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Peace is focus of interfaith prayer rally

By Mary Ann Wyand

"Moved by Prayer for Justice and Peace," a city-wide interfaith peace rally July 25 at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Indianapolis, moved some participants to tears as they prayed for an end to violence and mourned the deaths of more than 350 people, of all ages and races, killed during the last two years in Indiana's capital city.

Sponsored by the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis and its Prayer Vigil Network, the interfaith peace rally brought together Christians, Jews, Hindus and Baha'is to implore God for help in ending violence in the community.

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, 10th District Congresswoman Julia Carson and Marion County prosecutor Scott Newman joined nearly 400 people gathered for the interfaith ceremony. But it was a day for prayer, not political rhetoric, and the rally speakers all represented various religious denominations.

The poignant sound of the shofar, sounded by Patricia Freeman Dorson of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and the precision moves of the Christian Steppers Drill Team were memorable moments during the peace rally held in the center-city park where three decades ago Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy mourned the assassination that day of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and called for a renewed spirit of peace and reconciliation in America.

Father Larry Voelker, pastor of Holy Cross Church, in Indianapolis, concluded the peace rally with a blessing.

"We are one, after all, you and I," Father Voelker said. "Together we suffer, together exist, and forever we re-create each other. I invite you to hold in your heart whatever may have spoken to you today, whatever message you might want to take home with you. In all the beautiful words that we've heard as a paraphrase of the word of Scripture, we hear God saying to each of us, 'You have spoken correctly.'"

Before the city-wide rally at the near-north side park, small groups gathered at each of the murder sites in Marion County to offer prayers for the victims, their families and their perpetrators.

Near 40th Street and Boulevard Place, Father William Munshower, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, in Indianapolis, led prayers for a longtime community leader in the Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood.

Quoting excerpts from the late Dr. King's remarks in "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" at the murder site, Father Munshower read, "It is not enough to say, 'We must not wage war.' It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it."

Earlier, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

An interfaith rally dedicated to peace and nonviolence brought together people of all ages and races July 25 at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Indianapolis. Assistant Police Chief Michael Spears (from left), Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and Father Larry Voelker, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, listen as representatives of the Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Baha'i faiths offer prayers for an end to violence.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Father William Munshower (right), pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, leads prayers for a homicide victim July 25 at the murder site in the Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood. St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners Sally and Manuel Debono (from left), Amos Brown from WAW-TV Channel 53, and Patrick McKeever, also from St. Thomas Aquinas, reflect on the life of Charles "Snookie" Hendricks.



Photo by Margaret Nelson

Parishioners, Pastor Kenneth Taylor, neighbors, community leaders and police officers join together in a Holy Trinity-sponsored Peace Prayer Rally at Denver Park on the Indianapolis west side on July 23. Benedictine Sister Anita Eberle, pastoral associate, coordinated the event.

Munshower had urged the people gathered at that hub site to "pause to reflect on what it is we're about here today, what is facing our community, city, state, nation and world, by way of violence and disregard for human life."

Father Munshower also asked "the Creator of all, strength of peacemakers, to encourage us as we stand up for peace in our communities. Plant seeds of compassion in all our neighbors, so that they will reach out to those whose lives are marred by poverty and oppression."

"Teach us how to live in harmony with each other, to solve life's problems through reason, not violence," he

asked. "Help us all to know that as your children, we are all beloved and valued. Console all family members and friends who mourn the victims we remember today at the locations of their murders. May they find you in their grief and know happiness again in their lives."

Elsewhere in the city, interfaith groups simultaneously offered prayers at the more than 350 neighborhood sites where men, women and children have died as a result of acts of violence. Then the participants gathered at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park to seek comfort and peace in the unity of their concern for others. †

Three Missionaries of Charity killed in Yemen

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Vatican media reported that a lone gunman killed three Missionaries of Charity in Yemen.

The three nuns, from the order founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, were leaving their residence in Hodieda, Yemen, the morning of July 27 when they were gunned down, the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* said.

Police immediately arrested a suspect who had been detained by local residents, but they did not officially release any details about him. Other news media quoted an unnamed government authority as saying he was a suspected

Islamic extremist.

Vatican Radio reported that the suspect was an "Islamic extremist with a mental illness."

The gunman apparently fired on the three women at close range with an automatic rifle.

The three nuns—two from Italy and one from the Philippines—were on their way to work at a social services center run by the order, which maintains four centers for the

elderly and the disabled in Yemen, reported Fides, the news agency run by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Fides said the center in Hodeida, about

The Missionaries of Charity maintain four centers for the elderly and the disabled in Yemen.

140 miles west of the Yemeni capital San'a, serves about 100 people and was opened in 1973.

The Yemeni minister of health visited the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse in San'a to convey the government's condolences.

He also requested additional security for nuns working in Yemen from the country's ministry of the interior.

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh promised he would direct an investigation into the incident.

L'Osservatore Romano reported that Bishop Giovanni Bernardo Gremoli of Arabia was to attend funeral services.

Sister Nirmala, head of the Missionaries of Charity, was reported to be preparing to travel to Yemen from the order's headquarters in Calcutta, India. †

Msgr. Schaedel speaks to Catholic home educators

The Indiana Catholic Home Schoolers Conference began with a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, presided with Franciscan Father Donatus Grunloh celebrating the liturgy.

The two priests also spoke at the conference, which began at 9:30 a.m. in the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center. Virginia Seuffert, home schooling mother of 12, was also a featured speaker.

Msgr. Schaedel told the group that, despite rumors to the contrary, the archdiocese does not oppose the concept of home schooling.

Calling on his 22 years in Catholic education as teacher and administrator, Msgr. Schaedel chose the topic: "Education: A Journey of Hope."

He noted that Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Pope John Paul II have

asked Catholics to concentrate on the virtue of hope as they move into the new millennium.

Msgr. Schaedel defined human hope as a positive attitude. "For Christians," he said, "there is the theological virtue of hope." Quoting from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, he said that is "the confident expectation of divine blessing; the expectation of seeing God."

"The object of the theological virtue of hope is salvation," said Msgr. Schaedel. "That is why so many Catholic parents today are concerned about the religious education of their children. They are worried about the welfare of their children's immortal souls."

"We as Catholics know that this is not as good as it gets," he said. "All of Catholic life, all of Catholic education must point toward preparing for this world to come—heaven. This is our great hope!"

Father Grunloh talked about Christ's statement, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

"We often hear the comment that religion puts a damper on life," he said.

"Jesus gave the means for a full life. We call them the sacraments," said Father Grunloh. "I want to present a few ideas on how you, as parents can help your children have that full life through the sacraments."

He urges the parents to approach the sacraments from a faith viewpoint, noting that the word means "make holy." He urged them to live the sacraments they had received.

"Christ is the key person in each sacrament," said Father Grunloh. "Sacraments are special gifts Jesus offers us to help us have happy and joyful lives here, as a wonderful preparation for the fullness of lives of glory in heaven." †



Msgr. Joseph Schaedel speaks to the Indiana Catholic Home Educators Conference.

St. Matthew has a new cross for its worship space

The area behind the altar at St. Matthew Church in Indianapolis has a new look. On Palm Sunday, the parish dedicated a new cross and crucifix.

The nine-foot cross is constructed of laminated plate glass, encased in dark wood. Lighting is used to enhance it. The larger cross bears a removable crucifix with a cop-



per-toned carved figure of the crucified Christ. This separate cross is designed to be carried into church during the processional at the beginning of Mass. The cross is then affixed to the main cross in its setting behind the altar, where it remains throughout Mass.

The processional cross that has been used since the dedication depicts the crucified Christ. Later, St. Matthew will have a cross with a resurrected Christ to use at appropriate times.

The background behind the altar is constructed of textured material designed to coordinate with the interior of the church. The shapes are meant to symbolize both the rocky hill on which Christ was crucified and the rocky tomb from which he arose three days later. The artists tried to illustrate the hope the faithful find in Christ's death and resurrection.

St. Matthew's art enhancement committee researched and commissioned the project. In doing so, members hoped "to enhance the total experience of the cross—the death and resurrection of our Lord." †

North Deanery offers Denver Bible study

Registrations are being taken for those who wish to start Bible study in the fall.

Classes for the first two years of the Denver Catholic Biblical School program, sponsored by the Indianapolis North Deanery administrators of religious education, will begin in September.

In this case, the first two years means the beginning of the four-year program. Earlier this summer, 21 men and women from six deanery parishes completed the four-year Bible study.

The students included teachers, nurses, homemakers, parish staff members and retirees. Some had participated in other Bible studies, while others had never read the Bible.

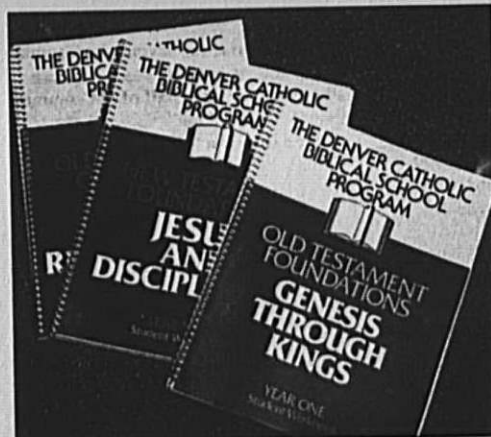
One woman said the pro-

gram brought the liturgy to life for her, others felt closer to God and one said it showed her how the "Scriptures are central to our Catholic faith." One person felt a desire to continue studying after completing the classes.

The classes, led by two Biblical scholars, will be held on Thursday mornings at St. Matthew Parish (baby-sitting available) and on Wednesday evenings at Christ the King Parish.

The Old Testament is the focus of the first year of study. The second year begins to explore the New Testament. The third and fourth years continue to study the remaining books of the Bible.

Those wishing further information may contact Sheila Gilbert, 317-4297. †



Correction

St. Therese (Little Flower) Parish contributed two more priests than *The Criterion* gave it credit for in the July 24 issue (Fast Fact, p. 8). Benedictine Father Bede Cisco and Father Paul Shikany are also from the east side Indianapolis parish. This brings to 12 the number of priests who were ordained from Little Flower.

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Faith in Action volunteers Kristin Prechtel (left) and Emily Hackett from St. Michael Parish in Bradford help build a footbridge over the lake at the Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana earlier this month as part of the service program sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries.

Bishops commend House for partial-birth veto override

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The head of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities commended members of the House July 23 for their 296-132 vote to override President Clinton's veto of a federal ban on partial-birth abortions.

Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, committee chairman, said in a statement released in Washington, "No nation and no legislator can, in good conscience, permit the killing of partly born infants."

He said, "Soon, the Senate will have the same opportunity—to stop the brutal killing of infants by partial-birth abortion. We pray that the Senate will make the right choice."

The House vote, which was 32 more than the two-thirds necessary to override, sends the measure to the Senate, where no action is expected until September at the earliest. The ban originally passed the Senate by a vote of 64-36, three votes short of the majority needed for an override.

At a press conference with religious leaders, held in the Capitol just minutes before the House vote, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., thanked the lead-

ers present for proving "that when it comes to the matter of protecting children, we can rise far beyond our denominations and, as people of faith, we can gather together on behalf of the community and the children."

In the House action, Gingrich said, "We are saying that America is not a country that tolerates infanticide. ... And I would hope that the Senate would decide to join us."

Several Catholic, Jewish and Protestant leaders addressed the press conference.

Helen Alvaré, director of planning and information for the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, read a statement from Auxiliary Bishop William E. Lori of Washington, who was unable to attend because of illness.

The bishop expressed the gratitude of the Catholic Church for the House effort and congratulated legislators for their bipartisan support.

"In ending the tragedy of partial-birth abortion," he said in the statement, "I urge the U.S. Senate to follow suit. I call

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Faith in action shown by New Albany youth

'I think teens like those who participated in the Faith in Action service week are real signs of hope for the future. They should be given credit as important leaders in our community.'

CLARKSVILLE—Faith in Action was demonstrated by 52 high school youth from southern Indiana July 12-16 as they gave up five days of summer vacation to volunteer their time in community service.

Sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries, the week of service was made possible by major grant funding from the State of Indiana's Commission on Community Service, Youth As Resources, the Indiana Pacer's Foundation, and the Indiana Campus Compact.

The teen-agers painted and repaired the home of an elderly couple in New Albany, built bridges and wooden shelters in the wildlife sanctuary near Mount St. Francis

Retreat Center, painted offices at Our Place Drug and Alcohol Education Services, and visited shut-ins at nursing homes in southern Indiana.

"I believe teen-agers are setting the example for our communities on the importance of volunteer service," said Ray Lucas, director of New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries, the sponsoring agency.

"Teens today are interested in how they can create social change in the world and are eager for opportunities that provide hands-on solutions," Lucas said. "I think teens like those who participated in the Faith in Action service week are real signs of hope for the future. They should be given credit as important leaders in our community."

In addition to working on a variety of service projects, the program focused on educating teens about poverty and environmental issues as well as providing experience in service learning for college education majors who helped with the week. Social activities in the evenings gave the teens opportunities to meet other youth from throughout southern Indiana.

