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Four archdiocesan schools named national Blue Ribbon Schools

By Brandon A. Evans

Of the 47 private schools around the United States named No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon schools this year, four of them are Catholic Schools from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The U.S. Department of Education announced last week that Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, St. Jude School in Indianapolis, St. Louis School in Batesville and St. Paul School in Sellersburg have received the national award.

A total of 214 public and private schools were named Blue Ribbon schools, and will be honored at ceremonies in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 30-31. The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors schools that are either academically superior in their states or that show dramatic gains in student achievement.

"We are just so excited," said Annette "Mickey" Lentz, secretary of Catholic education and faith formation. "We're very, very proud.

"Those schools worked very, very hard—they're very deserving," she said.

Students and staff members at the schools are excited and pleased.

Donna Frances Matusky, principal of St. Paul School, said that the school and parish have blue ribbons up all over, a sign announcing the award has been put on their fence and special T-shirts have been ordered.

"It's really a feather in the cap for the whole archdiocese," said Joseph Hollowell, president of Roncalli High School.

"I've done enough traveling around the country," he said, to know that the

archdiocese is the exception to the rule and is blessed with an excellent education system.

Michael Amrhein, principal of St. Louis School in Batesville, said that he thinks the four awards say a lot about the archdiocese—and its high standards.

Providence Sister James Michael Kesterton, principal of St. Jude School, said that the award is really a thank you to all Catholic schools.

Parents see Catholic schools as disciplined learning environments, and Sister
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Indianapolis seventh-grader spreads pro-life message through her artwork

By Mary Ann Wyand

"All Life Is Precious" is the theme for the 13th annual Central Indiana Life Chain, a one-hour pro-life prayer vigil that will be held as part of Respect Life Sunday observances at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 along North Meridian Street in Indianapolis.

St. Matthew School seventh-grader Carly Sobolewski of Indianapolis wants to help people promote that important life-saving message. Her award-winning poster featuring drawings of multicultural babies will help Central Indiana Life Chain participants do just that.

Janet Smith of Indianapolis, president of the Central Indiana Life Chain, said about 1,000 Life Chain T-shirts and sweatshirts have been printed with Carly's poster design and a quotation from the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta that reads, "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

The daughter of St. Matthew parishioners Martin and Robin Sobolewski loves art and also won the Washington Township Fire Department's home safety poster contest last year.

"It makes me feel good that I'm able to get the pro-life message out to other people," Carly said. "It's a real honor that my drawing was chosen for the shirts."

In an essay that accompanied her pro-life poster for the school contest, Carly wrote, "Life is a gift from God, a gift to each and every one of us. . . ."

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Photo by Mary Ann Wyand



St. Matthew School seventh-grader Carly Sobolewski of Indianapolis won a pro-life poster contest at her school last spring and was surprised when Central Indiana Life Chain organizers asked for permission to use her design on the 2003 Life Chain T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Women chancellors changing dynamics of Church leadership

DALLAS (CNS)—The offices of Church leadership are still a mostly male domain, but they're gradually becoming less so, according to statistics compiled by *The Texas Catholic*, newspaper of the Dallas Diocese.

Women hold top posts in almost one-fourth of the 205 Catholic archdioceses and dioceses in the United States, including the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Fifty women are chancellors, the highest "ecclesiastical"—or decision-making—office a layperson can hold in the Church. This position is variously ranked second or third in authority after the bishop in a diocese.

Under Church law, each diocese must have a bishop, a vicar general and judicial vicar, all of whom must be priests, as well as a chancellor and a chief financial officer, both of whom may be lay people. The number of top officials in a diocese depends on the size of the diocese.

The number of women who are chancellors increased almost 66 percent from 10 years ago, according to the 2003 *Official Catholic Directory*.

The office of chancellor evolved from the practice in the early Church of appointing an official to sign and preserve the letters of the bishop. Today, that job consists of "gathering, arranging and safeguarding the acts of the diocesan curia."

However, over the last century, bishops have come to rely on their chancellors to make administrative decisions on their behalf, rather than serve simply as record-keepers.

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Longtime married couples honored at Golden Jubilee Mass

By Mary Ann Wyand

Love is a decision that married couples must choose to nurture every day with help from God, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein told 160 longtime married couples and their families during the 19th annual archdiocesan Golden Jubilee Mass on Sept. 21 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

"The fact that you are here this afternoon tells us that when all is said and done, the meaning of your life together, the meaning of your love for each other and the trust that you have for each other had to be rooted in

God," the archbishop said in his homily.

"You know that you have needed God's blessing on your marriage over and over again," he said. "No one can go it alone through life. And you as couples could not go it alone in marriage."

Praising the jubilee couples from central and southern Indiana for honoring their marital promises of love and fidelity for so many years, Archbishop Buechlein said, "In your own words, I believe you would tell us that the secret to a happy marriage is the commitment to have God as your mutual third partner.

"In the golden years, you know that even

now your love needs to be tended and nurtured," he said. "No couple's love on the day of their wedding is enough for a lifetime because love is not static. Love is a decision that grows and is pruned and is tempered by life's experiences and, yes, it can falter if not reinforced."

Longtime married couples understand that they need God's blessing on their love, the archbishop said. "That was why you wanted your marriage witnessed and blessed in the Church. I think the older we get, the more we realize how much we need God."

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James Michael said that they are a place for children to receive a total education: they should grow not only in academics but in faith as well.

This is the second time that St. Jude School has been named a Blue Ribbon School; the other time was in 1997.

Roncalli High School has received the honor twice before, once in 1993 and in 1998.

To apply for the award, a school must have a significant number of students scoring in the top 10 percent in state achievement testing or the school must have at least 40 percent of its students coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and making dramatic academic improvements.

The application itself is 20 pages long and can take a while to fill out—though Hollowell says that it is significantly smaller than in previous years.

This year, he said, the application focused on the results of academic testing to show a school's level of academic success.

He also included on Roncalli's application details about the opportunities the high school's teachers have for professional development and the ways that students are encouraged to be active in social ministry in their community.

Each school has its reasons why, beyond academic excellence, it is a Blue Ribbon School.

It was about 15 years ago that Matusky would have described St. Paul School as a sinking ship.

Five principals had come and gone in the span of a decade and the teacher

turnover rate was high. Enrollment was down and many thought that the school would close.

Matusky was appointed principal and immediately began to find ways to enroll more students—and to hire teachers that had, above all, a love for children. The result has been that enrollment has tripled.

"We feel like our school is a place that puts children at the heart of the school," she said. "We have great expectations for our children. They are held accountable and expected to take their schoolwork seriously."

She said that the Blue Ribbon award is a reward for all those, past and present, who have made the school what it is.

That includes parents, of whom there are 35 that volunteer weekly at the school. Parents, Matusky said, have a vested interest in Catholic schools and are

often more involved.

"I think we have a lot of parental support," Amrhein said. His school also receives support from the community.

Lentz said that this kind of cooperation, this kind of teamwork, is essential to Catholic schools.

She also said that the awards show that "we are doing the right things" and that people look to the archdiocese to see a good example of education.

But there is room for improvement.

At Roncalli High School, Hollowell said that when they are eligible to apply for the award again, they hope to—and they hope to include many improvements on their application.

The school knows the areas that it needs to improve and is ready to do it.

"We have a true commitment," Lentz said. "We are working hard to continually raise the standards." †

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The baby doesn't have a choice. It's not right to kill an innocent life. We have to respect life."

One way to do that, Carly explained in her essay, is to "show that all life is precious in our daily lives by being kind to everyone we meet."

Father Daniel Donohoo, St. Matthew's pastor, said he was pleased to learn that Carly's design will appear on the Life Chain T-shirts and sweatshirts.

"As a parish, we are very proud of Carly and her hard work and creativity," he said. "This is, I think, demonstrable evidence for the sacrifices that parents make in order to send their children to Catholic schools. In a world adrift in a sea of relativism, I think our children are provided a sure moral compass by the Church, which imbues respect for life in all its forms. Carly's artwork certainly clearly manifests that value."

Carly said she tried to be inclusive of all people with her multicultural drawing of babies bundled up in blankets. Some of the babies' faces have Hispanic features while others are Asian, black and Caucasian.

Her mother, Robin Sobolewski, said family members will enjoy wearing the

2003 Life Chain T-shirts.

"Carly's spreading the pro-life message with this shirt, with this piece of art," she said. "It's quite an honor to know that so many other people will wear the pro-life shirts with her design."

Martin Erlenbaugh, St. Matthew's principal, said this recognition is "a wonderful reward" for Carly as well as for the Indianapolis North Deanery school.

"Educating children about life issues is an important part of the Catholic values that we try to exemplify here at St. Matthew School," Erlenbaugh said. "We have a very active pro-life group at St. Matthew Parish."

Art teacher Lindsey Lehner, who began her first year teaching at St. Matthew School in August, said art gives children a voice to affect changes in society.

"It's wonderful for them to be able to use their voice through art," she said, "because they can see that they are making a difference and that they are important, their art is important and it's important to help other people."

The first Life Chain was started in 1987 in California. It became a national pro-life prayer vigil in 1990. This year, Life Chains are scheduled in at least 18 Indiana cities or counties on Respect Life Sunday.

According to the national Life Chain organization based in California, the Indiana pro-life groups planning prayer vigils on Respect Life Sunday represent Indianapolis, Columbus, Connerville, Rockport, Evansville, Carmel, Noblesville, Kokomo, Lafayette, Fort Wayne, Decatur, Plymouth and Covington.

Life Chains also are planned in Muncie and Delaware County, Munster and Lake County, Valparaiso and Porter County, Elkhart and Elkhart County, and Fountain City and Wayne County.

(For more information about the Central Indiana Life Chain in Indianapolis, call the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities at 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1569. Life Chain T-shirts and sweatshirts also are available for sale by calling the pro-life office. T-shirts are \$7 and \$8, and sweatshirts are \$12 and \$13.) †

Respect Life Sunday is Oct. 5

By Mary Ann Wyand

Archdiocesan Respect Life Sunday events begin at 1 p.m. on Oct. 5 with the Respect Life Mass celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities in Washington, D.C., has chosen the theme "Life Is a Miracle" for the Church's 2003 observance of Respect Life Sunday.

At the conclusion of the archdiocesan pro-life liturgy, Archbishop Buechlein will present the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award to two archdiocesan residents.

The archbishop also will recognize St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis for hosting the monthly archdiocesan Helpers of God's Precious Infants pro-life Mass from its inception in August 1997 until last year when the pro-life liturgy was moved to St. Michael the Archangel Parish in

Indianapolis because an east-side abortion clinic relocated to the west side.

Following the Respect Life Sunday Mass, Catholics will join Christians of many denominations for the Central Indiana Life Chain prayer vigil from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. along North Meridian Street.

The archdiocesan pro-life youth rally begins at 3:30 p.m. with an inspirational talk and concert by Christian musician Tony Avellana of Carmel in the Assembly Hall at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

The archdiocesan Life Fair also is scheduled in the Catholic Center Assembly Hall from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. A variety of pro-life ministries and organizations will offer educational information about life issues during that time.

The public is invited to participate in the Mass, Life Chain, youth rally and Life Fair.

(For more information about Respect Life Sunday events, call the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities at 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1569.) †

Official Appointment

Rev. Noel Mueller, O.S.B., a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, appointed liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Community in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, effective immediately.

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

Correction

A story in the Sept. 12 issue about Marian College's Franciscan Values Awards recipients gave the wrong number of years James Divita taught history at the Indianapolis college. Divita, who retired this year, taught at Marian for 42 years. †

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Hurricane Isabel

Baltimore City Fire Department Lt. Rick Lago holds Hannah Hartley while rescuing a family from a Fells Point hotel flooded from Hurricane Isabel in Baltimore on Sept. 19. Catholic Charities USA sent out an appeal for funds for recovery efforts. The massive storm is blamed for at least 23 deaths.



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Author tells teens to take God along on their dates

By Mary Ann Wyand
First of two parts

Nationally known chastity speaker Jason Everett of San Diego, Calif. likes to talk about sex with teen-agers because he wants to encourage them to postpone sexual activity until marriage.

His chastity presentations mix humorous stories about teen-age life situations and peer pressure with sobering statistics about sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancy that also are intertwined with helpful advice on ways that young people can live happy lives by following God's commandments.

He's not preachy. He's funny. But he's also direct about the harsh and harmful realities of sexual activity before marriage. And he continually reminds the teens that God wants them to choose abstinence until marriage so they can live fun and fulfilling lives while planning for future careers and waiting for the life partner that God has chosen for them.

The author of *Pure Love*, Everett was supposed to share the series of 10 chastity presentations on Sept. 8-11 with his wife, Crystalina, but she is expecting their first child and wasn't feeling well enough to travel with him for appearances at eight locations in central and southern Indiana.

Everett begins each presentation with prayer, entrusting the time to Jesus and Mary. He began the day speaking to Roncalli High School students and started the afternoon by addressing Father Thomas Sccecina Memorial High School students. During his evening presentation for Indianapolis South Deanery teen-agers at St. Jude Church, he was still energized and enthusiastic while talking with teens about sex and God.

"How far is too far to go on a date?" he asked the teens. "None of us guys would deliberately take a girl we love to a dangerous place. But when I was in high school, a big Catholic high school, this was the one question we always asked our religion teacher. 'Well, how far can we go? Can we do this with our girlfriends? Can we do that? Can we do this?' We'd always bug him about that. So one day, he said, 'I think you need to start bringing Jesus with you on your dates.'"

All the boys laughed, Everett recalled, when he asked his teacher, "Don't you think it will get a little crowded with three of us in the back seat?"

That's exactly the point, the teacher replied. God needs to be a part of your love life.

That's the crux of the chastity message that Everett talks about with teen-agers throughout the United States.

"God actually has a plan for your love life," he said. "You might even be sitting next to your future spouse right now."

"When I was in high school, I didn't think that God would have this big plan for my love life," Everett said, "and so the kind of relationships that I was involved in during high school got pretty physical pretty fast."

His teen-age romantic relationships were characterized

by an absence of love and respect for the girls he dated, Everett said, until his conscience or the Holy Spirit intervened in the midst of intimate moments.

"I remember when I hooked up with one girl," he said, "we came right up to the line and I had to ask myself, 'Well, should I give this girl my virginity? Do I love her? I've known her for three days.' But I could hear in the back of my heart a voice saying, 'Jason, this gift is meant for me. Please wait for me.' And so we cooled things off and went our different ways."

When he dated another girl, she asked him, "Jason, you're not going to leave me like all the other guys did, are you?"

Again, he heard the same voice in his heart asking him to wait for his future life partner, and he listened to that voice.

