wills. The archbishop promoted that."

He explained that there had been several efforts for housing for retired priests. "The Benedictines took hold of it, and the archbishop got behind it."

The archdiocese contributed \$1 million to the Benedictines' \$4.2 million renovation campaign.

"When you get our archbishop behind something, he doesn't fool around. He is a good organizer, a good planner, and he knows how to ask the right people in the right way," said Msgr. Knueven. "The Benedictines have done a good job at the Hermitage." †



Hispanic harmony

Salesian Father V.M. Lopez accompanies these Salvadoran students as they sing a Spanish version of *I Left My Heart in San Francisco* for journalists during an April 15 visit to the school and orphanage in San Salvador. The journalists were participating in a Food For The Poor pilgrimage to El Salvador. (See related story on Page 14.)

Photo by Mary Ann Wyszynski

Oldenburg Franciscans launch expansion effort

Construction, upgrades include new health care facility, renovation of existing building for care of elderly sisters



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein joins in the April 18 groundbreaking at St. Clare Hall at the Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse in Oldenburg. Shoveling are (from left) Benedictine Sister Amy Kistner, congregational minister; Don Able, architect; Benedictine Sister Christa Franzer, councilor; Steve Baker, construction company representative; Mary Jo Heppner, director of St. Francis Hall; and Archbishop Buechlein.

By Barbara R. Jachimiak
Special to The Criterion

OLDENBURG—After a brief prayer service April 18 on the grounds of St. Clare Hall at the Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein launched the first of several building projects planned at the motherhouse.

In a formal groundbreaking, Archbishop Buechlein blessed the site and joined those responsible for the planning and building stages of the future health care facility. The ceremony was well attended despite the cloudy, breezy after-

noon. Among those in attendance were Daniel Felicetti, president of Marian College, and his wife, Barbara.

In his opening remarks, the archbishop noted, "Whenever we look to the interests of our neighbor or the community and serve them, we are in a sense God's own co-workers." He then prayed that God would bring the job to successful completion and "keep those who work on it safe from injury."

Franciscan Sister Amy Kistner, congregational minister, along with councilors Sisters Barbara Piller, Christa Franzer, Marjorie English and Maureen Irvin, and chaplain Franciscan Father Raymar Middendorf read the intercessions after a Scripture reading by Mary Jo Heppner, direc-

tor of St. Francis Hall.

St. Clare Hall will be renovated and enlarged to accommodate the increasing number of elderly sisters now being cared for at St. Francis Hall, the current infirmary, according to Sister Mary Laurel Hautman. She said the original building was erected in 1957.

"The renovation and addition are being done with the intent to serve the current needs of our sisters, and in the future, when our needs sufficiently decrease, it could possibly be available for serving lay residents as well," Sister Mary Laurel said.

The old infirmary, St. Francis Hall, was built in 1873 and added to in 1949. "It is in need of updating, too," she said. "The mechanical systems have outlived their time and many general repairs are essential.

"The new building would be accessible to all," Sister Mary Laurel added. "Between 52 and 64 rooms will be available. This is the present need."

Sister Mary Laurel concluded that the current renovation should be completed early in the summer of 1999. †

(Barbara R. Jachimiak is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

Official Announcement

Rev. David Groeller, pastor of Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, requested and granted a one-year leave of absence.

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

Corrections

A headline in the April 24 issue of *The Criterion* included an incorrect area of residence for Dick Canada, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis who was confirmed in March during his hospitalization. Canada, who is now back to work, resides in Zionsville.

The last line of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's weekly column, "Seeking the Face of the Lord," was dropped in the April 24 issue of *The Criterion*. The missing information appears on Page 4.

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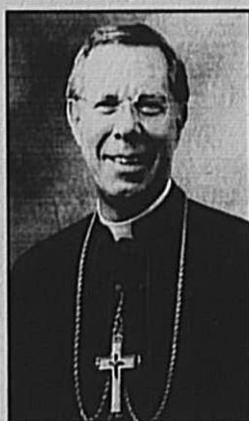
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Memory of teen cancer victim takes root at Indianapolis school

St. Mark students dedicate oak, flowering crab apple trees as tribute to Molli Cassetty and her strong Catholic faith

By Sue Hetzler

St. Mark School in Indianapolis dedicated two trees last week as a tribute to Molli Cassetty, an eighth-grader at the school who died on March 30 from a rare form of colon cancer.



St. Mark School eighth-graders gather outside the parish to offer prayers and dedicate an oak tree to classmate Molli Cassetty, who died on March 30 from a rare form of colon cancer. (Right) The Cassetty family—(from left to right) Josh, Bill, Carol and Justin—helped plant the apple tree outside of St. Mark School in Molli's memory

Representatives from each class and the entire eighth grade gathered outside the parish school on a sunny afternoon to dedicate an oak tree planted in front of the Indianapolis South Deanery church and a flowering crab apple tree planted near the entrance of the school.

"By planting these trees, we recognize that God is the giver of life," said seventh grade teacher Tara Green, who led the dedication ceremony. "We will take care of that life" by nurturing these trees.

There will also be a brass plaque placed at the base of the apple tree with the inscription, "Trust God and love Jesus. Molli Cassetty."

Those were the words Molli relayed to her class in a letter written from her hospital room when she learned of her

illness last fall. Her faith in God has been described by friends and family members as extraordinary and is a virtue of the 14-year-old that has left a lasting impression on the St. Mark community.

The oak tree was selected as an appropriate symbol of Molli's life because of its strength and beauty, said Green. She told students that the tree would stand as "an example of the life that Molli shared with us and the life that God gave her."

In a separate dedication ceremony later, Molli's parents and brothers joined with others from

St. Mark school and parish to offer prayers and thanksgiving for Molli's life. Fourteen pink balloons, one for each year of Molli's life, were released as a memorial.

Parents Carol and Bill Cassetty told the gathering that the strength of the oak tree and beautiful flowers that would blossom from the apple tree were fitting symbols of their daughter.



St. Mark students help plant the crab apple tree in front of the school. At the base of the tree will be a brass plaque quoting Molli's words to her classmates: "Trust God and love Jesus."

"We can't think of a better memorial for Molli," said Carol.

Msgr. Richard Lawler, pastor of St. Mark, added that in a few years from now, "This will be a big, strong (oak) tree. When you see this tree, you will all remember this dedication, and you'll remember Molli." †

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

Criterion editors win 12 Woman's Press Club state awards

Two assistant editors of *The Criterion* who are members of the Woman's Press Club of Indiana brought home communications awards from an April 18 luncheon.

Senior Assistant Editor Margaret Nelson won two first prizes—one for a feature story about stewardship an Indianapolis parish: "Giving Means Sacrificing at Holy Angels" and one for a photo essay honoring Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on his fifth anniversary as Archbishop of Indianapolis: "Seeking the Face of the Lord."

Comments from the judges on the Holy Angels story included: "The story has impact! . . . Normally, the topic of tithing would be mundane, but you bring it home with touching examples . . . P.S. Shall we send our tithing checks, too?"

On Nelson's 11-photo color essay, used in the July 25 supplement, the judges commented: "Good selection of photos to tell a story. You seem to have a real eye for what makes a pleasing photograph."

Nelson got a second prize for a selection of three special articles about religion: "Faith a Source of Strength for New Catholics" about the John and Jolene Ketzenberger family of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis; "Police Chief Brings Faith, Prayer to New Beat," about Indianapolis Police Department Chief Michael Zunk; and "Vocation Speakers Say Prayer Key to Discernment," about talks by Franciscan Sister Deborah Shining and seminarian Steve Dabrowski to young people interested in religious vocations.

Assistant Editor Mary Ann Wyand received a third prize for her personality profile about Patrick Mack, an Indianapolis metal sculptor. Nelson's profile, which tied for third with Wyand's, was about the three men who were

ordained for the archdiocese in June, 1997—Fathers Kevin Morris, Joseph Pesola and Joseph Villa. Nelson's story about archdiocesan priests' donations to Father Clarence Waldon for Holy Angels School won an honorable mention.

Wyand earned two prizes for her work on supplements to *The Criterion*. Her vocations supplement won second prize and her youth supplement won third prize.

Nelson won four other prizes for color photos. Her photo of the Saint Meinrad Archabbey rededication took second prize, as did her photo of Hana Chong, a child dressed in traditional garb for the Thanksgiving Day Mass at the Korean Catholic Community in Indianapolis.

A photo of the archbishop taken during a confirmation Mass earned a third prize and a profile shot of the three June ordinands took an honorable mention.

The judges were professionals from Connecticut, Iowa, Mississippi, New Jersey and Oregon.

Wyand is president-elect of the Woman's Press Club. Nelson is current treasurer.

Shirley Vogler Meister, a regular contributor to *The Criterion*, won six first prizes for her work, which included editorial, personal columns, web page, speech, and creative verse. One third-prize winner appeared in the archdiocesan newspaper.

Holy Cross Father Edward A. Malloy, president of the University of Notre Dame, spoke to the group about "Ethics in Journalism." He said that journalists should seek the truth and train others to carry on a professional code of ethics.

Father Malloy suggested that journalists periodically review their work environments. He asked them to be fair to different points of view. †

Yes! The Lord has been good to me, and I want to share with others.

I know my gift will help those in need even after I am gone.



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Editorial

Work of evangelization begins at home

When Pope Paul VI wrote his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii nuntiandi* (Evangelization in the Modern World) in 1975, he developed an important theme from Vatican II's teaching about the Church's mission. Quoting from the council's decree on missionary activity, *Ad gentes divinitus*, Paul VI said, "The whole Church is missionary, and the work of evangelization is a basic duty of the People of God."

Pope Paul drew two conclusions from this fundamental teaching of the council. First, "Evangelization is for no one an individual and isolated act; it is one that is deeply ecclesial. When the most obscure preacher, catechist or pastor in the most distant land preaches the Gospel, gathers his little community together or administers a Sacrament, even alone, he is carrying out an ecclesial act and his action is certainly linked to the evangelizing activity of the whole Church. ..." The pope went on to say that when individual Christians share their faith with others, they do so precisely as members of a community of faith whose mandate is to spread the Gospel.

Paul VI's second conclusion was that "no evangelizer is the absolute master of his evangelizing action." As members of a community of faith, individual Christian evangelizers "act in communion with the Church and her pastors." This especially concerns the content of evangelization, but it also refers to the intimate religious experiences that shape our individual faith stories. The faith that we share is deeply personal, but it is not exclusively ours. It is our common faith, which is proclaimed in diverse personal and experiential ways by individual Christians. "This diversity of [approaches] in the unity of the same mission," the pope says, "makes up the richness and beauty of evangelization."

What are some implications of Pope Paul VI's teaching for Catholics in central and southern Indiana today?

First, each of us is called to be an evangelizer and, thus, to share our faith with others. We don't have to go to distant lands to carry out this missionary responsibility. Evangelization, like charity, begins at home. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to share our faith with the people who are closest to us—our spouses, families, friends and co-workers. This doesn't mean getting on a soapbox at family gatherings, or at the office, to preach a sermon. But it does mean using appropriate opportunities to talk about what we believe and to share our individual faith stories with people we love and respect.

Second, whenever we share our faith with others, the Church is there with us. All the love and support that we have a right to expect from a community that includes even those who have gone before us in faith are present to us every time we proclaim the Gospel in our words and actions. No matter how it may feel, we are never isolated or alone when we take the risk of sharing our faith with someone else.

Evangelization is a major theme of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis's five-year celebration, Journey of Hope 2001. Let's take advantage of the opportunities provided during this special time to risk sharing our faith generously—with strangers and with those who are most familiar! †

— Daniel Conway

(Daniel Conway, director of stewardship and development for the Archdiocese of Chicago, is a member of the editorial committee of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc.)

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Kids' greetings filled with wit, wisdom

Some months ago, I shared notes I received from kids around the archdiocese, and they were well received. Some birthday cards from grade school kids at St. Jude, Indianapolis; St. Gabriel, Connorsville; and St. Mary's religious education classes in Aurora deserve sharing. They were a hit at the annual Serra Club appreciation dinner for priests. And they carry a message.

One girl wrote: "How are you? I hope you're fine because it is your birthday. I really appreciate everything you've done. It was an honor to have you bless and say the Mass for our new beautiful church. Your hat could be in style. Well, just think, if people would where a Dr. Seuss hat, I'm sure they'd wear your hat." I guess I shouldn't be surprised that children are fascinated by the bishop's "hat" called a miter. They often ask why I wear it. To the best of my knowledge, the miter has its origin in the Old Testament. It was worn by the levitical priests for ceremonial occasions of prayer and sacrifice.

A fellow asked: "How is it being in charge of religion for a whole State? I hope it's not too much for you."

Another girl wrote "Happy Birthday! You run the Churches of the State very well!" I appreciate the compliment and the concern, but I don't think the other bishops of Indiana would appreciate the compliments. In fact, while I coordinate certain Church activities of the state, I am only in charge of the Catholic parishes, missions, agencies and organizations in the 39 counties of our archdiocese.

The message of another little girl could really get me into trouble! She wrote: "Dear Pope Daniel Buechlein, you are the best pope in the world. Have a happy birthday." (Actually, I think that her remarks would cause Pope John Paul II to smile.)

Another fellow wrote: "Happy birthday. We are so happy that you have a birthday!" I am, too (but they fly by so fast)! I still find it surprising that children tend to think of bishops, priests and religious as something other than human. It's a good reminder that expectations are high!

Tom wrote: "Happy Birthday, Jesus said, and with the movement of His hand ... you became a year younger!" I'd like to meet Tom. He has a point, in that with the movement of His hand, Jesus can do anything. More importantly, closeness to Jesus has the potential of keeping us very young in spirit and full of enthusiasm for the faith.

Here is my favorite birthday message. "Hi, my name is _____, I'm 10 years old. (He then lists his grade, phone number and full address, zip code and all.) ... Also I want to wish you a happy birthday! I appreciate all

you've done for us and I just want to tell you that my friend, _____, he wants to be a priest when he grows up and I want to be a Storm Chaser when I grow up because I really, really like Tornados, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Pray for me. Well, Happy Birthday. I'm in Grade 4, Room _____. P.S. Good luck on your birthday!"

I admit that there are days when being a priest might feel like being a storm chaser, but I don't think the young fellow was making the connection. I would like to meet him also, I think!

What I gleaned from his message is the important reminder that, even in the early grades, our youth have thoughts about vocations. It tells us about the importance of priests and religious being visible and present to our youth from the early years onward. Which is why I felt a tinge of sadness when I read this next message: "I wish you could come and see us or us come and see you. But I don't think that will happen because you're probably busy. Have a nice day!" With help, I am trying to find ways to maximize the strategic presence to our youth not only for myself but also our priests and religious. With all the expectations of our ministry these days, it is not easy.

If you parents wonder about the importance of your presence to your children, read on: "I hope this day is wonderful for you. ... Today is a special day for me too because my dad comes home from Florida the day after tomorrow. Well, that's all I have to say. ..."

"Here comes another year. Be happy it is your birthday. And be happy God made you and people love you. ... Are you happy yet?"

A fellow wrote "Happy Birthday. I love you and God loves you. We look up to the Lord like you do." All the messages tell us how important we are to our youth. They look for and deserve joyful mentors. †

Editor's note: (In the process of e-mailing page 4 of last week's issue to the printer, the computer managed to send the last line of Archbishop Buechlein's column into cyberspace. We regret the error. Below is the last paragraph of that column. —WRB)

"The Catholic Church is responsible for the patrimony of our historical heritage. It is also responsible for facing up to good stewardship of its resources for the sake of the common good. We don't always achieve the balance perfectly, but we give it our best try and pray that God will continue to bless our efforts." †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

Seminarians: that they will be faithful to prayer and study, and persevere in their desire to serve God and the Church as priests.

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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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



Los saludos de los niños llenados de ingenio y sabiduría

Hace algunos meses compartí notas las cuales recibí de los niños de varios lugares en la archidiócesis, y a ustedes les cayeron bien. Necesito compartir algunas tarjetas de cumpleaños de los niños de las escuelas primarias Saint Jude en Indianapolis, Saint Gabriel en Connersville, y las clases religiosas de la escuela Saint Mary en Aurora. Las tarjetas fueron una sensación durante la cena anual del Club Serra para sacerdotes. Y las mismas llevan un mensaje.