Lucas said many local donations and in-kind gifts supplemented major funding provided through grants. †

Odyssey religious programming to expand in Indianapolis

The Odyssey Channel will launch its religious and values-based programming July 31 on Channel 27 via Comcast Cablevision of Indianapolis.

Odyssey will broadcast programs from 11 p.m. until 8 a.m., sharing the channel with "27 Alive," the news and information simulcast of WTHR Channel 13.

The Odyssey Channel is available to more than 30 million homes through 1,500 cable systems. It offers religious, spiritual and values-based programming from an interfaith perspective, including documentaries, worship, talk and call-in shows, music, children's programs, dramas and movies.

Odyssey spokesperson Jim Dougans said the channel directly represents more than 66 faith groups and is "an important means of making faith visible on our TV screens, where so many get daily information, ideas and inspiration."

Dougans said the National Interfaith Cable Coalition (NICC) founded and launched the Odyssey Channel in September 1988 as VISN (Vision Interfaith Satellite Network). NICC is a consortium of Protestant, Jewish, Catholic and Orthodox faith groups and traditions.

In 1995, he said, NICC joined in a partnership with Liberty Media Corp., the programming arm of Tele-Communications,

Inc., in which NICC, through its VISN Management Corp., retained the position of majority and managing partner of the channel.

Dougans said Odyssey Channel recently announced a new ownership arrangement which will bring together two of America's best-known and respected entertainment companies, The Jim Henson Company and Hallmark Entertainment, with the existing shareholders.

He said representatives of the four groups announced on June 29 that they had signed a letter of intent for the new partnership in which Hallmark Entertainment and The Jim Henson Company will invest an aggregate of \$100 million in cash and programming in Odyssey Channel.

Dougans said the Odyssey Channel will be available initially to the approximately 70 percent of Comcast's subscribers who have had their cable upgraded to fiber optic cable. He said the remaining 30 percent of customers should be able to enjoy Odyssey Channel later this year or early next year.

Dougans said Odyssey programming is available elsewhere in the archdiocese, including on Comcast Cablevision in Franklin; TCI of Indiana in Greencastle, Martinsville and Richmond; Cable One and Regional Cable in Greenwood; and American Cablevision in Indianapolis. †

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Editorial

A renewed passion for vocations

Father J. Ronald Knott thinks the current shortage of priests is, at least in part, the result of "negative thinking." Addressing his brother priests at the Archdiocese of Louisville's annual Presbyteral Assembly, Father Knott said, "We have quit asking young people to consider a religious vocation. We have quit believing that we can have what we need. As a result, we have a self-fulfilling prophecy. We have been talking doom and shortage so long now that we are actually creating our worst fears."

Father Knott, who serves as director of Louisville's archdiocesan Vocation Office, says he is optimistic about vocations. In fact, he thinks "we may be on the threshold of an upswing in the numbers of vocations" throughout the United States. In any case, he says, "Why not expect an upturn ... and proceed talking and acting as if it will come true? It is Jesus who said, 'Ask for something, believe in your hearts that it will be yours, and it will be yours.'"

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is experiencing the kind of "upswing" Father Knott mentioned in his talk. Since 1993, the number of priesthood candidates has increased by 20 percent. Is this the result of more "positive thinking" on the part of priests, religious and lay people?

Archbishop Buechlein thinks so. In his recent *ad limina* report to the Holy Father, the archbishop cited this increase in the number of seminarians as one of the signs of growth and renewal that have characterized the Church in central and southern Indiana during the past five years.

According to Archbishop Buechlein, vocational recruitment is now "much

more visible in the archdiocese." The archbishop believes that various spiritual renewal activities, which are an integral part of Journey of Hope 2001, are creating a more positive climate for nurturing vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. In his report, Archbishop Buechlein notes especially the fact that priests of the Indianapolis Archdiocese are participating in a program of spiritual renewal developed by the Institute of Priestly Formation at Creighton University. The archbishop believes that priests who are renewed spiritually are in a much better position to encourage others to join them in priestly ministry.

Father Knott agrees. He believes that the so-called "vocations crisis" is, in reality, a spiritual problem and a "crisis of faith" that demands "a conversion in thinking that will lead to new behaviors on our part." What is Father Knott's solution? "We [priests] can renew ourselves to the point that we are so attractive that young people will be drawn to us. We can go out and invite with renewed passion until the process of asking itself actually renews us."

These are powerful, positive words. We pray that this "renewed passion" for the Church's ministry will fill our priests (and all of us) with a new enthusiasm for encouraging priestly and religious vocations. The future of our Church depends on it!

— Daniel Conway

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Ministry of laity of different order than that of ordained

Doctrine and worship and ministry go together. This summer series of columns has been complicated. It is hard to present a theological understanding of Church doctrine in a few simple words. Yet the attempt is worthwhile if it helps us realize that there is more to Church teaching than meets the eye. So often personal decisions about our Catholic faith are made without reference to theology.

It is important to distinguish theology and doctrine from sociology and politics. Some doctrines of the Church are accepted with difficulty and sometimes they are rejected because they fly in the face of contemporary social or political opinion. The truth of Church doctrine cannot depend on the social or political climate. For example, as Cardinal Francis George asserts, doctrine is neither liberal nor conservative.

Nor does social analysis suffice. Too often, considerations of Church teaching are interpreted from a sociological or a political point of view rather than by theological analysis. Sometimes, response to the truth of Church teaching and prescribed practice is based on personal feeling rather than the truth of the doctrine. In our Western culture, matters are even more complicated because of a tendency to "pick and choose" one's beliefs. Church doctrine is of a piece. In our American democratic milieu, there is a distaste for authority and authority figures not only in religious but also secular society. The hierarchy of the Church is almost automatically viewed negatively. Yet, here too, the cultural and social milieu does not determine the faith of the Church.

In the end, the most helpful consideration of the collaboration of all members in the mission and ministry of the Church may well be to consider the distinctive "states" in the Church in addition to clergy, namely that of the laity and the religious.

When I was in Rome for the International Congress on Catechesis and the Catechism last fall, an African bishop told us that during the Synod on Africa, the bishops and theologians struggled and struggled to come up with an appropriate definition for the role of the laity in the ministry of the Church. He said that finally it dawned on them that they were trying to craft a definition using the ordained ministry and liturgical ministry as the basis. They kept trying to carve out lay ministry from the ministry of priests.

Finally it struck them that they were coming at it all wrong. The ministry of the laity is in another order completely. It is the primary role of the laity to exercise their universal priesthood in the marketplace, in the work place, in secular society. Lay ministry is not defined by how much of a leadership role or visible liturgical role members of the laity might have. The role of the laity is not defined by participation in the sanctuary of the Church at Eucharist. In effect, the instruction on collaboration in ministry clarifies that point and suggests that the confusion about the identity of priestly ministry can be traced to a misunderstanding of the proper ministry of the laity in the Church.

What about the role of religious men and women? Several years ago, the Synod on Consecrated Life in the Church clarified the point that it is not accurate to consider nonordained religious women and men as members of the lay state. The religious state in the Church—and the various founders' charisms by which it is lived—is distinctive in its particular witness to the simple life of the Gospel and to the promise of the fullness of the kingdom that is to come. Nonordained religious women and men participate in the common priesthood of all the baptized by bearing a focused and consecrated witness in this world of the kingdom that is to come.

In consideration of lesser numbers of clergy, and in response to real pastoral needs, certain functions ordinarily reserved to ordained priests can and are delegated. The instruction on collaboration in ministry makes a point of keeping the reality of delegation clear in certain aspects of ministry. It is why, for instance, ministers of Communion who are not ordained are referred to as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Ordained priests and deacons are the ordinary ministers of the Eucharist. It is one thing to distribute Communion; it is another to consecrate at the Eucharist. Aspects of ministry that cannot be delegated are those that are specifically conferred and authorized by ordination.

The fundamental authority conferred by ordination cannot be delegated, namely the authority to proclaim the Gospel and preach the homily; to preside at the sacramental celebration of the Eucharist, penance and reconciliation, confirmation, the anointing of the sick and holy orders. No one, including bishops, can delegate these actions to a nonordained person. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for August

Parish Awareness: that all parishioners will be aware of their role in promoting all vocations and have the awareness especially to encourage our youth to consider the priestly and religious life.

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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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



Ministerio de los laicos es de orden diferente a los ordenados

La doctrina, culto y ministerio se complementan. La serie de columnas de este verano ha sido complicada. Presentar una comprensión teológica en unas palabras simples de la doctrina de la Iglesia es muy difícil. Todavía el esfuerzo vale la pena si nos ayuda a comprender que las enseñanzas de la Iglesia son más complicadas que parecen a primera vista. A menudo se toman decisiones personales sobre nuestra fe católica sin referencia a la teología.

Es importante distinguir la teología y doctrina entre la sociología y política. Se aceptan algunas doctrinas de la Iglesia con dificultad y a veces se las rechazan ya que son en contra de la opinión contemporánea, social o política. La verdad de la doctrina de la Iglesia no puede depender del clima social o político. Por ejemplo, como afirma el Cardinal Francis George, la doctrina no es liberal ni conservadora.

El análisis social tampoco es suficiente. A menudo, las consideraciones de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia se interpretan del punto de vista sociológico o político en lugar de análisis teológico. A veces, la contestación a la verdad de las enseñanzas y la práctica prescrita de la Iglesia es basada en el sentimiento personal en lugar de la verdad de la doctrina. En nuestra cultura Occidental, los asuntos son aun más complicados debido a la tendencia a "elegir lo que nos complace" al respecto de nuestras creencias. La doctrina de la iglesia es un pedazo de algo más grande. En nuestro ambiente democrático americano hay una aversión por la autoridad y la misma no sólo juega un papel en la sociedad religiosa, sino también en la sociedad secular. Se ve la jerarquía de la Iglesia fácilmente de una perspectiva negativa. Sin embargo, una vez más, el ambiente cultural y social no determina la fe de la Iglesia.

Por fin, la consideración más provechosa de la colaboración entre todos los miembros de la misión y ministerio de la Iglesia puede ser la consideración de "los estados" distintivos en la Iglesia, además del clero, es decir aquellos de la laicidad y los religiosos.

El otoño pasado cuando yo estaba en Roma para el Congreso Internacional en la Catequesis y el Catecismo, un Obispo africano nos dijo que durante el Sínodo en África los obispos y teólogos se esforzaron mucho para proponer una definición apropiada del papel de la laicidad dentro del ministerio de la Iglesia. Por fin, él dijo que se les ocurrió a ellos que estaban intentando crear una definición usando el ministerio ordenado y el ministerio litúrgico como la base. Ellos siguieron intentando separar el ministerio laico de aquel de los sacerdotes.

Finalmente se les ocurrió a ellos que estaban atacando el problema mal. El ministerio de la laicidad se encuentra

completamente en otro orden. El papel principal de la laicidad es ejercer su sacerdocio universal en el mercado, en el lugar de trabajo y en la sociedad secular. El ministerio laico no es definido por cuánto de un papel de dirección o miembros del papel litúrgicos visibles de la laicidad podría tener. El papel de la laicidad no se define según la participación en el santuario de la Iglesia durante la Eucaristía. En efecto, la instrucción de la colaboración en el ministerio clarifica ese punto y sugiere que se puede encontrar la fuente de la confusión sobre la identidad del ministerio sacerdotal mediante una equivocación del ministerio apropiado de la laicidad en la Iglesia.

¿Y el papel de los hombres y mujeres religiosos? Hace muchos años, el Sínodo en la Vida Consagrada en la Iglesia clarificó el punto que no es correcto considerar a los hombres y mujeres religiosos no ordenados como miembros del estado laico. El estado religioso en la iglesia—y los varios carismas de los fundadores que viven según los mismos—es distintivo debido a su testigo particular a la vida simple del Evangelio y a la promesa de la plenitud del reino que es por venir. Los hombres y mujeres religiosos no ordenados participan en el sacerdocio común de todos los bautizados dando testigo enfocado y consagrado en este mundo del reino que es por venir.

En consideración a los cleros con menos miembros, y accediendo a las necesidades reales pastorales, se pueden y se hacen delegar ciertas funciones, las cuales son usualmente reservadas para los sacerdotes ordenados. La instrucción en la colaboración en el ministerio insiste en mantener la realidad de la delegación clara en ciertos aspectos del ministerio. Es porqué, por ejemplo, los ministros de la Comunión que no son ordenados se llaman los ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía. Los sacerdotes y diáconos ordenados son los ministros ordinarios de la Eucaristía. La distribución de la Comunión es un acto, pero la consagración durante la Eucaristía es bastante diferente. Los aspectos del ministerio que no puede delegarse son aquellos que son conferidos específicamente y son autorizados por ordenación.

