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## Faith of the past, faith in the future

Holy Angels Parish breaks ground for new center-city school, parish center

Story and photos by Margaret Nelson



Breaking ground for Holy Angels' new school and parish center are (from left) Ted Gary, parishioner and owner of an engineering firm; Father Clarence Waldon, pastor; Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith; Holy Angels' third-grade students Evan Carpenter and Jonathan Butler; and Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

Delicia Brooks feeds her son, Emmanuel Brooks, during the ice cream social after the groundbreaking for Holy Angels' new school and parish center.



**H**oly Angels parishioners, school families and supporters celebrated a historic event Aug. 9—the breaking of ground for a new \$3.3 million center-city school that will open in August 1999.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, wearing a green chasuble trimmed in kenta cloth, presided at the outdoor Mass that began the festivities. A banner above the altar read: "Building God's Kingdom for Children, Church and Community."

Father Clarence Waldon, the pastor, concelebrated—along with Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general; Fathers Al Ajamie, a former pastor; and Joseph Riedman, a former assistant pastor.

The archbishop greeted the assembly of about 400. "It's great to be with you on

this historic day and this beautiful day."

Bongo drums and the Holy Angels Gospel Choir enlivened the 11 a.m. liturgy so that others in earshot of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and West 28th streets area could become involved.

In his homily, Father Waldon talked about the faith of the people, tying it in with Sunday's Epistle to the Hebrews.

"Twelve years ago, we made a decision [in consultation with others] that our school building was not worth putting more money into," he said. Parish leaders knew they needed a new school.

"We did not know how that was going to happen. We simply laid it in the hands of God," said Father Waldon, with the assembly responding, "Amen."

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## New Albany Deanery parishes look forward to new St. Paul Activity Center

By Peter Agostinelli

**SELLERSBURG**—Strong stewardship and a positive response to parish needs have generated good news in the New Albany Deanery.

The people of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg and St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph Hill celebrated the good news with an Aug. 9 groundbreaking at St. Paul for a new multipurpose building. Parishioners have raised enough funds for the construction of the new facility, which will be called the St. Paul Activity Center.

The facility will include a gymnasium, five additional classrooms and new meeting rooms to better serve the students of St. Paul School.

Linda Welz, a St. Paul parishioner and former president of the parish pastoral council, has served as a member of the parish building committee. She said the partnership will allow

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Father Paul Richart, pastor of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg, blesses the ground with holy water at the Aug. 9 groundbreaking in Sellersburg.



# HOLY ANGELS

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The pastor told of the challenges and sacrifices the parish faced. "We could not see what the future might bring. ... We put our sweat into the situation and wondered where it would go."

He said there had been proposals to close the school, to move "and about everything except to build a new building."

Finally, Father Waldon said, "The archdiocese was willing to put its faith in us because of what we had done in the past."

According to the National Catholic Education Association, Holy Angels is the only known new center-city Catholic school being built in the country.

Besides the classrooms, which will serve about 260 students, the 29,440-square foot building will have space for meetings, which he said will be used for senior citizens' activities and computer and job training programs.

"We will truly be able to reach out to the people of the community with the love of God," said Father Waldon.

At the close of the Mass, Archbishop Buechlein dismissed the Mass assembly with, "Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord—and break ground."

At the groundbreaking just west of the church and the existing school building, Archbishop Buechlein said, "I don't know of any diocese in the country that is building a school in the center city."

Father Waldon thanked the archbishop "for his commitment to our children. Without the archbishop, this would not be happening. We have waited a long time for this day. It's going to make a whole lot of things possible."

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith said that the new school will "provide a high quality of education for our children." He said it would also revitalize the Indianapolis community.

Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Gerry O'Laughlin, principal of Holy Angels, took part in the groundbreaking and helped cut the cake at the ice cream social.

Other priests and religious came to show their support during the groundbreaking and ice cream social—after their own parish responsibilities were fulfilled.



Holy Angels parishioner Lysa Tender serves as commentator for the Mass of Thanksgiving before the Aug. 9 groundbreaking for the new school and parish center.



Holy Angels students gather at the groundbreaking site during the ceremony.

Financial support for the new school came from many sources, including a special collection that the priests of the archdiocese presented to Father Waldon. One non-parishioner donor offered 30 shares of Lilly stock for the building fund to a Holy Angels volunteer who was preparing for the June parish festival.

Parishioners themselves have pledged \$747,691 to the building. The Building Communities of Hope campaign of the archdiocese will commit \$1.2 million. Lilly Endowment Inc. will provide a \$1 million matching grant, and an anonymous donor has given \$300,000.

The two extra classrooms will permit

additional second and third grade classes for the kindergarten through sixth-grade school.

Other new spaces will provide room for a gymnasium, meeting rooms, a media center and computer labs.

The current school building, built in 1907, will be demolished to become part of the campus for the new school. †

## School is positive sign to Holy Angels' parents

In April, when bulldozers were tearing down the first of eight houses west of Holy Angels' center-city Indianapolis school, people stopped to ask what was being built.

They were surprised to hear that a new school was planned for the near-downtown neighborhood.

Doyle and Adrian McDaniel were not surprised. At the ice cream social after the groundbreaking Sunday, the non-Catholic family talked about their experience with the school.

Their 8-year-old son, Johnathan, will enter the third grade at Holy Angels School this fall. He has a 4-month-old brother named Jordaa who will attend the new school in five years.

"This community was deteriorating," said Doyle McDaniel. "This new building, I think, will kind of be a testimony to the community that it is not dead—that there is still life and hope."

"The school is kind of a resurrection—a rebirth of new life to the community," he said. "I think a lot of positive things will begin to happen in the community because of this."

Adrian McDaniel said that she is very involved in the school

their son has attended since kindergarten. "I heard Father Waldon talk about the senior citizens and different employment programs. I would like to help with something like that."

Parishioner Vanell Gardner has a son who is in the first grade at Holy Angels. She is pleased that the parish will have space to enable them to serve the community with more outreach programs. She hopes the parish will be able to expand tutorial programs, as well.

Gardner said, "This will help build a sense of pride in the students and the community. It will give a better sense of knowing who they are and where they come from."

The current enrollment at Holy Angels School is 90 percent non-Catholic. Seventy-four percent of the children come from families with incomes below the federal poverty level. Of those, 69 students benefit from the Educational Choice Charitable Trust program.

More than half (55 to 60 percent) of Holy Angels' current students live in the near northwest Indianapolis neighborhood.

—Margaret Nelson

## Official Appointment

Effective Aug. 31, 1998

Rev. Barnabas Gillespie, O.S.B., currently ministering outside the archdiocese, appointed co-pastor of St. Paul, Tell City, St. Michael, Cannelton and St. Pius, Troy.

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

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# Ugandans face hardships with hopefulness

## Ethnic conflict, human rights abuses and health problems challenge Ugandans

By Mary Ann Wyand

Many signs of hope and progress are evident in Uganda, Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa Demetria Smith of Indianapolis said after a three-week fact-finding visit to this East African country in June.

However, Sister Demetria said, human rights abuses, ongoing ethnic conflict, random acts of violence, destitution in refugee camps and critical health needs continue to challenge the beleaguered Ugandan people.

The mission educator for the archdiocesan Mission Office and her niece, Lauren Smith from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, journeyed to Kampala, the capital city, and several other regions to visit the nuns and people Sister Demetria knew when she worked there as a missionary and nurse from 1958 until 1982. They also traveled six hours by bus to southern Uganda to visit people living in the Diocese of Kabale near the Rwanda-Brundi border.

Among the most troubling statistics facing Ugandans, Sister Demetria said, are the rising death rates from AIDS, cholera, malaria and polio as well as serious outbreaks of measles and chicken pox.

Sister Demetria said she also was shocked to learn that homeless Ugandan children are being forced into prostitution or captured and used as human shields by rebel soldiers on the front lines of battle near the border of Sudan.

She reported her findings to Catholic Relief Services in Baltimore and to the superior of her religious congregation. She also plans to share the plight of Ugandans

with archdiocesan Catholics through speaking engagements.

"The rebel groups are saying that land distribution is not fair," she said, "and there are ongoing ethnic differences. There are still remnants of the war. Yoweri Museveni, the president of Uganda, is trying to be just, to do his best to promote equality. He appoints women and members of different ethnic groups to leadership positions. But it is a difficult situation."

Other countries are putting economic pressure on Uganda to institute population control measures, including abortion and artificial contraception to achieve child spacing, Sister Demetria said. "An abortion bill is before Parliament, and the Ugandan bishops are opposing it."

Large families are a necessary security in the primitive agrarian society of Third World countries because parents need help planting crops, she said. However, many children die of natural causes before reaching adulthood because they lack medicine, immunizations and basic health education about water quality.

Refugees from the Sudanese conflict have nothing, she said, but are being helped in camps at Kabale, on the border of Kenya, established by Catholic Relief Services and United Refugee Services with donations made to these humanitarian aid agencies.

"Catholic Relief Services is doing a tremendous job working on acute situations in remote areas," she said, "but there is still a great need for medicines and immunizations."

Although parts of their trip were emotionally difficult, Sister Demetria said, she and Lauren enjoyed visiting the Ugandan people and found them to be inspirational signs of hope due to their resilience in the midst of great adversity.

"The people were so happy that we came to see them," she said, "and I felt we were able to give the sisters moral support."

However, she said, with progress come new problems.

Two boys walk to school along a road in a rural area near Kabale.

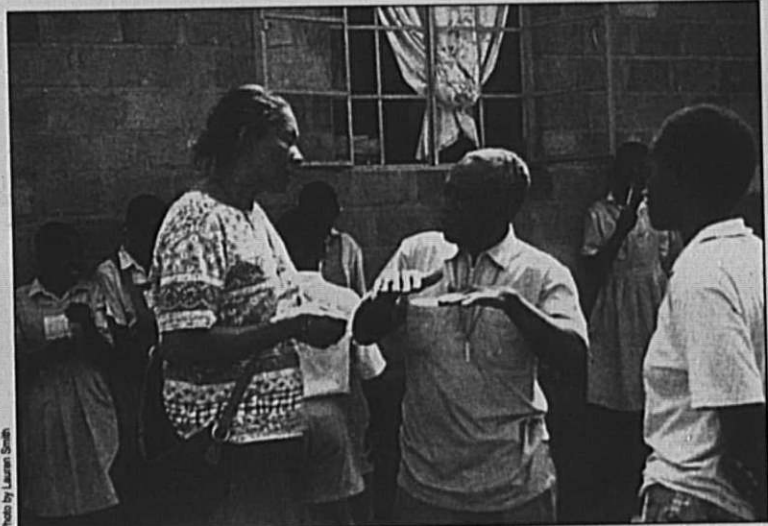


Photo by Lauren Smith



Photo by St. Demetria Smith, M.S.O.L.A.

Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa Demetria Smith of Indianapolis (top left), mission educator for the archdiocesan Mission Office, talks with a Christian brother who is the headmaster at St. Theresa School in Kisubi, Uganda, during a June visit to the East African nation. This woman (at left) uses a treadle machine to sew a school uniform for a child at the school.

"There are many signs of progress in Kampala that reflect the influence of the Western culture," she said. "There are many cars now, and there is a haze of pollution in the sky of Kampala that was not there when I left Uganda in 1982. But there is quite a gap between the people who have money and those who have very little. There are many modern homes built in the hills of Kampala."

Teachers at government and private schools are educating an increasing number of children whose parents can afford tuition, Sister Demetria said. The schools operated by the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa have been handed over to indigenous religious sisters during the past 15 years.

"More schools have opened there since President Clinton's visit," she said. "I find it positive that as many children as possi-

ble are learning to read and write, but in the villages many of the teachers are not always paid on time."

In addition to touring Kampala and visiting the sisters' ministry at the Kisubi hospital, Sister Demetria said she and Lauren were warmly welcomed by Bishops James Odongo of Tororo and Robert Gay, a Canadian ministering in the Diocese of Kabale.

"Bishop Odongo received us very graciously and made sure we were looked after very well," she said. "We went to many of his missions in the Diocese of Tororo. I was particularly touched by an orphanage there. The Church is doing good work in Uganda."

