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Fathers Beidelman, Pondo complete 'awesome act of faith and hope'

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein ordains two men June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

By Margaret Nelson

ight hundred people spent part of a beautiful June 6 welcoming two men as priests for the archdiocese—25-year-old Patrick Beidelman and 38-year-old

Stanley Pondo.
Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein
thanked the families of the two deacons
for sharing their faith, as he began the June 6 ordination rites at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Robert and Patricia Beidelman are parents of Patrick.
Barbara Pondo Korba and Ronald Pondo, brother and sister of Stanley, represented their deceased parents.

The Rite of Ordination began with the

calling and presentation of the candi-dates. The assembly consented with

dates. The assembly consented with applause after the archbishop asked if they approved of their election as priests. "This morning we engage in an awesome act of faith and hope," said Archbishop Buechlein in his homily. He discussed three ideas about the priesthood. From the eyes of the secular world, the archbishop said, "A priest is a witness to mystery and so the identity of priest is rooted in faith." He said that, through Christ "the wictory has been won, but we Christ, "the victory has been won, but we cannot sidestep the centrality of the cross."

In a divided world, said Archbishop Buechlein, "a priest is the servant of communion in the faith of the Church

and in the charity of Jesus.

"In a world where so many people do not know Christ, the priest, in union with the bishop, is in service of the Church's mission to evangelize the world. The

priest is teacher in the person of Christ the teacher," the archbishop said.

Archbishop Buechlein explained that just last week during the ad limina visits of the U.S. bishops from this area, Pope John Paul II said, "Your first duty expired like my duty as higheral is to

as priests [like my unity be a minister of prayer."

"Prayer is the key to happiness in ministry, because it's the key to fidelity," the ministry, because it's the key to fidelity," the manhishop said.





Bishops to confront sex and violence in media

WASHINGTON (CNS)-At their spring meeting the U.S. Catholic bishops will be asked to condemn "pornography, excessive violence and other irresponsible of sex and violence in the media."

The means of social communication have "enormous power to shape humanity's des-tiny," says a proposed 27-page statement, "Renewing the Mind of the Media." When that power is misused to exploit

sex and violence, it demeans human dignity and harms "the moral and psychological health of both society as a whole and its individual members," the statement says.

It says the Internet, with its sex and hate sites, and the video game industry, with some brutally violent offerings, have joined the list of media which "influence young people and adults to engage in morally and socially destructive forms of behavior."

The media have such potential to bring

truth and beauty into the lives of billions that we cannot permit them to be the arena of those who would pervert God's gift of

the body and sexuality," it says.

The bishops are to hold their spring general meeting June 18-20 in Pittsburgh. They are scheduled to discuss and vote on the statement on sex and violence in the media

The statement is being proposed by the bishops' Committee for Communications, chaired by Bishop Robert N. Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla. It was written by the committee's Subcommittee on Standards and Policy, chaired by Auxiliary Bishop Michael R. Cote of Portland, Maine.

Subtitled "A Statement on Overcoming the Exploitation of Sex and Violence in Communications," the document stresses that the media are not the only ones responsible for the problem.

*Consumers of media also share the blame," it says. "Those who freely choose to support the industries which purvey pomography and graphic violence have responsibility not only for themselves but for others. ... Many more consumers fail to speak out about the lesser but still offensive examples of sexually explicit or vio-lent material they come across every day in mainstream media."

The statement says that "government too bears some responsibility." While it rejects the idea of "government censorship across a broad range of media," it urges a reversal of the deregulation trend, arguing that covernment has a legitimate role. government has a legitimate role within constitutional limits, in regulating media, protecting consumer rights and promoting media self-regulation.

It says repeated exposure to pomography

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can make people "morally numb" and undermine their respect for the sacredness of marriage and family life.

The pleasure it gives is offered as a substitute for genuine intimacy," resulting in "a disconnection from oneself and from others," it says.

The proposed statement cites three levels of concern about sex and violence in the media.

The first level (regarding sex) is pornography itself, which denies the dignity which God gives each human being," it says. It describes this as the area of material falling under legal definitions of obscenity, which can be prohibited, and indecency, which can be "regulated in

some manner, at least to restrict access to minors."

It says the next level is so-called "soft core" or "erotic" pornography. It expresses concern about efforts by performers and producers to push the "customary standards" of the entertainment media. It deplores increased profanity, nudity and sexual explicitness in broadcast and cable TV and the broadening of the R rating in films to include materials that formerly would have been X-rated.

"A third level of concern," it says, is the "pervasively present" portrayal of sex "in a frivolous and titillating manner" in movies, in broadcast and cable TV, on radio and TV talk shows, in print media.

The statement addresses a "special word" to media business leaders. "We ask them to re-appropriate a sense of acting in the public interest," it says. "The media today of acting in the public interest," it says. "The media today seem to define themselves almost totally in business terms. With their culture-forming impact, the media must consider whether it is acceptable to justify their choices solely on market success and profitability for stock holders while avoiding questions about their responsibility for the moral content of their products."

The statement asks those in the "creative community" who are concerned about the impact of media on culture to engage in dialogue with the Church, "which has always taken seriously the influence of the arts."

The statement concludes with two appendixes:

A series of practical steps for dioceses, parishes, families, Catholic educators, media professionals, government and individuals to address the issues of sex and violence in the

A policy statement on legislative and judicial principles for appropriate government involvement in regulating media content, promoting media self-regulation, and assisting parents in protecting their children from objectionable material.

Approval of the statement will require a two-thirds vote of the bishops present and voting at the Pittsburgh meeting. †



In the rectory of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein congratulates Fathers Patrick Beidelman (left) and Stanley Pondo after their ordinations.

"My brothers," he told the ordinands, "by yourself alone you could never live the simple life of the Gospel as Jesus did. But by the unique grace of this sacrament, with

The archbishop told the ordinands, "Your first duty as witness to mystery, in service to the unity of the faith and the communion of love is to pray

"If you do, everything will be OK," said Archbishop Buechlein. "Please God, may it be so."

After his homily, the archbishop asked a few questions in an examination of the candidates. Then each man made a Promise of Obedience. As a sign of this obedience, they remained prostrate on the floor as the assembly sang the Litany of the Saints.

During the Laying on of Hands, Archbishop Buechlein said the prayer of consecration. All the priests of the pres-

byterate—along with priestly friends and teachers—filed by the two ordinands, placing their hands on their heads. Mentors of the two new priests helped during their Investiture with Stole and Chasuble. Father William Munshower and Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis assisted Father Pondo. Fathers Joseph Riedman and

Lawrence Richardt aided Father Beidelman. Next, the men approached the archbishop for the Anointing of Hands. Later, the prelate symbolically presented a chalice and paten to each.

After Archbishop Buechlein hugged the two new priests during the Kiss of Peace, the other priests welcomed them to the presbyterate, as well.

When they brought the gifts forward for the Preparation

of the Altar, Fathers Beidelman and Pondo-for the first

time as priests-embraced their family members.

Then the two stood behind the altar—joining their fel-low clergy in the sanctuary area—and concelebrated the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Archbishop Buechlein.

The archbishop invited those present to attend a recep-tion in honor of the newly-ordained at the Assembly Hall of the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center

Finally, Archbishop Buechlein asked Fathers Beidelman and Pondo to join him in blessing the assembly. †

Correction

An advertisement in the June 5 issue of The Criterion did not designate Cathedral High School graduate Toni Marie Thompson as a graduate with honors. Thompson graduated from Cathedral's Class of 1998 with honors.

Official Appointments

Effective July 1, 1998

Rev. Patrick Beidelman, ordained to the priesthood June 6, appointed part-time associate pastor of St. Monica, Indianapolis, and part-time chaplain of Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, Indianapolis.

Rev. Stan Pondo, ordained to the priesthood June 6, appointed associate pastor of St. Malachy, Brownsburg.

Rev. Joseph Villa, currently completing post-graduate studies in Rome, appointed associate pastor of St. Barnabas, Indianapolis.

These appointments are from the office of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis.

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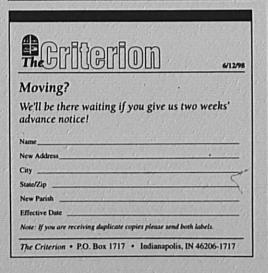
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St. Francis announces possible partnership

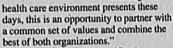
CEO: Hospital facilities 'will remain Catholic in every sense of the word'

St. Francis Hospital and Community Hospitals Indianapolis announced a possi-ble partnership last week that both governboards say could offer an improved health care presence in central Indiana.

But the partnership is not a done deal yet, said Robert J. Brody, chief executive officer of St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, which is part of a nine-hospital system owned by the Poor Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, Ind. A number of issues must

be worked out boards of each institution. "We feel very comfortable that

both organizations would benefit considerably by establishing a long-term rela-tionship," Brody said. "With the challenge the



Brody could not be specific about cur-rent negotiations, but he said among the issues not up for compromise are contraception measures and sanctity of life issues such as abortion and euthanasia. Although Community has not performed

abortions since 1992, Brody said that both institutions will retain a special reserved power to control their own mission and

'I can assure you that our Catholic facilities will remain Catholic in every sense of the word," he said. "Our sisters will protect our Catholic heritage and identity as it pertains to those services delivered in our Catholic facilities.'

Prospects of the local collaboration have been in discussion since hospital mergers began sprouting up across the country several years ago. This current partnership comes just two years after the failed alliance between Community and St. Vincent Hospital, the other Catholic health care institution serving central

It wasn't until last fall that serious proposals between St. Francis and Community were put on the table. The primary motivation behind the merger-like deal is to lower the costs of health care services and provide accessible, high quality patient care. According to William E. Corley, chief executive officer of Community Hospitals, patients will not see much of a change, except that they will have more access points to get service.

"In our discussions during the past months, it was clear that the visions, missions and values of Community and St. Francis were not only compatible but almost parallel in their shared commitment atmost parallel in their shaled community to patients and the health of the community at large," said Corley, "We believe that our future together is destined for success." Brody said that there is a real threat, in

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St. Francis Hospital's main facility in Beech Grove is one of the Institutions's two campuses be affected by a possible partnership with Community Hospitals Indianapolis.

Indianapolis and other cities across the country, of health care providers losing their place in the marketplace. But with this potential arrangement between St. Francis and Community, Indianapolis could have three very strong health care

could have three very strong health care delivery systems, he said.

"If we are successful in bringing this partnership to fruition, and that's a big if," said Brody, "we will have assured our community of three strong health care delivery systems, two of which will have a strong Catholic influence. This is also an opportunity for St. Francis to be assured of a long-term presence in this marketplace." a long-term presence in this marketplace.