La autoridad fundamental conferida por ordenación no puede delegarse, principalmente la autoridad para proclamar el evangelio y predicar la homilía; la presidencia en la celebración de la sacramental de la Eucaristía, penitencia y reconciliación, confirmación, la unción de los enfermos y los santos órdenes. Nadie, incluso los obispos, puede delegar estas acciones a una persona no ordenada. †

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

Conocimiento de la Parroquia: Que cada parroquiano sea consciente de su papel para fomentar todas las vocaciones y anime a nuestros jóvenes a considerar la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

Letters to the Editor

Catholic press, Gospel values

In the editorial of July 17, titled "Editorial freedom requires sound pastoral judgment," Dan Conway addressed the dilemma related to reconciling freedom of the press with the potential for far-reaching damage caused by full disclosure at any cost.

I support Conway's views in that they helped us return to the essence of the reason for Catholic publications: to provide information that reminds us that God is the source and center of all we do and to nourish our Catholic spirituality in a manner that consistently considers the greater good of the community.

Publications that contribute to divisiveness rather than unity can be found on every street corner. *The Criterion* subscribers are truly blessed with the opportunity to read a newspaper that, while stating the truth, remains focused on the archdiocesan mission of promoting the living of Gospel values in our daily lives.

Beth Applegate
Indianapolis

Thinks coverage was insensitive to Irish Catholics

Why would *The Criterion* feature a color picture of the Orange Order on the front page? The Orange Order, an Irish Protestant fraternity, has suppressed the freedom of Catholics in Ireland for centuries. Other groups such as the Ku Klux Klan or Nazi splinter groups would never appear in such a picture inferring praise and tribute! The family of Quinn boys, Richard, 11, Mark, 9, and Jason, 8, were killed while sleeping in their home by a gasoline bomb, as a result of the march of the Orange Order! These

boys were completely unaware of the political treacheries happening in their neighborhood. The article of the massacre of these children was buried on the next to last page of this issue of *The Criterion*!

Why is *The Criterion* so insensitive to this travesty of justice? The message of Jesus Christ is peace! The Orange Order in Ireland has a long history of violence, misuse of justice, and greedy control of the economy. I ask your paper to please make more sensitive decisions on the pictures and articles you publish.

William J. Mooney
Indianapolis

Carson voting record on abortion bills

Don't you think *The Criterion* has an obligation to the Catholic voters of the 10th District to point out that Julia Carson was the only member of the Indiana delegation to the House of Representatives to vote for partial birth abortion?

Even Andy Jacobs would have voted opposite Carson on this issue.

This is not just a political issue; it is a moral one as well. *The Criterion* should remind 10th District voters of Carson's consistent support of abortion.

Joseph L. Hanley
Indianapolis

(In the Oct. 24, 1997, issue of *The Criterion*, a note at the bottom of an editorial by Valerie Vance Dillon concerning the president's veto of the partial-birth abortion ban said: "Indiana's two senators and nine of its 10 representatives voted for the ban on partial-birth abortions. Tenth District Congresswoman Julia Carson voted against the ban." This editorial was also picked up by Catholic News Service and distributed nationally.—WRB)

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

Art inspired by the spiritual

I traveled in Italy last year, and as I viewed the wonders of the cities and the countryside, so often dominated by structures with religious themes, I had a renewed appreciation for how truly the spiritual has been the inspiration for artists of all media. Whether in paintings, writings, sculpture, church



buildings, music or poetry, the link to the supernatural and the divine has for centuries been evident. In my childhood I was always attracted to medals, holy cards and little statues. One of my hobbies was to collect calendars put out by the churches because these always had religious pictures accompanying the months. I would frame the pictures and hang them on my bedroom wall.

I remember when my Aunt Thelma got married and I wanted to give her a present. I was in my teens and had little money. So I made her a set of six holy pictures, from calendars, all identically framed. She loved her gift. That was more than four decades ago, and she still has some left, hanging on her walls.

Granted, these items would hardly be called works of art, but they were significant. They seduced me early with the possibilities of the kinds of wonderful religious images I might one day see as I got older. I knew this kind of real art existed because I was a member of the cathedral parish in Albany, N.Y., a church built largely by the labor of its parishioners in the mid 1800s. It was modeled after the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and was the most elegant building in the city, or at least I believed so.

The rose window, the stained-glass win-

dows, the organ, the magnificent altar—all filled me with a wonder that veered on the magical. I went to morning Mass every day from fifth grade to high school graduation, and when I entered that cathedral, with its many altars, candles burning and aroma of flowers, I always knew I had entered a new world of mystery.

This past Christmas my sister Rosemary gave me a present that brought back the memories of my hours in the cathedral memorizing every molecule of its beauty. It was the book *Canals & Crossroads: An Illustrated History of the Albany, N.Y. Roman Catholic Diocese*, written by Sally Light and edited by James Breig, editor of the diocesan paper, *The Evangelist*.

As I unwrapped it, I caught my breath. The cover was a glorious photo of the interior taken from an angle none of us would ever have seen before. There was an explanation on the dust jacket:

"When workmen recently removed a stained-glass window for repair, photographer Dave Oxford climbed the scaffolding to take this shot from an angle not seen since the window had been put in place a century earlier." On the opening page Rosemary wrote: "I hope you will enjoy looking back on the history of the diocese you grew up in. My love always."

She could never have guessed what memories were triggered by her thoughtful gift and what joy this gave me. I wish all youngsters could be blessed, as I was, to be introduced to beauty inspired by the spiritual and produced so creatively in the hands of artists.

The great poet Gerard Manley Hopkins expressed it best: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God." And God's artists help us to see this glory. †

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

VIPs...



William R. and Mary Boyer of Indianapolis marked their 50th anniversary

June 12. They celebrated June 14 with a reception at Castleton Farms Clubhouse in Indianapolis. The couple has six children: Debra Boyer, Jane Morgan, Susan Eikstein, Judy, Linda, and the late Mary Boyer. They also have three grandchildren. The Boyers are members of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.

Benedictine Sister Kathy Bilske, director of development for the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, was featured speaker at the 1998 Benedictine Colloquium July 17-19 at St. Mary's Abbey/Delbarton School in Morristown, N.J. The colloquium brings together teachers and administrators from monastic secondary schools to discuss common mission and concerns.



County. Dillon was one of two candidates in a field of eight elected last May to a four-year term. At her first meeting, she was elected secretary of the board. Dillon is a member of the editorial committee of the board of directors of Criterion Press, Inc.,

Valerie Vance Dillon, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, was recently sworn in as a member of the Board of Education for Pike Township in Marion

the founding director of the archdiocesan Family Life Office, and a former interim editor of *The Criterion*.

Barbara K. Williams, director of New Albany Deanery Catholic Charities,



was honored recently by Leadership Southern Indiana for her community service. Williams is a resident of Jeffersonville and is a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville. †

Check It Out

Sacred Heart Parish, at the parish hall, 1125 S. Meridian, in Indianapolis will host a **Vacation Bible School program**, "Following Jesus Every Day—Passport to the Holy Land," Aug. 3 through 7. The program will be held nightly between 6:45 and 8 p.m. This program is offered to all parish and neighborhood children ages 3 through 10. Information: 317-638-6551.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology will offer a fall weekend course at **Marian College in Indianapolis**. "From Age to Age: The History of Liturgy and Worship," will be held Oct. 16-17, Oct. 23-24, Oct. 30-31, and Nov. 13-14. Class sessions will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Benedictine Father Denis Robinson, visiting instructor in systematic theology and director of continuing education at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, will teach the course. The course will explore the history of worship in the Church beginning with its roots in the ancient world and continuing through the reforms following the Second Vatican Council. The cost of the graduate-level course is \$224 per credit hour and \$149 per audit hour. Three credit hours can be obtained through the course. New students should register by Oct. 8.

Information: 812-357-6561 or 800-634-6723 to register.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will be the guest choir on Aug. 16 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Mary Queen of Peace, 1005 W. Main St., in Danville. The choir will sing again at the 9:30 a.m. Mass Aug. 23 at Holy Spirit Parish, 10350 Glaser Way, in Fishers, in the Lafayette Diocese.

St. Francis Neighborhood Clinic in Indianapolis is offering **"Practical Parenting: Skills for Everyday Living"** classes for parents. These classes are for parents who want to raise healthy, responsible children and feel better about themselves as parents. They also offer parents assistance in meeting the challenges of raising children today. The classes are offered yearlong and are free. Fall class dates are: Sept. 15, 22; Oct. 13, 20; Nov. 10, 17. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. Francis Neighborhood Clinic, 234 E. Southern Ave., in Indianapolis. To register, or for information call 317-791-9052.

Little Flower Parish in Indianapolis has named its chapel **"Corpus Christi Adoration Chapel."** Information: call Sandy Lunckett at 317-359-4096; Karen

Brooks at 317-356-5337; or Bobbie Lawless at 317-357-3546.

The Diocese of Joliet in Ill. and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate are co-sponsoring a **"Re-Membering Church Institute"** Nov. 12-15 at the Center for Ministry Development, Mundelein, Ill. Participation by parish teams is encouraged through a special team tuition rate. The North American Forum on the Catechumenate is an international network of pastoral ministers, liturgists, catechists, and theologians united to share in the vision and practice of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. A discounted registration rate will be offered through Aug. 14. Regular registration will continue through

Oct. 1. Information: 815-838-7098 or 202-529-9493 ext. 26.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' Behavioral Health Services is offering **"Didja' Know?"** for teens and their parents. The **five-week informational program** tackles the topics of **drugs and alcohol** in an effort to help teens make informed decisions about substance use. The program also emphasizes communication skills needed to improve parent/teen communications about drugs and alcohol. Sessions are held every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the fourth floor of St. Francis's Beech Grove campus in Behavioral Health Services, 1600 Albany St. Each session is \$45. Information: 317-782-6506. †

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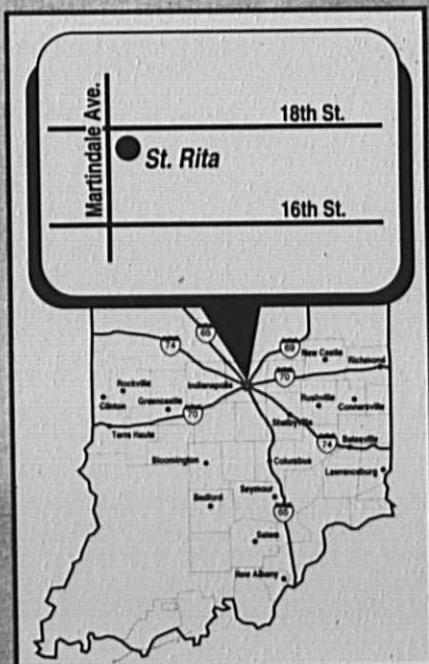
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St. Rita Indianapolis

Story and photos by Margaret Nelson

Fast Fact:

This year, St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis is the summer home for seven Divine Word seminarians from China and Vietnam. They help as counselors and waiters for the summer camp that provides breakfast, lunch and activities for 400 center-city children. They've converted the basement of the rectory into living quarters. At the end of camp, they will host an International Festival, for which they will prepare and serve foods from their native lands.



Journey of Hope 2001

St. Rita has extensive ministry to Indianapolis young people

St. Rita Parish in center-city Indianapolis has always "walked the walk" with the young people of the area. It has made education and service its legacy of hope.

"St. Rita has always been a community church," said Tawanna Montgomery, president of the pastoral council. "We're all kind of on the same page. Our focus is to work with the young people and to get people who used to be members coming back."

"People my age or older find that their children are coming back to St. Rita. If they are not members, they are participating in the activities," she said.

St. Rita School has been operating for more than 60 years. The Child Development Center—the first in a Catholic school in the area—has served preschool children since 1964. And the youth group and CYO are increasingly active.



Tawanna Montgomery
pastoral council president

For the past four years, the parish has answered a need the city of Indianapolis identified—that children in the area would benefit from a summer meal program.

The development center has become a site for serving 400 breakfast and lunchtime meals to children age 3 through high school. And seven Divine Word seminarians from China and Vietnam serve as counselors and fill the children's summer days with between-meal activities.

"Preschool is a lot of the beginnings," said JoAnn Fowler-Combs, director of the development center. "A lot of them start in kindergarten, then start over in the [St. Rita] school."

"By that time, lives have been touched by all the other ministries," she said. "I get a lot of families who want to join the Church."



Divine Word Father Anthony Clark is pastor of St. Rita Church in Indianapolis.

Fowler-Combs said that 95 percent of those enrolled in the preschool program are non-Catholic. "If they continue their education, that is where we usually get the converts." Director of religious education, Joseph Schafer, said that there were five children catechumens in

1997 and six in 1996.

Fowler-Combs said, "Most of the time, parents say they bring their children here because of the Catholic religion and the discipline."

"Most of the parents want their children to be disciplined," she said.

"That's the number one reason, along with the historical reputation of St. Rita," said Schafer.

"I get a lot of calls from young people who are starting their families," said Fowler-Combs. "They want their children to come because of their own experience here."

She said that some of the children they serve in the summer camp are from within the parish community. They also accommodate those from the St. Nicholas Center summer camp and some run by other churches. They transport other children from outside of the neighborhood community.

One of the parish goals for the youth is to open a drop-in center for youth, somewhat like St. Nicholas, but limited to the high-school-age group.



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"When I talked to Father Tony about a youth room, it was for our high school youth," said Schafer. "He was 100 percent for it." Divine Word Father Anthony Clark is pastor of St. Rita.



