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Pope encourages struggling Africans

by John Thavis

YAMOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast-Pope John Paul II, traveling through East Africa in early September, brought sympathy and encouragement to people struggling against disease, economic distress and hunger.

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The pope offered a Christian perspective on some of the region's most serious problems: ethnic strife in Burundi, famine in Rwanda and deepening poverty in Tanzania.

In all three countries, he raised a cry of alarm for what. Reladed the "panderme" of AIDS in Afficia. To group after group, he called for a dual response: sympathy for AIDS victims and self-control over sexual behavior that can spread you then are the control over sexual behavior that can spread the control over the contr

Before returning to Rome, the pope traveled to Ivory Coast in West Africa to consecrate a controversial cathedral which he called a "visible sign" of God's presence on earth

The pontiff, looking fit despite a grueling schedule, was welcomed at most stops by dancers, drummers and enthusiastic singers. Tens of thousands made long journeys on flatbed trucks to attend papal Masses and prayer

The pope closed a five-day visit to Tanzania in Moshi Sept. 5 when he celebrated Mass at the foot of snow-topped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak

Nount Klimanjaro. Africa's tallest peak.

There, the pope said he was impressed with the flourishing local church and the fact that it was now sending missionaries to other parts of the continent.

Before leaving Tanzama, which has seen Western investments fay up over the past decade, the pope called for a "new era of solidarty" among nations to meet the urgent peads of Africa's proof

He later raised the same issue in Burundi and Rwanda, urging development agencies to include Africans more fully in their projects and put more emphasis on cultural

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Africans have talents and gitts, he said, which cannot always be measured in financial terms.

In Burundi, where fighting between local Tutsis and Hutus left an estimated 150.000 dead in 1972 and 1988, the pope pleaded with the nation's tribes to put their longstanding rivally behind them.

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RWANDA BLESSING—Pope John Paul II blesses people 8. He completed his trip to four African countries or gathered at an open air Mass site in Mbari, Rwanda, Sept. 10. (CNS photo from UPI-Reuters)

CRS, Catholic Near East aiding refugees in Jordan

by Carl Eifert Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Catholic relief agencies are spending \$105,000 on tents for some of 60,000 refugees living without shelter in a

camp in Jordan near the Iraqi border.
Catholic Relief Services, according to officials at the international relief and development agency's headquarters in Baltimore, has wired \$25,000 to Jordan to

y tents.
The Pontifical Mission for Palestine based in New York and funded by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association has used \$25,000 of its \$1.18 million annua budget for Jordan to buy tents for the

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Joseph Donnelly of New York, spokes-an for Catholic Near East Welfare man for Catholic Near East Welfare Association, told Catholic News Service that, altogether, \$105,000 was being used for tents in a collaborative effort.

Also involved, he said, was Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic charity and relief organization. He had no breakdown of how the funding was divided among the

Catholic groups, however.
CRS is channeling its funds through the
Pontifical Mission for Palestine.
Another \$15.000 has gone to buy food

Another \$15,000 has gone to buy food for thousands of Egyptians arriving in the port of Nuweba, Egypt, CRS said.

Since Iragl President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait Aug. 2 hundreds of thousands of people, mostly Arabs, have Bed for safety. Of those, more than 100,000 Indians, Sri Lankans, Bangladeshis, Thais and Filipinos are believed stranded in desert camps with little food and water and almost no shelter.

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Most Arabs have been repatriated, but the others await help from their govern-ments in returning home.

People are reported dying of exposu according to reports.

Donnelly said the Amman, Jordan, office of the Pontifical Mission says some 300,000 refugees have entered lordan, of

Other reports have as many as 420,000 refugees entering since early August.
Some 11,000 Westerners are believed

stranded in Iraq and Kuwait in addition to the hundreds of detainees—women, child-ren and some ill men—who were being

permitted to leave.

Karen Donovan, spokeswoman for CRS, said that the government of Saudi Arabia has provided 560 million to help the refugees, according to the CRS office Egypt.

Home countries of the refugees are

responsible for keeping them alive until "they can get them back," she told CNS.

According to news accounts, conditions in the camps were criticized Sept. 4 by Prince Hassan, brother of King Hussein of Jordan, after he visited some of the camps.

"The plight of these people," the prince said, "has only evoked the faintest of responses from the world community and from a world press more interested in war scenarios than in humanitarian relief."

Outbreaks of typhus and cholera were feared because of bad sanitation.

The tents are being bought from a supplier in Amman and are to be sent by rented trucks to the Shaalan camp No. 1 near Rusweishid, Jordan.

Donovan said that other private volunteer organizations operating in Jordan, formed a coordinating committee, which was asked by the Jordan government's High Committee for the Assistance to Transit Evacuees to help people in that camp

Other organizations were taking care of food for the refugees, she said

Among the agencies involved, said Donnelly, were the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Red Cross, Save the Children, Greek Catholic communities, and Mennonites

Donnelly said the eight-person staff of the Pontifical Mission of Palestine in Amman had made 2,000 sandwiches for refugees waiting at the Amman airport, had bought 500 blankets for distribution, and was housing some refugees in its library basement. In addition, he said Freres College in

Amman, operated by the Christian Brothers, was housing 120 refugees. Some 2.5 million Egyptian contract employees had been working in Iraq and

Kuwait. Many fled across Jordan to the port of Aqaba, where they were

evacuated to Nuweba. CRS was buying food packages containing juices, biscuits bread and cheese for distribution at

Donations for refugees can be sent to the Pontifical Mission for Palestine, c/o Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022, or to Catholic Relief Services, 209 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. 21201-3403.

Education section

In observance of Catechetical Sun Sept. 16, a 16-page special ement on Catholic education is in this issue beginning on page 13.



FROM THE EDITOR

Just compensation for church employees

This Sunday is "Catechetical Sunday" and we include This Sunday is "Catechetical Sunday" and we include a special supplement on religious education in this week's issue. I encourage you to read about the important work many dedicated people are doing to provide religious education to Catholics, from pre-school age to the elderly. Those people are dedicated and it is a disgrace that we people of God who make up the church are it house were the provided to the control of the

make up the church can't show our gratitude by paying them the salaries they deserve ey deserve

It's long been known that people who work for the Catholic Church will never get wealthy, but the extent of the poor pay is now known for the first time. The National Conference of Diocesan Directors of

Religious Education has published the results of a two-year study called the National Project on Just Wages and Benefits for Lay and Religious Church Employees.

IT'S A PROJECT SUPPORTED by 15 national Catholic IT'S A PROJECT SUPPORTED by 15 national Catholic professional organizations that sent representatives to serve on a steering committee. One of those steering committee members was Valerie Dillon, director of the Family Life Office for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The whole project started at the suggestion of Matt Hayes, our archdiocesan Director of Religious Education, who received credit for it in the booklet published as the final report of the project. Hayes also introduced the director of the project, C. Michael Liberato, to Fred Hofheinz of the Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis with the result that the Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis with the result that the

Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis with the result that the project was fully funded by a grant from Lilly.

The chief finding of the project is that Catholic Church employees receive lower pay than the national median, often lack benefits, and some must hold down second jobs in order to obtain "ordinary economic rights." The median

income for professional employees in the church falls 17.5 percent below the median income of the general population of the United States, the study found.

THE STUDY USED THREE methods to determine "just compensation," which it defined as "sufficient wages and benefits which provide for the ordinary economic rights of the worker": life, food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, basic education, and security in the event of sickness, unemployment, and old age.

The first method was based on income and

expenditures for the general population, using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Using this method, just compensation would be the median expenditures on ordinary economic rights of all the people in the United States. That would be \$55,226 for a household of

The second method focused on those families and individuals with similar educational backgrounds church employees. This showed that the average cost just compensation for those with a BA degree would be \$27,217 and for those with an MA degree \$31,667.

The third method considered the "thrifty budget costs" determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This found that the average cost of just compensation for a family of four to meet ordinary economic rights is \$37,124, and for a single person \$17,396

and for a single person \$17,396. Next the project surveyed 608 full-time church employees from 128 dioceses in 50 states. The respondents were 6.3 percent female and 36.1 percent male. About half (51.1 percent) were married, 25.4 percent were single lay people, and 23.4 percent were members of religious congregations. More than 67 percent hade a master's degree or higher. Twenty-four percent were religious educators, 23.7 percent were Catholic school professionals, 11.9 percent were musicians, 8.4 percent were youth ministers, 6.7 percent were family life mini

such as parish administrators and social workers, were represented in smaller numbers.

The study learned that the median salary received by ofessional workers in the church is \$22,258. (Frankly knowing what some salaries are, I'm surprised it's that high.) The salary median for married men is \$30,149, for married women \$21,204, for lay single men \$20,888, for lay single women \$21,637, for men religious \$13,729 and

for women religious \$15,119.

The study also found that, when it comes to non-wage benefits, there is no consistency, with the type and amount of benefits determined solely by the employer. Even the

of tenents determined solely by the employer. Even the mandated federal Social Sociarity retirement benefits are not being received by all employees, it was learned. The report said that a "just compensation package" for church employees should include medical, dental, mental and visual health care; life insurance of a face value equal to the dollar value of an employee's annual salary; personal leave; unemployment compensation and disabil-ity insurance; and a retirement plan with full vesting in

THE REPORT IS NOT too subtle about pointing out that Catholic social teaching—especially the 1971 Synod of Bishops, the 1983 Code of Canon Law, and the U.S. bishops' 1986 pastoral letter on economic justice—explicitly states that the church must pay just wages and benefits to its employees. "According to church teaching," it says, "this commitment must take into account the standard of living in our country, including the customary social and cultural benefits."

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But, the report acknowledges, "Meeting this goal will
demand increased contributions from church members
ar 1 greater public accountability on the part of church
administrators to secure the needed support."

And, it says, "Becoming an exemplary employer will
not be easy, but it will be necessary. The credibility of the
church itself is at stake."

Schultz tells Serrans about youth ministry needs

by John F. Fink

"Too many parents want to be their kids' friends before being their parents," Bob Schultz told members of the Indianapolis Serra Club Monday, Sept. 10. Schultz is youth ministry coordinator at St. Luke

Church, Indianapolis.

He told the Serrans that today's youth rae total me serrans that today's youth are being pushed to grow up too quickly. Consequently, he said, more than 50 percent of 16- and 17-year-olds have lost their virginity, consumerism and materialism run rampant, and their heroes are rap groups and horror-movie characters.

characters.

Schultz said that the "no drinking and driving message" has gotten through to youth, although he said he didn't know whether to be happy or sad by the fact that at 16 and 17 the youth have designated drivers who don't drink that night.

Television has a particularly negative influence on youth, he said, noting that teens spend an average of 22 hours a week watching TV and another 32 hours listening to radio or stero.

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Schultz said that youth have two primary needs: the need to belong and the need for self-esteem. This is true, he said,

whether you're talking about gangs or about Christian youth activities.

He described the very active program for youth at St. Luke, saying that that parish is fortunate to have a great man volunteers who are the real yout

ministers. Many parishes are not as fortunate, he said, and consequently youth suffer from a lack of effective adults who serve as role models Schultz said that the priest shortage has

affected the church's ministry to youth. "It used to be that a parish the size of St. Luke's would have three or four priests and one of them would be assigned to work with youth," he said. Since this is no

longer true, he said, there is a great need

longer true, he said, there is a great need for full-time lay youth ministers.

One consequence of the lack of priests who can devote a great deal of time to youth, he said, is fewer vocations to the priesthood and religious life, a topic of particular interest to Serrans since the primary purpose of the Serra Club is to promote religious vocations.

Local women religious superiors attend assembly

With a keynote address calling for a return to "the passionate sense of purpose and meaning which impelled the founders and foundresses of religious communi-ties," the Leadership Conference of Women Religious held its national as-sembly in Spokane, Wash., during the week of Aug. 22-26.

Nearly 800 leaders of religious congregations of women reflected on their role their communities

Attending from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis were Sister Marya Grathwohl, councilor of the Oldenburg Franciscans; Sister Mary Margaret Funk, prioress of the Beech Grove Benedictines; and Sisters of Providence Nancy Nolan, general superior; Joyce Brophy, provincial of the Sacred Heart Province; Ann Sullivan, councilor of

the Sacred Heart Province; and Marsha Speth, provincial of the St. Gabriel

Notre Dame Sister Mary Jo Leddy gave the keynote address, noting that the crisis of meaning in religious life reflects today's deeper western cultural crisis. She asked the women religious leaders to act and to pray their way into a new way of thinking and to move beyond a "vague sense of belonging to a congregation" to a radical pluralism which would bring new life and

pluralism which wound spiral to religious life.

In her presidential address, Religious Sister of Mercy Helen Marie Burns urged members to focus their energies 'on those matters which currently challenge the matter of the matt matters which currently challenge the survival of our planet as well as the credibility of our church: the quality of life for all that is, the quality of relationship

among all peoples, the fundamental dig-nity of women."

Futurist Peter Russell spoke about the transformation necessary to save the planet Earth. He underscored the urgency for making radical changes in patterns of exploitation and consumption of the goods of the Earth, stressing that "only through spiritual transformation will we get through this challenging time.

Among the reports discussed during the business session of the assembly were the Religious Life Futures Project funded by the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis and the Tri Conference Retirement Project that conducts the annual collection for retired religious men and women

Three resolutions were passed by the assembly, urging members to: 1) advocate actively for the adoption of a national health care policy that would ensure adequate and affordable health care for all adequate and altordable health care for all U.S. citizens; 2) support public efforts which would not only strengthen the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 but also make sanctions against South Africa mandatory and universal; and 3) voice opposition to the pursuit of a military resolution current conflict in the Middle East



KNIGHTS-Members of the Knights of St. Peter Claver form an honor guard for the concelebrants of a Mass at St. Andrew Church, Indianapolis, on Sunday, Sept. 9. The priests are Msgr. Joseph J. Viater, pastor of St. Monica, Gary, and Father Jeffrey Godecker, pastor of St. Andrew. All the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver in the state were invited to this celebration of the feast day of their patron on Sept. 9. More than 200 persons attended the Mass and breakfast that followed at the St. Peter Claver Center. In attendance was Thomas V. Barnes, mayor of Gary, who is a Claver. St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit missionary priest who converted thousands of slaves in the West Indies during the 17th century. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Archbishop

SUNDAY, Sept. 16—50th Anniversary of St. Agnes Parish, Nashville, Eucharistic Liturgy 2 p.m. with din-ner following.

MONDAY, Sept. 17—Indianapolis Deaneries Senior Citizens' Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 10:30 a.m. followed by luncheon at

SATURDAY, Sept. 22-New Albany CYO 25th Anniversary; Eucharistic Liturgy 6 p.m. (EDT) at Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarks-ville with dinner following.



Campers learn the joy of overcoming dyslexia

by Mary Ann Wyand

Five Catholic school students who attended a unique new ummer camp in Indianapolis can write glowing essays about what they did during their vacation

The parochial school students participated in Camp Delafield, an educational and recreational summer learning experience for children with dyslexia or other specific language disabilities. Butler University and the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana conducted the specialized program.

"It has been nine months of non-stop work for me,"
Carolyn Connors, Camp Delafield administrator and
Dyslexia Institute president, explained. "This has been like having a baby, only it's the birth of a dream

Camp Delafield's scrapbook is filled with very special success stories, Connors said, due to innovative tutoring techniques based on the Orton-Gillingham approach.

Dyslexia simply means difficulty with language, she said



CONCENTRATION-Holy Cross School student Amy Beich (left) and Erin Martin, a third-grade student at Thomas Aquinas School, wait quietly for hungry fish.

"We give children the tools to understand the English language. We break language into little tiny parts and then we put it back together.

Connors said children with dyslexia or other language disabilities have been taught parts of the English language, but learning difficulties interfere with comprehension.

'It's as though there are two or three rungs of the ladder that are missing,' she said. 'We put in those rungs of the ladder so they can climb all of the way up and the ladder is

Curriculum during the seven-week summer camp focused on increasing self esteem as well as building language skills, Connors explained.

nink the high ratio of staff to child has been one of the things that has made this camp so successful," the administrator said. "We had 18 paid staff plus volunteers for 30 children. They built skills with one-on-one instruction, and have really grown in body, mind and spirit

At the start of camp, Connors said many of the children were struggling with poor self esteem because they perceived themselves as "bad" students.

"Many of them have had terrible stomach aches and just do not want to go to school," she said. "Now they feel good inside because they are able to do what's correct (in their school work).

Students with dyslexia or other language disabilities must continually confront new educational challenges, she added, and generally should continue tutoring with Orton-Gillingham instructor. But in just seven weeks camp, "four children grew two years in reading decoding

Instructor Sue Murphy, Camp Delafield's co-director for nguage and tutors, emphasized that with Orton-Gillingthe general population that there are ways of teaching dyslexic children that work."

Camp Delafield students have "grown a lot academically, and that's raised their self esteem," Murphy said. "They also have grown a lot socially in a secure, safe and positive

Murphy recommends that parents who are concerned about their child's lack of academic progress should seek professional advice based on a comprehensive evaluation.

'Decide what to do for the rest of the school year." she said. "Don't waste precious time. If you find out there em, deal with it right away

problem, deal with it right away."

Butter University and 5t Mary's Child Center, a Catholic Social Services agency, offer specialized testing services that can identify learning difficulties. Before children can attend Camp Delafield. Murphy said, they must first undergo a skills evaluation to identify special needs.