Una muchacha escribió: "¿Cómo está usted? Espero que esté bien porque hoy es su cumpleaños. Yo realmente aprecio todo lo que usted ha hecho. Fue un honor que usted nos bendijera y dijera la Misa para nuestra nueva iglesia bonita. Su sombrero podría ser de moda. Bien, imagínese, si las personas llevaran un sombrero como el del doctor Seuss, estoy segura que llevarían su sombrero". Supongo que no debe sorprenderme que a los niños les fascina el sombrero del obispo que se llama una mitra. A menudo me preguntan por qué lo llevo. Que yo sepa, la mitra tiene su origen en el Antiguo Testamento. Fue llevado por los sacerdotes levíticos en las ocasiones ceremoniales de oración y sacrificio.

Un joven me hizo la pregunta: "¿Cómo se siente estar al cargo de la religión para todo el estado? Espero que no sea demasiado para usted".

Otra muchacha escribió "¡Feliz Cumpleaños! Usted maneja las Iglesias del estado bastante bien. Aprecio el cumplimento y la preocupación, pero no creo que los otros obispos de Indiana apreciaran los cumplimientos. De hecho, aunque que yo coordine ciertas actividades de la Iglesia del estado, sólo estoy a cargo de las parroquias, misiones, agencias y organizaciones católicas en los 39 condados de nuestra archidiócesis.

¡El mensaje de otra muchacha pequeña realmente podría meterme en lío! Ella escribió: "Estimado Papa Daniel Buechlein, es el mejor papa del mundo. Tenga un Feliz Cumpleaños". Realmente, pienso que sus comentarios causarían al Papa Juan Pablo II sonreír.

Otro joven escribió: "¡Feliz Cumpleaños! Nosotros estamos tan contentos que tenga un cumpleaños". ¡Yo también, pero los años pasan tan rápidamente! Todavía pienso que es sorprendente que los niños tiendan a pensar en los obispos, sacerdotes y religiosos como algo que no es humano. ¡Es un buen recordatorio que tienen altas expectativas!

Tom escribió: "Feliz Cumpleaños, Jesús dijo, y con el movimiento de Su mano... usted se volvió un año más joven" Me gustaría conocer a Tom. Él tiene un poco de razón, por que con el movimiento de Su mano, Jesús puede

hacer cualquier cosa. Más pretenciosamente, la intimidad con Jesús tiene el potencial de mantenernos muy joven en el espíritu y llenos de entusiasmo para la fe.

He aquí mi mensaje de cumpleaños favorito. "Hola, mi nombre es _____, tengo 10 años. (entonces indica su grado en la escuela, número de teléfono y dirección, código postal y todo)... ¡También quiero desearle un Feliz Cumpleaños! Aprecio todo que usted ha hecho para nosotros y simplemente quiero decirle que mi amigo, _____, quiere hacerse sacerdote cuando crezca y quiero ser Cazador de Tormentas cuando yo crezca porque realmente, realmente me gustan los Tornados, Volcanes y Terremotos. Ore para mí. Bien, Feliz Cumpleaños. Estoy en el cuarto grado, Sala número _____. P.D. ¡Buena Suerte en su cumpleaños!"

Admito que existen días cuando ser sacerdote me hace sentir como un cazador de tormentas, pero no pienso que el joven estaba haciendo alguna conexión así. ¡También me gustaría conocerlo, yo creo!

Lo que yo entendí de su mensaje es el importante recordatorio que incluso en los grados tempranos nuestras personas jóvenes tienen pensamientos sobre las vocaciones. Nos dice la importancia que los sacerdotes y religiosos sean visibles y presentes para nuestras jóvenes en los años tempranos. Eso es por qué yo sentía un poco de tristeza cuando leí el próximo mensaje: "Deseo que usted pudiera venir para vernos o que podríamos ir a verlo. Pero no pienso que eso pasará porque está probablemente ocupado. ¡Que pase un buen día"! Con ayuda de otras personas, estoy intentando encontrar maneras para maximizar la presencia estratégica de no solamente yo, sino los sacerdotes y religiosos para nuestros jóvenes. No es fácil ante las expectativas de nuestro ministerio hoy en día.

Si ustedes los padres se preguntan sobre la importancia de su presencia para sus niños, sigan leyendo: "Espero que este día sea maravilloso para usted. ... Hoy también es un día especial para mí porque mi papá llega aquí el pasado mañana de la Florida. Bueno, es todo que tengo que decir..."

"Aquí viene otro año. Esté contento que sea su cumpleaños, que Dios lo hiciera y que otras personas lo amen. ... ¿Es usted todavía feliz?"

Un joven escribió "Feliz Cumpleaños. Lo amo y Dios lo ama. Admiramos al Señor igual a usted". Todos los mensajes nos dicen cuán importantes somos para las personas jóvenes. Buscan y merecen a los jubilados mentores. †

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Letters to the Editor

She believes many can speak for the Church

Many individuals or groups that call themselves "Catholic" can speak authoritatively on or for Catholicism. Individuals who bother to purchase, read, and study the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Holy Bible, the papal encyclicals, and the many apostolic letters have a basis upon which to speak on or for Catholicism. One

of the best sources of truly Catholic information can be found on Mother Angelica's EWTN. Reverence for our Lord, attendance at Mass, obedience to our Holy Father, reception of the sacraments, etc., would be more noticeable/would happen more frequently if more Catholics paid closer attention to the wealth of information given on EWTN.

Marci Frey
Cedar Grove

Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

Spiritual golf is a happy sport

This column is more about life than it is about golf, so read on.



Golf is just a game, but like life itself it is difficult. It presents a series of problems which need to be solved. How you solve those problems will test your inner strength and your spirituality.

There are two ways to play golf. You can play for the sheer joy of it or you can play to demonstrate your superiority.

In the first case you start off a bit more humble, simply treating your mind and body to the exhilaration of fresh air. You enjoy the beauty of nature and the fun of being with good friends.

Other golfers submit themselves to the tyranny of perfectionism: "I must do better, I must prove that I am powerful."

It's perfectly OK to enjoy the process of improving your skills, but not for the purpose of indulging the delusion that you are an exceptional human being who should be making perfect shots all the time.

Golf is simply a game.

When you step into the world of golf you bring your personality with you. Golf will expose you for the person you really are, testing your level of ambition and egocentricity. Take a good look at yourself the next time you want to throw your clubs in the water.

If you play golf to demonstrate your athletic prowess you will probably suffer

more pain than pleasure, but if you play to become a more joyful person, you will minimize disappointment and lower your score in the process.

Yes, this is about playing better golf. An overly tight grip leads to higher scores.

I bring my philosophy of life to the sport. A long time ago I decided that I wanted my life to honor my parents and my God. A 15th century mystic named Julian of Norwich once said, "The greatest honor you can give to almighty God, greater than all your mortifications and sacrifices, is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love."

I approach every aspect of my life with this in mind, so when I play golf I retain what is enjoyable and discard what is not. I choose to play for fun and recreation. I do not let the past drag me down either in life or in golf. What is done is done, finished, over. I don't let the memory of a bad shot intrude into the present moment.

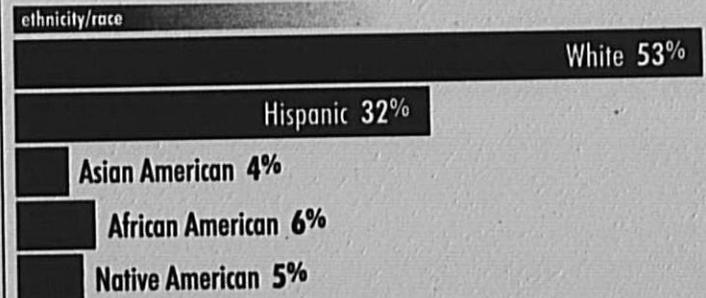
Joy is only possible in the present moment so I try to keep that moment protected and uncluttered. I forget the last hole. My goal is to make as many pars as I can, not to get the lowest gross score possible. I begin anew on each tee.

I only play with golfers who cheer one another on. We work as a team trying to get as many pars as possible that day. We laugh a lot and rejoice in one another's skills and good play. We smell the flowers as we go.

Spiritual golf is a happy sport. I hope you try it some day. †

Lay Ministry Profile

The number of people in lay ministry formation programs has more than doubled in the past 10 years. Here is a look at the more than 23,000 participants.



Source: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

Archabbey Church wins design competition

Saint Meinrad's newly renovated Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln has received the first-place award in the third Eugene Potente, Sr. Liturgical Design Competition. The national competition is sponsored by The Studios of Potente Inc., of Kenosha, Wisc., and Liturgy Training Publications of Chicago.

The \$3,000 first prize was awarded March 24, 1998, in Orlando, Fla., at the "Form Reform Conference on Environment and Art for Catholic Worship." In addition, the Archabbey Church will be featured in an upcoming issue of Liturgy Training Publication's *Environment & Art Letter*.

The biennial competition encourages excellence in new construction and interior renovation of Christian worship centers. It seeks to reward projects that exhibit both sound interior design principles and a thorough understanding of liturgy, as expressed in documents of the Second Vatican Council.

E.J. Potente, the grandson of Eugene, Sr., presented the award to Benedictine Father Kurt Stasiak, who served as chair of the monastic committee that oversaw the planning and completion of the renovation. Potente explained that the goal of this award is not just beautiful liturgical spaces, but beautiful liturgies as the result of beautiful space.

"We look at the space itself," he said, "how it's used and how the people feel in this space." He said the contest judges factor into their decision the utility of the space, the interior design and architectural quality of the building or renovation, and how well the elements of the design work with the intended liturgical uses for that worship space.

The Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey are pleased and honored by this award. But the recognition of the beauty of the renovated archabbey church, said Father Kurt, doesn't change the importance of why the church was renovated as it was and the significance of

each of the elements within the renovation.

"The award didn't make this church beautiful—we had that before the award and would have had it without the award," commented Father Kurt. "But it is certainly a distinction to receive professional recognition and expert acknowledgment that what we set out to do when we began our planning in 1993 was not only accomplished, but was accomplished in excellent form and magnificent style—a style and form that experts will point out in their teaching.

"When I accepted the Potente award, I was very conscious that I was representing many people—everyone from architects to artists to construction workers and certainly the entire monastic community," Father Kurt continued. "This award is a tribute to so many people, just as the church is a reflection of the hard work, the talent, the skills, the perseverance and the generosity of literally thousands of people. And we are most appreciative."

The nearly century-old Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church underwent a major

physical renovation between April 1996 and September 1997. Since it was built at the turn of the century, the church has been a center of worship for the Archabbey's monks, as well as for the college and seminary students, local residents and guests.

During the 17-month physical renovation, the church's interior was changed significantly by removing an upper level and balconies, installing wooden choir stalls for the Benedictine monks and relocating the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The concrete floor was replaced with one fabricated in Italy using six colors of marble. The 1907 organ was expanded, updated and relocated. In addition, the lighting, sound and heating systems were revamped and the church is now air-conditioned.

The awarding-winning archabbey church and its specially designed marble floor are also featured in the April 1998 issue of *Stone World*, a trade magazine written for the producers and users of granite, marble and other stone products. †

Check It Out . . .

St. Barnabas' Social Action Committee recently hosted WTHR-13 co-anchor Anne Ryder as part of its second annual evening Lenten series presentations. Ryder spoke to a crowd of 800 in the church on her "trilogy"—her interviews with Mother Teresa; Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady, the American pilot shot down and rescued in Bosnia; and Ryder's trip to Medjugorja. St. Barnabas' Outreach Committee concluded the evening by presenting Ryder with a donation, which is directly given to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

Oldenburg Academy is sponsoring a **one week overnight camp for girls** who have completed sixth, seventh, and eighth grades July 12 through July 17. The camp will have an emphasis on drama, art and music along with active evening programs. The cost is \$180 with discounts for addi-

tional siblings. Only 60 girls can be accommodated. Information: call Connie Deardorff at 812-934-4440.

"What's My Purpose? Finding Meaning in a (sometimes) Meaningless World," a **retreat for young adults**, will be held May 8-10 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. Information: 812-923-8817.

The **archdiocesan National Council of Catholic Women will hold its 50th annual convention** May 5-6 at St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg and the Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel located west of Speedway. Information: call Mary K. Garrison at 317-852-5910.

The Procter Club, a **Catholic women's discussion group**, will conclude its centennial year with a formal tea at The

Schnull-Rausch House in Indianapolis May 12 from 1-3 p.m. Information: call Molly Pritchard Seidel at 317-926-7934 or 317-283-5984.

Saint Meinrad College's Cooperative Action for Community Development (CACD) will host the **28th annual Special Olympics** May 2. The day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. with a parade of the athletes and volunteers and the lighting of the Olympic torch. Mentally and physically challenged children and young adults from schools located in Dubois, Spencer, and Perry counties will attend and participate in the events. Events will be held in the grassy fields behind the Abbey Press Gift Shop. In the event of rain, activities will be held indoors.

"HIV: How Do We Live With It," a **retreat for those living with AIDS**, will be held May 14-17 at Oakwood Farm in Selma. The deadline to register is May 7.

Information: 317-631-4006 or 800-813-0949.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School will host its sixth annual **Carnival Daze** May 7-10 on the school campus, 2801 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis. Information: 317-876-4718 or 317-870-2755.

Holy Name School in Beech Grove will host open registration and is accepting new students for the 1998-99 school year in kindergarten through eighth grade. Information: 317-784-9078.

Marian College in Indianapolis is featuring "**Art From the Heart**," an exhibition of works by R. Ray Gencius in the college library through May. Gencius, the youngest of three sons of Lithuanian immigrants, learned he was HIV positive in 1988. He passed away in 1995. His work reflects how the disease affects the person as well as those around them. Information: 317-955-6090 or 317-632-0123. †

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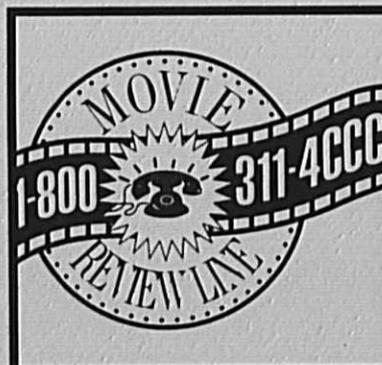


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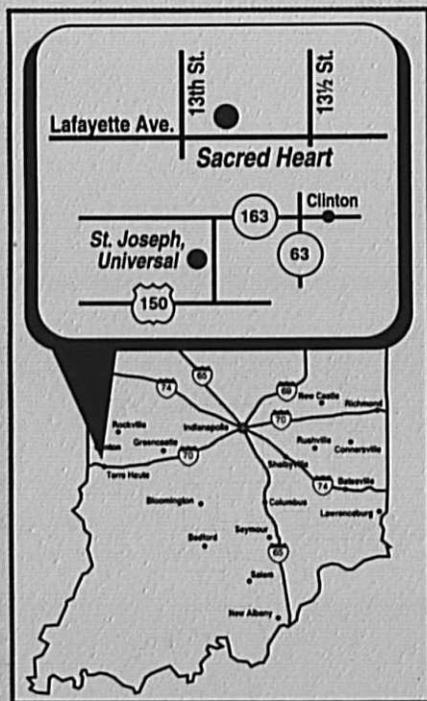
Terre Haute Deanery

Sacred Heart,
Clinton
St. Joseph,
Universal

Story and photos by Cynthia Dewes

Fast Fact:

The Sacred Heart church building is modeled after the Cathedral of Thurles in Ireland. On Nov. 17, 1909, an explosion of dynamite destroyed the front of the church.



Despite the old adage to "never a borrower nor a lender be," Father Micheal Kelley borrows a lot and is happy to lend. Ideas, that is.

He confessed that many of the well-received events and activities he has instituted at Sacred Heart Parish in Clinton and its mission, St. Joseph Parish in Universal, were modeled after successful ideas he saw used in other parishes. "God has blessed me with three good assignments," Father Kelley said.

For example, Father Kelley got the idea for his annual Pastor's Appreciation Dinner/Dance for the parish from Father Clem Davis, the former pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis who currently serves as pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus. During this affair, a man or woman elected by the parish is honored with a "Lay Person of the Year" award for outstanding service to the parish.