St. Francis currently operates two cam-puses, each boasting 24-hour emergency services and prompt-care programs for minor emergencies. Its main facility in Beech Grove has 540 beds.

Community has three hospitals located in Indianapolis and one in Anderson. The network is licensed for 1,386 beds.

If this newest hospital marriage is successful, the company would be governed by a single board of directors with equal representation from both systems on the board. Brody would become the chief operating officer and executive vice presi-dent, and Corley would become the company's president and CEO. Financial assets would remain separate and each organization would retain its own govern ing board for issues that are institutionally specific.
The St. Francis-Community alliance

still has to get the final go-ahead from regulators at the Internal Revenue Service and Justice Department. Brody and Corley said they expect to hear from those agencies during the next two months. Final details of the proposed partnership will follow and are expected to be approved by both hospital boards this fall. †

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



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Answering the call "Through their voices, God has spoken!"

Russell Zint first experienced the profound love of a Christian com-munity in the confirmation program at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. He St. Monica Parish in Hudianpolis, rie-continued his involvement in youth ministry after enrolling at Purdue but quickly discovered that he felt far greater joy in Sunday liturgies than in his engineering classes.

"The seminary has allowed me to finish my transition into adulthood with firm roots in prayer and liturgy. I thank God for the outpouring of love and encouragement from the many good men and women of the archdiocese who called me to ministry. It was through their voices that He has spoken."

Every day, Catholic men and women like Russell respond to God's call in faith and humility. Please support their devotion and vocations inyour actions and prayers. And if you believe God may be reaching out to you, call Father Paul Etienne at 317 236-1490 for information about vocations.



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Editorial

Let's spare no effort to end nuclear tests

Now that India and Pakistan have revived the nuclear arms race, it's time to focus attention, once again, on Church teaching on nuclear war. The
Catechism of the Catholic Church

(#2314) states it simply by quoting from
the teaching of the Second Vatican
Council: "Every act of war directed to
the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal condemna-tion." (Gaudium et Spes, Constitution of the Church in the Modem World, #80)

The Church also teaches that the arms race is not an appropriate or effec-tive deterrent to war. In fact, according to the catechism, "The arms race does not ensure peace. Far from eliminating the causes of war, it risks aggravating them. Spending enormous sums of money to produce ever new types of weapons impedes efforts to aid needy populations; it thwarts the development of peoples. Over-armament multiplies reasons for conflicts and income. or peoples, Over-armament multiplies reasons for conflicts and increases the danger of escalation." (#2315)

The nuclear tests recently conducted in India and Pakistan must be viewed as

in India and Pakistan must be viewed as threats to the peace and security of all nations. They are not simply defensive strategies being developed by two maturing nations who are both determined to avoid the possibility of nuclear war. The world has been down this path before. During the so-called Cold War period, in the name of peace, the United States and the Soviet Union each developed increasingly powerful weapons of mass destruction. Each side said it was com-

mitted to avoiding nuclear war at all costs, but the means chosen to achieve this laudable end were truly horrible.

The Church opposed the nuclear arms race then, and it most emphatical-

ly opposes it now.

Ever since the first atom bombs were Ever since the first atom bombs were developed, and the world witnessed their terrifying power at Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II, the popes and bishops of our Church have raised their voices in protest. They have also pledged themselves to "spare no effort in order to work for the moment when all war will be completely outlawed by international agreement." (Gaudium et Spes, #82)

It's time to renew this pledge by inviting every member of the Catholic community, and people of good will everywhere, to condemn the possession and use of all weapons of mass destruction. "Insofar as men are sinners," the Church teaches, "the threat of war

Church teaches, "the threat of war hangs over them and will continue until Christ comes again; but insofar as they can vanquish sin by coming together in charity, violence itself will be van-quished and these words will be ful-filled: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into prun-ing hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Gaudium et Spes, 70; Isaiah 2:4) †

- Daniel Conway

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

Some reactions to chapel decision surprising

t has been some time since the firestorm over the removal of the old St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross/St. Joseph Cemetery in south Indianapolis. The reaction followed the decision of the archdiocese to forgo the restoration of the historic chapel in favor of replacing it with a shrine to St. Joseph and a mausoleum.

I have been taken to task publicly in a variety of ways, and some folks have urged me to respond. This column will be the end of my part in the controversy. First, as my brother remarked to me

on the phone, letters to the editor (including those in The Criterion) "miss the point of what is going on." What is the point? The current chapel is too small and the cemetery is full. By replacing the chapel with a new 400crypt mausoleum dedicated to St. Joseph, we preserve a sense of our history while making the cemetery available to many more Catholic families.

The issue is understandably an emotional one, but some of the reaction is nonetheless surprising. Frankly, I wish there were as much reaction to such grave societal issues as the United States president's veto of the proposed ban on partial-birth abortion or to the creeping darkness of so-called assisted suicide in our country. I wish there were as much reaction marshaled to address the frightening increase of violence in our cities and towns. I wish there were as much concern over the demise of the family and the sacredness of marriage

Yet I understand the letter to the editor of The Indianapolis Star by a board member of the Indiana German Heritage Society, who wrote, "Buechlein might ask why the concern with the chapel when there are so many other pressing problems in the world. It may be because the continuous existence over many years of such a build-ing in the face of those seemingly intractable problems gives a sense of roots, belonging and hope.'

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis spends millions of dollars annually (more than any other nongovernmental entity) to preserve the oldest and most historic churches and buildings as vessels of hope in the state of Indiana. Indeed, the Church and preservationists, whose mission I respect, share a common value and concern. Is there any entity that has done and does more to preserve the historical patrimony of various cultures throughout the world than the Catholic Church? It is disappointing that in the criticism about the chapel decision there wasn't a nod to acknowledge the role of our Church in historical preservation. Disagreeing with a decision is one thing, but fair is still fair. s for the suggestion by one or another letter writer that the archdiois downsizing, I thought of an old them saw: "That rock won't roll!" A mausoleum, new parishes, new ools, a massive spiritual renewal evangelization program for a grow Catholic population as well as a e capital and endowment campaign peak for themselves. We are grow ing not downsizing.

I am pleased that members of various historical preservation societies read this Catholic weekly. Apparently journalists at The Indianapolis Star do too, but I am dismayed at the continuing unevenness with which The Indianapolis Star reports on religious issues. While it is not unusual for members of the news media to quote selectively in their interpretation of the news, I found it difficult to believe what The Indianapolis Star and News did to my Criterion column concerning the complex cemetery chapel situation. How does one justify the excerpted quotation from my column in The Criterion ("People who know me well know that I don't take kindly to public protests, organized petitions and letterwriting campaigns") without reference to the context, indeed the fundamental message, of the text, namely, that I was making a difficult decision after careful consultation with various groups of advisers? This is especially unfortunate since the story was picked up by the Associated Press and read by people who have no access to the full text of my column in our Catholic weekly. We can only redouble our efforts to work for better media relations and a greater understanding of religion in general and the Catholic faith in particular.

I apologize that my column could be construed so as to portray me as a declared autocrat. Standing on its own, out of context, the excerpted quotation lent itself to that interpretation. (One angry letter writer called me "Hitler.") Still, a fair interpretation of my text would have indicated my clear under-standing that I am obliged to consult, that indeed I do so, and that I do so continually. I am not closed to new or different ideas. But then decisions have to be made, sometimes unhappy ones. It is hardly possible to correct the mistaken impression left by my excerpted remarks. I am sorry for the misunderstanding.

On the other hand, as one of the many Catholics who respected my dif-ficult decision said to me, "In the end, we only have to please the Lord." That pretty well puts things in a perspective for which I am grateful. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for June

Religious Women: that their love of God and the religious charism may be widely appreciated and encouraged

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



Algunas reacciones a la decisión de la capilla sorprendentes

n poco de tiempo ha pasado desde la controversia relativa a la eliminación de la vieja Capilla del San José en el cementerio Holy Cross/St Joseph en el sur del Indianápolis. La reacción siguió la decisión de la archidiócesis de abandonar la restauración de la capilla histórica a favor de reemplazarla con un lugar sangrado dedica-

do al San José y un mausoleo. El público me ha criticado de muchas maneras, y algunas personas me han insta-do que yo responda. Con esta columna concluiré mi parte en la controversia.

Primero, como mi hermano me comen-tó por teléfono, las cartas al director (incluyendo aquéllas en El Criterion) "no entiendo el punto de lo que está pasando". ¿Cuál es el punto? La capilla actual es demasiado pequeña y el cementerio está lleno. Reemplazando la capilla con un nuevo mausoleo de 400 criptas dedicado al San José, conservamos un sentido de nuestra historia y a la vez el cementerio será disponible a más familias católicas.

ralmente el problema es emocional, sin embargo parte de la reacción es sorprendente. Francamente, deseo que hubiera tanta reacción a los graves problemas sociales como el veto del presidente de Estados Unidos sobre la prohibición opuesta del aborto de nacimiento parcial o de la tragedia que se llama "suicidio ayudado" en nuestro país. Deseo que hubiera tanta reacción masiva para combatir el aumento aterrador de violencia en nuestras ciudades y pueblos. Deseo que hubiera tanta preocupación sobre el fallec-imiento de la familia y la santidad del matrimonio en nuestra sociedad.

De todos modos, entiendo la carta a director en el diario The Indianapolis Star, la cual fue escrita por un miembro de la junta de la Sociedad de Herencia Alemana de Indiana quien escribió "Buechlein debería preguntar por qué hay tanta pre-ocupación con la capilla cuando existen tantos otros problemas urgentes en el mundo. Puede ser porque la existencia continua durante muchos años de tal edificio ante aquéllos problemas, aparente mente insolubles, da un sentido de raíces, pertenencia y esperanza". La Archidiócesis de Indianapolis gasta

millones de dólares anualmente (más que cualquier otra entidad del no gubernamental) para conservar las iglesias y edificios más viejos y históricos como ejemplo de la esperanza en el estado de Indiana. De hecho, la Iglesia y los preservacionalistas, hecho, la Iglesia y los preservacionalistas, cuya misión respeto, compartan un valor y preocupación comun. ¿Hay cualquier enti-dad que hace y ha hecho más para conser-var el patrimonio histórico de varias culturas en todas partes del mundo que la Iglesia Católica? Es triste que en la crítica sobre la decisión de la capilla no hubiera un reconocimiento del papel de nuestra Iglesia en la preservación histórica. Estar en desacuerdo con una decisión es un en desacuerdo con una decisión es un asunto, pero es importante de ser justo.

En cuanto a la sugerencia por un escritor a archidiócesis está haciendo recorte supuestarios, recordé un viejo refrán del "Esa piedra no rodará!" Un nuevo mauo, nuevas parroquias, nuevas escuelas, una renovación espiritual y un programa de evangelización para una población creciente católica, y también una campaña grande de ital y dotación son muy buenos ejemplos estro trabajo. Estamos creciendo, no duciendo instalaciones.

