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A cradle of Catholicism

*St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, the
oldest parish in the archdiocese,
prepares to celebrate its
175th anniversary*

By Susan Bierman



FLOYDS KNOBS—Some 1,000 to 2,000 parishioners, former parishioners, neighbors and friends are expected to gather Aug. 16 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs.

"One of the important reasons for celebrating this event is to really bring perspective to our faith," said Father John F. Geis, the pastor.

"It is calling in this whole community of faith and believers," he said.

The celebration, which has been in the planning for two years, is preceded by several parish events and much preparation that included parishioners as well as neighboring New Albany Deanery parishes.

Themed "A Journey of Faith, Hope and Love: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," the celebration on Aug. 16 will begin at 10:30 a.m. with an outdoor Mass. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside.

A tent will be set up outside for shelter to shield the assembly from the sun or rain. A catered dinner and entertainment will follow the Mass.

Historical mementoes and pictures of important events of the parish will be on display in the parish hall. Father Geis said a brass key to the original log church will be available for viewing.

Games and activities are planned for children to enjoy.

Off-site parking will be available as buses will shuttle guests to and from the parish grounds. All parishioners, former parishioners, sons and daughters of the parish, friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

The dinner will be catered by the Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper.

Sandy Pinnick, a member of the 175th anniversary committee, said pork chops and chicken will be grilled on site. Hotdogs will also be available. Pinnick said there is a minimal reservation charge of \$3 for the meal for 8-year-olds and above. Children under the age of 8 can eat free.

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Faith
Hope
and
Love

Catholic Charities receives \$250,000 gift

The funds will bring support to Catholic Charities for three projects in Indianapolis

At the July 17 Catholic Social Services board meeting, Martha Lamkin, board member of The Indianapolis Foundation, presented a \$250,000 gift to Thomas Gaybrick, secretary of Catholic Charities and family ministries for the archdiocese, and Dan Elsener, secretary of stewardship and development. Elsener is the lead staff member of the Building Communities of Hope corporate phase of the archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign.

The funds will bring capital support to Catholic Charities over two years for three projects in Indianapolis—records conversion and renovations at St. Elizabeth's, general renovations at the Adult Day Care

Program building, and creation of a safe playground at Holy Family Services transitional housing site.

St. Elizabeth's provides support to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Services include counseling, health care and residential services, adoption services to families and programs for parent and child development. Mary Rose Nevitt is director of St. Elizabeth's.

The Adult Day Care Program provides day care services to senior citizens. Lula Baxter is director of the program.

Holy Family Services, which comprises Holy Family Shelter and Holy Family Transitional Housing, offers

crisis and transitional housing services for homeless families. The director is Amy Moelham.

The Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, has been active in philanthropic investment in the Indianapolis community for 80 years.

The Catholic Charities grant requires matching gifts from new donors or increased gifts from previous donors.

Gaybrick noted that 80 to 90 percent of the people Catholic Charities serves are non-Catholic, "so we are an agency for the community." "The needs seem greater," he said, adding that the Catholic Charities agencies have found in recent years that the money that should go into capital needs was needed for operational expenses. †

Area author helps guide children's conversion

Rita Burns Senseman served as a director of religious education before moving to a parish in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Catechumenate leaders in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process in the archdiocese are ordering a book written by Rita Burns Senseman, a former director of religious education here.

A Child's Journey: The Christian Initiation of Children (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1998, \$13.95) is a comprehensive resource for those implementing the initiation rite with children of catechetical age, generally 7 to 14.

(Church law requires that children who have reached the age of reason be welcomed into the Church according to the process set forth in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.)

Msgr. Frederick Easton, vicar judicial for the archdiocese, helped the author with matters involving Church law.

In her book, Burns Senseman, a team member of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, discusses the 160-

page section in the second part of the Rite, "Christian Initiation of Children Who Have Reached Catechetical Age." She brings her experience to the interpretation, adaptation and implementation of the rite as it pertains to children.

Burns Senseman begins the book with the four elements of her vision of the rite of Christian initiation for children:

- children are to be initiated for mission
- children are to experience conversion through the process
- children are to be initiated within the paschal mystery
- children are to be initiated in and through the faith communities and their families.

The book deals with the issues children encounter during spiritual formation and liturgical rites in their journeys of faith. Burns Senseman spells out approaches for dealing with these issues.

The many sample sessions covering each stage of the catechumenate are real—she used them herself. The book is filled with examples of family and faith situations. Each chapter ends with summaries and references.

The appendix contains sample interviews that can be adapted for use in the process of deciding when a child is ready to move on to the next stage of the journey to membership in the Church.

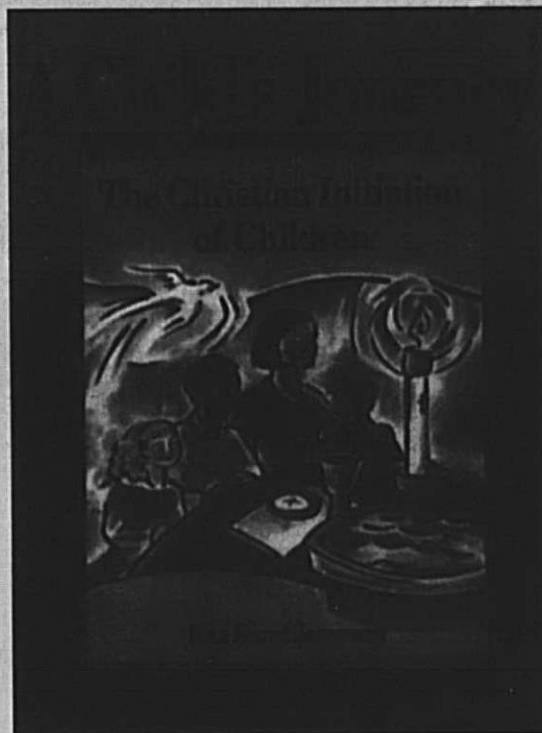
Burns Senseman earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education from Indiana State University and a master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

During the 1980s, she was director of religious education at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. She went on to similar ministries in Detroit, where she became associate director of the Office of Catechetics/Religious Education for the Detroit Archdiocese. Married and the mother of three daughters, she's now a children's catechist in her own parish, Our Lady of Grace Parish in Noblesville in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Burns Senseman writes, "Those of us who have the honor of sharing most intimately in the journey of children and their families are privileged to witness grace in action. This book will help those who

share the journey with children and their families to dare to let the Spirit lead."

(*A Child's Journey: The Christian Initiation of Children*; 144 pp., paper, \$11.95; St. Anthony Messenger Press; 1615 Republic St., Cincinnati, OH 45210; 800-488-0488.) †



Official Appointment

Effective July 19, 1998

Rev. Michael Barrett, O.F.M., previously serving in an assignment outside the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, appointed pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis.

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Leadership institute

Lessons in teamwork and community-building during the archdiocesan Christian Leadership Institute at DePauw University in Greencastle on July 14 challenge Jacques Paul-Blanc (above, left) from Sacred Heart Parish in Terre Haute and St. Luke parishioner Ryan Moran of Indianapolis. CLI participants were assigned disabilities, then asked to complete tasks by working together. St. Vincent de Paul parishioner Elizabeth Fullen (far left) from Bedford and Alicia Weisenbach of St. Mark Parish in Indianapolis lead group cheers during a motivational rally. More than 70 teen-agers and adults from central and southern Indiana participated in the five-day leadership institute designed to empower youth to serve as Christian leaders in their parishes and schools.



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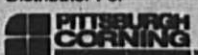


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Woods president known for student contact, college development

Providence Sister Barbara Doherty begins sabbatical after 15 years as president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

By Margaret Nelson

By the end of last month, Providence Sister Dr. Barbara Doherty had served for 15 years as president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC), the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the U.S.

Those years have been full of change for the school that traces its beginnings to Venerable Mother Theodore Guérin.

A 1953 graduate of The Woods, Sister Barbara's presidency had brought educational programs that keep the college in tune with today's society. And she's brought financial stability while upgrading the buildings and property.

Sister Barbara has implemented programs such as the Student Mothers Program, the Master of Arts in Earth Literacy Program, an exchange program with Providence University in Taiwan and a scholarship-status athletic program.

Denise Swisher, in her last year of the Student Mothers Program, is working this summer as the switchboard operator at the college.

Swisher credits Sister Barbara with helping her build determination to "hold true" to her goals. The program enables women to live on campus with their children and provides baby-sitting while mothers attend college classes.

"Sister Barbara met with the moms," said Swisher. "She looked at the obstacles we faced. She would always evaluate, through us, how to make the program better so that it would make a difference in our lives."

Swisher said that, even on her low days, the program "helped me be reflective. It kept me focused. Sister Barbara is a very focused and realistic person."

Karen Oddi is associate director of religious education, sacramental, childhood and family catechesis for the archdiocese. She received her Master of Arts in pastoral theology at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

"What had impressed me most," said Oddi, "is Sister Barbara's unique grasp of so many cutting-edge topics. She always seemed to be ahead of her time."

Oddi remembers when Sister Barbara spoke at one of the first state conventions of directors of religious education. "She

spoke about developing Pacific Rim countries and what an effect they would have on the Church and society. She challenged us to have a more inclusive world view."

As a student, Oddi saw "a fascinating side of her. For those reflections, she never failed to share her own personal experiences, often in a humorous way, always to make a meaningful point."

"I continue to be sort of in awe of her for those reasons," said Oddi. The early master's course Sister Barbara taught was called Integrative Spirituality, and eight-day intensive course. "It was neat to see a president of a college so involved with us as students," she said.

Cindy Durham is manager of facilities at the Mari Hulman George School of Equine Studies, which was founded in 1990. She talked about Sister Barbara's kindness to her and her department.

"I find that she is a woman of great passion and joy," said Durham. "She's very inspirational, very encouraging. She always has a kind word and a kind hand for people—and for animals."

She said that Sister Barbara's time at SMWC was a special gift.

Recently Sister Barbara oversaw a \$5 million bond issue to finance campus-wide renovations. This, after completing a \$15 million capital campaign in 1989 that enabled extensive changes to be made to the physical plant.

Before she returned to SMWC in 1984, Sister Barbara was co-provincial of the St. Joseph Province of the Sisters of Providence in Park Ridge, Ill., and served on the college's board of trustees.

The Chicago native holds a doctorate in theology from Fordham University, where she specialized in Asian religions. She was an associate professor of religion at SMWC from 1963-67 and 1971-75 and associate professor of theology from 1984-1998. She has conducted retreats, lectures and workshops throughout the world.

Sister Barbara is the author of numerous books and articles, including *I Am What I Do: Contemplation and Human Experience* and *Make Yourself and Ark: Beyond the Memorized Responses of our Corporate Adolescence*.

Sister Barbara's influence could be seen in the commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients at the campus:



Ann Hibner Koblitz (left), founder and director of the Kovalevskaya Fund for Women in Science in Developing Countries, receives an honorary doctorate of letters from Providence Sister Dr. Barbara Doherty (right) at commencement ceremonies in 1995.

Dr. James Muller, Nobel Peace Prize winner, Indiana First Lady Susan Bayh, race car driver Lyn St. James, artist Mary Engelbreit, and Indiana Attorney General Pamela Carter.

Many awards came from the Terre Haute community to Sister Barbara. But her influence extended beyond this local community. She addressed the Indiana General Assembly regarding women's education and private colleges. And she attended the First Women Presidents' Summit in Washington, D.C.

Sister Barbara's successor, Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Joan Lescinski, is the first non-Sister of Providence to serve as president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

As she begins her one-year sabbatical, Sister Barbara plans to step back from being an administrator.

"I'll live by myself and pray and read and write and walk," she said. "I'd like to learn to cook better."

"It's all very simple," said Sister Barbara. "And that's what I need." †

Answering the call

"My spiritual director said if it was a true call, it would come back."

Geralyn O'Connor always felt close to God. But during a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, their relationship changed dramatically as she heard him say, "Come, follow me." After talking with her spiritual director, she received another call, and set out on a journey of discernment.

