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## Governors decry Democratic nominee for religious bigotry

Geoffrey Fieger, notorious as Jack Kevorkian's attorney, won Aug. 4 Democratic primary as candidate for Michigan governor

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The leaders of the Republican Governors Association are urging President Clinton and the Democratic National Committee to renounce Geoffrey Fieger, the Democratic nominee for governor of Michigan, for his religious bigotry.

"Fieger has demonstrated a pattern of abuse and venom toward Jews, Catholics and all people of faith, not only once or twice, but consistently, throughout his career," said David Beasley, chairman of the Republican Governors Association, in an Aug. 24 statement.

Fieger, who has gained notoriety as Jack Kevorkian's attorney, won the Aug. 4 Democratic primary as a candidate for Michigan governor, and will face incumbent Gov. John Engler in November.

Beasley, who is governor of South Carolina, said Fieger's own statements "consistently betray religious intolerance, religious hatred and religious bigotry," and that he had "crossed the line of what is decent and acceptable in public discourse."

In an Aug. 18 statement urging Michigan voters to vote against legalizing physician-assisted suicide in the state, Detroit's Cardinal Adam J. Maida also commented on Fieger's religious bigotry, although never naming the candidate directly.

The cardinal said that it might be necessary to make specific reference to a given candidate, particularly in "this year's gubernatorial race, where one candidate has capitalized on his role as the lawyer and champion for Jack Kevorkian and his 100-plus assisted suicides."

He said that according to reports in *The New York*



## Art of Scripture

Artist John August Swanson of Los Angeles discusses his poster of "Jonah and the Whale" on display at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. The internationally known painter and printmaker will present a retreat at Fatima Nov. 13-15 and also speak during the "Spirit and Place: A Gathering of Voices" civic festival at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. See Page 2 for story.

*Times*, Fieger had "described the pope with mocking vulgarities," regarded Jesus as "just some goofball that got nailed to the cross" and once compared the Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Greater Detroit to Nazis.

"Fieger's record of intolerance and religious bigotry is clear," Beasley noted, saying it called for a response much like David Duke received when running for governor of Louisiana.

Duke, whose negative credentials included his history as a leader of the Ku Klux Klan, his longtime sympathies for

Adolf Hitler and his advocacy of white supremacy, was denounced by Republican leaders from President Bush to Republican National Committee Chairman Clayton Yeutter.

"They disavowed David Duke and put principles above politics," said Frank Keating, Oklahoma's governor and vice chairman of the Republican Governors Association, during a Denver press conference.

"There is no public office worth so much that could cause people of principle to accept and embrace this ugliness and divisiveness," he added. †

## Missionaries open new home for children

Celebration held on Mother Teresa's birthday, nearly one year after her death

CALCUTTA, India (CNS)—To commemorate Mother Teresa's birthday Aug. 26, the Missionaries of Charity opened a new home for handicapped children at a former Missionaries of Charity house in Calcutta.

The Missionaries of Charity also marked the first birthday after their foundress' death with a thanksgiving Mass and prayers at her tomb, and by welcoming schoolchildren and other visitors to their headquarters in Calcutta.

The children's home Daya Dan ("give mercy") was inaugurated "as a birthday gift to mother," Missionaries of Charity superior general Sister Nirmala Joshi told UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

Some 30 handicapped children and four nuns now occupy the house.

Archbishop Henry d'Souza of Calcutta said Daya Dan was opened to ease overcrowding at Shishu Bhavan (children's

home) near the motherhouse.

"So much is needed since the MCs (Missionaries of Charity) maintain their policy not to refuse anyone," he said. Archbishop d'Souza recalled that on Aug. 15, 1997, while India celebrated 50 years of independence, a baby crawling with ants was left outside his house, and the Missionaries of Charity "lovingly accepted it."

At an early Mass Aug. 26, the Missionaries of Charity chapel was crowded with sisters, novices, volunteers and Mother Teresa's Indian friends.

A sister thanked God for the gift of Mother Teresa, whom she said was not physically present but was "even more close now in our minds and hearts."

After Mass, sari-clad women walked over to the Mother Teresa statue occupying the place where she used to sit at the back of the chapel, to touch its feet and bring their fingers to their foreheads in

traditional Indian custom.

Groups of children from Missionaries of Charity schools visited the tomb, a practice the order has decided to allow to continue, said Sister Joshi.

More than 1,570 children visited the tomb to sing and dance for the Aug. 25-Sept. 2 anniversary period. The nuns also allowed TV camera crews and photographers to cover the service from a balcony outside the chapel and to photograph Mother Teresa's statue in the chapel and her tomb downstairs.

Cameras whirled and flashbulbs flickered, reminiscent of when Mother Teresa was alive.

Chalked on the blackboard outside the Missionaries of Charity house was "Happy Birthday, Dearest Mother" and a heart shape with "Mother Teresa" written inside it.

Mother Teresa died at the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse Sept. 5, 1997, just 10 days after she turned 87. She was born in Skopje, now in the former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia.

The Missionaries of Charity congrega-

tion has 4,000 nuns in more than 600 houses in 123 countries worldwide. †



# Artist brings 'common details of life' to retreat

By Mary Ann Wyand

John August Swanson discovered his artistic talent at age 30, after exploring several other jobs, when he enrolled in an evening class in lettering at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.

During the past three decades, he has created a colorful and expressive style that blends the influences of Latin American folk art, Russian iconography, Islamic miniatures and Mexican muralists to celebrate the sacred-in-daily-life experiences and the human stories inherent in the spiritual journey.

The internationally known Los Angeles painter and printmaker has his work in the permanent collections of the Vatican Museums' Collection of Modern Religious Art in Rome, the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, London's Tate Gallery, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History and National Museum of Air and Space in Washington, D.C., and as part of other public and private collections.

Swanson will present a weekend retreat called "Bringing Stories to Life Through Art: The Journey of the Spirit" on Nov. 13-15 at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

Kevin DePrey, director of Fatima Retreat House, said the retreat is "an invitation to briefly detach yourself from the daily routine in order to be renewed through the use of art as meditation."

## Interactive spirituality

The retreat is not a "hands-on art program," DePrey said, but rather "an interactive workshop for spiritual seekers on using art for personal reflection."

DePrey will facilitate the retreat with the artist.

"John August Swanson is extremely people-focused, and he is very generous with his gift," DePrey said. "We are so blessed to have him here as we begin to share our new theme of 'Practicing the Art of Renewal' with our guests. Having begun his career as

an artist at the age of 30, he is a perfect example of why we should strive continually to renew ourselves."

Nine of Swanson's serigraphs and three posters are on display at the archdiocesan retreat house. Visitors can view prints of "Ecclesiastes," "The River," "The Wedding Feast," "Peaceable Kingdom," "The Great Catch," "The Story of Ruth," "Nativity," "A Visit" and "Celebration" at Fatima.

As part of the third annual "Spirit and Place: A Gathering of Voices" civic festival, 40 of Swanson's paintings and serigraphs will be exhibited at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS), 100 W. 42nd St. in Indianapolis, from Oct. 26 through Nov. 25. In addition, Swanson will participate in a reception and gallery tour at CTS on Nov. 15 following the retreat at Fatima.

During a visit to Fatima last spring to plan the November retreat, Swanson discussed his life and his intricately detailed work, which he said is often biblical in content but intended to be inclusive of people of many faith traditions.

## The sacred in the common

"I also look at the sacred in the common details of life and how God is present in all of nature," he said. "My work has also been influenced by God's presence in the everyday stories of people's lives."

Swanson said he lives modestly, by choice, and has dedicated his life to his art.

"I always try to recognize that God is present, and I put my best effort toward my work," he said. "I feel that each of the pieces in some way reflects an inner struggle or an inner need. It took me many years before I could feel that my work would have meaning to others."

While discussing his work and the motivations that inspired him to create particular images and scenes, Swanson

said he enjoys hearing comments and reflections from people about their response to his artistic expressions.

"I feel that people shouldn't be too intimidated by art because they bring themselves to it as viewers and add to the relevance of each work of art," he said. "Part of my journey is to listen and understand how my artwork touches people, and also what they bring to it, because I can learn from them. They can find themselves in the art, and their stories and ideas are as relevant as mine."

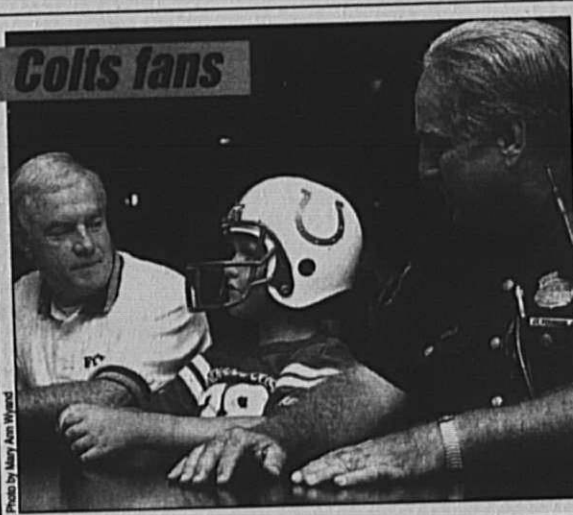
## Art for harmony's sake

Swanson said he hopes his artwork brings people together in harmony, teaches respect for the dignity of all people, and helps them strive to better achieve the kingdom of God on earth.

"What is relevant and important to me

is the idea of justice for all people and the tragedy of the injustice that is in the world," he said. "My art deals with the hope of the kingdom of God, where everyone has opportunities to live in dignity—for poor and rich to share the richness of the earth—and there is respect for our differences. "I want my images to reach out to people, to help bring us together, and to empower people to feel that they are important in society and their contributions are significant." †

(The retreat fee of \$150 per person or \$250 for a married couple includes meals, overnight accommodations and a signed poster reproduction of the artist's work. For registration information, contact DePrey or Colette Shanahan, Fatima's associate director of programming, at 317-545-7681.)



Fraternal Order of Police executive board member Don Wright (left) of Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove and Indianapolis Police Department Officer J.T. Ferguson talk with Indianapolis Christian Academy second-grader Nathan Hall Aug. 22 before 65 children from Indianapolis center-city schools enjoyed an Indianapolis Colts game at the RCA Dome. Holy Cross Central students and children from other schools received free tickets from the F.O.P. for the game.

## Official Appointment

Effective September 23, 1998

Rev. Mauro Rodas, previously pastor of St. Mary, Indianapolis, appointed pastor of St. Joseph, Corydon, and its two missions, St. Peter, Harrison County, and Most Precious Blood, New Middletown.