In fact, Sacred Heart is unique because of the impressive involvement of its parishioners, Father Kelley said. The small parish supports a Booster Club, Men's and Women's Clubs, and an extremely active Knights of Columbus organization, led by George Vrzina. Among their numerous other endeavors the Knights host the annual parish picnic and sponsor activities on Pro-Life Sunday.

Although Clinton is not heavily Catholic, the parish forms a significant presence there. Sacred Heart participates in the community's popular

Little Italy Festival with an Italian food booth every Labor Day weekend, and Father Kelley serves on several community action committees. About a third of the parish school's students are not Catholic.

The philosophy that underlies all Father Kelley's programs is "to start them and then enable the laity to run them themselves, to take ownership of them," he said.

Darlene Paterscak of the Women's Club has begun an Elizabeth Ministry in which women reach out to other women who are experiencing problems such as the death of a child, divorce, or being widowed. Rich Yelich, head of the parish advisory council, has launched a program of parish retreats led by laity. Religious education director Paulette Davis is working on establishing small faith-sharing groups in the parish.

During the third week of July, Sacred Heart sponsors its annual Family Vacation Bible School for all parishioners, kindergartners through adults. Father Kelley said that holding the vacation school sessions in the evenings enables more family members to attend. For the same reason he celebrates daily Mass at 6:30 p.m. rather than in the morning, and includes the evening liturgy of the hours in the prayers. The turnout has definitely increased in both instances, Father said.



Father Micheal Kelley, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Clinton and St. Joseph Parish in Universal, prepares the altar at Sacred Heart Church.

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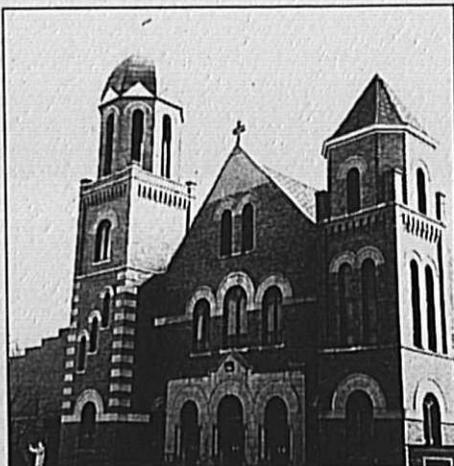
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Sacred Heart, Clinton (1891)

Address: 656 S. Sixth St., Clinton, IN 47842
 Phone: 317-832-8468
 Fax: 317-832-2549
 Church Capacity: 350 &
 Number of Households: 378
 Mission: St. Joseph, Universal
 Pastor: Rev. Micheal Kelley
 Administrator of Religious Education: Paulette Davis
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Sheila Stultz
 Music Director: Betsy Kenady
 Administrative Assistant: Bertha Rayce

Principal: Sr. Edna Scheller, SP
 School: 610 S. Sixth St., 317-832-3228 (P-5)
 Number of Students: 63

Masses:
 Saturday Anticipation — 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday — 11:00 a.m.
 Holy Day — 6:30 p.m.
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Sacred Heart Church

Although small, Sacred Heart School is a vital part of the parish family, Father Kelley said. Providence Sister Edna Scheller is principal of the preschool through fifth-grade school. "She brought holiness to the school as well as good academic standards," Father Kelley said.

The Children's Choir sings once a month at Mass. The school sponsors annual Thanksgiving baskets for hungry families, and seventh- and eighth-grade religious education classes sponsor Rice Bowl collections. Every Christmas the parish "adopts" 15 needy families, who receive gifts and food vouchers.

The parish youth group led by Sheila Stultz has a strong core group of young adults, with 11 candidates for confirmation this year, Father said. The group's monthly activities center on three components: social, spiritual and social justice.

Father Kelley conducts spirituality sessions with teachers at the school and with the religious education teachers, as well as with almost every other parish group. He has instituted First Friday Masses followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

"We're seeing many blessings from that," he said. "God won't be outdone in generosity."

"There's so much connectedness here," Father

Kelley said. "This was a mining community, so we have mixed ethnicity of Italian, Slavic and Irish. In fact, the parish was called 'St. Patrick' at one time. I'm grateful now to have a parish with such a loving spirit." †
 (Cynthia Dewes is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

St. Joseph, Universal (1920)

Address: 270 E. Wood Ave., Universal, IN 47884
 Attended from Sacred Heart, Clinton
 656 S. Sixth St., Clinton, IN 47842
 317-832-8468

Church Capacity: 150
 Number of Households: 79

Pastor: Rev. Micheal Kelley
 Administrator of Religious Education: Sharon Farrington
 Music Directors: Martha Bussing, Helen Domeika
 Business Manager: Madeline Counsell

Masses:
 Sunday — 8:00 a.m.



St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Parish in Universal "is a wonderful little parish," Father Kelley said. "It has always been a mission since it was created in 1920."

Built to accommodate the large numbers of employees of the new mining operation in what was then called "Bunson" (for the mining company) or "Shaky Town," St. Joseph still boasts its original frame church.

One of the oldest members of St. Joseph, Mary Bazzone, remembers when the church was built. She was in the first group to receive First Holy Communion there. Today, aside from a well-attended Mass on Sunday morning, all St. Joseph activities are combined with Sacred Heart. Parishioners travel 15 miles for religious education, sacramental classes, and other social and spiritual events.

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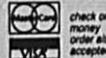
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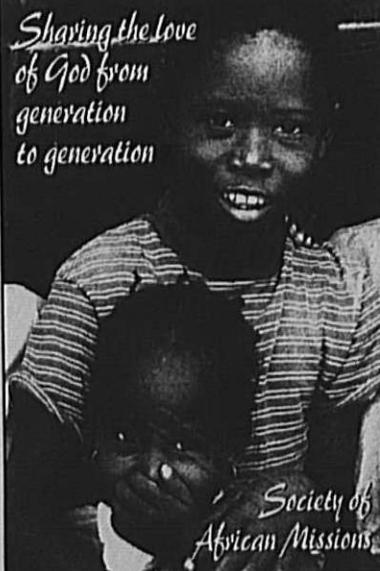
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Peer mentoring chastity program receives grant

A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality, the Office of Catholic Education's peer mentoring chastity program, has received a \$44,000 Indiana RESPECT (Reduces Early Sex and Pregnancy by Educating Children and Teens) grant through the Indiana State Department of Health's partnership with the federal government's Healthy People 2000 initiative.

Block grants to the 50 states totaling \$250 million have been made available for five years to support community-based educational efforts to provide sexual abstinence education as a strategy to prevent adolescent

and out-of-wedlock pregnancies.

A Promise to Keep's grant will expand a "big brother/big sister" type of program started in 1996 at St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis.

Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon, St. Philip's youth ministry coordinator, calls her abstinence program Tak'ng It to the Streets because high school-age mentors meet regularly with their younger peers in their neighborhoods to both talk about and model the values addressed in the A Promise to Keep educational series.

In Indianapolis, Brenda Montgomery and Becky Mathauer will help Yeadon coordinate the expansion of the Streets program. Students from All Saints School and Holy Cross, Holy Angels, St. Rita, St. Andrew the Apostle and St. Joan of Arc parishes will be invited to participate in the chastity programming.

"A Promise to Keep peer mentors who are serving as positive role models and teachers have been asked to

volunteer for Streets," said archdiocesan adolescent growth programs coordinator Eve Jackson. "In order for younger and older adolescents to develop friendships, the RESPECT grant will underwrite the cost of activities that will bring them together, including ball games, Christian concerts, museums and the like."

Sister Kathleen noted that, in addition to attending ball games and visiting museums with the peer mentors, middle school students will attend monthly informal meetings to learn about and "discuss the important reasons for saving sex for marriage."

Jackson said RESPECT grants totaling more than \$200,000 have been given to public school corporations and health organizations throughout the state to implement or expand the Office of Catholic Education's secular version of its chastity program, known as Peers Educating Peers about Positive Values (PEP).

Funds for abstinence-only education were added to the Welfare Reform Act signed into law in 1996. †



Photos by Mary Ann Wynand

A Promise to Keep

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Magr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, talk with some of the teen-agers who served as peer mentors for the archdiocesan A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality program before an April 23 luncheon at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center. Nearly 350 high school students volunteered to teach the chastity education project for Catholic grade school and parish religious education students during the past year.

Pro-life leader to appeal verdict in Chicago case

CHICAGO (CNS)—After a guilty verdict was reached April 20 in his federal racketeering trial in Chicago, Joe Scheidler, executive director of the Pro-Life Action League, said he will appeal and expects "a solid victory."

In a statement, Scheidler said he had expected the defeat and charged that the case brought against him and his co-defendants "was full of lies and misstatements."

Chicago's Cardinal Francis E. George also lamented the decision and said the archdiocese may get involved in the case.

The lawsuit, filed under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Law, known as RICO, was brought by the National Organization for Women and two abortion providers. Defendants were Scheidler's Chicago-based organization; Scheidler and two other league leaders, Timothy Murphy and Andrew Scholberg; and Operation Rescue National, now based

in Dallas.

The civil suit charged that the defendants used violence to prevent women from using abortion clinics.

The jury of four women and two men, which began deliberating April 16, found the defendants liable under the anti-racketeering law and awarded the two clinics more than \$86,000. The money represents damages in compensation for security costs each clinic incurred. Under the federal statute, the judge could decide to triple the damage award.

"We expected a defeat during this round," Scheidler said in his statement. "The plaintiffs' case was full of lies and misstatements. It was nearly impossible to sift through it all to discern the truth."

But he was optimistic about his appeal.

"We're expecting a solid victory at the appellate level, if not sooner, after post-trial motions are filed," Scheidler said.

Cardinal George also issued a statement on the day of the decision.

"The Archdiocese of Chicago will consider joining in the appeal of the decision by filing an *amicus curiae* (friend-of-the-court) brief," he said.

Scheidler's attorney, Tom Brejcha, said he questioned the constitutionality of the law.

"RICO is terribly flawed," he said. "Combined with use of federal or state extortion statutes against those who would engage in peaceful, nonviolent civil disobedience, RICO tramples the First Amendment."

Cardinal George called the decision unjust. "The decision in this case effectively equates freedom of speech with racketeering," said the cardinal. "The decision very likely will have a chilling effect on freedom of speech and religion for those who oppose the violence of abortion."

Comparing the pro-life fight with that of the African-Americans in the 1960s, the cardinal said: "If the courts had been used to stop the organized sit-ins at lunch counters throughout the South in the '60s there would have been no civil rights movement."

The cardinal said he would continue to pray for the defendants in the case.

The chief architect of the anti-racketeering statute, University of Notre Dame law professor G. Robert Blakey, has said that the case against Scheidler and the others is "a nightmare for anybody who wants to picket."

He said the law was passed to be used against organized crime and drug cartels.

Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry had been a defendant in the lawsuit, which was filed in 1986, but in late 1997 he signed a settlement agreement that removed him as a defendant.

Initially, the lawsuit was filed under federal antitrust laws.

NOW and the clinics alleged that Scheidler and the Pro-Life Action League conspired with other anti-abortion activists to restrain interstate commerce by their efforts to close abortion clinics.

In 1988, NOW added Operation Rescue, Terry and others as defendants, and also pursued several additional counts under the anti-racketeering law.

The case produced a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1994, when the justices ruled unanimously that abortion protesters need not have an economic motive to be prosecuted under RICO.

Last year, U.S. District Judge David Coar certified NOW as the class representative in the case. †



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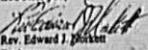
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February 27, 1998

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Rev. Edward J. Norkett
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Archdiocese welcomes 1,393

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The Criterion welcomes the 1,393 "new" Catholics who have become full participants in the Church since last Easter. Most of these received the sacraments during the Easter Vigil Masses last Saturday.

Those listed here as catechumens are people who have never been baptized and—within the past year—were baptized, confirmed and received their First Eucharist.

Those listed as candidates include people who have been baptized as Catholics who completed their Christian initiation by being confirmed during the past year. And those candidates who were baptized in other Christian traditions were received into full communion of the Catholic Church with confirmation and reception of their First

Eucharist during the past year.

The names have been provided by religious education leaders. Most people are listed in the parishes where they received their religious education and the sacraments. Some may already be or will soon become registered members of other nearby parish communities.

Other names were included last week and will be in future issues of *The Criterion*.

Bloomington Deanery
(Other parishes from this deanery were listed April 17.) **St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington:**

Steve Bodi, Jessica McCallum Breen, Teresa Burnworth, Yulia Endriyani, Renee Farmer, Siemi Hidajat, Brian McClung, Jason Miller, Rockford Patrick, Amy Popp, Jennifer Thread, Shannon VanBuskirk, Ivone Widjaja, Janice Wulf (cate-

chumens); Elaine Broderick, Gary Cooper II, Brett Desnoyer, Rochelle Engel, Kevin Getz, Heather Hakes, Christopher Hoak, John Huffman, Anne Huse, Shane Kilty, Stephen Knecht, Nicholas Lofthouse, David Marthouse, Lorimer Nicoll, Jason Owens, Ethan Sharpe, Nikki Lynn Sycks, Thomas Todd, Ricardo Castro, Alejandro Gonzalez, Andrea Horvath, Christine Kofmehl, Beth Kuebler, Shari Lynn Kuhn, Maricarmen Martinez, Jolinda Pavey, Daniel Reardon, Luis Salazar, Misha Vaughn, Derek Williams (candidates).

Indianapolis South Deanery

Holy Name, Beech Grove: Cindy Alexander, Kayla Alexander, Aaron Alexander, Christi Cornelius, Tina Halfaker, Ray Halfaker, Joe Halfaker, Beverly Islas, Ronald

Puckett, Emily Walker, Emilee Miller, Matt Miller, Courtney Miller, Autumn King, Dean Roberts (catechumens); John Bailey, Andrea Duncan, Debra Logan, Tyler Logan, Vincent Logan, Thomas Logan, Robin Ramsey, Tonya Roberts, Leatha Taylor, Priscilla Taylor, Marcia Thomas, Casey Calhoun, Stephanie Savage, Joseph Keller (candidates).

Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood: Jennifer Adams, Kathryn Chance, Thomas Chance, Angie Davis, Matt Grant, Brian Guthrie, Karen Jensen, Allie Jones, Kevin Koger, Janice Lester, Dianne Mendoza, Gina Sharp, Christopher Sharp, Ronna Williams (catechumens); David Carson, Jackie Carson, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Christopher Clark, Sheri Clifford, Jeff Fuller, Terry Fuller, David Fye, Diane Fye, Cheryl

Henry, Dennis Henry, Crystal Hinkle, Jon Herron, Dereke Lawson, Steve Lewis, Gregory Nolan, Kelli Pacuch, Greg Parks, Lisa Ross, Scott Servies, Greg Turley, Betty Wibbels, Clay Williams, Scott Williams, Teri Wysocki, Jessica Williamson (candidates).

SS. Frances & Clare, Greenwood: John Merrill, Angie Nickels (catechumens); Gene Epple, Kari Epple, Terri Jarvis, Annette Kelley, Mike Stutler (candidates).

Good Shepherd, Indianapolis: Terri Cox, Robert Denton, Teresa Ennis, Robert Farthing, Sabrina Gavin, Nicole Heise, Donald Lines, Sheree Morado, April Walford, Jon Ward, Heather Ward, Kara Winningham, Amber Cox, Shane Bolton, Zachary Gavin, Bryant Heise, Jon Morado, Gretchen Ward (catechumens); Rick Ennis, Todd Harpold, Rod Trusley, Phyllis Schoppenhorst, Scott Robinson, Randy Heise, Freda Thomas, Vickie White, Herbert

Smith, Cindy Summers, Shari Wilkinson, Kevin Ahaus, Stephen Baase, Erin Caldwell, Jenna Hayes, Benjamin Konz, Carrie McGuire, Amanda Moran, Larry Prodan, Meghan Walsh, Nancy Trusley, Gregory Armbruster, Christopher Browder, Sara de Hebreard, Pamela Kocher, Todd Jordan, Joshua McKay, Tabatha Naugle, Jennifer Walsh, Michele Martinez (candidates).