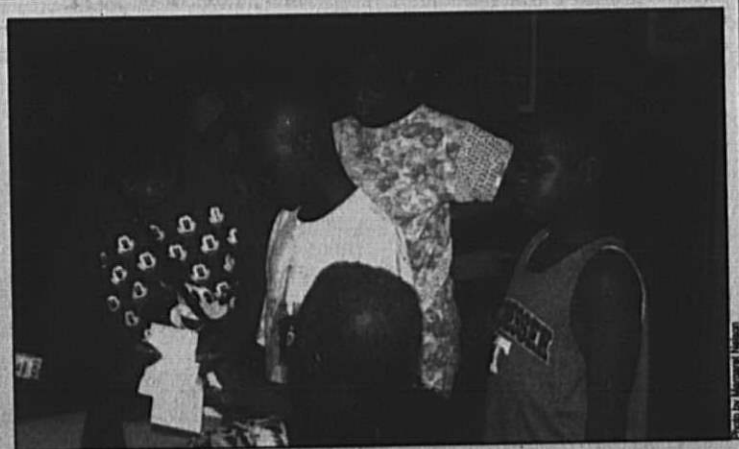
"After two long years, God led me to the Sisters of St. Benedict in Beech Grove, where he again spoke to me and confirmed my call to a monastic lifestyle by accepting me as a postulant. At Our Lady of Grace Monastery, I've developed meaningful relationships with all my sisters who are on the same path."

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



Geralyn O'Connor

Journey of Hope 2001
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Black Expo presence

Young people gather around Lillian Stevenson, a member of St. Rita Parish, as she distributes entry forms for the drawing of a Bible during Black Expo. This is the 16th year with a Catholic exhibit at the event. Participation has grown from the archdiocesan Mission Office to 15 parishes, schools and agencies—including the Office of Multicultural Ministries—this year.

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Editorial

We must take religious beliefs with us into the marketplace

In theory, we live in a religious society. In practice, we live in a secular society.

Our Declaration of Independence says that we have rights endowed by our Creator. Our Constitution ensures freedom of religion. Even our money proclaims, "In God we trust." Every session of Congress is opened with a prayer. Our Founding Fathers, although most were theists, expected U.S. citizens to exercise their religion.

But today we are expected to leave our religious beliefs behind when we enter society. It has gotten so bad in our secular society that those who actually admit to being religious believers are ridiculed. That's what happened back in June when a White House aide, Sidney Blumenthal, called a Whitewater prosecutor, Hickman Ewing, a "religious fanatic" because he is a member of a Church, prays daily and tries to live his life in accordance with his religious beliefs.

When *The New York Times* investigated this "outrage" (that a man with religious convictions was a prosecutor), Ewing was defended by associates who insisted that he doesn't let his Christian faith affect his work. So apparently it's OK to be religious if you leave your beliefs at home in the morning.

That's the attitude that seems to have prevailed for a long time. How else can you explain Catholic legislators who have a pro-choice voting record? Or Catholic businessmen who think it's perfectly all right to have their products manufactured in sweatshops in order to

keep costs down? Or Catholic entertainers who are as quick to perform in morally questionable shows as anyone else?

Hickman Ewing is not a Catholic, but would that all Catholics were "religious fanatics" if that means living our faith in the marketplace! For that is exactly what the Church calls us to do. That is the role of the Catholic lay man and woman. As the Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity said, "Laymen ought to take on themselves as their distinctive task this renewal of the temporal order" (#7).

The 1987 Synod of Bishops on the vocation and mission of the laity said: "The majority of the Christian laity live out their vocation as followers and disciples of Christ in all spheres of life which we call 'the world': the family, the field of work, the local community and the like. To permeate this day-to-day living with the spirit of Christ has always been the task of the lay faithful; and it should be with still greater force their challenge today."

Ours is not meant to be a Sunday-only religion. Our faith demands more of us than that we attend Mass on Sundays and live by a particular moral code. Jesus demanded more than that of his followers, and that is who we must be. If renewing the temporal order is our task—and it is—perhaps we need many more "religious fanatics" who not only have strong religious beliefs, but who will refuse to leave them at home when they enter the marketplace. †

— John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Universal, ministerial priesthoods not in a continuum

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) states that the universal priesthood of all the baptized faithful and the ministerial priesthood are essentially different yet ordered to each other (*Lumen Gentium*, #10). Despite this clear teaching, there is a fairly common tendency to understand them as a continuum of a single ministry of the Church.

In the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) and in the Decree on Priestly Formation (*Optatum Totius*), the same council described the priest as functioning in the person of Christ (*in persona Christi*). Since the Second Vatican Council, through synods and apostolic exhortations, the essential difference of the ministerial priesthood is more specifically described in relationship to the person of Christ as high priest and head of the body of the Church. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit at ordination, the ministerial priest is configured to Christ the Priest in such a way that he functions in the person of Christ the head (*in persona Christi capitis*). One can say that the priest is ordained to be a "sacrament" of Christ, the one and only eternal high priest, in the proclamation of the Word and in the celebration of the sacraments. This doctrinal formulation of the priesthood is sometimes called the "representational" concept.

If one views the ordained priesthood only in terms of what a priest does, there is a tendency to see the priest as one among many varied ministers of the Church. In so doing, it is possible to overlook the essential difference between ordained and nonordained ministry as well as the essential role of the sacrament of orders. In this "functional" understanding, the priest might seem to serve *in persona Christi* only in a derivative or remote fashion. Sometimes, from the functional point of view, the priest is simply considered a pastoral leader alongside other pastoral leaders and positions become somewhat interchangeable.

If ministerial roles are more or less interchangeable in theory and/or in practice, then it is likely that we may well lose sight of the necessity of ordained ministry. In this sense, it becomes devalued, and we have a critical problem. In the constant teaching of the Church, without the ordained priesthood established by Christ, the Eucharist is not possible. Without the Eucharist (and the other sacraments), there would be no Church. I am convinced that confusion about the role of

the ordained contributes to the vocation decline.

Correct doctrine and consistent practice in the worship and mission of the Church are important for the very existence of the Church. There is an old Latin saying "*Lex orandi, lex credendi*" (the law of praying is the law of believing). The saying makes the point that what we pray and do at worship affects what we believe. The reverse is also true. The relationship between doctrine and liturgical practice is important. Bad theology makes for bad liturgy and weakens faith. Therefore, the Church's prayer and its prescribed ritual are carefully formulated.

The principle of *lex orandi, lex credendi* is one of the reasons so much attention is given to the translation and the interpretation of biblical texts and liturgical prayers. Hence, when the wording of the Great Doxology before the Our Father is changed in order to be more gender sensitive, the community's correct understanding of trinitarian doctrine is at stake. To pray "Through him, with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours almighty God (instead of Father)" sets up the potential that Christ is not understood to be the Son of God. Yet this doctrine of the Trinity is the fundamental tenet of our faith. Words affect understanding.

Sometimes the notion of "the development of doctrine" is invoked as a reason to introduce changes in Church teaching and the liturgy. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, there has been and will continue to be an ever-deepening understanding of what we believe and teach. But this principle speaks to consistent doctrinal development, not a rupture or abrupt change in the doctrine handed on in the Church through the ages.

Another misunderstood principle is invoked to argue for changes in doctrine or practice—namely, the notion of "the sense of the faithful" (*sensus fidelium*). What the Church believes includes "the sense of the faithful" in union with, not separated from, the magisterial teachers of the Church who are part of "the faithful." In our culture, *sensus fidelium* is sometimes erroneously understood as "the majority opinion." Some folks don't like it when I say that, in this sense, the Church is not a democracy; but the doctrine of our faith is not determined by vote. The "sense of the faithful" also refers to the consistent sense about the faith reaching back through the ages and not just at a given moment. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for July

Religious Men: that the special gifts their communities bring to the Church may be more widely appreciated and encouraged.

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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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Sacerdocios universales y ministeriales no están en un continuo

La Constitución Dogmática del Segundo Concilio Vaticano referente a la Iglesia (*Lumen Gentium*) manifiesta que el sacerdocio universal de todos los fieles bautizados y el sacerdocio ministerial son esencialmente diferentes, sin embargo tienen que someterse el uno al otro (*Lumen Gentium*, #10). A pesar de esta enseñanza clara, existe la tendencia bastante común a entenderlos como un continuo de un solo ministerio de la Iglesia.

En la Constitución sobre la Sagrada Liturgia (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) y en el Decreto sobre la Formación Sacerdotal (*Optatum Totius*), el mismo concilio califica al sacerdote como representante de Cristo (*in persona Christi*). Desde el Segundo Concilio Vaticano, a través de los sínodos y las exhortaciones apostólicas, la diferencia esencial del sacerdocio ministerial se describe más específicamente en relación con la persona de Cristo como el sumo sacerdote y cabeza del cuerpo de la Iglesia. Mediante la unción del Espíritu Santo a la ordenación, el sacerdote ministerial se configura a Cristo el Sacerdote de semejanza manera que él funciona en la persona de Cristo la cabeza (*in persona el capitis de Christi*). Uno puede decir que el sacerdote está ordenado para ser "el sacramento" de Cristo, el único sumo sacerdote externo en la proclamación de la Palabra y en la celebración de los sacramentos. Esta formulación doctrinal del sacerdocio a veces se llama el concepto "representacional".

Si uno sólo ve el sacerdocio ordenado en términos de lo que desempeña el sacerdote, hay una tendencia a ver al sacerdote como parte de los muchos ministros variados de la Iglesia. Si se hace así, es posible pasar por alto la diferencia esencial entre el ministerio ordenado y no ordenado así como el papel esencial del sacramento de los órdenes. Mediante este entendiendo "funcional", el sacerdote podría parecer sólo servir en persona Christi en una moda remota o derivada. A veces, del punto de vista funcional, el sacerdote simplemente se considera un líder pastoral junto a los otros líderes pastorales y las puestas se ponen un poco intercambiables.

Si los papeles ministeriales son más o menos intercambiables en teoría y/o en práctica, es probable que no podemos tener presente la necesidad del ministerio ordenado. A tal sentido, se devalúa, y tenemos un problema grave. Mediante las enseñanzas constantes de la Iglesia, sin el sacerdocio ordenado establecido por Cristo, la Eucaristía no es posible. Sin la Eucaristía (y los otros sacramentos), no existiría ninguna Iglesia. Estoy convencido de que la confusión sobre el papel de los ordenados contribuye al declive de la vocación.

La doctrina correcta y práctica constante en el culto y misión de la Iglesia son importantes para la misma existencia de la Iglesia. Hay un refrán latino viejo "*Lex orandi, lex credendi*" (la ley de orar es la ley de creer). El refrán hace ver que lo que oramos y hacemos en el culto afecta lo que creemos. Lo contrario es también verdad. La relación entre la doctrina y la práctica litúrgica es importante. Teología mala constituye liturgia mala y por lo tanto debilita la fe. Por consiguiente, la oración de la Iglesia y sus rituales prescritos se formulan cuidadosamente.

El principio de *lex orandi, lex credendi* es una de las razones que se presta tanta atención a la traducción e interpretación de los textos bíblicos y las oraciones litúrgicas. Pues, cuando la redacción del Gran Dóxología ante Nuestro Padre se cambia para ser más igual en términos de género, el entender correcto de la comunidad de la doctrina trinitaria está en peligro. Para orar así "A través de Él, con Él y en Él, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, todo el honor y la gloria es la suya Dios Todopoderoso (en lugar de Padre)" cree la posibilidad que no se entienda que Cristo es el Hijo de Dios. Todavía esta doctrina de la Trinidad es el principio fundamental de nuestra fe. Las palabras afectan el entendimiento.

A veces la noción del "desarrollo de la doctrina" se usa como una razón para introducir cambios a la enseñanza y liturgia de la Iglesia. Con la inspiración del Espíritu Santo, ha habido y continuará siendo un entendiendo cada vez mayor de lo que creemos y enseñamos. Pero este principio tiene que ver con el desarrollo doctrinal consistente, no una ruptura o cambio abrupto en la doctrina pasado en la Iglesia a través de los tiempos.

Hay otro principio que está mal entendido que se usa para abogar por cambios en la doctrina o práctica—principalmente, la noción del "sentido de los fieles" (*sensus fidelium*). Lo que la Iglesia cree incluye "el sentido de los fieles" junto con los maestros magistrales de la Iglesia de que forman parte de "los fieles" y no separados de ellos. En nuestra cultura, el *sensus fidelium* se entiende a veces erróneamente como "la opinión de la mayoría". A algunas personas no les gusta cuando digo que de esta manera la Iglesia no es una democracia y la doctrina de nuestra fe no es determinada por voto. El "sentido de los fieles" también se refiere al sentido consistente sobre la fe que se remonta a través de las épocas y no sólo en un momento dado. †

Traducido por: Language Training Center, Indianapolis

La intención de vocations del Arzobispo Buechlein para julio

Hombres Religiosos: Que los dones especiales que sus comunidades traen a la iglesia sean más apreciados y alentados por todas partes.

Letters to the Editor

Heard for first time

Archbishop Buechlein wrote the following in his July 17 column:

"In the case of ordination, the imposition of hands on a male candidate is the required 'matter'..."

I have been a Catholic for four years and this is the first time I have seen this truth stated explicitly from a layman, priest, or bishop in a local Catholic newspaper.