Estoy contento que los miembros de varias sociedades de preservación histórica lean este semanario católico. Por lo visto, los periodistas de The Indianapolis Star lo leen también, pero me desanimo con la cobertura desigual continuo con que The Indianapolis Star informa los asuntos religiosos. Aunque no es raro que los miembros de los medios de comunicación citen selectivamente en su interpretación de las noticias, lo encontré difícil creer como The Indianapolis Star and News manipuló mi columna de The Criterion acerca de la compleja situación de la capilla del cementerio. ¿Cómo uno justifica la cita tomada de mi columna en The Criterion ("las personas que me conocen bien saben que no me gustan mucho las protestas públicas, peticiones organizadas ni las campañas de escribir cartas") sin referencia al contexto. En realidad, el mensaje fundamental del texto fue que yo estaba tomando una decisión difícil después de cuidadosa consultación con varios grupos de consejeros. Esto es especialmente infortunado ya que el artículo fue recogido por la Prensa Asociada y fue leído por personas que no tienen acceso al texto lleno de mi columna de nuestro semanario católico. Solamente podemos reduplicar nuestros esfuerzos de trabajar para mejores relaciones con los medios de comunicación y una mejor com-prensión de la religión y la fe católica en particular.

Me disculpo que mi columna se tradujo para retratarme como un autócrata declarado. Escrito aparte y fuera de contexto, el extracto fue apto para ser traducido así. (El escritor de una carta enfadada me llamó "Hitler".) No obstante, una interpretación justa de mi texto hubiera indicado mi claro entendiendo que estoy obligado a consultar con los demás, y también que lo hago, y que lo hago continua-mente. No me cierro a las nuevas o diferentes ideas. Pero hay decisiones que hay que tomar, a veces las mismas son difíciles. Es casi imposible de corregir la impresión equivocada causada por mis comentarios del extracto: Siento por la

equivocación.

Por otro lado, como una persona, de muchos católicos que respetaron mi decisión difícil, él me dijo, "En el fin, ten-emos sólo que agradar al Señor". Ese comentario pone todo en una perspectiva que agradezco. †

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para junio.

Mujeres Religiosas: Que su amor por Dios y carisma religioso sean apreciados y alentados por todas partes.

Letters to the Editor

Disagrees with editorial's view on guns

I find it ironic that you could espouse in your May 29 editorial by William R. Bruns limiting the right to keep and bear arms, our Constitution's Second Amendment. This is a publication that is protected by the First Amendment!

As a religious newspaper, taking advantage of both freedom of religion and freedom of the press, I would hope that you could respect the entire Bill of Rights our country has been blessed with-even the rights you choose not to

exercise yourself.

If we encourage the elimination of the constitutional rights of others today, how can we complain when someone wants to eliminate our constitutional right to publish a Catholic paper tomorrow?

Mike Kline

Acknowledge life of child before it lives outside womb

I want to tell the world how proud my husband and I are of our daughter and her husband. They did something most people, young or old, don't do today acknowledge the life of a child at con-ception and before it is old enough to live outside the protection of the mother's womb. God gave them this child in February, and let it be a part of our lives just a short time after Mother's Day this year. He then took it back, as was his plan all along. Although we don't always

understand why, now one day we will. Now comes the part where we are so proud of them. The baby was a small, little one, no bigger than my hand, with tiny little fingers and toes and all. This was not a "blob of tissue" as some would try to make us believe, but truly a child and a gift from God that deserves to be treated as such. My daughter and her husband asked to give him a proper bur-ial. (Did you know the "normal" procedure is to send them to a lab, incinerate or discard them with the refuse?)

One day God will ask us "Why? What will be our answer? They had no idea what they would go through to get control over what would happen to this little child, nor did they know the details and different people who would be involved in this decision. It's amazing to me how twisted the government works, sometimes

When the funeral director came to take away the baby for cremation, he told them, "This is the first time in my 30 years, I've taken one so tiny to the internment." Can you believe this? I was shocked and saddened for all the many babies who would be so ill-treated.

Imagine, no one prior to this, thought to have a proper burial! Why do we do this? Is it because we didn't hear the baby cry, babble or laugh? Does that make it any easier to let it go? Absolutely not! God hears its cries, babbles and laughs. If you ask these two young parents if this life will ever be forgotten, they will tell you a loud, "no," and also, that "it" has a name. His name is Jeffrey Michael

Now, can you, mothers and fathers of unborn/stillborn babies say the same, or will you find excuses for treating it otherwise? Look up the word "excuse" and remember: God gives life, and he has the right to take it. He will also forgive when we try to do his job, and he asks us "Why?"

I thank you, God, for loving parents who trust you to know what's best for

Robert & Alma Landry, loving grandparents of Jeffrey Michael David Kennedy

Appreciates Food For The Poor coverage

I recently read Mary Ann Wyand's powerful and in-depth articles in The Criterion about El Salvador's poor and the missionaries who serve them in Christ's name. I'm writing to thank you for this prominent coverage of Food For The Poor's work in this beautiful region.

The entire staff at Food For The Poor was deeply moved by Wyand's perspec-tive of the situation. Combined with her dramatic photographs, these articles illu-minate the ministry of serving God by serving the "least of our brothers and sis-

Once again, many thanks to the entire staff of *The Criterion* for your sacrifice of being short-handed while Mary Ann was in El Salvador, and for your willingness to serve the poor through your

On behalf of the entire staff of Food For The Poor, the missionaries throughout the countries we serve, as well as all of God's indigent, I am forever grateful.

May Our Lord continue to bless your work

Robyn Lees Director of Community Relations Food For The Poor Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Dads in charge

From 1970 to 1990, single-parent families in the United States doubled from 6 percent to 12 percent of all households. Since 1990, an increasing percentage of one-parent households have just a father in charge.

In 1997:

- 28 percent of families with children under 18 were maintained by one parent.
- 17 percent of one-parent family groups are father-child family groups.
- 41 percent of mother-child family groups have a never-married mother.

Source: Census Bureou Reports: Household and Family Characteristics.



Check It Out . . .

Camp Healing Tree, a special weekend camp for grieving children and teen-agers, will be held this year from Aug. 28-30 at Jameson Camp, Inc., west of Indianapolis. According to the sponsoring organizations, "The camp is not designed as therapy but as an enjoyable way to gen tly teach coping skills and build self-esteem and trust." Children ages 7-17 are invited to participate. Camp Healing Tree is sponsored by Clarian Home Care Hospice, Odyssey HealthCare, St. Francis Hospice, and St. Vincent Hospice. Information: 317-388-2267.

Dan and Judy Hoyt of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis are seeking to form a group of people whose close relatives are members of religious orders or congregations or are lay missioners. They envision the group gathering a couple times each year to pray for each other and the religious in their families, to tell stories, to celebrate and to support each other. Those interested should call Dan Hoyt at 317-263-4832 or contact the archdiocesan Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 236-1490 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1490.

"Everywhere I Go, I See You!!", a camping retreat, will be held June 19-21 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana, Conventual Franciscan Father Kent Biergans is the presenter. Information: 812-923-8817

An explanation of the why's, what's, and how's of the annulment process will be offered from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 29 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. For more information, call the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries at 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586.

"Developing a Contemplative Attitude," the third annual Drawing from the Well Within retreat, will be held June 19-21 at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove. Mary Ann Wixted, an artist and educator, is the presenter. The cost is \$160 for residents and \$130 for commuters. A nonrefundable fee of \$30 is required with registration. Information: 317-788-7581.

The Terre Haute Deanery Adult Faith Formation Team and the Deanery Pastoral Center will show the film "Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story" at 6:30 p.m. June 14 at the St. Patrick Life Center (adjacent to St.

Patrick School). This is the life story of the

social activist and founder of the Catholic Worker movement. The film is not suitable for children under 14. Baby-sitting will be provided. Call the deanery center at 812-232-8400 for information and reservations.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers and Community Hospital South in Indianapolis will sponsor The American Heart Walk at 8:30 a.m. June 20 at Greenwood Middle School. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Information: Joe Sagorsky, 317-782-7993.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library will feature an exhibit of embroiderers by members of the Evansville Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America through June 30. The exhibit will include canvas work, blackwork, hardanger needleweaving, whitework, cross stitch, drawn work, quilts, wall hangings, pulled thread, stump work and forms of embroidery. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Crawford at 812-357-6501.

"The unfolding of the Paschal Mystery in our Lives: To Remember, to Celebrate, to Dream," a week-long preached retreat for women religious is scheduled June 21-26 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th Street in Indianapolis. Franciscan Father Jim Van Dom will be the presenter, †

Jane Lee, director of publications and graphics for the archdiocese, earned a second-place national award for best use of art or graphics on June 5 from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada. Her award-winning design illustrated Seek the Face of the Lord, a pastoral letter written by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and published in The Criterion last year. The judges praised Lee's "clean layout, good typography, first-rate artwork and excel-lent sustained use of it" in the four-page, black-and-white supplement. The award was announced during the Catholic Press Association's annual conference in New Orleans last week

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Morone, Jr. of Indianapolis will celebrate their 50th anniversary June 21. The couple was married at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. They have five children: Mike, Tom, Morone, Judy Nance, Terri Hupalo, and the late Mary Ann Morone. †



St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner John D. Short of Indianapolis has been honored with the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis' highest award— the Alumnus of the Year Award. The award is given annually

on the basis of service to the community and to the University of Notre Dame. †

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Batesville Deanery

St. Mary of the **Immaculate** Conception Aurora

Story by Susan Etter

Fast Fact:

In 1937, a flood struck Aurora. High water reached the Communion rail inside St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church. That Sunday Mass was celebrated on the second floor of the rectory for parishioners who made it to church.

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Stewardship, evangelization, spiritual renewal in full swing at St. Mary Parish, Aurora

AURORA—Spiritual renewal, evangelization and steward-ship will lead parishioners at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Aurora into the new millennium

Father Raymond E. Schafer, pastor, said the growth that is taking place in the parish dur-ing the Journey of Hope 2001 celebration will continue into the new millennium. For evangelization, the parish has a plan on "how to become peo-ple who reach out." The parish also is learning what it means to be a "true steward." And spiritual renewal is taking root at the Batesville Deanery

Father Raymond E. Schafer

"If the spirit is helping us, then it is going to work. Father Schafer said.

Sending letters to the inactive Catholics to invite them back to the Church has been a focus of the six-member evangelization committee for two years, said Marilyn Faber, a committee member. Parishioner Tom Schweitzer is the coordinator of the committee.