Working with youth at St. Rita are (from left) JoAnn Fowler-Combs, director of the Child Development Center; Brenda Montgomery, youth ministry coordinator; and Joseph Schafer, administrator of religious education.

"Our drop in will be for the high school youth in the community at large," said Brenda Montgomery, youth ministry coordinator.

"We have the goal of helping them stay in school, offering tutorial help. It will be a safe environment off the street for any high-school-age youth who want to occupy their time usefully."

At St. Rita, Montgomery said, "There are many programs they can be involved in that will help them grow mentally and spiritually."

These include liturgical dance, the youth choir and the drill team. The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver have younger groups: The Junior Knights and the Junior Daughters.

Youth who have been confirmed may serve as eucharistic ministers at St. Rita. They also participate as ushers and acolytes. On the third Sunday of each month, the young people take the lay ministry positions for the 10 a.m. Mass.

Like most parishes, St. Rita has a CYO athletic program. And Montgomery hopes to start a Cub Scout group this fall.

The twin priests who live at St. Rita—Divine Word Fathers Chester and Charles Smith—lead the Ambassadors of the Word, a rite-of-passage education program for youth.

"All of these activities foster self-confidence and esteem," said Montgomery.

"We are in the peak of what Catholicism should be," said Lillian Stevenson, who has been in the parish since 1958.

"Our social ministry is out of sight. We have direct contact with the community. We serve the whole city of Indianapolis."

"We have priests who are young and innovative," said Stevenson. "They have the ability to teach older people. I have been to many, many Bible studies. The way Father Charles does it is not like any other."

"The focus is not on the blackness, but on the youthfulness," she said. "They work with these young people. They have studied extensively and are passing that on to us."

"I see more good now than I've ever seen," she said. "Members of the congregation seem much more willing to volunteer when you ask them. Everybody feels free to do things. It is just beautiful."

"It is a warmer parish. We look out for each other more," she said. "The liturgy is more colorful than it used to be; the music is more lively. It makes you want to join in."

"I am truly happy with St. Rita," said Stevenson. †

St. Rita (1919)

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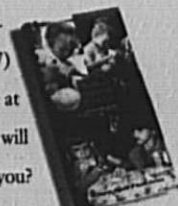


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At the celebration, it was announced that all of the jubilarians had attended high schools staffed by the Providence sisters.

The golden jubilarians are Sisters Laurette Bellamy, Ann Marie Boyce, Mary Carlton, Helen Therese Conway, Luke Crawford, Eileen Dede, Dorothy Gartland, James Michael Kesterson, Ann Michele Kiefer, Marilyn Therese Lipps, Regina Ann Lynch, Ann Renée Maxwell, Regis McNulty, Grace Marie Meehan, Patricia Monahan, Mary Jane Newnam, Donna O'Neill, Joan Mary Schaefer, Joan Tekulve and Rita Ann Wade. Their archdiocesan ministries are listed here.

Sister Laurette has been affiliated with the music department at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College for 30 years, as professor and music area coordinator. She taught music at Ladywood in Indianapolis.

Sister Ann Marie, born in Richmond, teaches at Sacred Heart School in Terre Haute. She was teacher or principal at St. Ann and St. Jude in Indianapolis; St. Susanna, Plainfield; St. Anne, New Castle; and St. Paul, Sellersburg.

Sister Mary (formerly Sister Mary Agatha/Florence) ministers as a volunteer at St. Ann Clinic, Terre Haute. She was a teacher or principal at St. Catherine and St. James, Indianapolis, and St. Malachy, Brownsburg.

Sister Helen Therese is administrative assistant for congregation campus services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She taught at St. Andrew and St. Catherine in Indianapolis; Holy Trinity, New Albany; Sacred Heart,

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Fall Marriage Supplement



Wedding Announcements

Anderson - LaMaster

Stephanie Jo Anderson and Brian Hill LaMaster will be married Jan. 22 at St. Mary, Lanesville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Anderson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. LaMaster.

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Barga - Presnell

Amanda Suzanne Barga and Brian Christopher Presnell will be married Aug. 1 at St. Monica, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Robert and JoAnn Barga. The groom is the son of Linda Presnell.

Announcements are listed below couples' photos.



Bartel - Gatlin

Casey Ann Bartel and Stephen Allen Gatlin will be married Aug. 21 at St. Mary, New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Roger and Madara Bartel. The groom is the son of Danny Gatlin and Joetta Gatlin.



Bennett - Memmer

Laura Anne Bennett and John Byron Memmer will be married Nov. 21 at St. Jude, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Donald R. and Mary Karla Bennett. The groom is the son of John Memmer and Melinda Keaffaber.



Bischoff - Chestnut

Maria Lynn Bischoff and Daniel Roy Chestnut will be married Sept. 5 at St. Michael, Brookville. The bride is the daughter of Leroy and Monica Bischoff. The groom is the son of Roy and Mary Chestnut.



Bruns - Stone

Monica Marie Bruns and Jeffrey Lee Stone will be married Sept. 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of William and Sallie Bruns. The groom is the son of James and Shirley Stone.



Bruck - Harpold

Christy Ann Bruck and Todd Douglas Harpold will be married Oct. 3 at Good Shepherd, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Ray and Patty Bruck. The groom is the son of Steve and Vickie Harpold.



Bryant - Haggenjos

Beth Marie Bryant and Nicholas Patrick Haggenjos will be married Aug. 8 at St. Michael, Charlestown. The bride is the daughter of W. Neil and Ann Bryant. The groom is the son of Don and Sharon Haggenjos.

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Buttrey-Dammann

Jennifer Lynn Buttrey and Michael William Dammann will be married Oct. 10 at St. Ann, Terre Haute. The bride is the daughter of James and Carolyn Buttrey. The groom is the son of Ed and Mary Dammann.



Cambron - Roberts

Jamie Lynn Cambron and Kevin Douglas Roberts will be married Oct. 9 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs. The bride is the daughter of Martha and Eric Paul and Paul and Jackie Cambron. The groom is the son of Leonard and Charlotte Roberts.

Casey - Sullivan

Ann M. Casey and Michael A. Sullivan will be married Oct. 24 at Christ the King, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of William G. Casey and the late Virginia K. Casey. The groom is the son of Harold and Carolyn Sullivan.

Cicero - Torvik

Elizabeth Anne Cicero and Carl Fredric Torvik will be married Aug. 15 at St. Monica, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Bebe Cicero. The groom is the son of Peter and Pat Torvik.



Coffman - Spotts

Diane Renee Coffman and William Matthew Spotts will be married Aug. 8 at Holy Name, Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Sharon Coffman. The groom is the son of John and Kathy Spotts.



Collet - Huntzinger

Emily Ann Collet and Joseph Lee Huntzinger will be married Oct. 17 at Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Charles John and Louise Collet. The groom is the son of Donald J. and Jan Huntzinger.



Collins - Dooley

Bessie Ann Collins and Scott Edward Dooley will be married July 31 at The Cathedral of Prague, Czechoslovakia. The bride is the daughter of David W. and Sandy C. Collins. The groom is the son of Ralph and Judy Dooley.



Cook - Vester

Kay Ellen Cook and Thomas Vincent Vester will be married Aug. 21 at St. Mark, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Ruth H. Cook and the late Henry D. Cook. The groom is the son of Rose Rommel and the late Fritz Vester.

Costello - Spurr

Lara Diane Costello and David Allen Spurr Jr. will be married Aug. 29 at Good Shepherd, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of James and Phyllis Costello. The groom is the son of David and Patricia Spurr.



Cottrell - O'Rourke

Michelle Lyn Cottrell and Sean Christopher O'Rourke will be married Sept. 5 at St. Joseph, Terre Haute. The bride is the daughter of Carl R. and Rita S. Cottrell. The groom is the son of William O'Rourke and the late Muriel Summer O'Rourke.



Cottrill - Breadmore

Kimberly Ann Cottrill and John Joseph Breadmore will be married Oct. 10 at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Bill and Mary Lou Cottrill. The groom is the son of Jean Modes and John J. Breadmore.



Davies - Bailey

Jennifer Justina Davies and James William Bailey will be married Oct. 24 at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelbyville. The bride is the daughter of Charles and Rita Davies. The groom is the son of Sue and Dennis Hancz.

Debono - Klein

Rebecca Ann Debono and John Wiley Klein will be married Aug. 29 at St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Manuel and Sara Debono. The groom is the son of Dr. John and Elaine Klein.



Eickholtz - Upton

Donna Anita Eickholtz and Thomas Wayne Upton will be married Oct. 10 at St. Michael, Charlestown. The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Juliann Eickholtz. The groom is the son of Billy and Elizabeth Upton.

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Wedding Announcements



Ellingsworth - Cooper

Jeanine D. Ellingsworth and Joseph M. Cooper will be married Oct. 24 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. The bride is the daughter of Richard and Jeanette Ellingsworth. The groom is the son of Hank and Linda Cooper.

Gahwiler - Feagans

Carla Jeanine Gahwiler and Thomas Starry Feagans will be married Sept. 5 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. The bride is the daughter of Carl and Donna Gahwiler. The groom is the son of James and Jeanette Feagans.

On the cover

Emily (Eckles) Byrnes is pictured on her wedding day on Sept. 13, 1997 at Holy Family Parish, New Albany. Her husband is Matt Byrnes.



Gisler - Olson

Maria Patricia Gisler and Larry Michael Olson will be married Sept. 19 at St. Martin, Peoria, Ill. The bride is the daughter of Les and Peggy Gisler. The groom is the son of Lawrence and Joanie Olson.

Graham - Wood

Jodi Sue Graham and Peter Joseph Wood will be married Sept. 26 at St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of James and Sherrill Graham. The groom is the son of George Wood and Rose Marie Wood.

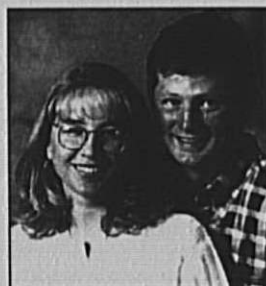
Haley - Witt

Wittney Lynn Haley and Thomas Daniel Witt Jr. will be married Aug. 15 at St. Mary, New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Gregory Haley and Carolyn Cook. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Witt Sr.



Hayes - Buster

Christina Kay Hayes and Patrick Deron Buster will be married Sept. 26 at Good Shepherd, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Chester T. Hayes and Tammy T. Vicars. The groom is the son of Steve and Sherene Buster.



Hoffman - Hathaway

Melissa Marie Hoffman and David E. Hathaway will be married Sept. 26 at Nativity, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Patricia Hoffman. The groom is the son of Virginia Hathaway and the late Henry Hathaway.



Hopper - Smith

Renee Lynn Hopper and David Michael Smith will be married Oct. 17 at St. Mark, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Carl and Constance Hopper. The groom is the son of Mike and Karen Smith.



Juday - Mader

Kimberly A. Juday and Jeffrey R. Mader will be married Nov. 7 at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Chris and Patricia Juday. The groom is the son of Ray and Ann Mader.

Hornung - Watson

Michelle Marie Hornung and Timothy Edward Watson will be married on Aug. 1 at St. Mary, New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Linda Hornung. The groom is the son of Charles Watson Sr. and the late Darlene Watson.

Janosik - Gretter

Christie Janosik and David Hoge Gretter will be married Aug. 29 at St. Mary, Westville, Ill. The bride is the daughter of Paul Janosik and Ann Robb. The groom is the son of Phil Gretter and Linda Gretter.



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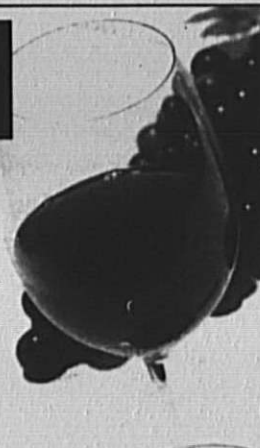
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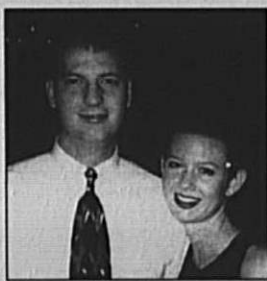
Kaiser - Martini

Teresa K. Kaiser and F. Patrick Martini will be married Oct. 10 at St. Martin, Yorkville. The bride is the daughter of Donald and Elverda Kaiser. The groom is the son of Jerry and Ruth Martini.



Keiser - Cummings

Molly Elizabeth Keiser and Warren Paul Cummings will be married Dec. 31 at St. Luke, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of William J. and Olga C. Keiser. The groom is the son of Phillip W. and Michele M. Cummings.



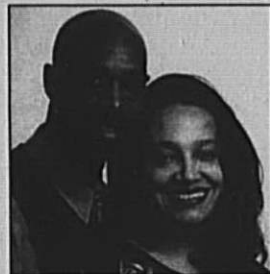
Kuhn - Schene

Mary Martine Kuhn and Craig Alan Schene will be married Oct. 3 at St. Joseph, Shelbyville. The bride is the daughter of Norman and Jane Kuhn. The groom is the son of Jerry and Jeanne Schene.