My only response is this: God bless you, Archbishop, and he has blessed us with you.

Laura Ann Johnson
Indianapolis

Are we losing battle with culture of death?

In our society, there is what I've heard referred to as a culture war. The Holy Father and Mother Teresa warned about the culture of death battling for the hearts and minds of us all. We seem to be losing this battle. There is more teen and unwanted pregnancies, suicides, sexually transmitted diseases and violence. Our educational system is failing to educate too many kids; our legal system is too often failing to deliver justice; our political system is eroding our freedoms instead of protecting them; our medical profession is forgetting the Hippocratic oath that pledges to save lives, not take them; the entertainment industry is corrupting our values, instead of uplifting and inspiring them. Even the family, the foundation stone of any society, is crumbling. It looks really bad, but it is not hopeless. What can we do to turn things around? We have to begin with prayer. Without God we can do nothing. It can't just stop there, God expects us to do our

part. Like I've heard, pray like everything depends on God and work like everything depends on us.

Sandra Dudley
Sunman

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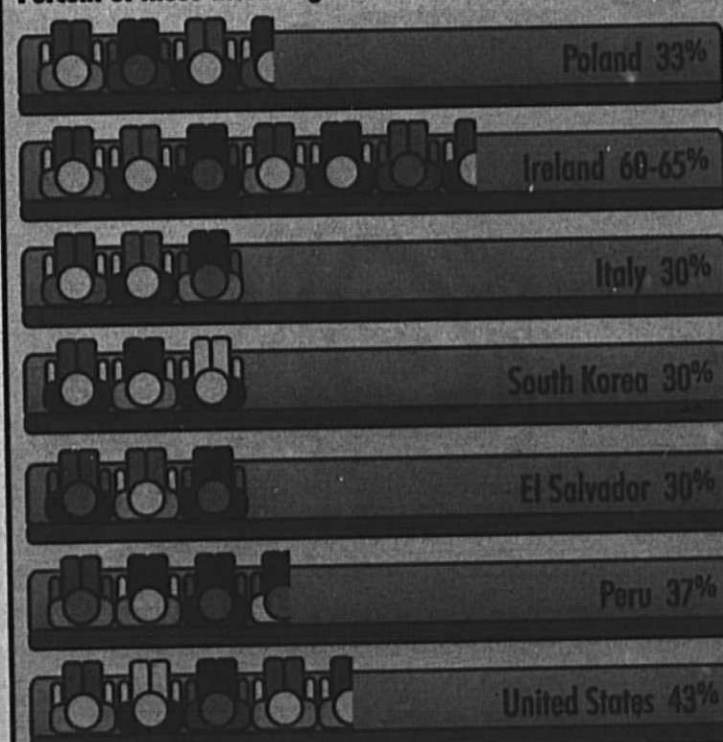
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Taking Attendance

Independent studies from several countries have found that 30-65 percent of Catholics attend Mass each Sunday.



Percent of those attending for select countries*



*Data was presented either as attending Mass weekly, regularly or every Sunday.

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Sources: CNS reports on independent studies

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Check It Out . . .

Father Herman Lutz, pastor, and **Franciscan Father Tom Fox** will celebrate a bilingual Mass at St. Philip Neri Church in Indianapolis at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. The Eduardo Reyes family in Mexico has donated an oil painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the parish. The image will be blessed and

permanently installed in the church during the Spanish Mass. The church will be decorated with roses and balloons. After the Mass there will be a reception in the gym. All are invited.

Crossroads walkers from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, will

arrive in Indianapolis on the Midwest portion of their cross-country pro-life walk on Tuesday, July 28. Interested persons are invited to join the collegians at 6:30 p.m. at Monument Circle and walk with them to the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center for a 7 p.m. reception and talk by Joe Scheidler, director of the Pro-Life Action League, based in Chicago.

Sundays class times are: 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon; and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dr. Morris Pelzel, assistant professor of systematic theology at Saint Meinrad will teach the graduate level course. New students should register by Aug. 21. Cost is \$224 per credit hour; \$149 per audit hour. Three credit hours can be obtained by taking the course. Information or to register: 812-357-6561 or 800-634-6723.

VIPs . . .

Benedictine Sister Dolores Ann Kiesler celebrated her 25th anniversary with her religious profession June 13 at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand. Sister Dolores Ann, a native of Greenville, is the daughter of Vernon Kiesler of Clarksville, and Dorothy Allen of Georgetown. She entered the monastery from St. Michael Parish in Bradford in 1971. She made her first profession of vows in 1973 and her final profession in 1980.

Benedictine Sister Joella Kidwell, prioress of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, has named two sisters to fill key positions in the religious community. **Benedictine Sister Mary Celestin Maurer**, assumes the role of subprioress. She will assist Sister Joella in working with the sisters to foster their personal,

spiritual, and ministerial development. **Benedictine Sister Dolores Ann Kiesler**, is motherhouse coordinator at Monastery Immaculate Conception. Her duties involve directing the daily living of the community residing at the Ferdinand monastery and the pastoral care of the home sisters.

Benedictine Sister Mary Emma Jochum of the Ferdinand community, has been recognized nationally for her work in religious education and catechesis. The National Conference of Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) presented her with the Distinguished Service Award at its annual meeting this spring. The award honors an individual for leadership in catechesis. Sister Mary Emma is administrator of religious education at St. Paul Parish in Tell City. †

Haven House Services, Inc., a non-profit housing corporation, will host a dinner-dance in support of its work with homeless people Aug. 7 at Kye's II banquet facility in Jeffersonville. "A Summer Soiree" will feature the music of The Ovation Orchestra. Tickets are \$100 a person or a table for eight can be purchased for \$750. All tickets must be purchased by Aug. 1. A reception will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to midnight. Black tie is optional. For more information call 812-284-3373.

The third annual **Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing** to benefit the Little Flower School in Indianapolis tuition assistance fund will be Aug. 14 at The Links Golf Club in New Palestine. Tee off time is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 per player. Putting contest is at 12 noon. Register by Aug. 5. Information: Call David J. Burkhard at 317-357-8352.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology is offering a fall weekend course, "Foundational Theology," Aug. 29-30; Oct. 10-11; and Nov. 7-8. Class sessions will be held 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. On

The Class of 1973 of Providence High School in Clarksville will celebrate its 25-year reunion Aug. 14-15. The activities for Friday will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 11 p.m. at the New Albany County Club. Saturday evening events will be held at the Grand Ball Room of the Seelbach Hilton Hotel, Louisville, beginning at 6 p.m. Cost for the weekend is \$53 per person. Information: Call Laura Hochadel Ehalt at 812-945-6022.

"Monasticism and Artistic Expression," is the title of an art exhibit on display at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library through July 31. The collection features artwork by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, and the Benedictine sisters of the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand. The exhibit is free. Information: Call Barbara Crawford at 812-357-6501.

Michaela Farm, located near Oldenburg on SR 229, will be open to the public for self-guided walking tours on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Farm is also offering "Sundays at the Farm" workshops. Information: 812-933-0661. †

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St. Joan of Arc parishioners build for bright future

By Peter Agostinelli

When St. Joan of Arc parishioner Harold Hayes of Indianapolis accepted the invitation to co-chair his parish's capital and endowment campaign, he didn't hesitate to take up the task.

Hayes, a member of St. Joan of Arc since he moved to Indianapolis in the 1960s, was confident in his fellow parishioners' ability to respond to the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign. He said he expected them to carry out the campaign in the spirit of their parish mission statement—that is, as the statement says, to respond in a way to "love and serve God, those in our parish family, our school and our neighborhood."

That spirit has been a hallmark of St. Joan of Arc since its founding in 1921, and it will be the key to its future as a vibrant center-city Indianapolis parish, Hayes said.

Mattie Raby, co-chair of the campaign with Hayes, also moved into St. Joan of Arc in the 1960s. She too was confident in the spirit that would make the Legacy of Hope campaign a success.

Among other things, Raby said, St. Joan of Arc benefits from the leadership of its pastor, Father Patrick Doyle. Raby calls him a "quiet teacher" who recognizes the spirituality and diverse skills of parishioners, which he brought together to work toward the campaign goal of more than \$300,000.

To help the parish meet the challenges of the Legacy of Hope campaign, Hayes said parishioners have focused on the following goals:

- Renovating the exterior of the school
- Renovating the interior of the school
- Establishing a building fund to construct a multipurpose facility.

The multipurpose facility will provide needed space for various parish activities, including ministry programs and assemblies. It also will house a new school gymnasium with a regulation-size basketball floor.

Renovation work on the school will include electrical and plumbing updates and other renovations.

In St. Joan of Arc's "heyday"—which culminated in the 1960s, according to Hayes—about 30 percent of the neighborhood was Catholic. That number declined in the 1980s when a census showed a drop to a 6 or 7 percent Catholic population, Hayes said.

But an increasing number of new parishioners has helped energize St. Joan of Arc. At coffee gatherings after Mass, Hayes said he often meets new members.

"You also can hear babies crying in the church during Mass," Hayes said. "That's been something new for us."

St. Joan of Arc School's enrollment has doubled in the last few years. Assistance has come in the form of financial support from the archdiocese as well as from the Educational Choice Charitable Trust.

According to Father Doyle, pastor since 1995, St. Joan of Arc parishioners have more than doubled the campaign goal, raising about \$715,000 to date. More than half of the parish's 415-households have pledged gifts to the campaign.

A business leader from outside the parish contributed a gift of \$250,000 to St. Joan of

Arc through the Building Communities of Hope phase of the campaign.

Also, a matching grant of \$100,000 from Lilly Endowment Inc. will be set aside for the renovations and physical work on the school.

Two years ago, during its 75th anniversary, the parish celebrated the theme of "a joyful past and a bright future." The parish has embraced that future through its campaign efforts.

"Over the past couple of years, we've tried to develop a vision for the future, including being a presence for the neighborhood and caring for our children," Father Doyle said. That's where the dream for the multipurpose facility took root, he added.

St. Joan of Arc was founded at a time when its location just north of 38th Street in Indianapolis placed it as a far-northside parish. The locale then was considered exclusive and upscale. Today the neighborhood remains quaint, and most of its streets are lined with large trees. But many of the Catholic residents, who have since moved farther north, have been replaced in recent years by many non-Catholics. The area has become more racially diverse as well.

But the parish has retained many longtime parishioners and gained some of the newer ones moving to the neighborhood.

The parish also has shifted to a focus as a center-city parish. This change has taken root in St. Joan of Arc's preschool through eighth-grade school, which educates many neighborhood non-Catholics as well as area Catholic students.

In other areas of parish life, St. Joan of Arc serves community needs through efforts such as its Neighborhood Youth Outreach program, a Catholic Charities-sponsored program.

Raby recounted the energy of giving that has made for such a successful campaign so far. She said she felt a special joy and spirit in talking with parishioners after campaign information sessions, which provided an opportunity to contribute to the parish mission.

"It isn't how much you give—it's the fact that we all share in this," Raby said. "We saw the parish embracing what it has. People were willingly saying, 'This is our church, and we want to see it grow.'"

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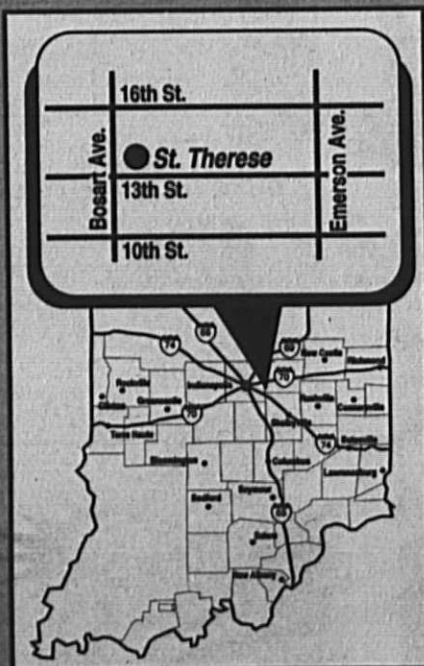
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Fast Fact:

Little Flower School graduates who are priests include Father Donald Schmidlin, Msgr. Francis Tuohy, Fathers James Farrell, Robert Gilday, Daniel Mahan and Joseph Moriarty. Father Gerald Kirkoff's parents moved into the parish before his ordination. And Father Kevin Morris lived in Little Flower as an adult. Maryknoll Father David Sullivan and Comboni Father Michael Barton add to the priestly list. Deacon Darwin Winters is slated to be ordained to the priesthood June 5, 1999.



Journey of Hope 2001

Little Flower Parish, School anchor Indianapolis' east side

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish—called Little Flower—is known for its unique stability as an urban Indianapolis parish.