"Camping activities were designed to be as noncompetitive as possible," she said. "We put an emphasis on raising their self-esteem. We tried to create a place where they could

grow socially, emotionally and academically. They have special talents and gifts, and hopefully we've been able to help them believe in themselves a little bit more."

A camp brochure notes that activities stress the joy of

reading, the joy of learning, and the joy of playing for a balanced educational and recreational summer experience. The sign at the camp entrance on West 64th Street simply describes the facility as "Camp Delafield for Children.

Camp curriculum blended traditional recreational pursuits like hiking, horseback inding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, archery and woodworking with very specialized tutoring amed at unlocking language disabilities. Instructors said the outdoor setting, informal atmosphere, and vanety of fun activities enabled students to work hard without feeling that they were being deprived of summer vacation.

Two Catholic school teachers were faculty members during Camp Delafield's first summer of operation. Carol Patterson, a kindergarten instructor at St. Joan of Arc School, and Pat Marchino, a third-grade teacher at St. Monica School, tutored the children and helped them develop expressive writing skills.

Marchino also works at The Children's Museum, so she blended the use of artifacts from the museum's Resource Center with camp instruction.

"When we studied Indians, I brought in Mayan Indian artifacts from the museum," she said. "They loved that. We also had Ken Ouguss, a professional story teller who calls himself a story painter, tell us stories about animals. He told two or three stories using musical instruments

Ouguss is dyslexic, she said, and could identify with the campers' learning problems. He wanted to give them some of the success that he had felt through special instruction so they would know that there is hope

Fiber artist and sculptor Leah Orr of Indianapolis also visited Camp Delafield this summer. Marchino said. "She donated her time and taught all of the children how to weave. Weaving is a natural activity for dyslexic kids because it teaches them left to right and over and under, some of the skills they need to learn."

Lyricist Katrina Butler was another favorite campeaker, the St. Monica teacher said. "Katrina has written

Lyricist Katrina Butler was another favorite camp speaker, the St. Monica teacher said. "Katrina has written songs about self esteem and she sang them for the kids." Campers also made journals that were not graded or corrected, Marchino said. "They were to freely express their feelings from day to day about camp and life in the summer. Six kids in my class went into book-writing projects. Some without how have differently with handwriting, so up taught them. of them have difficulty with handwriting, so we taught them how to type. They put in illustrations, dedicated their books, and added a passage about the author. It was a finished product that they were able to take home.

Before joining the St. Monica faculty, Marchino formerly worked for Very Special Arts Indiana as state coordinator

Working with handkapped children, she said, "we always tried to emphasize the I can now try attitude rather than I can not try. A lot of the students who attended Camp Delafield are exceptionally bright. Their learning difficulties are not due to [O."

difficulties are not due to IQ.

Reflecting on her faculty participation in the brand new camp. Marchino noted that, "Some of the kids never smiled, but they learned how to smile at camp. God leads you along the path. It's just interesting how it focused on you along the path. It's just interesting how Camp Delafield for me."

Religious leaders extend study

by Margaret Nelson

'The vision we try to bring into being is that there is something for people to le from the moment they become catechists to the time they become mastered DREs (directors of religious education), ' said Matt Hayes, director of religious education and coordinator of adult catechesis for the

Hayes said the catechist certification process specifically trains people for parish religious education work. But it also teaches administrative skills, such as time management and working with catechists and volunteers

Haves said that for several years, the program has been recognized by Marian College and St. Mary of the Woods for undergraduate credit
The Office of Catholic Education has

been working with Marian College to see it can make undergraduate-level religious education study available. Haves said it would parailel the WED (Women's External Degree program at St. Mary of

the Woods, which permits people to earn bachelor's degrees while working full time.

Several years ago, Hayes said that his office "went out looking for a good program" to use for graduate level training. At the same time 5t. Mary of the Woods designed the master's in pastoral theology

Through this program, "a number of full-time coordinators of religious educa-tion have been able to earn master's degrees while continuing to work in parishes," he said

pansnes, ne said.
Hayes said that another graduate program may result from working with the School of Education at Indiana University. We want to set up the means where a person can get a master's in adult religious

We have always encouraged graduate studies and continuing education at St. Meinrad," Hayes added. He said that the diocese hopes to tap

into other sources for continuing education that are located nearby such as the University of Dayton (Ohio) and Xavier in Cincinnati: and Spaulding and Bellarn

HARVEST TIME—Benedictine Brother Mario Ibison, along with other monks from St Meinrad, gather the grapes in the 100-year-old Abbey vineyard. The grapes are used for altar wine during Mass in the Archabbey church. (Photo by Don Hale)

Marian College wins Lilly grant Marian College in Indianapolis has and developing a plan for flexible modes of

eceived a \$50,000-grant from Lilly Endow ment to develop a major curriculum revision in its nursing degree program

In announcing the grant, Fresident Daniel A. Felicetti said, Already widely known for an innovative nursing program in which approximately one-third of Mar ian's students are enrolled, this grant should help our faculty of mentors satisfy wider range of undergraduate curricular needs

The funded project includes researching

delivering course content and providing various clinical experiences to meet shi non-traditional types of teaching strategies that may enhance the delivery or theoret

Marian College's proposal was one of 21 selected for funding in Lilly Endowment selected for funding in care and institutional-annual curriculum— and institutional-development competition open to indi-ana's accredited independent colleges and

Commentary

THE BOTTOM LINE

Everyone should have an 'Uncle Augie'

by Antoinette Bosco

In all our lives there are a few people who stand out because of the extraordinary impression they made upon us. It can be because they were exceptionally kind, or sensitive, or

caring, or intelligent, or helpful, or wise, or understanding or ma-

In my life such a person—for all those reasons and more—is my Uncle Augie.

I used to think it kind of curious when I was quite young that

my grandmother had named this son, her fourth child, August. It did have a logic to

it, I thought as I got a bit older, for he was August on the feast of the Assumption.

While I am sure that my grandmother, a very religious woman, had her reasons for naming him August, I thought for years she did this so no one would ever forget his birthday!

This year, on Aug. 15, my Uncle Augie turned 80, though no one would believe it. For he is, as he always was, trim, handsome, youthful, outgoing. In fact, the evening of his birthday he was singing with the barbershop group he has belonged to looking every bit the for many years, dapper young man.

I recalled how he was the first man ever to sing to me. I was no more than 5 or 6 years old when my Uncle Augie, then

uld strum it, with me sitting on a stool by him, and sing.

I have always felt that everyone should have an Uncle Augie. Truly he has been the most influential relative in my life. My attachment to him goes back to when I was a tot.

He lived at home with my grandparents because he helped support them and his three younger sisters, my aunts. Whenever we visited them—they lived 100 miles away from us—my Uncle Augie would be waiting for me to arrive

Not only did he sing to me, but he would pick me up and put me on his shoulders, walking me through the house, telling me to duck as he passed every doorway. He called me button nose and poker face and made me feel like a

When I was an adolescent, it was Uncle Augie who drove me to see parks and forests and fish hatcheries, pas me his love of nature and beauty

In the early '40s, after Pearl Harbor, he ned the Coast Guard to serve his country in World War II. I was his pen pal and the ers he wrote to me throughout my high school years were treasures of prose describing the South Seas and the daily life

Most important, my Uncle Augie gave me the confidence of knowing that if ever I needed help, or a shoulder to lean on, he was there for me.

I wanted to model myself after my Uncle Augie because to me he always represented a solidity rarely found in



people, and he radiated something I have

ome to call genuine goodness.

My love for Uncle Augie has deepened time. For this man, born on the feast of Our Lady, has touched not only his relatives, but also the people he has worked with, through his gentleness, his maturity, his caring and beauty.

I thank God for the gift of my Uncle Augie, one of the greatest teachers—by example—that a child, an adolescent, an adult could have had.

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THE YARDSTICK

Issue personalized: national health insurance

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

I have read my share of articles and books about the rising cost of health care in the United States and the need for some kind of national health-care system.

recently learned I recently learned the hard way, how-ever, that there is no substitute for personal experience when it comes to getting a feel for the scope and ur-gency of this ever-worsening problem. A series of illnesses requiring hospitalization

and costly follow-up medication taught me more than I ever could hope to learn from books about the terrible plight of the millions of disadvantaged Americans who either are uninsured or underinsured.

As one fortunate enough to be more or less adequately covered by a comprehen-

sive insurance policy, I now understand better than ever that the uninsured and many of the underinsured are in danger at any moment—due to a serious accident or illness—of being saddled with hospital and medical bills which quickly will exhaust their savings, if any, and leave them hopelessly in debt, perhaps for the rest of their lives

The United States is the only highly industrialized nation in the world which does not have some form of health insurance. Until recently the debate about the need for such a system in the country has, for the most part, been carried on polemically in black-and-white ideological terms.

The standard ploy of the more extreme elements in the opposition camp has been to label any and all forms of national health 'socialized medicine insurance

It would appear, however, that many traditional opponents of a national health-care system have changed their minds and now are ready to endorse such a program

This is due in part to the fact that the cost of the voluntary or negotiated private health-care programs of many major corporations has gotten completely out of corporations has gotten completely out of hand. As a result, many corporate executives formerly unwilling even to discuss a national health-care system now are willing, and in some cases eager, to shift at least part of the cost to a government-sponsored program.

A recent scientific survey of more than 250 of the nation's leading corporate executives shows that the majority are convinced that the health-care problem has become so serious and the cost of health care so prohibitively high that "ultimate federal government will have to step in.

In the study, conducted for Chivas Regal by Research and Forecasts Inc. (New York), 64 percent of those surveyed predicted that "a national health-care program will be established by the end of the decade."

The report is only one of many hopeful signs that we may be nearing a consensus on the need for some kind of national health-care system.

The American labor movement, which has long supported such a program, has put health care at the top of its agenda for the indefinite future and stands prepared to cooperate fully with business leaders and others in a joint campaign to convince the American people and the Congress that the health-care crisis has reached such propor-tions that, to repeat, "ultimately the federal government will have to step in."

The AFL-CIO already is in dialogue with sympathetic business executives and other public figures on this crucial issue.

The parties will not necessarily agree at first on the scope or the exact nature of an adequate health-care system, but their willingness to work together on the issue is highly commendable and a very encouraging sign of hope for the future

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TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

Lessons learned at another time are valuable today

by Dale Francis

It is difficult to realize it was half a century ago. We were young men in a time of world crisis, as there are young men today in a world in crisis.

In a real sense our situation 50 years ago was simpler than the situation in the world today. The attack on the peace of the world from Hitler was well understood and much of the world was already at war. Today's crisis is perhaps le understood although the basic issue of pro-tection of the sover-



eignty of nations from conquerors is the same. Perhaps more importantly, the situation is more related to 1937, when the aggressor began the conquest and the free world backed down, compromised, said it was for peace in our time but it really was an invitation to future, more terrible, aggression. We pray that firmness at the beginning of Iraq's conquest of Kuwait will prevent a devastating shooting war. But I am not writing this column to discuss the world situation but to offer

lessons learned by experience in another time. At this time 50 years ago I was a lessons learned by experience in another time. At this time 50 years ago I was a newspaperman with the Dayton, Ohio, Herald. The U.S. Marines approached young men on the staff to ask them to volunteer as newspapermen. We were not at war at the time and the newspapermen being recruited were not yet called combat correspondents, as they were later to be called. Pete Zurlinden in our sports department and I decided to accept. The department and I decided to accept. The editor of the paper asked me to stay and I agreed to do it but said I would enlist the day we entered the war.

Pete joined the Marine combat corres

ondent corps, was terribly wounded at Tarawa, was discharged from the service but died soon after. The day of Pearl Harbor, I worked through the day and the night, wrote the page one lead, went to Patterson Field and volunteered for service when morning came. That was December 1941 and it was January 1946 before I returned to civilian life.

It is clear that at least 250,000 service men and women will be assigned to duty in Saudi Arabia, and many will be called from the reserves. What I learned from experience in one segment of my life is what

I want to teach others today.

Those whose sons, brothers and husbands—and now daughters, sisters and

wives—will be in service far away must keep in close contact with them. Letters should be written often, there should be clippings from the hometown newspaper, news about their friends back home. Home is an anchor of stability in the lives of those in service far away. When mail call comes those whose names are not called pretend it doesn't matter but it does. If you don't write easily, you can dip newspapers is important is that you keep in touch

You must pray, for a restoration of peace but especially for your own on the other side of the world. This crisis, I pray, will not last long years as the crisis half a century ago did, but at that time, in parishes across the country, there were prayer groups formed, people would meet in the morning, afternoon, evening, pray the rosary for those away at war. It was a time in which there was an increase in the number of those at daily Mass. It is a time that we should come closer to God than ever so that we can be closer to those away

For those in the service, it is a time that can be used for spiritual growth, too. Mass is offered frequently where there are those in the service. I knew men who had been away from Mass for years, who attended Mass whenever Mass was available. There is a new closeness to God at Mass offered in the field. I became a Catholic while in the

service and worshiped at Mass in an open area on a jungle island where all of us vin shorts and shirtless.

Make this a time in which you keep in close contact with those far away, pray for them constantly, pray for the peace that will bring them home. While our young people are away, stay closer to them than ever. And pray ceaselessly.



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Point of View

The newest scary 'C' word

by Gail Quinn

Once the scary "C" word was cancer But as medical science makes inroads in the battle against cancer, the scare aspect of the word is diminishing.

Some would have us believe that the

Nowhere is this more apparent perhaps than in the efforts of those who champion groups are joining forces to discredit those who do not agree with them, and their most vehement animosity is often directed at the Catholic Church.

Writing in New Dimensions (7/90), media analyst Joseph Farah notes that gay activist groups are forming alliances with pro-abortion groups by "offering to help battle pro-life demonstrators at (abortion) clinics

in exchange for feminist support of a campaign of terror directed at churches." And today the National Organization for Women (NOW) includes both lesbian and abortion rights among its four top priority issues for the '90s.

Last December pro-choicers joined ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) and others in a demonstration outside St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City while Cardinal John O'Connor celebrated Mass inside the cathedral. Many of them shouted obscenities or screamed "Eternal life to Cardinal John O'Connor NOW!" Some entered the O'Connor NOW!" Some entered the church shouting slogans; one threw a consecrated host to the floor.

Outside a church in San Francisco where Archbishop John Quinn celebrated Mass a similar though less strident demon-stration was staged.

Because the Catholic Church teaches because the Catholic Church teaches that all human beings, including unborn children, have a right to live, the pro-choicers try to discredit the church and malign the deeply held values of millions of Catholics—and the values of

many others as well.

When church leaders speak out against abortion they are ridiculed or told they should not speak in the public forum, for to do so is to "impose their morality" on

Even an indication that they intend to speak elicits strong opposition, as evi-denced by the cry from NOW, Planned Parenthood and NARAL (National Abor-Parenthood and NARAL (National Abor-tion Rights Action League) when the bishops announced they had retained a public relations firm to help get their message to the public more effectively. Following their recent conference in San Diego, NOW members launched a cam-paign to send letters and postcards to the bishops decrying the proposted ducational program on abortion. Months ago the Archdiocese of New York offered to provide beds and needed services to AUS patients, provided it was not required to violate church

teaching. At issue was a requirement that those providing services help patients obtain abortions and condoms. After obtain abortions and condoms. After months of negotiations, the Public Health Council for the state voted to accept the archdiocese's offer, despite the outcry and public demonstrations by abortion

and gay rights supporters Writing in Catholic New York (8/2/90), Cardinal O'Connor said: "Hating and caricaturing the church alleviates no suffer-ing, saves no lives. The church is trying to do precisely that: alleviate suffering and save lives. Yet some even accuse us of 'killing' people because we disagree with the 'condom' approach to caring for persons with AIDS.''

A woman who was marching in the 1989 pro-abortion March for Women's Lives v quoted as saying this: "I was really glad to be a part of a lesbian and gay contingent because . . . 'choice' includes choice of sexuality, too. Abortion is about sex, not about life, but about sex, and about women being able to have sex without fear of getting pregnant, and that leads to sexual experimentation, and that leads to women being able to sleep with women and men and whomever they want to. . . . "

It is clear that the rhetoric of "choice" no longer means only a choice for abortion. "Choice" means the right to do anything one wants, any time one wants, with whomever one wants, for any reason one wants. And it means the right to silence or discredit those who dare to disagree. As Michael Novak and others have pointed out, once "pro-choice" slaveholders insisted they had a right to choose to own black human beings.

The scary "C" word is not cancer. Nor is it Catholic. The scary "C" word is

(Gail Quinn is director of program development for the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

To the Editor

Reason for closing the Latin School

"Latin School Was Victim of New Life Patterns." That headline in the Aug. 31 Criterion made me wonder about the accuracy of the content of the article. The Latin School was certainly a "victim," but the reasons given are an oversimplification

As rector of the Latin School at the time of its closing, Father Bill Cleary, present pastor of St. Mary's in Rushville, and I, as president of the Priests' Senate at the time, along with many parents of Latin School students of that time, were strongly opposed to the closing of the Latin School. But to no avail! "The school was closed precipitously the very next year." (Quote from the article)

from the article)

No wonder Archbishop Schulte was saddened when the Latin School was closed in 1978. During the summer preceding its closing, Father Mark Svarcz-kopf had commitments of close to 40 8th graders from the archdiocese who were interested in attending the Latin School. But again to no avail!