Holy Rosary/St. Patrick, Indianapolis: Donna S. Miller, Sandra Hart Penza, Jacob D. Spellman, Lauren N. Spellman (catechumens); Angela Zigler Phillips, Steven L. Maudlin, Christine M. Maudlin, Lorraine Clarey (candidates).

Nativity of Our Lord, Indianapolis: Tricia Bandy, Michael Hill, James Leonberger, Joan Williams (candidates).

Sacred Heart, Indianapolis: Ervin Barron, Steve Dearing, Denise Ellingsworth, Gary Goodale, Cathy Voorhees, James Ray, Jr., Paul Rodgers, Jeffrey Rodgers, LeAnna Lucas, Virgil Lucas V, Michael Stammer, Jr. (catechumens); Tom Coley (candidates).

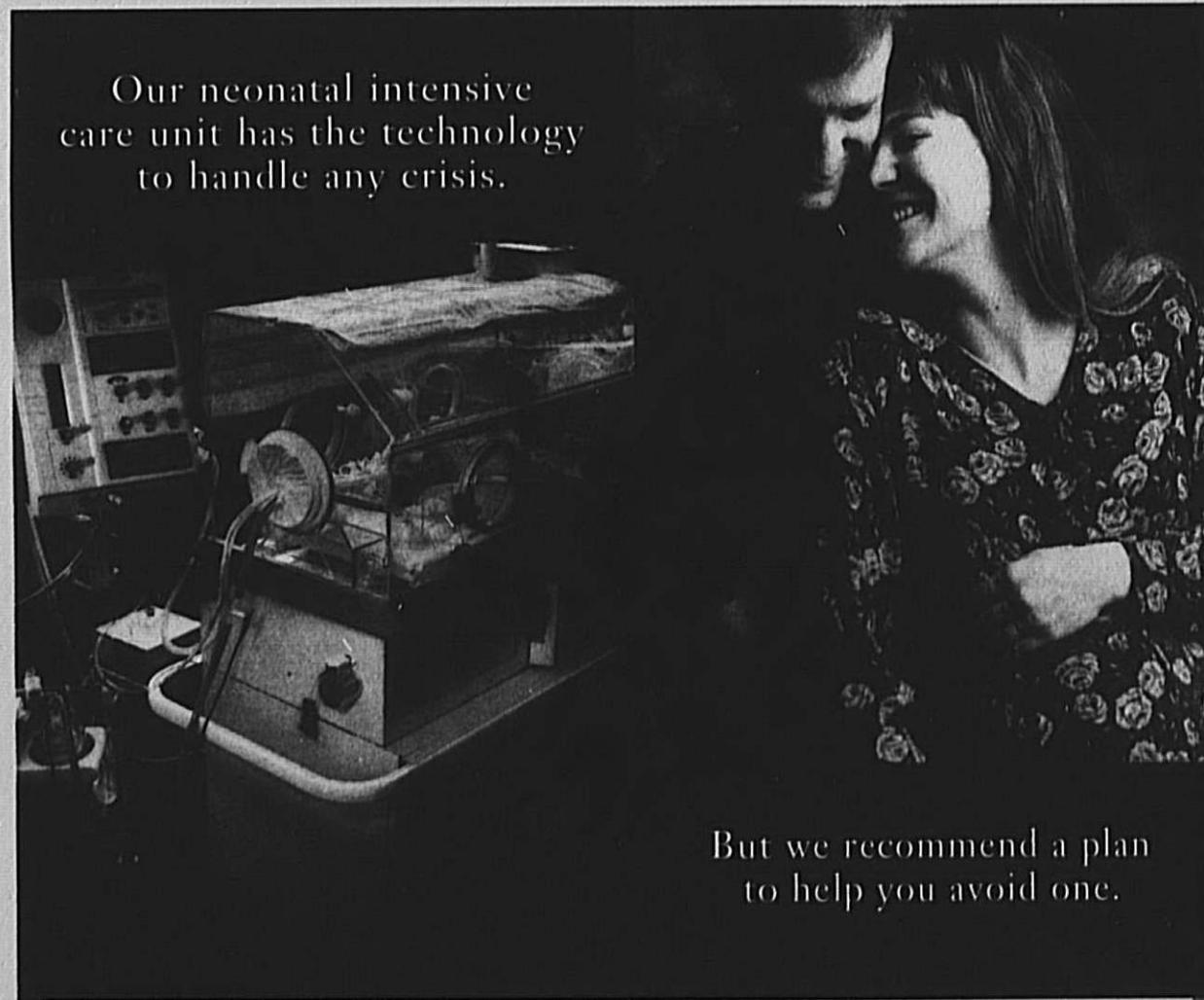
St. Ann, Indianapolis: Robin Bouher, Kelly Chapman, Shannon Knight, Tina Robinson (catechumens); Brian Kinnsch (candidates).

St. Barnabas, Indianapolis: Dylan Adams, Jenna Adams, Charlene Diemer, Jeffrey Ellinger, Susan Ellinger, Lois Fedowicz, Wendy Feng, Scott Gudeman, Bill Himebrook, Patsy Hurrle, Brenda Johnson, Megan McGinn, Darla Martin, Jonathan Martin, Bill Smith (catechumens); Carol Arthur, Jennifer Crane, Dawn Fox, Sally Gerber, Michael Hoover, Denise Kreuzman, Dary Phillips, Vickie Richards, Steve Rowland, Elizabeth Szentes (candidates).

St. John the Evangelist, Indianapolis: David Ray, Anne Williams, John Neville, Jim Holden, Scott Johnson, Gloria Garwood, Andrew Teets, Heather Russell, Linda Brown, Sean Kissane, Jane Brown, Kelsey Byus, Austin Lowery, Jill Davilla, Linda Hoffman (catechumens); Beau Semler, Sarah Williams, B.J. Bischoff, Miles Schroeder, Bob Lowery, Trevor Stephens, Lisa LaDuke, Jennifer Bullock, Dave Siefker, Jamie Guilfooy (candidates).

St. Jude, Indianapolis: George Butcher, Brian Crowe, Richard Hall Jr., Joyce Nolan, Ryan McPeak, Jennifer Striby, Richard Striby, Lori Whitaker, Dave Loudenback (catechumens); Nevelyn McGough, Karen Moran, Andrew Niewedde, Bill Spurlin, Erin Swengel, Susan Swengel, Malcolm Whitsett (candidates).

St. Mark, Indianapolis: Tia Brawley, Jill Hedges, David Mouser, Tim LeMasters, Randy McClure, Kevin Witt (catechumens); Alan Brown, Betty Mouser, Angi Swiezy, Chuck Collins, Lara Farrar, Molly Schott,



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St. Roch, Indianapolis: Miriam Bauman, Lisa Berendi, Joanna Cooney, Stephanie Brown, Verlin Cooney, Tamra Goode, Dennis Goode, Kimberly Long, Phillip Long, Lisa Petty, Misty Denny, Jeff Denny (catechumens); Kevin Bridgewater, Andrew Berendi, Ann Miller, Walt Winters (candidates).

Indianapolis West Deanery

St. Malachy, Brownsburg: Jennine Aulbach, Christy Calvert, Jeffrey Craney, Jeanna DeSutter, Cheri Guerretaz, Linda Hickey, William Hickey, Larry Lynn, Gary Pace, Brittany Rist, Ronica Rist, Ed Strole, Brittany Swick, Kristen Ternet, Tara Truax, Lisa Tsakrios, Amy Williams, Richard Alves, Elijah Conyer, Charles Crum, Brad King, Brandon King, Trevor King, Colen McCannon (catechumens); Diane Allen, Mitch Black, Jerold Bumell, Toni Christman, John Click, Marilyn Conner, Mark Conway, Rick Fair, Judith Hansen, Curt Johnson, Kristin Leous, Kevin Moir, Arlyn Neuman, Darin Odiar, Kathy Pugliese, Tim Rist, Shannon Sowers (candidates).

Mary Queen of Peace, Danville: Daniel J.R. Davenport, Shelly Ernest, Christopher Ernst, Chad Greene, Racheal Hackney (catechumens); James Ray Davenport, Tammy Davenport, Thomas Sweet, Michael Greene, Dawn Catt, Monica Kirschner (candidate).

Holy Angels, Indianapolis: Cecelia Ann Boler, Suzanne Marie Boler, Carolyn Butler-Lee (candidates).

Holy Trinity, Indianapolis: Stephen Walker (catechumen); Alicia Walker (candidate).

St. Anthony, Indianapolis: Karl Kissinger, Rebecca Ann Salois, Linda Miracle, Susan Santangini, Lori Wheeler, Anna Barnes, Gabriel Fritzsche (catechumens); Betsy Billee, Bruce Henderson, Thomas Fairchild, Paul Bolin,

William Fritzsche, Kimberly Fritzsche, Candace Ann Verhey (candidates).

St. Gabriel, Indianapolis: Mame Dillion, Charles Haenlein, Jessica Lambert, Shawn McKay, Lorie Nichols, Sheryl Suarez, Indy Wright, Jeffrey Bonner (catechumens); Lynn Haenlein, Luke McCellan, Lazetta O'Neill, Stephanie Otten, Brian Otten, Jack Razumich, Susan Rusch, Shannon Tuggle, Mary Kay Marlowe (candidates).

St. Joseph, Indianapolis: Patricia Frick, David Mullins, Chris Potet, Anne Shields, Keiffer Meredith, William Whitaker, Elizabeth Boumin, Robb Boumin (catechumens); Rod Anstaett, Michael Burgess, Patricia Burgess, Sherrie Beers, Marsha Cannaday, Dana Flannagan, Paige Richardson, Vincent Perkins, Bonnie Rosner (candidates).

St. Michael, Indianapolis: Helen Dawson, Carrie McClung, Amy Sullivan (catechumens); Angela Garber, Mark Easley, Meredith Easley, Cheryl Engle, Vincent Adam Gercak, Jay McClung, Julie Schenk, Alicia Davidson Tate (candidates).

St. Monica, Indianapolis: Betsy Jo Alt, Michelle Biagioli, Kimberly Jo Christoph, Kenneth Robert Conley, Robert Gene Froelich, Thomas W. Hale, Nathan Hubbell, Layth Anwar Hussain, Marc Munson, Michelle M. Raff, Christie Sullivan, Ben L. Ward, John Winston, Justine Alexandra Major, Eric Michael Hendricks, Lauren Renee Smith, Michael Joseph Whitman, Barrie Joseph Collings Landrock, Lila Charis Ruble, Drew M. Johnston, James D. Paul II, Jennifer Paul (catechumens); Pegg Jo Anderson, Charles Arends, Dick Canada, Natalie Marie Conley, Lisa Ann D'Antoni, Keshia Dottery, Tura Lynn Douglas, Jeffrey Robert Dufek, Ami Elizabeth Frank, Kathy Ann Gatons, Kari Leah Goff, Susan Denise Golding, Kern Anatole Hampton, Melvin Hart, Jeffrey Lee Hines, R. Christopher Iles, Melissa Jean Jackson, Kurt Eugene King, Sandra Sue Meese, Ryan Andrew Milburn, Fred Miller, Scott Miller, Brian Ray Norman, Pamela Norman, Tina Marie Prather, Angella D. Roudebush, Julie Lynn Scaccia, Richard David Schmidt, Bettie Sims, Jeana Hadley Smiley, Jennifer Lea Smith, James C. Snyder, Robert Stone, Melanie Kay Uptgraft, Sara Sue Ward, Brian Paul Weglarz, Gregory Alan

Wilhelm, Ann Winston, Jennifer Ann Wrin, Richard D. Wurster, Samantha Zeller (candidates).

St. Thomas More, Mooresville: Melanie Angel, Heather Hornaday, Ben Hrpka, Mark Hughes, Lavonna Thompson, Mark Wicks (catechumens); John Andrews, Lisa Gall, Joyce Heiny, Jeramiah Heiny, Jim Hutchinson, Tammy Medsker, Tricia Schmitt, Jeffrey Skora, Dora Hughes (candidates).

St. Susanna, Plainfield: Lisa Mattei, Melinda Maxson, Barry Nash, Jenny Paugh (catechumens); Judith Cokinos, George Cokinos, Roy Fulk, Jennifer Moore, Amy Roegner, Amy Taylor (candidates).

New Albany Deanery St. Michael, Bradford: Melisa Biddle, Tracy Forbes (catechumens); Betsy Receveur, Mary Ann Schenck, Jessica Grayson, Gary Schillmiller (candidates).

St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville: Robbie Ammons, Anthony Crawford, Melena Crawford, Joshua Fisher, Clifford Hunter, Candus Klein, Sherri Meyer, Steven Meyer, Robert Noe, Delia Ramey, Kim Tyler (catechumens); Thomas Adams, Toska Adams, Lisa Constantine, Bobby Cox, Erin Cox, Pamela Cox, Lorie Hendrix, Lisa Long, Heather Sams, Carmen Thomas (candidates).

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St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs: Vicki Wolfe, Carissa Been, Anthony Been, Dalton Schumacher, Paige Schumacher, Carlyle Roth, Levi Berry, Sydney Gohlston, Tyler Gohlston (catechumens); Susan Schumacher, Tonya Krepel, Jason Pence, P. Matt Rogers, Stephen Keenan (candidates).

Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville: Tabitha Nicole Fisher, Samantha Kahafer, Ingrid Smith, Sherry Tedesco, Tracey Vogen, Kristie Elizabeth Weber (catechumens); Marlene Mitchell Byerley, Diane Chadwell, Tammy Lynn Eickholtz, Stacy Dee Fisher, Frank Fisher, Mary L. Hall, Keith L. Kinley, Benjamin F. Marquess III, Lisa Webb, Janee Williams (candidates).

St. Augustine, Jeffersonville: Tawn Allen, Kristen Engle, Debra Hughes, Danielle Lackey, Kris Scott, Shacey Temple, Matthew Young (catechumens); Billie Darling, Victoria Davidson, Elizabeth Dowas, David East, Roger Garner, Jean Goodman, Katie Lawson, Shelly Lomax, Stanley Miller, Mary Jean Osborne, Jayne Pope, Shannon Reynolds, Robin Temple, Ron Temple (candidates).

St. Mary, Lanesville: Richard Baker, Vanda Stark,

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St. Mary, Navilleton: Christa McAfee, Janet Koch, Patrick Koch, Jeff Williams (catechumens); Patty Jacobi, Anita Moore, Jason Stanley (candidates).

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St. Mary, New Albany: Allison Moody, John Higdon (catechumens); Pam Bailey, Linda Brooks, Becky Gettelfinger, Kimberly Sans, Emily Smith (candidates).

St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg: Andrea Lipsey, Vaughn Scott, Susan Marie Paul, Jennifer Higdon, Robert Eric Clark, Kristie Clark, William Billy Banet, David Rothrock (catechumens); Christal Hines Banet, Susan Cunningham, Melissa Rothrock (candidates).

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Oldenburg Franciscan Sister Norma Rocklage, Marian College vice president for mission effectiveness and planning, accompanies student catechumens and candidates to the Rite of Election Feb. 22 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

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Eleven accept invitation

About a year ago, non-Catholic spouses of members of St. Monica Parish received letters from Father Clement T. Davis. (He was pastor there from 1983 until last summer, when he became pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus.) In his letter, Father Davis told how the conversion of his mother affected his family. He invited the spouses to consider becoming part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult process last fall. Eleven partners responded, joining the group of the 54 who became full members of the Catholic Church at St. Monica. †

Special delivery

Food For The Poor assists the needy in El Salvador, other Latin American and Caribbean nations

Story and photos by
Mary Ann Wyand

First of two stories

So much suffering, yet so many smiles. That's the paradox of daily life for impoverished Salvadorans, displaced by a 12-year civil war, who must rely on the Catholic Church and interdenominational Food For The Poor relief efforts for their nutrition, clothing, health care, education and sometimes even housing.

About 60 percent of this Central American country's 6 million citizens live in extreme poverty. At least 60,000 Salvadorans were killed during the war, and thousands of displaced families were forced by the 1979-91 conflict to erect flimsy shacks along railroad tracks, under bridges and inside cemeteries.