Parish staffers credit the multigenerational families. "Even if people move away, they come back later," said Janet Hearne, principal of Little Flower School.

The family core helps the parish meet the needs of repairing older buildings and incorporating new technology in the school and parish office. And it helps the parish hang together through the changing of pastoral leadership.

"People are always telling me they used to go to Little Flower," said Father Vincent Lampert, pastor, calling himself the newest member of the staff.

Joseph Reid, director of maintenance said, "When people tell me they used to live down the street, I tell them I live there now."

"My dad used to say, 'You dare not talk about anyone here because you could be talking to one of his relatives,'" said Teresa Eckrich, music director for the parish and school.

David J. Burkhard, pastoral associate, said that in recent years the "short-term" parish emphasis has been on the bricks and mortar. Last year, the focus was on the renovation of the school. And before that, the church was renovated. All of this work was necessary because the buildings are 73 years old, he explained.

"Now I see us as moving to greater emphasis on building up the community here," said Burkhard.

"A lot of people who have strong ties, like the alumni, are becoming more involved. We want to help people reconnect with Little Flower and Little Flower School."

"We are trying to involve grandparents, other family members and friends of the children in significant ways," he said.

This year's parish festival included more family-oriented features. The Marketplace Bible Study program for children was held again this summer.

"Little Flower serves as kind of an anchor for the east side," said Father Lampert.

"It always has," said Hearne.

Burkhard observed that many parishes have drastically changing memberships.

"There is some change here, but our stability is recognized," said Hearne. "There is a lack of people moving out." She said that parents call the school office to learn whether homes they plan to buy are in the parish boundaries.

"Some of the school teachers went to school here," said Father Lampert.

Burkhard said that some families make "lateral moves" to larger or smaller homes within the parish. "They choose to stay in Little Flower."

He said, "We are trying to involve more neighborhood businesses here."

Hearne said, "Businesses want us to succeed because we are a stable influence."

Father Lampert said he thinks the parish can move forward with its ministry of hospitality.

"There is a lot of diversity," said Hearne. "We have as many young families as older."

Eckrich said that the median age is dropping since she joined the choir. At the age of 35, she said, "I was the youngest person in the adult choir."

"We have almost as many weddings as funerals now," she said, to indicate the number of youth in the parish.

Reid said, "I think we need young people to survive."

"The school is important to the parish," said Burkhard. "It enriches both the students and the parishioners."

"The amount of financial commitment the parishioners have made is solid—by all members," said Hearne.

"There is a tremendous amount of ownership of the work of the school," said Eckrich.

"Whether they have children or not," added Reid. He works all summer to prepare the school for fall. Just before it opens in August, about 100 parish volunteers spend a day helping him. Half of those who help do not have children in the school, he said.

Reid said, "Whenever I ask people, they are eager to help. I've always been impressed by that."



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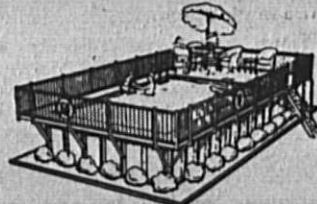
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Parish staff members include (from left) Terry DeBruhl, administrative assistant; Teresa Eckrich, music minister; David Burkhard, pastoral associate; Joe Reid, maintenance; Todd Goodson, first year theology seminarian; Janet Hearne, school principal; and Father Vincent Lampert, pastor.

Hearne said, "It's a chance for people to come back. They love doing that. They can see how the school is developing."

"They can see how we are keeping pace with the changes in the world," said Eckrich.

The school is proud of its large band, directed by Eckrich. It has contributed its share of musicians to the band at Secena Memorial High School in recent years.

"My goal is to provide music ministers for the parish," said Eckrich. Hearne said that last year's eighth-grade class had many talented musicians. And the music teacher said, "They are sticking around."

"The involvement of people in every facet of music is definitely a strength," said Hearne. "No one person can do it all."

The parish participates in the archdiocesan technology program. "Because of technology, we can offer special things in the school," said Burkhard.

"We do try to recognize it as a parish plan," said Hearne.

Burkhard said, "We like to use it to improve the relationships of the staff with the people of the parish. The staff members see themselves as members of the parish."

"I think the parishioners see us as people they are working with," he said.

"We have a very hands-on style," said Father Lampert.

Hearne said, "We are updating our computer lab to network the computer program with computers in the classrooms." She said they are connecting the

First-grade students at Little Flower School are up front at a special school Mass.



school office and the parish center to each other and to the archdiocesan Office of Accounting Services.

"We want to look at things within the church community," said Hearne. "We may not be meeting people's needs. Parishioners could also use the computers by coming in when one of us is not here." She mentioned the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process and school curricula as examples.

"We are working on a web page for the parish and e-mail for the teachers," she said. "We want to make it available to communicate with the parents. Many of them work odd hours. We want to provide as much opportunity for communication as possible."

Burkhard hopes that increased computer capabilities will help the staff find ways to improve the parish newsletter.

Hearne said that the parish would like to keep the alumni informed in the way many high schools and colleges do now. The staff would like to keep in touch with young people when they are leaving the parish for school and jobs.

"It will also give us a larger group of people who are interested and want to help."

Burkhard said that, through Father

Lampert's personal efforts, the parish center is being renovated. "You can see all of us with paint brushes and brooms in hand."

Father Lampert said, "We need to get a better understanding of where we're headed. So much goes on at Little Flower that no one person can absorb all that."

Hearne said the parish is very active in the evenings with various faith formation groups. A parish mission is offered every year. The team wants to schedule more youth activities to try to increase the number of participants.

Youth as Resources, a middle school service club, held a dinner dance for the elderly with a special dinner and music—even providing dance partners.

Little Flower has a personal growth center that provides independent counseling for individuals or couples.

"We are working on our governance

structure," said Father Lampert. "That doesn't sound exciting, but we are taking the initial steps to do this."

Reid pointed out that the parish has had three different pastors since Father Robert Borchertmeyer was killed in an automobile accident on Dec. 14, 1995.

"We've remained strong," he said.

Burkhard said, "And the involvement of people continued to increase."

"People are flexible enough to try different things," said Father Lampert.

The pastor said the will be strong enough to face the new millennium.

Development work has picked up. The school has a new endowment in addition to tuition assistance.

The parish's 75th anniversary will be in the year 2000.

"I think we're really doing a good job," said Burkhard. †

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) (1925)

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24 Franciscans honored on jubilees

Twenty-four Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg who have served the archdiocese will celebrate their jubilees at the motherhouse on July 26.

After a morning of prayer, dinner and a slide show of the jubilarians, they will be honored at a liturgy at 2 p.m. in the convent chapel. A reception will follow the Mass.

The archdiocesan ministries of the sisters are given below. Unless otherwise stated, they are in retirement at the motherhouse.

Sisters Hortense Fougerousse and Mary Omer Trees will mark 75 years in the Franciscan community.

Sister Hortense (formerly Josephine Fougerousse), a native of New Albany, taught and was principal at Scecina Memorial High School, was on the staff at Marian College and taught at Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg.

Sister Mary Omer (formerly Eva May Trees), a native of Indianapolis, taught at St. Mary, New Albany; St. Louis, Batesville; St. Vincent de Paul, Shelbyville; St. Gabriel, Connersville;

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Sister Mary Xavier (formerly Anna Hildagarde Grieshop), a native of Batesville, taught at St. Joseph, Shelbyville; Holy Trinity, St. Mary Academy and Scecina High School in Indianapolis.

Sister Catherine Ann (formerly Florence Leona Hillman), a native of Richmond, taught at the former St. Francis de Sales, Indianapolis, and St. Michael, Brookville. She served as a nurse in the motherhouse infirmary for 33 years.



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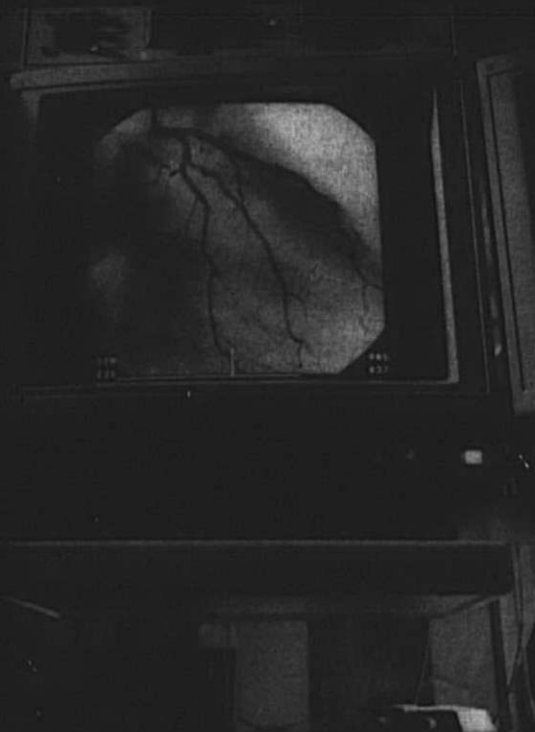
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Sister Irvin Marie (Florence C. Kreimer) taught at Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Lawrence and Holy Name in Indianapolis, and at St. Mary, Greensburg, and St. Mary, New Albany.

Sister Anisia (Loretta B. Maurer), a native of Richmond, taught at Immaculate Conception Academy and was secretary there 36 years.

Sister Mary Sharon (Mary Catherine Raben) taught at St. Mary, New Albany; Holy Name, Beech Grove; and was teacher and principal at St. Joseph, Shelbyville; Holy Trinity, Indianapolis; St. Louis, Batesville; St. Paul, New Alsace. She was supervisor of domestic services at the motherhouse for nine years and is now in ministry there.

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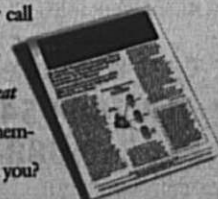


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Sister Jane Anne (formerly Sister Marie Adelaide) was principal and teacher at St. Rita, Indianapolis. For 33 years she was teacher and/or librarian at Seccina High School, St. Mary Academy and Marian College, in Indianapolis and at Oldenburg Academy. She is now in motherhouse ministry there.

Sister Mary Michael (Frances Elizabeth Wilson), a native of Indianapolis, taught at Holy Name, Beech Grove, and was teacher and/or organist at Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis; Holy Family, Richmond; St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg; St. Anthony, Morris; St. Michael, Brookville.

Sister Bertha (Joan Rita Therese Wolfer) was teacher and/or organist at St. Anthony, Morris; St. Mary, North Vernon; St. Michael and Holy Trinity, Indianapolis.

Twelve Franciscan sisters mark 50 years in the community this year: Sisters Ruth Breig, Marie Cecile, Naomi Frey, Lucille Method, Rita Musselman, Rose O'Brien, Jean Michael Sauntry, Mary Peter Sterwerf, Margaret Mary Stuhrenberg, Therese Ann Tackett, Rita Vukovic and Delores Wright.

Sister Ruth (formerly Sister Rose Michael) taught at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Christopher, Holy Name, Little Flower, St. Pius X, St. Simon, in Indianapolis; St. Mary, New Albany; St. Louis, Batesville, and St. Mary, Rushville. She now works in an agency that accesses services for people of all ages.

Sister Marie Cecile (Italia Antoinette DiTullio) was teacher and organist at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Lawrence in Indianapolis, and St. Joseph, Morris. She now works in hospital ministry in Florida.

Sister Naomi Frey (formerly Sister Thomas Ann) taught at St. Mary, New Albany and was in Papua, New Guinea, from 1961-95. She is now in motherhouse ministry at Oldenburg.

Sister Lucille (Aurelee Method) taught at Holy Trinity and was principal at St. Rita School, Indianapolis; taught at St. Joseph, Shelbyville and St. Mary, Aurora. She is currently on sabbatical.

Sister Rita (formerly Sister Robert Ann) taught at Seccina Memorial High School in Indianapolis. She is now

at St. Mary Development Corp. in Dayton, Ohio.

Sister Rose (formerly Sister James Ellen) taught in Evansville and now teaches at an international language center in Cincinnati.

Sister Jean Michael (Bernadette Alice Sauntry) taught at Holy Trinity, Indianapolis; St. Gabriel, Connersville; St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford. She served in New Guinea for 19 years and is now at St. Mary Kagua there.

Sister Mary Peter (Mary Louise Sterwerf) taught at St. Gabriel, Connersville; St. Joseph, Shelbyville; Holy Family, Richmond; St. Lawrence, Indianapolis; St. Mary, North Vernon, and St. Mary, New Albany. She is now a pastoral assistant in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sister Margaret Mary Stuhrenberg taught at Holy Trinity, St. Mark, St. Gabriel, Holy Name, St. Michael and St. Christopher in Indianapolis; St. Lawrence in Lawrenceburg. She is in ministry at the motherhouse.