(For information about how to assist with relief efforts in Uganda, call the archdiocesan Mission Office at 317-236-1485 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1485.)



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## Editorial

### A great day for partnerships

It was a great day for the Church in central and southern Indiana.

Last Sunday in Clark County, more than 100 parishioners of St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, and St. Joseph Parish, St. Joe Hill, gathered to break ground for a new parish activity center, which will include a gymnasium and five additional classrooms. And at the northern end of the archdiocese, in Indianapolis, approximately 500 parishioners of Holy Angels Parish, city civic and business leaders, and archdiocesan officials came together to break ground for a new school and parish center. (See stories on Page 1.)

It's interesting, of course, that these two very similar events took place on the same day and both celebrated new beginnings for the parishes and schools. However, the truly noteworthy aspect of the two events is that they both offer us a fine example of the good that can result from working together for a common goal.

During the last several years, the population growth in Clark County has been phenomenal. Many months ago, the leadership of St. Paul Parish recognized the need to expand its school, which was becoming increasingly overcrowded.

About the same time, St. Joseph Parish, which is just a few miles west of St. Paul Parish, also started talking about building a school for the growing number of their school-aged parishioners.

At the suggestion of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, the two parishes met and explored the possibility of pooling their resources to avoid duplicating efforts.

The result: both parishes' capital campaign cases were focused on financing the construction of a facility that would meet the needs of both parishes. A bigger addition than originally planned will be built at St. Paul Parish, with children from both parishes attending the school.

Meanwhile, in Indianapolis, Holy Angels Parish, located in the center city, will see its present school razed and a

new school and parish activity center rise on its property. The new facility is the result of partnerships forged among a variety of individuals and groups—the parish itself, businesses and foundations in the Indianapolis area through the Building Communities of Hope phase of the archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign, Lilly Endowment Inc. through a matching challenge grant, and the generosity of archdiocesan priests.

The new Holy Angels School, scheduled to be completed for the 1999 school year, will have a gym, media center, storage, a teachers' lounge, and two classrooms more than the present school, allowing it to increase enrollment by 50 students. All the students at Holy Angels are African-American, 90 percent are not Catholic and nearly three-quarters live below the poverty level. A 1996 study by the Indiana Policy Review Foundation rated Holy Angels as the top Indianapolis center-city school.

According to Carondelet St. Joseph Sister Gerry O'Laughlin, Holy Angels principal, "We'll have all the things now that many other schools just take for granted."

In both instances, of course, children will be the direct beneficiaries of the partnerships formed around common goals. But, in a very real way, everybody benefits from these partnerships. The Church can better fulfill its mission to teach and to serve the poor. The parishes involved have exercised good stewardship of their financial, physical and human resources. The civic and business communities have made significant investments in the education and formation of their future citizens and workers.

And at the bottom line, everyone ends up with more than each could have accomplished alone. Our future lies in our ability to truly be a Church family that works together for the common good and that invites other interested individuals and groups to join us in partnerships in which everyone comes out a winner. †

— William R. Bruns

## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



## Our journey will guide us to the kingdom

Our archdiocese is in the second year of a symbolic spiritual journey of hope to the new millennium. The destination of the journey of hope is not some place in this world, nor is it the year 2001. Our personal destination on the journey of hope is not a successful career; our goal is not a lot of money or anything like that. Our destination is God and the Kingdom of God. In the end nothing else matters. The liturgical readings of the last two Sundays reminded us that life on earth is but a short wait for our Lord's return. Do we pay attention to this reminder?

We know two things for sure about our journey on this earth. 1) We are made for heaven and 2) God wants to help us get there. That's why we call it a journey of hope: our destiny is heaven and God helps us get there. Our challenge is to keep our eye on our great destiny and on God.

It helps to have people who show us how to journey with hope. As you readers know I made my *ad limina* visit to Rome the last week of June. It was a wonderful and inspiring experience. It felt like a spiritual retreat, really. It won't surprise you when I say that one of the greatest inspirations came from the Holy Father, Pope John Paul himself.

Pope John Paul keeps his eye on the destiny of our journey through life and he keeps his eye on God. The pope whom I remember from my first *ad limina* visit 10 years ago as a strong, athletic and powerful man is now physically feeble. He is in pain and he depends on two assistants and a cane to help him get around. The Holy Father I knew in 1988 always had a beautiful smile and a very expressive face. Now, because of Parkinson's disease, except for the sparkle in his eyes, he has lost his ability for facial expression. One has to look very closely to see the faint trace of a smile which is very real. I knew Pope John Paul as a man who spoke with great power and could sing the Mass beautifully. Now, sometimes his speech is noticeably slurred and it is difficult for him to sing. Sometimes aides must dab the saliva that runs down his chin.

Does all this physical deterioration stop the pope who is as mentally and intellectually sharp and as personally warm as he ever was? Despite his daunting disability, the Holy Father continues all of the routine public appearances and liturgies that a pope usually does; and more. If he were a vain man, if he were self-preoccupied by the humbling loss of his strength and the physical good looks that were once his, he would not place himself in such public view. But he does so and with no apology.

It occurred to me during the *ad limina* visit that the pope is not only a good witness of how we can join our human suffering to Christ's; he is not only a wonderful encouragement to those who are enfeebled because of age or any disability. Of course he is all of that. He is also a fine witness to all people about what truly counts on this journey of life. The Holy Father's eye is on God and the Kingdom of God and all that he does is for that mission of hope. Nothing else really matters.

If we are disabled in some way, or if we become disabled or feeble like the Holy Father (as eventually we will), if we suffer poverty of any kind, what truly matters is whether our journey of life is really a journey of hope with God and the kingdom as our destination. Our baptismal faith and God's grace make it possible to journey with hope to God. If we do that, in the end nothing else will really matter for us either. The gift of baptism enables us to do what the Holy Father does under challenging circumstances. Like him, by baptism we too can journey with hope, we can keep our eye on God and the Kingdom of God. We too can live for that mission.

In our spiritual preparation for the Great Millennium Jubilee, let's remind ourselves once more that we stay on the journey of hope if we keep our eyes on God and the Kingdom of God. We can only do that if we pray and pray every day, for without prayer we easily lose our way. Whether sometimes inspired or sometimes arid, faithful prayer is the key to peace and hope in good times and in bad. Pope John Paul shows us. †

### 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.



# Nuestro viaje nos guiará al reino

Nuestra archidiócesis está en el segundo año de un viaje simbólico espiritual de esperanza hacia el nuevo milenio. El destino del viaje de esperanza no es algún lugar en este mundo, ni es el año 2001. Nuestro destino personal en el viaje de esperanza no es una carrera exitosa; nuestra meta no es mucho dinero o algo así. Nuestro destino es Dios y el Reino de Dios. Al fin nada más importa. Las lecturas litúrgicas de los últimos dos domingos nos recordaron que la vida en la tierra es solamente una breve espera hasta el retorno de nuestro Señor.

¿Prestamos la atención a este recordatorio?

Sabemos dos cosas con seguridad sobre nuestro viaje en esta tierra. 1) estamos creados para el cielo y 2) Dios quiere ayudarnos a llegar allí. Esta es la razón por qué lo llamamos un viaje de esperanza: nuestro destino es el cielo y Dios nos ayudará a llegar allí. Nuestro desafío es no perder vista de nuestro gran destino y de Dios.

Nos ayuda tener personas que nos muestren cómo viajar con esperanza. Como ustedes los lectores conocen, hice mi visita ad limina a Roma la última semana de junio. Fue una experiencia maravillosa y inspiradora. Me dio la impresión de una retirada espiritual. No les sorprenderá cuando digo que unas de las más grandes inspiraciones vino del Santo Padre, el Papa Juan Pablo II.

El Papa Juan Pablo no pierde visita del destino de nuestro viaje a través de la vida y ni la vista de Dios. El papa, a quien recuerdo de mi primera visita ad limina hace diez años como un hombre fuerte, atlético y poderoso está físicamente débil en este momento. Está con dolor y depende de dos ayudantes y un bastón para ayudarlo a caminar. El Santo Padre que conocí en 1988 tenía una sonrisa bonita y una cara muy expresiva. Ahora, debido a la enfermedad de Parkinson, salvo la chispa en sus ojos, ha perdido su habilidad para la expresión facial. Hay que mirar cuidadosamente para ver el rastro débil de una sonrisa que es muy real. Conocí al Papa Juan Pablo II como un hombre que habló con gran poder y podría cantar la Misa bellamente. Ahora, a veces articula mal y le es difícil cantar. A veces los ayudantes deben quitar la saliva que corre de la boca.

Esta deterioración física detiene al papa que es mentalmente y intelectualmente listo y tan caluroso como siempre? A pesar de su invalidez desalentadora, el Santo Padre continúa haciendo todas las apariencias públicas rutinarias y liturgias que normalmente hace un papa, y aún más. Si él fuera un hombre vano, si él estuviera preocupado por la pérdida de su fuerza y la buena apariencia física que tenía alguna vez, no se pondría en vista pública. Pero lo hace sin disculpa.

Se me ocurrió durante la visita ad limina que el papa no sólo es un buen testigo de cómo podemos reunir nuestro sufrimiento humano a Cristo; sino es un estímulo maravilloso a aquéllos que son débiles a causa de su edad o cualquier invalidez. Claro está que es todo lo mencionado. También es un gran testigo a todas las personas con respecto a lo que verdaderamente cuenta en este viaje de la vida. La cara del Santo Padre está a Dios y al Reino de Dios y todo que hace es para esa misión de esperanza. Nada más realmente importa.

Si somos incapacitados de alguna manera, o si quedamos incapacitados o débiles como el Santo Padre (como eventualmente pasará), si sufrimos la pobreza de cualquier tipo, lo que verdaderamente es importante es si nuestro viaje a través de la vida realmente es un viaje de esperanza con Dios y el reino como nuestro destino. Nuestra fe bautismal y la gracia de Dios hace posible el viaje con esperanza a Dios. Si hacemos lo mismo, al fin nada más realmente nos importará. El regalo del bautismo nos permite hacer lo que el Santo Padre hace bajo circunstancias difíciles. Mediante el bautismo también podemos viajar con esperanza como él, con vistas a Dios y al Reino de Dios. También podemos vivir para esa misión.

En nuestra preparación espiritual para el Gran Jubileo Milenario, recordémonos una vez más que nos quedamos en el viaje de esperanza si no perdemos vista de Dios y el Reino de Dios. Sólo podemos hacerlo si oramos todos los días, ya que sin la oración perdemos nuestro camino fácilmente. Sea inspirada o árida, la oración fiel es la llave a la paz y la espera en los buenos y malos tiempos. El papa Juan Pablo II nos muestra esto. †

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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.

## Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

# Dealing with loneliness

The other day I had an attack of loneliness, and I couldn't seem to shake it. It reminded me that emotional pain can be one of the worst kinds of suffering.



How do you cope with loneliness?

The well-known spiritual writer, Father Henri Nouwen of happy memory, gave

me some good advice a few years ago, and it helped me a lot.

Far from being cool, calm and collected, he told me that he was basically an anxious person. During a TV interview I did with him when I was director of The Christophers, he explained that when he decided to leave his native Holland and teach at Yale University, he became lonely and depressed.

"I left family and friends behind and felt so alienated from everyone," he said. At first he tried to distract himself and seek some escape from the pain, "but this always resulted in disappointment and even more anguish."

What he discovered was that if you just stay with it and live it to the full, accepting it, in his words "even chewing on it, and tasting it, then you find you have much more strength than you might think."

Indeed he found that the strength was not coming from him, "but from someone who holds me, who loved me long before I was born and who will love me long after I die."

I asked him how Jesus fit into this, and he replied: "Jesus for me is the center of it. Jesus is the one who helps me discover that God has loved me all my life. The mystery of knowing Jesus is the mystery of knowing a God who embraces me in a much wider and deeper way than any human being can."

I have only discovered this very gradually in my life, and only after a lot of running away to other places."