To attribute to "new life patterns" the lack of any facility in the archdiocese to encourage prospective candidates of junior

and senior high school age to consider priesthood goes contrary to what many youth leaders, teachers and school coun-selors tell us about the maturity level of young people today. It encourages them to postpone or forget altogether any thoughts or plans for a priestly vocation.

Father Joseph V. Beechem Pastor, St. Lawrence Church

Time children spend in school

The Aug. 24 issue of The Criterion included a graphic from Catholic News Service indicating that children go to school 840 hours per year and watch TV 1,144 hours per year. This information is incorrect and misleads readers.

Your figures that children go to school 840 hours per year are not even close to time spent in school. I doubt if people stop to check your figures. Because the error is around 50 percent, this is a very misleading graphic. No one knows how often this will be quoted in the months ahead.

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The test of faith

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

My request for letters from my readers to be included in my forthcoming book, "God Delights in You," brought a flood of

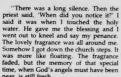
spiritual treasures in the mail. The book is finished and will be published by Alba House, Staten Island, N.Y. this fall.

Here's one of those letters, from Katherine Karras of Hudson,

"It was a hot Sep-tember morning. I was carrying my sixth child. My legs were swollen, I was BIG and tired of waiting. I swollen, I was BIG and tired of waiting. I was 46 years old and the mother of five other children. Would he send me enough strength and energy to take care of that baby? I was determined to do everything I could to help this child into the world, so I trudged my way up the church steps forcing myself to go to confession. I stopped to catch my breath and looked up at the altar. Just as my fingers touched the holy water, a delightful fragrance neveloped me. It seemed to be coming from the altar. I tried to kneel but the sweet fragrance had my attention. There was no one in the church. I went There was no one in the church. I went into the confessional and briefly

confessed my sins. After Father gave me absolution, I said, 'Father, did the sisters spray the altar? There's such a wonderful

fragrance in the church.



near, is still fresh.

"Oh yes, we had an 8-pound, 13ounce baby girl whom we named Mary.
She has been such a blessing. She's
married now with two children, and a
good husband. Me, I'm still going strong,
teaching in a small college part-time,
loving my family, 14 grandchildren, and
loving my students."

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Ouite a letter, isn't it?

How wonderful it would be if all of us role wonderful it would be it all or us could receive an extraordinary sign of God's presence, a beautiful fragrance to remind us of his love. Maybe it would help us to bear our infirmities with more patience. But alas, most of us just have to plug along in faith.

plug along in faith.

St. Peter had some sage advice to those
of us who falter: "My dear people, don't be
bewildered or surprised that you should be
tested by fire. There is nothing extraordinary in what has happened to you. If you
can have some share in the sufferings of
Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a
much greater gladness when his glory is
revealed." (I Pet. 4:12-14)

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Calling order to meeting

by Cynthia Deves

Rhetorical Question: What is the value meetings? Rhetorical Answer: As yet undeter-

mined. (See explana-

tion below.) their orderly/disorderly fashion, humans love to arrange the time they have into neat catego-ries. The Chinese itemize Years of the Dog, Rat, Monkey etc. Legislatures try to

edule world crises for the time when they are in official session, and scientists wrestle to define the fourth dimension with neat little formulae and graphs and suchlike

and graphs and suchime.

The church proclaims the Year of the Child, of the Family, of Mary. We've heard of the monsoon season, the mating season, in fact a season for "every purpose under

Well kids, this is Autumn, and this is weil kids, this is Autumn, and this is indeed the season for every purpose. Defined by The Calendar, it's the time when our country gets back into gear. School starts, series of programs begin, and activity is again organized into neat compartments of minutes, hours, days.

This season also marks the beginning of a rash of (at last we come to it) meeting

We have sales meetings for the big fall campaign, teachers' meetings to plan the semester, church meetings that re-define purpose and strengthen hope. We hold meetings to plan future meetings. The tap or thunder of the gavel

depending upon who's in charge), the neatly-printed agendas, the sharpened pencils and yellow pads for note-taking . . . these are heady stuff. They set the adrenalin

Bureaucracies thrive on the proliferation of meetings. Meetings are to agencies as human necks are to vampires. They are their life's blood.

we become too crazed about the whole thing, we must admit that some meetings are necessary. They are useful for making personal introductions, and for ating the understanding of procedures and events

cedures and events.
When properly directed, meetings can be informative, useful, interesting, even short. Participants can actually come out of them feeling purposeful and invigorated.
BUT (you knew this was coming), lots of meetings do not fall into this superior category. Too many of them are, alas, merely stupefyingly boring and unproductive.

Committee, a group of hapless people who are assigned to study or accomplish something specific to the business of the meeting. They are usually chosen from meeting. They are usually chosen from among those members not present at the

A committee works (or doesn't work) in A committee works (or doesn't work) in an exact ratio of success to its parent meeting. That is, if the purpose or thrust of the meeting is unclear, the committee's achievement will likewise be murky. (You've heard of the committee that designed the elephant.)

Probably the most useful aspect of a committee is that, by forming it, the meeting generates a feeling of accomplishment. The doing is in the planning, as they say.

Table that thought until next we meet

check-it-out...

Martin Center College, located at the Martin Center College, located at the Avondale campus, 2171 Avondale Ave, in Indianapolis, will host the first Martin Center College Institute of Urban Ministry Conference on Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 17-19. The theme of the conference will be "The Holy Spirit: Enabling and Empowering Effective Urban Ministry." A city-wide Gospel Concert, featuring Martin Center College Conference Community Choir, will be held on Tuesday. Oct. 16 as the kick-off event. For Tuesday, Oct. 16 as the kick-off event. For more information call 317-543-3235.

Beginning Experience is a weekend program which assists participants in program which assists participants in moving beyond the death or divorce of a spouse back into the mainstream of life. Such a weekend will be held October 12-14. The cost is \$60. For information or registration call 317-236-1596.

The Annual Mass for Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics and their families will be celebrated by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, 14th and Meridian Sts. A reception will follow in the Catholic Center across the street. Contributions of desserts or snacks to share will be welcome

11th Annual Greater Indianapolis CROP Walk for the Hungry sponsored by Church World Service will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14. CROP Works Sunday atternoon, Oct. 14. CROP W-18s for Martinsville and Johnson County will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7, and on Sunday, Oct. 14 in Carmel. For more information on the walks, call 317-923-2938.

The Senior Companion Program of Catholic Social Services will host a 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program sponsored by AARP from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Oct. 13 and 20 in Suite 216 of the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St Topics include physical changes, inter-acting with traffic, prevention measures, adverse driving conditions, etc. The cost is \$7. Call 317-236-1565 for reservations.

The St. Gerard Guild will spons Luncheon beginning with cocktails at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25 in Suite 16 of the Radisson Hotel, Keystone at the Crossing. The guest speaker will be pro-life state legislator Frank Newkirk Sr. For tickets at \$18, contact the Guild at: 7320 Steinmeir Drive, Indianapolis, Ind. 46250, or call 317-849-4171 or 317-849-3844.

St. Paul Parish in Tell City will celebrate its annual Heritage Fest Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16 in City

Hall Park. Activities include ham and chicken dinners, bingo, crafts, children's and adults' games, a bake sale, entertain-ment, volleyball, homecoming events and a raffle drawing. Everyone is invited.

Franciscan Sister Marya Grathwohl will resent a Workshop on the Spirituality of Leisure from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. E.S.T. on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg. The immaculate Conception in Oldenburg. The workshop will explore the importance of leisure in our lives and the God-given creativity we all share. The registration fee of \$6 includes lunch. For more information call 812-934-4440

A Parent Support Group will begin in the Upper Room at 5t. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road on Monday, Sept. 17 and continue on three consecutive Tuesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9 from 7 199 p.m. The meetings will emphasize prayer and sharing

A six-week program on Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) will begin from 7 to 9-30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 5t. Barnabas School library, 8300 Rahke Road. The free program, sponsored by 5t. Barnabas Adult Religious Education Team and Catholic Social Services, offers parents realistic and practical approaches to raising children. For more information, or to register, call 317-881-0631.

St. Michael Parish in Bradford will sponsor its Annual Turkey Shoot and Chicken and Dumpling Dinner on Sun-day, Sept. 23, rain or shine. The shoot will be held from 11 a.m. to 530 p.m., with dinner served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also dinner served from 11 a.m. to be drawings for featured at the event will be drawings for homemade quilts, cash, beef, a shotgun and ceramics; and games, bingo, and rides

vips...

Holy Spirit parishioner Irene Ryan retired Aug. 30 from her position as secretary to Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara. She has completed 21 years of service to the chancery. She worked first as secretary to Archbishop George Biskup. Previously she was employed as parish cretary at Holy

Benedictine Sister Wilma leanne Davis celebrated her fiftieth anniversary of perpetual vows on Aug. 19 in North Dakota. A native of Columbus, Sister

Dakota. A harve of Columbus, Sister Wilma Jeanne entered the Benedictine Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand and made monastic vows in 1940 She volunteered to teach in St. Ann's Mission School in Belcourt, N.D. in 1957, transferring her vow of stability to the newly-founded Queen

Peace Monastery there. Father Joseph Sheets, pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Seymour and adminis trator of Our Lady of Providence Parish, Brownstown concelebrated the anniver sary Mass

Holy Names Sister Louise Bond, director of the archdiocesan Ministry Development program, was recently elected to the executive board of the National Association for Lay Ministry. NALM is an organization ich affirms lay people who respond to a call to ministry in the church. (Continued on page 7)



THINK SAFETY—Christ-opher Ault, son of Michael and Barbara Jo Ault of St. Magdalen Parish in New Marion, displays his blue ribbon prize-winning 4-H demonstration, "Think demonstration, "Think Safety First," which he presented at the Indiana State Fair. Ault will compete in the Eastern U.S. 4-H Engineering Event com-petition on Sept. 23-25 in Virginia, and travel to Washington, D.C. tober for the State Fair 4-H Achievement Trip

The Ad Game 25 - A PUZZLE FOR PRIZES - \$25

The following readers correctly unscrambled the previous puzzle Carrie Otto Lucille VanWii Steven Haged Lois Dwenger Linda Sintz Tom Gardner Linda Gardner

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Since we had several correct entries, our \$25 Prize Winner was selected at random (See Rule #4) . Congratulations to the winner this week

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Anyone can enter "The Ad Game" with the exception of employees of the Criterion and their families. 2) Entries must be received on or before noon on the first Thursday following publication of the game.

Look for "The Ad Game" in Next Week's Criterion!

1965 Sacred Heart, Chartrand gridders reunite

by Mary Ann Wyand

It's been 25 years since they played high school football, but the men who wore gridiron uniforms for Sacred Heart and Bishop Chartrand high schools on the Indianapolis southside back in 1965 can vividly remember what it feels like to run across the 25-yard line

Last Friday night, silver anniversary players from both schools were honored during halftime ceremonies when Roncalli High School's Rebels hosted the visiting Brebeuf Preparatory School Braves

The Rebels won that contest 47-6, much to the delight of Sacred Heart and Chartrand football alumni in attendance.

Both schools (Sacred Heart later became Kennedy) were merged into Roncalli High School in 1969 in a move that was planned to create the very best in educational opportunities for Catholic secondary school students on the rapidly growing suburban southside. At that time, the students named the consolidated archdiocesan high school in memory of Angelo Roncalli, who became Pope John XXIII.

Before the Sept. 7 reunion, former Chartrand cornerback and fullback John Jaffe helped Bob Tully, now Roncall's director of development, contact seniors from both 1965 teams with invitations to the halftime recognition ceremony and post-game reception. Tully assisted Char-

quarter century ago.
"I think this is a great effort on the part of the administration here to bring together people from the two schools, honor those 25-year teams, and keep that tradition going "laffe said "This is a great way to going," Jaffe said. "This is a great way to oring us back together, pass that tradition down, and let all these people 25 years later know that they really do care about us and they care about our kids and want them to thinking about Roncalli and Catholic

Coincidentally, Jaffe said, "25 years ago, I was a senior playing football on this field and tonight I have a son who is a senior playing football on this team. He's got the same name, but not the same number. He's a lot bigger than I was. He plays center and

Asked about favorite football memories, Jaffe said that he will always remember playing against the Cathedral High School Irish.

"I remember Cathedral's famous ams (in the 1960s) would sweep both left and right, and my job as a cornerback was to come up and contain the play and fight off the blockers and make the tackle," he explained. "All I could see was a sea of green and gold coming at me, and I would think, 'What am I doing here?' They would just run over you. That was back when Cathedral was a perennial powerhouse." When Chartrand opened in 1962, Jaffe said, there were only about 180 students in the freshman class. Consequently, some of the boys in the charter class formed the school's first football team, then went on to varsity ball all four years

Players naturally wanted to direct team prayers as appeals for a successful season, Jaffe said, "but to pray for victory pitting God against the other team and don't think you see too much of that anymore. You just pray that everybody gives their best effort and that everybody

gives inter best entor and that everybody will make it through the game without any injuries. Of course, it's always nice to have a winning effort."

New Roncalli principal joe Hollowell noted that the southside interparochial high school has a strong sports program dating back to tl. c days when the parents of current students competed in city athletic

"Many students that have been here the last few years are the children of former Sacred Heart or Kennedy and Chartrand players," he said. "There's a lot of family tradition and school tradition here."

Former Sacred Heart guard, nose guard and tackle Mike Goss noted that playing high school football was hard work.

"They didn't believe in giving kids water back then," he said. "You practiced for two or two and a half hours and you weren't allowed to even mention the word

Goss said Sacred Heart's team was the co-city champion and ranked fifth in the state during his junior year. And he remembers Father Patrick Kelly, now the principal at Cathedral, cheering the team or from the sidelines.

Chartrand graduate Ken Kern, who played offensive guard and defensive line backer, and other former players recalled colorful stories about teammates who con tinually "played with pain" and inspirationa signs in the locker room like "We don't issue guts" and "If it is to be, it's up to me."

Former Sacred Heart player Larry Taylo: played tight end on offense and also defensive end in 1966 because team members had to double up on positions.

"Even though we didn't always have a great season," he said, "we played hard and we endured a lot of injuries because we didn't have a lot of bench replacement. We played with pain.

Taylor said playing high school football taught him that, "You do what you have to do, you don't complain, and you keep on

Mark Annee, a 1966 Sacred Heart graduate who played middle linebacker, wore his "1964 City Champs" letter sweater to the silver anniversary reunion.

"You can still say the name Sacred Heart

and people remember," he said. "Coach Bob Wilbur really instilled spirit and sportsmanship in us. He would tell us to 'Play to your fullest. Give 110 percent.'"

Annee said officials never called a game

Annee said officials never called a gamon account of weather then.

"I remember playing Crispus Attucks one year at their field." he said. "It war raining hard and the field was really muddy. By halftime you couldn't read anybody's number and by the end of the third quarter you could hardly tell the teams apart, but it was fun."



GRIDIRON REUNION—Members of the 1965 football teams from Sacred Heart and Bishop Chartrand high schools gather at the Roncalli Rebels' game Sept. 7.

more vips...

(Continued from page 6)

Claretian Brother Thomas Haerle professed perpetual vows in the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Claretian) Order on Aug. 5 in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Brother Thomas studied for the arch diocesan priesthood at St. Meinrad Archabbey between 1971 and 1979,



receiving a bachelor's degree in 1976. He also served as director and assistant dirsector at Bethany House shelter for the homeless in Terre Haute. Brother Thomas has engaged in parish work and will serve as a chaplain at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield this year.

Father Stefano Gobbi, founder and promoter of the Marian Movement of promoter of the Marian Movement of Priests will appear at Notre Dame Univer-sity on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26-27. He will offer Mass at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Our Lady of Hungary Church, South Bend. For more informa-tion contact Queen of Peace Ministries, P.O. Box 761, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556, 913,988.977.



CENTENARIAN-Helena Mandabach (seated, from left) watches CENTENAKIAN—Helena Mandabach (seated, from left) watches as her sister, Margaret Pope, is presented with a cake commemorating her 100th birthday. Standing are the honorce's son Ed Pope, Little Sister of the Poor Susan Frances and Mother Regina Marie Loffus, superior of St. Augustine Home where Margaret Pope resides. Sixty guests attended the Sunday, Sept. 9 party for the long-time St. Phillip Net parishioner who also has a daughter, Mildred Fitzgerald, 11 grandchildren and Rip great-grandchildren. Mrs. Mandabach, from Washington, Ind., celebrated her 90th birthday on Sept. 10. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



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Pope's cathedral blessing puts him in middle of political controversy

YAMOUSSOUKRO, North Coust-Pope John Paul II came to the Ivory Coast to bless a church, but in doing so he landed in the middle of one of Africa's most sensitive political debates.

Construction of the church was controversial issue: Critics said the \$150 million Basilica of Our Lady of Peace was hardly the kind of pulpit the church needs on the world's poorest continent.

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The counterargument was that the basilica was a personal gift of the Ivory Coast president. Adjoining it will be a church-run hospital—a clear sign of the church's social concern.

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The debate, however, went beyone sthetics or symbolism of a building.