"This is not poverty," Food For The Poor founder and president Ferdinand Mahfood told journalists during an April 15-16 tour of impoverished areas of San Salvador. "This is destitution. God does not want human beings to live like this."

In the capital city, a monument of *El Salvador del Mundo* ("Savior of the World") features a statue of the patron saint of El Salvador standing on a huge globe with four giant crosses decorating the tall stone pedestal. It symbolizes the people's faith that God will remember them and come to their aid.

Working with the Archdiocese of San Salvador, Food For The Poor and Catholic missionaries are answering some of the prayers of destitute Salvadorans by providing critically-needed food, housing, educational assistance and supplies, vocational training and health care.

At sites visited during the media tour, journalists learned that Food For The Poor has acquired

and shipped government-surplus medical equipment, uniforms and Quonset huts for use at parishes, schools and resettlement communities.

In recent years, the humanitarian-aid organization also has provided shipments of sewing machines, welding equipment, corn mills, school desks, books and medicines in addition to tons of bulk foods to help struggling Salvadorans rebuild their lives.

The first stop on April 15 was Santiago Aculhuaca Parish, where the journalists met Father Esteban Alliet, a Belgian missionary who has served the poor in San Salvador for 34 years.



The elderly priest guided the visitors through the school to a second-floor clinic where students receive dental care with medical equipment supplied by Food For The Poor donations.

During recess, students joyfully greeted their priest and the visitors with cries of "bienvenidos!" (welcome) and requests for photographs. Elderly parishioners who gather at the parish feeding center for free daily meals offered shy smiles.

Next on the morning tour was San Marcos, Hogar San Cristobal, a school and orphanage operated by Salesian Father V.M. Lopez. There the former street children sang a Spanish ver-

An elderly man relaxes at a school desk (below) provided by Food For The Poor at Santiago Aculhuaca Parish in San Salvador. This woman (at right) greets visiting journalists at the parish, while students (bottom photo) play in the schoolyard during recess.



Jesuit Father Michael Campbell-Johnston (below) explains how the late Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador was killed by soldiers in 1980 while celebrating a eucharistic liturgy in this hospital chapel. "Father C-J" is coordinating a Food For The Poor housing project for destitute Salvadoran families displaced by the civil war which ended in 1991.



sion of *I Left My Heart in San Francisco* for their visitors.

Mahfood explained that Food For The Poor purchased a bus for the school and orphanage as well as books and other educational supplies.

Jesuit Father Michael Campbell-Johnston, who directs the Jesuit Development Service in El Salvador and is pastor of San Antonio Abad Parish in San Salvador, joined the group for afternoon tours.

"Father C-J" showed the journalists through the late Archbishop Oscar Romero's home, adjacent to a hospital for cancer patients, and the hospital chapel where the archbishop was murdered 18 years ago while celebrating a eucharistic liturgy.

"Romero was very much aware of his prophetic voice," Father C-J explained. "Towards the end of his life, his sermons were lasting one-and-a-half hours and were listened to by everyone in the country when the diocesan radio station was working. The first part of his homily would be a reflection of the readings in light of the poor. The second part would be a factual account of all the human rights abuses that had taken place during the previous week, information gathered for him by lawyers who worked in the archdiocesan

legal office set up to help the people."

The hospital rectory is now a museum dedicated to the archbishop's life. Displays feature the bloodied vestments he wore when he was killed, the typewriter he used to compose his homilies, and copies of his diary entries.

From there, the journalists viewed the Cristo Redentor resettlement community, established on land purchased by Food For

The Poor in 1996, where Father C-J and trained laborers are helping 123 destitute Salvadoran families build concrete-block homes with materials provided by the relief agency.

"There are over 400 children here," Father C-J said as the journalists arrived at the dusty construction site. "Most of the people in this community have been living for the last 10 years without any proper houses at all, just slum shacks made of plastic and bits of tin and wood."

Some of the people were displaced several times during the war and other families lost their homes during an earthquake in October of 1986, the priest said. They live in shacks on the site, but

will move into the four-room houses when all of the construction work is completed later this year.

At each point on the tour, Ferdinand Mahfood introduced the Food For The Poor group, prayed with the Salvadorans, and explained that "we have come to help you and to help Christ in you."

Later Mahfood told the journalists, "I often visit the slums of countries such as Haiti, Jamaica and El Salvador and see the terrible effects of poverty first-hand. My spirit is frequently troubled by the great needs of the poor and the extent of their suffering. The suffering and ugliness of the slums

are obviously difficult for us to face, but that is exactly what God calls us to do. In a very real sense, we are to see Jesus Christ in the eyes of the poor and respond to their needs as his needs." †

(Assistant Editor Mary Ann Wyand recently traveled to El Salvador as part of a Food for the Poor media trip to countries assisted by the relief organization.)



A girl and her grandmother (at left) watch as visitors tour Cristo Redentor, a resettlement community for displaced families, made possible by donations to Food For The Poor. The shacks will be torn down later this year.



A woman examines a student's teeth in a dental clinic (at left) provided by Food For The Poor funds at Santiago Acuihuaca Parish. These toddlers (below) are among dozens of children cared for at the Cristo Redentor daycare while their parents help build concrete-block houses in the resettlement community.





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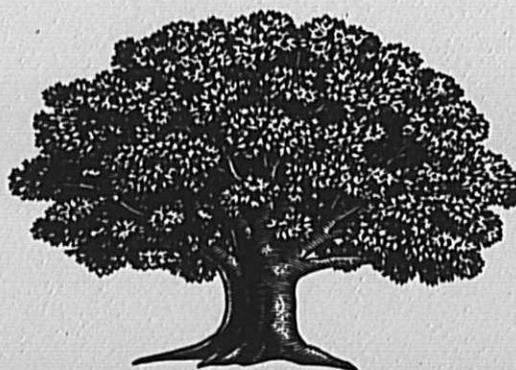
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U.S.

Immigrants' food stamps caught in funding tussle

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Supporters of immigrants' rights hope to convince Congress to restore food stamps for children, elderly and disabled immigrants and refugees in an agriculture appropriations bill. A coalition of religious, cultural and social service organizations hopes to persuade Senate leaders to advance a bill that would restore \$818 million worth of food stamp benefits to certain categories of immigrants that were eliminated in the 1996 welfare restructuring. While a House-Senate conference panel agreed to fund the restoration of benefits for 250,000 legal immigrants, Senate leaders have blocked the agriculture bill to which the measure is attached. "By placing a hold on this bill and targeting the money to pork-barrel highway projects, Senators (Trent) Lott and (Phil) Gramm are saying they value pavement over people," said Karen K. Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium at an April 20 press conference.

Society for the Propagation of the Faith has record year; needs remain great

DEARBORN, Mich. (CNS)—The Society for the Propagation of the Faith had its best U.S. results ever last year, collecting \$74 million for support of the Catholic Church's worldwide missionary work. The record collection was up markedly from the \$51 million collected in 1996 and from the previous record year's \$55 million, according to Msgr. James Moloney, director of the society for the Archdiocese of Detroit. He was one of about 100 diocesan Propagation of the Faith and Holy Childhood Association directors and other officials who met in Dearborn April 15-17 for the two organizations' national meeting.

Partnerships sought between government, church social services

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Missouri senator who sponsored the bill allowing states to form contracts with religious agencies to provide help for needy families said he wants the provision expanded to cover a wide range of social services. Republican Sen. John Ashcroft said he wants the "charitable choice" provision of the 1996 federal welfare reform law to extend to agencies that assist the homeless, drug addicts, senior citizens and juvenile

offenders. "I believe that now is the time to recognize that real transition happens in the faith-based nongovernmental organizations," he told a breakfast of about 70 clergy and social service providers gathered at the Bowery Mission, a Christian nonprofit agency on Manhattan's lower East Side.

Alabama archbishop reports on progress of Catholic Common Ground Initiative

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb said April 15 that he hopes discussions resulting from the Catholic Common Ground Initiative will continue to "illuminate and make more firm the common ground we share as the Catholic community in our parishes, dioceses and the nation." The Mobile, Ala., archbishop, who picked up the torch as director of the initiative after the death of Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin in 1996, spoke during the April 14-18 convention of the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development in New Orleans. In his address, Archbishop Lipscomb said the essential element of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative was the type of dialogue that respects Catholic teaching and listens to different points of view among the faithful.

Financial leaders, Latin American bishops discuss helping people conquer poverty

WASHINGTON (CNS)—International monetary officials and Latin American church leaders addressed ways to help individuals rise above poverty and issues related to foreign debt. "The main subject now was the way of overcoming poverty in the region, not only the matter of debt," said Archbishop Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, president of the Latin American bishops' council, or CELAM. "We have talked about different subjects related to that, especially emphasizing education" so that people can escape poverty. Representatives of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank and church officials from Latin America, the Vatican and the United States met April 21-22 in Washington.

Interfaith cable network at crossroads on 10th birthday

NEW YORK (CNS)—Odyssey, the interfaith cable network based in New York, finds itself at a crossroads as it observes its 10th anniversary, key leaders reported at a meeting April 20. The religious communities involved in the network, including a number of Catholic groups, have not been able to come up with funds to produce enough programs of good quality, they said. If Odyssey is to continue to compete for acceptance by cable operators and

advertisers, it must find new resources, participants in a meeting of "stakeholders" at a New York hotel were told. So talks are under way that may lead to bringing another partner into the operation.

World

Asian synod highlights globalization, effects on poor

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Globalization and its effects on Asia, especially on the poor, became a prominent theme at the start of the Synod of Bishops for Asia. Several members April 22 noted the impact of the increasing global interdependence of businesses and economies, while others referred to the recent economic and political crises that rocked much of Asia. Archbishop Orlando B. Quevedo of Nueva Segovia, Philippines, said the church should not overlook globalization's tendency to marginalize poor people, while creating greater inequalities between poor and wealthy countries. Chaldean Bishop Antoine Audo of Alep, Syria, said solidarity with the economically disadvantaged means trying to overcome "tribal instincts" that isolate weaker individuals or groups.

British Church leaders say living will proposals promote euthanasia

LONDON (CNS)—British church leaders and pro-lifers say British government proposals to allow living wills would be a major step toward the legalization of euthanasia. The government minister in charge of the proposals said there is no move to sanction euthanasia and that the government's position against euthanasia is "well known and unqualified." At the end of March, the government concluded a three-month consultation process on the legal status of mentally incapacitated adults. Among the proposals was giving a firmer legal basis to living wills, or advanced medical directives, in which people spell out how they wish to be treated should they become incapacitated. Senior church leaders in Britain and Ireland have urged the British government to modify the proposals.

Turin cardinal permits lifting of excommunication for abortion

TURIN, Italy (CNS)—In connection with the public display of the Shroud of Turin, the city's cardinal has given all priests in his archdiocese permission to lift the automatic excommunication incurred by women who have had an abortion. Women who tell a Turin priest in the confessional that they have had an abortion can be given absolution "without the obligation of further recourse," said

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400 will receive degrees at Catholic institutions

Nearly 400 undergraduate and graduate students of Saint Meinrad College, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Marian College and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will receive degrees during commencement exercises in May.

Saint Meinrad College will hold its final commencement exercises this month at the Benedictine monastery and seminary in southern Indiana.

Due to low enrollment, the college will close following its 37th commencement at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, in St. Bede Theatre. Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly, chairman of Saint Meinrad's board of trustees, will confer bachelor's degrees on 15 graduates.

The commencement speaker for the last graduating class is Dr. Stanley Werne, an alumnus who has served the college as professor of philosophy and director of critical literacy.

Also during the ceremony, the Isidore Hobi Award will be presented to the graduate who has achieved the highest academic achievement and the *Pour le College* Award will be given to the graduate whose life has best embodied the philosophy of the wholistic formation program at the college.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology will hold its graduation convocation at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, in St. Bede Theatre on the Saint Meinrad campus.

Archabbot Reilly will confer degrees on 25 master of arts (Catholic thought and life) graduates, seven master of theological studies graduates, one master of religious

education graduate, and 11 master of divinity graduates.

Father Donald Wolf, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils in Chicago, will be the convocation speaker. He is an alumnus of Saint Meinrad and was a member of the ordination class in 1981.

Next week, 213 Marian College graduates will receive degrees during a 2 p.m. outdoor commencement on Saturday, May 9, at the St. Francis Colonnade adjacent to the Allison Mansion on the Franciscan campus in Indianapolis.

Former Indiana Attorney General Pamela F. Carter is the commencement speaker and will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Carter is vice president, general counsel and secretary of Cummins Engine Co. in Columbus.

Other honored guests are Allen Whitehill Clowes, president and treasurer of Clowes Fund, Inc., who will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree; Jerry D. Semler, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of American United Life Insurance Co., who will accept an honorary doctor of humanities degree; and James T. Morris, chairman of the board of IWC Resources, who will receive an honorary doctor of public service degree.

Providence sisters, students and guests of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute will celebrate its 157th commencement ceremony at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 10, in Cecilian Auditorium in the Conservatory of Music.

Nearly 125 students will receive degrees from the campus-based, women's external degree (WED) and master of arts in pastoral theology (MAPT) programs.

Carmen Piasecki, chair of the college board of trustees, is the mistress of ceremonies and James Wynne, professor of art and associate director of WED, will serve as the master of ceremonies during the *Woods Wedding March* processional.

Honorary degree candidates Ellen Stewart and Joy Harjo will be the commencement speakers.

Stewart is founder and artistic director of La MaMa Experimental Theater Club in New York City. Harjo is an award-winning Native American poet whose most recent work is entitled *The Woman Who Fell From the Sky*.

Constance Bauer, vice president for academic affairs, will introduce student candidates for degrees. Providence Sister Barbara Doherty, who retires as president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College this spring, will confer the degrees.

Other presentations during the ceremony include the announcement of recipients of the Maud Helm Rockwell Medals, Alumnae Leadership and Service Awards, and the Sister Mary Joseph Pomeroy Faculty Award for Excellence.

A baccalaureate ceremony for Woods seniors and their families follows the commencement. Baccalaureate begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. †

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Cardinal Giovanni Saldarini of Turin. The cardinal announced that he was broadening priests' ability to lift the excommunication—normally reserved to the bishop and to a few priests appointed by him—as part of a series of spiritual provisions in effect April 18 through June 14 while the shroud is on display.

Asian Catholics must learn from Buddhists, Hindus, bishops say

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Asian Catholics should learn from and adapt some of the practices of their non-Catholic neighbors, said members of the Synod of Bishops for Asia. Buddhists in Thailand "are evangelizing us," said Bishop Michael Bunluen Mansap of Ubon Ratchathani. "I feel inspired by their simplicity of life, their openness, their humane relationships, their unassuming ways in dealing with others," he told the synod April 22. "This is the good news that the Buddhists give us." The bishop said his Buddhist neighbors admire the Catholic Church for its commitment to social development and its efforts in the fields of health care and education. Indian Bishop Patrick d'Souza of Varanasi said that by adapting some of the values and traditions of his country's predominant Hindu culture, the Catholic Church could proclaim the Gospel more effectively. The Hindu myths and stories known as Katha are part of Indian culture, even for Catholics, he said.

Catholic children's hospital inaugurated in Moscow

MOSCOW (CNS)—A new Catholic hospital for chil-

dren in Moscow is a call for solidarity, hope and ecumenical cooperation, Pope John Paul II said. Building the Blagozenter Pediatric Hospital was a project coordinated by retired Cardinal Fiorenzo Angelini and funded by the Knights of Malta in Germany and by Catholics in the Diocese of Augsburg, Germany. Inaugurated April 22, it will be run by the Apostolic Administration for European Russia. The hospital "is not meant to be an instrument of proselytism, but of sincere, fraternal love aimed at a concrete demonstration that all people—believers and non-believers, Orthodox and Catholics—are searching for truth and unity," Cardinal Angelini said at the inauguration.