"For those of you who are virgins, I say 'good for you' because people who get married as virgins have a divorce rate that is about 60 to 70 percent lower than those who don't wait for marriage," he said. "Some of you may be saying, 'Well, great, but I'm not a virgin.' Some of you may even have had your virginity taken from you."

But don't feel discouraged, he said, because reclaimed chastity transforms a teen-ager's relationship with God, self and others.

"Even if you're not a virgin, no matter what happened in the past, if couples who meet and fall in love and save sex with each other for their wedding night, couples who do that triple their chances of making their marriage a success," Everett said. "They're three times more likely to never get divorced. On the contrary, researchers found out that once sex enters a high school relationship, the national average is 21 days and then it's over. Some last three years, some last one night, but the average is three weeks and then it's done."

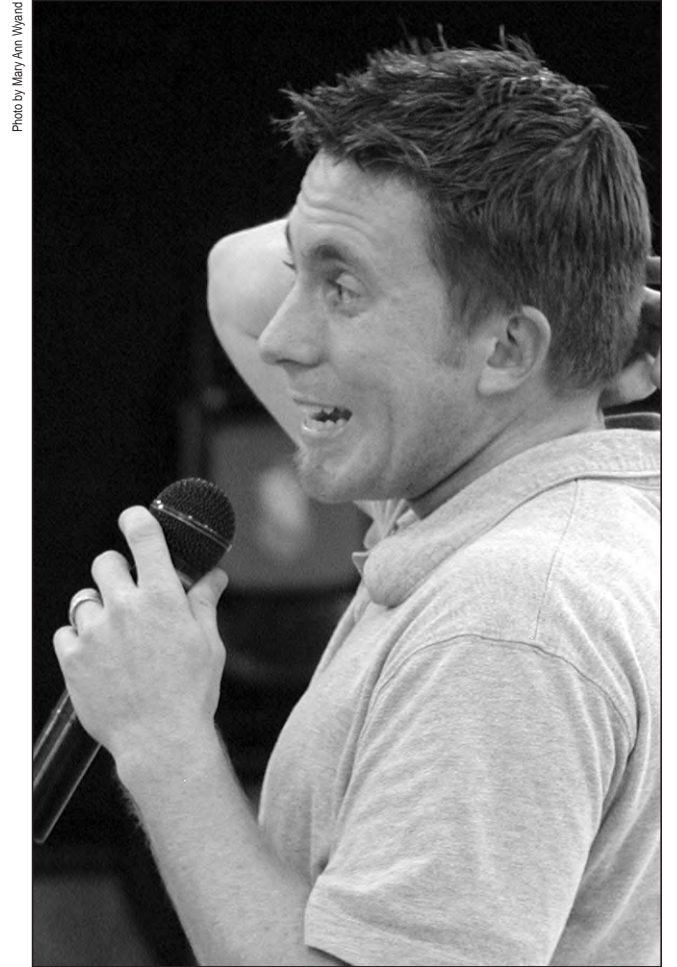
If you want real love, he told the teens, build the foundation of that relationship with friendship and wait until marriage for sexual intimacy.

When you finally meet the man or woman of your dreams, Everett said, you will be glad that you waited for him or her, and you will be glad that he or she waited for you.

Another way to understand the importance of saving sex until marriage, he said, is to imagine your future son or daughter going out on a date and to think about how that makes you feel as a parent.

Margaret Hendricks, associate director of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education's A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality peer mentor program, accompanied Everett during four days of presentations at schools and parishes in the archdiocese and said they prayed together en route to each program.

"When we started out at Cardinal Ritter High School [in Indianapolis on Sept. 8], and the students stood and applauded after Jason's presentation, I felt overwhelmed," Hendricks said. "I have watched students at every school sit in gymnasiums where it's not very comfortable and it starts to get stuffy, and they hang on to



Chastity speaker Jason Everett of San Diego, Calif., the author of *Pure Love*, talks with Father Thomas Sccecina Memorial High School students about keeping God in their dating relationships during a Sept. 10 program at the Indianapolis East Deanery inter-parochial high school. Everett also gave away copies of his book *If You Really Loved Me*. His four-day visit to the archdiocese was made possible by the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education in partnership with six Catholic high schools, the New Albany Right to Life Office and *Our Sunday Visitor*.

every word he says, they stay attentive, they lean forward in their seats, and they stand and applaud. Their spontaneity comes from the heart. The Holy Spirit is doing that."

Hendricks said she was sorry that his wife wasn't feeling well enough to join him, but she is excited about their pregnancy because they have a God-centered marriage and will be great parents.

"I see many other young adults that are also going to be awesome parents," she said, "because they heard the chastity message as teen-agers and they waited for their life partner."

(Next week: Everett's straight talk about sex and teen-agers' reactions.) †



Hispanic Fiesta

Karen Odde, associate director of faith formation for the archdiocese, helps a boy pick out a rosary and religious education materials published in Spanish at the archdiocesan booth during the Fiesta Indianapolis on Sept. 20 at the American Legion Mall downtown. Father Kenneth Taylor, director of multicultural ministry for the archdiocese, and St. Gabriel parishioner Claudia Salinas of Indianapolis also helped staff the booth for the one-day festival.



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Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the "Last Supper" figures prominently in the bestseller *The Da Vinci Code*. The novel distorts historical facts and puts the Church in a bad light.

The Da Vinci Code

We don't often editorialize about a novel, although we did warn our readers about the *Left Behind* books by Tom LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins that are supposedly based on the "End Times" ("Interest in the End Times," July 26, 2002.).

This time, our subject is this year's runaway bestseller *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. Normally we would ignore an anti-Catholic book for fear that giving it publicity would simply make more people want to read it. However, since it has been so popular, we know that many Catholics have already read it.

We write because we have been surprised by the number of people who have asked us if the parts of the story about the Catholic Church are true. Other people have simply asked us to editorialize about the book because they found it troubling.

It is troubling because of the numerous things said about the Catholic Church that Brown purports to be true. Some are, but most are not.

The book has already drawn the attention of other Catholic periodicals, ranging from *Crisis* magazine to *Commonweal*, with *Our Sunday Visitor* in the middle. (Of all the reviews we've read, the article by Indianapolis writer Sandra Miesel in the September issue of *Crisis* is undoubtedly the most thorough.)

The book's plot is a modern search for the Holy Grail. However, it turns out, the Holy Grail is not the cup Jesus used at the Last Supper. Rather, it is the remains of Mary Magdalene. And why Mary Magdalene? Because she and Jesus were married and had a child together, according to the novel, and their bloodline has continued to the present. This is a secret the Catholic Church has carefully kept hidden because, you see, Jesus intended for Mary Magdalene—not Peter—to head his Church. Therefore, the male leaders of the Church made Mary out to be a prostitute.

As part of his proof of the relationship of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, Brown's character says that Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the "Last Supper" shows Mary Magdalene—not the Apostle John—sitting to Jesus' right. Since there are 13 figures in the painting, he doesn't explain which of Jesus' Apostles was left out.

(For a better treatment of Mary

Magdalene, you might try the recent novel *Mary Called Magdalene* by Margaret George. Here Mary is portrayed as she probably was: a married woman—not married to Jesus though—who supported Jesus out of her husband's means and was the leader of Jesus' women followers as Peter was the leader of his men followers.)

According to Brown's scenario, too, after Constantine became emperor and made Christianity his empire's religion, he had all the early books about Jesus destroyed except the four Gospels because the other writings revealed Jesus' relationship with Mary.

All this, of course, is utter nonsense. But Brown tries to make it believable by having his characters quote from other sources. Those sources actually exist, but experts have discredited them.

Opus Dei is also prominent in the book. It is a personal prelature approved by Pope John Paul II. It was founded in Spain by Msgr. Josemaría Escrivá de Ballaguer, whom the pope canonized in 2002. It has its own priests and lay members in about 80 countries. It is considered to be a very conservative organization, and has been controversial because of charges of secrecy and divisiveness.

An Opus Dei monk in the book practices severe penances—whipping himself and wearing a belt around his thigh with spikes that cut into his skin. Opus Dei has not admitted that it encourages such penances, but some of its members might do so. The monk, though, is also trained to carry out murders as a matter of obedience, and that's ridiculous.

The Knights Templar are also shown in a bad light. Supposedly, this order was blackmailing Pope Clement V with the secret of the true Holy Grail, so he had all the knights rounded up and burned as heretics. Historically, King Philip the Fair of France did that so he could confiscate the Templar's property in France.

There are all kinds of other errors, all trying to put the Church in a bad light, in Brown's book.

The Da Vinci Code is a fast-paced thriller and Dan Brown shows that he has a tremendous imagination. Just remember, though: it's fiction!

—John F. Fink

Research for the Church/James D. Davidson

Work setting affects lay ministers' spiritual practices

Several colleagues and I have just completed a new book on the spiritual practices of lay ministers. The book explores lay ministers' participation in a wide variety of practices, such as attending Mass, praying privately, helping the poor, reading the Bible, caring for the sick, keeping a spiritual journal and participating in prayer groups.



It also identifies factors that foster and stifle participation in such activities, which we believe are important components of lay ministry and, therefore, should be encouraged.

Four important influences have to do with the context in which lay ministers work. Let me explain what we found with regard to each influence and suggest some policy implications for lay ministers and the people they work with.

1. Some lay ministers work full-time, others are part-time employees and still others are unpaid volunteers. As we hypothesized, those who work full-time are more actively involved in spiritual practices than part-time and volunteer lay ministers are. This finding suggests the value of affirming full-time work among lay ministers. In our view, such affirmation also needs to be accompanied by supportive working conditions, such as respect from pastors and parishioners, written personnel policies and decent wages (conditions that many lay ministers report are often lacking).

2. A majority of lay ministers view their work as a calling or vocation, while others see it as a career or profession and still others look at it as a job. As expected, we found that lay ministers who view work as a calling are more involved in a variety of spiritual practices than lay ministers who consider their work as either a career or a job. This finding suggests that dioceses and parishes should promote an understanding of lay ministry as a vocation. They should impart the view that people engaged in lay ministry are responding to God's call, not just pursuing a career or job. They should insist that lay ministers act, and be treated by others, in accordance with this view.

3. Lay ministers occupy many different

positions in the Church. Some are pastoral associates, directors of religious education, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults coordinators or youth ministers. Others are business managers or principals of Catholic schools. As we forecasted, pastoral associates, directors of religious education, RCIA coordinators and youth ministers are more actively involved in spiritual practices than business managers and parochial school principals.

This finding begs for further consideration of the reasons why some lay ministers are not as spiritually active as other lay ministers. For example, it might be that their job descriptions, compared to those of other lay ministers, are less likely to include spiritual practices as a work expectation or requirement. If so, there might be a need to rework their job descriptions in ways that would encourage more participation in spiritual practices.

4. A majority of lay ministers work in parishes where they are registered. Those who work in parishes where they are registered are more active in spiritual practices than lay ministers who work in other settings. Our focus groups with lay ministers indicate that there are both advantages and disadvantages to serving in one's home parish. Advantages include the personal integration and continuity that come with working and worshipping in one place. Disadvantages include the fact that familiarity can breed contempt among some parishioners.

Dioceses and parishes need to address both sides of this equation, then do what they believe is best. All other things being equal, however, we believe that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, that the disadvantages can be minimized, and that—as much as possible—belonging to the parish where one works ought to be the preferred option.

(For more details, see James D. Davidson, Thomas P. Walters, [Father] Bede Cisco, O.S.B., Katherine Meyer, and Charles E. Zech, *Lay Ministers and Their Spiritual Practices*, published by *Our Sunday Visitor* in 2003.)

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Letters to the Editor

The future of the Church is in good hands

For those fellow Catholics who fear for the future of the Church, who have thrown up their hands in desperation over the current problems, which seem so insurmountable, take heart. There is a group of young men, in formation for service to our Church, who give renewed hope to the promise of better days ahead. There are many good priests in our parishes, and there are more on the way.

On Sept. 13, a group of Saint Meinrad seminarians presented a pro-life program featuring Father Frank Pavone, head of the Priests for Life organization. The afternoon and evening event was completely planned and orchestrated by this group, and was done in a very effective and welcoming manner.

Father Pavone, in his two talks, was an excellent speaker, inspiring all to persevere in the efforts to protect human life from its conception. The evening also included a cookout (excellently prepared by the seminarians), evening vespers prayed with the monks, and ending with a pro-life rosary.

The seminarians are from many different dioceses all over the country,

attending Saint Meinrad School of Theology with the intention of serving God through the priesthood. When asked how many of the 60 or so seminarians at Saint Meinrad are pro-life, the answer was "all of them."

This may seem like a simple question, but the answer would not have been the same in some years past. God has taken care of his Church for almost 2,000 years, and he's no quitter. If you don't believe me, go spend a little time at Saint Meinrad and talk to those young men preparing themselves for God's service.

Mary Casabella, Corydon

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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

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The moral truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will prevail

Once in awhile, one has to say “enough is enough!” I have tried to be patient and even reticent in responding to the media hype that I believe clearly has been overstepping the bounds of objectivity and civility *vis-à-vis* the Catholic Church—until recently.

The other night, I heard a noted TV news commentator assert that the reason our secular society has experienced a virtual breakdown in morality is due to the now limited leadership of the aging Pope John Paul II. He asserted that because of his disabilities the pope is reduced “to merely praying for our world.”

Admittedly, I am unswervingly loyal to the Holy Father, but I would like to believe that this flippant assertion about any religious leader would have caused me to bolt right out of my chair!

First of all, in my opinion, like the prayer of the prophets of old that are so well documented in the Bible, the urgent prayer of the current Holy Father itself could save the world from utter destruction. What bothers me the most is the fact that this news commentator claims to be Roman Catholic. I find his low esteem for the ministry of prayer astonishing. In fairness to him, perhaps he was poorly catechized about the power of prayer in the past.

Most of us are at least vaguely aware that Catholic and non-Catholic news commentators and analysts of recent history have attempted to credit Pope John Paul

for the not-so-distant demise of communism, a threat to world peace that no one thought could ever be brought down so quickly.

The Holy Father’s response to these evaluations of the fall of the atheistic Marxist philosophy is a clear and resounding “no.” He maintains that is not how it happened. He asserts that the imposed communist philosophy self-destructed because it was not based on the fundamental truth about God, the world and the inalienable freedom of the human person.

The pope asserts that the communist system was doomed to implode from the beginning because it was not a system based on truth and the dignity of the human person.

Media pundits—some Catholic—have hearkened to the clergy sex abuse ordeal so prominently featured the last year or two as causing the collapse of the moral credibility of Catholic Church leadership. They herald the demise of the moral leadership of the pope and the bishops.