Father Nouwen used his loneliness to discover the Lord residing within his soul. Loneliness taught him more about God's presence than anything he had learned in the seminary.

He began grappling with the question of death after he was hit by a car and almost killed. He was going to say Mass for some children, and rather than call ahead to say his car wouldn't start, he had set out on a long walk in the cold. Suddenly the side-view mirror of a passing van hit him in the shoulder and knocked him out.

Fortunately, the driver took him to the hospital, but he was bleeding internally and close to death when he arrived.

Father Nouwen said, "I realized that I might not live much longer, and I had this very deep sense of peace. Also a deep sense that Jesus appeared to me and said: 'Do not be afraid, you can always come home. I've been waiting for you, and you've been waiting for me.'"

This experience brought him peace, but there was still something nagging at him. "My problem in dying was that I had some conflicts which were not resolved. I was angry with some people and they with me. In case I died I wanted this settled, so "when a friend came to visit me I asked him to tell these people that I have forgiven them and to ask them to forgive me. Once that was done I felt totally ready to move on."

By accepting and even embracing both his loneliness and his fear of death, his life became more peaceful and more joyful. I found this to be true in my own life as well. I hope it helps you on your faith journey. †

(Father John Catoir is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.)

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## Elizabella Ball, to benefit pro-life ministry, planned Aug. 21

The 12th annual Elizabella Ball Aug. 21 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis will raise funds for St. Elizabeth's pro-life ministry to pregnant and parenting women and their children.

The ball begins at 7 p.m. and continues with dinner and dancing until midnight. Former Gov. Evan Bayh and Susan Bayh of Indianapolis are the honorary co-chairs. For ticket information, contact Diana

Anderson at St. Elizabeth's by phone at 317-787-3412 or by e-mail at [stelizabeths@stelizabeths.org](mailto:stelizabeths@stelizabeths.org) by the Aug. 18 reservation deadline.

Also during the gala, five people will be honored with "Circle of Life" awards.

St. Elizabeth's 1998 award recipients are Dr. Deborah Radecki of Indianapolis, director of pediatrics education and the pediatrics clinic at St. Vincent Hospital;

Clarence and Dana Brummett of New Palestine, longtime volunteers in St. Elizabeth's Tender Care foster family program; Catalina Carrasco of Indianapolis, a former client who is a successful parent and college student; and Jennifer Cassidy of Mooresville, a former client who placed her child for adoption and now supports St. Elizabeth's ministry as a volunteer.

Funds from the ball will benefit St. Elizabeth's outreach/counseling, adoption, maternity residence, Tender Care, PACT (Parent And Child Together) and adoption search programs.

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### Check It Out . . .

**Fifth Army veterans of the 1943, 1944, and 1945 Italian Campaign** will be returning to Italy on Nov. 8 through Nov. 17 to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Allied landings at Salerno and the drive towards Rome. The tour will visit London, Naples, Anzio/Nettuno, Cassino, Sorrento, Capri and Rome. Veterans of the third Division: 34th, 45th, 91st, 10th Mt., 88th and many support groups are urged to contact Sy Canton at 516-432-3022.

Religious educators of the North Deanery parishes are sponsoring **Catholic Bible Study**, featuring 30 two-hour weekly sessions beginning in September. The meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis or Thursday mornings at St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis. The four-year Bible Study uses Denver Catholic Biblical text and adult learning methods, combines small group interaction with quality presenters, and provides readings and written work three to four hours a week. Class fees are \$90 per semester plus books. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Sheila Gilbert at 317-257-4297.

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"To Everything There is a Season, and This is the Season to Learn," a **free seminar to help adults thinking about college**, will be held Sept. 10 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Marian College in Stokely Mansion, 3200 Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis. Adults considering starting or returning to college should attend to learn more about the process of higher education and how to get started. For more information, call the Aspire Office at 317-955-6125.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, in collaboration with Indycorps' Peace and Learning Center and Committee for Children's Second Steps, is developing a **Conflict Resolution Training** program that aims to teach area school children that violence isn't the only way to resolve a problem. Conflict Resolution Training builds the following in children: effective communication

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"**Spirituality and HIV**," a weekend retreat to emphasize a holistic approach to living with HIV, will be held Sept. 11 through Sept. 13 at Oakwood Farm in Selma. The cost of the retreat is \$25.

Inability to pay is not a factor in attending. Registration is limited to 35 due to housing limitations. For more information, call the HIV/AIDS Ministry office at 800-813-0949 or 317-631-4006.

"**Beyond the Blues—Is It Depression?**" a class on depression, will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, 1600 Albany St. in Beech Grove. Dr. William Wiseman, a psychiatrist at St. Francis Psychiatric Associates, will discuss the warning signs for depression and its treatment. Information: 317-782-6660. †

### VIPs . . .

**Helen A. and William A. Aemmer** of New Albany will mark their 65th anniversary Aug. 22. The couple will celebrate with an open house reception from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 23 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Wagner Hall in New Albany. The couple has nine children: Catherine Sowders, Donna Condra, Mary Margaret Kannapel, Patricia Stone, Robert E., Richard A., William P., and Anthony W. Aemmer, and the late Barbara Black. They also have 35 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Roger Staten, Robert "Fritz," Thomas, Edward, Michael, and Ann Marie Weinkauff. They also have 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. †

**Alan F. and Margaret L. Weinkauff** of Indianapolis will celebrate their 65th anniversary Dec. 9. The couple has eight children: Lois Garrett, Maryann Beck,

### Correction

Incorrect information was published in the VIPs section on page 6 in the Aug. 7 issue of *The Criterion*. The correct information is: Providence Sister Mary C. Tomlinson is the mother of Mark Tomlinson of Carpentersville, Ill., and the daughter of Robert and Janet Murray of Chicago.

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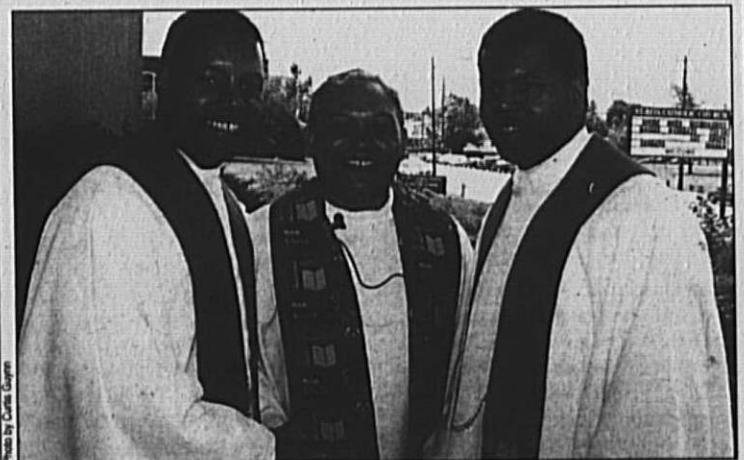


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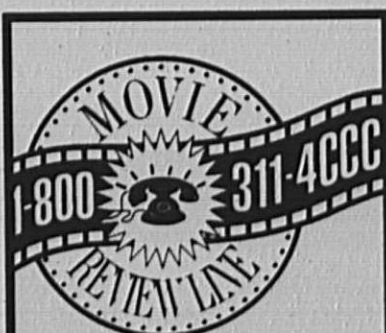
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### Twin celebration

Divine Word Fathers Chester (left) and Charles Smith stand with the pastor, Divine Word Father Anthony Clark, in front of St. Rita Church in Indianapolis after the parish helped the twin priests celebrate their 10th anniversaries of ordination. The twins are associate pastors.



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# CYO camp to benefit from capital improvements

By Mary Ann Wyand

**A**fter a fun week of camping at the Catholic Youth Organization's Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County, the little boy couldn't wait to tell his parents about his adventures.

"I just had the best week of my life," he said, "except for the week I was born!"

CYO executive director Edward J. Tinder of Indianapolis related that conversation recently when discussing capital improvement needs at the archdiocese's 52-year-old outdoor recreational facility near Nashville.

A quality camping environment must encompass a variety of excellent facilities as well as diverse programs and activities, Tinder said, but the campground's ultimate success hinges on the caliber of the camp personnel.

"The entire staff consistently gets high marks from campers and parents," he said, citing comments written on follow-up evaluations. "The programs are going to be successful because of the people who run them. We've got some outstanding young people as camp counselors, and that's why our camp programs have been so successful. Kevin Sullivan does an exceptional job as camp director, and his wife, Angi, is an excellent program specialist."

"There must be a word beyond 'commitment' to describe the Sullivans," he said, "because their family life is centered around the camp. They live at Rancho Framasa full-time year-round, and their whole life experience is focused on camp programs and activities."

Until this year, Tinder said, the Sullivans have lived in a house located in the center of the campgrounds. At the end of the summer, they will move with their two small sons, Kaleb and Addison, into a new modular home constructed on a hill away from the hub of camp life.

Their current house will become the camp office and headquarters to complete Phase I of the archdiocesan camp improvements project. For the past three years, the camp office has been housed in a construction trailer on loan from F.A. Wilhelm Construction Co. in Indianapolis.

Tinder and Sullivan said the primary facilities needs listed in Phase II of the camp renovation and expansion plan, currently under review for the archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign, are a new dining hall/conference center and three cabins, all winterized to accommodate year-round programming.

Plans call for the new buildings to be constructed on the west side of Clay Lick Road so children won't have to cross the busy country road three times a day for meals like they do at the current site.

"Our old dining hall is an archaic building and it's not winterized," Sullivan said. "We have to do split meals with the camp population because there isn't enough room to feed everyone at the same time. With the new buildings, we can host all kinds of groups throughout the year."

The design for the combined dining hall and conference center has three separate meeting spaces, he said, and three modern cabins with gathering space and overnight housing accommodations.

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa is accredited by the American Camping Association and is a member of the Catholic Outdoor Ministry

For more information about the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign, call Ellen Strother at 317-236-1415 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1415.



Association. It is the only residential youth camp in Indiana's 92 counties to offer an inclusion program for children with disabilities.

"For about four years now, we've been including children with disabilities in our program," Angi Sullivan said. "We began this effort through Noble of Indiana because we believe it's a mission we should be fulfilling as a Catholic camp. Our goal is to include anybody who wants to come to our camp, and we work really hard to get children with disabilities here for a positive camp experience. We provide one-to-one counselor support so children with disabilities can participate as fully as possible in camp activities."

Her degree in recreation therapy from Indiana University enables her to help facilitate the inclusion program with camp staff members.

To prepare a child with disabilities to have a positive camp experience, Angi Sullivan said, "we meet the child and parents during a comprehensive home visit and talk at length about special needs. The counselor assigned to the child will go with me to start building a rapport with the child and learn his or her habits and needs to ease the transition into camp. We do problem-solving ahead of time because certain things will only work with certain children, depending on the disability."

CYO's inclusion program has resulted in many happy camp experiences for children with disabilities, Kevin Sullivan said. "We want to make everything at camp seem normal and comfortable for the child. There is no way children with disabilities are going to be able to do everything like other campers, but we attempt to include them in every camp experience. When they go home at the end of the week, they can say, 'I went to summer camp,' not autism camp or Down syndrome camp."

Grants from the Indianapolis Foundation and Lilly Endowment Inc. help make CYO's inclusion program a reality at the scenic Brown County campgrounds.

"Our goal is complete inclusion," Sullivan said. "The only reasons we've had to say no to any camper who has a disability, or any camper at all, is because we're full or lack funding."

Thanks to some program changes initiated at the start of the year, Tinder and the Sullivans said the 1998 camping season has been exceptional.

"We've had a fantastic summer," Kevin Sullivan said, with 1,700 campers over the nine-week camping season. †



Campers enjoy a variety of group activities at the Catholic Youth Organization's Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County. These campers (top photo) play a game with help from a counselor, while another group of girls catches crayfish in the stream. This summer 1,700 campers enjoyed horseback riding, swimming, handicrafts, archery, canoeing, kayaking, sports and games, and the thrill of tackling the low-ropes and high-ropes challenge courses.