Sister Therese Ann (formerly Sister Kenneth) served at the St. Francis de Sales and Holy Name in Indianapolis

and at Oldenburg Academy. She is director of a fellowship center in Wallins Creek, Ky.

Sister Rita Vukovic (formerly Sister Anselm) taught at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Michael, Seccina High School and St. Mary Academy, Indianapolis. For 28 years, she has been at Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis. This year she received the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* medal.

Sister Dolores (Joyce Catherine Wright) was teacher and/or principal at St. Mary, North Vernon; St. Anthony, Morris; St. Andrew Richmond; St. Gabriel, Connersville. Teacher/coordinator of community life facilitators at St. Mary, Aurora, and director of life development for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. She is now in native American ministry in New Mexico.

Sister Marge Wissman is being honored for 15 years with the Franciscan community. She was principal at St. Bernadette and St. Joan of Arc schools in Indianapolis. She is now vocation director for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. †



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Seminary rectors optimistic about priesthood's future

ROME (CNS)—Seminary rectors "are the most realistic and the most optimistic" members of the Church when it comes to how they see the future of the Catholic priesthood, said the rector of a U.S. seminary.

Msgr. Timothy M. Dolan, rector of the North American College in Rome, hosted 32 English-speaking seminary rectors from 10 countries during a June 26-July 18 course for rectors.

"We stand in awe of the sincerity and goodness of today's seminarians," Msgr. Dolan said.

As just one of the language groups participating in the course sponsored by the Congregation for Catholic Education and the Association of Rectors of Roman Colleges, the English speakers discovered they share many of the same problems as well as the hope they have for the future.

The course brought together a total of 130 rectors from around the world to discuss the formation of future priests. The rectors met four days a week in their language groups and once a week in a multilingual plenary session.

The group hosted by the North American College included rectors from Canada, Australia, England, Ireland, Ukraine, Poland, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam and the United States.

Topics for the meeting included understanding the identity of priests, educating for ecumenism, preparing future priests to collaborate with the laity, training them in the effective use of the media, deepening their spirituality and fostering community life.

But much of the discussion focused on "human formation," helping candidates to the priesthood grow in personal maturity, creativity, intellectual curiosity and healthy relationships.

Msgr. Dolan said most of the English-speaking rectors admire their students' "thirst for holiness and prayer, their desire to bring the Gospel and the Church to society."

However, they also see students who are profoundly marked by modern culture and are "tempted by convenience, individualism and personal freedom," he said.

"They have a bias in favor of authority and tradition in response to what they did not have growing up," the monsignor said. "They have a deep spirituality, but cannot show up on time for appointments; they have a hard time making friends."

Sulpician Father Melvin Blanchette, director of continuing formation for priests in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and a speaker at the conference, said young people today "are wired differently" than the young people of a generation ago.

Most have a broad range of technical skills, but many suffer a lack of human relational skills, he said. "And we're not the only ones saying this. Professors in medical schools say their students have the techniques, but no human rapport," he said.

While "you can't teach someone how to be human," Father Blanchette said, seminary staff members can help students see their strengths and weaknesses and find ways to overcome them as they prepare to minister to others.

"We're at a point in time where the seeds of rebirth are right before our eyes," Father Blanchette said.

"Rather than bemoaning the deficiencies of candidates, I applaud them," he said. "They are teaching us to embrace brokenness and become more human."

The rector of an Irish seminary told the English-speakers that the Catholic Church in his country has experienced a "drastic drop" in the number of seminarians, especially since 1990 when cases of clergy sexual misconduct hit the news.

"Nobody worried about human formation before 1990 in Ireland," he said. Now it is a key concern of seminary rectors and staff members.

But, he said, the clearest sign of hope for the future is the fact that in spite of all the negative publicity and a public tendency to look initially on all priests with suspicion, "people are still presenting themselves for ministry." †

Establishment of international criminal court hailed by Vatican

ROME (CNS)—Delegates from more than 100 countries ended five weeks of intensive negotiations July 17 when they approved a compromise statute to create a permanent international criminal court.

The tribunal is to prosecute war crimes, acts of genocide, crimes against humanity and acts of aggression—a term that was to be defined explicitly in later documents.

The head of the Vatican delegation to the gathering, Archbishop Renato R. Martino, said the Holy See "welcomes the broad agreement reached in Rome," adding that it was "an important step in the long march toward greater justice."

Archbishop Martino is the Holy See's permanent observer to the United Nations, which convened the meeting and hosted it at the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan cut short a South American trip to attend a July 18 statute signing ceremony in Rome's city hall. Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, the Vatican foreign minister, represented the Holy See at the event.

For several weeks, the Holy See and a number of other states had drawn criticism from some nongovernmental agencies at the conference for insisting that the term "enforced pregnancy" either be defined in the final document creating the court or eliminated from it.

A preamble to the document, approved shortly before the midnight deadline July 17, defined several of the crimes that were to fall under the tribunal's jurisdiction—among them the newly revised term, "forced pregnancy."

It was described as "the unlawful confinement of a woman forcibly made pregnant, with the intent of affecting the ethnic composition of any population or carrying out other grave violations of international law."

Addressing a concern raised by the Holy See's delegation that the court would be able to prosecute governments of countries that limit abortion, the document noted that "this definition shall not in any way be interpreted as affecting national laws relating to pregnancy."

On another matter of particular interest to the Catholic Church, the Holy See's delegation successfully proposed an amendment to the court statute ensuring confidentiality privileges, including those affecting priests and penitents.

The Holy See was also one of more than 100 delegations that opposed giving the global court the power to administer capital punishment. Of the 160 countries with delegates to the gathering, 120 approved the final document, formally referred to as the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The countries which, for various reasons, voted against the statute included the United States, China, India and Israel. Delegates from Singapore, Turkey, Sri Lanka and Mexico were among those who abstained.

The U.S. delegation's chief objections were that the statute gives the court jurisdiction over nonparticipating states, and it does not make sufficient allowances for participating states to "opt out" of certain provisions in the statute. Abstaining and opposing countries can later join the 120 that will form the court.

After 60 of the participating states officially have joined the court by either signing the document or ratifying it in the next few years, the statute will take effect. Then 18 judges are to be elected to sit on the court, which is to be based in The Hague, Netherlands.

Proposals for a permanent global court were first made at an international congress in Paris in October 1946, immediately after the Nuremberg Trial.

Pope John Paul II repeatedly has voiced support for the creation of a world criminal court and for the work of other investigative bodies. In his remarks for the 1997 World Day of Peace, he said such agencies were "a first step toward reconciliation." †

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A year of celebration

Celebrations leading up to the 175th anniversary of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs as a parish began on Aug. 15, 1997. Debbie Nungester, a lifelong parishioner and 175th anniversary committee member, said a new organ was dedicated before Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, the parish's patronal feast. An ice cream social and other activities followed the Mass in the parish hall.

Nearly 1,100 cookbooks, featuring more than 800 recipes

from parishioners as well as the pastor, were sold in only two months. Parishioner Geneva Gohmann was in charge of organizing the cookbook.

"I had a lot of help," she said. Nungester said T-shirts and sweatshirts were also sold to commemorate the anniversary. Two designs were available. They were created by parishioners Maryietta Willman and Michael Koerner.

Last fall the parish hosted a golf scramble, and a Valentine's Day dance was held last January.

A picnic was held this year in late June at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The picnic included a cook-out, fishing contest, horse shoes, volleyball, sack races and water balloon toss.

A quilt was put together by the parish ministry group. Gohmann said various parishioners created 25 quilt blocks. Each block represents one of the ministries offered at the parish. The quilt is on display near the entrance of the Sweeney Learning Center located on the parish grounds. Parishioner Irma Schindler fashioned the separate blocks into a quilt.

"That was her contribution to the 175th—we felt very fortunate that she would do that for us," Gohmann said.

Another parishioner, Vern Nolot, also wanted to contribute to the celebration. Nolot created a scale model of the church.

Ralph Pinnick, who is on the 175th anniversary committee, said the parish started a beautification project last

February around the outdoor shrine of the Blessed Mother. Engraved memorial pavers (bricks) for past and present parishioners were sold.

"This was highly successful. We will be laying about 515 pavers around the shrine area," he said.

The project raised \$25,000 for the beautification project. It will include rebuilding the fountain.

Father Geis recently made a two-week pilgrimage to Marian shrines in Portugal, Spain and France. Sixteen pilgrims were on the journey, including six St. Mary-of-the-Knobs parishioners. Father Geis said he connects that pilgrimage with the upcoming anniversary celebration.

"It was a very enriching, inspiring, spiritual experience," he said.

Father Geis brought back two gallons of Lourdes water to share with the parish.

Joe Gilkey, committee chair, said all the events leading up to the celebration have been self-supporting.

A parish history book will be published and will be available four to six weeks after the celebration. The book will contain about 80 pages of text and photographs.

A homecoming for some

Parishioner Sharon Didat said the 175th anniversary celebration will be a homecoming for some.

"There are a lot of people who have moved away who have a heritage of Floyd's Knobs, and we are hoping they will come back and celebrate the day with us," Didat said.

All former religious who served at the parish and teachers who taught at the former St. Mary-of-the-Knobs elementary school are invited to come to the celebration.



Pictured at far left is the first log church believed to have been built between 1820 and 1823. Below is a portrait of Father Louis Joseph Neyron, the first pastor of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs. Also pictured is part of a first Communion class from the parish's earlier years.



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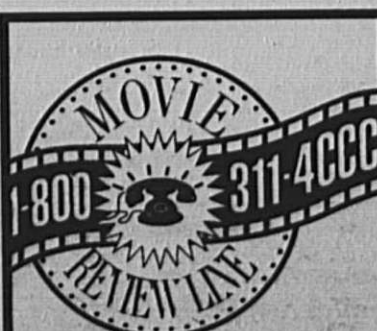
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Ordained June 11, 1881.

Rt. Rev. August Sprigler
Ordained June 1, 1901.

Very Rev. Meinrad Rouck
Ordained April 24, 1918. Only parish son to celebrate the Centennial and Sesquicentennial Masses.

Rev. John Elmer, OFM Conv.
Ordained May 19, 1973, first ordination at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs.

Rev. Stephen J. Banet
Ordained May 21, 1977.

Rev. Paul D. Koetter
Ordained May 21, 1977.

Rev. Steven Schaflehn
Ordained May 20, 1978.

Rev. Daniel J. Atkins
Ordained June 6, 1987.

William Gleason was a Trappist Brother.

A homecoming for some, however, is stirring enthusiasm beyond words for others. "It is so touching—I can remember the 150th anniversary," said lifelong parishioner Gertie Barksdale.

Barksdale said she is among the fourth generation in her family at the parish. She and her husband, Louis, were married in the church 49 years ago. All their children attended the school.

Lifelong parishioner Grace Naville is 87 years old. She said the current church build-

ing is one year older than she is. She recalls the 100th anniversary celebration.

"It was crowded, and I was so excited," she said.

The excitement for this anniversary is equal to that she experienced when she was the 12-year-old who attended the 100th anniversary.

"Talk about being excited about this—I

am so glad that I have lived to be a part of it," she said.

Didat, who joined the Church 27 years ago, shares the excitement of the celebration with the lifelong members.

"This is my family now; this is my home; this is not my personal history, but yet it is my history, too, and my children's," Didat said.

Father Geis said the parish has celebrated many events that have led up to the anniversary. Different activities have appealed to different parishioners, "but I think this is where we want to call them together," Father Geis said.

"It will be one time, one place and with their archbishop as their chief shepherd to celebrate," he said.

Gilkey said planning for the 175th anniversary celebration has been possible due to the group effort. He can recall finishing up meetings with the committee.

"Just watching the enthusiasm from this group—I know that it is going to bubble over into the rest of the parish," Gilkey said. †



Father John F. Geis stands aside the 8-foot gold cross. The 60-pound cross was removed from the steeple to be regilded and repaired in 1996.

Priests in charge of the parish (Reverend Pastors)

Visiting Missionaries from Bardtown, Ky.	1823-1836
Rev. Louis Joseph Neyron	1836-1834
Rev. August Bessones	Mar. 1854-Oct. 1857
Rev. William Doyle	Oct. 1857-Nov. 1857
Rev. B. Rinckes	Nov. 1859-June 1860
Rev. Louis Guéguen	July 1860-Aug. 1863
Rev. Gustaf M. Ginnz	Aug. 1863-June 1873
Rev. James Stremler, D.D.	June 1873-June 1890
Rev. Charles Stricker	July 1890-August 1897
Rev. John H. Hillenbrand	Sept. 1897-May 1906
Rev. Joseph J. Semersheim	June 1906-Aug. 1925
Rev. Bernard Riedford	Sept. 1925-July 1934
Rev. Henry J. Verst	July 1934-Aug. 1938
Rev. Carl Busald	Sept. 1938-Jan. 1949
Rev. Paul J. Ofen	Jan. 1949-June 1970
Rev. Paul V. Sweeney	June 1970-June 1992
Rev. Michael Hildenbrand (Temp. Admin.)	Sept. 1992-Jan. 1993
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Daughters of the parish who became sisters

Sr. Mary Laurence (Margaret) Loh: Ursuline Nuns, Louisville, Ky. She died as a novice in 1874. Made profession of vows on her deathbed.