The unease expressed by some in the lvory Coast had more to do with the blessing the pope appeared to be giving to President Felix Houphouet-Boigny, the octogenarian dictator whose 30-year rule is r increasing challenge

under increasing challenge.

In this debate, the church's cost is taken as evidence of the economic gulf that separates the president from most of his fellow citizens. Laurent Gbagbo, an opposition leader who hopes to run for president, has publicly questioned how Houphoute-Boigny could build the basilica and many other monuments on his family inheritance.

The head of a smaller opposition group wrote a letter to the pope, asking him to intercede with the president so that political pluralism can be allowed.

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He and others questioned the timing of the gapal visit.

Last winter, when the first public demonstrations rocked the capital of



IVORY COAST BASILICA—The controversial Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast, was consecrated Sept. 10 by Pope John Paul II during his visit to Africa. (CNS) photo from KNA)

Abidjan, Houphouet-Boigny stubbornly refused to consider the opposition's demands for political pluralism and economic reform

But in April, after riots continued, the president reluctantly agreed to the idea of allowing multiparty elections later this

Since then, however, opposition leaders say attempts to hold public meetings have been blocked by the government. Just a few days before the papal visit, police used force to break up an "unauthorized" rally, and the government, said the planned and the government said the planned reopening of university and secondary schools would be postponed.

Given these circumstances, some feared the pope will be seen as siding with the president instead of those shouting "free-dom" in the streets.

A Vatican official said the pope was aware of these objections, but that political considerations come second when the pontiff is convinced that someone—like Houphouet-Boigny—has acted in good faith.

Cardinal Bernard Yago of Abid,an, the leader of the Ivory Coast church, said in a recent letter to priests that the pope had made his decision to accept the basilica and would "accept the responsibilities" for the visit. He called the church a

"grandiose work" whose planning and construction, however, had little to do with local Catholics.

As the basilica was being built, local As the basilica was being built, local church leaders kept a distance from the project, and some feared it could become a political target. One slogan heard during the recent demonstrations was, "We want

the recent demonstrations was, "We want factories, not basilicas."

Ivory Coast's 13 bishops recently issued a sharply worded pastoral letter that said the country needs political reform to face widespread "impovershment, insecurity, immortality and corruption."

Hownbound Prisoners

Houphouet-Boigny has ruled since the independence from France in 1960, and the Ivory Coast was until recently considered the economic showcase of West Africa. But plummeting commodity prices and massive foreign debt have plunged the country into a crisis

country into a crisis.

The debate in the lyory Coast touches a deep nerve in modern Africa, where one-party states are being challenged by fledgling opposition groups—which often have the local church's support.

Africa's changing political landscape can be seen in the West African countries the pope visited earlier this year, when single-party regimes were firmly enterenched. Seven months later, Burkina Faso and Cape Verde have agreed to phase in democracy, and Mali and Chad are under pressure to do so.

In Zaire and Kenya, local churches have been critical of one-party regimes and have

Taller and Nernya, local churches have been critical of one-party regimes and have given moral support to opposition groups. In Zimbabwe, the church's justice and peace commission opposed President Robert Mugabe's move to set up a oneparty state. In Benin and Gabon, archibishops head commissione characterist. head commissions charged with preparing

head commissions charged with preparing for multiparty systems.

Throughout his travels, the pope has not pressured African countries on democratic reforms. On the plane to Africa symptomic for him or other Westerners to try to impose democratic institutions. He was on his way to Tanzania, where one-party rule is the hottest topic of conversation, and to Burundi and Rwanda, where single-party regimes are firmly in place.



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Growing up in St. Philip Neri Parish, Indpls.

by Jim Obergfell

When I think of what it was like to grow up in St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, I think of the nuns, the priests, the parishioners, the church, the convent, the smell of the school building, the gym, the neighborhood, the corner drugstores and grocery stores.

Since I lived across the street from the church, I especially remember the loud but melodious-sounding bell: It rang for every Mass and daily at noon and 6 p.m.

I learned Latin as an altar boy, and I always valued that I also recall my days in the boys' choir. I realized later in life that Father Marshall's only reason for allowing me to stay in the choir had to be to keep me out of trouble

the choir had to be to keep me out of trouble.

I loved sports in grade school and I look favorably on those times, but for different reasons than one might think. I learned very valuable lessons from CYO sports at St. Philip Nert, lessons in discipline and life from good coaches like Jim McCinley, Dave O'Connor, Don and Steve Wright, and especially Herman Flagist, who had the roar of a lion and the heart of a teddy bear.

Probably one of the most important lessons I ever learned happened in the seventh grade, when I was not allowed to play basketball because of a terribly low mark in conduct. I brought my grade up to the highest level the next grading period and was allowed to play the last three games of the year. It was a true marker in my life that helped me mature.

I remember going to church every morning. And I recall wearing khaki shirts and blue ties which matched the girls' uniforms. Up until 1963, the girls wore scarves, hats, or even kleenex on their heads when they went to church. And I am reminded of marching in single file or two-by-two into church or school.

On the First Friday of every month, we were allowed to have yeast foughnuts and chocolate milk or hot chocolate. Our teachers were incredibly optimistic to think that they could accomplish anything on those days after we had just filled ourselves with all that sugar.

I also have fond memories of the nativity scenes at Christmas, both in the church and on the lawn. The outdoor nativity was directly across the street from my house, so we had a great view of it from our living room. The crib and figurines looked more beautiful when it snowed, a vision that will remain with me for a lifetime. On occasion, my mother would take us over to the lighted nativity scene in the late evening to say a prayer. It was quiet and dark. This added a great deal to our anticipation of Christmas

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I remember my class adopting "pagan babies" and selling Christmas Holy Childhood seals and bumper stickers that read "Put Christ back into Christmas."

Lent and Holy Week were always very special to me. I can't really explain why except to say that there was something extraordinary about going to church during those xi weeks. Maybe it was because that was the time for honest introspection, and as a kid If m not sure I did that at any other time of the year.

time of the year.

As I reminisce, I think of bake sales and pitch-in dinners and award ceremonies. I enjoyed the Friday afternoon movies in the gym that cost a dime. I am also reminded of the summer festival, bingo on Saturday nights, and watching the girls play kickball and volleyball. Years later I would learn that kickball was unique to Catholic schools. I remember playing tetherball and basketball using steel-rim hoops without nets on the playground. St. Philip Neri was the only grade school with a bowling alley and, without my father's knowledge, a good deal of what I made on my paper route was spent there.

Reduced donations force Covenant House cutbacks

NEW YORK (CNS)-The new president of Covenant House, the ministry to runaway youth founded by Franciscan Father Bruce Ritter, said a decline in donations has forced program cutbacks at the same time youngsters coming in need more services

"Fewer kids are coming from stable situations," said Sister Mary Rose McGeady, a Daughter of Charity. "We get more and more kids with fewer pieces of a former life to

Covenant Houses accepts any young person seeking shelter who is willing to follow house rules. Then, Sister Mary Rose said, the staff tries to re-establish family ties or place the youth in some long-term situation

In the past, she said, young people who could not or ould not return to their homes were often placed with a grandmother or uncle. But larger numbers today have no such alternative, she said, and those over 18 may not be accepted in any foster care or agency program.

ister Mary Rose said that each department of Covenant House and its branches in other U.S. cities and other countries were affected by cutbacks. In addition, she said, Covenant House had eliminated its youth advocacy institute, a 26-bed floor for AIDS patients that opened in December 1988, a messenger service, an outreach center, two group homes in Manhattan and the Washington program

However, she said she felt strong commitment from the staff and support from friends across the country

"First, we need to restore confidence, and it's coming," she said. "I've had over 500 letters of support. People who had stopped giving say they will start again."

I remember my first-grade teacher, Sister Patricia Louise, my second teacher, Mr and because detzger. ger, because were both very Sister Patricia Louise was beautiful, and I remember remember people saying that she was one of the prettiest nuns they had ever known. She smiling.
I also recall my

fifth-grade teacher, Miller,



Miss Miller, and sisth-grade teacher, Sister Margaret Mary. (Or was it Sister Mary Margaret?) And I remember exactly where I was sitting when Sister announced over the loud speaker that John F. Kennedy had been shot. I also recall that a classmate received a letter from President Kennedy in the mail on the very day that he was killed and another student received an autographed photograph of the president that same weekend. They were the result of an essay we all had to write a few weeks earlier.

For that assignment, we were to write to a famou to see if we would get a response. Four or five students wrote to President Kennedy, while I chose to write to the middle linebacker for the Chicago Bears. I never heard from him.

I also remember Sister Mary Ida and Sister Jean Paula. For a punishment, Sister Mary Ida ama Sister jean rausa. For a punishment, Sister Mary Ida made me and several others go into the library and laugh, without stopping, for a solid half hour. That turned out to be a difficult task, but I find myself smiling from ear to ear when I think back to

I have images of the green safety flag and Herman Hoglebogle pins and safety patrol boys. They were revered just like policemen. One of my most vivid memories is lining up with classmates to go north or south and marching out of school to go home. Two by two, we would process to some tune played by members of the school band. Music was a big part of St. Philip Neri, and it all started with rhythm band.

Ritual, especially in church, always interested me. I

andles and burning incense. That smell can take me back to that church no matter where I am. I remember High Mass and Low Mass. I remember my St. Joseph's Daily Missal, which I still have. I was so fond of key Latin phrases uttered by the priest, like "Dominus vobiscum," and responding with "Et cum spiritu tuo," and the priest saying, "Oremus," all of which meant, "The Lord be with saying, "Oremus," all of which meant, "The Loro De William, you," "and with your spirit" and "Let us pray."

I remember serving 5:15 a.m. Mass for Monsignor Busald

Living across the street from the

Tethermoer serving 5:15 a.m. Mass for monsignor nussia and Father Ripperger. Living across the street from the church, I can recall weeddings, funerals, First Communions, Confirmations, May Crownings, and graduation ceremonies that took place during my tenure on Rural Street.

There are numerous stories that I could write about, as we all could, but what I remember, value and treasure the most about my days at St. Philip Neri are all of the different people who came into my life. By their example, there is people who came into my life. By their example, they showed me the importance of service, the value of friendship, and the understanding of being responsible and accountable for my own actions. Along with these values, I also learned about forgiveness, especially since I was locking for it most often. I found it may times. All of these lessons led me to the most important values of all—self accordance and self-respect. all-self acceptance and self respect.

Some of my childhood friendships from St. Philip have lasted a lifetime. Each of us is very different, yet I truly believe that we share something very much in common.

Although we don't see each other as often we should, I know we can start where we left off at any time. This is true with almost anyone I run into who attended St. Philip Neri

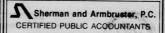
After my mother's death, an entire neighborhood of parents played key and vital roles in helping my family. We were welcomed into their homes, and most parents treated us the way they would treat their own children, including

Sadly, I did not graduate from St. Philip Neri School because we moved after my seventh-grade year.

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When I think of what it was like to grow up in St. Philip
Neri Parish, I realize that it has had a tremendous impact on Neri Parish, I realize that it has not a trememore any parents, my life. The values and lessons learned from my parents, my life. The values and the priest, the nuns, and the echoed and supported by the priest, the nuns, and the parishioners, are the foundation for who and what I am and all of my beliefs.

(Obergfell teaches religion at Cathedral High School.)

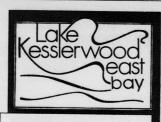


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Papal Mass shows church's ambivalent approach to Islam

SONGEA, Tanzania-Praising Allah is not unusual in Tanzania, but it is normally do

papal Mass.

When Pope John Paul II came to the Catholic enclave of ongea in southern Tanzania Sept. 3, he went out of his way offer "the hand of friendship and love" to the area's

Muslim minority.

The local bishop, introducing Islamic dignitaries to the pontiff, had just finished explaining how Muslims had chipped in to pay for the papal visit.

"They, too, believe in one God, whom they call Allah," the bishop said, and the Muslim section erupted in cheers and high-pitched uludating, a form of greeting.

The enjected highliphted the church's embrushed.

The episode highlighted the church's ambivalent approach to Islam in Africa. While many local Catholics seem to get along well with Muslims, the Vatican recently warned of a potential "collision course" between the two religions in Africa.

There is special concern at the Vatican about new Muslim evangelization groups in Africa, financed by oil-rich Middle Eastern countries. The fear is that a more aggressive strain of Islam will slowly seep into black Africa.

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The outline for the upcoming African synod, written at the Vatican on the basis of meetings with African bishops, sounded a warning bell on the issue in June. It said Islam was an important but difficult dialogue partner and spoke of a worldwide Islamic plan to refashion African society "according to Islamic principles."

The document suggested that the bishops keep better track of Islamic propagation, its ties to the government and its "external sources of support."

The pope, addressing diplomats last January at the Vatican, said he could not "remain silent" at the Vatican, said he could not "remain silent" at the Vatican, said he could not "remain silent" at the Vatican, said he could not "remain silent" at the Vatican source said.

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When the pope travels in sub-Saharan Africa, however, he sees a more optimistic picture, and he stresses cooperation over conflict.

Aboard the plane carrying him to his 10-day visit to Africa, the cope said he thought African Muslims were 'very tolerant and very respectful of their Christian

If there is a model for Christian-Muslim coexistence, "it precisely this one," he said.

Addressing Muslims in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Sept. 2, the pope praised relations between the two religions, which each represent about a third of the population in Tanzania. He said Christians and Muslims had a "firm foundation on which mutual respect and cooperation can be built."

Before the trip, a Vatican publication had expressed worry about Taszanian Muslims who, through financing from Iran and Egypt, were now able to build schools and

offer "tempting" scholarships "to young Christians who are in danger of losing the faith."

The pope probably hears less dire reports from local

bishops on his travels.

"When it comes to proselytizing, the problem can be on both sides. We sometimes feel too afraid and feel that it is our sole right to evangelize." Bishop Louis Lebulu, president of the Tanzanian bishops conference, said in an president of the lanzantan osnops contened, said in an interview. He said that despite what the African synod report says, he has experienced "no problems" with Muslims in his diocese.

Said one African priest who works at the Vatican: "The Islamic invasion of Africa is a Western fantase. The Islamic invasion of Africa is a Western fantase. That there is a Muslim plan for evangelizing Africa is very true. But let's not forget that African Islam is very different from that of the Middle East. Just look what happens on these trips: Muslims come to the pope's ceremonies."

Muslims come to the pope's ceremonies."

In sub-Saharan Africa, however, Nigeria represents a nightmare scenario from the Catholic point of view. There, Muslims make up half the population and Christians about 40 percent. In 1979, a limited form of Islamic law was adopted, over strong Christian protest, and in 1985 Nigeria joined the Organization of Islamic Conference. Religious intolerance grew, erupting in riots at universities and villages. Today, tensions still simmer.

Its political influence aside, Islam has had less success evangelizing Africa than Christianity. Christianity has grown about 30 percent faster than Islam since 1980.

Catholics and Anglicans agree on statement

by Catholic News Service

DUBLIN, Ireland-The Second Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission has approved a statement, "The Church as Communion" but will not issue it until it has been approved by both courcnes.

Announcement of the statement was made Sept. 6 at the see of the commission's nine-day meeting in Dublin.

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The Second Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, known as ARCIC II, said the agreed-on statement is "different from previous ARCIC statements in hat it does not focus on a specific doctrinal question that has been divisive between Catholics and Anglicans."

The origin of this study lies in a conviction on both sides that the process of seeking agreement in faith between Anglicans and Catholics is to be rooted in an increasingly shared understanding of the nature of the church," ARCIC II said. The study "is also a response to requests from the authorities on both sides for the commission to clarify the ecclesiological basis of its work," it said.

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ARCIC II said the agreed-upon statement explains how
Anglicans and Catholics share a "real though as yet
imperfect communion." It explores the theme of unity in the
Scriptures and addresses the question of the sacramentality
of the church and its apostolicity, catholicity and holiness.

The statement also considers the issues of unity and
diversity and concludes with an appraisal of the present
degree of unity between the two churches.

ARCIC II was formally established in 1982 by Pope John
Paul II and the former archibishop of Canterbury, the Rev.
Robert Runcie, during the pope's visit to Britain.

The successor to ARCIC I, which had completed it seak

The successor to ARCIC I, which had completed its task of seeking convergence on certain issues of Eucharist, ministry and authority. ARCIG II was assked to resolve remaining Anglican-Catholic doctrinal divisions, to resolve differences that hinder mutual recognition of ministries, and to suggest ways of returning to corporate unity.

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BIBLE STORIES CREATE STRONG IMAGES

Lives of key biblical figures offer great insight

by Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere

The young monk read slowly and well, carefully forming each word and phrase with a conjurer's skill, transforming words into images.

The other monks listened while Abraham, Sarah and three mysterious visitors

quietly joined them.

This was in the knob country of Kentucky at the Abbey of Gethsemani, where I was preaching a retreat for the

The monk read the story of Abraham as one who knew Abraham and Sarah well. You could tell he had spent a lot of time in the shade beneath their tree.

As he read, their tent appeared, with Abraham seated in front of it and Sarah resting inside at the hot time of day. Heat

aves hovered over the desert.
Suddenly three strangers were standing

As I listened, the 38 centuries between us and Abraham disappeared. So did the 5,000 miles between the Abbey of Gethsemani and the hills above Hebron.