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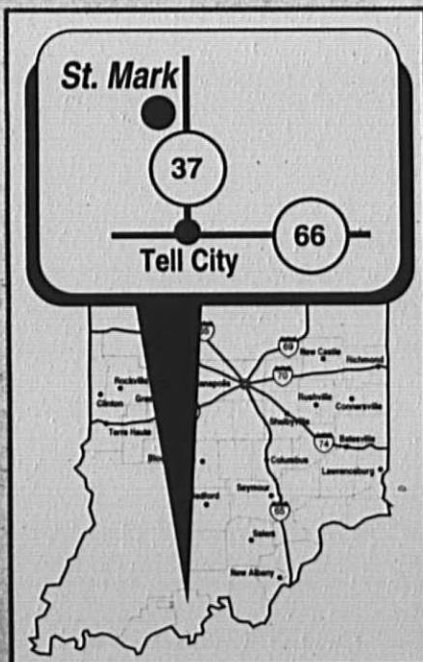
## St. Mark Perry County

Story by Susan Bierman

### Fast Facts:

The statue of Our Blessed Mother near the lake on the St. Mark Parish grounds was dedicated in 1952 by the C.Y.O. in memory of two young parishioners—Charles W. Hagedorn who died on Oct. 14, 1951 and Thomas Bockhold, who died March 2, 1952. Both were victims of leukemia.

The St. Bede Center is housed at St. Mark Parish in Perry Co. The resource center offers religious books and video tapes available to the entire Tell City Deanery.



## Journey of Hope 2001

# St. Mark Parish, Perry Co., thrives on stewardship

PERRY COUNTY—At St. Mark Parish in Perry County, stewardship is not just a word—it is a way of life. Established in 1863, the 128-household Tell City Deanery parish shares its pastor, Benedictine Father Sean Hoppe, with neighboring



Fr. Sean Hoppe, O.S.B.

St. Augustine Parish in Leopold. Father Sean resides at St. Augustine.

"We have Father at Leopold, but we hang in by ourselves here," said Becky Blum, who has been a parishioner at St. Mark for 33 years and the parish secretary for the past two years.

"If I need anybody, I can usually call anybody," she added.

The parish hosts a shooting match on the last Sunday in September. The prizes for the match are beef and pork. Blum said the event is well attended.

Other than the shooting match itself, the September event also offers bingo, a country story, games, and a cake wheel. Chili, hamburgers, hot dogs and pies are the featured foods of the day.

"Most people look forward to it," Blum said.

Blum said proceeds from the shooting match usually go toward parish upkeep.

"We try to pick out one project and use some of the funds from the shooting match," she said.

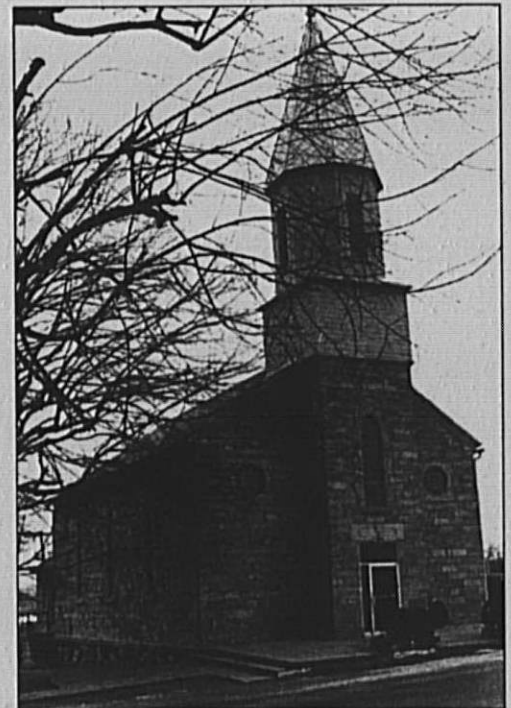
Blum said parishioners have saved and donated grocery store tapes or stamps for several years. The grocery store pays a penny for every dollar spent on groceries. Blum takes the tapes to the local grocery store about four times a year. Each time the parish receives about \$45. In the past, the money has gone toward landscaping on the parish grounds.

The money from the tapes also goes toward coffee

and doughnuts after Sunday morning Mass and also special gatherings to celebrate graduations, Mother's Day, and Father's Day.

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## Religious education

Religious education is held at the parish during the regular school year every week on Wednesday nights for children in kindergarten through eighth-grade. Every other week on Wednesday nights, youth in the ninth through 12th grades gather.

Father Sean rotates weeks of his presence at the religious education programs at St. Mark and St. Augustine in Leopold.

This fall, Benedictine Sister Ethel Busam of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand will become the director of religious education at the parish.

"I am really looking forward to having a resource person and also an inspirational person for the teachers," Father Sean said. †

### St. Mark, Perry Co. (1863)

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Number of Households: 128

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Administrator of Religious Education: Patricia James

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Joseph Hagedorn

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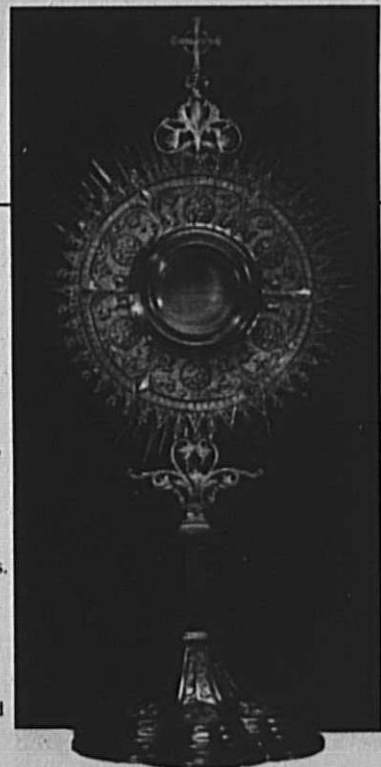
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# New Albany-area Catholics spread the word on Mass schedules

Roy J. Horner  
Special to The Criterion

NEW ALBANY—For the past two weeks, members of some of the Indianapolis archdiocesan parishes in southern Indiana and representatives of the Louisville archdiocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Committee have been crisscrossing the Ohio River.

Their mission: saturate the parishes on both sides of the river with thousands of pocket-size cards.

Marked by a distinctive blue cover, each card contains the summer weekday Mass schedules of 10 parishes on the Indiana side of the river and of 19 Louisville-area churches on the Kentucky side.

The cards are a great help to Catholics such as Jeanne Marie Van Bree, a resident of Georgetown, Ind., who has made daily Mass a spiritual priority. Although she lives in southern Indiana, Van Bree is involved in activities and runs errands on both sides of the river.

"I think the cards are great because it's really helpful for all of us wanting to get to daily Mass to know where we can go," Van Bree said.

The card distribution scheme is an evangelization initiative aimed at keeping Catholics informed of the daily Masses in the vicinity where the two neighboring archdioceses are geographically separated by the Ohio River, but are physically

linked by the three bridges between southern Indiana and Louisville.

"The purpose of it is to let people know where Masses are being held so they can participate in daily worship," said committee member John Kilroy, who is also a parishioner at St. Boniface Church in Louisville. "This is to help people take advantage of the daily Masses that are available."

Four sections fold up accordion-style into a 3-1/2 by 2-inch card that fits easily in a shirt pocket or wallet or can be taped to a refrigerator, computer terminal or the dashboard of a vehicle.

Mass schedules for the Kentucky churches are printed in blue letters on a white background.



## International food

At the Aug. 7 International Festival at St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, Divine Word seminarian Sinh Do from Vietnam helps serve lunch to neighborhood children who participated in the summer camp program. With only one week of the day camp left, seven seminarians—from China and Vietnam—prepared Thai rice, chicken curry, tou fu and egg rolls to serve with smoked turkey, macaroni, greens and cornbread brought by parishioners and other participating churches.

On the other side of the card, the southern Indiana schedules for churches in the New Albany Deanery are

printed in red letters on a white background.

The list includes St. Mary and Holy Family parishes in

New Albany; St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph Hill; St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight; St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville; St. Joseph Parish in Corydon; St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg; St. Michael Parish in Charlestown; St. Anthony Parish in Clarksville; and St. Francis Parish in Henryville.

Novena times are also listed for St. Anthony Parish in Clarksville and St. Boniface Parish in Louisville.

Kilroy said the cards are ideal reminders for the employees at the shopping malls in Clarksville and the other southern Indiana businesses who want to use their lunch breaks for spiritual purposes.

Also, stay-at-home moms feeling the need to take a break with the Lord and people trying to incorporate Mass into their routine as they run errands are using the cards as convenient guides.

Kilroy said the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Committee is hoping the cards will lead other parishes in the Louisville-southern Indiana area to schedule additional late afternoon or early evening weekday Masses in the 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. time frame for the benefit of people just getting off work.

Since the first batch was passed out July 15 at a novena at the Carmelite Monastery in Louisville, demand for the cards has been great, Kilroy said.

"People love them," he said. "People have been thanking us and saying they appreciate having the information."

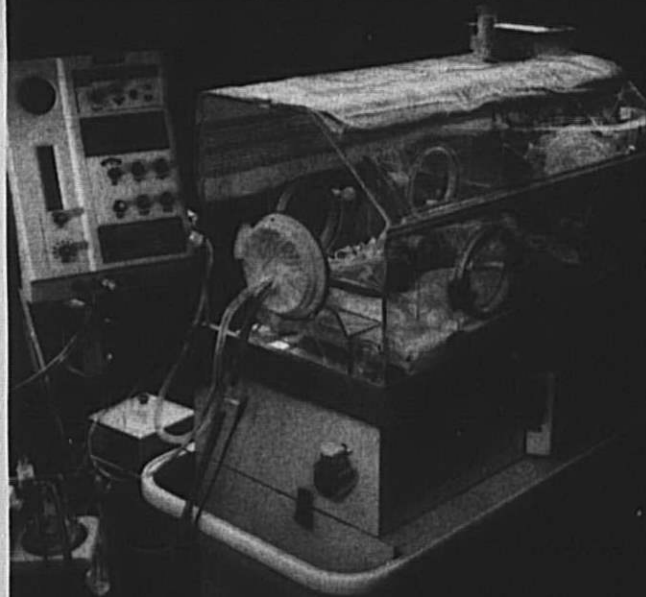
Kilroy said there have been other positive results. Two Louisville parishes have reported at least a 50 percent increase in attendance at weekday noon Masses.

The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Committee is designing another card with weekday Mass schedules for the 1998-1999 school year.

"There is a need for this information," Kilroy said. "We want people to have every chance in the world to make it to daily Mass." †

(Roy J. Horner is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

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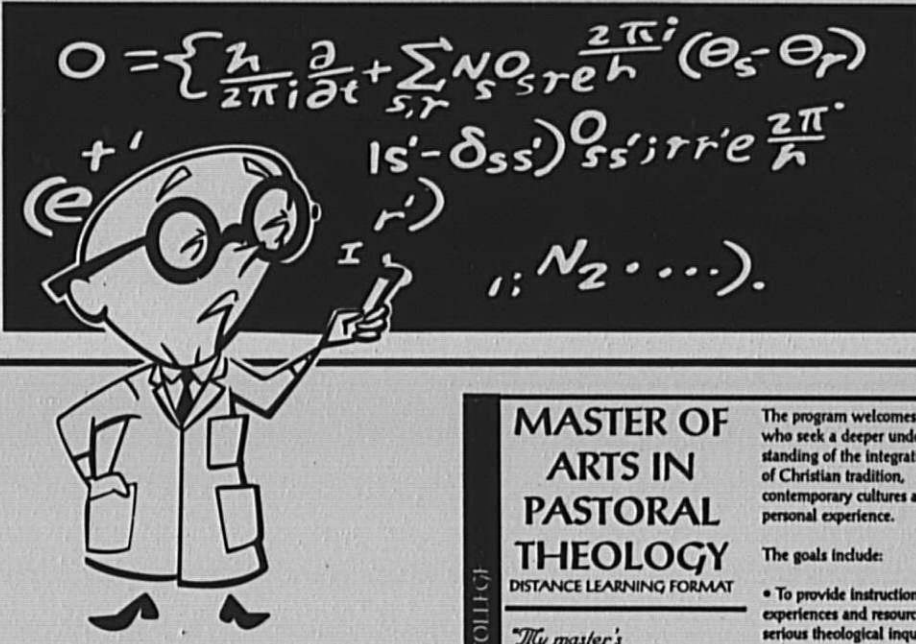
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Parishioners at the groundbreaking react to the turning of dirt.