Sr. Mary Laurence (Mary) Loh: Ursuline Nuns, Louisville, Ky. Professed: 1877.

Sr. Mary Killan (Wilhelmina) Loh: Ursuline Nuns, Louisville, Ky. Professed: 1880.

Sr. Mary Michael Perrin: Order of St. Francis. Professed: 1897.

Sr. Mary Roberta Behmer: Order of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. Professed: 1911.

Sr. Eusebia Loesch: Sisters of Charity, Nazareth, Ky. Professed: 1911.

Sr. Mary Eusebia Bezy: Sisters of Charity, Nazareth, Ky. Professed: 1922.

Sr. Clementine Zimmerman: Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, Ind.

Sr. Dolorita Libs: Order of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. Professed: June 1, 1939.

Sr. Mary Amelia Banet: Order of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. Professed: June 9, 1947. Now belongs to Our Lady of Grace, Beech Grove, Ind. (since 1956).

Sr. Mary Elvira Dethy: Order of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. Professed: August 10, 1953. Now belongs to Our Lady of Grace, Beech Grove (since 1956).

Sr. Rachel Best: Order of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. Professed: May 19, 1954. Now belongs to Our Lady of Grace, Beech Grove, Ind. (since 1956).

Sr. Mary Sue Freiburger: Order of St. Benedict, Beech Grove, Ind. Professed: June 1, 1968.

Sr. Karen Byerly: Order of St. Benedict, Beech Grove, Ind. Professed: June 21, 1970.

Sr. Paul Colette Marie Bertrand: Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Ann, Jamaica, N.Y.



The 175th anniversary committee

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish history at a glance

1779 St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish could be referred to as the cradle of Catholicism in the present archdiocese. This first parish in Floyd County began with squatters and trappers and with soldiers who took Vincennes (Fort Sackville) from the British.

1818 The first Mass is celebrated at the parish at about this time.

1819 Floyd County is established.

1820-1823 The first church in Floyd's Knobs is believed to have been built by the settlers on the farm of Thomas Piers during this time. Piers is considered to be the founder of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish. People traveled from Floyd, Clark and Harrison counties to attend Mass in the log church.

1834 St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish remained a mission of the Diocese of Bardtown until the Diocese of Vincennes, which is now the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was established.

1836 Bishop Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Rémur assigns Father Louis Neyron, a native of France, as pastor of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs.

1836 The first brick church is dedicated and was named by Father Neyron "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin."

1837 The first log school was built.

1854 Father August Bessones becomes pastor at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs.

1857 Father William Doyle becomes pastor at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs.

1859 Father B. Rinckes from the Green Bay Diocese becomes pastor.

1860 Father Louis Guéguen appointed rector.

1863 Father Gustaf M. Ginnz, a native of Alsace, France, becomes rector. During his tenure, the first wood-framed rectory is built.

1873 Father James Stremler, D.D., a native of France, becomes rector.

1890 Father Charles Stricker becomes rector.

1891 Sisters of St. Benedict from Ferdinand come to the parish. A frame residence is built for them.

1897 Father John H. Hillebrand, a Covington, Ky. native, becomes rector.

1898 The Diocese of Vincennes becomes the Diocese of Indianapolis.

1898 A two-story frame school is built.

1899 The first parish directory is published.

1906 Father Joseph J. Semersheim becomes

pastor.

1908 A concrete foundation was poured for a new and existing church building.

1909 On May 9, 1909, pews were rented for the first time in the new church.

1909 The new (and current) church is dedicated on May 16, 1909. The cost of the church, based on an English Gothic Country Church, did not exceed \$25,000.

1920 The old frame rectory is destroyed by fire, and a new rectory is built costing \$18,000.

1925 Father Bernard Riedford becomes pastor.

1923 St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish celebrates 100th anniversary.

1934 Father Henry J. Verst becomes pastor.

1938 Father Carl Busald becomes pastor.

1944 The Diocese of Indianapolis becomes Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

1949 Father Paul J. Ofen becomes pastor. A new school is built and dedicated. The school housed eight classrooms, a cafeteria, and gym.

1957 The Sisters from Our Lady of Grace Convent in Beech Grove took charge of the school. The present rectory is built.

1963 Four additional classrooms were added to the school to accommodate a growing parish.

1970 Father Paul V. Sweeney becomes pastor at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs.

1972 The outside shrine to the Blessed Virgin was dedicated on Mother's Day.

1973 A parish hall is built and used for the first time to celebrate the parish's 150th anniversary.

1982 The first parish council is formed.

1988 The basement of the parish hall is renovated to provide space for the religious education program and is named "The Sweeney Learning Center."

1989 The sisters leave St. Mary-of-the-Knobs after having served the parish for 98 years.

1992 Father Michael Hildenbrand becomes temporary pastor of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs.

1993 Father John F. Geis becomes pastor.

1995-1996 The interior and exterior of the church is renovated.

1997 St. Mary-of-the-Knobs School closes its doors.

1998 St. Mary-of-the-Knobs celebrates 175th anniversary. †

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

The early Church of Carthage

We don't usually associate a thriving Catholic Church with northern Africa. Today Libya, Tunisia,



Algeria and Morocco are all Islamic. In the early years of the Church, though, North Africa rivaled Rome itself in influence.

Christianity first reached Africa in Alexandria. From there it spread eastward. Its center was in Carthage, near modern Tunis, which by the third century was contending with Alexandria for "second city" status in the Roman Empire. Carthage was situated in that part of Africa nearest Italy, just across the narrowest part of the Mediterranean Sea from Sicily.

By the third century, the Church in North Africa was highly developed, with more than a hundred bishops under the overall authority of Carthage. It also produced some of the most important theologians in the early Church, notably Tertullian, Cyprian and Augustine.

Tertullian (160-222) is considered the first true theologian of the West and is also known as the father of Latin theology, because he was the first important Christian writer to write in Latin. He combated the heretics of his age, especially Marcion and the Gnostic teacher Valentinus. However, Tertullian eventually became a heretic himself, becoming disenchanted with what he perceived as laxity on the part of Christian leadership. He adopted Montanism, which claimed that Christians had to live a life totally free from sin after baptism, and there was no such thing as a "second chance." Later he established his own group,

called Tertullianists.

Cyprian (200-258) learned much from Tertullian, but he was not a rigorist. He became bishop of Carthage in 248 but then had to flee the persecutions of Emperor Trajan Decius in 249. This was not the first persecution of the Church in Carthage. During an earlier one in 203, Perpetua and Felicity and three companions were martyred.

The persecution in 249, though, was considered the worst. Christians were ordered to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods or be killed. Some offered sacrifice while others bought *libelli pacis* certificates that said they did. When the persecution was over in 251, there was controversy over what should be done with these lapsed Christians, called the *lapsi*. Cyprian supported a middle position between one pronounced by Novatian that the *lapsi* could never be readmitted to the Church and a lenient one that any confessor could readmit a lapsed Christian without penance. Under his leadership, a synod in Carthage allowed *lapsi* to return to the Church after suitable penance.

Cyprian was influential in the election of Cornelius as pope in 251. He was martyred in Carthage in 258 when Emperor Valerian renewed the persecution of the Church.

Augustine (354-430), the greatest of the Fathers of the Western Church, studied at Carthage but eventually became Bishop of Hippo, another city in North Africa. I don't have room to say more about him.

The Church in North Africa lost its influence with the conquests of the Vandals as Augustine was dying. Then the Arabic conquest of the seventh century virtually wiped out the Church in North Africa. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

List of imponderables used as an antidote to vegging out

Just so that our summer brains don't turn to slush entirely, here's a list of questions to while away a hot summer day.



How come TV is full of reruns and boring stuff when we're on vacation and finally have time to watch? And when we do see a favorite program, how come

the episode we're on is the only one we caught last winter?

How come the guys with the trendiest sports outfits from L.L. Bean and Nike and Calvin Klein are never seen swimming in the water or hiking on a mountain trail or hitting a tennis ball? How come they never, in fact, sweat?

Why is it that we can eat hamburgers and hotdogs, corn on the cob and watermelon two or three times a week these summer days without barfing, or at least without longing for some variety? Why don't we crave beef stew or chicken and dumplings once in a while?

How come people who should know better write, "He lead the parade" when they mean, "He led the parade"? Or how about, "He plead guilty" when they mean, "He pled guilty," something I saw recently in a document about legal decisions.

I'll admit this kind of mistake is my own pet peeve, but I was under the impression that English was our native language. And that Spell Check is just a disciple, not a savior. Silly me.

How come some people say, "No problem" instead of, "You're welcome" when you thank them? I think they're being nice, but there's an implication somewhere in there that it just might be a problem to do you a favor. But that's OK. At least it's better than saying, "No sweat."

Whatever happened to clothes for little girls and boys? Eight-year-old young ladies go around looking as "clueless" as their elders. And boys are so burdened with saggy pants and size XXXL sweat-shirts they can hardly walk or turn their cap-backward heads.

Why do we leave home to go on vacation at the most pleasant time of the year? If a (wo)man's home is his/her castle, why should we cross the moat when it's warm outside and usually cool inside? Our flowers are blooming, our tomato plants are groaning with fruit and the backyard pool beckons. Oops, I forgot. The weeds and lawns are also booming. Forget that.

Why do we say, "How are you?" when we really don't want to know any gory details? And why do we reply, "Fine," when in fact our old dog just died, the roof was recently damaged by hail, and we ate too many green onions for lunch? Maybe for the same reason we say "No problem" when there just might be one.

Sprawling in a hammock or drifting around the pool on a rubber raft seem to lend themselves to reflections such as these. Maybe we'll get around to homelessness and world peace next winter. †

Be Our Guest/Shirley Vogler Meister

Leaving life in the manner we lived it

A colleague's husband was invited to the funeral of an elderly business associ-



ate. He was told the service would be a High Mass; and, being non-Catholic, he and his wife wondered what that meant. As I explained, I couldn't help but smile; because the discussion about a High Mass made me recall a poem a friend wrote: "Going Out on a High." Then when I learned the late gentleman died while playing golf, I was compelled to share my friend's poem:

Going Out on a High

by Marilyn Stacy

I want to run with the wind
till it blows me away,
to finish the last delicious page
of that mystery I'm reading,
to putt out
on the eighteenth hole
at Pebble Beach
the way Bing Crosby did,
to fall asleep like a kid
on Christmas Eve,
anticipating,
and wake up to the surprises
on the other side.

I remember a woman who, while dancing at her 100th birthday party, collapsed and died. What a memory her friends and family have! "Dying while doing something enjoyable is the way to go," says a friend. That's what most of us would like

to do, but that's not always what life brings. Too many die too young. Too many die before important goals are reached or in tragedies beyond anyone's control. Too many die through violence or in pain and fear. Too many die alone. And, being human, we wonder why.

From the moment we are conceived, there are two physical certainties: Some day our bodies will die, and not everything that goes between birth and death can be controlled.

From the moment we're conceived, there are two spiritual certainties: We've come from a loving God, who always remains with us (whether we believe it or not), and the same loving God awaits our return.

For most of us, how we relate to God is a matter of choice—our ongoing preparation for death. For others who don't or can't personally know God as Catholics do—as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—it's up to us to be good examples of that Trinitarian love, no matter what we're doing.

Not everyone can "go out on a high." Those who linger with illness, infirmities, or brain dysfunction need the rest of us to bring them their happy moments. We reach out to others through encouragement, smiles, prayer, and whatever physical help we can give them—until they "wake up to the surprises on the other side." †

(Shirley Vogler Meister is an Indianapolis writer whose prose and poetry appears in diverse publications. Poet Marilyn Stacy is a marriage and family therapist in Dallas, Texas, whose book, *Along the Path*, includes "Going Out on a High.")

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

Evangelization conference focuses on Holy Spirit

The National Council for Catholic Evangelization gathered in Sturbridge,



Mass., to catch fire. The theme of this 15th annual national conference was "Ablaze With the Fire," a response to our Holy Father's call for a Year of the Holy Spirit as the second stage of preparation for the celebration of the Great Jubilee of Christ's birth in the year 2000.