I would not have been surprised if Abraham, Sarah and their guests actually had come knocking at the door of the

In a Trappist monastery, each day, night and hour is important, but years and centuries are not. Stark as a desert scape, the monastic church is a perfect setting to hear stories of Abraham and Sarah.

Abraham is among my favorite people from the Bible. For a long time, I could not have said why. But do we actually need a reason to like somebody?

reson to like somebody?

Abraham's family came from Ur, an ancient city in southeastern Mesopotamia. When he was still quite young, the family migrated up the Euphrates River to the city of Haran.

of Haran.
It is only after his father Terah's death
that God broke into Abraham's life. The
family migration had only begun. Abraham, now a desert chieftain, was to leave
for a land God one day would disclose to
him. There he and his family would
become a great nation through whom all
peoples would be blessed.
I think at is Abraham's faith and
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enormous trust that draw us to him—faith that God was really with him and trust that God's promise somehow would be ful-filled.

A number of other people in Abraham's story are really tremendous. One is Abraham's wife Sarah.

Sarah and Abraham seem always to have been together. When the three visitors came, she may have been behind the flap of the tent, but she was there. And when the visitors amounced that by the following year Sarah would have borne a son, she burst out laughing. Sarah was a great woman. But I think her sense of humor is what endears her to

us. It is through her laughter that I imagine her with her husband on their epic journey

Abraham and Sarah were not only one flesh. They were also one faith and one trust. And God was with them.

I soon found my thoughts moving from the time of Abraham and Sarah to the eighth century B.C. and Isaiah the

Isaiah was at prayer near the great altar of the temple in Jerusalem. He imagined himself at the foot of Mt. Sinai and the whole place shook with God's presence.

Aware of his sinfulness, Isaiah wondered how he could survive the fiery brilliance of God's holiness. But Isaiah was not destroyed. Dazed, he felt a burning coal from the altar touch his lips.

His lips were purified and, yes, he would speak the word of God.

The call of Isaiah, found in Chapter 6 of his book, is a great page in the Old Testament. Reading it, we sense the writer straining at the limits of language to describe Isaian's experience of God calling him to be a prophet in Israel.

After that, the brilliance of Isaiah's insight and his dazzling use of poetic imagery seems quite natural.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1).

"A child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests" (Isaiah 9:6). It was different with Jeremiah. Here was

id man, whose words either caught in his throat or tripped on his tongue. Like Isaiah, though nearly two centuries later, Jeremiah was a prophet in Jerusalem. But Jeremiah shared none of Isaiah's

We do not know whether Jeremiah had We do not know whether Jeremush had an ordinary speech impediment. But he had to overcome a limited ability to articulate, along with his timidity. Actually, he rose to considerable eloquence in speaking the word of God, even to a people who did not want to listen. who did not want to listen.

Words like the following are the mark of his courage: "How can we say, 'We are wise, we have the law of the Lord,' when scribes with their lying pens have falsified it?" (Jaronish 8-8). (Jeremiah 8:8)

When the young monk at the Abbey of Gethsemani completed the reading from Abraham's story, there was quiet in the church. I savored the company of Abraham and Sarah, along with the company of others in the Old Testament like Isaiah and

I hope to return to the abbey one day. It is a holy place—and you meet the most interesting people there.

(Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVer-diere writes for Catholic News Service.)



BIBLICAL IMAGERY—While listening to a young monk read stories from the Old Testament, Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere finds his thoughts moving to the eighth century B.C. and the prophet Isaiah, whose "dazzling use of poetic imagery" enfleshed the wred of God. Once people begin reading the Old Testament, they discover the unique richness and variety of these timeless stories. (CNS photo of arf from "God's Images," by Marvin Hayes and James Dickey, 1977, Oxmoor House. Reprinted with permission of the publisher.)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Moses was a compelling biblical leader and mentor

by David Gibson

If there's one thing Moses wasn't, he wasn't boring. Thousands of years after he led the Israelites out of Egypt and toward the Promised Land, his story holds people spellbound.

Moses would be recalled as a compelling historical figure, if nothing else—the friend, advocate and defender of powerless people.

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The story of the exodus is the story of a great liberator named Moses. It also is about a great liberator called God.

When you read the Old Testament, you meet the most fascinating people. Through them, you meet a most fascinating God!
(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

DISCUSSION POINT

Biblical figures are inspirational

This Week's Question
Is there a person in the Old Testament whom you deeply admire? What do you admire about this person?

"There are so many things from Isaiah that mean a lot to me. I love those lines where Isaiah responds to God's call. The call liself is so vague. "Who can we send?" And Isaiah responds with such enthusiasm. 'Here I am, send me.' "(Sanah Yaworsky, Rochester, New York)

"I really admire the prophets and their ability to speak up for justice—sometimes at the cost of their own lives." (Daniel Robinson, Owensboro, Kentucky)

"I deeply admire Job for his patience and submission to the divine providence of God even when faced with enduring trals of physical and mental anguish." (Olga Pasquarelli, Casselberry, Florida)

"Moses! He was given such a big job to do, and the people were always grumbling and complaining, but he stood by them, and sadly he was not allowed in the promised land." (Catherine Elvin Conway, St. Petersburg, Florida)

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FAVORITE OLD TESTAMENT TALES

Women display concern for others in many memorable Bible stories

by Katharine Bird

Hagar, Esther, Ruth, Naomi, Judith. Those were the names most often hea in my informal survey on favorite Old Testament women

The survey included some relatives and women from a group of book-discussion leaders sponsored by Iona House, an ecumenically-founded senior citizen resource center in Washington

Glendora Bell, who retired after 37 years with the federal government, sees a tie between the biblical Ruth and Naomi and senior-citizen roles toda

She recalled that after Ruth's husband died, she chose to remain with her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi, and provide for her. Ruth respected Naomi and often took her advice, leading in time to Ruth's second marriage.

Later, when Ruth's baby was born, Naomi became his nurse—making Naomi

Naomi occame his nurse—making Naomi 'the first foster grandparent'. Ruth's message today is that 'the elderly have a lot to give,' Bell said. She thinks Ruth's story also tells us 'we must care for the elderly,' whether relatives or not. Bell often serves as a story believed. tutor helping illiterate senior citizens

For Beatrice Bryant, a retired govern-

unselfish thinking on the family's behalithat she saw in her own mother.

When her five children were young and the family was constantly on the move, her mother thought a lot about the kind of environment she wanted for them

"She thought what it would mean for us to develop ties and strong relationships." Bryant said. And a decision was made to move the family to Memphis, Tenn., to rear the children among relatives and friends

For Beatrice Aitchison, now retired from Testament favorite "because she had the courage of her convictions." She "stuck her neck out" and risked death by going uninvited to see her husband, the king, to plead for her people's lives.

Aitchison thinks Esther's message for people today is that women have had a lot of courage when it comes to "pushing the churches ahead in social justice" issues

Hagar, the mother of Abraham's son Ishmael, is a woman of courage for my mother, Evelina Polk Bird of South Bend, Ind. After Abraham's wife, Sarah, gave birth to Isaac, Hagar was banished from

So Hagar went into the desert and found a way to make "a new life for herself and her little boy," as my mother put it.

the good sort," she added. At another time in history, and in another culture, Hagar stands as "the kind of person who makes the best of things that were an injustice to In time, ishmael became the leader of

My sister, Sarah Bird, relates most to the Old Testament women who "in the name of God broke stereotypes" -- women like ludith, the slaver of Holofernes. My sister is co-owner of a bookstore in South Bend and is a member of a small group that

She observed that after Judith's hus band died, she remained a widow in a culture that promoted remarriage. Though wealthy and charismatic, she became

But when Holofernes army threatened her people. Judith took on a most publi This included persuading the Jewish leaders that she could help, as well as attracting Holofernes' attention and carrying his head back to her people

Judith and her biblical sisters show omen today that they can work for God in new and critical ways, my sister

(Katherine Bird is a free-lance writer and





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Forming compassionate communities

by Frank X. Savage Executive Director, Office of Catholic Education

The births of my children were pro-found moments in my life. When I held them for the first time, their new life filled me with awe and wonder. The responsibilities of a parent rushed through my mind They were dependent upon my wife and me for virtually everything. The words that me for virtually everything. The words that I had spoken to parent groups so many times suddenly became real for me: "Parents are the primary educators of their children . . . A child's first image of God is shaped by the parents.

What image of God did I want my children to have? How would I model that image to them? The image of a merciful, forgiving God slow to anger and rich in compassion was the image that I wanted to hand on to my children. My wife and I would strive to do it through example and by shaping a home environment filled with love, forgiveness and caring. We wanted to form our family into a community of

"Forming Communities of Compas-sion" is a rich and evocative theme from Catechetical Sunday. It proclaims that catechesis is more than handing on a body of truths. Catechesis is about

according to the mind and heart of lesus The effectiveness of the formal catechetical instruction which takes place in our schools and religious education programs is dependent in part upon how the mysteries of faith are lived in our homes, parishes and other communities.

Of all the "communities" which catechesis shapes, there is none more basic than the family. In the family, we experience the faith lived on a daily basis and we find a safe haven from a hostile world. In the family, we learn how to love and be loved and how to forgive and be forgiven. In the family, we experience the profound faith experiences of life and death. The health and vitality of our families affects the life of our parishes

The family is like the fragile wetland environments of the earth. These wetlands are so important for the interdependent life of fish, birds, mammals, and humans. Yet these wetlands are under siege by violent environmental forces which destroy the delicate balance of these vital ecosystems

In a similar way, the family is under siege by violent environmental forces of society. Work and economic pressures, conflicting schedules of family members. the stress of single parents and constant

Gospel all threaten the fragile family environment. All other communities. church and civic, are threatened in turn.

The church, through its catechetical

efforts, can help the family cope with the forces that threaten it as a community of compassion. However, some critical reflection needs to take place

Catechetical efforts can often place stress on the family through programs and expectations which separate the family. It is time to review our assumptions about the family. Are our assump tions about the family true for the family today or do they apply to the family of twenty years ago?

It is time to take a fresh look at how we run our programs. Do we separate families unnecessarily? Can we accom-plish the same catechetical objectives in a

way that is less intrusive on family time? way that is less intrusive on family time? Can we actually design programs that enhance family unity? Can we do more to empower parents to be the primary educators of their children? These are some of the questions the ministry of catechesis must answer if it is to form families as communities of compassion

We are called to be a sign of hope in a world filled with doubt and despair. We do this by learning from and living out of our communities of compassion. The most fundamental of these communities is the family

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SAVAGE FAMILY—The Savage family includes (front, from left) son Mark, 13; daughter Clare, 14; (top) mother Gerianne and father Frank X. Savage. The photo was taken for the St. Thomas Aquinas parish directory more than a year ago.

Peters believes that schools create future faith communities

by Margaret Nelson

'Catholic schools are not just places here religion is taught," said G. Joseph Peters, coordinator of school services. real and distinct Catholic school is truly a faith community, where faith is lived out

'As with all communities, these small faith communities don't always live en-tirely up to the ideal, but it is the striving to reach that idea that is the heart and soul of what a Catholic school is." he said.

Peters said, "Community should be evident in a Catholic school in the relationships of teachers and students, teachers and other teachers, and in teachers and parents. Parents also form a community which supports the school."

He said that parents show this by their actions, such as volunteer efforts. But their sense of community should also be evident "in the values they share around the school," he said.

Research by James S. Coleman found that this "functional community" is what distinguishes Catholic schools from others

ing their academic success, Peters said.

"The school also helps integrate stu the school also helps has defined and the said. 'Catholic schools are very much a part and najor ministry of most parishes.'

Peters cited a recent study by Peter L. of the Search Institute. Benson of the Search Institute, which found that attendance at a Catholic school has a great effect on the very values that the church is trying to promote through the parish and school community.

Students who attend Catholic schools and to have positive social, educational and church values, and to place a higher importance on religion than students in other schools, the study showed. Such students also placed a greater value on academic achievement and college atten-

Catholic educators believe that these are largely community effects. They are promoted by like-thinking among the staff, the students, their parents and the parish at large," Peters said

The bottom line for Catholic schools is that they create the next generation of the faith community," said Joseph Peters.

Parents' faith grows in sacramental preparation

by Cynthia Dewes

The prettily dressed babies wail in steps the parents and godparents beam, the priest and congregation smile fondly. As the Sacrament of Baptism is conferred, faith is passed down the generations and the community rejoices.

One of the most important responsibilities and greatest satisfactions parents have is sharing religious faith with their children. "Parents have a special role in transmitting the faith." said Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell coordinator of family-centered and childrood catechesis for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.

The church recognizes the importance of the parents' task, Sister said, and tries to help them. Through offices such as hes, the church offers resources to parishes to aid parents in preparing their children for baptism and other sacraments.

Presenting children for baptism is often one of the first ways in which parents express their hopes for the spiritual welfare of their children. But some parents see no need to attend sacramental preparation classes, Sister Antoinette said.

"They will say, 'I have 12 years of Catholic education why do I need a class to teach my child about baptism?", Sister Antoinette said. Especially if the child being baptized is not their first, parents sometimes resist being asked to attend a class.

"I tell them, 'Maybe some of the other parents could profit from your experience and knowledge,' "Sister Antoinette said.

Besides, sacramental preparation classes help parents to "get in touch with their own taith" she added. As they learn more about the sacraments and share with others, they are often able to deepen and articulate their own beliefs.

"Sometimes I think they (the classes) are more useful for the parent than for the kid," Sister Antoinette joked.

She expanded on that remark, saying that as church we need to work on most support for parents during the interim years between their children's baptisms and the beginning of their formal education.

Now in her ninth year as a consultant in catechesis. Sister said she has become convinced that parents need more adult—level sharing and other opportunities in order for their own faith to grow. When children see healthy faith displayed by their parents, they also tend to become faithful.

Sacramental preparation classes are just one way the church shows concern for parents as they participate in passing on the faith, Sister Antoinette said. But it is an extremely important one.



WATERS OF BAPTISM—Father John P. O'Brien, pastor of St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, baptizes Whitney Mathauer, as her parents, Sheila and Keith Mathauer watch. The St. Rose assembly can be seen to the right. (Photo by Harold J. Mathauer)



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Catholic Education office staff has spiritual base

by Margaret Nelson

The term "office staff" takes on a whole new meaning when it comes to the Office of Catholic Education (OCE). Though they are typical people, they don't have the typical office attitude. They seem to care.

It comes out when the office sponsors a Catholic Center employee event, like a Thanksgiving dinner. The Center employee event, like a linatio-giving united that staff's idea is to have a prayer service, a "simple meal," with the (delicious) soup and bread made and donated by staff members. The usual amount charged to those attending the annual (formerly extravagant) meal was collected and given to the needy





FRIENDS-The OCE staff takes a picnic break during the annual file-cleaning session. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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But the Christian demeanor also comes out when training sessions are held—always including prayer and liturgy—or even when the phone is answered. Anyone liturgy—or even when the phone is answered. Glysoconnected with public school offices can verify that there are fewer people at OCE, doing more work, at lower

The office is ultimately responsible for providing religious education for almost 200,000 people in the 39 counties in the archdiocese. The economy of resources was evident even before the recent archdiocesan eight percent across-the-board budget cut. And the savings extend to paper materials. "It's 'bare bones' now," said one school

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Catholic Schools Communities with Memories

At the OCE helm is Frank X. Savage, executive director. At the OCE helm is Frank X. Savage, executive director. He works with the archdiocean board of education and heads up the planning, policy and budget management for all religious education. A member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, he is married to Gerianne, who has been helping the ministry development program for about a year. And she is coordinator of the collaborative ministry team for Ministry to Ministers. They have two children, 13 and 14.

Frank is a gourmet health food cook and brings salads and breads to office celebrations. There are many such occasions in the OCE office—and many good cooks!

Occasions in the O.E. office—and many good cooks:

That includes Providence Sister Lawrence Ann Liston, who is the director of schools. She interviews and recommends principals, and provides orientation, support and growth opportunities for them. She also serves as OCE liaison with local, state, national and archdiocesan agencies and coordinates evaluation of schools. Sister lives at Our Lady of the Greenwood, but travels so much she is rarely

G. Joseph Peters is coordinator of school services. He is G. Joseph Peters is coordinator of school services. He is responsible for insuring a Catholic identity, as well as the promotion and development, legal concerns, personnel management and testing in the schools. Peters and his wife Nancy have five children, aged one to 16, who are members of St. Mark.

of St. Mark.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz is coordinator of support services. Formerly principal of St. Mark, she is responsible for special school programs, such as those for gitted and talented, special education, early childhood and curriculum development. She plans training opportunities for principals and teachers, including the biannual Catholic education conference, to be held this year at Ritter High School Oct. 25. Mickey and her husband Jim have two grown children and attend St. Mark

The coordinator of boards of education is Ellen R. Brown. The coordinator of boards of education is Ellen K. Brown. She offers support and training of board skills and educational issues by January and deanery boards of education. She also be about retreats for board members. Ellen, her husband Ray and bear 15-year-old son attend St.

Inomas.

Also a member of St. Thomas Aquinas is Matt Hayes, director of religious education and coordinator of adult catechesis. He oversees parish scripture study, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Renew programs. Besides helping build and maintain parish catechetical teams and programs, he takes care of contract details for religious education administrators. Matt and his wife Judy have four children, ages 3-14.

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have four children, ages 3-14.