Participants in the Aug. 9 groundbreaking in Sellersburg include Conventual Franciscan Father Richard Kaley, pastor of St. Joseph; Father Paul Richart, pastor of St. Paul; St. Paul parishioner Francis Conroy and St. Joseph parishioner Al Meunier. At right, Mickey Lentz, archdiocesan secretary for Catholic education and faith formation, applauds.

children from both St. Paul and St. Joseph to attend St. Paul School. The two parishes will share enrollment and governance of the preschool through sixth-grade school. Also, a board of total Catholic education will provide representation from both parishes.

The growth at St. Paul School has been clear. Welz said approximately 80 children were enrolled in the school seven years ago, and more than 250 children will be enrolled there this fall.

Recent growth in parish membership isn't far behind. Of the 400 households registered at St. Paul, approximately 70 families registered as new members from July 1997 through June of this year.

The growing pains will be eased by other parts of the new building. The new space will be available for use by parish religious education classes as well as other organizations of the parish.

Francis Conroy, who recently finished serving as president of St. Paul's pastoral council, chairs the parish building committee, which includes representatives from each parish. He said the original project started four years ago with St. Paul parishioners' desire for a gymnasium.

After looking at greater parish needs, such as the need for meeting and additional classroom space, the parish settled on the activity center with classrooms as a future consideration. Archdiocesan officials asked St. Paul to discuss these plans with people from St. Joseph and involve them in the project.

St. Joseph parishioners eventually contributed 22 percent of the funds for the \$1.6 million project. St. Paul parishioners committed the remaining 78 percent.

"We had really good participation in the parish on the fundraising," Conroy said. "There was a lot of support for the need of the gymnasium and the classrooms."

The building campaign coincided with the archdiocesan Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign. At St. Paul, more than 82 percent of all households participated, raising more than \$900,000 to eclipse the goal of \$800,000. †

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# Opus Dei members promote the work of God

By Brigid C. Curtis  
Special to The Criterion

Ordinary works become extraordinary works of God when people choose to sanctify their lives in a special way, said Opus Dei member Dr. Ron Hathaway, a St. Anthony parishioner and Indianapolis physician.

Opus Dei, Latin words which mean God's work or the work of God, is an

association of the faithful founded in 1928 in Madrid by Msgr. Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer.

Msgr. Escrivá described Opus Dei as an institution to "tell men and women of every condition, race, language, milieu, and state of life ... that

Msgr. Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer

they can love and serve God without giving up their ordinary work, family, life, and their normal social relations.

"In God's service there are no second-class jobs," Msgr. Escrivá said. "All of them are important ... sanctity, for the vast majority of men and women, implies sanctifying their work, sanctifying themselves in it, and sanctifying others through it."

The association consists of more than 77,000 members worldwide, representing more than 80 nationalities.

Msgr. Escrivá received the vision for Opus Dei on Oct. 2, 1928, and although the association began to grow immediately in the years to follow, the group was not officially recognized by the Holy See until 1943. In 1982, Pope John Paul II changed the group's status to that of a "personal prelature." Msgr. Escrivá was beatified in 1992.

Hathaway, a craniofacial surgeon at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, describes his vocation to Opus Dei as a way of achieving a closer union with God.

Traditional elements of Catholic practice recommended for Opus Dei members include Mass, Communion, frequent reception of the sacrament of penance, Scripture and spiritual reading, mental prayer, the rosary, and small acts of denial.

Hathaway said these elements are part of his daily personal prayer commitment as an Opus Dei member. He also works to sanctify or make holy his workplace and every environment of which he is a part, including time with family and friends.

"As Catholics, our faith should not be compartmentalized, meaning we spend an hour at Mass on Sunday and that's it," he said. "We need to be Christians every day and every moment of our lives. We need to bring Christ right into our workplaces."

"As Catholic laity," he said, "we have a special privilege of working in the secular world to bring the light of Christ to others in all we say and do. This is the spirit and work of Opus Dei—to be leaven in society, because if those who are in the world don't do it, who will?"

Hathaway said there are a number of ways to become involved in Opus Dei, but his own experience, which is typical, was through a friend who is a member.

Opus Dei member Doug Clough, also a St. Anthony parishioner, hosts what is referred to as a "circle" in his home on a monthly basis for a group of men who live in the Indianapolis area.

There are also Opus Dei opportunities

for women as near as Lafayette and men's circles in Bloomington and Lafayette.

A "circle" is a meeting, in a home or at a parish, designed for teaching virtue, doctrine and prayer.

"It is a place and time where we gather to learn more about our faith and continue to discern God's will for our lives," Clough said. "Not everyone who attends the circle is an Opus Dei member or even a Catholic. It may just be someone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith, prayer or Christian fellowship."

John Sullivan, a St. Monica parishioner who has attended the Indianapolis circle, said Opus Dei is "a way for me to meet and talk to other men who want learn more about the faith and why we believe and try to live the way we do."

"I have found the reflection time, catechism teachings and interaction with the others to be very challenging and fulfilling," Sullivan said. "My exposure to Opus Dei has made me realize that I can work for God and serve him regardless of my occupation. It's given me a greater sense of purpose in life." †

(Brigid Curtis is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

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## Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John E. Fink

### What happened to Mary after Jesus ascended to heaven?



This Saturday, Aug. 15, is the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It is usually celebrated as a holy day of obligation, but it isn't this year in the United States since it falls on a Saturday. However, it is still observed as a solemnity, the Church's highest rank for feasts. It's a good time to meditate on what might have happened to Mary after her Son left her.

After Jesus ascended to heaven, the Acts of the Apostles tells us that Mary was present with the apostles in the upper room. She was probably there on Pentecost. Then she drops out of the Scriptures. What happened to her after that?

There is a place in Ephesus, in modern Turkey, where, it is claimed, Mary lived with the apostle John. The Ephesians believe that Mary died in Ephesus and was buried there before she was assumed into heaven. However, in Jerusalem, the Church of the Dormition—which is a Benedictine Abbey—is located at the top of Mount Zion. It is believed that John and Mary lived there and that Mary died there. There is also the Church of the Tomb of Mary located near the Garden of Gethsemane. It is believed that Mary was buried there and was then assumed into heaven.

Ephesus or Jerusalem? I favor Jerusalem. I agree with the scholars

who believe that John arrived in Ephesus around the year 64. They believe that he left Jerusalem after James, the first Bishop of Jerusalem, was martyred in 62 (this was not John's brother James, who was the first apostle to be martyred). He went first to Rome and then, after Peter's and Paul's martyrdoms, to Ephesus. Well before that time, Mary would have died.

We know from Acts that Paul lived in Ephesus for two years, and there is no indication that Mary and John were there at that time. If they had been, certainly Luke would have mentioned it since Luke, the author of Acts, was the one who wrote most about Mary in his Gospel. And in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians there is no indication that Mary or John is in that city. I think John arrived there after Paul's death and that Mary continued to live in Jerusalem and died there.

Tradition says that she died at age 70. If she was 16 when Jesus was born, and if Jesus was born prior to Herod's death in 4 B.C. (probably 6 B.C.), Mary probably died around the year 48. She was buried in a tomb in the Kidron Valley, near the Garden of Gethsemane, and from there she was assumed into heaven, body and soul.

Today the Church of the Dormition has, in its crypt, a marvelous statue of the sleeping Mary, with mosaics of women of the Old Testament above her. Her tomb is in the crypt of what is left of a fourth-century Byzantine basilica. Today it is guarded on alternate days by Greek Orthodox and Armenian monks.†

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

### We even got two people from the supermarket



This year the Archdiocesan Initiation Team invited parish representatives to come together in a series of sharing days to reflect on their ministry experience of the past year. The participants covered a lot of ground, and one of the topics that received attention was inviting people to consider involvement in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

One woman admitted that she got some teasing from her pastor when she suggested posting an invitation on the bulletin boards in some of the local supermarkets. However, he gave her permission to go ahead. "And you know," she said, "we did get two people who responded, one from one store, one from another." Both stayed with the program and were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

As part of Journey of Hope 2001, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has proposed the goal of reaching out to the unchurched. If we are going to respond, we will need to use our imaginations to come up with a wide variety of ways to extend an invitation to those looking for a church family to consider us.

Archbishop Buechlein has also challenged us to seek opportunities that are already available to us. Two 3 x 5-inch cards posted in a grocery store resulted in two new members of the Church. Are there other ready-to-hand ways of letting people know we are here and we welcome them?

Several of our parishes have paid special attention to the non-Catholic spouses

of Catholic parishioners. In some instances there has been a special mailing with a cover letter from the pastor or catechumenate coordinator along with some brief printed materials like pertinent issues of *Catholic Update*. Other places have used the time in between Sunday liturgies for a video and question-and-answer session. Catholic spouses often long to have their partners join them in the faith, but they also fear giving the impression they are nagging. An invitation from another source is a welcome support.

"Packaging" information and inquiry opportunities in creative ways can make it easier for people to come. This summer, Sheila Gilbert, of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis, designed a "Crash Course in Catholicism." This was a four-session series on the four parts of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The fact that it was intended both as an update for current members and as information for prospective members made it easier to "bring a friend." The series was repeated three times—Wednesday nights in June, Thursday mornings in July and back to evenings in August. That way people could pick up the whole series even if they could not make four sessions in a row.

What have you done individually or as a parish to invite unchurched people to consider us? I would love to hear your stories so I can share them with others in the special evangelization supplement this fall. My address here at the Catholic Center is P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206. My e-mail address is jfolzenlogen@archindy.org.† (Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen is evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese.)

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

### Creating the stuff of life

One of my friends made two or three decorative items for the county fair out of



seashells that a neighbor had bought quantities of in some close-out sale or other. She had a soap dish and a picture frame and I forget what else.

Two other women made lined, two-piece suits, which they were asked to model at the

state fair (that's how good they are). The seamstresses were required to wear hats and gloves (ours not to reason why) if they wanted to be serious winners. And for good measure they dyed their shoes to match.

During a conversation about their participation in previous fairs, county and state, some other ladies from my Homemakers' Club were comparing efforts. One said the most items she'd ever entered was 50. Fifty! Today a lined suit, tomorrow the world!

This is not to mention my dear friend Margaret, who's won every cookie championship the Indiana State Fair offers, including the Archway prize. Or Gladie, my purple ribbon plant buddy, whom I've mentioned before. Or Chuck, whose wonderful photographs not only win important prizes but also grace the walls of his friends' homes.

Now, as a new member of "Club," I've tried to do my share by entering something (anything!) in the county fair. We get points that way. But since I can't sew, garden, do crafts or can pickles, I'm left with simple, everyday baking as an entry. That, I can do.

The only thing is, the county fair seems

to be held every summer just when 29 relatives are visiting with us, or when we're going away on an extended trip. The creative part of entering becomes how to find the time to make something and get it over there at the appointed hour.

Nevertheless, the first year I entered raspberry chocolate chip cookies. Since chocolate chip cookies are the standard by which anyone, including bake-by-number people, bake anything, I felt I had to have a gimmick. In this case it was the raspberry-flavored chips, but (no surprise) the cookies didn't win anyway.

This year my gimmick will be Norwegian ethnicity. In these parts, Scandinavian goodies are pretty rare, so I'm hoping my *Jule Kage* (Christmas bread) will gain some attention. One of my sons remarked, not too tactfully, "It's a good thing you're not entering that in Minneapolis or Seattle." Well, yeah.

But state and county fairs are not the only venues for creativity. A friend of my son's makes pottery objects so beautiful that they are candidates for the Penrod Arts Fair, if not the art museum itself.

One of my daughters-in-law cross-stitches and handcrafts gifts with such perfection that we're continually awed and flattered to receive them. And a handicapped friend even made us a lovely lamp and a candy dish from popsicle sticks!