Indian bishop: Asian pressures may justify communion for unbaptized

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Catholic Church should consider provisions for giving the Eucharist to believers who are not baptized because of family and cultural pressures, an Indian bishop said. Bishop Valerian d'Souza of Poona, India, told the Synod of Bishops for Asia April 22 that Hindus and Muslims might have several reasons for not seeking baptism, even though they fully believe in the teachings of the Catholic Church. "A Hindu embracing another religion is disinherited totally," he said. The shadow cast on the entire family, he said, would make it difficult for the sisters of a Hindu woman who converts to find husbands. "In the case of Muslim converts, there is persecution and even martyrdom," Bishop d'Souza said. Yet, there are many people born into Hindu or Muslim families who "have accepted Christ and wish to belong to his Church." They attend Mass and respect the Church's teaching on reserving the reception of the Eucharist to the baptized, "but confess that hearing Mass is incomplete without Holy Communion," he said.

People

Guatemalan bishop who led quest for truth found murdered

GUATEMALA CITY (CNS)—The bishop who led Guatemala's Catholic Church in a quest for the truth of what happened during this country's civil war was murdered April 26. Auxiliary Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera of Guatemala City was killed by an unknown assailant at about 10 p.m. as he returned to his home at St. Sebastian Parish in downtown Guatemala City. The 75-year-old archbishop was alone. His killer reportedly struck the bishop twice in the head with a chunk of cement, disfiguring his face. The bishop's body was found around 11 p.m. by the parish vicar, Father Mario Orantes, whose suspicion was aroused when he saw that the house lights were still on at that hour. Police were investigating. Bishop Gerardi's body was laid in the metropolitan cathedral for public viewing until his funeral April 29. The bishop was to be buried in the crypt under the cathedral.

Pope discourages apocalyptic predictions for year 2000

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II cautioned against making apocalyptic predictions in connection with the year 2000. At his April 22 general audience in St. Peter's Square, the pope noted that Christian teaching on Christ's second coming refers to it as the end of time and as a historical process that already has begun. "Since Jesus said nothing about when the end would come, attempted predictions are baseless and misleading," he said. "He only assures us that the end will not take place before his saving work reaches a universal dimension through the preaching of the Gospel." †

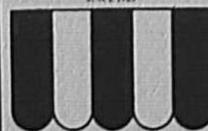
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Cloning creates a myriad of moral dilemmas

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

She is the most famous sheep in history. Almost everyone has seen her picture and knows her name: Dolly.

As the first adult mammal ever cloned, Dolly has taken cloning to a new level and raised unprecedented questions in the process.

First of all, what is cloning?

It is a scientific procedure that non-sexually reproduces one organism from

another. The key to cloning is the extraction and implanting of cells.

In Dolly's case, a mammary gland cell from one ewe was implanted in another ewe's egg.

Although each cell contains all of an organism's genetic information, it had not been possible to utilize adult cells in cloning that already were specified, for example as skin cells or organ cells. But the scientists in Scotland who cloned Dolly overcame that problem.

This immediately raised a second question: Can humans be cloned?

In one sense, the question is premature. Everyone admits that if human cloning is possible at all, it won't happen for a long time. This is actually a blessing because it gives everyone time to think through the issues involved.

One issue is scientific. Is human cloning a proper subject for scientists to investigate?

To a skeptic, this is a moot question because scientists will continue to study human cloning no matter what.

To a pragmatist, it is a question of allocating limited resources for something which may never work.

To theorists, the question is whether scientists ever will acquire the knowledge required to clone a human being.

Many religious believers see cloning as an invasion of God's domain in order to seek knowledge that humans don't need and shouldn't possess. To these people, human cloning is the latest example of sinful human pride and will only add to human misery.

To other believers, the pursuit of all knowledge is a good and necessary undertaking. By exploring and understanding God's creation more fully, we are able to draw closer to God.

The real question in this case is what society will do with the information science acquires about human cloning.

That leads to a second set of issues: the moral questions.

Assuming that scientists could clone a human being, should they?

The initial reaction to this question has been almost universally negative. The reasons take two forms: It is intrinsically wrong to clone human beings, and there are immoral consequences.

To clone a human being bypasses the human, sexual union and directly violates God's intention in creating males and females. A person is, you might say, manufactured, and is a laboratory product.

In addition, males would not have to be involved as fathers at all. The nucleus of a woman's cell implanted in a woman's egg would be sufficient to clone a human.

One question about cloning concerns the destructive effect it would have on human individuality or distinctiveness. Wouldn't the cloned person be a reproduction of an existing person?

It is too early to tell whether the sameness would extend even to personality development and life choices, but it surely would minimize each person's individuality.

The second set of moral issues relates to the consequences of human cloning. Of great moral concern here are questions such as these: Who has the power to use cloning? How will they use it? What will the long-term effects be?

The ability to clone a human being brings with it the power to determine completely another person's genetic makeup and to do so without his or her consent.

Should anyone have such power? And, if so, who is qualified to use it? Parents? Doctors? Scientists? Public officials?

Human cloning also creates the likelihood of producing human clones for the purpose of harvesting cells or genetic material to use in further research or for the benefit of those who control (or can pay for) the cloning process. One doesn't have to be an alarmist to see the evil in this scenario.

At present no one knows the long-term effects of cloning. There may be abnormal developments, mutations and other physiological mishaps that no one is prepared to handle.

These unknown and unforeseen consequences lead to a third set of issues with cloning that touch on human life's meaning.

A human being is a complex creature who weaves together the many diverse experiences of life in forming a distinct self. Genetic makeup is a very important part of this process.

But will someone who has been predetermined by others to have the same genetic makeup as another person be able to form an adequate sense of self or develop a distinct personality?

And to what extent will a cloned person feel the self-determination which underlies human freedom, creativity, responsibility and moral character?

In the photo seen around the world, Dolly appears to be staring at the viewer, confused by everything that happened to her. Human beings cannot afford the same reaction to human cloning. It is time to consider the implications. †

(Father Robert Kinast is the director of the Center for Theological Reflection at Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.)



"In the photo seen around the world, Dolly appears to be staring at the viewer, confused by everything that happened to her," Father Robert Kinast notes. "Human beings cannot afford the same reaction to human cloning. It is time to consider the implications."

To clone a human being directly violates God's intention in creating males and females.

Discussion Point

Older teens 'internalize' faith

This Week's Question

What kinds of questions do teachers in Catholic high schools hear from young people about the relation of faith and science?

"In the younger high school students, I think the questions we hear are how and why a theory of evolution might fit into their idea of how God created the universe, but by the time they are seniors they've internalized their concept of faith and have fewer of those kinds of questions." (Sister Veronica Beato, A.S.C.J., St. Louis, Mo.)

"I've never had anyone approach me with the question of how what we study in physics raised questions about their faith, and I've even taught science in a seminary. One time a student, after studying physics, said things were too complex to be random

and that it confirmed his faith in God." (Larry Russell, St. Louis, Mo.)

"One question is on a personal level: How can you be a scientist and believe in God too? The second question often revolves around how does the Church view evolution because often there is an assumption that the Church has trouble with the concept of evolution." (James Warren, Los Angeles, Calif.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Those who mourn will be comforted, it is written. How did you or your parish "comfort" one who mourned?

To respond for possible publication, write to *Faith Alive!* at 3211 Fourth St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100. †



Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Belief in Marian apparitions

I have usually written about Mary, the mother of God, during May, the month dedicated to her.



This May I plan to write about Mary's appearances here on Earth.

I do that, though, with some hesitation because discussion of Marian apparitions can be divisive. I hope that my columns will give all Catholics a chance to know more about some of the alleged apparitions. But first I must devote this column to explaining the Church's teaching and attitude about them.

Catholics seem to divide themselves among three categories when it comes to Marian apparitions: those who believe in them so strongly that they are an important, even vital, part of their religion; those who don't believe in them and in fact don't even want to hear about "such nonsense"; and those who accept the fact that the apparitions might be taking place, but they don't play an important role in their religion.

The history of the church is filled with stories of the appearances of Mary to individuals, beginning with the apostles. It is said that, after Mary died and was buried, Thomas arrived and wanted to see Jesus' mother one last time. After he and the other apostles rolled the stone back from the tomb, they found nothing inside but Mary's robes and a garden of blooming lilies. Then Mary suddenly appeared to them. This story was the beginning of the doctrine of Mary's assumption into heaven.

The Church tells us that Catholics do

not have to believe that story (although we do have to believe in the doctrine of the Assumption). Indeed, Catholics do not have to believe in any apparitions because they come under the category of private revelations and are not part of the "deposit of faith," the body of saving truth entrusted by Christ to the apostles.

The position of the Church regarding apparitions was addressed definitively by Pope Benedict XIV (1740-1758), and later statements by Church officials have basically been reaffirmations of his statement. He said that any approval of the Church might give to a private revelation meant only that, after careful investigation, permission might be given to publicize the revelation "for the instruction and good of the faithful." But even when such revelations are approved, he said, they should be given the assent of human faith and not Catholic faith. He concluded that Catholics may refuse assent to these revelations provided they do so with the modesty that comes from having good reasons and without the intention of being derisive.

The Church has always been very careful about approving alleged apparitions. Of the hundreds of apparitions claimed during the past two centuries, seven were approved by local bishops and went on to gain international attention: Rue du Bac (Paris, France, 1830), La Salette (France, 1846), Lourdes (France, 1858), Pontmain (France, 1870), Fatima (Portugal, 1917), Beauraing (Belgium, 1932-33), and Banneux (Belgium, 1933). But that does not mean that Mary has not been appearing in many other places. †

The Good Steward/Dan Conway

Choosing where we spend our money

Sylvia and John Ronsvalle are Evangelical Christians who have devoted their lives to doing research into Protestant giving patterns. Each year they publish a report called "The State of Church Giving," and their research has uncovered some disturbing trends.



In 1993, the Ronsvalles participated in a conference on stewardship co-sponsored by Lilly Endowment, Inc. and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the five Catholic dioceses in Indiana. Here are just a few of the Ronsvalles' observations during that conference about the current state of Protestant and Catholic giving:

"Since about 1950, some economists suggest, we have a new situation in the history of the world. In a few societies, including the United States, the majority of people have more money than they need for their basic needs, with money left over."

Today, the majority of Christians in the United States (whether Protestant or Catholic) make choices about where and how to spend their money. Economic, ethnic and demographic differences are very real in American society, but it's also true that most of us (whether wealthy, poor or middle class) are in a position to make financial choices that our parents and grandparents never could.

To illustrate the implications of this "new situation in the history of the world," the Ronsvalles cited some rather startling statistics: "In 1986, a home video game named Nintendo did not exist. In 1987, Americans were spending \$1.7 billion on

Nintendo. That year, U.S. sales of chewing gum were \$2.5 billion—the amount UNICEF estimates it would take to end the global child deaths from preventable poverty conditions. We're a country that spends \$12 billion on candy, which might help explain why we support a \$30-billion-a-year diet industry, part of which is included in the \$44 billion we spend on soft drinks each year.

"Jesus said, where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Few, if any, of these expenditures would be against a Christian lifestyle," the Ronsvalles say. "The point is not whether the expenditures are right or wrong, but what they say about our priorities."

What do the financial choices we make say about our priorities as disciples of Christ? According to the Ronsvalles, the stewardship challenge facing Catholic and Protestant churches today extends far beyond the Church's very real fund raising needs. The Ronsvalles believe that the primary challenge of stewardship is to help Christians make Gospel-inspired choices about how to invest, spend and save their money. And this involves a lot more than making annual commitments of time, talent or treasure to the Church. It means a change of lifestyle and a total commitment to stewardship—as a way of life!

Stewardship is one of the major themes of the archdiocese's five year celebration, Journey of Hope 2001. Let's pray that Christians in central and southern Indiana (whether Catholic or Protestant) will accept the stewardship challenge and place Gospel values first whenever we make financial choices! †

(Dan Conway is a consultant to the archdiocese for the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation campaign.)

The Yardstick/Msgr. George Higgins

The Church and social teaching

Thanks to a major research project at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, we now know that scores of bishops' conferences and Catholic organizations throughout the world have taken up Pope Paul VI's challenge to analyze the situation in their own countries and discern what is needed to bring



about greater social justice.

Back in 1991, at a series of seminars sponsored by Catholic colleges and universities, I was asked to reflect on lessons to be learned by contemporary Catholics as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first of the social encyclicals of the modern popes, Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*.

My first observation was borrowed from a Jesuit sociologist, Father John Coleman, now at Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles. In a brilliant essay on the development of Catholic social teaching, Father Coleman said this tradition's future would depend less on our ability to parrot insignificant terms and more on our ability to read the signs of the times in fidelity to the gospel of human dignity, as Pope Leo and his successors tried to do in their times.

My second observation had to do with the changing relationship, since and mainly because of the Second Vatican Council, between the Vatican and the local churches in the area of Catholic social teaching and action. I recalled that between 1944, when I first joined the staff of the Social Action Department of the old National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the end of Vatican II in 1965, there was no contact between our department and the Vatican.

I do not recall that we exchanged even a letter, cablegram or phone call. Today the

local Church in the United States is routinely in contact with Vatican congregations and councils. This involves more than a new bureaucratic style and forms of communication. It involves local churches in the very process of developing Catholic social teaching, as they were urged to do by Pope Paul VI in his 1971 apostolic letter *Octogesima Adveniens*.

It was Paul VI's emphasis on the local churches' role in developing and applying Catholic social teaching that encouraged the U.S. bishops to embark on the three-year process that resulted in their 1986 pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All."

The Fribourg research project I referred to at the outset is summarized in the March 1998 issue of *Theological Studies* by an American participant in the project, Terence McGoldrick, director of the San Diego Institute for Adult Education and Lay Ministry Formation.

McGoldrick reports that the Fribourg project has published an 800-page tome containing listings and abstracts of statements issued by the world's episcopal conferences since *Rerum Novarum* on ethical concerns related to economic issues in their societies.

McGoldrick concludes by pointing to the next step in this process. He says:

"Cardinal Newman's thesis that the faithful contribute to the development of doctrine will perhaps find its most fertile example and testing here. As bishops enter more and more profoundly into the arena of social, political and economic life in order to bring the gospel to our institutional social existence, they are turning more toward the laity not only to execute their teaching but to participate in its formulation." †

(Msgr. George Higgins is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.)

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Blooming in Spring, tra-la

May Day. Sounds rather bland, doesn't it? Kind of anticlimactic, following as it does after Easter, and looking pale compared to the upcoming Memorial Day weekend and—yes!—Summer. A pleasant, if undistinguished date.

But wait. Think about disaster movies in which the ship is sinking and people are drowning and some poor sailor is on the radio yelling, "May Day! May Day!" Or the airplane is falling to its doom as the pilot yells, "May Day!" into thin air.

Or there's the May Day of communist fame, now largely defunct. The Soviets, especially, used to celebrate May Day as a triumphant symbol of their military and political might. They had those endless, dreary parades with tanks and big guns and soldiers tramping up the street.

The current despots were always on hand, waving and smiling to the masses to witness the event on film. Bo-r-r-ring. Actually, between waves they may have been nipping from vodka bottles hidden in their greatcoats, but who could blame them?

Then there was the May Day of yore, as in when we were young. Little kids would go into the woods to pick spring wildflowers like bloodroot and trillium. Then they'd arrange them in construction paper "vases" they'd made at school, and hang them on old ladies' doorknobs, ring the bell and hide.

May Day used to trigger something in my mother and her pals which caused

them to begin a week of beating the tar out of the rugs (sometimes literally), washing walls and windows, painting woodwork, waxing floors, cleaning the oven, and generally making their kids miserable. Not to mention their husbands, since all hands were required to accomplish the goal.

The countdown for weddings and graduations continues to fall often on May Day, as does (did?) the 500 Mile Race. It's a time of anticipation, preparation and hope, the gateway to something new and exciting.

Dancing around the maypole on May Day used to be quite the thing also. I remember reading once that girls from Vassar (or maybe Radcliffe?) did this annually. There was even a photograph of these upper class damsels wearing wispy gowns and flower wreaths as they cavorted. Mary McCarthy wrote that May wine was another Vassar tradition on May Day, but maybe it was just something she made up to put into her novel.

In poetry we have Corinna, who's "going a-maying." We're not sure if it's the May basket thing or the dancing or the wine, but we know it must be a romantic occasion.

That's because, whatever May Day is, it signals a romantic time. Lo, the winter is over and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land and all that. Winter, Lent and death are basically forgotten and Easter, Spring and resurrection are at hand.