The Church itself began with the experience of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Both Pope Paul VI in *Evangelization in the Modern World* and our American bishops in *Go and Make Disciples* remind us that there can be no evangelization without the Holy Spirit. "The Holy Spirit is the fire of Jesus. The Spirit, the first gift of the risen Christ to his people, gives us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in response, the power to proclaim it. Without the Holy Spirit, evangelization simply cannot occur. The Spirit brings about evangelization in the life of the Church and in the Church's sharing the Gospel with others" (GMD, p. 5).

With this vision of the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, the conference went to work exploring ways to make that vision a reality in our Catholic people and in our parishes and other Church institutions. One of the dramatic effects of that first Pentecost was people hearing the Good News of Jesus proclaimed in their own language. A strong

thread throughout the conference was that we are not just becoming a multicultural Church, we already are. Our efforts to help current members feel at home and to reach out to those who have become alienated or who are unchurched must accept and work with the opportunity and challenge of diversity. And that diversity is not just a matter of language or culture or race. It also includes spirituality, social and economic status, and all aspects of life. Can we live up to our name of Catholic, which means universal? Can we truly say, "The Catholic Church—here comes everybody?"

It may sound very exciting to talk about a Church in which all are welcome. But what if that really happens? We will be different. We will have to change. We will undergo a conversion. The late Father Jim Dunning, one of the leaders in the development of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in this country, wrote an issue of *Catholic Update* titled "Conversion—Being Born Again and Again and Again."

Conversion is a lifelong process, and the Holy Spirit is the agent of that process.

As our bishops put it, "And we must be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit who will continue to convert us as we follow Christ. If our faith is alive, it will be aroused again and again as we mature as disciples. We can only share what we have received; we can hold on to our faith only if it continues to grow." (GMD, pp. 2-3). †

(Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen is evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese.)

The Active List

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July 23-25

St. Christopher Parish, Speedway, 5301 W. 16th St., will host a summer festival featuring games, rides, food, fun, and raffle.

July 24-31

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library, St. Meinrad, will display "Monasticism and Artistic Expression," an exhibit featuring artwork by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and the Benedictine sisters of the Monastery Immaculate Conception. Information: 812-357-6501.

July 24

Rencall High School Class of 1973 will host a 25-year class reunion at the Longacre Bar and Grill, Indianapolis, 4813 Madison Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-783-7966.

July 24-26

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Fishers, 10655 Haverstick Rd., will hold its annual summer festival featuring carnival rides, children's games, food, adult activities, auction, raffle, bingo and live music. Open Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-midnight; Sunday, noon-8 p.m. Information: 317-848-4566.

July 25

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, will hold holy hour for vocations following 5:30 p.m. Mass. Information: 812-944-5304.

Indiana Catholic Home Educators Conference begins with Mass at 8 a.m., SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, 1347 N. Meridian, with meetings at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m., talks at 9:30 a.m. and conference ends at 5 p.m. The conference will feature vendors of home education resources, Catholic colleges and free materials. Registration at door, \$30 single, \$35 couple. Teens and all religious are free.

The Catholic Widowed Organization will hold its July social at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, featuring ham sandwiches and pitch-in salads or desserts. Cost: \$2.

Rencall High School Class of 1973 will host a 25-year class reunion gala at the Southside K of C, Indianapolis, 511 E. Thompson Rd., from 7 p.m.-midnight. Cost: \$25.00 per per-

son. Information: 317-783-7966.

St. Philip Neri Parish, Indianapolis, 550 N. Rural St., will hold a blessing and installation of a painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe at a 6:15 p.m. bilingual Mass. Fr. Herman Lutz and Franciscan Fr. Tom Fox will concelebrate. Reception to follow in gym.

July 25-26

St. Martin Parish, Yorkville, 8044 N. Yorkridge Rd., will host a parish picnic featuring prime rib dinners on Saturday and country style chicken dinners on Sunday. Raffle, games, kiddie land, beer garden and live music. Reservations: 812-623-2591 or 812-537-3817.

July 26

Rexville Schoenstatt "Inscriptio Spirituality" at 2:30 p.m., Mass at 3:30 p.m. by Father Elmer Burwinkel. (.8 mile East of 421 South on 925 South, 12 miles south of Versailles on U.S. 50)

July 31

Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis, 3360 W. 30th St., will host Brickyard Calcutta at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The evening will include the "auction" of cars competing in the 1998 Brickyard 400, beverages, snacks and surprises. Admission fee of \$100 per table of 10. Information: 317-879-4770.

St. Roch Youth Athletic Board will host a Monte Carlo night from 7 p.m.-midnight in the school cafeteria, 3603 S.

Meridian St. The evening will include poker, blackjack and other games, food, free refreshments, door prizes and more. Information: 317-783-6155.

August 2

Our Lady's "Chapel in the Meadow," the Italian POW's 9th annual rosary and Mass to be held at Camp Atterbury near Edinburgh, beginning at 11 a.m. Pitch-in begins at 12:45 p.m. Information: 317-849-9731.

St. Cecilia Parish, Oak Forest, on St. Mary Rd., will host a festival and chicken dinner featuring raffle, games and homemade ice cream from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information: 765-647-5286.

Recurring

Daily

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

Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., holds a Tridentine (Latin) Low Mass, times vary, call: 317-636-4478.

Weekly

Sundays

Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., holds a Tridentine (Latin) High Mass, 10:00 a.m. (formerly held at St. Patrick Parish).

St. Anthony of Padua 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 Divine Mercy.

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Shepherds of Christ Associates prays for priests and religious, the rosary 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

Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group has rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and consecration. 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

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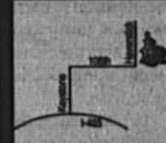
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, July 26, 1998

- Genesis 18:20-32
- Colossians 2:12-14
- Luke 11:1-13

The first reading is from the Book of Genesis. The Book of Genesis usually is

associated with stories of creation, although its verses dealing with creation are by comparison relatively few.

This weekend's reading is about Abraham. Over the past 80 years, Genesis and its stories about creation have generated interest in this book of the Pentateuch.

Creation was hardly an unimportant matter for the ancient Hebrews.

Creation established the fact of God's almighty power and the divine supremacy over all created things.

However, Abraham, who is the central figure in this weekend's reading, also was critical in the Hebrews' understanding of God, of life and of themselves.

Abraham was the father of the Hebrew people. His primacy was more than coincidental, more than simply the fact that descended from him was the race itself.

His faith confirmed his place. Being faithful to God was an essential component of Hebrew ethnicity.

The reading this weekend is quite ominous. It tells of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, cities which in scholarly

opinion were more than symbolic or imaginary but whose locations are unknown.

More critical in this reading, however, is the message that because of his faith, Abraham communicated with God, and in response to Abraham's pleading, God was merciful.

Paul's Epistle to the Colossians supplies the second reading.

Ceremonial washing was not unknown to the Jews of the first century, but this epistle makes clear how important baptism was to the spread of Christianity among gentiles as well as among Jews.

In this reading, typical of a Pauline theme seen elsewhere in the epistles, baptism represents not cleaning as much as death. It is a rejection of sin.

Sin, in the mind of Paul, is the ultimate destructive element. It results in death. To reject sin is to reject death. To turn to Jesus is to receive life.

Luke's Gospel is the source of the Gospel reading this weekend.

It is familiar to Christians of all times, as it reveals the magnificent lesson taught by the Lord in response to the question of how to pray. It is the Lord's Prayer.

Each verse of this splendid text is heavy with meaning. However, the very notion of prayer establishes the reality of communication between God and a created human.

Added to this central and premier prayer of Christianity is the Lord's assurance that God hears our prayers.

Reflection

In these readings, the Church reassures

Daily Readings

Monday, July 27

Jeremiah 13:1-11

(Response) Daniel 32:18-21

Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28

Jeremiah 14:17-22

Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13

Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29

Martha, disciple of the Lord

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

Psalm 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18

John 11:19-27

or Luke 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30

Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Psalm 146:1-6

Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 31

Ignatius of Loyola, presbyter and religious founder

Jeremiah 26:1-9

Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14

Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, Aug. 1

Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, religious founder and doctor

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24

Psalm 69:15-16, 20-21

Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, Aug. 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

us. We are not alone, even in the helplessness so often evident to humans. God is with us. Wisely, the Church also tells us in these Scriptures that life is filled with evil and turmoil. Sodom and Gomorrah were places of importance long ago, but as centers of sin and death they have their parallels today, not only in communities but in individual human hearts.

Beyond this scene of sin and death is the everlastingly merciful God. He awaits us.

He loves us. He saves us from death.

To approach God worthily, however, we must be sincere. We must frankly admit our need. We must confront the fact that all without God is heartbreak and destruction.

In this approach, we display our faith. It is the faith so well symbolized by Abraham, urged upon so boldly and convincingly by Paul, who summoned us to remember our baptism, our true death to sin, and resurrection in Christ to eternal life. †

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Church offers help with abortion reconciliation

QI am in a serious relationship with a Catholic woman who had an abortion when she was in her early 20s.

At the time, she was not practicing her faith, but at my urging she has since confessed the sin. She is sorry for the abortion, says she previously had asked God's forgiveness, and did not

realize prior to meeting me that she needed to go to confession.

This young woman now attends Mass regularly, and is taking her faith more seriously.

I have heard that someone who has an abortion is automatically excommunicated from the Church. Is this true?

As you can imagine, these are very serious questions for me.

Since she went to confession, is she back in the good graces of the Church? Will the Church recognize my marriage to her as valid? (New York)

AIt is true that according to Catholic Church law, anyone who procures an abortion may incur an automatic excommunication. That includes, by the way, not only the mother but others directly involved in the act.

However, several important conditions must be met before an individual personally is excommunicated.

The person must be at least 18 years old. He or she must also be aware, when the act is committed, that the Church penalty of excommunication will result if the abortion is carried through. Many people, even fairly knowledgeable Catholics, know abortion is wrong, but do not know an excommunication is incurred at the same time.

In addition, if the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy are such as to cause grave fear and confusion in the

woman, or if she is under severe pressure from family or friends to have the abortion, again the excommunication would not be incurred.

As you can see, there is at the very least serious doubt that your friend was excommunicated. From your description of the situation, for example, it is highly unlikely that she was aware of this possible consequence.

If, after all this, it turns out she was excommunicated (and how would we ever know?), in most of the United States priests can remit this type of penalty when the individual receives the sacrament of penance. One way or another, you have no worry about this affecting your marriage as Catholics.

Some priests are uncertain about these aspects of excommunication and abortion. For references, the relevant canons are 1398, 1323, 1324 and 97.

QCould you clarify the position of the Catholic Church on belief in and use of astrology? I'm confused. (Illinois)

AOn the whole subject of astrology, it is helpful to keep a few facts in mind. From ancient times until only about 200 years ago, the study of the influence of stars and planets on human activity was considered a genuine, legitimate science.

Many great names in physics and astronomy, like Copernicus and Galileo, believed in it, taught it, and practiced it by casting horoscopes.

Most political and religious leaders, including some popes, governed much of their activity by horoscopes. Pope Julius II set the day of his coronation according to the advice of the astrologers.

All this was possible, of course, because of the simple, very limited knowledge of the heavens. As the science of astronomy developed in modern times—particularly after the invention of the telescope—the discovery of thousands of new planets, stars and other materials in space caused the total

collapse of astrology as a true science. The entire supposed "system" fell apart.

During this time, the Church officially opposed astrology because of two dangers. If the stars governed all mankind's actions, free will would be meaningless. Also, some claimed that the power of Satan and other evil spirits was behind this heavenly influence and that astrology was therefore the devil's way of infiltrating human life.

These concerns remain at the base of whatever reservations the Church has about astrology and of its warning that it can involve sinful superstition.

In spite of the array of inconsistencies and contradictions contained in astrology, lots of people are getting rich because it still fascinates millions. Maybe they're only curious. Or maybe they're just anxious to discover somewhere "out there" the cause of their problems. †

My Journey to God

Look Beyond

What if ...
We could look beyond outer beauty and look inside the soul?

What if ...
We could look beyond the house and look inside the home?

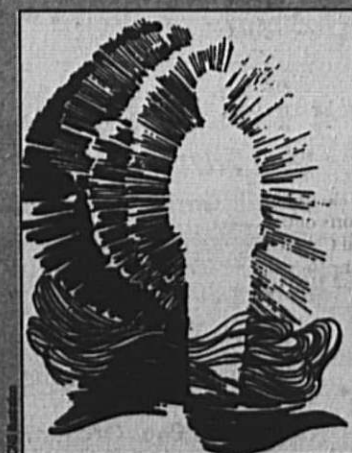
What if ...
We could look beyond the wallet and look inside the gift?