Why do we feel the need to create? Why do clever ideas for making things come naturally into our heads? Well, maybe it's because we're made in the image of The Creator himself.†

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

The Yardstick/Msgr. George G. Higgins

### The bishops' conference, in print

I have more than the average degree of interest in what is said in print about the U.S. bishops' conference. I spent 20 years



on the old National Catholic Welfare Conference staff and 15 years on that of its successor organization, the combined National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference.

Much has been said recently about the bishops' conference. Ralph McInerney, professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and a popular novelist, led off with more than a dozen unflattering stabs at the bishops' conference in his latest novel, *The Red Hat*. The book is described on the jacket cover as "a novel of suspense, humor and spiritual insight about the Catholic Church rocked by schism, scandal and contested papal elections early in the third millennium."

It's a fairly good read, as the saying goes, but it is really an aggressively ideological tract cast more or less entertainingly in the form of a novel. The author appears obsessed with the bishops' conference. Like all organizations, it is open to objective criticism. But I found some references to the conference staff offensive.

In one passage, the author has Leach (the fictional lead character) calling the staff "moles who have burrowed into the NCCB and USCC and, working from within, sapped the Church of her strength."

Leach, he adds, "regarded it as an established fact that the bishops' bureaucrats were traitors to the faith."

Another document that recently has put the bishops' conference in the headlines is Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter on the theological and juridical nature of episcopal conferences.

Since I am neither a theologian nor canon lawyer, I am not qualified to comment with authority on this document. I can

only say that a statement Cardinal Miloslav Vlk of Prague made as one of those who presented the document to reporters at a Vatican press conference was worrisome.

"Creativity," he said, banging the podium, "can be found here. This is the place for creativity."

When I read that, I went back and reread a quite different statement by Pope Paul VI in his apostolic letter *Octogesima Adveniens*: "There is ... a wide diversity among the situations in which Christians ... find themselves according to regions, sociopolitical systems and cultures. ... In the face of such widely varying situations it is difficult for us to utter a unified message and to put forward a solution which has universal validity."

"Such is not our ambition, nor is it our mission. It is up to the Christian communities to analyze with objectivity the situation which is proper to their own country, to shed on it the light of the Gospel's unalterable words and to draw principles of reflection, norms of judgment and directives of action from the social teaching of the Church."

Clearly, Paul VI did not think Rome had a monopoly on creativity. The history of Vatican Council II also casts doubt on the cardinal's statement, for it is a matter of record that almost without exception the documents put before the council by the Roman authorities of that time either were flatly rejected or radically amended.

This is not to denigrate the Holy See's indispensable role in the universal Church. It is to say—as the recent apostolic letter states—that the episcopal conferences mandated by Vatican II also have their role to play in the Church's mission.

To affirm the Holy See's role, it is not necessary to deny or make light of Vatican II's teaching on episcopal collegiality, nor is it necessary to expurgate or rewrite Church history.†

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



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

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 16, 1998

- Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
- Hebrews 12:1-4
- Luke 12:49-53

The Book of Jeremiah supplies this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first reading.



Jeremiah is considered one of the four major prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures. Certainly this status is due in part to the length of Jeremiah's book. However, in addition, the writing of Jeremiah is elo-

quent and very expressive, and as such it has found popularity among believers for hundreds of years.

As was the occasion so often in the history of God's people, circumstances could be very threatening. The land lay in a position very inviting to invaders from the outside. The temptation, of course, was for the Jews to placate powerful neighbors.

Since they were the underdog in these contacts, the Jews often had to give much more than they received. They had to admit foreigners to their midst.

With these foreigners came foreign gods, a development disgusting to prophets such as Jeremiah.

So he demanded that the Jews of his time refrain from such alliances so that under no conditions would the dignity of the one God of Israel be compromised.

Realistically in the face of history, he also warned that foreign entanglements usually spelled disaster for the Jews.

None of his demands, however, pleased the leadership.

Leaders had much to gain from foreign ties. The more well-intentioned thought such links protected the Jewish people. The less well-intentioned saw in these foreign relationships benefits for themselves.

In this weekend's reading, Jeremiah becomes the target of a plot.

Unfriendly forces kidnap him and leave

him to die in a cistern. But, he is rescued, and he survives. His rescue, however, is not happenstance. It is the very work of God.

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Hebrews. As is the case throughout this epistle, these verses celebrate the majesty and redemption of Christ. For the glory of God, Jesus endured the cross. It was sin and sinners who brought the Redeemer to crucifixion.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading.

Much is made of the fact, and not inappropriately so, that the New Testament was composed in a time quite hostile to Christianity. Usually this is assumed to be the formal, legalized persecution of Christians in Rome under the Emperor Nero.

Antagonism from high quarters was nothing to dismiss with ease in the first century A.D. But, regardless of official actions, the culture was utterly opposite, and not rarely scornful of, Christianity.

To persons caught in this atmosphere, Luke's Gospel first was directed.

Understandably consoling, or cautioning, words of Jesus were recalled. Thus, the quotation from the Lord appears here, "I have come for division."

Christians had to choose—in a very critical and final sense.

## Reflection

The Church calls us to Christian discipleship in these weeks of summer. No one, however, can accuse the Church of leading anyone along a primrose path. It repeatedly alerts followers of the Lord that their discipleship will set them at odds with the world in which they live or with others perhaps quite close to them.

Such always has been the case for those who love the law of God, these readings say. The first reading, from Jeremiah, reminds us that such was the case millennia ago. Still, as then, it is tempting to claim God in one breathe, but to compromise obedience to God in another.

We will never be able to blend the prevailing mind and mood of humanity with

## Daily Readings

Monday, Aug. 17  
Ezekiel 24:15-24  
(Response) Deuteronomy 32:18-21  
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, Aug. 18  
Jane Frances de Chantal, married woman and religious foundress  
Ezekiel 28:1-10  
(Response) Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36  
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, Aug. 19  
John Eudes, presbyter, religious founder, educator  
Ezekiel 34:1-11  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Matthew 20:1-16a

Thursday, Aug. 20  
Bernard, presbyter, abbot and doctor of the Church

Ezekiel 36:23-28  
Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19  
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, Aug. 21  
Pius X, pope  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 107:2-9  
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, Aug. 22  
The Queenship of the Virgin Mary  
Ezekiel 43:1-7a  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, Aug. 23  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 66:18-21  
Psalm 117:1-2  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

the perfection of God. God indeed is perfect, essentially, eternally, absolutely. Human reason, and human actions, invariably are imperfect, totally and always. However, the Church does not leave us in gloom. It gives us the magnificent image of Jesus created by the verses of Hebrews.

He is the Savior. He is strength. He is life. Furthermore, the Lord is not distant. Long ago, God came to the Jews through Jeremiah. God protected them and rescued Jeremiah.

In Jesus, in the Gospels, in the Church, the same loving, protecting, saving God comes to us. †

## Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

# Few private revelations are endorsed by Church

Are you familiar with the book *The Mystical City of God*, written by a Mother Agreda?

I have a strong devotion to Mary, but I



can't believe that some of the bizarre events described in the book actually took place.

The book has an American bishop's imprimatur. Does the current Church hierarchy accept these revelations of the nitty gritty of Mary's life as truth? (Louisiana)

For those unfamiliar with the work, *The Mystical City of God* is a life of the Blessed Virgin based on personal disclosures to Mother Mary of Jesus of Agreda, a Spanish nun who lived from 1602 to 1665.

In four volumes totaling nearly 3,000 pages, the author wrote, reportedly at Mary's command, what she saw in ecstasy over many years. In fact, the book is described as more than just a life of Mary. One edition claims it "contains information about the creation of the world, the meaning of the Apocalypse, Lucifer's rebellion, the location of hell, the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, intimate details about our Lord's life and many other enthralling topics."

In other words, the book addresses subjects about which odd and sensational "information" always fascinates a lot of Christians.

To respond to your question, the book describes one of many hundreds of "private revelations," messages revealed to individuals but which are in no way part of the content of Catholic faith.

Some of these (at Lourdes, Fatima and Guadalupe, for example) have been recognized as authentic and true by Church

authorities.

By far most of them, including those to Mother Agreda, have not.

About all these, including several dozen current claims of private revelations, it is worth noting how the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* approaches them.

They do not belong to the deposit of faith, nor do they improve on or complete Christ's definitive revelation.

In ways the faithful themselves must discern, they can help people in certain periods of history to live more perfectly the way our Lord has revealed (No. 67).

In other words, such revelations, even those recognized by Catholic authorities, place no obligations of belief or action on the Catholic faithful beyond those already contained in the faith passed down to us in the Church from Christ.

All this applies to the revelations claimed by Mother Agreda.

If the revelations help one to live the Gospel message more perfectly, fine. But no one is obliged to accept the revelations or believe in them.

An imprimatur (which means "it may be printed") is simply a declaration, usually by a local bishop, that the work contains no doctrinal or moral errors. It does not indicate approval of or agreement with the opinions and statements expressed.

Imprimatur on books concerning private revelations, therefore, in themselves imply neither recommendation or approval of the contents, or even the genuineness of the revelation itself.

All these are good points to keep in mind when dealing with private revelations and official statements concerning them. †

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

## My Journey to God

# Be Still and Know

Be still and sense the profound truths within yourself: tiny flutters of faith that come when all is doubt—whispers of hope that open the paths tangled with pride—sparkles of love that light the way when times are dark.

Be still and sense the vivid truths around yourself: blossoms in song, dewdrops in dance, wonder in words, echoes in art, power in winds, cleansing in rain, sprouting in sun, trembling in storms, patience in snow.

Be still and know that I am God.  
(Psalm 48:10)

By Shirley Vogler Meister

(Shirley Vogler Meister is a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis.)





## The Active List

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

### August 14-15

The Class of 1973 of Providence High School will celebrate its 25-year reunion on Friday at the New Albany Country Club, 6:30-11 p.m.; Saturday at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel, Grand Ball Room, Louisville, cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$53 per person for the weekend. Information: 812-945-6022.

### August 15

St. Mary of the Rock Parish, Franklin County, will gather for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and will also have the 75th annual pilgrimage to the Lourdes Grotto. Mass begins at 7 p.m. followed by a candlelight procession.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Indianapolis, 46th and Illinois Sts., will gather for the Feast of the Assumption, featuring the litany of the Blessed Mother and Marian hymns beginning at

5:15 p.m. Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring a picnic meal. Ice cream, toppings and beverages supplied.

### August 16

St. Ambrose Parish Center, Seymour, 325 S. Chestnut, will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at 2 p.m., the second class in a series of four. (Sept. 20, Oct. 18). Information: 812-522-3809.

St. Pius Parish, Ripley County, will host its annual picnic featuring chicken dinners, quilts and games. Mass begins at 10:30 a.m.; picnic begins at 11 a.m. Directions: 1/2 mile south off Hwy. 48 on 500 E., located six miles southwest of Sunman, and 6 miles northwest of Milan.

Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of St. Augustine's Home for the Aged, Indianapolis, 2345 W. 86th St., will hold a Holy Hour to pray for vocations at 4:30 p.m.

### August 17

St. Martin de Tours Parish, Martinsville, 1709 E. Harrison St., will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at 7 p.m. (last of four sessions). Information: 765-342-4905.

### August 21

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 18th Ave., will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at 7 p.m., first of four classes (Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20). Information: 317-862-3848.

### August 21-23

Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, 5353 E. 56th St., will present Gospel Stories for Spiritual Consciousness with storyteller and author John Shea, to include a series of lectures, storytelling, liturgy and group discussions. Cost: \$135 for individuals; \$230 per couple. Registration covers meals and overnight accommodations. Information: 317-545-7681.

### 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. Information: 317-636-4478.

### Weekly

#### Sundays

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

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

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays

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

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

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

### Wednesdays

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

### Thursdays

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

St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates 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, 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.

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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 Saturday 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 expo-

sition 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, celebrates 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 Parish 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.

## Pro-life exhibit scheduled at Indianapolis parish

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops' traveling pro-life exhibit will be on display at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis this weekend.