This appointment is from the office of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis.

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## Criterion board elects Connor as new president

At the annual meeting in August of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc.,



Lawrence Connor

members of the board elected Lawrence "Bo" Connor as their new president. Criterion Press, Inc., is the corporation that publishes *The Criterion*.

Connor, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, is the former managing editor of *The Indianapolis Star*. He retired from the *Star* in 1990 after 41 years. During his career, he worked as an assistant city editor, city editor, news editor and editor of the editorial page. He served as managing editor for 11 years.

At the same meeting, board members elected Morna Patrick, of Indianapolis, as its new vice president.

A member of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, Patrick is a women's clothing consultant in Indianapolis.

Also at the meeting, board members chose Dale Moss of Jeffersonville as secretary.

A member of St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville, Moss is a columnist for *The Louisville Courier-Journal*. †

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# Teens serve up food, fellowship for young center-city residents

By Mary Jungemann  
Special to The Criterion

In the small, apartment-complex kitchen at Parkview Place Apartments on the east side of Indianapolis, sausage is frying in a skillet, apples and oranges are being sliced onto paper plates, and biscuits are heating in the oven.

Promptly at 8 a.m., the screen door bangs open as the first young, hungry residents troop in to see what's for breakfast and eagerly ask, "What are we going to do today?"

Thanks to an enthusiastic group of teen-agers from St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, there was not only breakfast every Thursday this summer but also games, crafts and some one-on-one time and attention for several dozen youngsters of Parkview.

Greg Aftung, 17, a recent Center Grove High School graduate, was one of about 45 teens involved in the St. Barnabas youth ministry program who took turns meeting at the church parking lot at 7 a.m. to carpool to the apartments to help out.

"I didn't realize I would get so much out of really doing so little. One week I brought an armload of hockey sticks, and we got a game of street hockey going. I had as much fun as they did," said Aftung.

The free breakfast program for residents of Parkview has been sponsored by St. Barnabas the past two summers.

In 1997, Lucious Newsome, of Food Link, contacted the parish's social action committee to coordinate volunteers to cook and serve breakfast. This summer St. Barnabas' outreach program expanded the involvement by planning the menus and purchasing or getting donations for all the food to serve each weekday morning as well as have parishioners volunteer to cook and serve. Other south side Indianapolis parishes stepped up to help with food drives and volunteers for several weeks as well.

"We're a stewardship parish, and this is one way for us as a parish to demonstrate this and put our stewardship into action," said Connie Merkel, chair of the parish's social action committee. Nearly 60 adult parishioners participated.

Almost as many teen-agers from the parish signed on to help throughout the summer with the Thursday crafts and games. Anywhere from five to 15 teens helped every week.

The project began when a core group began brainstorming for service project ideas with former St. Barnabas Youth Ministry Coordinator Patty Cain.

"One of the neat things they did was apply for and receive a grant for just under \$1,000 through the United Way's Community Service Council's Youth as Resources to fund the 'Breakfast Funtime' projects," Cain said. "They had to actually fill out the grant forms and give a presentation to a panel from Youth as Resources. The kids planned, designed, developed and implemented the projects, and the grant really empowered them to utilize their gifts to help the community."

A coordinator for each week was assigned to come up with the projects and purchase materials with the grant money. The craft projects included science "volcanoes," birdhouses, macaroni necklaces, paper bag puppets, bug keepers, windsocks and T-shirt decorating.

Parkview resident Anita Bradshaw, 26, brought her four young children over for breakfast many days, but they especially looked forward to Thursdays.

"One week they made birdhouses, and we had birdseed all over the apartment for days!" she laughed. "My kids have really enjoyed the arts and crafts they've done each week," said Bradshaw.

Stephanie Heath, 15, a Roncalli sophomore, said she had fun, too, especially getting to know some of the young kids.

"This was so easy to do, and it really makes you feel like you're making a difference," said Heath.

Cain thinks it showed a real commitment level on the part of many of the teens to come several times and help.

"I think many of the teen-agers did feel they made a difference in the lives of others; they could see the appreciation on the faces of the children. And I think some of our teen-agers learned to be less apprehensive about being in an inner-city neighborhood," said Cain.

Pat Matthews, 70, a retiree from Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, came to help several mornings this



Stephen Brown, 15, a sophomore at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, works with Brandon Burton, 5, on a project for a St. Barnabas Parish youth ministry program.

summer, too. He enjoyed seeing the teens helping as well. "I think they're learning to do something for others who may not have as much as they do. It was neat to see a wide variety of age groups helping here. And isn't that what we're supposed to be as Catholics—a Church community?" †

## State of Archdiocese Dinner dropped this year

This year's State of the Archdiocese Dinner has been canceled. The dinner, which has been held near the Sept. 9 anniversary of the 1992 installation of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, gathered archdiocesan leadership to hear the archbishop's account of his stewardship of the local Church's human, physical and financial resources and to set priorities for the archdiocese for the coming year.

The dinner is not being held because of the many other meetings and events occurring in conjunction with the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign and because of budget considerations. With the ongoing archdiocesan-wide campaign and the celebrations marking the approach of the new millennium, the archbishop believes that numerous opportunities will present themselves for the leadership of the archdiocese to assemble. †



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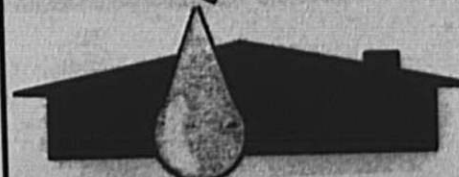
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## Editorial

### In defense of chastity

**A**t the very heart of the teaching of Jesus Christ is a personal call to live in a manner befitting our human dignity. In the Gospels, Jesus calls us to "purity of heart."

That call to holiness and purity "raises the bar" of expectations and challenges us to go beyond the world's mores. Jesus challenges us because he believes in us and because he promises the Holy Spirit who bestows gifts and graces that enable us to live out our Christian calling.

The human body—indeed, the human person—is a beautiful creation of God. God reveals his mind and heart in creating man and woman in his own image and likeness. In fact, God shares with man and woman the ability to imitate his own love and to participate in the work of creation. This is why our own human sexuality must never be just defined biologically, that is, merely as a reproductive system. Rather, through our God-given sexuality, our bodies are integrated with our spirits. God designed man and woman so that the way in which they express tenderness, intimacy and unity would be the very way in which new life would be brought into the world. Because God designed it so, we can join God and say, "It is good—in fact, it is very good!" (Gn 1:31).

If this is so, how is it that so much ugliness is associated with sexuality? How is it that sexuality is all too often the subject of "dirty jokes," tawdry television talk shows, and the reporting of public scandals involving "inappropriate relationships"?

How is it that we experience difficulties in keeping the Sixth and Ninth Commandments, especially as Jesus has interpreted them? Remember, Jesus says: "You have heard it said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at [another] lustfully has already committed adultery [in the heart]" (Mt 5:27-28).

Good people certainly fall short at times in the practice of the virtue of chastity. Too often chastity is forgotten altogether, and this is often the reason why marriages and family are so vulnerable today. Consequently, when mar-

riage and family life are weakened, our society is at grave risk.

Chastity is not prudishness nor is it a puritanical rejection of things pleasurable. Chastity is a virtue at the service of human relationships, and, because of this role, it can never be simply a "private matter." The practice of chastity affects the bonds of the entire human family.

Chastity, the God-given inclination or disposition to control our passions and to integrate our sexuality into all aspects of our persons, brings self-mastery so that we might enter into relationships with others that are healthy, virtuous and respectful of others' God-given dignity.

Chastity is a gift ordered toward the integration (as opposed to the compartmentalization) of our person, our actions and our desires. With God's help, chastity forges character and makes it easier to practice good.

What is a chaste person like? Far from being uptight or square, the person who practices chastity finds happiness in the practice of virtue.

We see this happiness in the married couples whose devotion and love for one another are coupled with an openness to God's will for their fertility.

We see happiness in single people in whom the virtue of chastity blossoms in friendship.

We see this happiness in those who profess chastity as a vow or way of life as part of their religious or priestly calling.

Let us avail ourselves of the opportunities for closeness with the person of Jesus Christ, the model of chastity, the one in whom love is made flesh. Let us turn to him in the sacrament of penance for forgiveness for our sins against chastity, and let us receive from him the grace we need to grow in virtue and holiness. Let us be nourished with his body and blood so that our eyes might be opened to see the human body—ours and our neighbors'—as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty. †

—Rev. Daniel J. Mahan

(Fr. Mahan, pastor of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, is a member of the editorial committee of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc.)

## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



### Dealing with change: Keep eyes fixed on God, Church

**L**abor Day always reminds me of my dad because his birthday was Sept. 4. He would be 92 this year. Or should I say he is 92 this year? We aren't sure how birthdays figure in the eternal kingdom. Mom would be 91 on Sept. 20. As I think of their years in this vestibule of earthly life, I am struck by the incredible changes they saw happen during a good part of this 20th century. The older I get, the more I marvel at how my mom and dad adjusted to the changes without ever losing their sense of spiritual and moral values. Nor did they ever question the central importance of their faith and the importance of our Church. They remained anchored even through the turbulent 1960s and '70s. Mom was teaching at the time. I have no doubt they kept an eye on their priest-son to be sure he didn't lose his way.

Both Mom and Dad were always active participants in the life of our local parish community, so much so that they have been memorialized by a recent renovation of the Holy Family Shrine in the parish church. (The renovation was made possible by memorial contributions made at Dad's death.) I have no doubt that, were they living, they would have been embarrassed and probably would have tried to prevent this memorializing. On the other hand, if the new shrine promotes even greater devotion to the Holy Family in changing and troubling times, they would be quietly pleased.

Speaking of change, while I was in Rome for the *ad limina* visit, Cardinal Dario Castrillón Hoyos, prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, which also oversees catechesis, made some interesting comments pertinent to the changes of this 20th century. I took notes because he makes an important point about which I had not given much thought. He said that for the first time in Church history the axis of power has shifted from the European continent to America (he speaks of North, Central and South America, not just the United States). For some time, the dominance of military, economic and political power has been shifting to the Americas.

But so has the religious influence in the Church. More than half of the Catholic population in the world is now in the Americas—I hadn't realized that. He spoke of the deep sense of Christianity that still prevails on the American continents even in the

face of dramatic secularization.