Benedictine Sister Antoinette "Tonie" Purcell coordinates family-centered and childhood catechesis. She helps
parishes supplement pre-school and elementary religious
education programs, such as sacramental preparation and
vacation Bible schools. Sister also works with the
archdiocesan RCIA leadership formation team. Sister Tonie
lives at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

Coordinator of youth catechesis and catechist formation is Bob Meaney, a member of Holy Cross. He assists with junior and senior high school catechesis, including curriculum planning, staff formation, human resources and audiovisual materials.

Toddy Daly manages the Resource Center, which provides audiovisual religious education materials for parishes, agencies and individuals. Toddy and her husband Dan are also members of Holy Cross and have two grown

daughters.
Another member of St. Thomas Aquinas is Christie A Another member of St. Thomas Aquinas is Christie A. Fry, who is the secretary to Savage and Brown. She receives visitors and calls and maintains the mailing lists to pastors and board presidents, so she can send them the board memo. She processes applications for administrative jobs and takes minutes at all Archdiocesan Board of Education

Lori Greeley is secretary to Sister Lawrence Ann, Peters and Lentz. She takes calls, visits and requests for school-related matters and helps mail necessary information to the schools. She and her husband Tom attend Holv Spirit ch and are parents of two grown children.

Fellow Holy Spirit parishioner Ann McGuire provides secretarial assistance to the religious education department directors. Besides taking the calls and visits and mailing the memos, she takes registrations for workshops. She and her husband Mike have one 17-year-old son.

"Ann Newhold, a member of St. Philip Neri, is the person who greets all visitors to the office. She fills requests for manuals and materials, processes expense vouchers and takes supply inventories. Ann has two grown sons.

Janet Gallagher is the assistant manager of the Res Center who prepares new audiovisual and print materials for circulation, schedules use of resources and assists with preview room operations. A member of Holy Cross, she has two children, 12 and 14.

Rose Anderson is a clerk in the Resource Center who maintains and repairs the audiovisual materials. She and her husband Carl are members of Our Lady of the Greenwood and parents of five grown children

and parents of five grown children.

Gerrie Sweeney may help part-time, but she is important to the office, assisting the secretaries and the Resource Center staff with paper work and mailings. Now a member of Little Flower, the mother of nine grown children is considered the "mom" of the office. Everyone in the office signed a card for her last Mother's Day.

The OCE people not only try to enrich the spiritual lives of people throughout the archdiocese, but they sincerely care about each other as persons—like the helth of a co-worker's spouse or when Lentz's daughter would present her with her first grandchild. (It was a grandson, born Labor Day Sept. 3.)



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Audio resources ready at low cost

by Cynthia Dewes

"I wouldn't be able to survive without said Providence Sister Pat Melton administrator of religious education at Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Parish Rushville, "I would say it's the top



RESOURCEFUL—George Cullinan (from left), St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, discusses educational materials with Toddy Daly and Rose Anderson from the Resource Center. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

service the archdiocese gives to religious educators

Sister Pat was referring to the Re source Center of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education. The large, cheery room located on the second floor of the Catholic Center in Indianapolis, offers an inviting cornucopia of materials for use by Catholic educators from every parish archdiocese

Toddy Daly has managed the F source Center for the past 11 years. She and her staff inspire warm feelings because they care about their clients. They give us practical help." Sister Pat aid "The staff is always helpful and said

The Center helps smaller and poorer to obtain teaching materials which they could not afford to buy for themselves. Therefore, the quality of total Catholic education in any parish in the archdiocese can be equal to that of any other parish

Verlann Major, pastoral associate at Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis, has kept track of the volume her parish uses. She said that in the 1989-90 fiscal year. the parish school, parish and individuals used 458 pieces of material.

Because of the size of the parish, the subscription rate is \$210. The materials were worth \$1,734, so Holy Cross Parish

good volume and a pretty great variety she said. The parish used film strips, videos, cassettes and books."We really value having subscription to the Resource Center

Major commented that the center has been valuable to her personally, even when she was not in Indianapolis. She said the delivery and due dates were really convenient during the seven years she taught at the Academy of the Immaculate Concep-tion at Oldenburg, too.

Bob Sugrue, religious administrator for Holy Family, St. Andrew and St. Mary parishes in Richmond for the past four years, considers the Center "a valuable tool for the whole archdiocese." He said he is able to find materials for any kind of program and age group by using the Center's compreage group by using the Center's compre-hensive catalogue of multi-media items. If he doesn't have time to research the possibilities of each offering. Sugrue simply calls the Center staff for help.

They are "always very helpful, very willing and very knowledgeable," according to Benedictine Sister Catherine Gardner, pastoral associate at St. Mary Parish in Mitchell. Sister Catherine has used the Center since it began, 20 years ago, and she considers it "a great avenue

When she first went there, it wasn't as

much "in vogue Catherine said. videos now," she as it is now. Sister id. "They have marvelous she said, and all the materials ave improved and become easier to use over the years

There are approximately 8,000 items (including about 400 video titles) which the Center supplies to fill total Catholic education needs around the archdiocese Pastors use them for RCIA programs DREs for cradle-to-grave religious in-struction, individuals for personal spir-itual direction Members of any parish which subscribes to the Center may check

According to Daly, 70 to 80 percent of Indianapolis-area parishes use the Center and all probably frequent it at one time of another Parishes outside Indianapolis use it less, since they also have resource centers in their individual deaneries

The Center publishes a huge catalogue of available materials for its subscribers updating it with annual supplements Subscribers often help to keep the materials current by critiquing them when they turn what they borrow

Sugrue said he sends comments to the Center about things like an item's suitability for certain age groups, or whether videos need replacing because their subjects' conversation or clothing are not

When asked to describe the importance of the Resource Center, Sugrue sum-marized what many of its patrons fee when he said "I couldn't do what I do

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Archdiocesan boards seen as prototype in U.S.

by Margaret Nelson

When the Archdiocesan Board of Education won an award from the National Catholic Education Association in 1989, David Moebs, as president, represented the board in

On the same occasion his brother, Michael Moebs, received a similar award on behalf of his near-Chicago parish. Neither knew that his brother would be similarly honored. In fact, David didn't know his brother was in the

audience.

But David Moebs gave a hint as to how this could happen. He told the audience that his parents sent the children to Catholic elementary and high schools. He said they "drilled" in the idea that they "ad a debt to pay back. When they came to realize how much their Catholic education meant

to them, they thought that a good way to repay the debt was to volunteer their time to keep it going and to offer

their abilities to improve it. Ellen Brown, coordinator boards of education for the Office of boards of education for the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) remembered the night of the award. "That was kind of lovely. David himself is a fine person and so is his family." Moebs said, "This is my eighth

David Moebs

Moebs said, "This is my eighth year with the ABE. It seems no matter how I try, I can't put in more than I get out of it." He said he told the group at the recent installation of officers, "For me, being part of the ABE was kind of an ultimate adult education experience. I have gained friends. A lot of that has been the community building that just seems to happen among that group of people—even as it changes over the years. It seems to renew itself."
"It hink that is one reason we have the measure of success we do," Moebs said. "People come to the group as strangers and open themselves by offering to lead us in prayer and in a number of different ways. We see the benefit of that."

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But the OCE's overriding principle of subsidiarity means that things are done as close to the source as possible, explained Brown.

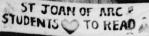
explained Brown.
She said, "If people really think about that, it's not like someone on high decides things. It all starts at the parish level. Those on the archdiocesan board definitely represent either their parish or their deanery."

"The parish serves the educational ministry needs within a certain area because it is close to the source of the local religious education program and the school,

said Brown.

Clustering of parishes enables local people to provide
the kind of education ministry that can't be accomplished
effectively at the local level, she said. This can provide
educational opportunities, such as bringing in speakers
for adult education programs, youth ministry or marriage
preparation ministries. It can make information and resources available that a single parish could not provide by itself.
"Clustering of parishes enables people to look beyond







the parish level—to have a broadened vision of church." she said. "Our mission is a universal one. The boundaries do not confine us "

At the deanery level boards of education are formed by two members from each parish community, elected or appointed to represent them

Similarly, deanery boards decide which two people are going to represent them at the archdiocesan level.

'Flowing from Vatican II." said Brown, "We are called to embrace the community—called to service, so all these things are integrated. . . . Sometimes we get so caught up in the nitty-gritty tasks that we forget what we're about—being procreators here and now

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"The small works of compassion we do create a ripple effect. We all need to do what it is we can do and not be overwhelmed by what we can't do," Brown said.

"Realistically, when the boards recognize that they're part of that vision, they are part of the whole reality of faith in action," she said.

in action," she said.
"We are a human family," said Ellen Brown. "In some way, what we do as parish communities does relate to the global community."

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City students to get computer skills

by Margaret Nelson

Because a Catholic attorney/businessman from California has been visiting with the Urban Parish Cooperative (UPC) in Indianapolis, center city children in kindergarten and first-grade Catholic classrooms will soon have computer laboratories.

In fact, St. Andrew School expects to have the IBM "Writing to Read" program installed later this fall. Richard J. Riordan has helped see to that.

"It looks like we've got a good situation going," said Ivy Menken, principal of St. Andrew's. "I think it will be a really great tool for the kids to learn and improve their writing skills. It has been proven to work."

"Also, the Writing to Write' program for grades two to eight should come out right about the time when we get our (Writing to Read) program installed," she said. "Just having our computer lab updated makes us that much more viable as a school. And it will be a great instructional aid for our language program."

Menken said, "There are so many neat aspects to it. There is an adult literacy

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component. And there is a pre-school program that we can supplement on the other end. We're not going to focus just on the school."

"The other aspect is that it helps us build stronger community partnerships. Development is going to be a necessary part of Catholis schools and we are going to have to build relationships with businesses," she said.

"It is a great opportunity to be pioneers for a lot of other Catholic schools that are going to follow us with this program," Menken said. "Our lab will be open. It will be a demonstration-type school class. We will get people in here to see what it is like. My staff and I were excited about getting the program."

Aver visiting the North Deanery school on Sept. 29, Riordan said, "I think it is both evil and stupid to see over 50 percent of inner city children wasted because they are not given the opportunity to read and write."

percent of inner city children wasted because they are not given the opportunity to read and write." Though he has helped put computer labs in more than 500 public and private schools across the nation, he does not "give" them away. He helps build a network of local financial support and his foundation matches these funds.

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Not just a day care center -A Learning Center Last fall, UPC learned that Riordan was visiting Indianapolis to talk with the state about using the computer program in public schools. The UPC Development Advisory Committee contacted the foundation, asking about the possibility of the UPC Catholic schools getting computer labs

Richard's wife, Jill Riordan, met with the UPC in November and expressed considerable interest, according to Carl Henn, UPC development director. "We met with Richardy Riordan in early April. He expressed further interest, and he made it clear that he will put money into it, but he is not a 'Solo act.' He wants to be a catalyst for local support."

Riordam asked that the UPC gather some business and civic people so that he could explain the program to them during one of his trips to Indianapolis. He likes to work with such people because they have the resources and are accustomed to getting things done. Henn explained.

"We wanted to accomplish two things with his appearance here," said Henn. "We wanted to get people here to make funds available, and we wanted him to say. TII match them."

The philanthropist is chairman of the Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, where more than 100 computer labs are in use. His business foundation invested more than \$2 million in charitable programs last year.

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"We began inviting people to a luncheon and an afternoon reception" for his visit on Aug. 29, said Henn. Riordan also met with Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara between the two events.

The labs cost \$16,000 each. Henn said that before Riordan made his presentations two weeks ago, the UPC had collected \$34,000 in cash and pledges toward its \$200,000 goal. The financial commitments of the people who came to these two meetings were enough to assure the installation of the Writing to Read laboratories in the eight UPC schools as well as in two kindergartens.

The schools are: All Saints, Catholic Central, Holy Angels, Holy Cross Central, St. Andrew, St. Joan of Arc, St. Philip Neri and St. Rita. Holy Trinity and St. Bridget

and 3t. Not. They may also so conger have kindergarten programs.

The program requires someone to act as coordinator. Norb Kuzel, a member of St. Andrew, has volunteered to serve in this ways supervising installation of the computer labs and training the teachers.

One person, who can be a volunteer, must take charge of each room, Henn said. Since the procedure is for all the children from a class to be in the lab at the same time—some at each of the five different work stations—the teacher is available, too. This way, two adults are working with the class.

"In every case, the implementation of the program has been up to the UPC principals and teachers," Henn said. "But they all have expressed an interest and they all have a room that can be dedicated to this purpose."

"The primary thrust of Writing to Read is its availability to 'jump-start' children in kindergarten and 1st grade to become confident and creative in the use of the language," Henn said.

"Kids come to school knowing 2,000 to 4,000 words. They already possess a pretty rich vocabulary," he said. "Instead of starting out with 'cat' and 'dog,' this teaches them phonics so they can begin to write stories using their own words.

"They don't know how to spell," Henn said. "They use wonderfully creative spelling when they start out, but the longer they go, the better they know how to spell the words they use. They gradually learn the correct spelling.

"Another benefit is that their creativity is ostilled." In the typical second-grade classroom, the children have mastered very simple words, but they are limited to those words. This program allows them to use all the words they know. Later on, they gain the knowledge and discipline to spell, as well as use words correctly."

Barbara Leek is principal of St. Christopher School, Speedway, which has used the IBM program for three years. She confirmed the performance improvement in higher grade levels when she shared her school's experience with those gathered for the afternoon presentation at the Catholic Center on Sept. 29. She said her second- and third-grade teachers find the students are "so much more comfortable" when given a writing assignment than were the children in their classes before the Writing to Read program was installed.

Each Writing to Read center includes five stations: computer, work journal, writing/typing, listening library and "make words." One center can accommodate four to six classes daily, with about 24 children in each.

Some of the equipment can be used for other programs available to the higher class levels. But this is a separate program from the basic school computers being offered in exchange for supermarket sales receipts.

During his visit Riordan said, "If a child can't read and write by second-grade, you have lost that child for life." Believing that the Writing to Read program is designed to save these students, his foundation has helped enrich the lives of 50,000 children nationwide.



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LISTENERS—Four St. Christopher School girls work at the listening library station of the 'Writing to Read' program. (Photos by Margaret Nelson)

















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Accreditation and recognition issues for state meetings

by Margaret Nelson

Because Catholic schools have a different mission and Because Catholic schools have a different mission and philosophy than public schools, the archdiscese has worked for different standards of state accreditation through the Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA). The INPEA represents nearly 100,000 students in 775 non-public schools in Indiana. Last February, Governor Evan Bayh told the group. "My own philosophy is that we should concentrate on output and outcomes rather than input." Two years ago, the state legislature prescribed performance-based accreditation (PBA), and required that state boards of education "establish appropriate standards" for non-public schools.

non-public schools. But it has been up to non-public schools to get the process started. This summer Providence Sister Lawrence Ann Liston, archidicesan director of schools, and Phyllis Beshears, director of schools for the Diocese of Evansville, approached the state about doing PBA. With the 32 Evansville schools, they represented a total of 104 educational units.

Sister Lawrence Ann said that the state accreditation staff has not finished checking the first group of public schools for accreditation and that it couldn't handle the Catholic schools at this time

At the next meeting with the liaison group, the state pointed out that the non-public schools have not been collecting the same data that public schools have been submitting on an ongoing basis, Sister said. In an effort to handle future data collection for PBA, the state people asked for two pilot schools that they could "walk through to see

where the differences were."

"Since their schedule was full, we selected two schools within the Indianapolis archdiocese, so that they would not have to travel so far," Sister Lawrence Ann said.

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At the same time, the INPEA is working on developing a system of state recognition of non-public schools, as mandated by the legislature last year.

"Even though we basically support INPEA moving toward recognition, we (the archdicose) have been dealing with this issue a great number of years. So our requesting PBA was a way of moving both processes along, "Sister said.

Sister Lawrence Ann is a member of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Dean Evans, Non-Public Dr. Dea

Sister Lawrence Ann is a memoer of state Superinten-dent of Public Instruction Dr. Dean Evans' Non-Public Advisory Committee. "That group is really working on a program for recognition of non-public schools, but is doing it in conjunction with INPEA. Because of this, we felt it was very important that the schools we selected for PBA had INPEA involvement."

INPEA involvement."

Sister said Brebeuf Preparatory School was chosen because its administration was ready and interested. Another reason was that, as a college preparatory-only school, its situation will severely test the PBA "waiver" process. This process will be critical to the accreditation of all non-public schools. For instance, Brebeuf doesn't require or even offer some of the practical arts courses.

"Its mission and philosophy is different from other high schools," she said. "Also the principal, (Jesuit) Father (James) Stoeger, is on the board of INPEA."