Visitors may view the display, titled "The People of Life: A Story of Faith, Hope and Love," on Saturday, Aug. 15, and Sunday, Aug. 16, at St. Andrew's social hall, in the lower level adjacent to the church, at 3922 E. 38th St.

The exhibit is open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday. During Mass hours, visitors may access the social hall by entering a rear door with a handicap-accessible ramp.

The exhibit illustrates the history of the Catholic Church's teachings on respect for the sanctity and dignity of life from conception until natural death. †

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## The Active List

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### August 14-15

The Class of 1973 of Providence High School will celebrate its 25-year reunion on Friday at the New Albany Country Club, 6:30-11 p.m.; Saturday at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel, Grand Ball Room, Louisville, cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$53 per person for the weekend. Information: 812-945-6022.

### August 15

St. Mary of the Rock Parish, Franklin County, will gather for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and will also have the 75th annual pilgrimage to the Lourdes Grotto. Mass begins at 7 p.m. followed by a candlelight procession.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Indianapolis, 46th and Illinois Sts., will gather for the Feast of the Assumption, featuring the litany of the Blessed Mother and Marian hymns beginning at

5:15 p.m. Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring a picnic meal. Ice cream, toppings and beverages supplied.

### August 16

St. Ambrose Parish Center, Seymour, 325 S. Chestnut, will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at 2 p.m., the second class in a series of four. (Sept. 20, Oct. 18). Information: 812-522-3809.

St. Pius Parish, Ripley County, will host its annual picnic featuring chicken dinners, quilts and games. Mass begins at 10:30 a.m., picnic begins at 11 a.m. Directions: 1/2 mile south off Hwy. 48 on 500 E., located six miles southwest of Sunman, and 6 miles northwest of Milan.

Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of St. Augustine's Home for the Aged, Indianapolis, 2345 W. 86th St., will hold a Holy Hour to pray for vocations at 4:30 p.m.

### August 17

St. Martin de Tours Parish, Martinsville, 1709 E. Harrison St., will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at 7 p.m. (last of four sessions). Information: 765-342-4905.

### August 21

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 18th Ave., will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at 7 p.m., first of four classes (Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20). Information: 317-862-3848.

### August 21-23

Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, 5353 E. 56th St., will present Gospel Stories for Spiritual Consciousness with storyteller and author John Shea, to include a series of lectures, storytelling, liturgy and group discussions. Cost: \$135 for individuals; \$230 per couple. Registration covers meals and overnight accommodations. Information: 317-545-7681.

### 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. Information: 317-636-4478.

#### Weekly

#### Sundays

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

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

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays

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

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

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

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Thursdays

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

St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates 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, 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 Benediction 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.

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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 Saturday 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 expo-

sition 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, celebrates 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 Parish 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.

## Pro-life exhibit scheduled at Indianapolis parish

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops' traveling pro-life exhibit will be on display at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis this weekend.

Visitors may view the display, titled "The People of Life: A Story of Faith, Hope and Love," on Saturday, Aug. 15, and Sunday, Aug. 16, at St. Andrew's social hall, in the lower level adjacent to the church, at 3922 E. 38th St.

The exhibit is open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday. During Mass hours, visitors may access the social hall by entering a rear door with a handicap-accessible ramp.

The exhibit illustrates the history of the Catholic Church's teachings on respect for the sanctity and dignity of life from conception until natural death. †

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# Pope, Kenyan bishops condemn explosions

## Messages offer solace to victims, describe bombings near U.S. embassies as 'heinous'

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS)—Pope John Paul II and Kenyan bishops condemned the bombings near U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, describing the crimes as "heinous" and offering solace to victims.

Condolence messages sent in the pope's name offered prayers for the victims and denounced the attacks as an "incomprehensible assault on life."

The Kenyan bishops linked the blasts "to international terrorism, fanaticism and fundamentalism." Kenyan police said the bomb was aimed at the U.S. Embassy, but Ufundi House next door, which houses offices and a secretarial college, took the brunt of the explosion.

Father Michael Ruwa, secretary-general of the Kenyan bishops' conference, described Ufundi House as "the busiest building in the city."

In a message to Kenyan Archbishop Raphael S. Ndingi Mwana'a Nzeki of Nairobi, Pope John Paul was said to be deeply saddened at the acts of violence. The two nearly simultaneous explosions Aug. 7 left more than 200 dead and more than 5,000 injured, mostly in Kenya. Twelve Americans were among those killed.

"Once more (the pope) strongly condemns all deeds of wanton aggression and violence, and he calls on the international community to work together and redouble efforts aimed at building a world of peace and justice, in which such offenses to human life and dignity will have no place," said the message sent Aug. 8.

A similar papal message to Cardinal

Polycarp Pengo of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, called the bombing there a "heinous crime" and called on all men and women to "reject the ways of violence and be ever more committed to building a world of peace and justice for all."

An Aug. 10 statement from the Kenyan bishops said the Church "joins the Kenyan and entire international community in mourning the deaths of innocent victims" in "this heinous act against humanity."

It praised the swift rescue operation led by Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi, police, military, medical teams, hospital staff "and the brave and courageous combined efforts" of everyone who rescued the victims.

It said the bishops also commended "the highly humanitarian response and presence of the international rescue team from the United States, Israel, South Africa and France."

The Church "calls for an intensive global mobilization to bring terrorists to book, curtail further acts of terrorism and bring justice to the world," the statement said.

Sending "prayerful condolences" to the bereaved and wishing all the injured a quick recovery, the bishops' conference said the Church had mobilized its 50 parish centers in the Nairobi area and all its chaplains and volunteers to offer spiritual care and counseling to those affected by the blast.

"Also Church medical hospitals and facilities are available in this time of emergency," it added.

Father Ruwa, the Kenyan bishops' offi-

cial, said that Father John Kiongo, 47, a diocesan priest in Nairobi, was visiting his brother who works in the U.S. Embassy when the bomb went off. He said he heard what sounded like a gunshot, and then he felt the force of the blast and was thrown out of the building through a window, Father Ruwa said Aug. 10.

At Kenyatta national hospital, Father Kiongo was recognized by a priest visiting injured victims and was transferred to Mater Misericordiae Catholic hospital, Father Ruwa said. Father Kiongo has facial injuries and has had surgery on his right arm and hand, the secretary-general added.

The day of the explosion, Father Ruwa spoke of "blood all over the place" at Mater Misericordiae.

Nairobi hospitals were flooded by people with relatives or friends in Ufundi House or the U.S. Embassy, he said. Hospital staff made lists of people admitted and discharged "to try to make things easier for relatives" of potential

victims, Father Ruwa said.

He and other priests joined the hospital chaplain "doing our best to calm patients," Father Ruwa said, adding that an emergency call had been made to all medical staff in the city to help at the hospitals.

"Everybody has responded to the calls for help," Father Ruwa said.

As well as ministering to the survivors, Father Ruwa also searched Nairobi hospitals for a nun who works at Ufundi House, which was leveled by the blast.

St. Joseph Sister Monica Mwadime, who works for a teachers' union in Ufundi House, left the building at 9:30 a.m., an hour before the bomb went off.

"We were very worried about her, and I went to two hospitals trying to find her, but we couldn't find her name anywhere," he said.

Later in the day, Sister Mwadime returned to her convent in Mombasa Archdiocese, from where she contacted those searching for her. †

## Vatican web site to carry pope's voice, video images live for audiences, other papal events

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The voice and video image of Pope John Paul II are coming soon to a computer screen near you.

The Vatican announced Aug. 10 that real-time audio and visual signals from papal general audiences, Sunday blessings, the pope's pastoral visits abroad and solemn celebrations in St. Peter's Basilica would be available at its Web site starting Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption.

The Vatican Web site is at <http://www.vatican.va>.

After several years in preparation, the Web site went on line on March 30, 1997, an Easter Sunday. It offers copies of important Vatican documents, papal speeches and other files. Initial reports from the Vatican indicated that users were most interested in information about Pope John Paul.

Archbishop Claudio Celli, secretary of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See, announced in April that the Web site would soon have audio and video options, as well as quicker access to text.

More powerful computers also are to be added to the system, the archbishop said, so that text searches and the downloading of documents will take less time.

The latest Vatican announcement did not mention expansion of the system's hardware, but it did provide some details of the new features.

It said that in cooperation with Vatican Radio and CTV, the Vatican's television service, the Internet Office of the Holy See would ensure that the pope's voice and face "would be diffused practically all around the world and would be easily available to whoever has access to a computer connected with a telephone network."

In addition to the live transmissions, which would be accessible using commercially available audio and video software, the Vatican was to place a weekly archive of images on line. The daily news broadcasts of Vatican Radio were also to be made available live and in the archive.

Development of the Web site has been sustained by "the great interest demonstrated on the part of millions of persons who connect every day with this 'open window' on the Apostolic See," the Vatican said. "But above all, this is the latest sign of the efforts of the Holy See to promote its presence in the world through modern means of social communications."

Users in 50 countries have accessed the site a reported average of 7 million times per month in the year since it went on line.

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# News briefs

## U.S.

### Health official: Aging population to demand changes in health care

ATLANTA (CNS)—Catholic and other not-for-profit health care institutions can lead the way in making the changes necessary to treat an increasingly aging and chronically ill U.S. population, according to the top official of the Catholic Health Association. Father Michael D. Place, CHA president and chief executive officer, told the American Health Planning Association in a July 16 speech in Atlanta that health care faces "a sea change in the type of needs that will predominate, with chronic illness and functional disability becoming more and more prevalent." He said that within the next three decades, the over-65 population will increase from 12 percent to 20 percent of the population, or from 32 million to 70 million people.

### Texas bishop says Shoah document may help improve dialogue

HOUSTON (CNS)—While more might have been expected from a Vatican document on the Holocaust released earlier this year, it may actually lead to improved dialogue between Catholics and Jews, said Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston. "We understand quite clearly why many in the Jewish community have been sorely disappointed with this document," Bishop Fiorenza said July 23 in a speech at the Holocaust Museum in Houston. "There is no way we can come close to understanding the terrible trauma of the Holocaust survivors and their families," he said.

### New York cardinal urges support for Jewish claims against Swiss banks

NEW YORK (CNS)—Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York has called for support of Jewish claims against Swiss banks for return of "dormant bank accounts and looted assets" of the Holocaust era. Writing Aug. 6 in his regular column in the New York archdiocesan weekly, *Catholic New York*, the cardinal said "all humanity will be further diminished" if the campaign for restitution were "checkmated." "This is not to be dismissed by the anti-Semitic as 'merely' a Jewish issue, nor is it merely a Swiss issue," he wrote. "It is a human rights issue, an issue of the human race."

### Canadian Catholic teachers immersed in Holocaust study

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Twenty-nine U.S. and Canadian Catholic school teachers converged on Washington Aug. 3-7 to immerse themselves in understanding the Holocaust and how to teach it in Catholic schools. The five-day "Bearing Witness Summer Institute" was the first held for Catholic teachers from across the country. Two full days of the institute were conducted at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Also hosting sessions were the U.S. Catholic Conference, the Washington office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Washington's Adas Israel Congregation.

### Vatican concern over Israel's expansion plan for Jerusalem

NEW YORK (CNS)—A Vatican statement made public in New York Aug. 6 expressed concern about an announcement of the Israeli government that it was linking Jerusalem with some surrounding communities. The Vatican quoted from a July 13 statement by the president of the U.N. Security Council describing the Israeli move as a decision to "take steps to broaden the jurisdiction and planning boundaries of Jerusalem." Palestinians have charged that Israel took the action with annexation of more Palestinian territory in view.

### Publisher takes book off sales list after Vatican inquiry

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (CNS)—The Liturgical Press in Collegeville has removed from its sales list a book titled *Woman at the Altar*, which promotes women's ordination. The removal came after St. Cloud Bishop John F. Kinney received a letter of inquiry about the book last March from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Bishop Kinney acquired a copy of the book, read it, and shared the letter with Benedictine Father Michael Naughton, Liturgical Press director. Bishop Kinney said

the Vatican congregation requested that the book "not be disseminated further."