What if ...
We could look beyond the words and look inside the heart?

What if ...
We could look beyond despair and find the hope?

What if ...
We could look beyond the darkness and see the light?

Heavenly Father, help us to see the soul, the home, the gift, the heart,



the hope and the light. Help us to know that this brings us closer to you. Bring us to your holy light so that we may look beyond the evil and find your grace. Amen.

By Lisa Marie Taylor

(Lisa Taylor is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.)

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recognized a Mexican bishop for his efforts to mediate a solution to the conflict in the country's southern state of Chiapas. Daniel Gomez Ibanez, executive director of the Peace Council, said the work of the National Mediating Commission, directed by Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia of San Cristobal de las Casas, had inspired mediation efforts in other parts of the world. The Peace Council, which organized the July 10 ceremony in San Cristobal de las Casas, is a global organization of religious leaders.

Mexican Church leaders announce plans for papal visit in January

MEXICO CITY (CNS)—Mexican Church leaders have announced plans for Pope John Paul II's January visit. The pope will begin his fourth visit to Mexico Jan. 22 and will receive the keys to Mexico City from Mayor Cuauhtemoc Cardenas. A highlight of the visit will be a Mass in the Basilica of Guadalupe Jan. 23 with the bishops who participated in the 1997 Synod of Bishops for America. The pontiff will present the synod results in an apostolic exhortation. Later that day, Pope John Paul will meet President Ernesto Zedillo, his family and members of his cabinet at the official presidential residence, Los Pinos. On Jan. 24, the pope will preside at Mass in the velodrome built for the 1968 Olympic Games. A series of short meetings is scheduled for Jan. 25.

Canadian archbishop proposes benefits for nonsexual partners

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (CNS)—Arch-

bishop Adam Exner of Vancouver has proposed an expansion of the provincial government's pension benefits plan so that it would include domestic partners of a nonsexual nature. In response to a government decision to extend benefits to homosexual partners of provincial employees, the archbishop wrote a two-page letter to Premier Glen Clark condemning the decision. Under the government's plan, many couples in society living together would not receive the benefits that homosexuals would, the archbishop said, citing such examples as a daughter caring for her aged mother, or two lifelong friends in a nonsexual relationship. "Why not let employees in the public service designate the person who is to receive the pension benefits regardless of whether that person be a homosexual or lesbian partner or not?" he asked in the letter, dated July 3.

People

Nebraska prelate says he's serious about his duty to teach as a bishop

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS)—Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., said he takes seriously his obligations as a bishop to teach authentic Catholic doctrine and to defend the magisterium. The bishop—who has been forthright in speaking out on Church issues—made his remarks in talks and interviews at the annual Church Teaches Forum July 11 in Louisville. Bishop Bruskewitz gave the keynote talk at the forum, explaining the role of the Holy Spirit and the magisterium (Church teaching authority) in the development of Church doctrine.

Tanzanian priest: Materialism keeps U.S. priest numbers low

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS)—In sharp contrast to the situation in this country, East Africa is experiencing a boom in religious vocations, and the rector of St. Peter's Junior Seminary in Tanzania thinks he knows why. Father Patrick Kung'alo, who visited Louisville in July at the invitation of his friend, Father John Judie, pastor of Mother of Good Counsel Church, believes the materialism that is so pervasive in the United States has yet to tarnish his native land. "Materialism threatens that sense of sacrifice" that is essential to priesthood, he told *The Record*, Louisville's archdiocesan newspaper.

Alabama archbishop hospitalized

MOBILE, Ala. (CNS)—Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile was hospitalized July 13 for treatment of severe internal bleeding in the gastro-intestinal tract, according to an archdiocesan statement. The 66-year-old archbishop, who lost four pints of blood, remained at Mobile's Providence Hospital "for continued observation," the July 16 statement said. A number of tests were run to determine the source of the problem. The statement said procedures used to control the bleeding were successful and a full recovery is anticipated. Archbishop Lipscomb underwent hip-replacement surgery in January, followed by a six-week period of rehabilitation. †

(These briefs were compiled from reports by Catholic News Service.)

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90	LIBERTY	220.00	620.00	-	870.00	-	330.00	-	-	-	-	200.00	200.00	-	280.00
91	MADISON, PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH	1,177.00	1,918.00	-	2,179.48	29.30	1,188.00	813.00	1,039.25	889.00	742.25	1,411.00	3,406.54	1,512.00	3,644.00
95	MARTINSVILLE	1,154.69	700.00	-	1,247.00	-	715.76	-	560.30	300.00	1,035.43	-	-	837.09	1,181.91
96	MILAN	403.40	533.00	-	691.50	-	302.00	176.50	361.70	134.40	381.00	477.00	915.00	281.50	610.52
97	MILLHOUSE	505.00	1,119.50	275.00	648.85	32.03	507.00	448.00	563.00	50.00	550.00	624.00	900.00	552.00	1,306.15
99	MITCHELL	347.36	334.33	-	1,700.66	-	304.85	261.13	296.33	-	-	-	286.36	-	594.48
100	MONTEZUMA	45.00	70.00	-	353.11	-	30.00	20.00	105.00	-	22.00	80.00	30.00	190.00	195.00
101	MOORESVILLE	1,374.00	992.60	-	1,719.19	781.44	970.60	-	1,563.50	-	110.00	836.10	-	725.10	1,251.50
102	MORRIS	717.70	652.95	1,110.00	848.11	-	532.33	627.00	571.00	228.43	649.61	514.00	1,153.50	675.99	1,501.85
103	NAPOLEON	220.00	435.00	-	360.00	-	195.00	250.16	223.00	-	253.00	167.26	512.91	302.70	540.10
104	NASHVILLE	429.06	694.56	-	3,744.82	50.00	956.10	757.05	457.43	-	1,054.30	740.83	918.28	424.06	2,139.49
105	NAVILTON	-	715.46	-	731.77	-	-	717.99	620.77	-	448.06	377.00	632.15	1,072.57	728.27
	NEW ALBANY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
106	HOLY FAMILY	2,858.50	2,337.50	2,555.00	5,116.20	1,047.69	-	1,531.30	1,695.00	-	-	1,820.00	1,862.00	1,813.00	4,977.00
107	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	1,138.07	1,637.10	-	2,882.15	-	-	-	1,266.55	-	790.30	1,150.85	1,435.45	1,028.82	3,131.17
108	ST MARY	-	2,127.00	-	3,758.70	572.45	1,963.00	1,571.00	1,880.00	467.30	1,303.05	1,901.00	2,004.00	1,794.00	3,086.00
109	NEW ALBANY	276.00	357.00	-	492.37	100.00	269.00	140.00	196.00	-	92.00	206.00	331.00	149.00	471.00
110	NEW CASTLE	541.80	772.00	-	2,423.85	-	370.00	282.00	572.00	387.25	469.00	395.00	661.00	552.00	854.00
111	NEW MARION	226.35	55.00	-	326.10	-	-	97.00	169.00	-	84.00	137.00	200.00	31.00	289.00
112	NEW MIDDLETON	125.00	65.00	-	301.00	-	76.00	48.00	62.00	61.61	143.00	51.00	49.00	70.00	147.00
113	NORTH VERNON	1,275.00	1,453.25	2,035.00	3,070.37	471.50	575.50	484.00	1,091.00	-	875.00	941.00	1,593.50	1,573.00	3,321.00
114	OAK FOREST	110.00	120.00	-	121.00	-	83.00	51.00	-	-	118.00	92.00	-	134.00	190.00
115	OLDENBURG	1,205.01	1,070.15	-	2,253.55	-	994.05	1,129.45	1,183.40	495.00	886.41	1,128.96	906.00	1,103.44	1,110.94
116	OSGOOD	604.78	289.00	480.00	1,240.67	-	349.00	189.00	442.00	221.00	703.43	570.85	972.65	451.00	1,153.23
117	PAOLI	158.71	169.43	-	-	-	132.97	170.50	141.35	-	140.35	115.81	166.35	203.75	218.61
118	PLAINFIELD	730.00	377.00	-	4,240.53	537.13	253.00	323.00	365.00	-	340.00	772.00	921.32	520.00	1,593.00
	RICHMOND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
119	HOLY FAMILY	1,294.45	1,790.75	1,495.00	2,211.17	-	1,173.00	-	1,174.00	536.00	385.25	1,176.00	722.20	1,318.50	3,435.50
120	ST ANDREW	1,314.96	2,830.13	1,555.00	2,880.05	1,061.37	741.50	-	1,146.45	717.56	1,244.00	1,438.50	800.00	1,203.60	2,878.86
121	ST MARY	881.00	1,793.75	2,085.00	2,757.19	-	486.00	-	889.46	1.00	1,264.00	2,006.33	388.73	2,555.54	1,323.37
122	ROCKVILLE	190.00	173.00	-	1,188.33	-	139.00	105.00	105.00	125.00	255.00	96.00	286.00	100.00	545.00
123	RUSHVILLE	1,041.00	1,423.00	-	2,485.23	744.71	855.00	1,144.50	1,870.00	298.31	639.03	864.00	1,187.00	1,048.60	3,305.00
124	ST ANNE, JENNINGS CO.	950.00	59.00	-	388.00	-	20.00	35.00	10.00	-	190.00	933.00	1,072.00	574.00	-
125	ST CROIX, HOLY CROSS	174.50	182.52	-	-	-	95.00	121.00	90.00	125.00	100.50	108.00	95.00	131.40	168.00
126	ST DENIS, JENNINGS CO.	183.00	271.00	-	257.00	-	153.27	202.11	155.00	-	162.15	144.03	326.73	156.00	365.00
127	ST ISIDORE, PERRY CO.	276.00	122.50	-	-	-	115.00	103.00	157.00	119.00	105.95	125.00	206.75	144.50	183.50
128	ST JOSEPH, CRAWFORD CO.	140.00	120.00	-	210.00	-	-	-	125.00	-	-	-	-	135.00	100.00
129	ST JOSEPH, HILL	938.04	689.00	-	1,140.78	-	706.75	696.35	847.85	-	815.88	763.28	745.00	789.35	1,378.06
130	ST JOSEPH, JENNINGS CO.	-	1,535.00	-	775.40	-	-	-	-	-	396.00	-	1,404.30	20.00	480.00
131	ST LEON, ST JOSEPH	1,005.00	1,354.00	75.00	-	30.00	816.75	678.00	778.00	434.05	434.25	584.00	844.00	1,022.25	1,529.58
132	ST MARK, PERRY CO.	311.00	848.59	-	-	8.20	327.00	45.00	1,425.00	270.00	349.00	340.75	590.00	441.25	791.00
133	ST MARY-OF-THE-KNOBS	2,216.30	1,811.26	-	4,544.38	-	1,689.70	1,680.50	1,592.77	906.10	1,333.00	1,811.00	1,770.00	1,722.00	4,114.25
134	ST MARY-OF-THE-ROCK	270.00	237.00	-	216.25	-	191.20	201.00	119.00	145.00	122.00	196.00	274.00	304.00	139.00
135	ST MARY-OF-THE-WOODS	183.00	365.00	-	494.00	-	90.00	248.50	257.75	-	389.00	363.00	98.00	308.00	561.00
136	ST MAURICE	228.00	219.00	-	391.89	-	265.00	211.00	432.00	-	250.50	191.00	268.00	208.00	258.91
137	ST MEINRAD	264.00	580.00	-	662.00	-	130.00	120.00	65.00	760.00	105.00	173.00	855.00	209.00	253.00
138	ST NICHOLAS, RIPLEY CO.	904.50	1,098.00	-	1,059.95	-	573.99	568.25	558.15	427.50	630.40	699.08	1,223.00	697.25	1,862.43
140	ST PETER, FRANKLIN CO.	523.00	395.25	-	357.60	-	304.35	240.00	391.00	186.00	218.00	447.80	700.00	360.75	1,102.00
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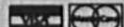
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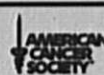
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Meetings: August 13, September 14

Jim Dandy Restaurant 2:00 PM
2301 E. Connor Drive - Noblesville
Meeting: September 22
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Le Peep Restaurant 1:00 PM
2258 West 86th Street
(North Willow Shopping Center)
Meetings: August 24, September 28

Westside

Sunshine Cafe 1:00 PM
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Meeting: August 17

Laughner's Cafeteria 1:00 PM
2155 E. Main Street - Plainfield
Meeting: August 6

Sunshine Cafe 1:30 PM
4857 W. 56th Street
Meetings: August 26, September 9

Charlie Brown's Pancake and Steak 1:30 PM
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Meetings: August 27, September 23

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Meetings: August 31, September 30

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Ponderosa Steakhouse 1:00 PM
920 US 31, Greenwood
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