Lehman - Nichols

Linda Ann Lehman and Philip David Nichols will be married Dec. 26 at St. Christopher, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Larry and Marsha Lehman. The groom is the son of David and Felecia Nichols.



Lewis - Whitley

Stephanie Michele Lewis and Daryl Phillip Whitley will be married Nov. 14 at Holy Angels, Indianapolis. The

bride is the daughter of Herman E. Lewis Jr. and the late Barbara J. Lewis. The groom is the son of Ronald and Jacqueline Whitley.

McGuire - Coleman

Kerri Ann McGuire and Edward Allen Coleman will be married Oct. 3 at Trinity Lutheran, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Charles R. and Helen McGuire. The groom is the son of Keith and Barbara Coleman.

Meyer - Everage

Susan Meyer and Brad Everage will be married Sept. 12 at St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock. The bride is the daughter of Victor and Marie Meyer. The groom is the son of John and Eva Everage.



Miller - Lukins

Lynn Ann Miller and William Paul

Lukins will be married Sept. 5 at Christ the King, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Mary Miller. The groom is the son of Robert and Helena Radez.



Mirasol - Aguirre

Antonette D. Mirasol and Albert Aguirre will be married Aug. 1 at Holy Spirit, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Wil and Helfa Mirasol. The groom is the son of Esperanza Aguirre and the late Jose Aguirre.

Morken - Mullin

Anna Therese Morken and Daniel Thomas Mullin will be married Sept. 5 at Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Phyllis Morken. The groom is the son of Mrs. Thomas P. Mullin.

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Wedding Announcements



Narwold - Nobbe

Becky Jean Narwold and Aaron Douglas Nobbe will be married Sept. 5 at Holy Family, Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter of Richard Narwold and Mrs. Bill Linkel. The groom is the son of Doug and Cathy Nobbe.



O'Neill - Lewis

Peggy Ann O'Neill and Neal Alan Lewis will be married Dec. 31 at St. Thomas, LeSueur, Mich. The bride is the daughter of James and Muriel O'Neill. The groom is the son of Kenneth and Viola Lewis.



Palanca - Beveridge

Mariquita 'Kit' Marquez Palanca and Khristopher Patrick Beveridge will be married Jan. 2 at St. Monica, Indianapolis. The bride is

the daughter of Drs. Lilia A. Marquez-Palanca and Ernesto A. Palanca. The groom is the son of Carol Beveridge and Kenneth Beveridge.

Paulin-Cid

Lisa Michelle Paulin and Javier Cid will be married Nov. 28 in Mexico City, Mexico. The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Phyllis Paulin. The groom is the son of Alfonso and Josefa Cid.

Pax - Gillen

Bonnie L. Pax and Kurt P. Gillen will be married Jan. 30 at St. Monica, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Roman and Betty Pax. The groom is the son of Gerard and Nancy Lonsway and the late Norman Gillen.

Pence - Walsh

Mary Therese Pence and Kevin Quentin Walsh will be married Oct. 24 at St. Columba, Columbus. The bride is the daughter of Nancy Pence and the late Edward J. Pence. The groom is the son of Gerald and Judy Walsh.

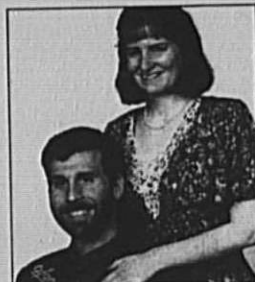
Ponton - Keenan

Beth Anne Ponton and Kelly Ryan Keenan will be married Sept. 12 at St. Monica, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Rita Ponton and Fred Ponton. The groom is the son Carl and Pat Keenan.



Powell-Countryman

Eileen Marie Powell and Bradley F. Countryman will be married Jan. 2, 1999, at Christ the King, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Richard and Norma Powell. The groom is the son of Stuart and Alice Countryman.



Quinn - Benson

Linda Marie Quinn and Merrill Douglas Benson II will be married Aug. 22 at St. Monica, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Lois Quinn and the late Michael Quinn. The groom is the son of Drs. Merrill and Marlene Benson.

Ramirez - Petrucci

Mary Frenisia Ramirez and Dennis Michael Petrucci will be married Sept. 12 at Christ the King, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Leticia S. Ramirez. The groom is the son of Julian and Joyce Petrucci.



Rehmsmeyer - O'Hara

Jill Erin Rehmsmeyer and Ryan Christopher O'Hara will be married Nov. 28 at Newman Center Parish, Columbia, Mo. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Rehmsmeyer. The groom is the son of Marilyn Henley and the late William O'Hara.

Reising - Miskuf

Amy Elizabeth Reising and Jason Tranum Miskuf will be married on Nov. 28 at St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford. The bride is the daughter of David and Kathy Reising. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Miskuf.

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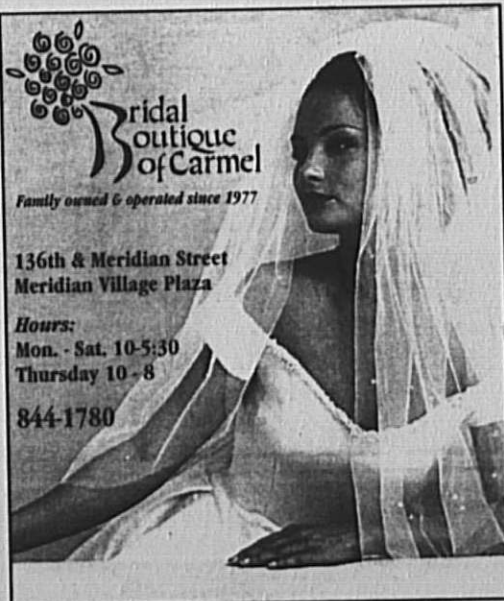
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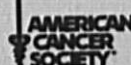
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Wedding Announcements



Renn - Crawford

Betty J. Renn and David E. Crawford will be married Aug. 7 at St. Joseph, Sellersburg. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Virginia Renn. The groom is the son of Carolyn Crawford and the late Richard Crawford.

Smith - Clapacs

Marla Lee Smith and Grantland Matthew Clapacs will be married Dec. 12 at St. Paul, Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Carl and Virginia Smith. The groom is the son of Phyllis Clapacs and John Terry.



Sorg - McNames

Heather E. Sorg and Michael Jared McNames will be married Aug. 22 at St. Joseph, Sellersburg. The bride is the daughter of Tony and Alice Sorg. The groom is the son of Mike and Melodee McNames.

Rosenberger - Gutierrez

Gina Marlene Rosenberger and Eric Gutierrez will be married Sept. 5 at St. Gabriel, Connersville. The bride is the daughter of Carolyn Rosenberger. The groom is the son of Jose and Cristina Gutierrez.

Schindler - Stewart

Tori Renee Schindler and Shawn Michael Stewart will be married on Sept. 12 at St. Mary, New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Carl A. and Goldie Schindler. The groom is the son of Michael and Sheila Stewart.



Sufan - Kunkel

Sonya Hanna Sufan and Ron Lee Kunkel will be married Aug. 22 at Holy Name, Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Hanna and Martha Sufan. The groom is the son of Millie Kunkel and the late Lawrence Kunkel.

Troesch - Fortune

Rachel Ann Troesch and Chris Steven Fortune will be married Nov. 14 at St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad. The bride is the daughter of Othmar and Kathleen Troesch. The groom is the son of Steve and Vickie Fortune.



Spaulding - Fitzgerald

Michelle L. Spaulding and Robert C. Fitzgerald Jr. were married July 25 at St. Monica, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Timothy and Helen Slicker. The groom is the son of Robert and Suzanne Fitzgerald.



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(CNS)—Engaged and newly married couples should never come up short for reading material since there are reams of books available advising them on everything from how to run a wedding to how to get along with one's spouse after the honeymoon is over.

Across the United States, each diocese has its own marriage preparation program. And though they may differ slightly, many provide resources to which couples can turn and find extra support.

"The Church is really saying, 'We do have a stake in your relationship. We do care,'" said Barbara Jarvis, associate director for the Center for Family Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill.

Jarvis said the different programs attempt to "provide encouragement and support so couples down the road can say, 'Yes, we were aware of what we entered into and we went in with a clear heart aware of what the Church asked us to say 'yes' to and what we asked each other to say 'yes' to.'"

Frank Hannigan, director of the Family Ministry Office of the Chicago Archdiocese, recommends "A Marriage in the Lord," a book co-authored by himself and Bill Steinhauer and published by the Cana Conference in Chicago in 1985 which requires couples not just to sit down and read, but to write things down and discuss them.

"It's very eye-opening," said Hannigan, referring to a section asking engaged couples to write their plans for how their marriage will be successful.

Other issues the book deals with involve communication, sexuality, finances, children, faith and goals.

Hannigan said that, as the Chicago Archdiocesan Family Ministries Office found it was difficult to get newly married couples to attend marriage enrichment seminars, it developed a calendar called, "First Thing in the Morning—Marriage Moments." The calendar, which has daily quotes or questions for the couple to ask each other, "helps the couple think of their marriage on a daily basis," he said.

Richard McCord, associate director of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth, recommended several resources for marriage preparation:

Beginning Your Marriage, by John Thomas, SJ, ACTA Publications, Chicago, 1994.

Read the Fine Print Before You Say 'I Do.' by Jack Leiper, Paulist Press, N.Y., 1994.

Partners in Intimacy: Living Christian Marriage Today, by Challon O'Hearn Roberts and William Roberts, Paulist Press, N.Y., 1988. †

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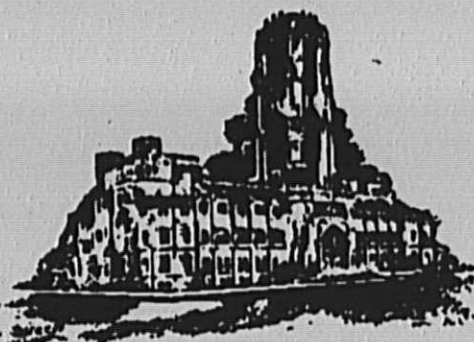
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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Teaching children what is real

Summer musings:

Not long ago, our youngest daughter, Therese, told my wife, Marie—during their weekly phone call—about a conversation that she had with our 5-year-old grandson, Jack. Not surprisingly, since his father is executive editor of *The Sporting News*, Jack is already a baseball fan. In fact, he is on a parish preschool baseball team coached by his father. Also not surprisingly, since they live in St. Louis, Jack's favorite team is the Cardinals. He likes to watch them play on television.

Anyway, one night as they were getting Jack settled in bed, he asked his mother, "Is Mark McGwire real?" (For nonbaseball fans, McGwire is the Cardinals' home run-hitting slugger.) Therese asked, "What do you mean, is he real?" Jack replied, "You know, is he a real man or is he like Barney?"

Therese, of course, assured Jack that McGwire is real. But after hearing the story, it occurred to me that it must be difficult for children to differentiate what is real and what is not when they see it on television. Jack has figured out that Barney is not real, but that has made him question others that he sees on the screen.

Undoubtedly, this has always been something that children have to learn as they are growing up. I can imagine a child in ancient Greece asking his or her mother, "Were Achilles and Odysseus real?" In our culture, the

entire society collaborates to help young children believe that Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny are real. As we grow up, it is difficult to know whether Robin Hood or King Arthur were real.

Is it more difficult for children in this television age to differentiate between real people and fictional characters? In my childhood, before television, I had radio heroes whose adventures I followed carefully—Jack Armstrong, Dick Tracy, Pat Ryan (in "Terry and the Pirates"), Captain Midnight, the Green Hornet, the Lone Ranger. Since it was radio, I couldn't see them, but there were also the Western heroes of Saturday afternoon movies—Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Hopalong Cassidy, Red Ryder, the Three Musketeers, the Lone Ranger again. There were also my book characters—Tarzan and the Hardy Boys, for example. But I think that I understood that all these were fictional; they weren't real.

But if these aren't real, what about God? What about Jesus? Which of the characters in the comic books I had as a boy were real—David, St. Francis, St. Martin, Captain Marvel, Batman? I don't remember asking my mother which were real but somehow I'm sure I had to figure it out. Of course, by that time I was older than 5.

I wonder, too, if that Greek mother told her son that Achilles and Odysseus were fictional characters created by Homer. And then what would she answer if the child asked, "Then what about Zeus, Hera, Mercury and the other gods who are in the stories? Are they real?" Being a parent has never been easy. †



Be Our Guest/Shirley Vogler Meister

Whether weather or whatever, are we content?

During the "dog days" of summer, I always recall a favorite German verse, which I learned from a friend, Dr. Rolla Burghard, who learned it from his grandfather:

*As a rule,
man's a fool:
When it's hot,
he wants it cool.
When it's cold,
he wants it hot:
Always wanting
what is not.*

When my daughters were in early grades, we trekked through mounds of



snow on sub-zero days so they could catch the school bus. I'd suggest pretending we were at a campsite on a steamy summer day, making a fire to roast marshmallows: "Think how hot we are!" In sweltering summer months, I'd reverse the psychology: "Pretend we're sitting on a block of ice drinking cold lemonade. ..." I didn't fool myself, or the girls; but it was fun to have imaginations to help us through uncomfortable moments.