During Advent and Lent, the evangelization committee made white paper doves with names of inactive Catholics written on the back. The names were submit-

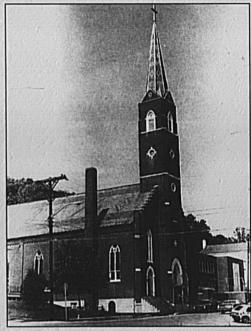
"After each Mass we had a prayer for the inactives stapled to our missal and Father (Schafer) would ask everybody to turn to our prayer and everybody prayed,"

Faber said she has noticed some people have come

back to church as a result of these efforts.
"We want to do what we can to bring Christ back in

their lives." Faber said.

Evangelization committee member Betty Tyler said arishioners were asked to bring in any religious items that they were not using. The items, including cruci-fixes, prayer cards, rosaries and religious statues, were



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Aurora

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School children at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Aurora take a few minutes from their studies to enjoy recess.

placed on a table at the parish's annual fall festival last year.

Spiritual renewal

Parishioner Mike Page said Father Al Laur from Presentation Ministries in Cincinnati came to the parish last fall to celebrate a healing Mass. Page said the Mass focused on total healing-

physical and spiritual.
"I think for most people who attended, it was a very moving spiritual experience," Page said.
"Magic things don't happen—spiritual things happen, healing happens."

The seven-member spiritual renewal commit-

tee, headed by parishioner Kathy Mattingly, has

served the parish for one year.

"Spiritual renewal is not quite like organizing a festival or building a garage; it was something the committee spent quite a bit of time getting their arms around," said Page, a committee

Page said one opportunity the spiritual renewal committee has offered to the parish is a resource book sale. The books are sold to the parishioners at cost and cover various subjects, from Thomas Merton to the rosary.

"The committee has also picked up the ball on establishing a parish resource center," Page said.

Stewardship committee

Minutes for Ministry" is a focus of the stewardship committee currently at St. Mary Parish.
Tony Vincent, who serves on the committee,

said the program includes people from various parish groups, who briefly speak to parishioners after Masses.

Committee members also are working on a Festival of Ministries to showcase the different groups in the parish in which parishioner can get involved.

"I don't think people realize how many different groups we have in the parish—we have more than 100 little groups," Vincent said. †

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora

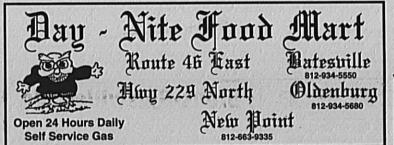
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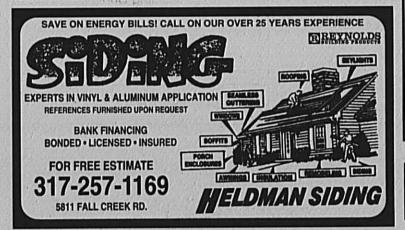
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Roncalli receives rare second Blue Ribbon

Roncalli High School in Indianapolis has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence for the second time.

The Blue Ribbon award is the nation's highest honor presented to grade schools and high schools.

Roncalli is among 166 public and private secondary schools nationwide chosen for the 1997-98 awards, which will be presented in Washington, D.C., later this year.

The Indianapolis South Deanery inter-parochial high school was the only Catholic high school in Indiana to receive the award this year and only the third high school in Indiana—public or pri-vate—to earn the award twice. Roncalli's first national honor for continuing excellence in secondary education was awarded for the 1992-93 school year.

To earn the award, schools must demonstrate high student retention and graduation rates, challenging standards and curriculum, excellent teaching and student performance, and ongoing family

and community partnerships.
"These schools prove that teamwork, commitment and hard work among parents, teachers, administrators and students can lead to outstanding achievements," U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley of Washington said recently when he announced the award recipients.

In summarizing the decision, the national review panel stated that, "Since receiving the previous award, Roncalli has enriched and extended its programs through a \$3.5 million capital campaign. It has realized its goal of building the facilities to incorporate increasing enroll-ment, acquiring technology, and training its teachers to use the technology to add innovation to all subject areas

The review panel also cited Roncalli's "service learning and special needs programs that serve a very significant pro-portion of the students," and noted its "collaboration with feeder schools and universities throughout the state ensure that Roncalli is a dynamic contributor to the region's academic community."

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and acting secretary of Catholic Education, said the Roncalli family has a long, proud tradition

"Sacred Heart High School, Sacred Heart Central, Kennedy High School and Bishop Chartrand have all combined to become what we know now as Roncalli," Msgr Schaedel said. "This award again recognizes the excellent work being done by the leadership and staff at Roncalli ... in providing solid Catholic education well suited to our day.

Roncalli President Joseph Hollowell said the national honor acknowledges "academic excellence and exemplary community involvement" and "recognizes the depth of commitment the Roncalli community has made to the spiritual and intellec-tual formation of our students."

Hollowell also expressed thanks for "broad support" from the archdiocese. "Since our previous recognition," he

said, "we were able to show quantum leaps in terms of strategic planning, school governance issues and development, all efforts spearheaded by arch-diocesan leadership. I'm especially thankful for the leadership of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and his staff in

assisting our entire community."
Principal Chuck Weisenbach added his praise for the efforts of students and teachers, who "have worked with great energy and a spirit of cooperation through a time of explosive growth and change." G. Joseph Peters, associate executive

director of Catholic education for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, served as a Blue Ribbon Schools Program site visitor at three Catholic high schools evaluated in other states this spring.

"The bar was raised this year," Peters said, "and only 39 percent of those high

schools nominated were chosen for the site visit. Those schools that received the award are truly among the chosen few the best schools in the country.'

Peters said the criteria for a second Blue Ribbon award include a special focus on educational assessment results, sustained growth and significant improvements in all areas.

Four other Catholic schools in the archdiocese have been honored with this distinguished national education award in past years. They are St. Jude, St. Lawrence and St. Mark elementary schools and Cathedral High School, all located in Indianapolis. †

Youth festival to encourage teens to focus on chastity message

Garfield Park in Indianapolis is the site of the first annual Indy YouthFest on June 20, and organizers hope the event attracts thousands of central Indiana teen-agers of all faith traditions to celebrate its "Pure for Jesus" chastity theme.

YouthFest activities begin at 10 a.m. and include Christian music, celebrity testimonials, food, and recreational opportunities like velcro games and a bungee run. The festival ends at 10:30 p.m. Organizers said YouthFest is designed

to focus young people's attention on the importance of remaining sexually pure until marriage.

Audio Adrenaline, Smalltown Poets, Agape, Reality Check and other Christian bands and vocalists will perform on the Garfield Park stage throughout the day.

The event began five years ago in Bloomington and has been so successful there that organizers decided to schedule a second YouthFest in Indianapolis

YouthFest has been endorsed by the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who sent a postcard to Bloomington organizers several years ago urging teen-agers to "make of your life something beautiful for God" and wait until marriage to experience "the joy of a pure love."

Tickets are available at Indianapolis

area Christian bookstores and are \$12 in advance for groups of eight or more teens and \$15 for individuals. Same-day tickets are \$20 each at the gate. For information, call Indy YouthFest at 800-775-9395 or Christian Happenings at 800-521-0290. †

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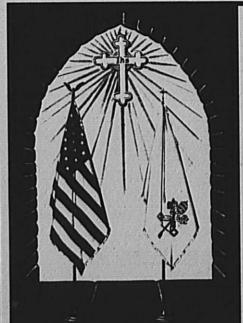
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All announcements with photos must be received by Thursday, July 16, 1998, 10 a.m. (No photos can be accepted after this date). All announcements without photos must be received by the same date.

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Borse - Wheat Christina Lynne Burse and Christopher John Wheat will be married Aug. 22 at St. Manthew, Indianapolis. The better is the daughter of Jim and Sally Borne. The grocess in the son of Chris and Backly Wheat.

Japanese teacher finds U.S. culture at St. Rita

Tsukihashi Yoshiko came from her Japanese homeland to St. Rita School in Indianapolis last October.

She wanted to be part of the cultural exchange program to understand American ideas, behavior and "a sense of

"I wanted to know the difference between the countries," said Yoshiko.

The school pays nothing. Her housing is provided by Joseph Schafer and his wife. He is the administrator of religious

education for the parish.

"I have a very good time," she said, explaining that she is learning many things as she teaches the kindergarten through eighth-grade classes.

When Yoshiko returns to Japan next month, "I have to find a job. I want to help teach English," said the college graduate.

Yoshiko didn't hesitate when asked what was the most fun in the U.S. "Food!" she said, with a big smile. French fries and chili are her favorites. †

'Crash Course in Catholicism' at St. Matthew Parish welcomes all

theme of the archdiocesan Journey of Hope 2001 celebration, St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis is offering "A Crash Course in Catholicism."

The summer mini-course is open to everyone-Catholics, non-Catholics or Catholics who have been away from the Church—in or outside of the archdiocese.

Sessions are offered on Tuesday evenings in June, Thursday mornings in July, and Wednesday evenings in August. The two-hour morning meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.;

the evening meetings begin at 7 p.m. Presenters include archdiocesan and parish leadership: Sherie Berg, Office of Worship; David Bethuram, Office of Youth and Family Life; Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen, evangelization coordinator; Sheila Gilbert, director of religious educa-tion and coordinator of ministries at St. Matthew; and Robert Meaney, associate director of religious education for the Office of Catholic Education.

The first session of each month, June 9, July 9 or Aug. 5, will feature "What



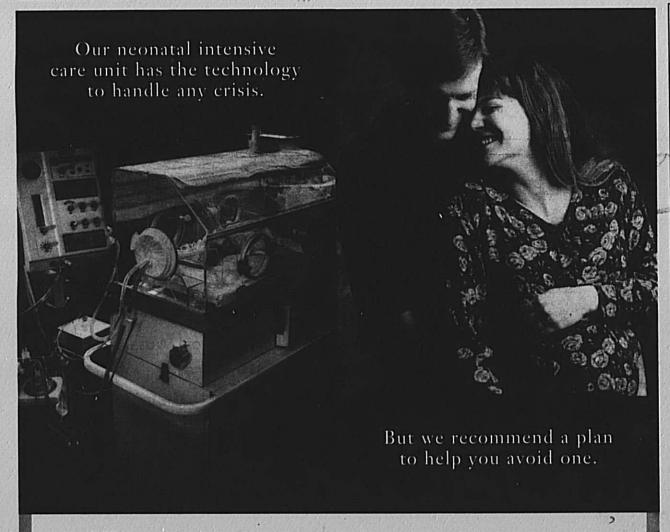
Tsukihashi Yoshiko of Japan uses picture cards to teach Japanese to first graders at St. Rita School in Indianapolis, She is in the U.S. on a cultural exchange program.