The cardinal spoke of the important prominence of Marian piety (despite what he called "some exaggerations"). He spoke of the missionary spirit and the many missionaries in America and those who continue to go abroad to preach the Gospel. He noted that more than half of the permanent deacons of the world are located in the Americas. In making these remarks, he reminded us bishops that since we are on the continents of greatest influence, we have a great responsibility in the Church. What happens or doesn't happen in the Americas, happens or doesn't happen elsewhere.

Speaking of the United States in particular, Cardinal Castrillón said, of course, a big country has some big problems. Issues such as pedophilia and other deviations of moral life are particularly present in a materialistic culture. He spoke of the importance of fostering religious and priestly vocations in a secularized culture. He spoke of the importance of ministry to our youth. He also spoke of the importance of championing human rights.

People like my parents give us the key to carrying on the responsibility we have as Catholics at the end of this 20th century. Our parents and ancestors kept the faith in the most turbulent century of all time. Never have as many people been destroyed by wars. Never have such technological advances been achieved. Sadly, some of these advances have been used to undermine the dignity of human life. Never has there been so much material affluence among so many. Never has poverty been more devastating for millions.

Pope John Paul II repeatedly reminds us that when we lose sight of God and the centrality of human dignity in the advancement of culture, we move closer and closer to a culture of death. Human life loses its value in the face of technological development and that for a profit motive.

Parents like yours and mine lived a good part of this century. They improved their lot in life over the years, but never at the expense of charity and their faith. They made hard choices about what counts in life and they were blessed for their fidelity. They kept their eyes on God and the Church in good times and in bad. We can do no less. Cardinal Castrillón reminds us that the Church at large depends on it. †

#### Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for September

**Teachers/Religious Education Directors:** that they may rely on the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit as they hand on the Catholic faith to our youth and encourage them to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



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# El tratar con cambio: no pierda la vista de Dios, la Iglesia

**E**l Día del Trabajo siempre me recuerda a mi papá porque su cumpleaños era el 4 de septiembre. Este año él tendría 92 años. ¿O debería decir yo que tiene 92 años? No estamos seguros que papel juegan los cumpleaños en el reino eterno. Mi mamá tendría 91 años el 20 de septiembre. Cuando yo pienso en sus años en este vestíbulo de la vida terrenal, se me ocurrió que hubo increíbles cambios que ellos vieron pasar durante una gran parte del siglo 20. Entre más mayor me pongo, más me pregunto cómo mi mamá y papá ajustaron a los cambios sin perder su sentido de los valores morales y espirituales en la vida. Ellos tampoco cuestionaron la importancia central de su fe y la importancia de nuestra Iglesia en la vida. Su fe permanecía fijada incluso a través de los años turbulentos de los 60 y 70. En ese tiempo mi mamá era maestra. No tengo ninguna duda que mis padres vigilaban cuidadosamente a su hijo que estaba para hacerse sacerdote para asegurarse que él no erró en el camino de la vida.

Mamá y papá siempre participaron activamente en la vida de nuestra comunidad de la parroquia local, tanto que han sido conmemorados por medio de una reciente renovación de la Santísima Capilla Familiar en la iglesia de la parroquia. (La renovación fue posible debido a las contribuciones conmemorativas que estaban hechas en la muerte de mi papá.) No queda ninguna duda que, si estuvieran vivos, estarían avergonzados y probablemente habrían intentado prevenir esta conmemoración. Por otro lado, si la nueva capilla promueve mayor devoción a la Santísima Familia durante estos tiempos cambiantes y dificultosos, mis padres hubieran sido calladamente felices.

A propósito de los cambios, cuando yo estaba en Roma para la visita *ad limina*, el Cardinal Dario Castrillón Hoyos, pro-prefecto de la Congregación para el Clero, la cual también vigila la catequesis, hizo algunos comentarios interesantes que son pertinentes a los cambios del siglo 20. Tomé apuntes porque él hace un punto importante en el que yo no había pensado mucho. Dijo que por primera vez en la historia de la Iglesia el eje de poder ha cambiado del continente europeo a América (él habla de la América del Norte, Central y del Sur, no solamente los Estados Unidos). Durante algún tiempo, la dominación militar y el poder económico y político han estado trasladando a las Américas.

Asimismo ha sido un cambio en la influencia religiosa de la Iglesia. Más de la mitad de la población católica del mundo ahora se encuentra en las Américas—no me había dado cuenta de eso. Él habló del profundo sentido de la Cristiandad que todavía prevalece en los continentes americanos

incluso ante la secularización dramática.

El cardinal también habló de la importante prominencia de la piedad Mariana (a pesar de lo que él llamó "algunas exageraciones"). Habló del espíritu misionero y los muchos misioneros aquí en América y aquellos que continúan predicando el evangelio en el extranjero. Notó que más de la mitad de los diáconos permanentes del mundo se localizan en las Américas. Cuando hizo estos comentarios, nos recordó, los obispos, que debido al hecho que vivimos en los continentes de la más influencia, tenemos una gran responsabilidad en la Iglesia. Lo que pasa o no pasa en las Américas, pasa o no pasa en otras partes del mundo.

Cuando el Cardinal Castrillón habló específicamente de los Estados Unidos, dijo que claro está que un país grande tiene algunos problemas mayores. Los problemas como la pedofilia así como otras desviaciones de la vida moral están especialmente presentes en una cultura materialista. Habló de la importancia de fomentar las vocaciones religiosas y sacerdotales en una cultura secularizada. Continuó mencionado la importancia del ministerio a nuestros jóvenes y también habló de la importancia de apoyar los derechos humanos.

Personas como mis padres nos dan la llave necesaria para continuar la responsabilidad que tenemos como católicos al final del siglo 20. Nuestros padres y antepasados mantuvieron la fe en el siglo más turbulento de todo el tiempo. Nunca han sido tantas personas destruidas por la guerra. No se lograron tales adelantos tecnológicos antes. Tristemente, algunos de estos adelantos se han usado para minar la dignidad de la vida humana. No ha sido tanta afluencia material entre tantas personas antes. Nunca en el pasado la pobreza ha devastado a tantos millones de personas.

El Papa Juan Pablo II nos recuerda muchas veces que cuando perdemos la vista de Dios y la centralidad de la dignidad humana en el avance de la cultura, movemos más y más cerca a una cultura de muerte. La vida humana pierde su valor ante desarrollo tecnológico y por motivo de ganancias.

Los padres como los míos y los suyos vivieron en una gran parte de este siglo. Mejoraron sus vidas durante los años, pero no al costo de la caridad ni su fe. Tomaron decisiones difíciles relativas a lo que cuenta en la vida y su fidelidad les bendijo. Nunca perdieron vista de Dios o la Iglesia en los tiempos buenos así como los malos. No podemos hacer nada menos. El cardinal Castrillón nos recuerda que la Iglesia en general depende del mismo. †

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## La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en septiembre

**Maestros/Directores de Educación Religiosa:** ¡que ellos puedan contar con la fuerza y dirección del Espíritu Santo cuando pasen la fe Católica a los jóvenes y les den ánimo a ellos a considerar las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa!

## Letters to the Editor

### Big unions not the answer for our labor problems

Perhaps the title of the Msgr. Higgins's column, "Will labor gets its day?" (*The Criterion*, Aug. 28) should be "Will labor get its way?"

Corruption-ridden big labor and its friends in Congress are again playing the envy card, and, it seems, Msgr. Higgins is going along for the ride. The recent GM strike was not about wages but an attempt by labor to get permanent job security for their members, regardless of economic circumstances. At \$19/hr. plus huge benefits, GM labor costs are the highest in the industry, while productivity is the lowest.

The laws of economics cannot be ignored. All labor cost increases in automobile manufacturing are inevitably passed on to the car buyers. I wonder whether Msgr. Higgins has priced a car of late. In this country, people who may be abused by employers are free to vote with their feet. No one is compelled to remain working for an unscrupulous employer.

What Msgr. Higgins and his friends really want is a vast income redistribution system—a modern-day Robin-Hood approach to economics. Some 70 years of this approach in Russia show what a sorry mess it leaves.

If one could wave a magic wand and instantly lift the material standard of living of all persons, including that of millionaires, by a factor of 6, some would

still complain that "they have more than us."

The notion of lifetime guaranteed full employment seems appealing; however, one has only to look at what happens to customer service where this obtains, and competition is eliminated, to see that might not be such a good idea in the long run.

The unions portray their members as a helpless bunch of passive victims of bad big business. They engender an attitude of "them and us" that is detrimental to good working relations between employer and worker. Many union members seem to think that the world owes them a living, and should their factory close, somebody (the government?) should provide them with a job of equal pay and benefits right where they are located. This attitude is wholly contrary to great entrepreneurial spirit that built America.

Msgr. Higgins is living in the past. Contrary to expectations of many militant unionists, nationwide strikes followed by large-scale pay hikes would not lead us to nirvana, but would lead to wholesale, widespread inflation, followed by a clamor for ever more pay hikes. We all know where that leads. Big unions are not the answer to economic woes.

J. Hayes  
Columbus

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The editors reserve the right to select the

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In order to encourage opinions from a variety of readers, frequent writers will ordinarily be limited to one letter every three months. Concise letters (usually less than 200 words) are more likely to be printed.

Letters must be signed, but, for serious reasons, names may be withheld.

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## Concerning the doing of good

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—Mother Theodore Guérin



The Venerable Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will be beatified (proclaimed "blessed") by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 25 in ceremonies in St. Peter's Square, Rome.

Over the next several weeks, in order to acquaint readers with the spirit and wisdom of this woman, *The Criterion* will publish a series of quotations from Mother Theodore's writings.



## Check It Out . . .

Hispanic Education Center, 580 E. Stevens St. in Indianapolis will offer **Spanish for Ministers** on Wednesdays, from Sept. 30 through Dec. 16. Sessions are from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$160. Registration is Sept. 9, 16, and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. Balance payment is due Sept. 30. Information: 317-634-5022.

The Spiritual Life Ministry of Holy Family Parish in Jasper is planning a celebration of 50 years of service to the Church in honor of Providence Sister Nancy Brosnan Sept. 20 with Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Jasper. Cards and good wishes may be sent to Sister Nancy at Holy Family Parish, 950 E. Church Ave., Jasper, Ind. 47546.

## VIPs . . .

After orientation and inquiry, Carol Keyler, Elizabeth Besse and Matt Scheidler were formally received into the Secular Franciscan Order (S.F.O.) on Aug. 23 in the chapel at Sacred Heart Church in Indianapolis. After 12 additional months of study, they will make their pro-

The religious education team at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis will sponsor **Smart Discipline for Parents**, a positive system to get children self-motivated to follow rules, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 16 at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis. The program is for parents of children of all ages. The cost is \$12 per person and \$20 per couple. Child care will be provided at no charge. Call 317-543-4925 or 317-546-4065 to pre-register. Videotapes and workbooks are available at \$29 for those who cannot attend the workshop. To order, call 800-255-3008.