As we matured together, we learned, in the right circumstances, tromping through snow in winter and sitting quietly on a sweltering day can be rewarding on their

own. In the right frame of mind, we can be content doing anything, making the most of the moment.

Usually, however, humankind is a discontented lot—"always wanting what is not." The weather alone keeps us wishing for cooler, warmer, more rain, more sun and so on. We can't change it, so we could save mental energy by just making the best of whatever we're given. Then there's how we look and live: *If only I could be taller, shorter, stronger, thinner—or I wish I had a better suit, house, car, husband, wife or Why can't I win the lottery, retire early, find a better job, be healthier?* On and on, we pepper our days with "wants."

Some of these "wants" can be achieved; some, not. It's up to us to decide which are important. Accepting what cannot be changed, yet striving to better ourselves and others' lives seem to be different goals; but, when balanced, they co-exist well. In the "Serenity Prayer," we ask God for the wisdom to know the difference between the things we can change and the things we can't.

Ultimately, it's wise to be able to say, as did St. Paul in his first letter to the Colossians (4:11-13): "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content ... I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him, who strengthens me." †

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish, is an Indianapolis writer and poet.)

The Good Steward/Dan Conway

Disciples are called to share Christ's gifts

Cardinal Francis George is a strong advocate for evangelization and stewardship as fundamental expressions of Christian discipleship.



In a recent letter to priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Cardinal wrote, "Christ changes us by giving us his gifts: new life, the Gospel, the sacraments, apostolic governance. These transform us personally and collectively, so that we no longer live for ourselves but in Christ and for him and his people. We are disciples."

According to Cardinal George, the gift of discipleship compels Christian men and women to reach out to others and share with them Christ's gifts. "A disciple of Jesus must share the gifts he or she has received," the Cardinal says. "The Church is formed in sharing the gifts of Christ. Sharing the spiritual gifts is called evangelizing. Sharing the material gifts is called stewardship. Both are necessary to the authentic disciple of Jesus Christ."

Cardinal George hopes that these concepts (discipleship, evangelization and stewardship) will form the basis for his archdiocese's celebration of the third Christian millennium. In his letter to priests, the cardinal writes, "God's grace in Jesus makes us Disciples who are Evangelists, sharing the Gospel, and Stewards, sharing time, treasure and talents. It's pretty straightforward," he says, "and I hope these three ideas and the purpose of marking the millennium will not get lost as we move through the various activities around the millennium celebration."

Like most dioceses, the Archdiocese of Chicago is planning a series of activities to mark the 2,000th anniversary of the

birth of Christ. Conversion, faith sharing and stewardship education will be interconnected, Cardinal George says, in an effort to help prepare the Church in Chicago to enter the new millennium.

The Archdiocese of Chicago's millennium plans include spiritual renewal activities for parish leaders, parish missions designed to call the parish community to conversion, a small group program ("Disciples in Mission") designed to encourage faith sharing, and adult formation programs. A second phase of the archdiocese's millennium celebration moves beyond parish boundaries "into the city and suburbs," the Cardinal said.

"The Gospel is to transform society as well as convert believers and the Church," Cardinal George writes. "This phase will, I hope, begin after Easter 1999, and will include concentrated attention to the sin of racism [and other concerns] ... as people become more aware of the gap between the Gospel and the accepted standards of our society. ... Finally, a Millennium Campaign to put our parishes and schools on a firm financial foundation at the beginning of a new millennium will help our people become better stewards."

"In all this," the cardinal says, "the common purpose is personal conversion to Christ and consequent sharing of His gifts as widely and generously as possible. The year 2000 is to be a moment when we encounter Jesus Christ anew," Cardinal George says. It is "a moment, therefore, of conversion" which should be characterized by sharing Christ's gifts. The proposed theme for the Archdiocese of Chicago's capital campaign is Sharing Christ's Gifts. †

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

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Become as little children

Baby Gertrude staggers around the room to the delighted cheers of her family. Her first attempts at walking upright



like an actual human being involve much tilting to one side or another, with sudden lurches to catch her balance, but she only smiles gap-toothed at each new crisis as if she'd expected it all along.

Likewise little Bubba, down the street, who is also regaling his folks with drooly grins. At present, his specialty is sitting up. Who cares that, if unattended, he tends to sag to left or right and eventually tip over?

Babies never give a care. They are not embarrassed when their noses run, or they make socially unacceptable noises, or fill their undies with disposable items. Instead, they are naturally confident, secure in being accepted as they are.

At the beginning of life everything is so cute, including the errors and omissions which would mortify an older person. But as we age, our perception of ourselves and others becomes more critical.

This was never more evident to us than when strangers saw our son Andy for the first time. He was mentally retarded, with all the innocent but socially aberrant mannerisms that went with it. He loved to get up close to people's faces and grin at them, or to wave his hands before his face when the motion of a ride excited him.

Once, on a train ride through

Disneyland, a couple across the aisle from us stared at him constantly, quickly turning their heads away if we looked at them. One of our other kids finally tired of it and said loudly enough to be heard, "He's retarded. What's your excuse?"

Although we secretly agreed with him, we felt we had to give him a mild rebuke for being rude to his elders. The rudeness of his elders was something else again. What was their excuse?

The mixed pity and scorn exhibited toward the disabled extends to the parents of teen-agers as well. Teens love their parents; after all, they remember being tucked in at night and made better by kisses and hugs. But at the same time, the ignorance and lack of cool displayed by their parents are sometimes too much for kids to endure, and they say or do hurtful things.

At the other end of life as well, grown kids sometimes have the same mixed feelings toward the grandparents. Old folks are known to forget stuff, drool, require diapers, talk gibberish and otherwise revert to babyhood. And sometimes their children are embarrassed by this behavior, forgetting how they themselves were lovingly picked up and wiped and comforted time and again without concern.

Jésus said unless we be converted and become as little children we shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. I don't think he meant we had to regress to being infants.

Hard as it is, we need to restore loving acceptance in our feelings for ourselves and others. That's what God does for us. †

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

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 2, 1998

- Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
- Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
- Luke 12:13-21

The Book of Ecclesiastes is the source of this weekend's first reading.

Ecclesiastes rarely appears in the liturgy, although it is a well-written book with a solid message. It is part of what scholars call the "Wisdom Literature" of the Bible, since it attempts to blend the ancient Jewish concepts of faith and loyalty to God with human reason.

The title of this book in Hebrew is *Qoheleth*, taken from the name of the author. Some have believed that the author actually was Solomon, King David's son and successor.

However, the book certainly was composed long after Solomon's lifetime. It shows a good knowledge of Greek ideas, unknown to Solomon and his Hebrew contemporaries. Secondly, its Hebrew theology reflects the thinking of a period much later than that of King Solomon. Thirdly, Ben Sira, the author of *Sirach*, is familiar with *Qoheleth*. Considering all these factors, experts now believe the book was written around 250 B.C.

Ecclesiastes looks at the absurdities of life. A person may view life very fatalistically, as if everything is a puzzle. Or, a person may see in life the hand of a greater authority. This greater power, of course, is God, the one and only God of the Hebrew people.

God controls all that exists, but with a divine, eternal, perfect mind utterly beyond the comprehension of humans.

Humans either accept God, or they reduce themselves to their own devices, which usually are led by greed and fear. Thus, Ecclesiastes concentrates upon vanity.

Vanity is the centerpiece of this weekend's lesson. The word occurs 36 times in the 12 chapters of this book.

Vanity is foolishness, unfounded in fact. Ecclesiastes warns of this impermanence and nonsense.

The second reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

Interestingly, Paul speaks of personal resurrection as an event already accom-

plished for the believing Christian. This message parallels his thought that in baptism, in true commitment to the Lord, the Christian dies to sin and rises to eternal life, even in this world.

Echoing what was the thought of *Qoheleth*, Paul calls believers to focus upon the spiritual, upon the eternal.

He also says that dedication to Christ means to end all unholy traits and desires, to forsake all sinfulness. The result is life, total commitment to God. In this commitment, all else is secondary. No accidentals matter.

No Christian is first free, or first a slave, first a Jew, or first a gentile. Rather, each disciple is first a Christian.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading.

This parable is unique to Luke. It does not appear in the other Gospels.

Inheritance was a major consideration for Jews of the Lord's time, so intent as they were upon family and upon rights of descendants. In this parable, Jesus builds upon that consideration.

The Lord is asked to mediate a dispute about inheritance. He replies by urging a turn from strong interests in things of this world.

Frankly, Jesus states that life does not consist in possessing things.

He adds the parable of the rich fool. Everyone must build for the eternal, for the future. Building instead for the here and now is foolhardy, indeed the avenue to everlasting death.

Reflection

The Gospel has been preached for almost 2,000 years, beginning in Jerusalem in the period immediately following the Ascension of Christ.

Everywhere, and always, the Gospel has conflicted with the human tendency to count everything in materialistic terms. Surely, this is the case today when culture is so entrapped by the material and the comfortable.

In these readings, the Church calls us away from these temptations—from this foolishness. Everything in earthly life passes away. Nothing here is enduring.

The Church, first of all, calls us to the wisdom of knowing how transitory human life, and earthly possessions, are. Then, powerfully expressed in the writing of Paul and indeed even more so in the words of the Lord, true life and eternity exist only for the spirit, and for the spirit totally given to God in Christ. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Aug. 3
Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalm 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, Aug. 4
John Mary Vianney, presbyter
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Psalm 102:16-23, 29
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday, Aug. 5
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome
Jeremiah 31:1-7
(Response) Jeremiah 31:10-13
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, Aug. 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Friday, Aug. 7
Sixtus II, pope and martyr and his companions, martyrs
Cajetan, presbyter and religious founder
Nanum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
(Response) Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39, 41
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, Aug. 8
Dominic, presbyter and religious founder
Habakkuk 1:12 - 2:4
Psalm 9:8-13
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, Aug. 9
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
or Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12
Luke 12:32-48
or Luke 12:35-40

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

What is best edition of Bible for Catholics?

QI just attended Mass for the first time in 30 years. I didn't cry when my father died, but I cried when I went back to Mass.



You might like to know your column reaches prisoners at the Chillicothe (Ohio) Correctional Institution, and you have helped me put things into perspective.

This is my 14th year in prison, and I read my New International Version Bible faithfully. Is this a good Bible to use? Or is there a Catholic Bible that would be better? (Ohio)

AThank you for your thoughtful letter. The New International Version of the Bible is an excellent and readable translation.

The best and most authentic English translation under Catholic auspices, in my opinion, is the St. Joseph edition of the New American Bible, with the revised New Testament and Psalms.

Published with the approval of the bishops of the United States, this edition contains much explanatory material—Church documents, Catholic approaches to interpretation and so on—that helps make the Scriptures much more spiritually fruitful for most of us average readers.

I will make sure you or the institution's library receives a copy.

QI am a 79-year-old who has been troubled for years with a nagging fear that I turned away from a call to the religious life.

When I was in high school, one of my senior-year teachers, a nun, asked me, "What are you going to do next year?"

I said I was going to work. Our conversation was brief, but I knew what she was asking.

I have never married, but have followed a fulfilling career and have helped a lot of people. But I wonder if I had a vocation, even though I never desired it.

As I approach the end, I worry about

what God will say about this. I've never discussed it with a priest. (Texas)

AGod's call to us, the "vocation" he offers, is almost always in the context of the talents we were given, the abilities of body, mind and heart with which we have been blessed. Very rarely can one say, without special insight or inspiration, "I don't want or fit this kind of life, but I think that's my vocation."

A genuine vocation is to something we want to do, a life that attracts us, a way of giving ourselves happily and joyfully to other people. In a sense we can't see ourselves living without it.

Regardless of what the sister said, the religious life obviously was not something you felt called to then or now. The fact that we might have had other worthwhile lives does not diminish the value of the one we have.

If I have any advice, it is to be grateful for the life that has been yours through the years. You have done the best you can, which is all we are asked.

QA friend told me a relative was married, and she praised the priest who "married them."

I replied that even the pope cannot marry someone; the bride and groom marry each other and the priest simply receives their vows.

Am I correct in believing that an ordained priest can administer only six of the seven sacraments? (Illinois)

ATechnically, you are right. The bride and groom, by their exchange of marriage vows, administer the sacrament of matrimony to each other; the priest is there as the official witness and representative of the Church.

Therefore, in the Latin Rite, ordained priests can administer only six of the sacraments. In some other Catholic rites, priests may marry, in which instance, of course, they would also administer the sacrament of marriage. Thus the expression to be married "before" a priest is theologically preferable to "by" a priest. †

My Journey to God

Peace Lantern Ceremony

The Naval Armory stares like a sentinel challenging a reverent gathering across White River, under a bridge, where hands make paper lanterns with messages for wind and water, flowing, flawed with memories of atomic horrors a half world away, a half-century before—victims of violence repeated, revisited, and reflected in souls searching for justice: Cool breezes and calm songs whirl their way 'round hope, while candles light the water rippling with dark omens and whisper-soft echoes of centuries pleading for peace.