In May, nature encourages us to experience the optimism and renewal we need to feel in order to live life in the Spirit. So, May Day! May Day! This time it's not a cry for help. †

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 3, 1998

- Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
- Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
- John 10:27-30

The Acts of the Apostles once again is the source of a first reading for an Easter season liturgy.



The reading recalls an event in Antioch of Pisidia. In the Roman world, two rather important cities were named Antioch. One was in Syria, and actually it was the more significant of the two cities.

Antioch in Pisidia was the other city. It was located in what today is Turkish territory.

Noteworthy is the fact that Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogue in Antioch. By the first century A.D., Jews lived in places throughout the Mediterranean world, driven from their homeland by political hostilities or by little economic opportunity. In many places to which they migrated, they were able to maintain their Jewish identity by associating themselves with other Jews and by keeping Jewish traditions.

In the first century A.D., Judaism was not as monolithic as modern Christians might assume. Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogue since, in a certain sense, they regarded themselves to be Jewish.

Generally speaking, they would not have been looked upon as odd because many religious views were spoken in the pluralism which was Judaism of the time.

For the Jews of Antioch of Pisidia, however, the views of Paul and Barnabas were not acceptable. So the Christian teachers were scorned.

Historically important in this reading is the connection Paul and Barnabas felt with the Jews. Theologically critical, however, is the fact that, impelled by the Holy Spirit, they "fearlessly" took the Gospel far and wide.

Supplying the second reading this Eastertide weekend is the Book of Revelation.

Highly symbolic, and in any event very eloquent, the Book of Revelation presents a picture of the ideal, redeemed Christian community formed by unity with the Lord through the life of the Holy Spirit.

Important in this reading is that in the vision of John, who is presented as the

author of Revelation and who was an apostle, the community of believers proceeds from "every nation and race."

Furthermore, Paul and Barnabas are filled with the Holy Spirit.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading.

Jesus lived in a society which was overwhelmingly agrarian. He, of course, was reared in Nazareth and as an adult evidently worked as a carpenter in Capernaum. These two places were towns, but they hardly were distant from the open fields.

In addition, carpenters at the time made all the implements needed for farming or for keeping herds. Some scholars see in the Lord's reference to "yokes" an indication that Jesus made such devices for livestock.

In any case, the mention of sheep and shepherds came quite easily to the Lord. Surely it was well understood by those who gathered to hear Jesus.

John's Gospel has retained for all future generations of Christians the magnificent message of Jesus contained in these verses. Here the Lord movingly and vividly presents himself as the true shepherd.

Not only does this draw on images all around the Lord's contemporaries, but it is an echo of the Good Shepherd in the Psalms, a picture which those who met Jesus would have known well.

Reflection

For several weeks now the Church has excitedly proclaimed that the Lord Jesus lives, that Jesus rose from the dead. He is Lord! He is God! He lives!

This weekend the Church broadens the message, reassuringly to tell us that the risen Lord is alive eternally in the fullness of God.

As we hear these Scriptures speak of "every race and nation," we obviously first think of nationality or ethnicity. This is surely not an improper reading.

But the universality of God's love, and of loving redemption effected by Jesus, means more than including every nation. It means that nothing, except voluntary sin, separates us from God's love or reduces for us the full majesty of God's love for us.

In its excitement, and in its faith, the Church declares today that the risen Lord, the God saluted by Thomas, the Good Shepherd, is in every respect the Redeemer of each of us—regardless of all the accidentals by which humans may judge us. †

Daily Readings

Monday, May 4
Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4
John 10:10

Tuesday, May 5
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6
Acts 12:24 - 13:5
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7
Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20

Friday, May 8
Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11
John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9
Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21b-27
Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

God's grace guides and saves the good-hearted

Eight of us gather each week to read and discuss the Bible. One member



of our study group recently quoted John 14:6 (Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life") and Acts 4:12 ("There is no salvation through anyone else" than Jesus) as proving that no one gets to heaven except

through Jesus.

What would you say? We find it hard to believe that so many of God's good people will never enjoy eternity with him. (Wisconsin)

Catholic teaching, and all Christian tradition, agrees totally with those words, of course. We believe that Jesus is the Lord of the world and of all history, that the Father has revealed to us all he can reveal in the person of Jesus and that all salvation is in and through him.

That is, however, not at all the same as saying that one is saved only through a personal, conscious and explicit faith in Jesus as savior.

The New Testament itself tells us otherwise. The first Letter to Timothy echoes other statements of our Lord and the apostles when it says God "wills everyone to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth," and that this happens through the one mediator, "Christ Jesus, himself human" (1 Timothy 1:4-5).

On the other hand, as Paul tells us often and in many ways, salvation is impossible without faith.

If both of those statements are true, then there must be other ways to faith, through Christ, but without explicit, conscious faith in him.

To put it another way, if faith is a pure, unmerited gift of God and God's will is that all people be saved through faith, then he must have other ways of bringing human beings to faith and salvation, ways we do not know.

Pope John Paul II, in his remarkable book *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, notes that "God the Creator wants to save all humankind in Jesus Christ."

This salvation, however, is not worked out in neat patterns that are knowable and clear to us.

Speaking especially of the non-Christian religions and cultures of the Far East, the pope declares that Christ

came into the world also for all these peoples, and redeemed them all.

Yet, our Lord "has his own ways of reaching them," he said. "Many accept him, and many more have an implicit faith in him" (pages 81-83).

In saying this, the pope embraces the many good people you mention, the vast majority of the human race who, even to this day, know almost nothing of Jesus or the Gospels.

It is of these the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks. "Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience—those too may achieve eternal salvation" (No. 847).

In other words, God's grace is guiding and saving those who sincerely and conscientiously live good lives but who have, for whatever reason, honestly never seen faith in Jesus Christ as a personal religious obligation.

We recently received as a gift a plaque for our home with the word "shalom" on it. We've seen it often even in church, but don't know what it means. Can you tell us? (Illinois)

"Shalom" is the Hebrew word for peace. At least this is the way it is usually translated; but there really is no English word that carries its rich meaning.

The word basically means completeness or wholeness, a situation in which everything is there that should be there and in proper order and balance. It could refer to an individual or a group.

Shalom is considered one of God's greatest gifts, and the word was (and still is) used commonly among Jews as a greeting or expression of good wishes.

It would have been the word Jesus used at the Last Supper: "Shalom (peace) I give to you, my shalom I leave with you."

Jesus also would have said this when he greeted his apostles on the evening of the Resurrection: "Shalom—peace be with you." †

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship with people of other faiths, is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651.)

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Of each human creature, marking His own
With immortal fire to render us whole.

Timeless, eternal, that annealing grace
Will bond each self that gazes on His face.

By Anna-Margaret O'Sullivan

(Anna-Margaret O'Sullivan is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin.)



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.

April 30-May 3

Sacred Heart Parish, Terre Haute, 1330 Lafayette Ave., will host its annual "Spring Fling." Activities include a spaghetti dinner and dance on Friday, fish fry on Saturday, with raffle, bingo, casino, crafts and carnival rides each evening. Hours: Thursday and Friday 4-10 p.m.; Saturday 12-7 p.m.; Sunday 12-7 p.m. Information: 812-466-1231.

May 1

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather for Mass and healing service, 7 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Parish, Indianapolis, 550 N. Rural St., Information: 317-927-6900.

The Indianapolis Chapter of Pastoral Musicians will meet at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist. Optional dinner and meeting 6:30 p.m. will be followed by 8 p.m. program on "Music for the Eucharistic Prayer." Presented by the Office of Worship. Information: 317-236-1483 or 800-382-9836 ext. 1483.

St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, 1212 E. Main St., will hold its

24th annual Kentucky Derby raffle and pig roast, 5-8 p.m. in Zore Hall. Cost: \$6.50 adults; \$3.50 children. Country store, games and fun fair for children.

May 1-3

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center will present "Conscious Contact—The 11-Step Program," a serenity weekend beginning Friday 7 p.m. and ending Sunday 12:30 p.m. Information: 812-923-8817.

May 2

St. Bartholomew School, Columbus, will hold an auction, 5 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Columbus with dinner and live auction to follow. Entertainment provided by Dave Dugan. Cost: \$20 per person; \$18 senior citizens. Information: 812-375-0923.

Holy Cross Central School in Indianapolis will hold a chili supper and auction, 5-10 p.m., in the school gym. Information: 317-638-9068.

St. Michael School, Indianapolis, 3352 W. 30th St., will hold a garage sale in the school cafeteria (rain or shine),

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Concessions available.

May 3

Saint Meinrad Archabbey to hold Monte Cassino Pilgrimages, "Mary's Humility," with Benedictine Father Augustine Davis, beginning at 2 p.m., with open hymn, short sermon, followed by rosary procession. The shrine is located one mile east of the archabbey on State Hwy. 62. Information: 812-357-6585. (First of 5 services scheduled)

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, will host a reception in honor of the 40th anniversary of ordination of Msgr. Harold Kneuev, 1-3 p.m. at the school. All are invited.

May 4

Mt. Saint Francis Retreat Center, Mt. Saint Francis, 101 St. Anthony Dr., will hold a Charismatic Mass with Father John Judie 6:30 p.m. Information: 812-923-8817.

May 6

St. Thomas More, Mooresville, 1200 N. Indiana St., will hold a reception to welcome back Father Ed Ripperger and to thank those who filled in during his absence, 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Information: 317-831-1431.

May 7-9

St. Andrew Parish, Indianapolis, 4050 E. 38th St., will hold a

spring rummage sale in the church basement. Hours: Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-Noon. Saturday is \$1 a bag day. The sale will also include furniture and collectibles.

May 8-9

Seccina Memorial High School, Indianapolis, 5000 Nowland Ave., will perform the musical "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Cost: \$5 at the door; \$4 pre-purchased. Information: 317-356-6377.

May 10

Saint Meinrad Archabbey to hold Monte Cassino pilgrimages, "Surrender to God's Will: Mary's Example to Us," with Benedictine Brother Jacob Grisley, beginning at 2 p.m., with open hymn, short sermon, followed by rosary procession. The shrine is located one mile east of the archabbey on State Hwy. 62. Information: 812-357-6585. (Second of 5 services scheduled)

Recurring

Daily

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

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., Parish Center building, hosts perpetual adoration 24 hours a day.

Weekly

Sundays

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

St. Anthony Parish, Clarksville, will hold "Be Not Afraid" Holy Hour from 6-7 p.m.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

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 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Marion Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group, rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, consecration, 1-2:10 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 57th and Central Ave.

Thursdays

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

St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates will gather at 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and

religious life and lives consecrated to Jesus and Mary.

Fridays

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, will hold eucharistic adoration at 8:30 a.m. concluding with communion service at noon. The Stations of the Cross will be held at 7 p.m.

Saturdays

A pro-life rosary will be prayed

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Monthly

First Sundays

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

First Mondays

The Guardian Angel Guild will hold its board of directors meeting, O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Benedictine room, 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, next to St. Michael Church and Cardinal Ritter High School, 3354 W. 30th St., will hold Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 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 rosary and Benediction, 7-8 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, will hold the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, will hold eucharistic adoration following 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold exposition of Blessed Sacrament following 8 a.m. Mass, closing with communion service at noon.

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

St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute, will hold eucharistic adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. with Rosary at 12 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 and Bosart, Indianapolis.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 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 and 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 7:30 p.m. at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Cost: \$20. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Second Thursdays

Focolare Movement meets at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Millie and Jim Komro. Information: 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 at 7:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-236-1586.

Third Wednesdays

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

Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg will hold a support group for widowed persons at 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2524.

Calvary Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 435 W. Troy Ave., Mass at 2 p.m.

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

Third Thursdays

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold Family Rosary Night at 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 walk to the abortion clinic at 2951 E. 38th St. to pray the rosary, returning to St. Andrew for the Benediction.

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: 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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Newly baptized couple to be wed in October

By Margaret Nelson

On Holy Saturday, Heather Russell and Andrew Teets were baptized and confirmed at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. In October, they will exchange their marriages vows before the same altar.

The two were among 25 who were part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process at St. John—under the tutelage of seminarian Joe Brown. And the couple joined the 1,393 in the archdiocese who fully embraced the Catholic faith during the past year.

"Each of us has a history connected with the Catholic Church," Russell said. "I went to Little Flower School. And Andy's father grew up Catholic. Both of our parents wanted us to make our own decisions about religion as adults.

"When we decided to become engaged, we knew we wanted our marriage to be solid. To us, religion was still a very important part of that," she said.

Though both had regularly attended Methodist churches with their families—and later, on their own—neither had been baptized.

"As our interest started growing, we found St. John's," Russell said. "We knew that was right for us." They started the RCIA process last fall.

"We have the most incredible sponsors—Ron and Linda Semlar," she said. "Both are very involved in the Church. Their boys, Andrew and Beau, are often altar boys. Their lives are so rich in faith. To have them guide us along helped tremendously. They will be our life-long friends."

Russell said the Semlars are "both walking historians. I can't say enough about their sponsorship. It was an



Heather Russell and Andrew Teets

integral part of the process. I know they will always be there for us."

She said Brown has been a wonderful leader. Many St. John parishioners came to sessions to talk to the (mostly non-baptized) RCIA group about their own journeys of faith.

The couple found it helpful to hear from Catholics whose mothers and fathers were Catholic. And they were just as interested in the view of people who were converts to the faith.

Russell said she really liked the RCIA sessions when the pastor, Father Thomas Murphy, and Benedictine Father Michael Keene instructed them.

Pastoral associate Frank Impicciche will guide them through the marriage preparation program. The Semlars will be there as they prepare. They will also be involved in the Teets' wedding.

"We're excited about starting the preparations." They will honeymoon in Italy and be in Rome when the archdiocesan pilgrimage will be there.

Though both young people were born in Indianapolis, Teets' family moved to Chicago when he was young. He

lived there until he was a senior in high school. The couple met later through mutual friends.

Of the Easter Vigil, Russell said, "Through the whole nine months, we couldn't take Communion.

"The Eucharist is the center of everything. We hadn't been able to experience that. It felt so wonderful to be part of that. It made a big impact on us," she said.

"The beautiful aspect is that we both have felt in sync with our spiritual growth," said Russell. "It's a great way to be entering marriage." †

WELCOME

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Holy Trinity, Edinburg: Cammie Smith (catechumen); Debbie Buck, Donald Pierce (candidate).

St. Rose of Lima, Franklin: Brian Wieshart, Peggy Conklin, T.J. Robey (catechumens); Kenny Simmons, Amy O'Connor, Dan King, Dan Runge, Rick Matlock (candidates).

Prince of Peace, Madison: Caren Sue Johnson, Kenny Johnson, Angie Kelley, Brenda Lauderbaugh, Gerry Lauderbaugh, Andy Miller, Julie Kate Miller (catechumens); Kande Becker, Janda Dattilo, Mary George, Angie Guarino, Donna Guarino, David Hendricks, Pam Hendricks, Vernon Johnson, David Miller, Sherry Miller, Jeff Rampy, Phyllis Steinhardt, Teresa Sullivan (candidates).

Tell City Deanery St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad: Jeff Davis (catechumen); Mark Leffert (candidate).

St. Paul, Tell City: Brandi Harumal, Tina Wheatley, Jeanette Zellers, Jake Braunecker, Jerry Whitten, Samantha Brasseur (catechumens); Paulette Esarey, Larky Flannagan, Michelle Neyenhaus, Joyce Wiggington, Emma Lou Wood (candidates).

St. Plus, Tell City: Jeanne Harth (candidate).

Terre Haute Deanery Sacred Heart, Clinton: Peg Soyack, Elizabeth Walters, Cristy Junker, Jean Walker, Sara Walker, Mary Frances Walker, Kim Gilman, Joshua Gilman, Scott Van Buskirk, Sue Willig, James Bumpus (catechumens); Joshua Walker, Jeff Lientz (candidates).

St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle: Ken Pearson, John Fallis, Judy Hornaday, Shawn Pilkin-Little, Michelle Pilkin-Little (catechumens); Ginger Bodnarick, Dirk Andres (candidates).

St. Joseph, Rockville: Delilah Harmless, Andrea Uplinger, Patrick Thomas

(catechumens). **St. Mary Village, St. Mary-of-the-Woods:** Tracey Barrett, Lisa Campbell, Susan Rogers, Eva Sullivan, Randy Wyrick (catechumens); Christopher Barrett, Jenny Dretzer, Lisa Klotz, Jean Savant (candidates).