"How to Make a Spiritual Quilt," a spiritual journey, will be held Sept. 11 through Sept. 13 at the Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. Father Carl Arico, a Catholic priest from the Diocese of Newark, is the presenter.

Father Arico holds a master of divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, N.J. The cost is \$125. For more information or to register, call 317-788-7581.

The archdiocesan Special Education Task Force is hosting an archdiocesan-wide parent and student information night, "Surviving with Special Needs," Sept. 23 at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis. The program will begin at 5 p.m.

and conclude at 9 p.m., and consist of four 50-minute sessions. Presenters are special education professionals. The evening is geared for parents and teachers of students with learning disabilities, as well as students with special needs in seventh grade and older. The cost is \$5 per family. The registration deadline is Sept. 9. For registration information, call Margaret Kennedy at the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education at 317-236-1441 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1441.†



## Honored for 25 years of service

Bob Leonard (left), director of catechetical ministry at the Aquinas Center in Clarksville, receives a handshake and a gift for his 25 years of service in the New Albany Deanery from Father John Beltans, dean of the New Albany Deanery, recently during the annual New Albany Deanery board meeting at St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight.

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# Support for seminarians helps build the kingdom of God

By Mary Ann Wyand

**M**OUNT ST. FRANCIS—"May God's grace be with you in these days of retreat," Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, told 23 archdiocesan seminarians Aug. 10 during a eucharistic liturgy in the chapel at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana.

During the liturgy, the vicar general presided at the rite of candidacy for seminarians Justin Martin from St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and Christiaan Kappes of Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove. This month both seminarians are beginning five years of theology studies at the North American College in Rome.

Before the liturgy, the vicar general met with all the seminarians to discuss the archdiocesan administrative structure and explain agency functions.

Father Joseph Moriarty, archdiocesan vocations director, also talked with the men about various aspects of pastoral formation and parish life. Later in the week, veteran priests and recently ordained priests shared stories of their parish ministries and experiences.

"The retreat is an opportunity for the seminarians to be together before they begin their studies at various seminaries this year," Father Moriarty said. "It gives them a chance to get to know each other and build community that they will later rely on as a presbyterate."

This year the archdiocesan seminarians are studying at Saint Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana; St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.; Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.; Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisc.; The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; and the North American College in Rome.

"Like all education, the cost of educating seminarians is not cheap," the vocations director said. "The archdiocese picks up the entire cost for the seminarians' master's level studies and theology training. With room, board and tuition, plus stipends, the cost can come close to \$20,000 a year per seminarian."

Central and southern Indiana Catholics can support the archdiocesan seminarians and vocation recruitment efforts through prayer, financial contributions and sacrifices, Father Moriarty said, as well as "by word of mouth, by having the courage to ask someone, 'Have you thought about being a sister, brother or priest?'"

During a break in retreat activities at Mount St. Francis last month, Justin Martin studied biblical passages in English, Latin, Italian and Greek on his laptop computer.

"I like to use a computer to study," he said. "I can write homilies with it, and I keep in touch with priests around the archdiocese by e-mail. I also log on to the Vatican web site to see what the Holy Father is doing each day."

Martin said he grew up with a love for the priesthood, in part due to discussions with his uncle, Msgr. Frederick Easton, vicar judicial for the archdiocese.

"It seems like ever since I was a little kid I have wanted to be a priest," Martin said. "I've always felt like church was my second home, where I belonged. My parents helped me and supported me in my vocation."

Four years of college seminary at Saint



Meinrad have been "a growth period for me," Martin said. "Now I'm ready to move on to theology and learn more about the Catholic faith so I can bring it to other people."

Seminarian Jude Mulindwa, a native of Uganda and a member of St. Gabriel Parish in Indianapolis, also is studying for the priesthood for the archdiocese.

"I moved from Uganda to the United States in June of 1997 to come to seminary," Mulindwa said.

"I was raised Catholic, and my mother has been my inspiration. St. Jude, my favorite saint, and Mother Mary have always been my inspirations. They have been good to me. Whenever I am discouraged or worried, I pray to them. They have been close to me."

Mulindwa, who is temporarily studying at Marian College in Indianapolis, said he likes to read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

"The Catholic Church is universal," he said. "The Church does not change. We teach the same catechism in Uganda."

Seminarian Bill Ehalt from St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis is beginning his last year of theology studies this month at Saint Meinrad Seminary. He will be ordained a deacon at the end of October and ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1999.

"My seminary formation has been well-rounded," Ehalt said. "There is an emphasis on spirituality and personal growth."

During his years in seminary, Ehalt said he has enjoyed summer assignments at parishes in Richmond, Columbus and Terre Haute.

"I see a priest as a facilitator," he said. "So many members of the laity are involved in parish life and knowledgeable about Scripture. The priest just needs to open some doors for them, and give them opportunities to grow by helping others pursue the kingdom of God."

Reflecting on his recent appointment as vocations director, Father Moriarty said he is excited about being involved in this important Church ministry.

"I think the seminarians are a visible sign of the good quality of men that we have who eventually will be ordained as priests," he said. "I'm excited about that, and it encourages me in my recruitment efforts."

"On a personal note," Father Moriarty said, "my five years of priesthood have been the joy of my life. I have received great joy and strength from living the will of God." †



Seminarian Christiaan Kappes (above), a member of Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove, prays the Liturgy of the Hours during a break in retreat programming Aug. 10 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. Kappes and St. Charles Borromeo parishioner Justin Martin of Bloomington are beginning five years of theology studies at the North American College in Rome this month.

Two archdiocesan seminarians (top) walk across the campus of Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana during the annual seminarian retreat last month.

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# St. Joseph Sellersburg

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### Fast Fact:

St. Joseph Hill Parish hosts a turkey shoot on the first Sunday of October each year. Aside from the turkey shoot, the festival features fried chicken dinners, booths, and a quilt raffle.



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# Educational, spiritual needs are met at St. Joseph Parish

SELLERSBURG—Meeting the needs of a growing parish is a continuing effort at St. Joseph Parish in Sellersburg.

Janet Rauck said the number of households at St. Joseph has doubled since she became coordinator of religious education 15 years ago.

Conventual Franciscan Father Richard Kaley, pastor, attributes the parish growth to increased building in the area.

With this household increase comes an increase in younger families with school-age children at the parish—and with these younger families come different needs.

"We are meeting the needs of younger families through providing the choice of Catholic school education," Father Richard said.

Through a partnership between St. Joseph and neighboring St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg, children from St. Joseph can now attend St. Paul School with shared benefits starting this school year.

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.

"Our children now have a place to go where they belong, and they will have all the equal rights and acceptance policies and the whole bit as St. Paul students," Father Richard said.

Parishioners from St. Joseph and St. Paul celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 9 at St. Paul for a new multipurpose building. The new facility, which will be called the St. Paul Activity Center, will include a gymnasium, five additional classrooms and new meeting rooms to better serve the students of St. Paul School.

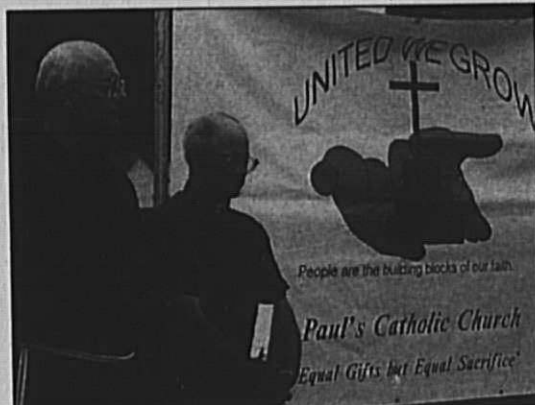
St. Joseph parishioners contributed 22 percent of the funds for the \$1.6 million project. St. Paul parishioners committed the remaining 78 percent.

Father Richard said the building project is something the two parishes are doing together that neither parish could have done alone.

"We couldn't build our own school, because we don't have the kids for our own school. They couldn't provide for the kids who wanted to go to school at the level they are without our help, so it's a win-win situation—I think it benefits both parishes," he said.

The two parishes working together on projects is nothing new. For the past two years, St. Joseph and St. Paul have shared the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process as well. St. Joseph Parish alone averages about 10 adults plus children enrolled in the rite each year. Rauck said it's tailored to meet the needs of the catechumens.

"We are small enough that we can get to what the needs are. When you get bigger, I think it becomes less easy to adapt the program to meet the needs of the people," Rauck said.



St. Joseph's pastor, Conventual Franciscan Father Richard Kaley, stands with Father Paul Richart, pastor of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg, at the Aug. 9 groundbreaking ceremonies for a new multipurpose building at St. Paul Parish.

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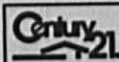
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## Spiritual renewal

For the past three years, question/answer sessions with the pastor have been popular and are well attended at St. Joseph.

"It [question/answer sessions] just came out of one per-

son's need for an opportunity to ask questions," Rauck said.

The sessions are held periodically throughout the year, and are open forums for people to ask questions about beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church.

A box is placed in the back of the church for the parishioners who have questions, but do not want to ask them in front of others.

"We usually get a list of questions from the box that gives us the basis to get started, and then it goes from there," Rauck said.

Father Richard said a lot of the questions deal with "what we were taught as kids before Vatican II and how that relates now to what the Church is teaching." The priest attends the sessions with two tools—the Code of Canon Law and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Parish missions held at the parish during Lent each year also are well-attended at St. Joseph.

"We continue to find ways to help people grow in their faith," Father Richard said.

Father Richard said sometimes it is not easy for families to attend programs.

"I think people are busier now than they ever have been, and it's hard to get them to come out of their homes, especially when there is so little time with their families," he said.

So Father Richard believes sometimes it is best to find ways of going into parishioners' homes.

"The Faith Connection," a bulletin insert, is sent home with the parishioners each week. The two-page insert features items such as questions about the weekly readings, the catechism and prayer. The inserts have been going home with the parishioners since last January.

"This has had a really good success rate—people really enjoy reading this," Father Richard said.

## Religious education

Religious education is held every Sunday morning for the preschool through eighth grade. One hundred and eleven children are currently enrolled and about 25 students are enrolled in the high school program.

Twice a year, families are invited to attend special children's religious education programs. During these programs, the parents and children work on a particular project. Last year, before Advent, parents joined their children to make Advent wreaths and jointly participated in a similar project during Lent.