We Believe-the Catholic Creed." Session two, "How We Worship—Liturgy and Sacraments," will be on June 16, July 16 or Aug. 12.

The third session, "How We Live-the Moral Life," will be held on June 23, July 23 or Aug. 19. And the final session will be on June 30, July 30 or Aug. 26, to cover "Relationship With God-Prayer and Spirituality.'

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The seminarians studying for the arch-diocese will have special assignments for the summer. Some will be in parish ministry ministries, some in clinical pastoral educational programs (CPE) and some in additional studies.

Fourth-year theology students Deacon Richard Eldred, Deacon Darvin Winters, Joseph Brown and Bill Ehalt are scheduled to be ordained on June 5, 1999.

Three will serve in Indianapolis parishes: Rev. Brown at St. Lawrence, Rev. Eldred at Our Lady of Lourdes, and Rev. Winters at St. Matthew. Rev. Ehalt will minister at St. Bartholomew Parish in

Third theology student Larry Borders

will work on his CPE at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, while living at Christ the King Parish. Harold Rightor will work on the same program at the Indiana University-Methodist Hospital group, staying at St. John the Evangelist, Indianapolis. Russell Zint will finish his pastoral year at St. Luke, Indianapolis.

Second theology students: Steve Dabrowski, St. Michael, Indianapolis; Robert Hausladen, American Martyrs, Scottsburg; C. Ryan McCarthy, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis. Robin Gaynor and Eric Johnson will take the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Indianapolis assignments for first theol-

ogy students include Joseph Feltz, St. Pius X; John McCaslin, Holy Angels; Todd Goodson, Little Flower. Robert Hankee will be studying at Saint Meinrad this summer and Christiaan Kappes and Justin Martin

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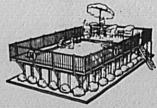
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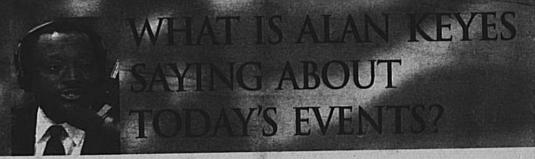
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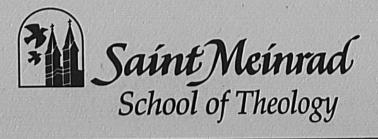
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Mourning recognizes the end of familiar rituals

By Fr. John Crossin, O.S.F.S.

Certain rituals surround death.

A visit to the funeral home, the Mass of the Resurrection, cards of condolence gifts of flowers, donations to charity and visits to the cemetery are some ways we express our grief.

The most striking ritual I have ever witnessed occurred when I was a young On one sweltering summer day, the associate pastor asked me to perform the cemetery rites for the first time because he was needed to celebrate another funeral Mass at the parish church.

I was quite nervous in performing these rites for a family I didn't really

In the middle of the ceremony, and to e quite unexpectedly, three wailing relatives came forward and threw themselves on the coffin. After a few min-utes-which seemed an eternity-they faded back into the crowd of mourners at the burial site.

My reserved Irish-German upbringing hadn't prepared me for this!

Later, on the drive back to the church, the funeral director, a distant relative of the deceased woman, explained this ritual

In a matter-of-fact manner, he told me that two of these women relatives were sincere in their mourning, but that the third woman felt "she had to throw her-self on the casket" for propriety's sake. I found his detached analysis as upset-

ting as the actual event. I had a lot to learn about funeral rituals

and even more about mourning.

Various cultures have different ways of expressing their grief.

In some European countries, for example people make a habit of

visiting the cemetery on All Souls Day in November to pray for and celebrate the lives of their deceased relatives. Thus mourning is expressed publicly in culture and ritual.

The time of mourning is also a time when certain familiar rituals end. Many small rituals cease with the death of someone we love. The breakfasts together, the walks, the sporting events and the family gatherings that we shared now become history.

These "little things" which make up the texture of daily life perhaps require the hardest adjustment on the part of those who mourn. It can take a year or even several years to come to terms with this.

Mourning takes time. We cannot rush We may "know the steps" intellectually, but we have to live through them. For we are deeply emotional people, and our deepest emotions take time to heal.

Furthermore, each person is unique. We respond to grief in very different ways. So the healing cycle is deeply per-

As I understand it, mourning is a natural human process. This healing process passes through a variety of stages such as denial and anger before arriving at a sense of peace.

There is a lot of back-and-forth transition between our weeping and taking up a new life. Only slowly does a resolution

St. Jane de Chantal (1572-1641), grieving over the death of her husband in a hunting accident, only gradually came to accept the loss. Her anguish was so great that for a number of years she had trouble speaking to the man whose gun had misfired. Later they were completely reconciled.

In this process of reconciliation, the support of others is important. We need others to be with us.

I will always remember the story a friend of my parents told about my boy-hood pastor, Father Dougherty. He was a good-hearted man, thought to be saintly by many parishioners. Yet he was a man

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of few words.
Once Father Dougherty came to the friend's house to express his condolences at the time of a death in the family. But the priest had few words to say. The mourners had to think of things to say to him when he decided to stay awhile!

Focusing on someone else most probably did them good. They knew Father's heart was in the right place and that he would do anything for them, though he

would do anything for them, though he was almost speechless.

We need the Pather Doughertys of this world to listen and to be present to us.

The presence of people who care and who will listen to us is vital in the healing process. Talking out our grief can be very therapeutic. We need to "visit our painful places" in the presence of others in order to mourn our loss. Actually, others really need to say very little. The blessing to us need to say very little. The blessing to us

is in their presence.

As people of faith, we take our mourning to prayer. God is with us even when, in our distress, we sometimes don't feel that is so.

In mourning, we may have a multitude of words or prayers to say. Or we may have no words to say, only feeling able to sit mutely in God's presence. Our best prayer in grief may take the form simply

of being in the presence of God.

In time, God speaks words of peace to us. God blesses and comforts those who

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Discussion Point

Parishioners comfort mourners

This Week's Question

Those who mourn will be comforted, it is written. How did you or your parish comfort one who mourned?

"We have a bereavement committee that contacts the family a few weeks after the death and offers counseling or simply gives support. We also have a Stephen's Ministry, a lay ministry of parishioners who offer a more extensive support ministry. Then, if they need more in-depth counseling, they can come into our counseling center, where we employ two trained counselors, available on a sliding scale of pay." (Kay Moczygemba, San Antonio, Texas)

"We have a marvelous Befrienders Ministry for people who are mourning. It begins with a card and a telephone call after the bereavement. It's a one-on-one ministry; each befriender has a lot of training and also uses his or her own background as a resource. They

offer their friendship, becoming friends with the bereaved, and stay in contact with that person as long as they are needed." (Joann Callaway, San Jose, Calif.)

"At the parish, we provide several services: immediate grief counseling by the pastor, a Befrienders Ministry, which is a home visitation, listening ministry; we offer six weeks of classes every three months dealing with grief; and we have an ongoing peer ministry grief group in conjunction with the local hospital." (Will Schafer, Fort Dodge, Iowa)

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Have we become lax in our reverence for the Eucharist?

This Sunday is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, It's a good time



to examine our consciences to see if we have become lax in our reverence for the Eucharist. Do we remember to genuflect toward Jesus in the tabernacle? Do we bow in reverence after the elevation of

the body and blood of Christ during Mass? Do we become sloppy in our ter-minology and continue to refer to the body and blood of Christ as bread and wine after the consecration?

The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the greatest gift Jesus gave to us through his Church. Our reception of Communion unites us with God more intimately than any other way w experience until we share in his divinity in heaven. It's unfortunate that Communion can become so routine that we lose track of that fact.

Celebration of the Eucharist began in apostolic times. Well before the Gospels were written, St. Paul wrote to the Christians of Corinth about abuses of the Lord's Supper. He reminded them, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor 10:16).

Paul was the first biblical writer to describe the Last Supper. Later the evangelists Mark, Matthew and Luke

did so. Still later the Jerusalem Catecheses taught Christians: "Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, 'This is my blood,' who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood? Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood

It goes on to say, "His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and blood with him." This echoes St. Paul, who wrote, "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Cor 10:17)

No one had a greater devotion to the Eucharist than St. Thomas Aquinas. Among many other things, he wrote this, which the Church includes in the Office of Readings, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, for Sunday's feast: "Here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. ... Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his

Stories, Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.

The power of simple invitations

The Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association puts out a



newsletter that carries a regular feature called "Meet a Catholic Evan-gelizer." I was fascinated when the person in the March/April 1998 issue was a 14-yearold boy. He was a middle school stu-

dent who was into outdoor things like fishing, hunting and hiking. He also played the flute in the concert band.

He had long-time friend who had started asking him about what Catholics believe and what happened at Mass. He told his friend he couldn't answer his questions, but he should come to church and find out. So this other young man came to a Wednesday evening Mass and liked it. He started going regularly on Sundays with the first boy and his mother. He then persuaded his own mother to come, and they both entered the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process and joined the Church. The two boys still go to Mass together.

This story illustrates the fact that there is great power in a simple invita-tion. It also shows that we do not have to have all the answers to help another person check out the Church. But we do need to say, "Come along and see." Jesus models this approach for us

when the two disciples of John the Baptist come to him at the start of John's Gospel. Caught off guard by his question, "What do you want?" they blurt out, "Where do you live?" Jesus' reply was, "Come and see," The visit that followed resulted in lifelong disci-

There is a woman who is now a member of the evangelization team at her parish. But she worked in the rectory of parish. But she worked in the rectory of a Catholic parish for over 15 years before someone asked her, "Why aren't you a Catholic?" Her reply was, "Because no one ever asked me." And the comeback was, "Well, I'm asking you now." She entered the RCIA process and the Church and the Church.

There is yet another woman who now heads up her parish's team for outreach to inactive Catholics. She herself had been away from the church for some 17 years. She obviously returned to active membership, but she admits she would have been back a lot sooner if only someone had invited her.

And while we are at it, let us not forget to notice current parishioners who may be drifting way. Some start missing things and go on to leave because no one seems to care or even pay attention. It does not take a lot to ask, "I haven't seen you for a while. How's it going?"

When we hear stories like these, it all seems so easy. So why don't we ask and invite more often? I think one reason is that we are very anxious about possibly nagging or pressuring someone. Our bishops do tell us to propose the faith, but never impose it. It is never appropriate to force or manipulate. But a gentle invitation is fine, especially backed up with personal presence or companionship. Let's learn to become inviters. †

(Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen is evangelization coordinator for the arch-

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

What's a good homily?

If it is good, people will travel miles to get it; parents will do anything to have



their children experience it; wise elderly people treasure it as soon as they hear it.

The "it" of which I speak is a good

Everyone appreciates a homily that is what it should be. But what should it be?