By Shirley Vogler Meister

(Shirley Vogler Meister is a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis. She wrote this tribute to the Peace Lantern ceremonies once held in Indianapolis as a memorial to the lives lost when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Aug. 6, 1945.)



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July 31

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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 games of skill and chance as well as food, free refreshments, door prizes and more. Information: 317-783-6155.

August 2

Our Lady's "Chapel in the Meadow," the Italian POW's ninth annual rosary, Mass at Camp Atterbury near Edinburgh, beginning at 11 a.m. pitch-in 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:

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August 3

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Mount St. Francis, will host a Charismatic Mass, beginning with praise and music at 7 p.m., Mass to begin at 7:30 p.m. Information: 502-561-1994.

August 3-7

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold vacation Bible school, for children preschool to grade 6, featuring Bible stories, music, crafts and refreshments from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

August 4-6

Little Flower Parish, Indianapolis, 4720 E. 13th St., will hold vacation Bible school featuring the theme "Marketplace 29 AD," from 6:15-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$2 per child or \$5 for families of three or more. Information: 317-357-8352.

August 6

The Altar Society of Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 21 N. 17th Ave., will hold a rummage sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Information: 317-784-5454.

August 7

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Shelbyville, 4218 E. Michigan Rd., beginning at 7 p.m. followed at 7:30 p.m. by praise, worship and Mass. Information: 317-927-6900.

August 7

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Bloomington, 2222 E. Third St., will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at 7 p.m., a series of four classes (Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6). Information and registration: 317-862-3848, ask for David or Jan Caito.

August 7-8

St. Mark Parish, Indianapolis, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., will hold a chain of quilts show featuring 100 quilts, demonstrations, special exhibits, door prizes, bake sale and a consignment booth. Open Friday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 317-786-8745.

St. Monica Parish, Indianapolis, 6131 N. Michigan Rd., will hold Festival of the August Moon from 4 p.m.-midnight. Featuring live entertainment, midway rides, children's games, fish fry and multicultural food tent, adult games.

August 9

St. Paul Parish, New Alsace, 9798 N. Dearborn Rd., will offer country-style chicken dinners following 9 a.m. Mass and featuring country store, beer

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Recurring

Daily

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

Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., celebrates a Tridentine (Latin) Low Mass. Call for times: 317-636-4478.

Weekly

Sundays

Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., celebrates a Tridentine (Latin) High Mass, 10 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.

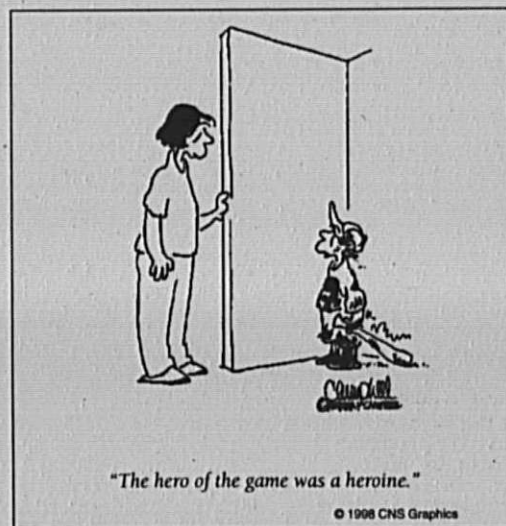
Mondays

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 gathering at 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and lives consecrated to Jesus and Mary.

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

Fridays

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

St. Lawrence Parish,

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

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

Saturdays

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

Monthly

First Sundays

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

First Mondays

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

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., between St. Michael Church and Cardinal Ritter High School, holds Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession is at 6:45 p.m.

First Fridays

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

St. Roch Parish, Indianapolis,

3600 S. Pennsylvania St., holds rosary and Benediction, 7-8 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., holds adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute, holds eucharistic adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. with rosary at noon.

First Saturdays

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

Apostolate of Fatima holds holy hour, 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., holds First Satur-

day devotions starting with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by the rosary and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis, 28th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

Second Thursdays

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

Third Mondays

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

Third Wednesdays

Catholic Widowed Organization meets from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

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

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

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

Third Thursdays

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds family rosary night at 7 p.m.

Third Fridays

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana gathers for Mass and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, at 7 p.m.

Third Saturdays

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

Bingos

TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138,

Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m.; St. Roch Parish, St. Roch School, 3603 S. Meridian, 6:00 p.m. THURSDAY: Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Cardinal Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday of each month, 1:15 p.m.

Vatican discusses bishops' conferences

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Bishops' conferences may issue statements on moral and other doctrinal matters only if they pass with a unanimous vote or receive the prior approval of the Vatican, Pope John Paul II said.

In an apostolic letter on "The Theological and Juridical Nature of Episcopal Conferences," released July 23 at the Vatican, the pope said any authority national bishops' conferences have is delegated to them or flows from their unity with the pope and the universal College of Bishops.

Pope John Paul praised bishops' conferences as expressions of the unity of the church and as effective means for the bishops of a nation or region to promote and defend the faith.

But, the pope said, in responding to new doctrinal issues and moral concerns being raised in their nations, the members of a conference must recognize the limits of their pronouncements.

"The authentic magisterium of the bishops, namely what they teach insofar as they are invested with the authority of Christ, must always be in communion" with the head of the Catholic Church and the members of the worldwide College of Bishops, he said.

The pope said caution also must be taken to ensure that conference statements do not unwittingly interfere with pronouncements on the same subject being developed by other national bishops' conferences.

"When the doctrinal declarations of episcopal conferences are approved unanimously, they may certainly be issued in the name of the conferences themselves, and the faithful are obliged to adhere with a sense of religious respect," the pope wrote.

"However, if this unanimity is lacking," he said, "a majority alone of the bishops of a conference cannot issue a declaration as authentic teaching of the conference to which all the faithful of the territory would have to adhere, unless it obtains

the *recognitio* (approval) of the Apostolic See, which will not give it if the majority requesting it is not substantial."

A substantial majority is two-thirds of the active members of a bishops' conference, the pope said in the norms for implementing the document.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, told reporters July 23 that requiring unanimity or at least a large majority respects and protects the minority.

"Here we are not talking about practical, disciplinary questions on which, in the end, a majority must make a decision. We are talking about doctrinal questions regarding the truth," Cardinal Ratzinger said. "The principle of the majority ends where the principle of truth begins. Truth is not determined by a majority vote."

The papal norms apply only to pastoral letters and declarations issued in the name of the entire conference, the cardinal said. When the bylaws of a bishops' conference allow conference committees or commissions to publish statements in their own name, the practice can continue as long as people understand the statements have no binding authority, he said.

Committees and commissions may not issue statements in the name of the entire conference, he said. Such statements become the work of the entire conference only when all eligible conference members have studied and voted.

Cardinal Ratzinger used as an example the U.S. bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family's 1997 pastoral message "Always Our Children," which was addressed to the parents of homosexual children.

In assigning the statement to a committee, he said, "perhaps the American bishops did well by not immediately raising it to the level of the entire conference, which would have required a response of religious assent" on the part of U.S. Catholics. †

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Terre Haute; and Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood. She was principal at St. Michael, Greenfield for 15 years.

Sister Luke, now director of religious education in a Sarasota, Fla., parish, was born in Terre Haute and entered the Sisters of Providence from St. Margaret Mary Parish there. She taught at St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, and Our Lady of Providence, Clarksville. Sister Luke was on the staff of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and served as provincial councilor, director of communications and director of Christian development with Sacred Heart Province. She was a lobbyist for the archdiocese with the Indiana Catholic Conference. She was director of communications and editor of the newspaper for the Diocese of Venice, Fla.

Sister Eileen (formerly Sister Anita Therese) is a tutor and substitute teacher in Bradenton, Fla. Born in Terre Haute, she entered the Sisters of Providence from St. Ann Parish. She taught at St. Patrick, Holy Spirit, Immaculate Heart, St. Luke and St. Thomas Aquinas in Indianapolis; St. Malachy, Brownsburg; and Sacred Heart, Terre Haute. She also was director of pastoral care for the Sisters of Providence Health Care Services.

Sister Dorothy (formerly Sister Margaret Eugene/Dorothy Jean), since 1987, has ministered at a maternity school and provided youth services in Chicago. She taught at St. Malachy, Brownsburg.

Sister James Michael has been principal at St. Jude School, Indianapolis, since 1978. Born in Indianapolis, she entered the congregation from St. Patrick Parish there. She taught at St. Andrew, Indianapolis; St. Ann, Terre Haute; and Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, where she

was principal for nine years.

Sister Ann Michele, since 1992, has been pastoral care associate at the Damien Center, an AIDS ministry in Indianapolis. Born in Terre Haute, she entered the congregation from St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. She taught at St. Benedict, Terre Haute; Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood; St. Jude, Holy Spirit, St. Luke, St. Matthew and Cathedral, in Indianapolis. She was also registrar at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Sister Marilyn Therese is now on the residential services staff at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Born in Indianapolis, she entered the community from St. Patrick Parish there. She taught at St. Bridget, Holy Cross and St. Mary Child Center, in Indianapolis; St. Susanna, Plainfield; and St. Mary Village School, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Village. She was religious education coordinator at St. Susanna, Plainfield, for nine years and coordinator of Damien Center services for four years. She was a volunteer at St. Mary Child Center and St. Paul Hermitage.

Sister Regina Ann has been a nurse assistant at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove, since 1996. Born in Indianapolis, she entered the congregation from St. Anthony Parish there. She taught at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood; St. Patrick, Terre Haute; St. Paul, Sellersburg; and All Saints School, Indianapolis.

Sister Ann Renée is now a licensed nurse in Chicago. She was affiliated with health care services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for seven years.

Sister Regis has been director of spiritual care at a hospital in Dublin, N.H., since 1982. She taught at St. Ann, Terre Haute.

Sister Grace Marie has been a registered nurse at a hospital in Evanston, Ill., since 1986. She taught at St. Agnes, Indianapolis; Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood;

St. Mary, Richmond; and St. Michael, Greenfield. At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, she served as a member of the corporate renewal team, administrator of the infirmary and as registered nurse with the health care services.

Sister Patricia, since 1972, has been an academic advisor for special education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. She taught at St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis.

Sister Mary Jane (formerly Sister Patrick Ann) is now teaching at a school in Norridge, Ill. She taught at Holy Spirit and St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis; and St. Michael, Greenfield.

Sister Donna (formerly Sister Laurence Therese) is now co-director of residential services for the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Prior to that, she was administrator of Providence Hall. She taught at St. Joseph and St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis.

Sister Joan Mary had been teaching at Providence-St. Mel in Chicago for six years. She taught at St. Ann, New Castle; St. Mary, Richmond; and St. John, Indianapolis.

Sister Joan (formerly Sister Gregory Ann) is assistant manager of Providence Center Gift Shop at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She entered the congregation from St. Francis de Sales Parish, Indianapolis. She taught at Our Lady of Providence, Clarksville, and Schulte High School, Terre Haute. At the college, she served in the business office and as instructor for the Women's External Degree program. She was administrative assistant, director of the Office of Records, and director of the gerontology program for the Sisters of Providence. She was chaplain six years at Community Hospital, Indianapolis.

Sister Rita Ann (formerly Sister Rose Annette) has been chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, since 1977. She entered the congregation from St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis. She taught at Nativity, Holy Cross and St. Luke, in Indianapolis.†

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upon each senator to have the courage and the wisdom to override the president's tragic veto."

In his statement, the bishop asked for prayers nationwide so that all elected leaders "will guide our great nation into a new millennium where all human life is protected."

Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., said he was pleased "to join with more than 100 rabbis across the United States—Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—who recognize partial-birth abortion as a vulgar, cruel act."

He said the rabbis sent a letter to senators urging them to join House colleagues in banning the controversial procedure.

Rabbi Marc A. Gellman, co-host of the weekly TV program, "The God Squad," said: "We in the pro-life community must do more and we must do better in affirming and acknowledging and trying in love and compassion to quell

the fear that drives women to this terrible and difficult choice."

The press conference was co-sponsored by Concerned Women for America, the Institute for Religious Values, the National Right to Life Committee, the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities and the Catholic Campaign for America.

After the vote, Douglas Johnson, NRLC legislative director, said in a statement, "It's long past time for 36 senators to stop defending the indefensible, brutal practice of partial-birth abortion. It is appalling that any senator would vote to allow thousands of living babies to be mostly delivered and then stabbed through the head."

In a statement from Front Royal, Va., Redemptorist Father Richard Welch, president of Human Life International, noted that a number of senators remain entrenched "in their allegiance to the culture of death."

He called for "Catholics and other citizens of faith to turn their convictions into action at the polls by removing from office all politicians who have sold their souls to abortion profiteers."

In Washington, Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council, issued a statement commending the House override vote and urging the Senate to follow suit.

"Thousands of babies may be saved from a grisly death because Americans on both sides of the aisle voted to put

an end to a procedure that is nothing short of infanticide," he said.

Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York said in a statement that he was personally gratified by the House vote, "an act so very widely supported by the American people."