"The families are doing something together through religious education—they seem to really like it," Rauck said. †

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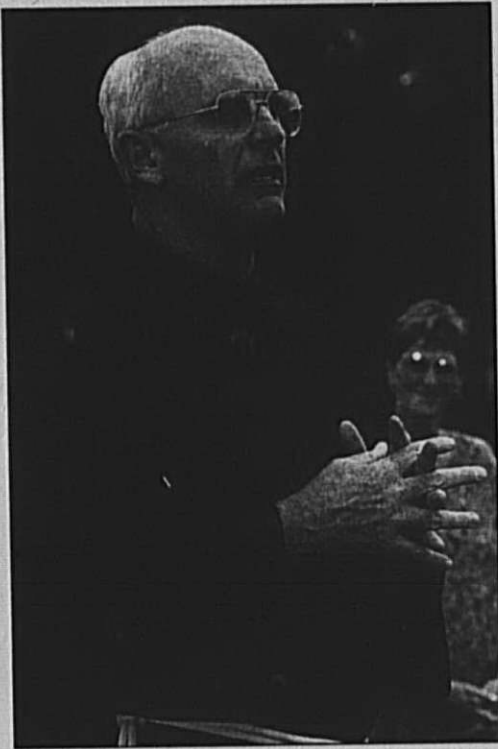
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# 'Jane Roe' of 1973 abortion ruling, now a Catholic

DALLAS (CNS)—Norma McCorvey received the sacraments of holy Communion and confirmation and was fully accepted into the Catholic Church at a private Mass Aug. 17 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Dallas.

McCorvey, who was the "Jane Roe" of the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision in 1973 that legalized most methods of abortion, was joined by approximately 60 of her family members and close friends from her pro-life involvement.

Dominican Father Edward Robinson, who instructed McCorvey for nearly two months, concelebrated the Mass with Father Frank Pavone, international director of Priests For Life and a major player in McCorvey's conversion to Catholicism.

"The first time I interviewed Norma, I began by saying, 'So you are the Jane Roe of *Roe vs. Wade*.' And she says, 'No, no, I was the Jane Roe of *Roe vs. Wade*,'" Father Pavone said. "Thanks to the baptism and her confirmation and reception

into the Church and her receiving the risen Christ, (her reply) is more true today than ever before."

McCorvey's entrance into the Church concludes a three-year journey that began with her baptism on Aug. 8, 1995, by Rev. Flip Benham, director of Operation Rescue National.

From there, increased contact with Catholic pro-life leaders both inside and outside the Dallas Diocese led her to announce June 15 that she had decided to become a Catholic. Her conversion story as of the end of 1997 is documented in her autobiography, *Won By Love*.

According to Father Robinson, he and McCorvey met for instruction two or three times a week for two months at St. Albert's Priory on the campus of the University of Dallas in Irving. He said the opportunity to teach in a one-on-one format sped up the learning process.

"She already had a fairly good background in Catholicism. She had been to

several Catholic churches in Texas. And she acquired quite a bit of biblical knowledge the three years she was with the fundamentalists," Father Robinson said.

McCorvey initially had planned, with Father Pavone's help, to enter the Church during a special Mass in Rome sometime in the fall, but when the pace of her lessons increased, Father Robinson said they decided on the local, private Mass.

"When you know it's time, it doesn't make sense to delay it," he said.

Leading up to her full entrance into the Catholic faith, McCorvey made her first confession Aug. 10 to Father Robinson.

"Father said he was going to use my book as my confession, so I was brief," she said. "Even though I knew my sins had been washed away from my baptism, I felt a sense of relief afterward."

During the Mass, Father Pavone confirmed her. Lynn Mills, a pro-life supporter from Detroit who first met McCorvey six months ago, was her sponsor.

For Communion, she knelt at the railing in front of the altar while Father Robinson distributed the bread and wine.

"I started getting cold chills right before I went up. I knew somehow that it was the Holy Spirit. Then when I received the flesh of (Christ's) body and

his blood, I felt a real sense of inner peace," she told *The Texas Catholic*, Dallas diocesan newspaper.


In a special closing address to the congregation, Father Pavone said that, by her receiving the body and blood of Christ, McCorvey is reconciled with the babies who were aborted during the time she worked in the movement to keep abortion legal.

The priest told her that every time she receives Communion, Christ is "giving back to you all the babies that were lost through what you did. They are united with his flesh," he added. "He has restored the friendship between you and the babies who didn't have a chance to play on the playgrounds."

McCorvey said she still has a lot to learn about Catholicism and, despite an upcoming lecture tour, she will keep in constant touch via e-mail with Father Robinson, who noted that she's bound to get many questions about Catholicism.

"When she gets a tough question, she will say, 'Give me a day or two to answer,' and I or the local parish priest will help her," he said.

When McCorvey is back home she plans to spend time fitting into her new parish of St. Thomas Aquinas. †



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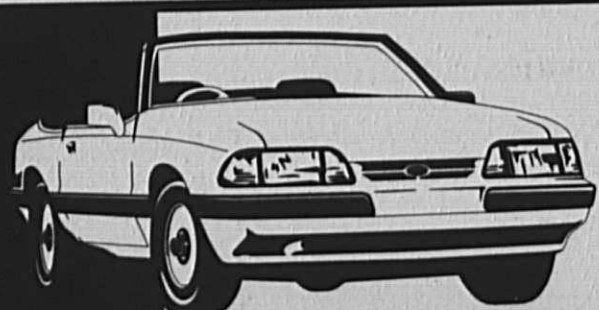
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# Knights of Malta report resolution of dispute

NEW YORK (CNS)—An internal dispute that has disrupted the American Association of the Knights of Malta for the past year or more is being resolved, according to the president.

William J. Flynn, who succeeded the late J. Peter Grace as president in 1996, said "public squabbling" had made it difficult to raise funds and proceed with the mission of the order.

But all the criticisms seem now to have boiled down to requests for a couple of governance changes about which there is really no disagreement, he said.

Flynn, chairman of Mutual of America Life Insurance Company since 1994, said in an Aug. 25 interview that he found the recent dispute within the knights "painful," not because of the ideas expressed but because "the manner in which they were delivered was unpleasant."

He said members had been writing critical letters to him

and to each other, and to some extent taking the conflict into the press.

The dispute was initiated by some members who were not reelected to the board of councilors, Flynn said. In the past, board members served more or less perpetually, and when a two-term limit was imposed and some were not reelected, they were "quite taken aback," he said.

Much of the criticism was directed at Flynn personally. But he said the quarrel of the critics was really with the board, which had voted for everything that was done. And as president, he, too, will be limited to two terms, he said.

"We have been coming to grips, perhaps painfully but effectively, with governing in a democratic way," he said. "Different points of view are being freely expressed, and are then subject to a vote. That's a big change for the Knights of Malta."

Flynn said the increase in administrative costs, which

some members had criticized, was explained by differences from the way his predecessor operated. Grace, chairman of the W. R. Grace Company, got some of its executives to handle administrative tasks of the knights, he said. But he said that would not be possible at Mutual of America.

He credited Cardinal John J. O'Connor, the knights' chaplain, with helping settle the issues dividing the order. He said he asked the cardinal to help the order "move quickly to bridge these differences," and suggested establishment of a small committee.

Cardinal O'Connor, reporting to a board meeting June 23 and to all the members in a July 20 letter, said that the American association was "in generally healthy condition." But he said members were requesting "universal suffrage" in electing the leadership, representation of area chairs on the board and a revision of the bylaws.

"Cardinal O'Connor's letter observed that some members might think that leaving to form a new association of the Knights was a solution to the disagreements. But he said this would require approval by the grand master."

Flynn said he hoped the knights could move beyond the dispute that had been absorbing much of their attention, and focus on their mission. He said this mission had two parts—defending the faith and serving the poor. †

## Connersville Knights honor two with Joyce Rowland Awards for Church commitment

Lorena Gromer and Amanda Williams are the first recipients of the Connersville Deanery's Joyce Rowland Awards, being given annually by the Connersville Knights of Columbus. They received the honors at the Council #861 award banquet in July.

Gromer, of St. Elizabeth Parish in Cambridge City, was nominated by her pastor, Father John Luerman. For 30 years, she has been a volunteer religion teacher for young people. She is the organizer and main teacher for the confirmation class. She is a eucharistic minister and lector and was the parish director for the archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign.

Father Luerman said Gromer "approaches things very calmly, with a spirit of strong faith and with a great organizational mind."

Williams, a member of the Richmond Catholic Community, has been president of the Connersville Deanery Youth Council this past year and has been active in youth ministry during her high school years. She is a member of the youth choir and has assisted with the vacation Bible school.

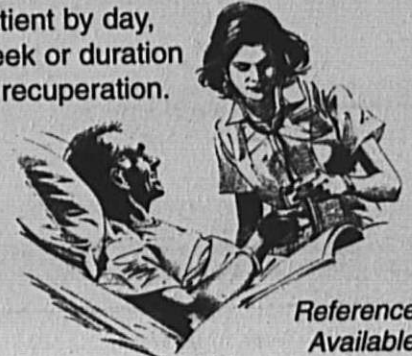
Williams is active in her high school, where she is a member of the executive council, SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) and the National Honor Society.

Joyce Rowland was the youth minister at St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville for 10 years before her death in March 1996 at the age of 47. She is acknowledged for her dedication to the service of youth and the Church in her own parish as well as the deanery and throughout the archdiocese.

Suggested by Father John O'Brien, pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Liberty, the award will be given to one adult and one high school student each year. The honor recognizes longtime dedication to the Church or community in contributions of time, talent and energy. †

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## Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

# Labor is an essential part of God's plan for humans

Since the celebration of Labor Day is next Monday, we should consider the Catholic Church's ideas about labor.



Last week I noted that there are two types of Catholics in the United States today: "cultural Catholics" who are heavily influenced by our secular culture and "countercultural Catholics" who try to influence our secular culture. Our Church calls us to be countercultural Catholics. Our religion must have an impact on everything we think, say and do.

No matter what our secular society tries to dictate, we members of the laity must not leave our religious beliefs behind when we enter the workplace. The Church has made it clear—in exhortations from popes, in the Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People, in the 1987 world synod on the vocation and mission of the laity, among other places—that the mission of lay people is to evangelize the temporal order. It's a place that clergy usually do not have access to, but the laity do.

We do this mainly through our work. We are expected to be sanctified by our work in the temporal order, not despite the fact that we live and work in the temporal order. We can and should offer our work to God and achieve our salvation through our work.