Recently I asked some people this ques-tion and here are their answers.

One person looked me right in the eye and said, "It must be 'you' when you preach it." He then explained.

"You as the homilist must be convinced of what you are saying. People must sense that you lived it."

In saying this, he emphasized the

prominent role witnessing fulfills in creating a good homily.

He commented: "There are many homilies I hear which have no ring to them. The priest sounds like he is mouthing words a party line or whatever mouthing words, a party line or whatever thought comes into his mind. The words have no weight or feeling. This is why we have so many poor homilies.'

A woman who is well versed in Scripture agreed with him, but went on Scripture agreed with him, but went on to say: "A good homily must take its meaning from the day's liturgy and apply it to daily life. The homilist should start with the people in the pew and ask, 'Now what does this Scriptural passage mean to a mother, a person who has cho-sen the single life, a divorcee or a widow?' The homily must start with a sympathy for one's audience and work back to the beautiful sympathy the Scriptures show toward us."

A person next to her agreed but felt

that a good homily should really center entirely on Christ. He recalled the best

homilist he had ever heard:
"When I was young, I remember this
Jesuit Scripture scholar who would always put us in the historical moment. You felt you were sitting on the shores of Galilee hearing the waves lap against the shore and smelling its breezes. He made the people who were around Christ come alive. When he pictured Christ talking to them, you knew exactly why he was saying what he said. You felt you had been living there your entire life.

Another person in our group spoke up and said: "My African-American culture is different from the culture of most folks with whom I attend Mass. Many of us as children didn't sit back and listen to the preacher, we interacted with him. There was a harmony between him and us, and when that harmony is right, it stirs the heart and the soul, and this is a

A good homily, it appears, means dif-ferent things to different people. One bishop who is writing a book on the topic confided to me that his "chapter on exactly what a good homily should be has been written more than 10 times," and he still was not happy with it.

I admit that even after preaching for one-third of a century, knowing exactly what makes for a good homily is diffi-cult to figure out. I do know one thing for sure: Ultimately it is God, not the homilist, who makes a good homily.

There have been times when what I said seemed almost insignificant to me but took on enormous significance for another. The moment was right because God's grace, not my words, was at work speaking to that person. †

(Father Eugene Hemrick is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.)

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

What is good about public education?

Loften have written about Catholic schools, but recently a priest pointed out



to me that the vast majority of Catholic children in the United States are in public schools. He wondered why we didn't give public schools more attention in the Catholic press

That question pricked my conscience. Perhaps the answer to the question is that many of us tend to remember all the rough and dark stories about school problems, and these horror stories overshadow the positive ones. We know about 5-year-olds bringing guns to school; adolescents shooting into a crowd and killing class-

"Public education has done good things, but the message hasn't gotten out said a friend, Susan Rovezzi Carroll, who, with her husband David, has spent many years researching com-munity attitudes about schools and the failure of schools to show their positive achievements.

She is convinced that schools have to get the word out to the parents and com-munities they serve about the good things they are doing. And to do this, they have to develop strategies that work. That's not an easy task, she maintains, for several reasons

One reason is that support for schools

is dropping in the United States because the population is getting older. And an even greater obstacle is the perception many people have that American schools are a mess educationally and in how they deal with behavior problems. The Carrolls suggest that it's time for

schools to reach out to their communities by using marketing techniques that have worked for businesses and not-for-profit corporations. The Carrolls know what they're talking about because they long have run a market research firm called Words and Numbers. "Education has cus-tomers, too," says Susan Carroll. She and her husband point out that

schools need to be media-savvy to make the public aware of the positive things happening at the schools. "You need to bring the community into the school to build a relationship" between the two, he

Because they feel strongly that schools need a marketing strategy, the Carrolls have written a book on how to develop one-How Smart Schools Get and Keep Community Support (National Educational Service, Bloomington, Ind.). It's aimed at school administrators, members of boards of education and colleges and universities.

I'm all for any good ideas that will help reduce what I feel is a growing hostility toward public education. If it is doing a good job, let's get the word

(Antoinette Bosco is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.)

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)/

Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, June 14, 1998

- Genesis 14:18-20
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

· Luke 9:11b-17

The Book of Genesis supplies this great feast with its first reading. Mentioned in



the reading is Melchizedek, a per-sonage who later came to prefigure Jesus as well as priests in the Christian tradition.

The Epistle to the Hebrews, for example, refers to this figure from ancient religious history (cf.:

Called himself as a priest, Melchizedek in this text presents bread and wine to Abraham. Important in understanding the deeper, and extended, meaning of this gesture is that Abraham represents the whole people of God. He is the father of God's people, of the holy nation of Israel. Through Melchizedek's God nourishes

the people, precisely with bread and wine.

Melchizedek was not a Jew, but the exact circumstances of his background and his life are very obscure.

He is given here as the king of Salem, and most likely Salem was the Jerusalem which became so vital in the unfolding of Jewish and of Christian religious history. More than the literal Scripture itself, the

connection between Melchizedek and Jerusalem is critical. Jerusalem, after all, in Jewish minds was the city of God. Furthermore, for Christians, it occupied a high place since it was the site of the cruci-fixion and resurrection of the Lord.

When Abraham approached what was to become Jerusalem, he moved toward the holiest of ground.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians

is the source of the second reading.

The Last Supper is recorded in four places in the New Testament, in the three Synoptic Gospels and in this text. These several references reveal the veneration for, and place of, the Eucharist in early

Christian piety.
Paul carries this idea further, however, by saying that those who partake in the Eucharist "proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes!"

In other words, Jesus will come again,

but the Lord's saving death is renewed in its glory and effect with each "breaking of the bread."

The apostle also insists that his faith in the Eucharist came from none other than the Lord Jesus, and that it was the Lord's own command that the Eucharist be indispensably a part of Christian common life.

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

It is the story not of the institution of the Eucharist, the Last Supper, as found in Luke 22:15-20, but rather the report of the feeding of the multitudes.

In Christian devotion, the story of the five loaves and two fishes has long been taken to prefigure, and refer to, the

Of essence in the story is the Lord's active compassion. He sees the want of the people. Lavishly, through Jesus, God fills their need. Of interest here is the mystical place of numbers in ancient Jewish imagery. Five and two were not great quantities under any circumstances, but the numbers themselves suggested how little was at hand. It was insufficient, trivial, hopelessly inadequate.

By contrast, after all were filled, 12 baskets were left. Twelve represented absolute completeness. A dozen baskets were left in reserve. God's goodness was not limited to those given food on this occasion alone. His abundance awaits all.

This weekend the Church calls us to rejoice in, and reflect upon, the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is nothing less than the Body and Blood of Christ.

Observed since the 13th century, Corpus Christi traditionally has been a great day culturally, and not only religiously, in much

of Europe.

The Church's message these past sev eral weeks is that God lives, and that God lives in Christ, and in Christians through the Holy Spirit.

This week the Church continues its teachings on this subject. The Lord actually feeds us in the effort to unite completely with us. We eat Christ's body and drink Christ's blood.

Here, we may miss the depth of the message because we do not speak in the philosophical terms familiar to the first fol-lowers of Jesus. They were Jews. Our way of thinking is Greek in its historic roots.

Daily Readings

Monday, June 15 1 Kings 21:1-16 Psalm 5:2-3, 5-7 Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 16 1 Kings 21:17-29 Psalm 51:3-6, 11-16 Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 17 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14 Psalm 31:20-21, 24 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 18 Sirach 48:1-14 Psalm 97:1-7 Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 19 The Sacred Heart of Jesus Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 23:1-6 Romans 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7

Saturday, June 20 The Immaculate Heart of Mary 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 Psalm 89:4-5, 29-34 Luke 2:41-51

Sunday, June 21 Twelfth Sunday in **Ordinary Time** Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1 Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9 Galatians 3:26-29 Luke 9:18-24

"Body" meant more than what we consider the physical component. It was the person. "Blood" was more than moving tissue. It was the repose of life itself. After all, if a person bled profusely after an injury, if all blood was lost, then that per-

son died. When a person died, the blood ceased to circulate

To receive the Body and Blood of Christ is to receive Christ, to unite with Christ, to be refreshed and emboldened in the life, power, strength, and love of Christ. †

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Index listing forbidden books was discontinued

Ol am a convert to the Catholic faith and have read references to The Index of Forbidden Books. What was this? Is



there such a list today? It was never mentioned in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults instruction classes. (Indiana)

The Index of A Forbidden Books was a listing of books that Catholics were not

allowed to read because it was feared the books could in one way or another be a

danger to faith.

The Index was created in the 16th century and was updated periodically after that by Church officials. Most of the forbidden books dealt with

theology, philosophy, history and science. However, the listing of banned books also included romantic novels written by the Dumas brothers, for example, and Balzac and other classical authors, most of whom were French or Italian.

The list was always somewhat uneven. In spite of the problems that Catholic authorities have had with some of his theories, Charles Darwin did not make the list, though one obscure book written by his grandfather, Erasmus Darwin, did appear in the listing.

The final edition of The Index was published in 1948. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith discontinued it permanently in 1966.

QWe have baptisms at Sunday Masses in our parish. I have heard all sorts of weird names being given, especially to

Must a Catholic child still be named after a saint? When I was growing up 30 years ago, at least the middle name had to be a saint's name.

Isn't that Church custom still true? (New Jersey)

Having a Christian saint's name is A still commendable and appropriate.
But, strange as it may be to some older Catholics, it is not absolutely required.

Previous Church law said that a Christian name (of a saint, or the name of some Christian virtue like faith or hope) should be given at baptism.

Today the rule simply says that parents, godparents and pastors are to see that a name foreign to a Christian mentality is not given (Canon law 855).

While neutral names (of movie stars or other public persons) are permissible, how-ever, names of past Christian saints and apostles are still highly commendable. Giving the names of famous and

saintly Christian men and women, apostles and martyrs, was formerly considered a great asset to a child. It gave him or her a hero, an ideal to aim at, someone to consider a model in life.

The only forbidden names would be those chosen because they are deliberately and obviously an insult to Christian belief.

Perhaps the rule for adult converts also puts it in good perspective. The Christian name chosen by a catechumen should be "one in use in that part of the world, so long as it has a Christian mean-ing" (see Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults 203, 205).

QI am a confused convert. I thought I knew what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was all about. But after some discussion with

I'm almost positive I heard a priest in our parish say recently that it had to do with the birth of Jesus. Can you help?

A Surely you misunderstood what the priest said. I'm continually amazed at how many Catholics are still confused about this feast and doctrine.

The Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary—that from the first moment of her existence in the womb of her mother she was free from original sin. †

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about Mary, the mother of Jesus, is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

My Journey to God

Homage

To share you, Jesus, Is so hard to do. My tongue is sealed In awe of you Help me, Lord, To choose the words That will convey The love I hold in My heart so deep So all may know You too, and keep Sharing and living Your ways, Lord dear. Let me witness For all to hear How you forgive And love each one By sending us Your only son.

By Antoinette Lojkovic



(Antoinette Lojkovic is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. This CNS photo shows the cover of a holy book believed to have led St. Francis of Assisi to establish the Franciscan order. The missal was made circa 1200 in the Diocese of Assisi.)

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 tele-phone. 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.

St. Louis School, Batesville, 17 St. Louis Place, will hold a rummage sale on June 12 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; June 13 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; June 14 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-934-4339 or 317-934-3822.

Fatima Retreat House welcomes Joseph Foley of Loyola University, who will help par-ticipants balance their work with personal vision during a weekend retreat. Cost: \$110 single, \$180 married couple,

includes meals and overnight accommodations. Information: 317-545-7681.

June 14

St. John Parish, Indianapolis, 126 West Georgia St., will host Take Me Out to the Ball Game." All are welcome to the Indianapolis Indians vs. Ottawa Lynx baseball game starting at 2 p.m. Tailgate party will begin in the St. John parking lot at 12:30 p.m with food and refreshments provided. Cost: \$10. Reservations: 317-635-2021.

Rexville Schoenstatt will hold Schoenstatt Corpus Christi Field Mass, a procession to the shrine site and a steakburger pitch-in, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Bring chairs and covered dish or dessert. (.8 mile East of 421 South on 925 South, 12 miles outh of Versailles on U.S. 50 Information: 812-689-3551.

Christ the King, Indianapolis, 1827 E. Kessler Blvd., will host a Corpus Christi Celebration and traditional outdoor procession beginning at 2 p.m. with Msgr. Joseph Schaedel presiding. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue after the celebration until 7 a.m. Monday. Information: 317-255-3666.

The Catholic Widowed Organization will hold its June

social beginning with Mass at the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m., fol-lowed by lunch at TGI Friday's, 501 W. Washington St.

June 17

St. Roch Women's Club will host a luncheon/style show at noon in the school cafeteria, 3603 S. Meridian St. Cost: \$5 payable at the door. Information: 317-784-2185, Mary LaRoche, or 317-783-6413, Elizabeth Sahm.

June 18-20

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 17th and Albany, will host a Summerfest and Monte Carlo featuring food, rides, games and a cash drawing. Open 6-11 p.m. on Thursday; 5-11 p.m. on Friday; 5 p.m.-mid-night on Saturday. Information: 317-784-5454

June 19-20

Christ the King Parish, Indianapolis, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., will hold a family summer social featuring food, children's games, raffle, country store, music and a live auction, featuring over 100 items, open 5 p.m.-midnight both days.

June 19-21

Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis, 28th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., will hold a soul food festival featuring barbeque, fish, desserts and raffle. June 19-6 p.m.-midnight; June 20-noon-10 p.m.; June 21-noon-

Little Sisters of the Poor and residents of St. Augustine's Home offer Holy Hour to pray for vocations in the chapel of St. Augustine's Home, 4:30 p.m., includes evening prayer, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

June 21-27

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, Beech Grove, 1402 Southern Ave., offers "Joy in the Rule of Benedict" retreat with a monastic community of with a monastic community of women in a prayerful, relaxing setting. Cost: \$400 with a non-refundable deposit of \$75. Information: 317-788-7581.

Recurring

St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis,

holds a Tridentine (Latin) low Mass daily (except Sunday), 8

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. holds a Tridentine (Latin) High Mass, 1:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Parish, Clarksville, holds "Be Not Afraid" holy hour from 6-7 p.m.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

-See ACTIVE LIST, page 19

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St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West. Shepherds of Christ Associates prays for priests and religious, the rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers following 7 p.m. Mass.

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., holds prayer group from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This includes the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, pro-life prayers, prayers for vocations and special intentions.

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

St. Lawrence Parish Indianapolis, hosts 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 gathers at 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and lives consecrated to Jesus and Mary.

St. Patrick Parish, Salem. Shelby St., holds a prayer service, 7 p.m.

Fridays

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

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

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

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

Monthly

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 archdiocesar Family Life Office, meets 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 meets from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, Information: 317-

Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg holds 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., holds family rosary night at 7

Third Fridays

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana

gathers for Mass and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, beginning at 7 p.m.

Third Saturdays

The archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Andrew Parish, Indianapolis, 3922 E. 38th St., has 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.



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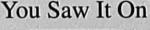
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News briefs

U.S.

Directory shows more U.S. Catholics, fewer priests, religious

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The number of U.S. Catholics grew some 356,000 last year but the number of priests and religious brothers and sisters continued to drop according to figures in the 1998 Official Catholic Directory. The directory shows more permanent deacons, more students in Catholic schools and religious education programs, and more first Communions and confirmations than the previous year, but fewer bap-tisms and marriages. Not all dioceses reported their unordained professional ministry personnel—a new cat-egory that first appeared in the directory in 1996—but those that responded reported nearly 22,000 lay people and religious sisters and brothers employed in professional ministry posts.

Palm Beach bishop resigns, admits to abuse of minors

WASHINGTON (CNS)-Acknowledging sexual misconduct with minors when he was a young priest, Bishop J. Keith Symons has resigned as bishop of Palm

Beach, Fla. Pope John Paul II accepted his resignation June 2 and named Bishop Robert N. Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla., as apostolic administrator of the diocese until a new bishop is appointed. In a written statement released in Palm Beach and Washington, Bishop Symons said, "Early in my now 40 years of priestly ministry, I was involved in inappropriate sexual behavior with minors. Realizing the gravity of my past actions, I have in succeeding years tried to live my promises of celibacy and chastity and have immersed myself in my ministry." He added that he prays each day for those persons and their families.

Two dioceses help residents recover from tornado damage

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Two dioceses, half a continent apart, took the first steps toward the long haul in helping apart, took the first steps toward the long had in helping residents recover from devastating tornadoes that hit their areas the weekend of May 30-31. The dioceses of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Albany, N.Y., each received emergency assistance of \$25,000 from Catholic Charities USA to begin assisting tornado victims with temporary housing, counseling and other emergency services. The first and hardest hit was Spencer, S.D., a small farm town where a tornado killed six people and leveled nearly every building May 30, including St. Mary's Catholic Church. The same storm front that spawned the South Dakota tornado moved eastward May 31 and hit South Dakota tornado moved eastward May 31 and hit the Albany suburb of Mechanicville, where 30 houses were destroyed but no one was killed.

U.S. decision not to prosecute Oregon doctors called abdication

WASHINGTON (CNS)—An official from the U.S. Catholic bishops' pro-life office called Attorney General Janet Reno's decision not to prosecute doctors who par-ticipate in assisted suicide under Oregon's new law an abdication of responsibility. Reno said June 5 that the federal Drug Enforcement Administration has no authority to arrest or revoke the drug licenses of doctors who provide lethal doses of medicine under the Oregon law that took effect late last year. Richard Doerflinger, asso-ciate policy development director for the U.S. bishops' Pro-Life Activities Secretariat, said the decision means "the Justice Department has abdicated its responsibility to protect people from deadly harm."

Lay ministers needed, groups say

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The church needs priests and lay ministers and each enriches the other, top leaders of two national Catholic organizations said. They said statements in a recent Vatican instruction on lay collaboration in ministry "had a dampening effect both among clergy and lay ministers who are so deeply committed to the work of the church." The executive boards of the National Federation of Priests' Councils and the National Association for Lay Ministry made their comments in a letter to Bishop James R. Hoffman of Toledo, Ohio, who heads the committee formed by the U.S. bishops last fall to help them interpret and implement the Vatican instruction. †

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BARKER, Howard, 74, St. Rose, Franklin, May 24. Husband of Myrtle Barker.

BENEFIEL, Betty R., 71 St. Joseph, Shelbyville, Wife of Donald N. Benefiel, Mother of Don Jr., Bruce and Robert (Todd) Benefiel, Barbara Staats Brooke Snyder, Betsi Cunningham. Daughter of Leo Feller and Loretta Zillebuehler. Sister of Robert Feller, Charlotte Towne. Grandmother of 16. Greatgrandmother of nine

BORDENET, Margaret Marie, 97, St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute, May 31.

CHAMBERLAIN, William John IV, 67, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, May 22. Father of William VII, Alicia Bay, Irene Overbeck Pamela Grimaldi. Son of Marie Chamberlain. Brother of John, Margie and Mary Ann Chamberlain, Louise Maloney Grandfather of eight.

CHESTNUT, Morris Lee, 52, St. Paul, Tell City, May 28. Husband of Janna Chestnut. Father of Lee B. and Holly Chestnut. Son of Hazel Chestnut. Brother of Ivis and John Chestnut.

CRAWLEY, Warren James, 86, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, May 7. Father of Fred, Perry, Joseph and Howard Crawley. Stepfather of Warren Brockman and Patricia Brockman.

DIEHL, George, 77, Christ the King, Indianapolis, May 31. Husband of Janet (Campbell) Diehl. Father of Marjorie Kasper, Hugh Diehl. Brother of Betty Ashworth, Grandfather of two.

DUNK, Charles G., 73, Holy Cross, Indianapolis, May 30. Brother of Donald and Robert Dunk. Uncle of several.

FISCHER, (Sheridan) Patricia. 57, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, May 23. Mother of Darlene Carter, Michael, Timothy and Kevin Fischer. Sister of Sue Brickley, Peggy Henninger. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of two.

GLENN, Gary Lane, 61, St. Paul, Tell City, May 28. Husband of Marcella Glenn. Father of Mark, Timothy, Christopher and Joseph Glenn, Tina Blakney, Son of Marie Glenn. Grandfather of five.

GREEN, Herschel, 71, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, May 12. Husband of Fern Green. Father of David and Theresa Green, Rebecca Butcher, Stepfather of Ed, Charles and Neil Thompson. Brother of Virgil Green. Grandfather of 10, Great-grandfather of two.

GROSS, Caroline (Niblack), 79, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, February 6. Mother of Bill, Tom, Margaret and Pete Gross. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of one.

KENDALL, Elmer, 85, St Philip Neri, Indianapolis, May 28. Father of Mary Kendall.

KILGORE, Betty, 96, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, May 8. Mother of Robert, Ben and Jack Kilgore, Phyllis Aliff, Donna Bruce

Grandmother and great-grand-

KOPP, Kenneth V., 67, St. Vincent, Bedford, May 28. Husband of Virginia (Baker) Kopp. Father of Gary Kopp Brother of Louis, James, Howard and Roger Kopp, Dorothy Holley, Kathleen Freeman. Grandfather of two.