### Utah bishop says letter from 'pro-choice' group raises concerns

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS)—The bishop of Salt Lake City has expressed concern that the wording of a letter circulated by a Utah group which backs legal abortion may result in Catholic leaders being listed among its supporters. Bishop George H. Niederauer was one of a number of prominent Catholic leaders who received a letter from Utahns For Choice asking for donations. Pastors of two of Salt Lake City's largest parishes also received the letter sent to 15,000 people in the state. The letter, in two different places, included a statement saying that if Utahns For Choice didn't hear from the recipient, "we will add your name to our pro-choice voter list."

### Black clergy, religious celebrate ministry, unity at conference

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (CNS)—"Very often as a black priest, you can feel out there by yourself," said Father Wilbur Thomas during a national gathering of black Catholic clergy and religious in Charlotte. "It's good to know," he added, "that there are other people around the country that are connected with some of the experiences that you have as a priest, as a religious." Some 200 priests, religious, permanent deacons and seminarians met in Charlotte July 26-31 at the joint conference of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, the National Black Sisters' Conference, the National Association of African American Catholic Deacons and the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association.

## World

### Polish cardinal defends display of crosses at Auschwitz

WARSAW, Poland (CNS)—Poland's primate defended the display of crosses at the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in spite of complaints by Jewish

groups and the Israeli government. Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Warsaw told journalists Aug. 6 that crosses on the Auschwitz grounds did nothing to lessen "respect for the victims of the Holocaust." A 30-foot wooden cross marking the place of execution of Polish prisoners was used in a papal Mass in 1979 and was installed at Auschwitz in 1988. A group of Polish Catholics recently erected more than 50 new crosses of varying heights on the same site. Cardinal Glemp said the larger cross was to remain "in its place," but he did not mention the fate of the smaller ones.

### Vatican defends right to name bishops after Netanyahu criticism

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican has defended Pope John Paul II's right to name bishops after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu publicly criticized the appointment of a new leader for Israel's Melkite Archdiocese of Akko. The prime minister told reporters in Israel Aug. 6 that Archbishop Pierre Mouallem, formerly head of a Melkite diocese in Brazil, has contacts with "hard-liners who oppose peace." Speaking at a news conference, the Israeli leader said, "I am negotiating with the Vatican, and I hope everything will be resolved with a friendly agreement." Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, a Vatican spokesman, said, "The nomination of bishops of the Catholic Church is up to the Roman pontiff in the exercise of his supreme power."

### Most Holy Year visitors to Rome are expected to be from U.S.

ROME (CNS)—Travelers from the United States are expected to form the largest block of foreign Holy Year pilgrims and visitors to Rome, said the city's jubilee planning agency. The preparation committee, in conjunction with the Italian tourism ministry, issued provisional year 2000 tourist estimates Aug. 4, saying the number of Italian and foreign visitors to the city of Rome is expected to surpass 26 million in the jubilee year. †

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**BARTON, Marina A.**, 80, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 30. Aunt of several.

**BEEVER, Martin C.**, 68, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 23. Husband of Nancy Wiley Beever. Father of Dianne and Robert M. Beever. Brother of Father Carlton Beever Jr. and Christine Nicholson.

**BODENBENDER, Winnie Mae**, 85, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, July 31. Mother of Norman, Gary, Randall and Greg Bodenbender and Winnie Gaye Casey. Sister of Hugh Mattingly. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 19. Great-great-grandmother of two.

**BRAZIS, Leone M. Fitzpatrick (Engelking)**, 89, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 24. Mother of William J. and James C. Brazis, Thomas J. Engelking, and Mary Lou Spearing.

Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 25. Great-great-grandmother of one.

**CHADWICK, Ruth Kenny (McCarthy)**, 97, St. Christopher, Speedway, July 31. Mother of Ann and Joseph Chadwick. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of six. Great-great-grandmother of four.

**CUBEL, Donald F. Sr.**, 69, Annunciation Catholic, Brazil, July 24. Husband of Delores A. Cubel. Father of Judith Timko Mullenix, Sharon Hahl, and Beverly Martin. Brother of Harry and Tom Cubel and Lorraine Ferree.

Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of seven.

**FIELER, Ruth M.**, 79, St. Louis, Batesville, Aug. 2. Mother of Jim Fielier and Connie Schutte. Sister of Gilbert, Arnold and Wilma Souder. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 13.

**FRANCESCHINI, Jane Worland**, 83, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 31. Mother of Michael R., S. Timothy, Jane Ann and Mary Franceschini. Sister of Carol Santell. Grandmother of two.

**GARTON, Edward R. Jr.**, 61, St. Simon the Apostle,

Indianapolis, Aug. 1. Husband of Nicole A. Botrel Garton. Father of Antoine M. Garton and Delphine Garton Kehoe. Grandfather of one.

**HUMPHRIES, A. Catherine**, 88, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 29. Mother of Charles L. Humphries and Sylvia Turner. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

**JAMES, Mary Eileen**

## Louis J. Stemnock Jr. helped Indianapolis parishes

Louis J. Stemnock Jr. died on Aug. 5 at the age of 70. A member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, he worked for the archdiocese for seven years, serving as a financial consultant for center-city parishes and schools.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Aug. 8 at St. Joan of Arc Church, with the pastor, Father Patrick Doyle, presiding. Father Philip Przybyla, pastor of St. Patrick Church in Canonsburg in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, gave the homily. He called the Stemnocks his "second family." He has known them for



Louis J. Stemnock Jr.

30 years, since he was a seminarian at St. Andrew Parish in Indianapolis. He said, "Most of us could stand up and talk about Lou, because he was a gentle and unassuming man who touched the lives of many of us in many varied and positive ways."

"To know Lou Stemnock was to know a man whose hand was more often extended in behalf of other people," said Father Przybyla. Noting that Stemnock's life "embodied the beatitudes," he said, "he showed us what it really means to be a follower of the Lord."

Divine Word Father Anthony Clark, pastor of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, said, "Lou came to us when we were in a crisis. Without his help, we [the parish] might not be open today."

In final comments, Father Doyle, who grew up next door to the family at St. Andrew, said Lou Stemnock "never really knew the impact he had on the Church he loved so well."

At St. Joan of Arc, Stemnock was a eucharistic minister. While a member of St. Andrew, he was president of the parish council. While a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, he also served on the council.

Stemnock was director of internal auditing for Ameritech for 32 years, retiring in 1986. A graduate of Kalamazoo College, he was president of its Newman Club. He was a member of the South Bend Chamber of Commerce, the Central State Hospital Advisory Board and the National Conference of Christians and Jews board of directors.

Stemnock was past president of the Marion County Association for Retarded Citizens and past vice president of the Marion County Mental Health Association and the Kiwanis Club. He was a Marine Corps veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Myra Ann Roberts Stemnock; two sons, Stephen and Joseph Stemnock; two daughters, Lisa Hughes and Laurie Seeber; two brothers, Francis and John Stemnock; and eight grandchildren. †

**(Blank)**, 73, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Mother of Danny James, Georgia Stumpf, Debbie Ray and Joni Dowling. Sister of Tom and Rich Blank. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of one.

**KERNEN, Paul M. Jr.**, 34, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Aug. 1. Son of Mary Frances Kern. Brother of Michael J.

and Paula Marie Kern. Grandson of Louise Kern.

**KIRCHGESSNER, Norbert**, 70, St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs, Aug. 3. Father of Kathy Huber, Judy Geswein and Sandra Crawford. Brother of Mary Ann Lee. Grandfather of seven.

**Knecht, Alma E.**, 80, St. Michael, Brookville, August 7. Wife of Charles Knecht. Mother of John Knecht, Janet Deutsch and Joyce Lovins. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of two.

**KRAEMER, William T. "Duke"**, 60, St. Mary, New Albany, Aug. 4. Brother of Gerald, Ronald, Gilbert Patricia, Sandra and Darlene Kraemer, Bob and Robby Williams. Uncle of several.

**NOBBE, Caleb Andrew**, 1 day, St. Mary, Greensburg, Aug. 6. Son of Ken and Robin (Cathey) Nobbe. Brother of Stephen

Nobbe. Grandson of Mary M. Nobbe and Helen Wagner. Great-grandson of Walter Gentry and Clara Schoettmer.

**OLINGER, Richard E.**, 79, St. Mary, Greensburg, Aug. 3. Husband of Marie E. Welage Olinger. Father of Pete Olinger and Susan M. Powers. Grandfather of six.

**SNEATH, Harry**, 69, Annunciation, Brazil, July 19. Husband of Rita Jane Sneath. Father of Elaine Hoeler, Lisa Casassa, Roger and Rodney Sneath. Stepfather of Jacqueline Thomas and Amy Maesch. Brother of Evelyn Hauser and Margaret Hill. Grandfather of 17.

**WALDON, Margaret Gates**, 80, St. Vincent, Bedford, Aug. 2. Mother of Ed Gates. Sister of Catherine Reeve. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.

## Pope to pronounce formal mea culpa in year 2000

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II is expected to pronounce a formal *mea culpa* in the year 2000 for the past faults of Christians, but will carefully avoid accusations against individuals or groups, a Vatican official said.

The pope's statement, planned for Ash Wednesday in the jubilee year, will be based in part on two Vatican-sponsored symposiums to investigate Christian responsibility for practices of anti-Judaism and for the excesses of the Inquisition, Father Georges Cottier told Vatican Radio Aug. 10.

In these and other areas, "the awareness and reflection of the Church allows us to recognize today that such actions should not be committed and should not have been committed," said Father Cottier, a papal theologian and a leading member of the year-2000 planning committee.

"It is not a matter of accusing the past," he added. One important consideration, in fact, will be the historical context in which Christians lived their faith. Father Cottier said it must be recognized that the "mentality of the times" had a great influence on these people—even saints of past centuries committed acts that we now disapprove, he said.

"In some cases, people cannot be held responsible for actions which (today) are considered sinful in themselves because they did not recognize the evil in committing them," he said.

Fifty years from now, people may likewise look back on the actions of people today with severe criticism, he added.

The symposium on anti-Judaism was held behind closed doors in 1997, and its conclusions were forwarded to the pope. The symposium on the Inquisition, scheduled for the end of October, will be a similar exchange among experts, Father Cottier said. It will include several non-Catholic participants, a mark of the conference's objectivity, he said. He said the Inquisition symposium would have a historical rather than theological emphasis. But he said due attention would be given the underlying moral question behind the historical facts: How was it possible to justify violence in the name of the Gospel?

Father Cottier also clarified the "act of penitence" or request for forgiveness that the pope is expected to pronounce. On the one hand, he said, personal repentance is something that can only be experienced by the person who committed a sin.

But there is also a communitarian sense of responsibility that exists in the Church of all ages, which needs to be addressed, he said.

"What was done by some people in some periods of the Church's history throws a shadow on the face of the Church," he said.

He said the "act of penitence" would not be a critique of the "essence of the Church, as if the Church were a long history of errors and crimes."

"The Church is the Church of saints, and it is also important to highlight this aspect," he said. In that sense, he said, the pope's proclamation of 20th-century martyrs during the jubilee year will complement the *mea culpa* he is expected to pronounce. †

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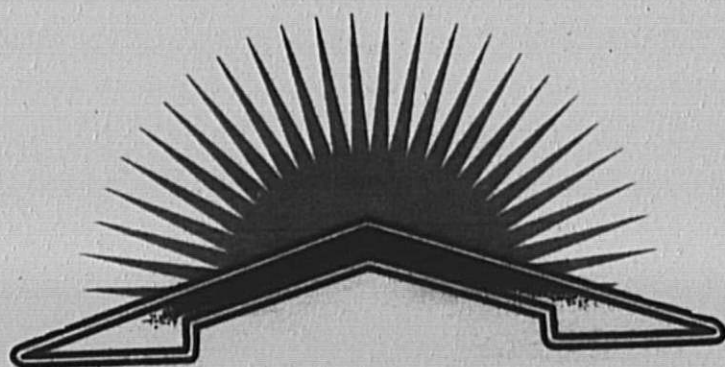
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