The Church tells us that all honest and moral work has equal value if it is

done well, whether it is work as a homemaker, a waitress or dishwasher, a factory worker, a lawyer or businessman, a politician, or even a journalist. There should be no distinction between "prestigious" and "modest" work. But to have spiritual value, work must be done well. The work that is best from a spiritual viewpoint is ordinary work done extraordinarily well.

Italian essayist Giuseppe Romano has written: "The fact that work can and ought to bring us to God does not mean that we have to fall into an ethic of success. It is *service*, not *success*, which moves the action of the Christian in the midst of the world: not an affirmation of *oneself*, but an affirmation of *God*. Work is well done because we cannot offer God a shabby gift: God deserves better. It is also done well because it renders service to others and while performing one's own role in the world. Finally, it is done well so that all can see the qualities of the believer that derive from being a collaborator with God in the creation and re-creation of the world."

Labor is an essential part of God's plan for humans. Scripture tells us that "the Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it" (Gn 2:15). Jesus himself sanctified work by spending most of his life as an obscure carpenter in Galilee. And St. Paul prided himself on his work as a tentmaker while preaching about Jesus. It is through our work, whatever it is, that we are expected to become saints. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

# Working for the glory of God on Labor Day

Labor Day, by definition, is the day to celebrate work.



Say what? Work!?! Surely you jest. Work is what kids try to avoid and grown-ups endure in order to put bread on the table. So why a holiday to celebrate it?

Seriously, when this holiday was initiated, work was largely Labor with a capital "L," hence the name. Most people labored at jobs that involved sweat, long hours, low pay and not enough resources to stop working and enjoy retirement in old age. The idea of Labor Day was to praise common workers for their skill and commitment to something hard but necessary.

Sometimes people liked their work, but often not. Still, they did their best and were grateful to have a job at all, especially during the Depression. With the rise of the union movement, working conditions improved, but work remained pure labor for many of them.

This may be hard to believe in these days when everyone seems to work at something glamorous, as shown on TV. You know, things like professional sports or corporate merging or brain surgery. Shoveling dirt or delivering vegetables are tasks that don't seem to take place in the modern world.

Some work seems inherently interesting or satisfying: healing the sick, teaching children, serving the Church. But whatever it is,

work can and should be ennobling. That's the real reason to celebrate this day.

God gave most of us stamina, the ability to reason, and curiosity. Add these to our other talents and the rainbow of opportunities available to us in this world and we should be able to come up with a job we like and can do pretty well. Money doesn't necessarily create success, nor does social connection or fashionable education.

We have to be realistic, of course. My favorite example of working success is my sensible Dad, who had an eighth-grade education (but a real education), lots of energy, and innate pride in providing for his family and having a purpose in life.

He became a dairyman (milkman, for short), and a good one. When he reached age 65, his company and fellow workers said truthfully that they'd miss him and sent him proudly off into a comfortable retirement. Not luxurious, but comfortable.

There are many other success stories we could name: the brilliant attorney who could have any high-powered job he wants but chooses instead to help his child and countless others by working for the state at a salary well below the usual expectation.

Or the teacher who's spent years teaching kids the beauty of making art and, along the way, the art of making life beautiful; or the faithful priests and religious who follow God's call cheerfully and never look back. Some who love their work get rich doing it, while others almost pay for the privilege.

We love our work when we love who we are, and what we can do for the greater glory of God. †

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

# Litanies of hope

Last month I had the opportunity to help out doing the weekend liturgies at a parish.



An added bonus at one of the Masses was the opportunity to baptize a baby boy.

On the way back from vacation in northern Wisconsin, we swung through Iowa so my Jesuit priest-friend could baptize his new nephew. And I am working out arrangements with my niece so I can baptize my grandnephew during one of her holiday visits to Cincinnati.

I list these baptisms because there is a passage in the first letter of Peter that reads, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Pt 3:15). Since hearing that passage quoted in a talk I listened to, I have found myself reflecting on the reasons for my hope. Gradually I have been forming a litany of hope.

Along with the list of baptisms, I would also include my younger niece's graduation from high school last spring and her entrance into college this fall. I put those steps in her life in the context of the beginning of the academic year all over this country.

I recall with warm consolation the liturgy I was able to celebrate with some 55 young people from our archdiocese and the Diocese of Lafayette at the Christian Leadership Institute this summer. What I experienced in those adolescents was enthusiasm and energy coupled with a

deep prayerful reverence.

On the feast of our Jesuit founder, St. Ignatius, I was able to travel to Cincinnati to join my brothers for liturgy and celebration. I was particularly moved by several conversations with older Jesuits, men who had been my teachers, mentors, and role models over the course of my 40 years in the order.

I have found similar inspiration as I have talked with older relatives in the course of some family history work I am doing. That research has not only given me a sense of our past as a family, but it has also given the gift of new connections with members of our very large and scattered extended family.

Where is the pattern of hope in all this? After all, aren't these just very human situations? My faith and the hope that grows from it prompts me to answer "No" to that question. These are not *just* human situations. Each Sunday we profess our faith in Jesus who became human. He has transformed our human experience and shown us that the events of our lives are places where our God meets us and blesses us.

However, the events of our lives where we are most challenged to give an explanation of the reasons for our hope are the difficult ones. Along with the baptisms, weddings, graduations, and reunions, there are the hospital vigils, the cancer treatments, and the wakes and funerals. It is when we can come to the point of recognizing that our God walks with us through those dark valleys, that we can give witness to some of the deeper reasons for our hope. †

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

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

# The priest shortage revisited

Although few welcomed his work when he was living, Richard Schoenherr's studies on the decline of diocesan priests in the United States live on after his death.



In 1990, researchers Schoenherr of the University of Wisconsin and Larry Young of Brigham Young University found there would be a

40 percent decline in the number of diocesan priests between 1966 and 2005. These findings not only have proven accurate up to now, but new projections indicate that the decline could be as high as 61 percent by 2015. According to Schoenherr and Young, the major reason behind the decline is fewer seminarians.

How has the Church responded to the decline? What more should it do, and what shouldn't it do?

On the positive side, bishops have attempted to implement programs like Called by Name and Operation Andrew, which actively reach out to potential candidates. Some have improved their vocation offices by hiring full-time recruiters and have made it a diocesan priority to increase vocations.

A number of the vocation offices also have utilized new organizational methods and modern advertising in hopes of reaching candidates who otherwise would be missed.

Lilly Endowment Inc. has played a major role in responding to the problem by providing funding for the Schoenherr study and other studies on seminarians and seminaries to learn what most attracts men to the priesthood, how the seminary system can retain them and how it can improve itself.

Serra clubs and similar organizations have hosted meetings at which guest speakers heighten awareness of the decline

and address ways to reverse it.

Many dioceses have consolidated parishes or reorganized in order to better utilize available priests. Some dioceses have mandated perpetual adoration and similar prayer crusades for vocations.

Social scientists and theologians have discussed whether a married priesthood would stem the decline. And studies have been commissioned to learn the ultimate causes of decline. Is it the result of the Second Vatican Council? Is the Church in a puzzling transition which confounds its leadership? Is the Church's image getting damaged by scandals? Is a decline in family life responsible? Does this reflect a broader, sociological phenomenon hitting all professions? Or is this the result of a society that has become too secular?

What the Church needs to do now is to continue asking questions. How can it attract vocations from the growing Hispanic, Asian and Pacific cultures? What is counseled by elderly priests and laity in our pews who have experienced the decline from its beginnings? How can we more effectively reach a youth population raised on television, the Internet, virtual reality? What has to improve in parish life to highlight the beauty of the priesthood?

What we shouldn't do is to become overly cautious and stop asking questions. Nor should we give up on trying to recruit young people or count on importing priests from other countries. And we can't simply double the workloads of existing priests or say the problem will go away.

Among the gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, counsel and understanding. We have received them in order to face problems squarely and to work at solving them.

Each of these gifts nudges us in the direction of dialogue. More than ever we need to intensify that dialogue through research, discussion, experimentation and prayer. †

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



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Sept 6, 1998

- Wisdom 9:13-18b
- Philemon 9-10, 12-17
- Luke 14:25-33

The Book of Wisdom supplies the first reading this weekend. As is the case with many books of the Wisdom genre, the Book of Wisdom itself is not part of the Hebrew canon, or list, of Scriptures. Therefore the older, traditionally Protestant, English version of the Bible—the King James Version or the Authorized Version—excludes it.

Solomon, as king of Israel the heir of David, was legendary not only for the economic, military and cultural glory he brought the nation, but for his great personal intelligence. He was the paragon of true insight. This book was not the work of Solomon himself, but it models its admonitions upon the image and logic of the king.

Traces of Greek thinking appear in the book, such as the mention of "body" and "soul," which is not the way Judaism defined an individual person. The author of Wisdom surely learned this explanation in Alexandria. As is the case with all books of the Wisdom Literature, this book, and this weekend's selection, seek to present the ancient Jewish beliefs in God in terms appealing to Greek wisdom.

The message of this reading is that things of the earth are impermanent and, balanced against the spiritual, of no worth.

For its second reading, this weekend's liturgy turns to a source rarely seen, the New Testament's Book of Philemon.

As it is written to Philemon, a slave-owner, it could be construed to support slavery at least to some extent. But, in its pleadings for Onesimus, the escaping slave, it celebrates the dignity and equality of all humans. Even into the institution of slavery it injects the love of Christ.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading. An echo of this text appears in Matthew 10:37-38. Respect for parents,

father and mother alike, was a hallmark of Jewish religion at the time of Jesus and now as well. Understandably, the Lord built upon this respect.

In this section, Luke's Gospel develops what is needed for true discipleship. Earlier, the Gospel stressed the absolute graciousness of God's call. Without the call, discipleship is impossible. Now, in this section, it states that following Jesus requires an absolute commitment.

When this Gospel was written, Christians faced imperial disfavor and many died as martyrs. But, regardless of the law, Christianity stood opposite the prevailing culture. Early Christians needed encouragement from the words of the Lord. The Gospel states that times will be hard, but Christians must be of firm intent and uncompromising purpose.

## Reflection

The story told in St. Luke's Gospel this weekend is meant to be sobering. It emphasizes that following the Lord Jesus, truly being a Christian in the eyes of the Lord, is not a casual undertaking.

Circumstances today are different from those which confronted the early Christians. Legal persecution is not a reality, at least not in the United States. But Christians in these times faced a culture at best puzzled by, and at worst hostile to, the Gospel.