As I said, one Catholic news commentator asserted that ultimately the crisis is attributable to “the old pope who did nothing.” Now, because of “old age and infir-

mity, all he can do is pray.” The commentator went on to list all of the evils of our day. He maintained that they go unchallenged because the pope (and bishops) have lost moral credibility.

Yes, we have taken a hit because of the crimes and sins of *some* wayward priests and because of some tragic mistakes made by *some* bishops. Yet, we are disgraced also because there have been an unconscionable generalization and an exaggeration of the facts in the abuse scandal.

There have been stories that deceptively misled the public. Such deception is wrong. I am sympathetic with the view of some critics who perceive this phenomenon as the “new anti-Catholicism,” the last “acceptable” bias in our country.

But, I am not so terribly concerned because I hearken back to the insight of Pope John Paul II. In the end, the moral credibility of our Church leadership will prevail because in the end credibility rests on the side of moral truth. The sad problems relative to the sex abuse scandal are

not problems of the priesthood or the office of bishop. These problems happened because some priests violated their promises. And some bishops made truly bad decisions in dealing with these tragic sins. I don’t know of any bishop who tried to bend the truth or to compromise the moral truth somehow by saying evil is not evil.

Believe me, I do not overlook the tragic significance of imprudent decisions and judgments made by some bishops. I am saying that, despite these mistakes, the moral truth for which we stand will prevail. I am also asserting that the moral truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—though it is resented and feared and, thus, is contested in our secular and individualistic culture—will prevail.

Once, while I was concelebrating Mass with the Holy Father in Rome, a tragic story of clerical misconduct was featured in the U.S. media. After Mass the Holy Father returned to the sanctuary and, turning to us bishops, he said: “I fear for the soul of America. There is so much interest in the prurient sins of society ... and there is so little forgiveness. Let us pray for God’s mercy.” †

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.

Reinará la verdad moral del Evangelio de Jesucristo

De vez en cuando hay que decir “¡ya basta!” He tratado de ser paciente e incluso me he mostrado reticente a responder a las exageraciones de los medios de comunicación que pienso que últimamente han transgredido los límites de la objetividad y civismo con respecto a la Iglesia Católica.

La otra noche escuché en la televisión a un comentarista de noticias reconocido afirmar que la causa de que nuestra sociedad secular haya experimentado una crisis virtual en lo moral se debía a la limitada capacidad de liderazgo del envejecido Papa Juan Pablo II. Afirmó que debido a sus impedimentos físicos el Papa se encuentra reducido a “simplemente orar por el mundo.”

Es cierto que soy inquebrantablemente leal al Santo Padre, ¡pero me gustaría suponer que esta frívola aseveración sobre cualquier líder religioso me habría hecho saltar de mi silla!

Ante todo, en mi opinión, tal como la oración de los antiguos profetas, tan bien documentada en la Biblia, la urgente oración del actual Santo Padre en sí misma podría salvar al mundo de su total destrucción. Lo que más me molesta es el hecho de que este comentarista dice ser Católico Romano. Considero asombrosa la baja estima que posee sobre el clero. En su defensa diré que tal vez recibió en el pasado una pobre catequización sobre el poder de la oración.

La mayoría de nosotros estamos por lo menos vagamente conscientes de que tanto los comentaristas de noticias y los analistas

de historia moderna católicos, así como los que no lo son, han intentado dar crédito al Papa Juan Pablo por el fracaso no tan distante del comunismo, una amenaza a la paz mundial que nunca nadie pensó que podría ser derrocada tan rápidamente.

La respuesta del Santo Padre a estas evaluaciones de la caída de la filosofía atea del Marxismo es un claro y retumbante “no”. Él sostiene que no es así como ha ocurrido. Afirmo que la filosofía impuesta del comunismo se autodestruyó debido a que no estaba basada en la verdad fundamental sobre Dios, el mundo y la inalienable libertad del ser humano.

El papa asevera que el sistema comunista estaba destinado a implosionar desde el comienzo porque no era un sistema basado en la verdad y la dignidad del ser humano.

Los expertos de los medios, algunos de ellos católicos, han considerado la terrible experiencia del abuso sexual del clero, tan prominentemente destacada hace uno o dos años, la causante del colapso del liderazgo de la credibilidad moral de la Iglesia Católica. Anuncian el fracaso del liderazgo moral del papa y los obispos.

Como ya lo mencioné, un comentarista católico de noticias afirmó que en el fondo la crisis es atribuible “al viejo Papa que no hizo nada”. Ahora, debido a “su avanzada edad y enfermedad todo lo que puede hacer es orar.” El comentarista prosiguió enumerando todos los males de nuestros días. Sostuvo que ya no hay

desafíos porque el papa (y los obispos) han perdido credibilidad moral.

Es cierto, hemos recibido un golpe debido a los delitos y pecados de *algunos* sacerdotes descarriados y ciertos trágicos errores cometidos por *algunos* obispos. No obstante también nos ha desacreditado la generalización desmesurada y la exageración de los hechos en el escándalo sobre el abuso. Ha habido historias en las cuales se ha inducido a error o se ha engañado al público. Tal engaño es injusto. Soy comprensivo con el punto de vista de algunos críticos que perciben este fenómeno como en “nuevo anti-catolicismo”, el último prejuicio “aceptable” de nuestro país.

Pero no me preocupo demasiado porque escucho con atención las enseñanzas del Papa Juan Pablo II. Al final prevalecerá la credibilidad moral del liderazgo de nuestra Iglesia porque por último la credibilidad reposa del lado de la verdadera moral. Los lamentables problemas relacionados con el escándalo de abuso sexual no son problemas del sacerdocio o del oficio de obispo. Estos problemas ocurren porque algunos obispos quebrantaron sus promesas. Y algunos obispos tomaron las decisiones incorrectas con respecto a estos deplorables pecados. No conozco ningún

obispo que tratara de torcer la verdad o de comprometer la verdad moral de alguna forma diciendo que lo malo no es malo.

Créame, no estoy tratando de pasar por alto la infausta significación de las decisiones imprudentes y los pronunciamientos de algunos obispos. Estoy diciendo que, a pesar de estos errores, la verdad moral que sostenemos prevalecerá. También estoy afirmando que la verdadera moral del evangelio de Jesucristo prevalecerá, aunque cause molestia y temor y por ello sea refutada en nuestra cultura secular e individualista.

En una oportunidad, cuando estaba celebrando la Misa conjuntamente con el Santo Padre en Roma, se publicó en los medios estadounidenses una infortunada historia de una conducta inapropiada por parte del clero. Después de la Misa el Santo Padre regresó al santuario y volviéndose a nosotros los obispos, dijo: “Temo por el alma de Estados Unidos. Hay tanto interés en los pecados lascivos de la sociedad ... y tan poco perdón. Oremos a Dios pidiendo misericordia.” †

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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!

Check It Out . . .

St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., in Indianapolis, is having its **annual International Festival** from noon to 8 p.m. on Sept. 27. There will be music, games and international foods. For more information, call 317-637-3983.

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane, in Bradford, is having its **picnic and festival** from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 28. There will be a chicken dinner. For more information, call 812-364-6646.

Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis will have a **100th anniversary banquet** at 6 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Riverwalk Conference Center, 6729 E. Westfield Blvd., in Indianapolis. Franciscan Sister Francesca Thompson will be the keynote speaker. She has been in the Oldenburg community for more than 50 years. Members of the Sisters of St. Francis Justice and Peace Committee have established the Sister Francesca Thompson Scholarship Endowment for African-American students who wish to attend a Catholic high school. She has taught elementary, secondary and college level courses in theater, speech and black studies. The banquet will begin with a reception and silent auction. The cost is \$50 per person and reservations are required. There will also be a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at 11 a.m. on Oct. 12 celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein in the parish church, 740 W. 28th St., in Indianapolis. For more information or to make a reservation for the Oct. 11 event, call 317-283-2935.

There are **two upcoming retreats** at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. There will be **"A Retreat with Mother Teresa"** on Oct. 27 to celebrate Mother Teresa's beatification. Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly from Saint Meinrad Archabbey and WTHR Channel 13 anchorwoman Anne Ryder of Indianapolis will share their personal experiences with Mother Teresa. The cost is \$50 per person and the registration deadline is Oct. 6. **"Six Pathways to Forgiveness"** will be hosted by Sanguinist Father Joseph Nassal, author and storyteller, on Nov. 15. He will teach participants how to reconcile anger and be at peace. The cost is \$60 per person and the registration deadline is Oct. 24. For more information or to register, call 317-788-7581 or e-mail

benedict@indy.net or log on to www.benedictinn.org.

The Saint Meinrad Abbey Guest House in St. Meinrad is hosting several retreats. **"St. Benedict and the Family"** will be presented by Benedictine Father Noah Casey on Oct. 17-19. The retreat will offer a Benedictine perspective and prospective on family relations, values and prayers. **"Spirituality for Day-to-Day Living in the Rule of St. Benedict"** will be presented by Benedictine Father Harry Hagan on Nov. 7-9. The retreat, which will focus on the recommendations of St. Benedict in his *Rule*, will examine the attitudes and virtues that participants can cultivate in their everyday work and recreation. **"Peace: The Benedictine Way,"** a mid-week retreat, will be presented by Benedictine Father Eric Lies on Oct. 14-16. The event will focus on St. Benedict's plan for wholeness and happiness that has survived the test of time and still applies to all people today. The cost of each retreat is \$175 per person or \$300 per couple. For more information or to register, call the guest house at 812-357-6585 or 800-581-6905 or e-mail mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu or log on to www.saintmeinrad.edu/abbey.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, is offering a **Scripture retreat** titled "Praying the Scriptures" on Oct. 10-12. Father Keith Hosey and Sister of the Precious Blood Maureen Mangen, co-directors of the Pope John XXIII Center in Hartford City, Ind., in the Diocese of Lafayette, will present the retreat, which will help participants pray the Scriptures more intentionally as a way of connecting with the blessings of being a Christian. The weekend is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. The cost is \$145 per person or \$270 per couple. For more information, call 317-545-7681 or e-mail fatima@archindy.org.

There will be a **"Boss' Day Retreat"** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Christian Brother Barry Donaghue will present the retreat, which is designed to give supervisors some space and a little facilitation into new and energizing ways to work through difficult daily issues. It will also be a day to relax. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$30 per person. The event is part of the SpiritPro series. For more information, call 812-535-4531 or e-mail spiritpro@spsmw.org.

St. Francis Hospital-Indianapolis, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., will present a free program titled **"Cancer 101"** from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 3 to dispel myths and misconceptions about cancer. It is designed to help cancer patients and their loved ones begin to overcome the psychological challenges of cancer by providing an opportunity to learn the basics of cancers, have questions answered and interact with others who are on the same journey to recovery. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required by Sept. 30. For more information or to register, call 317-357-1505.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood, will celebrate its parish feast day at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 with a solemn Mass. Leading up to that event, there will be a **nine-day novena** beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 29. Almost every night at 6:30 p.m. there will be talks, prayers or other activities to honor the Mother of God. There will not be a formal meeting on Oct. 4-5, but there will be a novena prayer after each Mass. For more information, call the parish at 317-888-2861.

Birthline, an outreach service of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities for women in crisis pregnancies and poor mothers in need of material assistance, **needs volunteers** to work in the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Volunteers are needed who can sort clothing, clean equipment, make up layettes and greet the women that are referred for help. Also needed are telephone volunteers for Birthline's crisis pregnancy hotline. Training will be provided. For more information, call Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521.

"Late Nite Catechism," a one-woman interactive live show based on Catholic school days decades ago, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 27 in the auditorium of Lawrence Central High School, 7601 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The show, which started in Chicago, is on a national tour. The presentation in Indianapolis is a fund-raiser for the Men's Club of St. Matthew Parish. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets are available through the parish office or at the door. For more information or for tickets, call the parish office at 317-257-4297

The **first annual Helping Hands Festival** will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 27 at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46th and Illinois streets, in Indianapolis. It will showcase the connections that local congregations and nonprofit groups have to communities around the globe. These local groups will be displaying and selling the work of artists living in impoverished regions in Africa, Asia, South America, Central America and the Caribbean. Proceeds will be channeled back to the artists and to projects benefiting their communities. Also that day, there will be a **Quad Parish 30-year neighborhood celebration** hosted by St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Faith United Christian Church and University Park Christian Church from noon to 5:30 p.m. There will be games, demonstrations, displays and talent presentations. There will also be an ecumenical Quad Parish worship service at Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4609 N. Capitol Ave., at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Tara Seeley at 317-576-1124.

Stephen Peterson, a former resident of Indianapolis and graduate of Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, recently published *Profiles in Faith, Hope and Courage, a collection of fictional, inspirational stories*. Peterson is a counseling psychologist and therapist in Oklahoma City, Okla. The book can be found at www.firstbooks.com and www.amazon.com. †

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Siler named new Catholic Charities secretary

By Brandon A. Evans

For four years, David Siler worked as the executive director of St. Elizabeth's Pregnancy and Adoption Services in Indianapolis.

On Sept. 29, though, he will be putting on a new hat. He will become the new secretary for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

It is a role that came to him as a surprise—a pleasant one—when Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein asked him to fill the role vacated last month by Thomas Gaybrick.

One of Siler's first tasks as part of his new responsibilities of overseeing all of the archdiocese's social ministries will be to hire his replacement at St. Elizabeth's.

He sees the new role as "an incredible opportunity" and a chance to expand

social services beyond certain agencies and straight to Catholics in the pews.

"Charitable work is the responsibility of every baptized Catholic," he said. "It's not optional. We're commanded to do that."

"The Bible tells us we will always have the poor," Siler said. "The needs are endless."

David Bethuram, executive director of the Office for Family Ministries and executive director of Catholic Social Services of Central Indiana, said that he is looking forward to working with Siler.

"I think David brings a strong sense of mission and embraces a comprehensive vision of social ministry," Bethuram said. "He has an ability to motivate people."

Jeff Byrd, director of operations at St. Elizabeth's, said that in his 20-year career he has never had a better boss than Siler.

It will be hard to lose him, Byrd said, but added that St. Elizabeth's wishes him well—and will be working with him in the future.

Until a replacement for his position is

found, Siler said he will continue to assist the St. Elizabeth's staff.

Byrd said that because of Siler's leadership, focus on family, people skills and academic background, he is a good choice for his new role.

Siler graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in business and personnel administration and a minor in counseling psychology.

After a brief career in business, he earned his master's degree in social work from Indiana University with a concentration in family therapy.

From 1987-90, Siler served as program coordinator at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, and from 1990-99 he worked in various counseling and consulting roles.

Three years of that included time as a

school counselor at St. Matthew School in Indianapolis.

Siler, his wife, Kathy, and their children are active members of St. Matthew Parish.

He hopes that he will be able to help individual agencies implement plans to grow larger in time.