She added that Our Lady of the Greenwood was the

She added that Our Lady or the Greenwood was the elementary school selected because it volunteered to take part in the PBA program. (This school has added 100 students to its enrollment for the 1990-91 school year.) Sister Lawrence Ann, as a member of the state Non-Public Advisory Committee to the state board of education, met last week with Dr. Evans and the board to education, met last week with Dr. Evans and the board to

education, met last week with Dr. Evans and the coard to discuse "the history, background and concepts that INPEA would envision being part of a 'recognition' system." The legislature mandated that the recognition system must be in place by the 1991-92 school year, she said. But before that happens there will be a public hearing and

before that happens there me. The testimonials "We are trying to find a way that our schools can be recognized for their distinct purpose and mission, maintain quality education, and be recognized by the state without meeting all the 'input' requirements (for funding, programs, etc.," said Sister Lawrence Ann Liston. "At the same time, we are exploring full performance-based accrediation to see a four unique purpose can be accommodated within the

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Renew aim: empowerment to justice

by Margaret Nelson

Communities of compassion should grow out of the Renew program, accord-ing to Matt Hayes, director of religious education and coordinator of adult catechesis for the archdiocese. He said that, this month, twelve parishes or parish clusters are enrolling members in small groups as part of the first season of

"Compassion especially comes out in the third season," Hayes said. "It is called empowerment. One of the major goals of Renew is formation and action in justice. By the third season,

parishes have gone through seasons one and two, asking, 'How is the Lord calling me?' and 'How am I responding to the call of the Lord?' "

Hayes said that the goal for the first season is teaching and witnessing the Word of God; the second is developing vibrant faith communities; and the third establishing justice formation and action

Providence Sister Marilyn Herber, Providence Sister Marilyn Herber, parish administrator of religious education, found that to be true at St. Mark in Indianapolis, which finished the Renew process last year. She said, "I would say, as a parish, we did a lot during Renew trying to keep up that thrust of outreach. Of course, we had people who have always

done those things, but it."

more people aware of it."

"Those involved in small groups had a very good experience," she said, "Many are desiring to go on with lectionary and Bible studies. They are hungry for this. They are asking us to offer some more - sharing things.

"I would say we are at our greatest point of readiness," said Sister Marilyn. "People are ready and searching out opportunities for both faith sharing and outreach."

Sister said, "I would underline awareness. There is an awareness now of people could benefit with our time and our money. More people are opened up to the possibilities. They are learning from those who have been involved in outreach that the people who help those who have less, benefit more than those they help. It's a two-way street.

Renew is designed as al process to help the total parish, including inactive members, develop a closer relationship with Christ, to make an adult commitment to Jesus as central in our lives and to open us to the power of the Holy Spirit so that we become more authentic witnesses," according to literature given to members of parishes now joining the Renew program.

The Renew program is experienced through Sunday liturgies, take-nome materials, large group activities and small sharing groups that meet once a week for theme discussion, faith sharing and

prayer.

Parish teams. including a coordinator and committee chairpersons, were trained for the new Renew II program last May at St. James in Indianapolis, St. Columba in Columbus and at St. Augustine in Jeffersonville. Parishes will complete small group sign-up Sundays in September and have a prayer commitment Sunday this month, as well.

Ear the 13 praishes beginning Parishes.

For the 12 parishes beginning Renew, Season I will begin Oct. 7 and end Nov. 11. Season II will be held during Lent, beginning Feb. 10 and ending March 17, 1991. Season III will be next fall, from

Oct. 13 to Nov. 17. Season IV will be during Lent, 1992, and Season V, Oct. and Nov., 1992.

The new parishes or clusters are: Immaculate Conception in Millhousen and St. Dennis, Jennings Co.; St. Mau-rice, Napoleon; the Catholic Community of Columbus (St. Batholomew and St. Columba); Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville; St. Catherine and St. James in Indianapolis; and St. Augustine, Jefferson-

Also, St. Thomas, Fortville; St. La-wrence, Lawrenceburg; St. Gabriel, Con-nersville; Holl, Angels, Indianapolis; St. John the Bapust in Dover and St. Peter in Franklin Co.; and St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis.

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Parishes with completed Renew from 1986-1989 are Holy Name, Beech Grove, St. Mary, Greensburg; St. Agnes, Nashville, Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove; St. Mary, Mitchell; St. Mary, Lanesville; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany; and St. Mary, Aurora.

Also among parishes recently completing Renew are: St. Paul, Sellersburg; St. Rose of Lima, Franklin; St. Joseph, St. Leon; St. Michael, Brookville; St. Mary, North Vernon; and St. Michael and St. Mary in Madison;

Indianapolis parishes finishing the Renew program during that time were St. Bernadette, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Barnabas, St. Mark, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Luke, Immaculate Heart of Mary Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Roch.

Twelve parishes were among the original group to participate in Renew through the Terre Haute Deanery in 1985-88 sessions: Sacred Heart, Clinton; St. Joseph, Rockville; St. Mary of the Woods, St. Mary of the Woods; Holy Rosary, Seelyville; and Sacred Heart, St. Ann, St. Benedict, St. Joseph, St. Margaret Mary and St. Patrick, all in Terre

Two parishes-St. John, Bloomington, and St. Matthew, Indianapolis, experienced the Renew program on their own. St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad, went through the process with the Evansville

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SIGNING UP—Jesse C. Jones III (from left), Yolanda Jones, and Robert Helms fill out sign-up cards for small group participation in the Renew program at Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis. The parish will begin Season I on Oct. 7. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Criterion full of religious education support

by Margaret Nelson

For members of the archdiocese, The Criterion can be a valuable tool for Catholic education

For no more than 35 cents—less than it costs to forward a copy—the faithful can 'subscribe' to the Catholic viewpoint on events and situations that take place in the world, the U.S., the state or the archdiocese.

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The 1990s bring situations that confound people of faith. Because of medical advances, more ethical questions are surfacing each day. The latest Supreme Court decision on the abortion issue has prompted action. The problems of drug and alcohol abuse, and the growth of crime threaten all of society, and draw people to the observed for express that doubtions.

and alcohol abuse, and the growth of crime threaten all of society, and draw people to the church for support and solutions. At home and abroad, Christians feel more accountable for ministry to the poor and the growing numbers of exiled. And Catholics are recognizing their responsability to preserve the environment The diocesan newspaper can explore these issues and offer solutions.

If subscribers read nothing else, they

would get their money's worth from the "Faith Alive!" section. As the year began, the education section covered faith issues of the '90s and the probable parish management options at the end of the century.

Next, "Faith Alive!" examined personal vocations, liturgy and ethics in relation to the "marketplace." During Lent, the Gospel of Luke was studied as it relates to the lives of Catholics today. "Connecting with Signs, Symbols and Sacraments gave a 13-week study of real-life correlations to church ministres."

Last week, a series began on "The Scripture Connection: Introduction to the Bible," which does what that title suggests.

In October, an eight-week study will give "The Look of the Future Parish." Topics will include: the loss of youth participation. lav leadership training, pastoral counseling, connection with homelife, adult religious education, collaboration, the mobility of society, and the everyday life of bishops.

laboration, the mobility of society, and the everyday life of bishops. This year's final series will be "Making the Connection with Church Social Teaching," The articles show how justice touches trade and work situations, as well as people in poverty and exile.

in poverty and exile

Speaking of youth participation, The

Criterion devotes at least one page each
week to "Youth News/Views" for concerns
of teens and young adults. Articles by high
school correspondents are included. A
schedule of CYO and youth events is
included twice a month.

Most readers have contact with The Criterion in its role of promoting their parish festivals, fundraisers, and religious education programs (that service, in itself, can bring knowledge to the readers).

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Locally, the news staff works with the Office of Catholic Education, the Resource Center, the Family Lite Office, the Evangelization Office Catholic Youth Organization, the Office of Worship, the Catholic Communication Center and many other offices to provide religious education information.

For the past three years. The Criterion has won CASPER awards from a council of the United Way for "public enlighter-ment" on community service issues in the Indianapolis area. The staff works with Catholic Charities and all of its agencies. Indiana Catholic Conference the Urban Parish Cooperative. St. Vincent de Paul, and many other groups to gather such information.

Catholics can learn of innovative ways to serve their church and its people from personality profiles of members of archdiocesan parishes. Recently, reporters

began to visit the deaneries outside Indianapolis to gather more first-hand information.

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Schools open doors to ministry of child care

by Mary Ann Wyand

Responding to the growing need for quality child care for children with working parents, many Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are keeping school buildings open longer hours and adding staff members for this important

"In 1985, we basically had two pre-school programs and no extended care programs," G. Joseph Peters, coordinator programs, "G. Joseph Peters, coordinator of school services for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, explained. "For the 1990-91 school year, we have 15 preschools and 37 extended care programs to the company of the coordinate of the co which involve before and or after-school

That rapid rate of growth is consistent with national trends, according to the 1990 Official Catholic Directory. Catholic News Service reports that the number of Catholic nurseries nationwide has soared from 245 in 1988 to 496 in 1989 to 606 in 1990, more than doubling in only two years.

Annette Lentz, OCE's coordinator of support services, served St. Mark School in

"The mission was to provide service," she said, "but it ended up generating money for us. It drew people in and gave people another reason to stay with us."

Parents frequently express gratitude for church-sponsored child care, Lentz said. "Parents have to go someplace where they can feel secure. It is an extension of the people they trust. Children get the tender lowing care all prized in with the expression. loving care all mixed in with the expertise, service, and the commitment

Child care as a church ministry recog-nizes and responds to the changing family in America, Peters said. "We're dealing with working parents, single parents, low-income parents, minority parents."

In addition, he said, parish preschool and extended care programs foster skills needed for early childhood education and

necessary channoos education and can help increase kindergarten enrollment. Peters said the "Small World Pre-school" established in 1985 by St. Andrew Church in Indianapolis is the oldest parish preschool in the archdiocese.

Most parishes purchase necessary furn-iture and supplies for new child care



GETTING ACQUAINTED—Preschooler Mackenzi Scott enjoys a pretend meal with instructor Mary Beth Berghian during her first day at 5s. Gabriel School in Connersville. During outdoor play time, she can climb on new playground equipment built by parishioner David Pflum as a volunteer project. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

programming with funds supplied by members of the church or school commembers of the church or school com-munity. However, one of the newest parish extended care programs opened this year at \$1. Jude \$ School in Indianapolis with financial assistance from a start-up grant for supplies provided by the State of Indiana's Department of Human Services. Parents were the impetus behind the full-service child care programs now availa-ble at Our Lady of the Greenwood School, principal Cathy Fleming explained. Board of Education members had designated the establishment of extended care and preschool programs as priority

care and preschool programs as priority items on a list of long-term goals, but parental involvement helped make those

projects a reality.

'Parents told me to 'Put somebody in there our children will love," Heming said. "The children can actually be here from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Because we were taking them so early, we had to start a

breakfast program."

Our Lady of the Greenwood began

offering extended care last year, with between 16 to 20 children enrolled. This year 42 children attended the extended care program on the first day of school.
"Our school is adjacent to Craig Park, so

the students can use all of the wonderful park equipment," the principal said. "Sometimes they play tennis. One of the mothers who has a degree in recreation plans to help the students bake cookies and plant a garden next spring."
Fleming said extended care within the

school environment eliminates parental worries about the logistical problems of safe transportation for their children from one ocation to another before and after school

"Our goal was to improve the quality of life for parents and children," she said. our goal was to improve the quality of life for parents and children," she said. "Parents are telling us how much it is helping their lives, and there's no doubt that it has helped our enrollment. We have 100 new students this year. When parents find out that we offer all of these child care services it really makes them eager to become a part of the parish." Fleming said the children like the

extended care program too because it enables them to participate in extracurricular activities after school.

"They look upon school as a home away om home," she said. "It's a friendlier place for them now

Likewise, Fleming said, Our Lady of the Greenwood's new preschool coordinated by Nancy Peters and the Kindercare program serving half-day kindergarten students help younger children feel more comfortable at school

"The parish said we could have the preschool but that it had to be self-sustaining," she said. "The beautiful part about planning the preschool program was that it really had tremendous parental involve-

Fleming said she enjoys spending time with the children enrolled in the child care programs. "Frankly," she admitted, "I've learned a lot about the school in the eyes of

St. Gabriel Church in Connersville al joined the growing number of parishes in the archdiocese to redecorate a portion of the school building for the special needs of preschool education and child care.

"The planning has been in progress for over two years now," Robert Brewer, St. Gabriel's principal, told *The Criterion*. "We

began last year with the preschool to get our feet wet and see how much interest there was in the community. As last year progressed, we had to make a decision about this year. We decided to go with a full-time day care that would meet the needs of the community beyond just the needs beautedness." parish boundaries."

St. Gabriel's preschool and day care enrollments are filled to capacity, Brewer said. "There was a much greater need than we expected. We are at the limits as far as we expected. We are at the limits as at an interest and numbers, and there are still people calling and asking about the programs. The enthusiasm and support of the community has just been overwhelming."

Ironically, Brewer said, one of the most

challenging aspects of providing day care as a community service and ministry stems from the reality that low-income people can't afford to pay for this service.

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"Often," he said, "the people who need day care and that kind of environment for their children the most are those who can afford it the least. We are trying to make provisions for people in these situations."

Parishioner Mary Beth Berghian brings extensive training in special education and early childhood education to her position as director of St. Gabriel's preschool and day care programs

'Our youngest child will be 31 months old," Berghian said. "We will have structured lessons that are age-appropriate and developmentally-appropriate in addi-tion to play-like situations where they will get hands-on experience individually and small groups."
Berghian and other staff members will

be participating in First Steps, a statewide program for early identification of children

program for early identification of children with learning problems. "Hopefully we will be able to identify and solve some of the learning problems before the children become school age," she said. "That's one component of the program that makes it different than other child care centers."

St. Gabriel's staff also will incorporate language instruction into the preschool and day care curriculums. developmental language and basic f

'It's not all teacher directed," Berghian Once you teach a concept, you get the children to interact with each other and they become the teachers and reinforce the skill with each other

Very young children benefit from role playing opportunities, she said, so staff members will teach them how to ask and answer questions in order to learn skills necessary for expressive language

"We find now, with school-age child-ren, that's one area where they are falling down," Berghian said. "They don't know how to answer questions because they don't know how to ask the appropriate questions for changing situations. That's when they have trouble making the transfer to reading and writing and

Berghian said St. Gabriel's early child-hood education curriculum follows a hierarchy for teaching language skills, starting with the simple sentence and then building on that sentence to gain profi-ciency at the conversational level.

"The child will have a visual repre-

sentation of what they're seeing, what they're saying, and then they're doing it," she said, "so they're actually having the total (learning) experience." And, without a doubt, they will be having fun too.



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IPS van will restore Chapter I school services

hu Maroaret Nelson

"This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for our kids get some personal help," said St. Joseph of Carondelet ster Gerry O'Laughlin, principal of Holy Angels School in

Indianapolis.

She was talking about the Indianapolis Public Schools'
Chapter I van that will provide remediation services at Holy
Angels School three half-days a week during the 1990-91
school year. It will also serve St. Joan of Arc for the same
amount of time. And the van will "'plug in'" at Holy Cross

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As a result of the 1985 U.S. Supreme Court Agilar vs. Felton decision, public schools were prohibited from delivering Chapter I services—remediation to students in

delivering Chapter 1 services—remediation to students in low income areas—to non-public schools. The 1988 Stafford-Hawkins bill provided that federal funds would finance other delivery methods, such as mobile units, vans and computer-aided instruction.

Though she does not believe the computer itself is the answer to a child's education. Sister Gerry said. "It is a tool."

answer to a child's education, Sister Gerry said, "It is a tool." Sister said, "I'me the teacher (Raynelda Sharp). She is a real teacher right to her fingertips." "I'm glad I followed through," said Sister Gerry about her request for the van. "I just hung in there." She said other principals had not requested the public services because "for them, the other situations were viable."

Last year Holy Angels had no remediation services. "The mouter in the school did not work for our children." she aid. For several years, the students were taken to Flanner House, as a "net of time from the students' school day, she said.

The new van has two computers with printers and work stations for six to eight students at a time. The teacher and van were brought to the schools the first week of school. The remediation program will begin in October.

Franciscan Sister Mary O'Brien is the new principal of St.
Lawrence School in Indianapolis. That school will get a

Franciscan Sister Mary C) Brien is the new principal of St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis. That school will get a portable unit for Chapter I programs. The Catholic school will llease a corner of its property to the Lawrence Township school district to accommodate this equipment. Local education agencies (LEA) are required to ask non-public schools each year if they wish to participate in Chapter 1 and 2 programs so that the state may obtain federal allocations for what they call "high risk children." Providence Sister Lawrence Ann Liston, archdiocesan director of schools, said she nas been working with Chapter 1 representatives from the IPS. The public schools System has placed an additional order for mobile units to provide Chapter I services for additional Catholic schools. One is expected to be here in November and another in January. Sister Lawrence Ann said, "We hope to restore these services so that we will be able to meet the needs of the greatest number of students. We hope to restore the level of services we had prior to Agilar-Felton."

Catechists receive spiritual formation

"I feel as though the catechists should get special attention as significant adults in the parish," said Sister of Charity of Cincinnati Mary Robers, who is parish administrator of religious education at Immaculate Concep-

asked about how she plans catechist formation. "I feel they are called to serve and it is important to give them what they need to do that

She said that she thinks it is important for the religious educators to grow spiritually as well as to learn the materials in the text. "I do a lot of formation," she said.

"I look at it as adult education, but it is not one little inservice. We will have three sessions with adults in the parish this fall and three in the spring. The teachers have already gone through the part the adults in the parish will have. I try to keep them one step ahead of everyone else,"

"I have two motives," she said. "For one, it is good 'PR. They go out of here enthused about the program and the tell everyone, 'You ought to come to this program!' The other is faith development. These people influence a whole young generation of the parish. These 27 people influence everyone from 4 to 18 years old.