Of course, followers of the Lord now experience the same temptations from self and from the devil as others in history experienced. However, even while warning us through this Gospel of the solemn commitment demanded for genuine discipleship, the Church lifts our spirits and encourages us.

The Epistle to Philemon recalls that Paul intervened in a tense situation to plead for mercy and love for a slave. Paul insisted that Onesimus was the "beloved brother" of his slave-owner. Through the apostle, God lovingly spoke in behalf of a Christian disciple. In similar style, God protects us, guiding us to eternal life.

Through Wisdom, the Church tells us that eternal life, the life of the spirit, is the only thing that matters. †

## Daily Readings

Monday, Sept. 7  
1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12  
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, Sept. 8  
The Birth of the Virgin Mary  
Micah 5:1-4a  
or Romans 8:28-30  
Psalm 13:6  
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23  
or Matthew 1:18-23

Wednesday, Sept. 9  
Peter Claver, presbyter,  
religious and missionary  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Psalm 45:11-12, 14-17  
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, Sept. 10  
1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13  
Psalm 139:1-3, 13-14  
Luke 6:27-38

Friday, Sept. 11  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27  
Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 12  
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, Sept. 12  
1 Corinthians 10:14-22  
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18  
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, Sept. 13  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32  
or Luke 15:1-10

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

## Woman shares story of her return to Church

Dear Readers,

Several weeks ago, I responded to a



woman who had been baptized and made her first Communion, but had not been raised Catholic. Her parents were bitter against the Church, for reasons she never knew.

She was promiscuous. She had an abortion in her 20s.

Through a 12-step program, she rediscovered God and her faith, but feared going to church where she would be alone in pews full of whole families. When she tried to go, she turned back home, ashamed.

"With all my sins," she said, "what should be my first step?"

I answered that God wants her back, that whatever she has done is past, and she is repentant, and many more people than she could imagine in their 20s and 30s and 40s have the same story she has.

The response to that column, from baby boomers and post-boomers, was quite astounding. Clearly, there are many more people than I imagined who have the same story and who want help coming home.

I want to share one of these letters with you, this one from the East Coast. It was meant for me to send to the original writer, but Linda approved my use of it in this column. I'm grateful for her letter and hope it will help some of you or someone you know.

Dear "Post-boomer" from Ohio:

Your letter to Father Dietzen was amazing; it was like someone described my life in my early 20s! Same sins, similar agonies and emptiness, aloneness and longing.

I'll never forget going to Mass, sitting in back and then getting quickly out after Mass started. I felt so unworthy to be there.

I finally went to confession years later. I was married and pregnant, and wanted to be "cleansed" before the birth of our child. It was a first step and the smartest.

God, of course, already had forgiven me. I'm still working on forgiving myself, but I'm getting there.

I wanted to write to you because Father Dietzen was right: The Church does want you back. And the Lord desperately wants you back.

Now that I have children I have an ever clearer grasp on the smallest bit of God's great love for us. My child could do the worst thing imaginable, and I would still love him and want him back. So much more does God want us.

You are not alone. Those church pews are filled with people like us. You don't notice them, maybe, because just like you are/were feeling, they don't necessarily want to be noticed. Know that I am in those pews. You are not alone.

I have advice even beyond Father Dietzen's: Get involved in the Church as well. Join a Bible study or faith formation group, volunteer for the homeless shelter or whatever service opportunity your parish offers.

You will meet the angels of the Church, but find they had bumps, even big ones like ours, along the way, too. And you'll see how much your love is desperately needed in so many lives and ways.

I understand about the lack of family support. You don't need a family to start anew. You are a family even with just you.

It's time to go out on your own. You won't be alone. God is with you, your guardian angel is with you, and I am with you, too!

My prayers and my love, Linda. †

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about Mary, the mother of Jesus, is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 395, Peoria, Ill. 61651. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

## Church welcomes inactive Catholics

The Catholic Church in central and southern Indiana invites inactive Catholics to consider returning to active membership.

For information about coming home to the Church, contact Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen, evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese, at 317-236-1489, 800-382-9836, ext. 1489, or by e-mail at jfolzenlogen@archindy.org. †

## My Journey to God

### All Tides Turn

grains of sand  
on summer days  
flash  
in sunlight  
then become  
black holes

and when the moon's  
spun silver in the sky  
they wink and die  
like diamonds  
that can't decide  
if they are gems  
or coal

so we shine  
Lord  
sometimes  
in the brightness of your love  
until we drown in doubt  
and without trust  
turn rough  
opaque and dull

we forget  
because our souls  
are cold and dark and wet  
that all tides turn  
obedient to your hand



in time  
you always find us  
warm us  
smooth us 'til we shine  
for we're your own reflections  
in the sand

By Sandra Marek Behringer

(Sandra Behringer is a member of St. Luke 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.

### September 4

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Bloomington, 2222 E. Third St., will hold Natural Family Planning classes beginning at

7 p.m., the second of four sessions (Oct. 2, Nov. 6). Information: David or Jan Caito, 317-862-3848.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather at St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey, Indianapolis. Teaching will begin at 7 p.m. followed at 7:30 p.m. by praise, worship and Mass. Information: 317-927-6900.

### September 5-6

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will host the seventh annual Fall Classic horse competition at the Mari Hulman George School of Equine

Studies, beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday. Information: 812-535-5239, Cindy Durham.

### September 6

Una Voce, Indianapolis, seminar by Professor David P. Kubiak on the history of the liturgy of the Church will be Sundays Sept. 6, 13, 20 after the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St. On Sept. 27, Charles Wyeth will present a study of the history of liturgical music. Information: 317-547-4401.

### September 7

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

### September 7, 14, 21

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will offer Basic Auto Repair, a Find Yourself, non-credit program of women's interactive and hands-on activities. Class meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Information: 812-535-5148.

### September 8

The Ave Maria Guild will meet at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove.

Meeting to begin after dessert and coffee.

### September 8, 15, 22

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will offer Quilting, a Find Yourself, non-credit program of women's interactive and hands-on activities. Class meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Information: 812-535-5148.

### September 10

Marian College, Indianapolis, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., will offer a free seminar to help those adults thinking about starting or returning to college. The program will meet at Stokely Mansion from 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-955-6125.

### September 11-12

St. Ann Parish, Indianapolis, 2862 S. Holt Rd., will host a Family Fun Fest featuring food, raffle, casino, candy and bake shoppe, crafts, country store, silent auction and door prizes, beginning each evening at 5 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, 27th and Home Avenue, will host a fall festival featuring games, food, dance and raffle. There will be an Italian dinner on Friday and pig

roast on Saturday, the festival will be open from 5-10 p.m. both days. Information: 812-372-6830.

### September 11-13

St. Mary Parish, North Vernon, 212 Washington St., will hold a fall festival featuring a euchre tournament, bingo, live music, kids' games, country store, basketball tournament and raffles. Information: 812-346-1551 or 812-346-8849.

### September 12

Rexville Schoenstatt "The Wonder of our Gift of Sexuality" at 2:30 p.m., Mass at 3:30 p.m. by Fr. Elmer Burwinkel. (On 925 S., 8 miles E. of 421 S., 12 miles S. of Versailles) Information: 812-689-3551.

### September 13

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold a Music Fest at 4 p.m. featuring various musical groups, face painting, games and refreshments. Information: 317-638-5551.

St. Pius Parish, Troy, will host a fall festival featuring chicken, roast beef dinners, yard sale, live music, games, antique/

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**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.

St. Pius X, Indianapolis, 7200 Sarto Dr., Pax Christi of Central Indiana meets in the church from 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-578-1455 or 317-253-2585.

**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.

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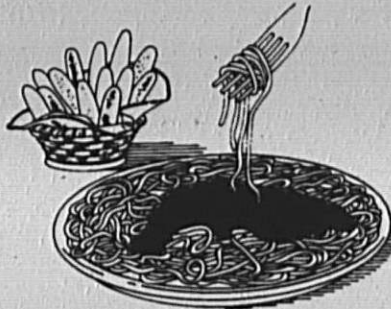
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# News briefs

## U.S.

### L.A. Catholic Workers donate shopping carts to homeless

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—To stop police from sending homeless persons to jail for possessing stolen property, members of the Catholic Worker movement in Los Angeles handed out 100 new shopping carts this summer to transients in downtown Los Angeles. The carts carry a notice that they are the private property of the Catholic Worker, and "unauthorized possession of this cart by a nonhomeless person is a violation of state law." Los Angeles Police view the cart giveaway dimly, contending it will encourage crime in the area. "I think it's very honorable to help someone in need, but I don't think this is the answer," said Los Angeles Police Sgt. Eugene Lewis. He said shopping carts could be used as ladders to climb inside buildings as well as stashing stolen goods.

### Assisted suicide bad for physicians too, AMA president says

GEORGETOWN, Texas (CNS)—Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicides are not only bad for the patient, they're also bad for the physician. That's why the American Medical Association, the largest physician orga-

nization in the world, opposes both practices, the AMA's president told about 400 people attending the fourth annual Respect Life Conference for the Diocese of Austin. The conference, held at St. Helen's Parish in Georgetown on Aug. 22, heard from Dr. Nancy Dickey, a College Station family physician and first female president of the AMA. "We believe it is not our job to decide which life to shorten," Dickey said.

### Poll: State funds to Church schools OK, but with accountability

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A majority of U.S. adults now favor tax support for private and religious education, according to a Gallup poll. But they also say private or Church-related schools that accept government tuition payments should be accountable to the state the way public schools are. An annual poll by Gallup for Phi Delta Kappa International found that for the first time, more than half—51 percent—of those polled favor allowing tax-supported payments to nonpublic schools chosen by parents. In each of the three previous years the question was asked, less than 50 percent supported the idea, although in 1997 the breakdown was 49 percent favoring tax support to 48 percent opposed.

### Lincoln Diocese opens college-level seminary

SEWARD, Neb. (CNS)—The Diocese of Lincoln, Neb., opened a college-level seminary Aug. 23, with an

initial enrollment of 23 students. St. Gregory the Great Seminary was dedicated at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz and concelebrated by more than two dozen priests. Nearly 2,000 people from around Nebraska braved 100-degree temperatures for the outdoor ceremony on the seminary grounds. Quoting documents from the Second Vatican Council, Bishop Bruskewitz described the seminary as the "heart of a diocese."

## World

### Missionary agency reports 207 victims of Congo massacre

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As more information became available, the body count from a massacre in the Democratic Republic of the Congo leapt from 37 to 207 victims, a number of them Church workers. The Rome-based MISNA missionary news service reported Aug. 27 that 207 corpses were recovered in the days after the Aug. 24 armed attack on the Catholic parish in Kasika, in the eastern part of the former Zaire. MISNA said Rwandan-backed rebels were thought to have conducted a raid to avenge an attack on their camp.