With a Catholic Charities strategic planning session scheduled for Oct. 1, Siler will start his job with his eyes on the future.

He hopes that all of the Catholic Charities' social service agencies can continue to have a common vision and be united in their efforts throughout the archdiocese.

"It's all tied back to the work of the Church," he said. †

New parish activity center fulfills late pastor's dream

By Brandon A. Evans

About six years ago, members of St. Michael Parish in Brookville, under the leadership of their pastor, came up with a master plan for the parish to carry it into the future.

That pastor, Msgr. Louis Schumacher, is now deceased, but his successor has seen to it that the plan was carried out.

The final phase of the plan included the construction of a new parish activity center, which would house a gymnasium, cafeteria and kitchen. That new center has been completed and a celebration has been planned for its dedication.

There will be a special Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the parish, located at 250 High St.

The Mass and dedication will be followed by a dinner and dance at 7 p.m.

Father Patrick Beidelman, the pastor, said that the parish is blessed to be able to construct the new center.

Franciscan Sister Dominica Doyle, principal of the school, said that the "really lovely center" will make life at the school better.

The children, she said, were very excited to eat in their new cafeteria.

Earl Stenger, chairman of the building committee, said that the parish is ecstatic about the new center.

"I think it will bring the parish together," he said, mentioning the varied events that the parish can now hold in the gymnasium.

Also, the project has already brought parishioners together, as many of them

supported it with money and time.

"The parish has made some unbelievable sacrifices to make this possible," Stenger said.

During a capital campaign last fall, more than half of the families in the parish contributed \$1.3 million for the project.

"There is overwhelming support from the parish for this building project," Father Beidelman said.

Stenger said that when Father Beidelman became the pastor "he just kind of grabbed the reins and gave it new energy and just a whole new impetus to getting it done."

He was grateful to be allowed to continue as chairman after Father Beidelman arrived and to help with the project.

Father Beidelman was glad to take on the work of his predecessor.

He said that the parish seemed truly tapped into the will of God, and he could tell that "the parish had planned well for its future [and] had spent a good deal of time discussing its present and future needs."

Stenger said that the point of the project was to ensure that future generations of parishioners are provided for.

The current state of the school allows it to be ready to expand to meet future needs.

The first phase of the project, completed under Msgr. Schumacher, was the renovation of the gymnasium in St. Michael School into four classrooms and the addition of a library, computer lab, special education area, elevator and main entrance to the school.

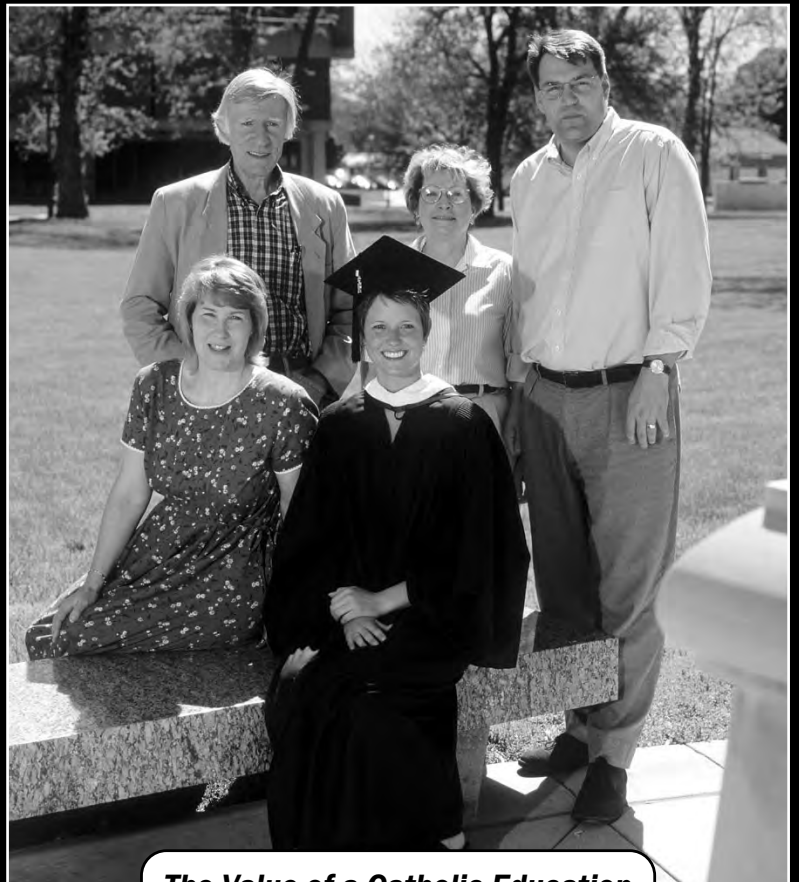
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The new parish activity center at St. Michael Parish in Brookville houses a gymnasium, cafeteria and kitchen. Though parishioners will make use of the facility, the students at St. Michael School will receive the greatest benefit. They have been without a gymnasium for three years.



They gave me support and encouragement.

Pictured are 2003 graduate Cindy Schroeder (seated) and some of her favorite professors. Seated left to right are Laurel Camp, Ph.D. and Cindy Schroeder. Standing in the back row left to right are William J. Cisco, M.A., Faye Plascak-Craig, Ph.D., and Jeff Kellogg, Ph.D.



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Workers put up the basketball goals in the new gymnasium at St. Michael Parish in Brookville. The gymnasium is part of a new parish activity center that also contains a cafeteria and kitchen, and is connected to St. Michael School.

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These changes left the children without a gymnasium for three years, during which time the Franklin County School allowed them to use their gymnasium, Sister Dominica said.

Msgr. Schumacher died in March 2001, only two months after the parish purchased the property for the new parish activity center sits on.

"When I arrived in July of 2001, the parish was very eager to move forward with that process," Father Beidelman said.

Two months later, the building commission and their pastor began to hammer out the details of what would be the final phase of their master plan.

A year later, the parish completed its capital campaign and construction started in November 2002.

Most noticeably, that new construction included the parish activity center, which provided the school children with a gymnasium and the parishioners with a place to have large functions—like their parish festival.

The school offices were moved from the center of the school building to a location closer to the entrance, while the old cafeteria became a large gathering room for students—and may one day be broken into several classrooms.

Father Beidelman thinks that Msgr. Schumacher would be pleased with the way things have turned out.

"It's a great tribute to him," the pastor said, and to his dedication to the parish. †

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Michigan priest is happy his war duty in Middle East is over

CARO, Mich. (CNS)—The rectory door was festooned with balloons and a big "welcome home" sign. The small candle with the yellow ribbon, which had burned in the corner of the sanctuary at every service for months, was extinguished.

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church in Caro applauded and greeted their priest with hugs and handshakes as he returned from a six-month military deployment in the Middle East.

Father Dennis Kucharczyk was home.

A Naval reserve officer for eight years, the priest was called to active duty starting with a brief deployment in California, then went to Kuwait shortly after the fall of Baghdad, Iraq.

Father Kucharczyk was assigned to a Marine helicopter wing supplying around-the-clock support to ground forces in Iraq. His job was to conduct services, do sacramental work and "walk the line."

"I call it flight-line ministry," he said. "Every afternoon, I would choose a group out on the flight line and just go visit. If they knew you were a chaplain or once they got to know you, they would open up."

The priest said he was told upon arriving that services were actually better attended before combat began.

"The reality of death looms pretty large when you know you're going to war," the priest told *The Catholic Weekly*, newspaper of the Saginaw Diocese. "Once the fighting was over, not many people came to services. That's why I had to go to them."

Father Kucharczyk said the nature of his ministry was counseling and that it intensified as the question everyone was asking changed from "When are we going home?" to "How is life at home?"

"Relationships were suffering," he explained. "You have to remember these are young men and women trying to deal with relationships 11,000 miles from home. There were the typical 'Dear John' and 'Dear Jane' letters."

Father Kucharczyk said his most difficult assignment came after four Marines died in a helicopter crash near Baghdad and a fifth soldier died when he dove into a river to try and save them. They were all members of the priest's squadron.

"It actually hurts more when you are operating in a support mode like they were," the priest said. "Soldiers know that when they go into combat they may die, but [not] when the fighting is supposed to have ended and you are delivering water."

Father Kucharczyk said he believes the experience changed him.

"When you leave all of this," he said, gesturing around to the amenities of the rectory living room, "and go into a desert where there is only row upon row of tents, life gets pretty simple.

"When eight people share a tent the size of this living room and your space is a cot on a wood floor the size of a sofa, you learn what is important, and that is that I'm here, God is here and we have a mission," he said.

The priest remains a reserve officer and could be called up again if there is another major conflict.

He expects his transition back to parish life to be easy. "I do ministry wherever I am," he said, "but I'm glad I'm here." †

CHANCELLORS

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According to data from the most current directory, out of 205 U.S. dioceses, 50 have women with the title of "chancellor." Of those 50 women, 28 are religious sisters. (Nuns and religious brothers are considered lay people.) Also, 26 dioceses have women who hold the title of "vice chancellor" or "assistant chancellor."

Lay men are the chancellors in 13 dioceses, and priests serve the 142 other dioceses. In 1993, there were 31 women chancellors in the 201 dioceses and archdioceses in the United States. Only six were not religious.

Among the larger dioceses with women chancellors are Dallas; Rockville Centre, N.Y.; Orange, Calif.; and San Bernardino, Calif. The Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., also has a woman chancellor.

[In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Suzanne Magnant has been chancellor since 1991. In addition to her administrative duties as chancellor, Magnant also oversees the archdiocese's Lay Ministry and Pastoral Services, and as assistance coordinator for the archdiocese she handles all child abuse complaints.]

Sheila Garcia, assistant director of the Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that until 1983 only clerics were allowed to hold "ecclesiastical office." That year, the Vatican decided to

allow women to hold those positions, notably in tribunal offices and administration, including chancellor, often second only to the bishop in the hierarchy of a diocese.

She explained that the change opened jobs to lay people in general and women in particular, especially in the middle ranks of diocesan staff, where there are typically more women than men.

"That was a turning point and the momentum has just kept up," she said.

She said an increasing interest among the laity in working for the Church has created a pool of potential lay candidates for ecclesiastical jobs. Many are people with backgrounds in law, accounting or other professions who come to work for the Church as a second career.

"We have a lot of lay people who are in that situation," she said. "To the bishops' credit, they recognize this, and we see bishops taking advantage of this."

Mary Edlund, chancellor of the Diocese of Dallas, was one of those people. In 1979, Edlund left her career as a microbiologist and came to work for the Church. After serving in several posts for the Dallas Diocese—including associate director of religious education, director of pastoral planning and vice chancellor—she was appointed chancellor in 1998.

At that time, Bishop Charles V. Grahmann was revising the structures of various diocesan boards and was seeking a noncleric to be the new chancellor.

After a clergy sex abuse scandal in the

diocese, Edlund said, "there was a need to restore the credibility of the Church."

Edlund's extensive education and experience are typical of other women leaders in the Church. She holds two degrees, including a master's in religious education, is fluent in Spanish and will receive her licentiate in canon law from The Catholic University of America in Washington next summer.

As recently as the 1990s, it was uncommon for women to earn canonical degrees.

Sister Esther Dunegan, chancellor of the Beaumont Diocese, said when women came to hold diocesan executive posts nuns were the first chosen because they had religious training.

"Over the past 20 years, women religious have been made available to get canonical degrees because that's what qualifies them to be chancellors," said the nun, a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament.

"But now we are seeing more and more lay women who are beginning to get canonical degrees," including licentiates or doctorates in canon law, she said.

While some bishops have hired lay people in an effort to diversify their staffs, others have done so out of necessity, because they cannot afford to take priests out of their parishes, according to Edlund.

Christine Taylor, chancellor of the Seattle Archdiocese, said the women chancellors are highly professional and bring fresh perspectives to the job.

"If you expect women to bring a

touchy-feely side to this type of position, you'll be disappointed, because I don't think they bring that at all," she said. "They bring a different way of looking at the situation and they find more creative ways to deal with it."

Their style of management "is not more pastoral, conservative or more linear, it's just different," she said. "You add this kind of 'let's try this instead' attitude."

Different operational styles make for better managed dioceses, Edlund said.

"We need the full diversity of perspectives," she explained. "We need to have the clerical, celibate perspective at the table, but we also need to have the married lay perspective. ... That's how God's Spirit works. It's in that collaborative effort."

More diverse decision-making boards "look more like the Church looks now," she said.

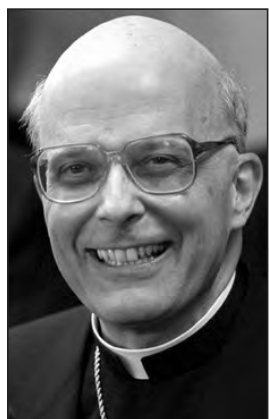
Linda Bearie, chancellor of the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., said the relational management style is nothing new to the Church, but it is forgotten.

"I think that the Church is more relational than hierarchical. That's how I operate as chancellor—it's not heavy-handed, it's not hierarchical, it's not 'you're going to do this because I say,'" Bearie said.

Women tend to be more process-oriented and collaborative in their styles, she said. "One is not better than the other. It is simply a different way of approaching it." †

Cardinal George decries lack of civility in society, Church

CHICAGO (CNS)—The increasing lack of civility in today's society is also present in the Church, said Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George.



Cardinal Francis E. George

In his column in the Sept. 14-28 edition of the *Catholic New World*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper, the cardinal noted the demise of civility over the past decade.

"Public irritability, undisguised rage, raw ambition, lack of basic honesty and plain rudeness are no longer masked by at least a pretense of politeness when a controversial subject is introduced," he wrote. "A difference of opinion is contorted into an attack upon a person. A decline in common standards of decent speech and behavior is evidence of a lack of common standards and common goals for our society."

The cardinal noted that civility also has a religious dimension. He noted that some could describe Jesus as not being civil and

would say that "he denounced his enemies as hypocrites and accused his friends of lack of faith."

But the cardinal pointed out that Jesus "rejected violence and demanded love of enemies and patience in suffering."

He said other religious examples of civility include St. Francis, who wrote: "Realize, dear brothers and sisters, that courtesy is one of the properties of God. It is the sister of charity, by which hatred is vanquished and love is cherished."

Cardinal George noted that civility is a sign of humility and a "recognition that one is not the center of the universe." A civil person, he added, "is grateful because he or she recognizes that life itself is a gift for which one can only say 'thank you.'"

The cardinal, pointing out that "if civility is in trouble in society at large, it's also in trouble in the Church," said public conversation among members of the Church "requires the self-discipline made possible by charity."

"To be Catholic means sharing common beliefs and moral convictions," he said, adding that "when our life in the Church is marked by polarization and impatience, communion of faith and worship is weakened."