Holy Rosary, Seelyville: Jo Anne Martin, Kay Ponsol, Margaret Solomon (candidates).

Sacred Heart, Terre Haute: Kim Clark, Erin Locke, Marilyn Locke, Brenda Loveless, Peggy McDonald, Tere McDonald, Justin Nicosin, Harold Rudy, Betty Sullivan (catechumens); Annadean Hiscoc (candidates).

St. Ann, Terre Haute: Melissa Pasko, Michelle Thomas (catechumens); Michael Cummins, Jennifer Buttrey (candidates).

St. Benedict, Terre Haute: Adam Kuper, Thomas Kuper, Charity Minger, Crystal Murphy, Dale Murphy, Ryan Pownall, Tracy Sieboldt, Bric Kelly Wall, Danielle Wilson (catechumens); J.R. Ballesteros, Steven Ballesteros, Felicia Ellis, Casey Murphy, Kathy Murphy, Josh Webb, Lynn Zellers (candidates).

St. Joseph University, Terre Haute: Megan Burton, Garry Colledge (catechumens); Christina Ciolli, Jennifer Ciolli, Rebecca Doti, Linnea Friesen, Valinda Titus, Linda Vicory, Michael Vicory (candidates).

St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute: Melissa Findley, Jack Pluff (catechumens); Jason Adams, Jason Cobb, Ryan Rogers, Joseph William Samm, Elizabeth Seymour (candidates).

St. Patrick, Terre Haute: Paulette Ahmadi, Darrin Barton, Jennifer Barton, Kim Bond, Laura Crain, Rex Galbraith, Kelly Jedlicka, Pam Jonus, Robert Monk, Shelia Monk, Michelle Riley, William Brown (catechumens); Yvonne Avary, Amy Bagnocche, Rick Bagnocche, Ron Cenfetelli, Janet Cianteo, John Cianteo, Patty Evans, Paul Fleschner, Melissa Foster, Tony Holcomb, Cheri Jones, Brad Lough, Kimberly Lough, Nancy Markey, Bryson Mitchell, Eric Pender, Kristie Soder (candidates).

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BEDAN, Carl H., 83, St. Mary, New Albany, April 19. Father of Carolyn Pendleton, Phyllis Schneider. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of six.

BOGEMAN, Charles C., 79, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, April 18. Husband of Doris Bogeman. Father of Mary Pat Bogeman, Barbara Ann Klett. Brother of Joan Mohr. Grandfather of one.

BOTSFORD, Lisa A., 38, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, April 16. Wife of Douglas Botsford. Mother of Ashley Rebecca and Zachary Taylor Fronterhouse. Daughter of Howard L. Wagenknecht; Norma J. Lynch. Step-daughter of Nancy Wagenknecht. Sister of Amy Fronterhouse, Ellen McClelland.

CERUTTI, Rosemary Bloomer, 80, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 14. Sister of Eugene T. Bloomer. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

CHANDLER, Vivian J., 73, St. Mary, New Albany, April 17. Mother of Paul E. Jr., David and Gail Chandler, Patricia Moore. Sister of James Mullins, Billie Olko.

CLARK, Ernest, Little Flower, Indianapolis, April 6. Husband of Loretta Clark. Father of Barbara and Patrick Clark, Lisa Lester, Terry Peterson, Kim Reberger, Tina Smith. Brother of Patricia Criss, Kathleen Morgan, Janice Piatt. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of one.

COUGAN, Joanne (Sullivan), 67, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, April 19. Wife of John S. Cougan Jr. Mother of Debora Smith, Mary Jane Schettino, John S. III, Joseph S. Sr. and Robert C. Cougan. Sister of David, Maura and Brenda Sullivan. Grandmother of nine.

DEATON, Mary Ellen, 82, St. Gabriel, Connersville, April 15. Cousin of David Devor.

GAYHART, Iola M. (Martin), 89, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 19. Mother of Marilyn Dapper, Douglas and Robert

Gayhart. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of seven.

GOETTLING, Hazel C., 96, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 16. Mother of Rose Mary Bymaster, Ruth McGovern, Ruby Jean Brown. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 30. Great-great-grandmother of 16.

HEIDENREICH, Patricia A., 65, St. Roch, Indianapolis, April 4. Wife of William Heidenreich. Mother of Anna Marie, William and Paul Heidenreich, Joanna Nevitt, Mary Catherine Davis, Amy Bova. Sister of Bernie and Paul McCormick, Marie Cox. Grandmother of 10.

HENSLEY, Margaret Geraldine, 53, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 10. Wife of Howard B. Hensley. Mother of Sheila Lynn and Susan Lorraine Hensley. Daughter of Carl Adam Jr. and Mary Ellen Hechmer. Sister of Ellen Adams, Ann Wilson, Carl, Frank, Larry and Teresa Hechmer.

MEYER, Edward B., 82, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, April 18. Husband of Bertha Meyer. Father of James E. and Thomas I. Meyer, Betty A. Butler, Alma R. Marks. Brother of Regina Klechamer, Margaret Ash, Dorothy Costin, Rita Kauffer, Aline Wright. Grandfather of eight.

MURPHY, Julia A., 82, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, April 13. Sister of Charles Murphy Jr., Suzanne M. Leo.

MURPHY, Michael A., 65, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, April 11. Father of Pamela Scott, Michael Murphy. Brother of William, John and Charles Murphy, Helen Rote, Elizabeth Abbott, Margaret Stychno, Mary Swords. Grandfather of three.

PANCINI, Edith Elizabeth, 78, St. Roch, Indianapolis, April 11. Wife of Louis Pancini. Mother of John Pancini, Mary Ratcliff. Sister of Isaline and Mary Marocco. Grandmother of 7.

POTTER, Ruth Marie, 82, Prince of Peace, Madison, April 16. Mother of William C. Potter. Sister of Mary Louise Zollman. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of three.

RUDOLPH, Elizabeth H., 92, St. Paul, Tell City, April 2. Mother of Betty Werner, Ann Owen, Elenora Barker, George Rudolph. Grandmother of 19. Great-grandmother of 28. Great-great-grandmother of three. Step-grandmother of

seven. Step-great-grandmother of 21. Step-great-great-grandmother of 14.

SCHNEIDER, Florence C., 85, St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, March 28. Mother of Mary Beth Mitchell, Paul E. and Dennis L. Schneider. Sister of Raymond Amrhein, Esther Moster. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of three.

SCHUELER, Charles F., 70, Holy Family, New Albany, April 21. Husband of Rosemary Day Schueler. Father of Matthew, Barry and Ellen Schueler. Brother of John J. and Robert J. Schueler. Grandfather of five.

Sister Irmgard was principal of Our Lady of Grace Academy

Benedictine Sister Irmgard Fritz died on April 24 at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. She was 88.

She entered the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand in 1927 and made her first vows in 1929. She was a founding member of the Beech Grove monastery and a teacher and principal of schools in the Indianapolis Archdiocese—in Beech Grove and Seymour—and the Evansville Diocese.

Sister Irmgard was the first principal of Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove, 1956 to 1965. She served in the dietary department at St. Paul Hermitage from 1979 until her retirement in 1991.

She is survived by brothers Leo, Joseph and Raymond Fritz and sisters, Elizabeth Grimes, Carolyn Kessens and Sister Benedict Joseph Fritz.

Memorial gifts in her memory can be made to the Senior Sisters' Retirement Fund; Our Lady of Grace Monastery; 1402 Southern Ave.; Beech Grove, IN 46107.

SMITH, Truman, 61, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, April 15. Father of Patricia Rains, Barbara Barger, Phyllis Bouher, Beverly Dots, Charlotte Glenn, Marilyn Dye, Sharon Harris, Pamela Ford, Charles Smith Jr., John Clark Schubert. Brother of Larry, Robert Oliver and Arnold Smith, Carol Cornet. Grandfather of 29. Great-grandfather of 47.

STEPHENS, Lester K., 82, St. Paul, Tell City, April 8. Father of Joyce Buxton, Mary McGhee, Hazel Greulich, Ken Stephens. Brother of Myrtle Mills. Grandfather of 13. Great-grandfather of 10.

STROBEL, Mildred R. (Bland), 75, St. Louis, Batesville, April 19. Mother of Mary Linville. Sister of Paul Bland, Luella Bosse. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of six.

TAYLOR, Mary E., 83,

Franciscan Sister Ann Laetitia Alcaraz was art instructor

Franciscan Sister Elaine M. Niemeyer died on April 23. She was 88.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 27 at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg.

Sister Elaine entered the Franciscan community in 1928 and professed her final vows in 1934.

She taught at St. Mary Academy and at St. Mark School in Indianapolis, Holy Name in Beech Grove, as well in schools in Ohio, Illinois and Missouri.

Sister Elaine is survived by one brother, Franciscan Father Roger Niemeyer and one sister, Millie Braun.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sisters of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100; Oldenburg, IN 47036.

Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, Dec. 28. Mother of James and Hugh Taylor. Sister of James Graham, Opal Burton and Alventa Nutter. Grandmother of three.

VITALE, Anthony J., 87, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 11. Husband of Catherine Siwula Vitale. Father of Anthony J., Paul N., Joseph H., and Benedictine Brother Angelo Vitale. Brother of Angelo Vitale, Edith Vercillo, Anna Tummini, Helen Klocek, Mildred Sackacitz. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of six.

WILSON, Ginette M., 69, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 14. Wife of Marvin Wilson. Mother of Monique G. Krider, Mark E. and Michael E. Wilson. Sister of Josette Bour, Janene Parache, Jean and Marcel Hourdeaux.

Carmelite Sister Magdalene was former prioress

Sister Magdalene of the Sacred Heart, former prioress of the Carmelite Monastery in Terre Haute, died on April 6.

Born in Decatur, she entered the Carmelite Monastery in Indianapolis in 1941 and made her profession of vows in 1943.

One of the founding members of the Carmelite Monastery in Terre Haute in 1947, she served as prioress for 12 years—1956-62 and 1965-71. During her term, the construction of the monastery there took place. She also served as novice mistress and councillor.

Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly presided at the Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Magdalene on April 14. Carmelite Father Phillip Thomas, provincial of the Washington Province of Discalced Carmelite Friars gave the final commendation.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

WISE, James Randall, 80, Most Precious Blood, New Middletown, April 1. Husband of Ruby (Skaggs) Wise. Father of Nedra E., Randal L., Karen D., Deborah A., Stephen M., Bruce E., Mitchell E., and Troy N. Wise. Grandfather of 15. Great-grandfather of eight.

WISMAN, Catherine (Ems), 87, St. Michael, Indianapolis, April 19. Wife of Maurice P. Wisman. Mother of Wayne Fessel, Susan True, Gene and Ray Wisman. Sister of Owen and Carl Ems. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of seven.

WOLFORD, Robert H., 74, Holy Family, New Albany, April 20. Husband of Carolyn Ruff Wolford. Brother of Carl Wolford, Trudy Grove, Mary Lee Finger.

WYANT, Mildred Lee, Little Flower, Indianapolis, April 15. Mother of Dennis, Donald and Gerald Kincaid. Sister of Helen Kleinheiter, Jean Lindsey, Doris Poet. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of five.

Franciscan Sister Elaine Niemeyer dies April 23

Franciscan Sister Ann Laetitia Alcaraz died on April 24 at the age of 97.

Born in Gyanajuato, Mexico, she entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community in 1925 and professed her final vows in 1931.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 28 at the motherhouse chapel.

Sister Ann Laetitia was an art instructor at Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg and at schools in Ohio and New Mexico.

She is survived by a sister, Franciscan Sister Magdalene Marie Alcaraz.

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At 88, retired priest sees his dream come true

By Margaret Nelson

Father Thomas P. Carey—the oldest priest in the archdiocese—celebrated his 88th birthday April 26.

But he was even happier to celebrate the opening of the new priests' retirement center at St. Paul Hermitage in

Beech Grove under the management of the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

"I enjoy this so much," said Father Carey. "I've been working on this silently, vocally and physically for all these years."

He served on the Personnel Board of the Priests' Council for many years.

"I always brought this up," he said of his efforts for a place where priests could retire. "The one who was master of ceremonies [of the meetings] always



Fr. Thomas P. Carey

had it last on the agenda. When it was time to adjourn, they had not discussed it.

"This went on for years," said Father Carey, with a twinkle in his eyes.

"I really am so happy to be present when the archbishop blessed it today," he said.

After the dedication ceremony, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein led singing of "Happy Birthday" for Father Carey and for Father Charles E. Sexton, whose 85th birthday was April 22.

"I do think that my long life should be credited to the attention I gave to making things better in small ways," said

Father Carey.

"I thank God for helping with my attitude. I've been able to stand through the sad and glad events," he said.

"I've always loved people," said Father Carey, who was pastor of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis from 1963 until his retirement in 1980. Until he was in his mid-80s, he helped in parishes, but his vision has become a handicap. "I get letters I can't answer," he said. "I depend on the depth of friendship with everybody."

Father Carey said the only disappointment he has had in his priestly life is, "A few years ago, I began to find it too difficult to assemble a homily.

"I was known for being talkative. I'd talk at the drop of a hat. When I couldn't, it was a big surprise to me—and I think everybody else who knew me!

"When I got here, I thought that would be the end of my association with people, but I find it even more joyous here. St. Paul is a wonderful place to be," he said.

"Sister Pat is responsible for the attitude of people here," Father Carey said of Benedictine Sister Patricia Dede, administrator. "She does a great job here. She is upbeat. She understands older people."

After being a long-time advocate for the priests' retirement center, Father Carey explained why he is not moving into the third floor area of the Hermitage with his rooms on the first floor—one of the two that is residential.

"I've been here 11 years," he said. "I know where everything is and I have outlived entertaining. It is easier for me here, although it is beautiful upstairs."

His rooms, decorated with touches from his Irish heritage, have a wide view of North 17th Avenue in Beech Grove. He eats all his meals in the dining room with other residents.

"When I wake up in the morning, the first thing I see is

my table with the papers and magazines," said Father Carey. "If I see that, I'm sure everything is all right.

"One morning, I looked and it was gone. I thought, 'Oh, my God, I'm gone, too!' When I found out that someone had moved it, I thought, 'I have another day.'

"So far, I've not been bored," said Father Carey. He said he watches baseball and basketball so faithfully that "I could manage any team in the country. I have a clicker, and if a manager doesn't do the way I'd like, I click it off.

"I don't know if I'm a victim of routine, but it's not boring," he said. "People here are unusual. In fact, they aren't about things. The housekeepers and maintenance people here act like they're part of it—and they are attentive to what people like." †

Pope to visit St. Louis after January trip

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—Archbishop Justin F. Rigali of St. Louis announced April 23 that the Vatican has confirmed that Pope John Paul II will visit St. Louis following a planned Jan. 22-25 trip to Mexico.

"It is a great joy for me to announce that the Holy See has confirmed this morning that His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, will be able to come to St. Louis next January, after his visit to Mexico," the archbishop said in prepared remarks.

Two days earlier Vatican officials confirmed that the pope would go to Mexico to issue a document on the 1997 Synod of Bishops for America, and said that St. Louis was still being considered as a stop on the same trip. During last fall's synod, St. Louis was among the locations discussed for the pope to present his post-synodal apostolic exhortation.

At the Vatican April 24, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said: "I am able to confirm that at the end of his pastoral visit to Mexico, planned for Jan. 22-25, 1999, the Holy Father will make a stop in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, U.S.A., a city which he did not visit on his previous trips to the United States of America."

At a press conference in St. Louis carried live by local television stations, Archbishop Rigali confirmed that the pope would stop in his archdiocese, arriving Jan. 26. But he said plans were still being worked out concerning the pope's activities and the exact length of his stay. †

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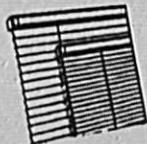
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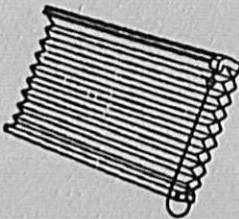
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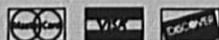


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