McCORMICK, Imogene, 87, St. Michael, Indianapolis, May 12. Mother of William D. McCormick, Sister of Dean Parsons. Grandmother of two.

McCOY, Lillian, 95, St. Mary, Rushville, June 1. Mother of James McDonough, Ruth Knowles. Step-mother of Barbara Craven, Sue Grady. Grandmother of five. Stepgrandmother of 10.

of a comprehensive change.

Cuban people."

hope for Church freedom

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John

Paul II said steps taken by the Cuban govern-

ment on behalf of the Catholic Church and of

greater freedom must be only the beginning

Meeting 13 Cuban bishops at the Vatican June 9 to review the situation in the

Caribbean country in the five months since

his visit, Pope John Paul prayed that Cuban

until they bring the hoped for fruits for the

and international efforts would not slow

The pope thanked the nations and

church organizations which have stepped up their contacts and offers of assistance to Cuba in response to his call for an end

to the international isolation of the com-

MILLER, Mary Jo, 74, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, May 29. Mother of Judy Fitzgerald, Mickey Eade Mary Ann VandenBosch, Joe R. and Dr. Larry Miller, Grandmother of 11, Greatgrandmother of one

ROMWEBER, Katherine C. (Connie), 89, St. Louis, Bates-ville, May 30. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of

ROSENGARTEN, Dorothy M. (Shipp), 93, Holy Name, Beech Grove, May 17. Mother of Mary Jo Leppert, William J. Rosengarten. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of 19.

SCHNIPPEL, Ernest, 85, St. Roch, Indianapolis, May 13. Husband of Helen Louise Soland-Schnippel. Father of Geraldine Niccum, Marylou Junker, Beverly Goebel and Ernest P. Schnippel. Brother of Edna Wood, Marcella Schilling and Elmer Schnippel. Grand-

Pope meets with Cuban bishops, expresses

father of 19. Great-grandfather of 13.

SEMICH, Charlotte, 68, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, May 27. Mother of Debbie Govan, Kris Faires, Matt Semich. Sister of Robert, Samuel and Albert Baskerville, Mary Maled, Dorothy Lehr, Nancy Reichle. Grandmother of seven. Greatgrandmother of two

STEVENS, Helen Marie, 73 Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, May 27. Wife of Harry C. Stevens. Mother of Debra Ann Parrish, Theresa Jane and James Stevens. Sister of George T. and Charles L. Hazlett, Amie Juanita Miles. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of four

STROHMEIER, Jack, 76, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, May 14. Uncle of four.

THUER, Mildred L., 78, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, May 18. Wife of Walter Thuer. Mother of Walter C. Thuer, Mary Jo Patton and Theresa

"I also appreciate the gestures which, since my return to Rome, the Cuban authori-

"I would like to see in them the pledge

and first fruits of a willingness to create legal and social spaces so that Cuban civil society

can grow in autonomy and participation and

the country can occupy its rightful place in

the region and in the gathering of nations,

Vatican officials have said they are pleased with Cuban President Fidel Castro's

giving foreign missionaries permission to

release of some political prisoners in response to a papal request, but they have seen few signs of improvement on many issues related to the Church, for example, in

ties have made," he told the bishops.

Johnson. Sister of Kathleen Keller and Lavonne Rene. Grandmother of four, Greatgrandmother of three

TOWNSEND, Mary E. (Jenks), 90, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, June 1. Sister of Walter and Joseph Jenks.

VAUGHN, Mary Ida, 78, Little Flower, Indianapolis, May 25. Wife of Stanley Vaughn. Mother of Janice Vaughn Christen, Vicky Roehling. Grandmother of four.

WADDELL, Robert J. Sr., 79, St. Anne, New Castle, May 25. Father of Robert J. Waddell, Jr.

and James Frank. Grandfather of one. Step-grandfather of three.

WERNER, Virgil, 70, St. Joseph, St. Leon, May 23. Husband of Mary Grace Werner. Father of Charles, Steve, Doug, Chris and Justin Werner, Wendy Good, Paulette Fette. Brother of Alvin, Leon, Don and Bill Werner, Virginia Eckstein. Grandfather of 12. Step-grandfather of two.

WEWE, Gerald William, 64, Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove, May 15. Brother of Richard Wewe, Paul Wewe, Ronald Wewe and Audrey Revilla.



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Pope discusses Catholic education with bishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Catholic universities can make an important contribution to the intellectual and moral renewal of U.S. culture if they remain faithful to the Catholic faith, Pope John Paul II said.

The pope focused on Catholic education in a message given May 30 to bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The bishops were ending their ad limina visits to Rome, which the heads of dioceses make every five years.

Pope John Paul praised Catholic elementary and secondary schools for educating good citizens and good Christians and said the schools "are widely recognized as models" for the renewal of education in

"Your Catholic colleges and universities can be leaders in the renewal of American higher education," he told the bishops. "At a time when the relationship between freedom and moral truth is being debated on a host of issues at every level of society and government, Catholic scholars have the resources to contribute to an intellectual renewal of American culture."

The Catholic identity of a college or university cannot rely only on the fact that it was founded by a diocese or religious order, he said. A Catholic identity "comes from its living within the Church today and always, speaking from the heart of the Church to the contemporary world."

The Catholic identity of a school should be evident in its curriculum, faculty, student activities and campus life, the pope said. The obvious religious character of a Catholic university "is no infringement upon the university's nature as a true center of learning where the truth of the created order is fully respected, but also ultimately illuminated by the light of the new creation in Christ." he said.

A university's Catholic identity necessarily involves a close bond with the local bishop and a special relationship between the school's theology faculty and the teaching authority of the Church, the pope said

"It is sometimes said that a university that acknowledges a responsibility to any community or authority outside the relevant academic professional associations has lost both its independence and its integrity," Pope John Paul said. "But this is to detach freedom from its object, which is truth."

Questions regarding a Catholic university's relationship to its local bishop and regarding the requirement that theologians have a Church mandate to teach were at the root of the Vatican's 1997 request that U.S. bishops rewrite their guidelines for implementing Vatican norms for Catholic higher education.

Groups of U.S. bishops in Rome for their ad limina visits in 1998 have said that the implementation of the Vatican norms contained in the 1990 document Ex Corde Ecclesiae (From the Heart of the Church) has been a topic in their discussions with members of the Congregation for Catholic Education.

Pope John Paul, speaking about Catholic elementary and secondary schools, said the Church's education ministry "cannot be separated from the Lord's mandate to preach the Gospel to all nations.

"Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts, but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life," he said

said.
"In a cultural climate in which moral norms are often thought to be matters of personal preference," the pope said, "Catholic schools have a crucial role to play in leading the younger generation to realize that freedom consists above all in being able to respond to the demands of the truth." *

Vatican publishes Year 2000 calendar; Holy Land events uncertain

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican announced a packed jubilee calendar of events for the year 2000, featuring pilgrimage and prayer gatherings in Rome for virtually every group in the Catholic Church.

At the same time, the program for the Holy Land—where the 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth is also to be celebrated—remained in doubt because of continuing political instability. Two days after the Vatican's holy year 2000 calendar was announced, Pope John Paul II underlined his concern about the Holy Land and said he hoped the new millennium would bring formal recognition of Jerusalem's "unique and sacred character," through a formula that included international guarantees.

The Vatican calendar for the 54-week Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 listed between five and 17 major events each month from Christmas Eve 1999 to Jan. 6, 2001, feast of the Epiphany. More conferences, concerts and pilgrimages will be added later, Vatican officials said at a press conference May 26. The calendar includes major services for asking forgiveness, for recognizing the 20th-century Christian martyrs—including non-Catholics—and for a celebration of the gift of creation.

The pope was expected to preside over these and many of the other main events during the year 2000, including World Youth Day in August, the International Eucharistic Congress in June and an international gathering of families in October. During the course of the year, he was to administer all seven sacraments during Church gatherings in Rome and at the Vatican.

The pope's explicit participation was not announced

in the calendar, however, partly because his participation in each event will be determined by the health of the pontiff, who turns 80 in the year 2000.

Vatican officials assured potential pilgrims that they'll be able to see the pope if they come to Rome; he is scheduled to give a blessing every night in St. Peter's Square, probably from his apartment window.

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In unveiling the Vatican's 25-page calendar, Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Vatican committee planning the jubilee, said it shows the "exclusively spiritual character" of the holy year.

The calendar includes the celebration of liturgies

The calendar includes the celebration of liturgies according to each of the rites that make up the Catholic Church, in addition to weekly Way of the Cross services during Lent and the recitation of the rosary on Marian feasts. Special days have been set aside for the pilgrimage and prayer of children, youths, senior citizens, permanent deacons, priests, religious, bishops, the sick, artists, journalists, artisans, prisoners, refugees, scientists, university professors, agricultural workers, public officials and the military and police officers.

Women will be honored on the March 25 feast of the Annunciation, with a main celebration at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and live video links to major Marian shrines around the world.

On Ash Wednesday, March 8, after the pope's traditional Mass and the imposition of ashes, a procession and service marking a "request for pardon" will be held near Rome's main archeological ruins. The service responds to Pope John Paul's call for the Church to be "more fully conscious of the sinfulness of her children," to acknowledge the weakness of Church members and ask forgiveness in order to move, cleansed and renewed, into the new millennium.

The calendar foresees the conclusion of the next general assembly of the world Synod of Bishops for Oct. 8. The synod's theme is the ministry of the bishop, and bishops from around the world will be invited to the final Mass.

The Vatican calendar also listed a Feb. 25-27 "study convention on the implementation of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council," but offered no details on the meeting. Several historically important events called for by Pope John Paul—including a gathering of representatives of the world's Christian churches, a papal pilgrimage to the Holy Land, an interreligious gathering and a meeting of Christian, Jews and Muslims in the Middle East—are still only possibilities, Cardinal Etchegaray said.

The Vatican has set aside June 11, 2000, as the day of prayer for collaboration among religions and Oct. 3 as the day of Christian-Jewish dialogue. If the leaders of non-Christian religions agree, Cardinal Etchegaray said, the June date could coincide with a meeting of the leaders of various world religions and a possible pilgrimage to Assisi

Among Christians, the cardinal said, the May 7 commemoration of the "new martyrs" will certainly be "one of the strongest of the entire calendar and the strongest ecumenically." The service, scheduled to take place at Rome's Colosseum, will honor Christians from a variety of denominations who gave their lives for religious principles in the 20th century.†

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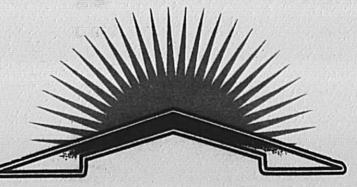
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