He said Catholicism is not about creating an alternative Church and "arrogantly

breaking faith with the Church and her teachings." Instead, he said it means "finding ways to take responsibility" for what the Church teaches and working together with other Catholics to help those who do not understand or believe.

Civility, he added, should also find its

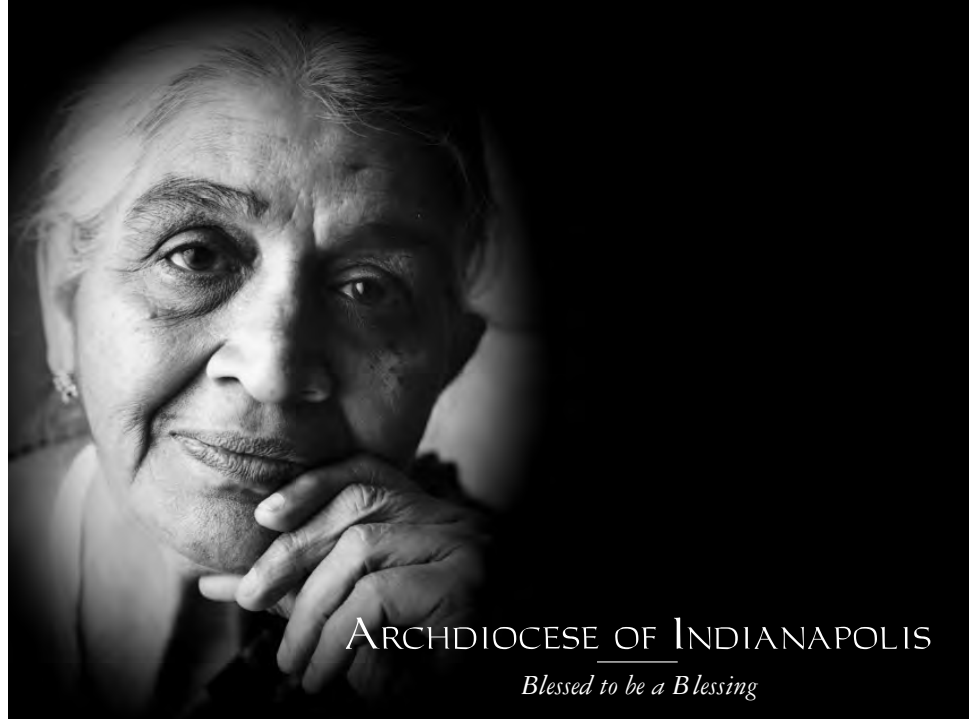
place in personal prayer.

He said formal language is not required, but instead an attitude that understands "God remains God; and we are not God."

"Our prayers should reflect that infinite difference," he said. †

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Building trust and faith between a husband and wife requires constant effort every day, Archbishop Buechlein said. "I suspect that there may have been days when keeping your marriage promises may have seemed like the only measure of your love. Marriage, like all of life, has growing pains. But I bet those challenging times pale compared to your proven love."

Reminding the jubilee couples that "marriage is a sacrament of the love of God," the archbishop noted that "God's love takes flesh and reaches out to others through your married love. Your vocation in life is to share your love with family and neighbors. And remember Christ expanded our notion of family and neighbor to include anyone in need."

More than 8,500 years of married life were represented by the jubilee couples attending the Mass this year, said David Bethuram, executive director of the archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, which has coordinated the annual event for nearly 20 years.

Of the 160 couples present for the liturgy, 66 couples were married in 1953 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries by renewing their marriage vows with longer married couples in a ceremony led by the archbishop.

Bethuram said 18 couples present at the Mass have been married for 60 or more years. Of those, St. Christopher parishioners Merle and Gladys Cassidy of Indianapolis and St. Paul the Apostle parishioners Robert and Helen White of Greencastle celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversaries this year. Our Lady of the Greenwood parishioners Theodore and Helen Munn of Greenwood marked their 70th anniversary in 2003.

"These couples view their marriage as sacred," Bethuram said. "They recognize that marriage is as demanding and challenging as it is rewarding and pleasurable. Their commitment to one another throughout the years has deepened and developed in a love that moves beyond themselves, and gives society a wonderful model of the love and care that God has for all of us."

St. Andrew parishioners Walter and Pauline Witte of Richmond celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this year. They were married on Sept. 1, 1937, at St. Andrew Church and have six children, 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Pauline Ryan Witte was widowed when her oldest son and daughter were little children. She later married a close friend, and they have been together for 66 years.

Her son, Msgr. John Ryan, is the pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis. He proclaimed the Gospel reading and concelebrated the Golden Jubilee Mass. Her daughter, Holy Family parishioner Betty Pope of Richmond, helped with the Mass as a eucharistic minister.

"We've always had a happy life," Pauline Witte said, "and we thank God for all the blessings he has given to us."

They pray the rosary together every night,

she said, and always pray for vocations.

"For years, I prayed that God would choose one of our children to be a religious," she said. "He chose my son to be a priest. It meant so much to me today to have him concelebrate the Mass."

Walter and Pauline Witte believe in the old adage that the couple that prays together stays together.

To have a happy marriage, she said, couples need to "say the rosary together every day, pray together, love each other and work things out together. Sit down and talk things over."

For Betty Pope, the day was a celebration of the love that her mother and stepfather shared with each other and with their children through the years.

"I was 3 and my brother was 4 when our father died," she said. "Later, my mother married her friend, and I couldn't have had a better stepfather. We're all family."

The Golden Jubilee Mass was a sentimental day for St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners Ray and Valerie Dillon of Indianapolis. Early in their marriage, they worked in family ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Trenton in New Jersey, where they started a diocesan tradition of honoring longtime married couples with a jubilee Mass.

They later moved to Indianapolis and raised their two daughters here. Valerie Dillon was working as a reporter for *The Criterion* in the early 1980s when the late Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara asked her to start a Family Life Office in the archdiocese. In 1984, she organized the first Golden Jubilee Mass in the archdiocese.

Nearly 20 years later, Valerie and Ray Dillon were among the honored guests as 50-year jubilarians, and she read the first reading during the Mass. Their golden wedding anniversary is Sept. 26.

"I'm so touched and so thrilled, she said, "and the strange thing is that when I started this celebration [19 years ago] I really didn't even think about the possibility that someday Ray and I would be at this point," †

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Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ parishioners James and Leona Schuler of Indianapolis listen as Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein offers a blessing to longtime married couples during the 19th annual archdiocesan Golden Jubilee Mass on Sept. 21 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. They were married on Jan. 24, 1942, at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove and have six children, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They were among 160 longtime married couples from central and southern Indiana who renewed their marriage vows during the Mass.



Holding hands for the Lord's Prayer are three of the longest married couples in the archdiocese. St. Paul the Apostle parishioners Helen and Robert White Sr. of Greencastle, front row at right, have been married for 72 years. St. Christopher parishioners Gladys and Merle Cassidy of Indianapolis, second row at right, also have been married for 72 years. Our Lady of the Greenwood parishioners Helen and Theodore Munn of Greenwood, last row at right, were married 70 years ago.

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Catholics must support Church teachings in daily life

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

A friend in the Unitarian Church recently invited me to speak to his study group about the Catholic position on population statistics.

The meeting soon turned into a question-and-answer session about Catholic teachings and practices. Toward the end, one person said it seems as though Catholics try to impose moral judgments about abortion on the whole society, and asked why this is so.

I responded that since Catholics are in a minority, it is impossible to impose our view about anything on the whole nation. It is, however, entirely proper that we present our positions and argue for them as strenuously as possible.

I knew what the next response would be—that morality is private and should be kept out of public life.

This view gained widespread support during the 18th- and 19th-century Enlightenment period in Europe. Religion and morality were considered matters of personal feeling and private conscience, separated from politics, economics and culture.

Vatican Council II opposed this way of thinking, calling the dichotomy between faith and the realms of politics, economics and culture “one of the gravest errors of our time.” The council declared that Christians who shirk their responsibilities as citizens “neglect God and endanger their eternal salvation” (“The Church in the Modern World,” #43).

Echoing St. Paul and St. Augustine, the council exhorted Christians as citizens of both an earthly and a heavenly world “to perform their duties faithfully in the spirit of the Gospel.”

The difficulty arises when the Church’s values, principles and teachings are applied to specific, often complex situations. It isn’t always clear what

Christianity requires, for example, in developing a fair tax policy or protecting the environment while promoting industrial development.

Even when virtually all believers hold a clear moral position (such as opposition to abortion or support for racial equality), Vatican Council II says that Christians in a pluralistic society “should recognize the legitimacy of differing points of view about the organization of worldly affairs and show respect for their fellow citizens” (“The Church in the Modern World,” #75).

Given all these factors, the Christian citizen’s role may be summarized under three headings.

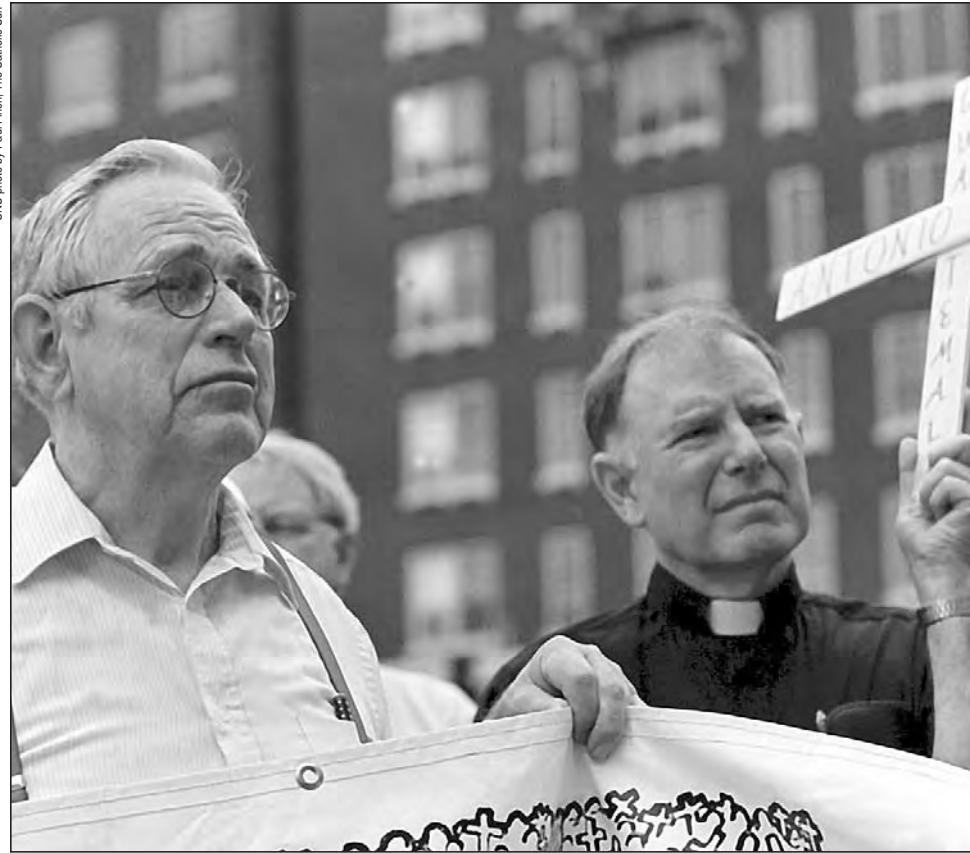
1. Analysis—To make informed, faith-based decisions, Christians must analyze the issues before them in light of Christ’s teachings. Fortunately, numerous organizations sponsored by the bishops, religious communities, Catholic universities and other religious groups provide information and perspective on current issues and public policy.

Fulfilling this part of a Christian citizen’s role can have two unintended consequences.

Sometimes a person’s viewpoint is shaped more by culture than the Gospel, and can be challenged by Christian teaching. Instead of a punishment mentality regarding drug offenders, for example, a person may come to see that medical treatment is a more Christian solution than imprisonment.

On the other hand, while analyzing social conditions, a person’s understanding of the faith may be enriched. Determining environmental policy may awaken a Christian to a greater awareness of our moral responsibility for the environment.

2. Advocacy—An informed position on public issues isn’t valuable only for personal decisions. It should be used to



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advocate a Christian perspective. Advocacy represents a person’s willingness to work toward having a Christian moral position reflected in society’s laws and practice.

Advocacy is a form both of education and communication. Its educational value is best ensured when it takes into account opposing viewpoints (such as different opinions regarding illegal immigrants), critiques them fairly (that is, without ridicule or misrepresentation) and argues persuasively for an alternative.

Exaggerating or sensationalizing an issue may gain momentary attention, but won’t enlighten fellow citizens with the Gospel’s truth.

One challenge for religious advocates in a secular, pluralistic society is to find a language that works. Familiar religious concepts and spiritual values cannot be assumed. This is one reason why Christian advocates have concentrated on the concepts of human rights, the common good, personal dignity and stewardship of resources—concepts that have both a religious and a secular currency.

3. Action—The third role for Christian citizens is to act. This may take the individual form of voting, writing letters,

investing and volunteering, or it may take group forms such as campaigning, lobbying, protesting and organizing.

In either case, not only should action be grounded in analysis and coupled with advocacy, it should conform to Christian principles of right conduct such as respect for just laws and nonviolent confrontation.

Perhaps the greatest challenge to Christian social action is perseverance. It is easy to become enthusiastic about an issue for a while, but it is difficult to stay with it year after year, setback after setback. Advocates for affordable health care, equal treatment of all citizens, alleviation of poverty, campaign financing and other such issues know they face a long-term struggle.

Regardless of the success rate, a person who adequately analyzes the issues, advocates for positions and policies that promote Christian values, and takes action to implement them fulfills the difficult, dual role of a good Christian citizen.

(Father Robert L. Kinast is director of the Center for Theological Reflection in Largo, Fla.) †

Christians face difficult choices

By David Gibson

It’s never easy to make hard choices, but the “Christian citizen” often has to make difficult decisions about issues that have important moral ramifications.

The Vatican speaks of a need for believers to establish a “coherence between faith and life.”

This coherence, the Vatican has said, needs to be established on issues ranging from abortion and euthanasia to peace and care for the poor.

Franciscan Father Kenneth Himes, a theologian at Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C., said that to be a citizen and a believer means reading “the signs of the times ... from the perspective of faith” and acting “responsibly.”

It means, he said, seeking “to be sources of life in the face of death, good news for the poor ... and forces for building a world closer to God’s reign.”

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!) †

Discussion Point

Parishes work to improve community

This Week’s Question

Describe an occasion when your parish made its voice known on a public issue.