### Oceania synod's working document points out multiple concerns

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Challenges facing the Church in the southern Pacific range from witchcraft to Westernization, according to the document supplying the structure for the upcoming Synod of Bishops for Oceania. The Nov. 22-Dec. 12 synod is one of a series of regional meetings Pope John Paul II has called in preparation for the year 2000. Its working document was released at the Vatican in late August.

## People

### Italian surgeon, credited with saving pope's life, dies of cancer

ROME (CNS)—The Italian surgeon credited with saving the life of Pope John Paul II after a 1981 assassination attempt, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, died in Rome of cancer at age 67. The pope, who had often expressed his esteem for the surgeon, paid a brief call at the Crucitti residence after his death Aug. 26. The pope knelt in prayer before the casket and met with the doctor's wife and two children. The pope told the family he wanted to pay his respects to "a man who saved my life," a Vatican spokesman said. Crucitti also performed an appendectomy on the pontiff in 1996 and removed a non-malignant tumor from the pope's intestine in 1992.

### Milwaukee Choice students head to school

MILWAUKEE (CNS)—Parents transferring their children to Catholic schools this fall as a result of Milwaukee's expanded school choice program said they are seeking a religious environment, better educational opportunities, discipline and safety. †

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

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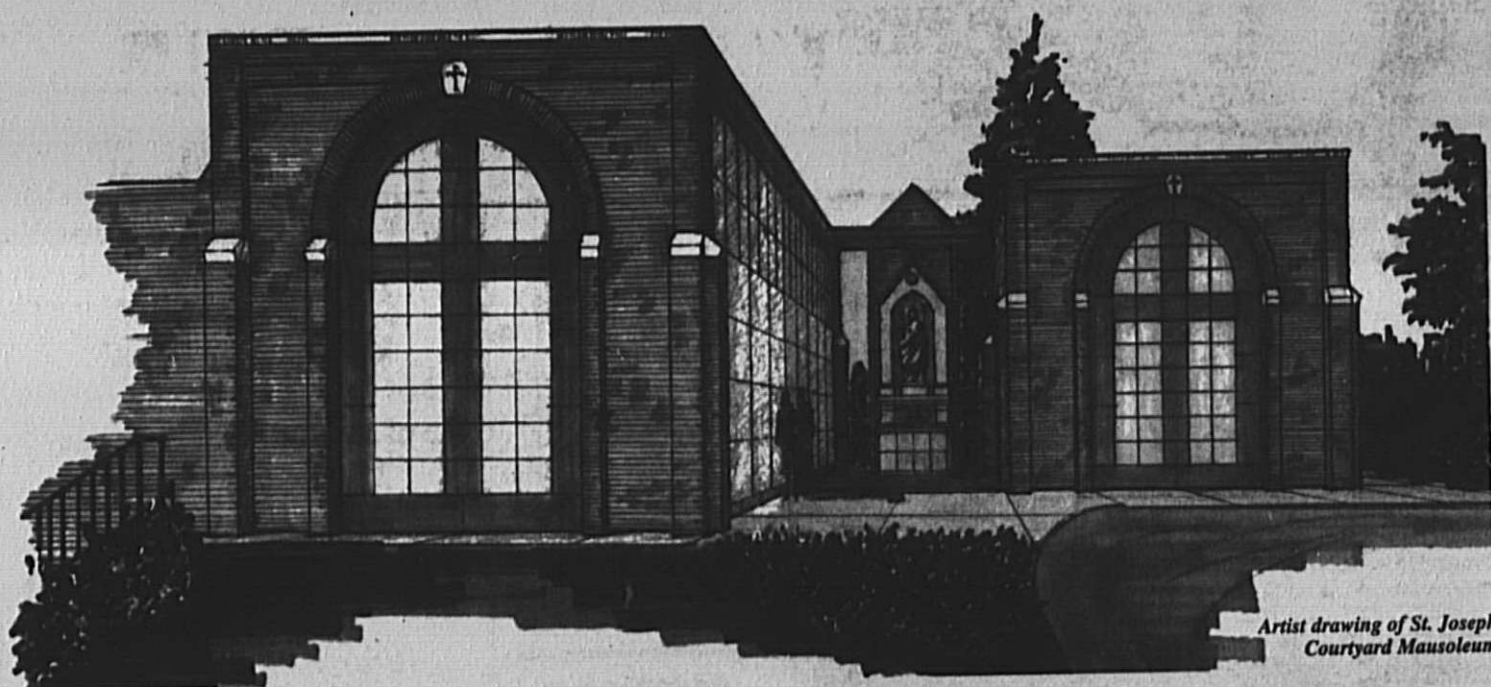
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# Rest in peace

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

**BAUER, Beverly**, 70, St. Charles, Bloomington, July 28. Wife of Frank Bauer. Mother of Barbara A. Haley, Ashley, Mary Ray, Jean, Catherine and Frank A. Bauer. Grandmother of four.

**BROOKS, LaDonna M.**, 27, St. Paul, Tell City, Aug. 4. Wife of Derrick Brooks. Mother of Kyle, Tashia and Destiny Brooks. Daughter of Sharon Adams. Step-daughter of Frank Adams. Granddaughter of Hilda Foertsch. Sister of Mary Martin.

**BUCKHORN, Harold W.**, 86, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Aug. 19. Husband of Florence Buckhorn.

**COOPER, Marie C.**, St. Michael, Brookville, Aug. 26. Mother of Ronald G., James A. Cooper. Sister of Paul Gardner, Geraldine Pence. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 11.

**DRUMB, Ida E.**, 94, St. Vincent, Bedford, April 23. Mother of Dollie Mae White, Elmer, Harold Drumb. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of one.

**DVORAK, Agnes B.**, 96, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, Aug. 22. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

**FINN, William M. Sr.**, 83, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Aug. 19. Husband of Tamea Finn. Father of William M. Finn Jr., Janice M. Vermillion. Brother of John Finn, Patricia Shelton, Catherine Evans. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of one.

**FLORESTANO, Myrtle**, 87, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Aug. 21. Mother of Dana J. Florestano. Sister of Claiborne Florestano, Mary Todd.

**HARPEAU, Lorena**, 90, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, Aug. 8. Mother of Anthony Harpeau, Margaret Davis, Rowena Waninger, Robert Meunier.

**HARTWECK, David K.**, 40, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Aug. 16. Husband of Judy Robinson Hartweck. Brother of Fred Hartweck, Marjorie Higgs, Jennifer Lynch. Son of Herman, Judy Hartweck. Grandson of Esther Hartweck.

**HOUGHTON, Dorothy**, 86, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Aug. 15. Mother of Charles Houghton. Sister of Thomas Timberlake, Eleanor Albin, Phyllis Smith, Corneil Best. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of three.

**HUBERT, Preston**, 78, St. Isidore, Bristow, Aug. 22. Husband of Irene Hubert.

Father of Beverly Devillez, Suzanne Jaquemai. Brother of Virgie Hubert. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of one.

**JARBOE, Gerald "Jerry" Sr.**, 58, St. Paul, Tell City, Aug. 13. Father of Gerald Jr., William L., James L., Cynthia Jarboe, Debra Kay Adams, Priscilla Macias, Shirley Redmon. Son of Hazel Jarboe. Brother of Patsy Bolin, Carlene Mosby, Mary Pelkey. Grandfather of 13. Great-grandfather of two.

**KATTAU, Cassie Ingram**, 85, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Aug. 16. Wife of Fred J. Kattau. Mother of Fred D., Charles A. and Paul L. Kattau, Ann M. Bailey, Barbara Sue Sweeney. Sister of Lois Belheur. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 14.

**KNECHT, William Frank**, 76, St. Michael, Brookville, Aug. 24. Husband of Fern M. (Banc) Knecht. Father of Marsha Nathan, Jacqueline Fox, Dale, Steven, David Knecht. Brother of Catherine Hertel, Emma Novak. Grandfather of 16. Great-grandfather of seven.

**KRESS, Theodore Gillman**, 85, St. Paul, Tell City, Aug. 3. Husband of Lillian Kress. Father of Judi Jellison, Ronald, David Kress.

**LAMKIN, Raphael**, 34, St. Isidore, Bristow, Aug. 4. Son of Carol Jean Lamkin. Brother of Clayton, Ricky Lamkin, Brenda Leistner. Grandson of Mary Lamkin.

**LANMAN, Richard Lee**, 70, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Aug. 18. Husband of Eloise Lanman. Father of Jennifer L. Drummond, Janet M. Jessee, Jay E., Jeffery Lanman. Brother of Eugene, Paul D. Lanman,

Mary E. Ritter. Grandfather of seven.

**LEIST, Robert E. Sr.**, 75, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Aug. 23. Father of Robert Leist Jr., Patricia Schnell, Cynthia Dailey, Sherri Tomblin. Brother of Theodore Leist, Edie Barryman. Grandfather of four.

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**ST. JOHN, Katharine J.**, 87, Sacred Heart, Indianapolis, Aug. 7. Mother of Paul A. and Dudley L. St. John, Karen A. Lewis, Beverly Worthington. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of 22. Great-great-grandmother of three.

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Wife of Joseph J. Vrabec. Mother of Jennifer Vrabec. Daughter of Marge McNichols. Sister of Kevin, Michael and James McNichols, Bonnie Dunn, Lillian Schuster.

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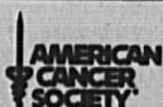
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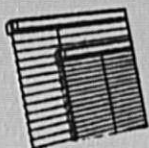
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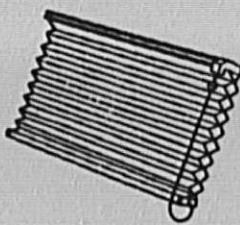
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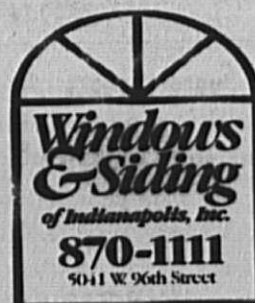
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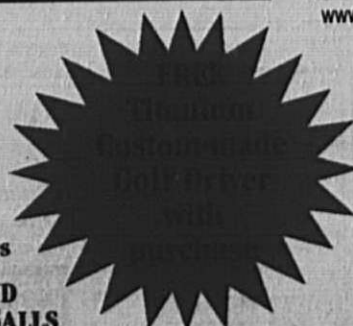
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