He also praised religious leaders who gathered for the press conference before the vote. "I express my special appreciation to the more than 100 Jewish rabbis who in recent weeks have spoken with the voice of the prophets," he said.

In Philadelphia, Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua said he was "heartened by the representatives' willingness to uphold the rights of innocent, beautiful children, and by their continued opposition to the horrid procedure known as partial-birth abortion."

He thanked local Pennsylvania House members who voted to override, and asked "all people of good will to pray that the U.S. Senate will also vote to override the president's veto."

Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., sponsor of the bill, said in a statement after the vote, "We are now one step closer to the goal of eliminating thousands of brutal deaths every year."

A statement from Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, said "even many self-described 'pro-choice' lawmakers joined the effort to override Clinton's veto."

He said that Planned Parenthood "and the rest of the abortion lobby" would have liked the House to sustain Clinton's "misguided veto so as to permit and empower abortionists to continue murdering children as they are being born."

"To legally sanction execution begs the question," he added. "Is there nothing the Congress or president won't embrace under the banner of choice?" †

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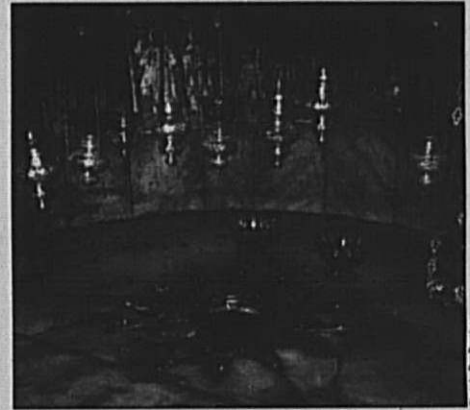
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Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests and religious sisters serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.

ACKERMAN, Veronica, 86, Holy Name, Beech Grove, July 14. Aunt of several.

AYDELOTTE, Bertha O., 91, Immaculate Heart, Indianapolis, July 13. Mother of Margaret A. Aydelotte. Aunt of several.

BERGER, (Barns) Jean Lois, 69, formerly of Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, July 14. Mother of Richard Francis, Thomas Dennis and Robert Dale Berger. Deborah Ann Coleman. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of one.

BISCHOFF, Elsie, 84, St. Martin, Yorkville, July 17. Mother of Jane Faehr, Janet Steinmetz. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of three.

BORCZON, Robert S., 71, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 14. Husband of Helen Borczon. Father of Becky and Robin Borczon, Roxanne

Shirley. Brother of Arthur Borczon, Judith Schoenfeld. Grandfather of five.

BORN, Enos M., 82, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, May 14. Husband of Evelyn (Brookmole) Boren. Father of Judith A. Goodman, Linda M. Bilyeu, Mary K. Moore. Brother of Derrell Boren, Hermania Smith. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of four.

BRUNS, Larry V., 46, St. Michael, Brookville, July 19. Father of Aimee, Stacy and Dustin Bruns. Son of Howard and Mary Jane (Stout) Bruns. Brother of Glenn and Gerald Bruns, Doris Tussey, Marie Katz, Lisa Holman, Marcia Eggers.

BRYANT, Christopher, 33, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 18. Father of Evan, Troy, Christopher, Bradley, Christina, Brandy and Laura Bryant. Son of Joseph O. Bryant. Brother of Jeffrey Bryant, Mary Bailey. Grandson of Mary Gyger.

CLEARY, John J. Jr., 90, St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute, July 22. Husband of Dorothy Cleary.

DAUBY, Mabel L., 67, St. Paul, Tell City, July 15. Mother of Bill Dauby. Sister of Ernest and Edward Gengelbach,

Mildred Hagedorn. Grandmother of three.

DIRKISING, Eugene, 44, St. Mary-of-the-Rocks, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, July 7. Son of Martha Dirkising. Brother of Dennis, Daniel and Raymond Dirkising. Dorothy Robinson, Martha Harnishfager, Ida Miller, Patricia Berg.

ELLER, Albert L., 69, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, July 6. Husband of Viola David Eller. Father of Susan McDowell. Brother of Mary Jane Powell, Eva Rousch. Grandfather of two.

FESSEL, James A. Sr., 59, Holy Family, New Albany, July 18. Husband of Millie Fessel. Father of James A. Fessel Jr., Gina Marie Carter, Janice Ann Mallory, Jennifer S. Austin.

Franciscan Sister Rose Alma Niehaus was archdiocesan teacher

Franciscan Sister Rose Alma Niehaus died July 22. She was 89.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg.

Born in Cincinnati, Sister Rose Alma entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community in 1929 and professed her final vows in 1935.

She taught in the archdiocese at St. Andrew, Richmond; St. Anthony, Morris; St. Mary, New Albany; St. Vincent, Bedford; St. Lawrence and St. Bernadette in Indianapolis; St. Michael, Brookville; and St. Mary, Greensburg. She also taught in schools in the Evansville Diocese and in Ohio and Missouri.

Sister Rose Alma is survived by four brothers, Edward, Frank, Richard and Paul Niehaus, and by two sisters, Ida Carter and Sister Mary Cecilia Niehaus.

Memorials may be made to Sisters of St. Francis; P.O. Box 100; Oldenburg, Ind. 47036.

Brother of Michael W. Fessel. Grandfather of four.

FULLER, Demoyne "Fritz," 80, St. Mary, Rushville, July 20. Husband of Anne Stirn Fuller. Father of Sherri Griffiths, Tim and Mike Fuller. Brother of Forrest Fuller, Oma Ruth Flint. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of three.

FUTCH, Cathy Lynn (Swain), 42, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, July 14. Wife of Dorsey Futch Sr. Mother of Jennifer Wagner, Andre and Dorsey Futch Jr. Daughter of Anna (Maddox) Swain. Sister of Leonard Jr., Gary, W. Robert, Patrick, Thomas and Michael Swain. Roszella Tiller, Annetta Hall, Cynthia Wix, Brenda Patterson, Elaine Whitacre, Karen Gammon, Christine Swain. Grandmother of two.

GREB, James Eugene, 65, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, July 10. Father of James A. and Michael S. Greb. Brother of Herman, Raymond, Robert and Norman Greb, Marjorie Heerdink, Mary Louise Galloway, Norma Jean

Providence Sister Alma Clare Lauer taught in Indianapolis

Providence Sister Alma Clare Lauer died in Karcher Hall, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on July 24. She was 97.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on July 28 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Born in Altoon, Pa., the former Catherine Dorothy Lauer entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1919 and professed first vows in 1922 and final vows in 1927.

She taught at St. Jude and St. Simon schools in Indianapolis and Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood. She also taught in schools in the Evansville and Fort Wayne dioceses and in California, Illinois and Oklahoma.

Sister Alma Clare is survived by a brother, David Lauer.

Rasmussen. Grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of two.

HARTMAN, Rita Jo, 74, Holy Family, Richmond, July 16. Wife of Marvin Hartman. Mother of Tim, Charles, Robin and Joseph Hartman. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of one.

HRIBERNIK, John S., 70, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, June 10. Husband of Nancy Hribernik. Father of Stephanie and Donald S. Hribernik. Brother of George Hribernik. Grandfather of two.

JORDEN, Robert M., 84, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, June 9. Husband of Mary E. O'Donnell. Father of Robert and John Jorden, Sarah Overman, Patricia Benito. Brother of Raymond and Sister of Charity Isabell Jorden. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of 10.

KREUTZER, Lester, 80, St. Roch, Indianapolis, July 12. Husband of Florence Kreutzer. Father of Carol Glascock. Brother of John W. Kreutzer, Virginia Ann Meyer, Rita Mae Scheigert. Grandfather of one. Great-grandfather of one.

LaROCHE, Donald David, 78, St. Roch, Indianapolis, June 27. Husband of Mary Alice LaRoche. Father of Mary Grace Jones, John David LaRoche. Grandfather of three.

LASHER, Agnes P., 94, St. Isidore, Bristow, July 14. Mother of Martina Owen, David and Larry Lasher. Sister of Charles Peter, Cecilia Boerster, Alberta Gehlhausen. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of three.

LOJKOVIC, Joseph P. "Buzz," 51, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, May 22. Son of Antoinette (Fiandaga) Lojkovic. Brother of Michael Lojkovic, Liz Gasco, Vivian Bailey, Merry Lojkovic, Mariano Fiandaga.

McCUTCHEON, Genevieve E., 80, Little Flower, Indianapolis, July 17. Mother of Charles V. McCutcheon, Mary Ann Lewis. Sister of Betty Matlock. Grandmother of two.

MOLNAR, Donald James, 55, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, July 20. Husband of Debra Louise Molnar. Son of Barbara Molnar. Brother of David, Bob and Joseph Molnar, Barb Kruk, Shirley Bergan, Darlene Willis.

PARKER, Herman P., 77, St. Mary, New Albany, July 18. Father of Robert H. and Steven D. Parker. Brother of Patrick Parker, Mary Ann Thompson. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of one.

QUILLEN, Cieta, 92, formerly of St. Vincent, Bedford, July 14. Mother of Patricia

Lee. Sister of Levi Hatfield. Grandmother of one.

REDELMAN, Lyle G., 81, St. Anne, New Castle, July 20. Husband of Vera Redelman. Father of Doug D. Redelman. Grandfather of one.

RILEY, Evelyn M., 79, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 21. Mother of Michael T. and Steven D. Riley. Cheryl Koors. Sister of William J. Snider. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of one.

TIMKO, Mildred G., 76, Annunciation, Brazil, July 13. Wife of Jack Timko. Mother of Jacqueline G. Eggerman, Michael G. and Frederick L. Timko. Sister of Helen Francis Bramblett, Jeanne Greenley, Marjorie Ann Griffin. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of six.

TYLER, Nellie M., 92, St. Mary, New Albany, July 21. Mother of Curtis R. Jr., Ralph L., Everett T. and Gerald Tyler, Joyce Martin. Grandmother of 20. Great-grandmother of 32. Great-great-grandmother of six.

WALKER, Doris L., 79, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 10. Mother of Daniel, James and Michael Walker, Lynda Hymers, Sheila Henderson. Sister of Earl Bartlett, Marjorie LaPrad. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of eight.

WEIDMAN, Joan S. (Eder), 63, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, June 17. Wife of Fred Weidman. Mother of Cindy Pietrzak, Sheri Thomas, Joyce Vojdani, Mark and Brian Weidman. Sister of Jerry and Tim Eder, Judy Kerr. Grandmother of 12.

WEINKAUF, Alan F., 85, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, July 19. Husband of Margaret Weinkauf. Father of Lois Garrett, Maryann Beck, Roger Staten, Anne, Fritz, Tom, Ed and Mike Weinkauf. Brother of Lois Balicki. Grandfather of 16. Great-grandfather of 10.

WILLIAMS, John, 83, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 21. Husband of Jessica J. Wilson Williams. Father of Sally Hillman, Susan Newell, Margaret Mayer, John R. Jr. and Thomas D. Williams. Brother of Patrick Williams, Verda Disser, Julia Weathers. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of five.

YORK, Goldie L., 72, St. Gabriel, Connorsville, July 17. Mother of Lois Jean McCreary, Reda Roberts, Dolores Lee Hollinden. Sister of John, Herman and Edgar Frye. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 11.

Cardinal feels well despite treatment for blood clots

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles said he feels "terrific" despite having to be hospitalized for several days for treatment of a small blood clot, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles said in a statement July 25.

Following June 15 surgery for prostate cancer, the 62-year-old cardinal, who called his cancer "a gift ... not an affliction," had returned to his pastoral duties as archbishop of Los Angeles. The clot developed during his six week recovery period and was to be treated by his physician, Dr. Lee Parsons.

According to medical experts, the statement said, the appearance of a blood clot is not uncommon after major surgery.

The cancer had been detected by a prostate specific antigen or PSA test during the cardinal's annual physical in February.

When he left the hospital June 18, he suggested people use the test for a Father's Day gift. "Give your fathers, your grandfathers, your husbands a PSA test," he said. "They will be much better off." †

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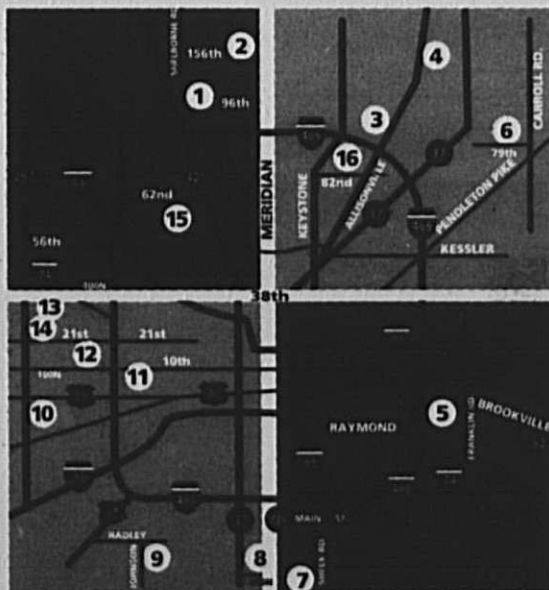
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