“Several years ago, my church was in the forefront of working to get a centrally located airport, which was near several African-American neighborhoods, moved to the outskirts of Austin. We had public forums at the church and invited numerous city officials to participate.” (Johnnie Dorsey, Austin, Texas)

“We [Shrine of the Little Flower Parish] took part in a petition-signing and an appearance before the liquor control board of Baltimore protesting unruly behavior at a bar-and-grill in the neighborhood. Eventually we met with the establishment’s owner and established some ground rules to improve the situation.”

(Father Michael Orchik, Baltimore, Md.)

“We [St. Mary of Nazareth Parish] have a strong pro-life voice. We host an annual Cradle of Life drive when people can contribute cash or baby clothes in support of the pro-life movement, and we have a billboard on our property promoting the same message.” (Msgr. Gerald Ryan, Des Moines, Iowa)

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Important events: Second Vatican Council

Forty-eighth in a series

The first session of the Second Vatican Council was opened on Oct. 11, 1962.



That's the 48th on my list of the 50 most important events in Catholic history.

When Pope John XXIII was elected pope in 1958, the Church was not quite as closed and opposed to modernism as it was during the days of Pope Pius X, but it wasn't far from it. There was still a deep antagonism between the Catholic Church and Protestantism, and the Church was known for its conservatism.

Pope John wanted to make the Church relevant to the modern world. He said in his opening address, "Authentic doctrine has to be studied and expounded in the light of the research methods and the language of modern thought." He invited observers from Protestant and Orthodox Churches to attend the council because he wanted ecumenism and Church unity to be important themes.

A total of 2,860 bishops participated in Vatican II. The council was held in four sessions, each session during the autumn months of 1962 to 1965.

Pope John saw only the first session. He died on June 3, 1963, and was succeeded by Cardinal Giovanni Montini, who took the name Pope Paul VI. He was determined not only to continue the council, but to make it even more open. He invited more laity to serve as advisers and some women were even invited as "listeners."

The relationship between the pope and bishops was heavily debated. The First Vatican Council had defined the pope's authority, but war forced it to adjourn before it could consider the bishops' responsibilities. Vatican II defined collegiality as the manner in which the bishops, together with the pope, exercise authority.

The council formulated and promulgated 16 documents. The key documents were four constitutions, which set the ideological basis for the others. The "Dogmatic Constitutions on the Church" explained the rights and responsibilities of "the People of God" to each other. The "Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation" called

for study and interpretation of the Bible using modern methods.

The "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" completely reformed the liturgy, giving special emphasis to saying Mass in the vernacular instead of in Latin and stressing the need for active participation by the entire congregation. The "Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World," the longest document, called for the Church to engage in dialogue with the modern world and gave the Church's positions on a number of issues.

Other documents included nine decrees and three declarations. The most important decrees were those on ecumenism, the apostolate of the laity, and the renewal of religious life. The "Declaration on Religious Freedom," considered the American bishops' document, said that freedom of religion was a basic human right. The "Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions" tried to eliminate the anti-Semitism that existed in the Church. It also called for an end to quarrels between Christians and Muslims.

Vatican II brought the Catholic Church into the modern world. †

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It may be time for a nip or a tuck

You hear a lot about "aging gracefully" nowadays. This phrase is usually attached



to an advertisement for plastic surgery, a new diet regimen or some kind of exercise equipment. Thus, fitness and beauty appear to be the current paradigms for aging "well."

Besides that, the media is full of more than we ever wanted to know about various kinds of health we're supposed to maintain as we age, including cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and others too gross to mention. To that end, we're inundated with ads for medications, which rarely mention the ailments they're intended to control.

The implication is that our doctors need us to tell them what to prescribe for whatever ails us. How we're supposed to do that when we don't even know what the drugs are for is never mentioned, but then, if we're fit and attractive, we certainly don't need 10 or 12 years of medical education to be expert at staying alive.

Aging gracefully used to mean

something else. It meant being wise, inspiring to the young, patient with our physical and mental infirmities and tolerant of the annoying changes that come inevitably with the years.

Old people, old being defined in those days at a much younger chronological age than now, were not expected to be fit and certainly not beautiful. Wrinkles, gray hair, drooping body parts, forgetfulness, all these signs of aging were often considered rather cute by younger folks.

Kids were enjoined to respect their elders no matter how ridiculous they looked or acted. It was common wisdom that Boy Scouts helped old people across the street and younger folks gave up their seats to them on the bus. So, what changed? People still age, but why the new emphasis on fitness and beauty?

It seems to me, in our nonreligious culture, we've forgotten that aging is not only inevitable, but also a step closer to being forever joyful with God. We fear death because most of us, at least secretly, think it may be the End, period. In line with our modern attitude of tolerance for almost anything except personal discomfort, we most value staying alive.

It's human to fear death, the great

unknown. We would be unusual, not to say nuts, if we didn't. But, if we really believe in Christ's promises, in the end we should be able to relax and be as hopeful as he is faithful to us.

Grumpy Old Men is not only the title of a popular movie. It also defines the behavior of many aging people who are merely expressing their fear and disappointment about leaving their youth, and all its advantages, behind. It's tempting to feel unhappy or even cheated by the advancing years, especially if our life events have been hard to endure, or if we've made bad choices along the way.

We think it's easier to be optimistic if life has gone well. Still, laying blame and rationalizing aside, we must try to judge ourselves clearly on our journey. Which includes how ridiculous we probably look when we're tummy-tucked and siliconed at age 65.

We must see aging as a continuing gift and challenge. Instead of plastic surgery, perhaps we should take a nip here and a tuck there on our attitudes and behavior.

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Thorns in life not always what they seem

My friend, Janie, and I were enjoying a lunch and shopping day together a few years ago when we noticed a strange fluttery sound in the car. I pulled into a gas station. An attendant listened carefully, saying something bad was brewing but he knew not what. Because his station had no mechanic, he suggested that I drive to another place down the road.



When that mechanic listened, he also couldn't determine the problem. He sent us to the nearest Ford dealer for diagnosis. Fearful we wouldn't make it there, Janie and I prayed.

At the dealership, a mechanic checked the noise. After checking under the hood, she listened from inside the car while it ran. Then she asked me to turn off the engine. The fluttering was louder. Leaning into the rider's side, she asked Janie to open her purse. To our surprise,

a battery-run toothbrush in a plastic bag had accidentally turned on, creating the noise.

The lesson learned was this: Trouble is not always what it seems to be.

Janie and I have laughed about this many times. I'll bet the mechanic and her co-workers have, too. Our prayers were answered, and it took another woman to solve the problem with intuition and honesty. (Unfortunately, sometimes women who encounter automotive distress are erroneously convinced major repairs are needed when nothing serious is wrong. I myself once nearly fell into that trap long ago.)

Why did Janie have a toothbrush in her purse? Her daughter, Susie, then was a multiple sclerosis patient at a secular nursing home, where possessions disappeared regularly, so Janie daily transported the toothbrush. Happily, both mother and daughter now reside at St. Augustine Home in Indianapolis, which is operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Sadly, my own family's loved ones have experienced multiple thefts in secular nursing homes.

However, such troubles, whether mechanical problems or stolen property, are merely dull thorns on each person's tree of life.

Voltaire, author of *Candide*, wrote, "Life is thickly grown of thorns, and I know no other remedy than to pass quickly through them. The longer we dwell on misfortune, the greater is their power to harm us."

However, it's in our power to discern which are the sharp thorns and which are the dull. We can choose to pass through those that cut into the very essence of our spirit with grace and prayer and courage, or we can keep the spirit-wounds open and raw.

Working our way through small thorns with common sense and humor bolsters our emotional and physical strength to face the serious ones. Remember, our Lord wore real thorns nobly and sacrificially—and he did this for us.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

What we can learn from the pope's devotion to Mary

In just about three weeks, Pope John Paul II will celebrate the 25th anniversary



of his election. The entire Church will celebrate with him this great blessing of life, which God has given to him and us. On this occasion, we might wonder, what is it that has allowed the Holy Father to live so long after his election, to

provide such outstanding leadership to millions of people around the world, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to be such a longstanding, inspiring witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

In the final analysis, it is surely the grace of our Lord that has sustained Pope John Paul II in his ministry. But how has that grace been applied to him? How has it been mediated to him, invoked for him? In considering these questions, one cannot ignore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Father has had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout his life and has indeed given over his petrine ministry to her care.

One need only look to his coat of arms to see evidence of this. It is dominated by a deep blue field and a large, golden M, all symbols of Mary. The motto of his papacy is *Totus Tuus* (Totally Yours), a sign of his dedication of all of his efforts to Jesus through Mary.

Given all of this, it is quite fitting that the Holy Father was elected in the month of October, one which (along with May) Catholics have traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

I suspect that as we approach the anniversary of his election on Oct. 16, the Holy Father will give special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary in his various addresses and homilies. This may be especially the case since we are coming to the close of the "Year of the Rosary," which he declared at this time last year as his 25th year as pope was just beginning.

All of this should lead us to consider what role Mary can play in the life of our Catholic homes. If she has played such an important part in supporting the ministry of Pope John Paul II, she just might be able to be a strong intercessor for our families.

Perhaps this October might be a time when you and your family might begin to nurture a devotion to the Blessed Virgin if you have not already done so. Parents could pray a daily rosary on their own, asking Mary to intercede for the needs of their spouse and children. Families could take the time to pray a family rosary, or at least a decade if young children do not have the attention span for this at first.

Another way to build a love for our Blessed Mother within families would be to make a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Monte Cassino, located near Saint Meinrad Archabbey, on a Sunday afternoon in October. Hundreds of people gather there at those times to hear a Benedictine monk of the monastery give a presentation on Mary, and then to pray the rosary together.

Ultimately, a family devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary will only lead us closer to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of the entirety of the life and love of any family. She is the one person who was and always will be the closest to him. Let us, with the Holy Father, turn to her that she might reveal him to us.

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

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003

- Numbers 11:25-29
- James 5:1-6
- Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The Book of Numbers is the source of the first reading for this weekend.



Numbers is the fourth book in the sequence of the Bible as the Bible now appears. It is therefore the fourth book in the series of five books called the "Pentateuch," borrowing its name from the Greek word for

"five."

These five books are called in Hebrew the "Torah." Together, they form the basic law for Judaism, and together they are regarded as the work of Moses. Scholars say that the more apt description would be that they contain what came traditionally to be seen as the revelation of God to Moses. Moses should not be regarded as the author in the sense that Lew Wallace was the author of *Ben-Hur*.

The Pentateuch, including Numbers, concentrates upon the Hebrew people's long and difficult trek across the Sinai Peninsula in search of the Promised Land. Moses led the people in this demanding journey.

As is so well evidenced elsewhere in these five books, at times people rebelled against Moses. They even deserted the One True God on occasion. Still, God forgave them and, through Moses, God guided them.

In the incident told in this reading, God inspired not only Moses, but also 70 elders, who were wise and experienced men among the people. Impelled by this inspiration, the elders prophesied as, of course, did Moses.

Then, two other men came onto the scene. They had not been among the 70 men, yet God's spirit also inspired them. They also began to prophesy.

This dismayed some of the people. How could anyone outside Moses and the 70 elders presume to speak with God's authority? The people protested to Moses, but he refused to silence these two men. He accepted them, and he expressed the wish that all the people would be so inspired and so willing and eager to proclaim the greatness of God.

For its second reading this weekend, the Church chooses a selection from the Epistle of James.

James is a relatively common name in the New Testament. Several important men involved in the foundation of Christianity had this name. One was the

presumed foster brother of Jesus, a son from an earlier marriage of Joseph, or another close relative. (Jesus had no blood siblings.)

As is usual in the New Testament, the identity of the author is not given in any detail because it was regarded as unimportant as to who was the author of these works. What was important was to know the message of Jesus.

This reading is very frank, and it is very relevant for many people living in the so-called First World. It reminds us of the impermanence and, in the end, the uselessness of material things.

It further reminds us that the lure of material things can become nothing less deadly than a rapidly progressing cancer if we succumb to it.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading.

John, an Apostle, approaches Jesus with the news that strangers are expelling demons, invoking the name of Jesus as their authority. Are they authentic? Must they not be halted?

Jesus then says that anyone who truly believes in what Jesus is preaching, and therefore believes in Jesus, must be accepted.

The Lord then continues. His disciples must give water to the thirsty because they belong to Christ. The key is belonging to Christ. Otherwise, it is a matter of leading the innocent astray, and dreadful punishments await those who lead the innocent astray.

Reflection

Always in reading the Gospels, it is important to realize that these four great fundamental documents of Christianity came not from the time of Jesus, but from the Christian community as it existed several decades after Jesus.

When the Gospels were written, this Christian community, now called the Church, had formed. It hardly was as organized as it later became. Obviously, it hardly was as large a community as it was to become. But, it had formed.

In other words, there was an accumulation of people. As is inevitable in human gatherings, some people tried to assert themselves over others.

The Gospel this weekend calls us away from self-interest and struggle, as it called the generation to which it was written long ago from such self-interest.

God empowers people to believe, to understand and to love. Without God, we can do little. Faith and spiritual vitality require our total commitment, but they rest upon strength generously given by God. Grace is God's gift, not our gift either to seize or to dispense.

Therefore, the message here is that we generously could follow the Lord

Daily Readings

Monday, September 29
Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
archangels

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
or Revelation 12:7-12a
Psalm 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

Tuesday, September 30
Jerome, priest and doctor of
the Church

Zachariah 8:20-23
Psalm 87:1-7
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 1
Therese of the Child Jesus,
virgin and doctor

Nehemiah 2:1-8
Psalm 137:1-6
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 2
The Guardian Angels
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Psalms 19:8-11
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday, October 3
Baruch 1:15-22
Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 4
Francis of Assisi, religious
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29

Psalms 69:33-37
Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 5
Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 128:1-6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16
or Mark 10:2-12

and imitate the Lord. But the fact that we have known Jesus does not elevate us to some superior human state. Indeed, as the second reading insisted, sta-

tus in human terms in the last analysis means nothing.

We depend on God. We should act accordingly. †

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Creation stories in Genesis contradict 'first parents' concept

Q You have explained in the past that Catholic teaching does not rule out



the possibility of other "first parents" than Adam and Eve.

I can accept that. In fact, I don't know how you could understand the story of creation in Genesis any other way.

Cain, supposedly Adam's and Eve's

first child, fears someone will kill him after he kills Abel (Gn 4:14), and then goes to the "land of Nod," where he marries a wife and establishes a city (Gn 4:16-17).

God must therefore have made other people than Adam and Eve to start things off.

My problem is Bible passages such as St. Paul's remark, "Through one man [Adam] sin entered the world" (Rom 5:12). How do we explain such a statement if there were other original human ancestors? (New York)

A First of all, the various literary traditions that went into the formation of the Genesis creation stories were not addressing anthropological questions such as polygenism—that is, whether there were more than one "first parents."

Whether there were 20 or 200 such ancestors, or where they came from, has little to do with the theological intent of the biblical story of God's creation, which was put together in the form we have it only a few hundred years before Christ.

That story is meant to convey some essential truths of our faith—that the world, including our human family, owes its existence to creation by the one true God; that as it came into existence, the Earth was good and intended for human happiness; that whatever moral evils exist on Earth result from people's own stubbornness and sinfulness; and that, even in the beginning, God had a plan eventually to save us from that sinfulness.

To answer your question, preachers and writers commonly use the literary device of referring to well-known characters to make a point, with no intention of declaring judgment on the actual existence of those characters.

When a priest in a homily, for example, refers to the Prodigal Son as in some ways a figure of Christ, he is not professing a belief that this person really existed. He fits the point to be made in the homily, and that's all the reference means.

When Jesus, for example, said that as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days, so he would be in the tomb for three days, he wasn't declaring a belief that poor Jonah actually lived three days in a whale's stomach. He knew the Jonah story was well known to his audience, so he used it to illustrate his coming Resurrection.

Thus Jesus did it, and so did Paul. If reference to a familiar Scripture story could help, they didn't hesitate to use it to teach others.

In his 1950 encyclical *Humani Generis*, Pope Pius XII referred to some doctrinal and scriptural problems with polygenism, some of which have been resolved, incidentally, in the 53 years since he wrote the papal document.

At the time, he said Catholics should not hold that opinion (polygenism) as a fact since "it is not apparent" how this opinion is compatible with certain Catholic teachings.

It is commonly acknowledged, therefore, that *Humani Generis* labels the belief in more than one "Adam and Eve" a conjectural opinion. It does not call that opinion erroneous or heretical. This concurs with current Catholic teaching concerning biblical interpretation.

(A free brochure describing basic Catholic prayers, beliefs and moral precepts is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

My Journey to God

Silent Wings

Death came on silent wings
And took my friend from me.
Today was filled with bitter tears,
But God meant it to be.

My heart may break because of this,
But hearts are known to mend.
Today was filled with bitter tears,
But God is still my friend.

By Frances Wager

(Frances Wager of Cumberland is a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese. This sculpture was created by St. Matthew parishioner Katie Erlenbaugh of Indianapolis, a sophomore art education major at Indiana University's Herron School of Art in Indianapolis, as a gift for her father.)



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The Active List

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September 26

Marian Inc., 1011 E. St. Clair St., **Indianapolis**. Third annual Fiesta Friday, dinner and dancing, 6:30-11 p.m. Information: 317-388-8584.

St. Philip Neri School, 545 N. Eastern Ave., **Indianapolis**. Kids Walk, 2-K walk. Information: 317-631-8746.

Marian College, St. Francis Hall Chapel, 3200 Cold Spring Road, **Indianapolis**. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, prayer meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-927-6900.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 4720 E. 13th St., **Indianapolis**. Fall card party, 11 a.m., \$7 per person, 11:45 a.m., lunch available. Information: 317-357-8352.

William S. Rea Park Golf Course, **Terre Haute**. Sisters of Providence, Hole-y-One Golf Scramble, registration, 11 a.m., tee-off, 1 p.m., \$260 foursome. Registration: 812-535-3131, ext. 118.

September 26-28

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mount St. Francis**. Women's Retreat, "Journeying with Jesus Christ." Information: 812-923-8817.

September 27

St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., **Indianapolis**. Annual International Festival, noon-8 p.m., music, games, international foods. Information: 317-637-3983.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., **Indianapolis**. Global Gifts Helping Hands

Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mass, 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-253-1461.

Knights of St. John, 455 S. 5th St., **Richmond**. Richmond Catholic Schools Alumni Association, Oktoberfest, American-German food, music, Polka Dot band, noon-10 p.m. Information: 765-962-9261.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Silent prayer day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., bring sack lunch, free-will offering. Registration: 317-543-0154.

St. Louis Parish, 13 St. Louis Pl., **Batesville**. Catholics United for the Faith picnic, adoration, 10 a.m., picnic, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Mass, 3 p.m. Registration: 812-342-9550 or cuf-abba@earthlink.net.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mount St. Francis**. Conventual Franciscans, Come-and-See Day for single men ages 16-40, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 800-424-9955 or e-mail franvoc@aol.com.

Our Lady of the Apostles Family Center, 2884 N. 700 West, **Greenfield**. Dutch oven cooking class, two sessions, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-7 p.m., \$20 per person, limited to 25 cooks per session. Registration: 317-591-0148.

St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Craig Willy Hall, 11441 Hague Rd., **Fishers, Ind.** (Diocese of Lafayette). Oktoberfest, family fun, food, games, rides, music, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Information: 317-842-6778.

Northwest High School, football field, **Indianapolis**. Cardinal Ritter High School, Homecoming celebration, alumni cheerleaders invited to cheer for Raiders in game with North Judson High School, 4 p.m. Information and cheerleading registration: www.cardinalritter.org.

September 28

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 126 W. Georgia St., **Indianapolis**. St. John Academy Alumni reunion liturgy, Class of 1953 will be honored, 11 a.m. Reservations: 317-635-2021.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., **Indianapolis**. Pre Cana Conference for engaged couples, 2-6 p.m., \$30 couple. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane, **Bradford**. Picnic and festival, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., chicken and dumpling dinner available 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information: 812-364-6646.

4-H Fairgrounds, Expo Hall, **Connersville**. St. Gabriel Parish Fall Festival, fried chicken dinner, games, booths, country store. Information: 765-825-8578.

St. Lawrence Auxiliary and Knights of St. John, 312 S. Wilder St., **Greensburg**. Fall Festival, turkey or beef dinners, carryout available, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (EST).

Michaela Farm, **Oldenburg**. "Gardening in Winter," Barb Fath, presenter, 1-5 p.m., \$20 per person. Information: 812-933-0260.

St. Patrick Church, 1807 Poplar St., **Terre Haute**. Tridentine Mass, 3 p.m. Information: 812-232-8518.

Holy Family Parish, 950 E. Church Ave., **Jasper, Ind.** (Diocese of Evansville). Annual parish picnic, chicken and beef dinners, carryout available, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-634-9232.

Mary's King's Village Schoenstatt, **Rexville** (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), "Schoenstatt Spirituality,"

2:30 p.m., Mass, 3:30 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail eburwink@seidata.com or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.seidata.com/~eburwink.

September 29

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Start of nine-day novena, introduction and talk on the rosary, Msgr. Mark Svarczkopf, presenter, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave., **Indianapolis**. Right to Life of Indianapolis, Celebrate Life dinner, Dana, singer and keynote speaker, \$50 per person, 6 p.m. Reservations: 317-582-1526.

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Divorce and Beyond program, six-week program, 7-9 p.m., \$30 per person. Registration: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Mary's King's Village Schoenstatt, **Rexville** (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), "Family Faith Talks," 7 p.m., Mass, 8 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail eburwink@seidata.com or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at www.seidata.com/~eburwink.

September 30

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Second night of nine-day novena, R.C.I.A. night, "Mary in the Scriptures" and apologetics, Father Jonathan Meyer, presenter, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

St. Francis Hospital-Indianapolis, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Freedom from Smoking," third of seven weekly classes developed by American Lung Association, 6-8 p.m., \$50 fee, \$25 due at first class then \$5 each week. Information or reservations: 317-782-7999.

October 1

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Third night of nine-day novena, praise and worship with adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament and Benediction, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

October 2

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Fourth night of nine-day novena, dedication of perpetual adoration chapel, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

October 3

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Fifth night of nine-day novena, hymns, talk, prayers, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

October 3-5

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mount St. Francis**. Friends of Francis Retreat, "Journeying with Jesus Christ." Information: 812-923-8817 e-mail mtstfran@cris.com.

October 4

St. Joseph Parish, 1401 S. Mickley Ave., **Indianapolis**. Oktoberfest, German dancers, children's games, food, 4:30-9 p.m. Information: 317-244-7240.

October 4-5

St. Charles Parish, 2222 E. Third St., **Bloomington**. Third and High streets, Festival of the Arts, entertainment, food, games, arts, crafts, Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 812-856-9911.

Holy Cross Parish, 12239 State Road 62, **St. Croix**. Fall tour, dealers craft and parish rummage sale, Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-843-5816.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., **Beech Grove**. Certified Nursing Assistant Retreat, \$95 per person. Information: 317-788-7581.

October 5

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Novena prayer after each Mass.

Holy Family Parish, 3027 Pearl St., **Oldenburg**. Parish Festival, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., food. Information: 812-934-3013.

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Olivia Hall, 22143 Main St., **Oldenburg**. Open house and rededication of Oldenburg Franciscan Center, rededication, 2 p.m., tours, 1-4 p.m. (EST). Information: 812-933-6437.

October 6

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Eighth night of nine-day novena, hymns and prayers, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

October 7

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Conclusion of nine-day novena, feast day of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, 6:30 p.m., Mass, procession, social. Information: 317-888-2861.

October 7-8

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., **Beech Grove**. Certified Nursing Assistant Retreat, \$95 per person. Information: 317-788-7581.

Monthly

Fourth Wednesdays

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., **Mooreville**. Mass and anointing of the sick, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

Fourth Sundays

St. Patrick Church, 1807 Poplar St., **Terre Haute**. Tridentine Mass, 3 p.m. Information: 812-232-8518.

Last Sundays

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 11:15 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

First Sundays

St. Paul Church, 218 Scheller Ave., **Sellersburg**. Prayer group, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555.

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, **Indianapolis**. Euchre, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

First Mondays

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Guardian Angel Guild, board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Confession, 6:45 p.m., Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.

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Second Tuesdays
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mation: Archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Second Thursdays
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Second Saturdays
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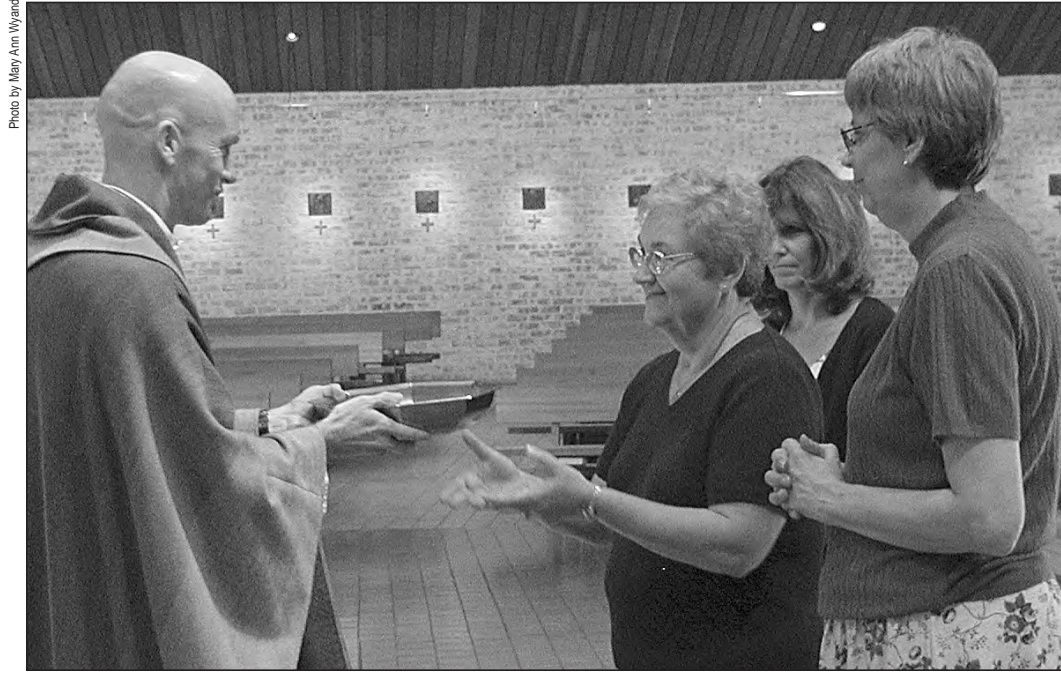
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Father David Buckles, a priest of the Lafayette Diocese, accepts the offertory gifts from St. Pius X parishioner Ellen Landers of Indianapolis, from left, St. Matthew parishioner Kathy Fitzgerald of Indianapolis and St. Joan of Arc parishioner Carol Morris of Indianapolis during the second annual Family Mass for Separated and Divorced Catholics on Sept. 7 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carmel, Ind.



Mass for separated, divorced Catholics promotes healing

By Mary Ann Wyand

Healing begins with forgiveness, Father David Buckles of Lafayette, Ind., told separated and divorced Catholics from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Diocese of Lafayette during a healing Mass for families on Sept. 7 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carmel, Ind.

"It's been said that everything we need to know in life we learn in kindergarten," Father Buckles said in his homily. "For us Christians, it can be said that everything we need to know in life we learn in the Book of Genesis. It's one of the most inspirational books [in the Bible] for me because it begins with God creating the world and relates how he sees everything as being good. God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. It's so incredible to think of God speaking and all kinds of things obeying him because of his Word.

"Christ is the Word made flesh," he said, "and we as Christians are to proclaim the Word. That's our ministry and our mission. Unfortunately, I think many people have forgotten the power of words. I have heard words so often abused in the ways people speak to one another. Just as the Word is powerful in its ability to create, so words are also powerful in their ability to destroy."

Father Buckles, who ministers in the Lafayette Diocese's Metropolitan Tribunal and reviews annulment petitions, encouraged separated and divorced Catholics and their children to remember the power of words to heal and strengthen others.

"This is a healing Mass because many of you have been hurt, have felt pain, because of things that have been said [by loved ones]," he said. "We come here because we want the power of the Word to heal us. Today let's pray for the healing that is needed and that only comes through God's grace."

Marriage is a great and beautiful blessing, but in an imperfect world many couples encounter marital problems and need the Church's help, Father Buckles said. The diocesan Tribunal staff helps people move through the suffering caused by a failed marriage and begin living life again in new ways by gaining new understanding about the factors leading to the divorce.

"God does not want anyone to have suffering or sadness," he said, and that is why the sacrament of reconciliation is so important in healing.

"We must look at our lives and see where things were done that could have been done better," he said, "but we must not see ourselves as bad people because we have made mistakes."

Instead, he said, hurting people should pray for the understanding to do things differently in the future.

"Marriage has so much potential for good and for love," Father Buckles said, "but there can also be all kinds of difficulties and heartaches, and that's when there needs to be healing. That is what today's Mass is all about—to know that the Church understands, and you have got to search your soul and live with those consequences as best as you can in an imperfect world."

It's not easy to look at the painful events in life, he said, but God is constantly calling us to do that with help from the Church.

"I think some of the hurt and pain of divorce, at least from the side of the Church, comes from misunderstandings and misinformation about Church teachings [on divorce]," Father Buckles said. "I think the beginning of healing is to learn what the truth is and to know that the Church wants to help you heal and try to help makes things right as best as we can. From birth until death, we are always learning and trying to understand the Lord. As long as we are trying to do that, then that is where forgiveness comes to us."

"To Bring Good News to Bind Up the Broken-hearted" was the theme for the second annual Family Mass for Separated and Divorced Catholics, which was co-sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries and the Lafayette Diocese's Office for Pastoral Formation. Last year, the archdiocese hosted the first healing Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Marilyn Hess, associate director of hurting and healing ministries for the archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, said "there are a lot of divorced Catholics, and the Church welcomes them and wants to find ways to support them. We look forward to hearing from people about their needs. Too often, people tend to walk away from the Church instead of seeking the kinds of help that the Church can offer them."

(For information about the Church's ministry to separated and divorced Catholics, call the archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries at 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596. For information about a Nov. 14-16 retreat for separated and divorced Catholics, call Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis at 317-545-7681.) †

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BANKS, Mildred Hite (Malone), 80, St. Rita, Indianapolis, Sept. 9.

BURKE, Pat R., 64, St. Mary, New Albany, Sept. 12. Mother of Cherie Branson and Bridget Burke. Sister of Helen Day, Alvin Jr., Donald, Kenneth, Leroy and William Atkins. Grandmother of two.

BURNS, Stella V., 89, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, Aug. 25. Mother of Cathy Ritchie, Theresa Swank and James Burns. Sister of Sophia Lansaw. Grandmother of 15.

CLINE, Mary Elizabeth (Martin), 64, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Aug. 31. Wife of Bobby Cline. Mother of Susan Bornstein and Kenneth Farson. Sister of John and Robert Martin. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of three.

DAWSON, Mildred, 96, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Sept. 11. Mother of Marjorie Robinson and John Dawson.

DICKS, James Francis, 76, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Sept. 9. Husband of Rose (Stumpf) Dicks. Father of Jeannie Campbell, Donna Clarkson, Dianne Durrett and David Dicks. Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of nine.

GENET, Albert A., 84, St. Isidore, Bristow, Sept. 4. Husband of Marjorie Genet. Father of Geraldine Brown. Brother of Mary Waninger. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of 12.

GIBSON, JoAnn E. (Hendrixson), 68, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Sept. 4. Mother of Valaree Williams. Sister of Lillian Henninger and Georgia Smith. Grandmother of two.

HASHMAN, Effie Mae (Puckett), 91, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Sept. 15. Mother of Beverly Kemp Heady. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of nine. Great-great-grandmother of two.

INGERMAN, James L., 73, St. Gabriel, Connersville,

Sept. 7. Husband of Charlene A. (Weisbrod) Ingerman. Father of Jolene McCoskey, Joy and Lori Ingerman. Brother of Mary Jo Wright. Grandfather of one.

KROGER, A. Stanley, 79, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Sept. 8. Husband of Etta H. Kroger. Father of Joyce Cauley, Marla Rieck, Arnold II and Kevin Kroger. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of five. Step-great-grandfather of one.

LYNCH, Michael, 85, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Sept. 10. Husband of Dulcie Lynch.

MCQUADE, Brian M., 32, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Sept. 2. Husband of Amy (Hobson) McQuade. Father of Megan and Stormy McQuade. Son of Ira McQuade. Brother of Brandy Davis. Grandson of Lucy Shuler, William and Letha Alexander.

MEDVECKIS, Valerija Jass, 88, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, Sept. 11. Mother of John Medveckis. Grandmother of two.

MEYER, Cecilia, 98, St. Anthony, Morris, Sept. 13. Mother of Diana Fry, Frances Hornbach, Albert and Thomas Meyer. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 11.

NORSEN, Donald Richard, 60, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Sept. 6. Husband of Sandie (Heron) Norsen. Father of Monica Perry, Rebecca, Victoria and Randy Norsen. Son of Richard Norsen. Brother of Joan Dennis, Kay Haddock, Karen Lawrence, Debbie Mayeu, Cindy and Gary Norsen. Grandfather of four.

ROBERTSON, Betty J., 74, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Sept. 6. Wife of William R. Robertson. Mother of David and William Robertson. Grandmother of two.

RODICH, Diane M. (Hupp), 43, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Sept. 8. Wife of Michael Rodich. Mother of Lisa, Bradley and Johnathon Rodich. Daughter of Marvin and Maxine Hupp. Sister of Patty Elwood, Casey Morgan, Theresa Onken, Mike and Tony Hupp.

ROLLES, Antoinette, 59, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Sept. 1. Mother of Deanna Hommel and Michael Rolles. Daughter of Helen Patsue. Sister of Joan Shelton.

Grandmother of three.

ROSALES, Jaime, 34, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Sept. 7. Father of Theresa, Jaime Miguel and Jaime Rosales. Son of Miguel Rosales. Brother of Raquel, Theresa, Gerardo, Javier, Miguel and Salvador Rosales.

THORNBURG, Joseph L., 52, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Sept. 5. Brother of JoAnne Drake, Rita Kolb, Delbert, Eddie, Jerry, Jim, John and Ronald Thornburg.

TURNER, Arthur H., 71, Holy Family, Richmond, Sept. 5. Husband of Catherine Turner. Father of Amy Rhoades, Deborah Robbins, Cathy, Frank, George and Michael Turner. Brother of Alice Austerman, Jane Johnson, Helen Lesley, Mary Ryan, Evelyn Williams, Carl, Edward, Elmer, Fred and Howard Turner. Grandfather of five.

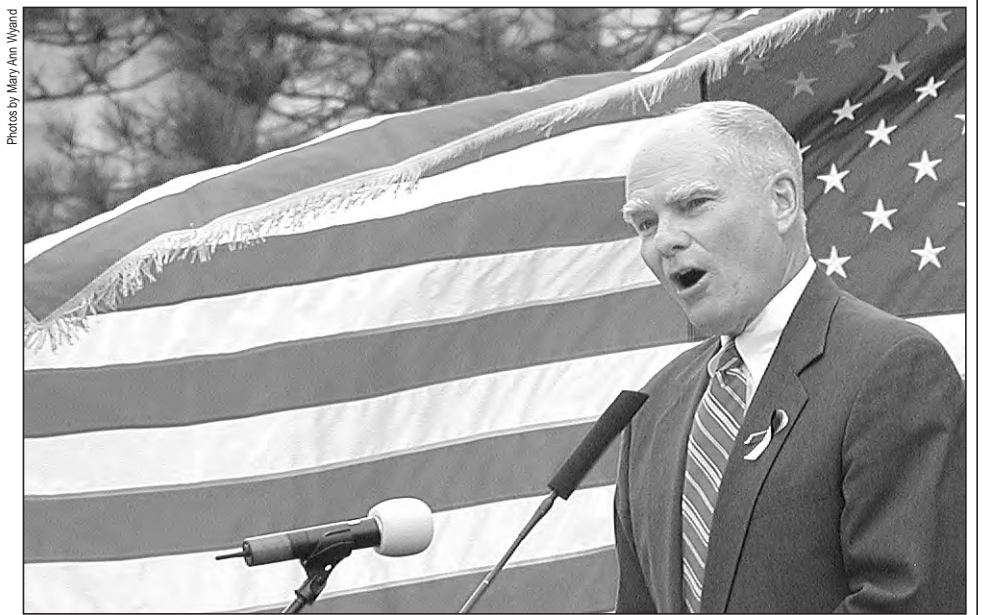
WALKER, Thomas, 86, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Sept. 10. Husband of Dorothy Walker. Father of Kathleen Priller. Grandfather of one.

WEISENBERGER, Joan D., 79, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Sept. 4.

WENNING, Donald H., 77, St. Mary, Greensburg, Sept. 11. Father of Nancy Black, Tina Clary, Anna Rayner, Sherry Stoneking, Debbie Thomas, Mary Wilkinson, Bill, Brian, Dan, Jim, John, Mike and Paul Wenning. Brother of Marjorie Herbert, Marie Kesterman, Rose Ann Sturgis, Betty Vandenbosch, Vera Walters, Carl, Robert, Leo and Louis Wenning. Grandfather of 27. Great-grandfather of five.

WILLIAM, Josephine R., 75, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Sept. 14. Mother of Patricia Feigert Whetstone, Michele Feigert Young, Albert William, Annie and Fritz Feigert. Sister of David and Michael Spangler. Grandmother of seven. Step-grandmother of eight. Step-great-grandmother of five.

WHITSETT, Mildred E. (Barr), 91, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Sept. 12. Mother of Angela Frost, Martha Kremer, Christine Stewart, Providence Sister Therese Whitsett, Mary, Charles, David, Thomas and Timothy Whitsett. Sister of Alfreda Collier, Rita Paradise and Patricia Schmaltz. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 12. †

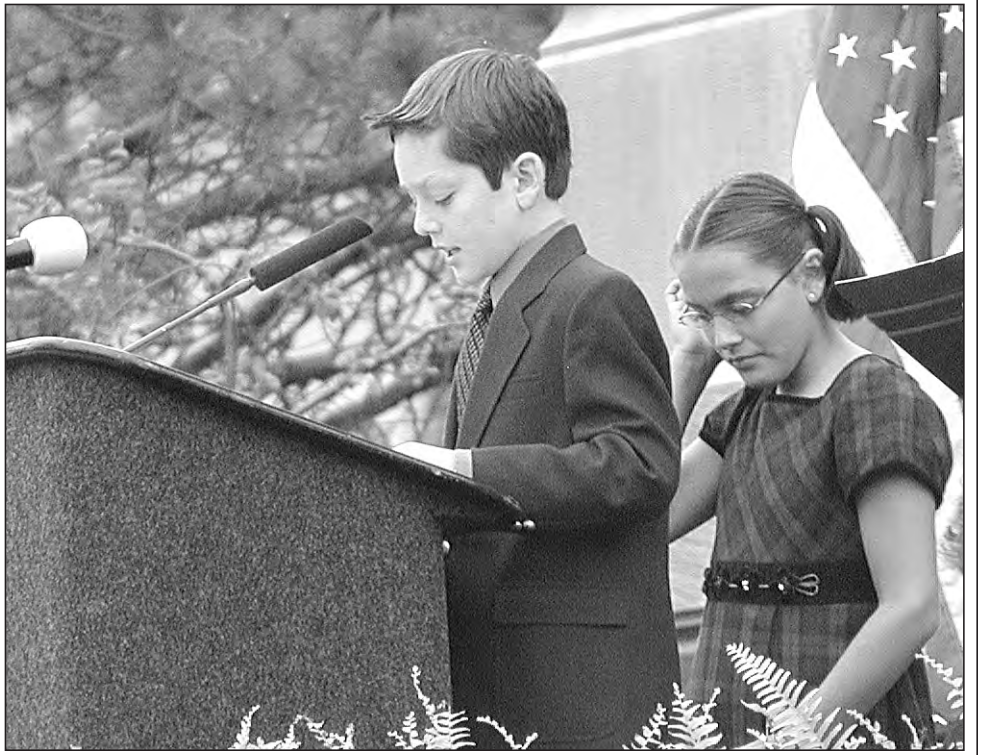


In memoriam

Above, Indiana Gov. Joseph E. Kernan, the state's first Catholic governor, pays tribute to the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon during a Sept. 19 memorial service on the west steps of the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

Right, former Indiana First Lady Judy O'Bannon takes a picture of the people who attended her late husband's memorial service at the conclusion of the historic ceremony, which included a flyover of fighter jets in the Missing Man formation by the Indiana Air National Guard based in Fort Wayne.

Below, Drew Brown, a fourth-grader at the International School in Indianapolis, reads the first part of "The 23rd Psalm" while Luciana Lira, a fourth-grade student at Carmel Elementary School in Carmel, Ind., waits her turn to read the Scripture passage in memory of Gov. O'Bannon.



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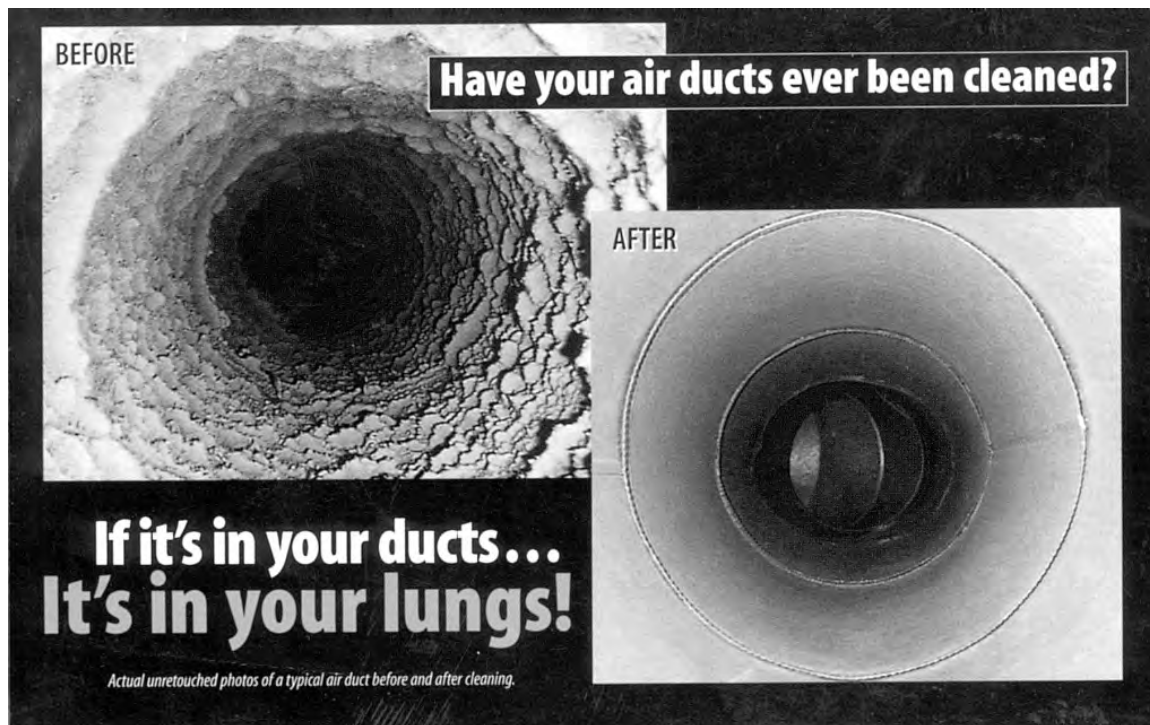
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