"Right now," she said, "the parish is using the DeSales Scripture program for grade school, high school and adults. It is part of the Renew program to follow up with Scripture study for the adults."

"A big part of it is the interview process," she said. "I try to see where the teachers are in their own faith development

Sister Mary said, "My goal is that the catechists are well-informed adults in the parish, not just warm bodies in the classrooms." She laughed, "I guess it works. I'm not the least bit worried about classes starting next week."

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Bob Meany is coordinator of catechist formation for the archdiscese. He salay "Sister Mary's way of forming catechists is really a very good model. She is interested in building up the spiritual and prayer life of the catechists so that they get a spiritual and prayer life of "Meany said that there is a task force of 49 adults from all over the archdiscese which gives his office input on catechist

PERSISTENCE PERSISTENCE PAYS— Teacher Raynelda Sharp (from left) looks over the shoulder of Holy Angels student Devon Chapman, as Providence Sister Laas Providence Sister La-wrence Ann Liston watches Imani Hughes and Principal St. Joseph Sister Gerry O'Laughlin checks Darren O'Laughlin checks Darren Chapman. They are inside the new van that Indi-anapolis Public Schools is providing for Chapter I services at three Catholic schools. Devon and Darren are twins. (Photo by Mar-garet Nelson)



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High school students convert charity into action at the Drop-In Center, a shelter for alcoholics in that Ohio

by Mary Ann Wyand

Classrooms are natural environments for teaching young

people how to form communities of compassion.

As a result, Catholk high school students in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are responding to the Christian tradition of service to others with energy, enthusiasm, and creativity. And their teachers have found that many of these

community service projects evolved into friendships Gone are the days when high school students simply llected canned food or used clothing for the needy. Now teen-agers are more likely to be ministering to families in need on a one-to-one basis or capably filling volunteer positions for a variety of community service agencies.

positions for a variety of community service agencies.

Catholic schools even offer students credit for participation in community service internships because these
extensions beyond classroom walls are very effective
supplemental learning tools.

Students at the Academy of the Immaculate Conception
have "adopted" a Vietnamese man and three of his children
who now live near the private girls' school operated by the
Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg.

Franciscan Sister Pat Bietsch, the chairman of ICA's
religion department, said the man's wife and voungest child

religion department, said the man's wife and youngest child still reside in Vietnam. The Franciscan sisters have been working to reunite the family so they can begin a new life

In the meantime, she said, ICA students who have taken the family's plight to heart regularly baby-sit for the children while the man and his two brothers attend English classes. Students also are collecting clothing and money to help

offset the family's living expenses.

"It's been aimost two years since he has seen his wife and youngest child," Sister Pat explained. "The girls are real anxious to provide a kind of mothering presence for the

Within the school, students have become friends with elderly members of the Oldenburg Franciscan community through ICA's "Care and Share" program

Academy community service programming even reaches across state lines. In recent years, students have collected books for St. Pius School, located in an inner-city neighborhood of Cincinnati, and served meals



Our Lady of Providence High School students

Clarksville have been participating in the "PLUS program—People Leading Us in Service—for three years.

Campus minister Dale Durham said Providence administrators incorporated the PLUS program into the school curriculum because students are extremely busy with academic responsibilities and extracurricular activities

'We schedule the religion class at the end of the day so "We schedule the religion class at the end of the day so students can volunteer time right after their regular classes," he said. "We also participate in the 'Dare to Care' food drive, which collects supplies for emergency food distribution centers in the metropolitan Louisville area."

Providence students help a variety of church and community agencies, including Catholic Charities as soup kitchens, the Southern Indiana Rehabilitation enter for mentally and physically handicapped children, and the Hoosier Valley Head Start Program, which provides federally-funded academic assistance to disadvantaged preschoolers.

And after severe storms damaged homes in a number of southern Indiana communities last summer, Providence students generously helped with clean-up chores and mergency assistance.

Shawe Memorial High School students at Madison also donate their time for a variety of community service projects, including volunteer work for the Coalition Against Substance Abuse and the Jefferson County Youth Shelter.

"We work under the apect that you help (others) because you want to help, not "ecause you might get recognition for it," Sharon Horton, Shawe's director of guidance and counseling, explained. "Last year we also helped raise money for a paraplegic woman in a neighboring community who needed a computer for communication purposes."

Community service helps students learn important lessons about life, Horton said. "When we took gifts to the youth shelter, the two girls who went with me spent some time talking with the children and playing with them. After we left, the girls started crying because they were so touched by the plight of children who were spending Christmas in a shelter instead of with their fammes in homes."

Cardinal Ritter High School studen in Indianapolis often help care for young patients at Riley Hospital for

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"At Riley, the students see children who are in dire health situations," Jenks said. "It's difficult for the volunteers when a patient dies. They come back to school and say. My child died."

Ritter students also volunteer at Holy Trinity Day Care, Veteran's Hospital, Westview Hospital, and Methodist

Hospital in addition to nursing home visits and tutoring.

Students For Action, moderated by Franciscan Sister Julann Butz, conducts an annual Lenten collection at Ritter to benefit African relief, Covenant House, or the Francisca ministry in New Guinea

ministry in New Guinea.

"Students need to be invested with some decision-making in the school in order to mature," lenks said. "They often come back to school after completing a community service project and say, "I'm glad I did that, but I know I can't do that for the rest of my life. I just couldn't handle it."

Roncalli High School's new cadet teaching program gives

roncall High School's new cadet teaching program gives opportunities to work with children in the classroom, Bob Tully, Christian ministry instructor, explained.

"Cadet teaching allows students to go to one of the South Deanery elementary schools and work with kids in the primary grades," Tully said. "Iff sa introduction to the field as well as being of service. We've had a great response to the program, and it's working out just super for everybody concerned."

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Young people have many gifts, he said, and the way they manifest those gifts is by sharing,
"Kids are a great source of learning for adults," Tully noted. "That's one of the nice things about teaching, Not only do we have the privilege of teaching, but the honor of leaning from students who can teach us a great deal."

Father Dan Atkins, Roncalli's chaplain, asked three people who lost loved ones to acquired immune deficiency syndrome to talk with juniors during a religion class.
"Those people shared with us what it was like to love somebody who was dying from AIDS," Father Atkins said. "The kids asked questions like 'How did you feel when you list so you'll have a good discussion."
Father Don Quinn, Bishop Chatard High School's chaplain, said he felt very proud of the students' choices for class community service projects last year.

Chatard juniors built a handkap ramp for an are resident and assisted inner-city children attending Happy Hollow Summer Camp. Sophomores adopted pen pals in Africa and visited a nursing home. Seniors helped organize a school blood drive to benefit the Central Indiana Regional Blood Center, and the freshman class helped a needy family at Christmas." at Christmas

"Last year each class also adopted a certain place to send canned food," Father Quinn said. "The freshmen went to the Holy Cross Food Pantry, the sophomores went to St. Patrick Parish, the juniors helped St. Augustine Home, and the seniors went to the Catholic Social Services Crisis Center."

Scecina Memorial High School students in Indianapolis follow a tradition of community service dedicated to Father Thomas Scecina through the Father Tom Club and continued by the late Kenneth Leffler, a former teacher and

football coach.

"Over the years there have been different projects to raise money for the needy," Father Karl Miltz, Seccina's chaplain, esplained. "Some of the class officers in the Father Tom Club, a school service organization, have taken a family shopping at Christmas with student donations. Last year, between the toys, canned goods, clothing and money, the amount the students raised was substantial—probably worth several thousand dollars. They helped 20 needy households. It's hard to put a money amount on that."

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In addition to their generosity, Father Miltz said, Scecina faculty members and students braved a wind-chill factor of 20 degrees below zero to deliver holiday gifts to needy people in time for Christmas. That in itself was a sacrifice. "In senior religion class, one semester is on social justice—the call to justice and peace-making," he said "The topic is concern for disadvantaged people of the world. Last year we had a hunger meal of soup and crackers, and the money earned was given to Catholic Social Services."

Social Services."

Cathedral High School students collected a school record of 18,000 cans of food last year for the Holy Cross Food Pantry and Catholic Social Services Crisis Center in Indianapolis, according to campus minister Jo Cavanaugh.

Students also adopted needy families at holiday times.

"Our Student Council has traditionally been the impetus for many of our outreach programs," she said. "During our for many of our outreach programs," she said. "During our Spirit Week in October, we have a five-mile walk and raise over a thousand dollars that we donate to charity."

Cavanaugh said religion instructors often challenge students to consider "How is God working in my life?" and "What can I do to help others?"

Students are reminded that they have special gifts, she said, and that "God is counting on you to help others. He needs your hands and your arms

Last year, Cathedral High School won an award for organizing and continuing the longest-running community service program within an area high school.

"Our focus is teaching kids to give of themselves and to respond with compassion to people in need," Cavanaugh said. "We say so strongly that we're a Catholic-Christian school and that means being of service to other people."

In the Jesuit tradition, Brebeuf Preparatory School students assisted residents at the Dayspring Shelter in Indianapolis last year in ways that preserved their pride. Paula Barbour, Brebeuf's community service director,

said the students gave unwrapped clothing and toys and wrapping paper to the homeless families so they could select and wrap their own gifts.

As far as other community service activities, we plug into much of what is going on in the city, such as Eastside Community Investment's 'Caulk of the Town,' " she said. We have been involved in that weatherization project for

e poor for three years." Each year, Brebeuf students either visit community agencies or hear invited guests discuss social justice topics.
They also complete a required number of hours of community service for class credit

community service for class credit.

"My main goal is to have the students want to do community service and do it voluntarily rather than just through the school's requirements," Barbour said. "And I do have students who come to me and say, "I went to the hospice and now I would really like to help there."

Hopefully, officials at each school said, students who learn the joy of service as volunteers during their teen-age years will continue to be active members of both the church sold community during adulting.

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As Father Atkins explained, "Catholic schools are very good academically, but our major focus is forming compassionate people."

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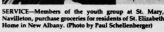
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Family education program prepared

by Margaret Nelson

A new program has been designed to help leaders who work with parents, according to Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell, coordinator of family-centered

A "Parent Education Inservice" will be presented in February at an overnight session for families that will be held at McCormick's Creek State Park in Spencer.

"I'm excited about it," said Sister
Antoinette. "Basically, it's the first program that we've done with a truly family
perspective. I really think this effort will touch parents of school kids and parents of children in religious ed programs."

A task force, which includes Valerie Dillon, director of the Family Life Office, and Annette Lentz, coordinator of support services, has developed a parent education

vision statement.

It reads: "In response to the challenge of Pope John Paul II in Familiaris Consortia (On the Family), pastoral leadership at all levels within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis values, is knowledgeable of, and promotes parenting based on the family response."

The hope is that this training will enable every parish to offer family leadership to its people, Sister Antoinette said. Priests, pastoral ministers, members of boards of

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principals, parent/school organization par-ticipants, youth ministry coordinators and among parish leaders who will

said Sister. principals, them a tool for working with parents through some of those organized chan-

Sister Antoinette said, "It all came out of parent education sessions offered by the Archdiocese of New York." Her office wall holds a recent certificate from the National Institute for Parent Education Leadership, signed by Cardinal O'Connor

"Heft there with a goal to do something in the diocese," said Sister Antoinette. "I invited people to form the task force. This program grew from that."

Number of special education programs growing

by Cynthia Dewes

For the last five years, the number of special education programs in schools of the Indianapolis Archdiocese has been growing. Most of them include academic as well as religious education for learning disabled (LD) and mildly mentally handicapped (MiMH) students

LD classes are being prepared, or are already in place, in Indianapolis area schools: at fitter Junior High in the West Deanery; Christ the King Elementary in the North Deanery; and St. Mark Elementary in the South Deanery.

Cathedral High School and Chatard High School offer LD classes. At Scecina Memorial High School, a class for MiMH students is offered, in addition to the special religious education class which has been provided for many years.

A few schools have programs of their own. And an elevator for students with

High School, marking another sign of continuing concern for the handicapped.

care about all our stude God's children, uniquely and genuinely different," said Annette "Mickey" Lentz, coordinator of support services for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Edu-

And for "special" children with disabili-ties, she added, "We must reach out and be willing to make concessions. We're in the wrong business if we strive only for academic excellence.

Special education programs are often created and/or administered by deanery boards of education. Money is raised through tuition, parish support, and help from volunteer groups such as the Guardian Angel Guild.

An archdiocesan Special Needs Task Force is at work, Mickey Lentz said. Its mission is "to have in operation a place for

learning in all corners of our archdiocese, that recognizes all children as God's gifts to the Kingdom."

The Task Force is now studying ways to provide special programs in the East Deanery for exceptionalities other than LD or MiMH. LD and MiMH students who are also physically handicapped are now served in programs where the facilities can accommodate them

Eventually, the hope is to make more kinds of programs accessible to students with varied exceptionalities in all parts of the archdiocese.

"We are constantly striving to meet the needs of all our children," Lentz said. We see it as a mission, a ministry, not only to recognize but to identify and give direction.

Lentz added, "We are about instilling Christian values and building self-worth. All children are entitled to this. Educators owe it to them to give their best.

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, September 16, 1990

Sirach 27:30-38 - Romans 14:7-9 - Matthew 18:21-35

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The Book of Sirach, popular among Christians as a liturgical reading, provides the first lesson in this weekend's Liturgy of the Word. Sirach's popularity caused it

long ago to be designated Liber Ecclesiasticus, the church book, and older translations of the Bible may list Sirach nder that name

Sirach is a collection of maxims and state ments of advice. It was

ments of advice. It was written probably around 180 B.C. by lesus, the son of Sirach. Elezara. The author likely operated a school for young men in Jerusalem. Jewish schools in those days were almost exclusively religious and existed to provide information about religion. The book originally was composed in Hebrew and was translated into Greek by the author's grandson.

andson.

When Sirach appeared as religious aching for the Jews, there was present a cong influence from, and regard for teaching for the Jews, strong influence from, and regard for, Greek philosophy. Sirach is one of those writings by lewish authors that at-tempted to blend religious faith with an wisdom

This weekend's reading wisely encour-ages us to forgive others of slights and wrongs committed against us. By so doing, we purify our hearts and make worthy our

Again this season, St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans supplies the weekend liturgy with its second reading. The epistle consistently is both challenging and encouraging. There were good reasons for its approach. The early Roman Christians lived in a threatening environment. They were a small munority in a powerful, self-satisfied society. Despite whatever stresses or horrors might come their way. St. Paul insisted, all were God's servants. His will is supreme.

St. Matthew's Cospel is the source of the third liturgical reading this weekend. This weekend's selection is from a part of the Gospel in which the Lord teaches his disciples about how to live. own prayer Again this season, St. Paul's Epistle to

disciples about how to live

As we read the Gospel today, and as we delight in its references to those first members of the church who brought glory to themselves by their unyielding faithfulness to Jesus, we easily can overlook the fact that many probably

heard him for a while and then walked away. Certainly, that was the case in the church's first generation. A major dilemma for early Christians was how to deal with persons in their midst who had accepted the Lord and then had repudiated him by their sin or departure from the community of the church.

The Gospel, in passages immediately prior to this reading, has established the authority of the church to act in God's name in expelling from its company anyone who would be a great, public sinner. The Gospel confirmer eter's own

role as head of the community.

This reading, however, is wonderful in its appeal for forgiveness. It repeats Jesus himself. Once more, Peter poses the question in behalf of the assembly. His role as spokesman is not incidental. The question to Jesus is how often must his followers forgive wrongdoers. Peter suggests an answer: "Seven times?" In the way of speaking at that time, "seven" meant a perfect, unlimited, vastly expansive number. The Lord went much farther in his lavish call to forgive. He replied "70 times seven times." The implication is clear. Christians always orgyive. Only the pedantic would see "400" as an answer to the Lord's appeal. Then, to reinforce his counsel, Jesus

"490" as an answer to the Lord's appeal. Then, to reinforce his counsel, Jesus told the parable of the master and the servant. The servant owed the master much. The master forgave the servant but the servant did not forgive another who owed him much. The Lord denounced that servant. The message is that we all are servants of God. He has forgiven us all things. We must be equally generous in forgiving others. There can be no limit to our forgiveness.

Reflection

These weeks at the close of summer are the church's great moments to teach us. The lessons are straightforward, and they are practical. We have been told in these late summer weeks that we must

'The Pope Teaches' resumes in two weeks

"The Pope Teaches" column written by Pope John Paul II will not be published for two weeks. It will resume in The Criterion after the Holy Father returns from his trip to Africa.

MY JOURNEY TO GOD How Can I Help?

ow from my own losses that doting de don't do it. They conjure up the "s' at every turn, even though the it is appreciated. While the flowers casseroles may help, they feel like ace gestures to me. I know there must canething better.

The first thing that "seems right" to do s pray. But it seems to be such an easy olution.

Actually, this works. First, it brings me closer to God. And it helps me and my friend to feel his strength and love. Who hasn't looked back at a grief-filled period and realized that the prayers of others have brought great strength?

Being closer to God means listening to him. He inspires me to act in a Christ-like way. How would Jesus help my friend? Some Scripture reading could give me ideas on that.

Jesus himself wept when he learned that his friend died. That really says something about the importance of this human strug-gle. And his own death brought us

ath makes me think more about what re all doing on this earth together. We at be here to love and support each cr. My friend will need more and more hat to help fill that giant emptiness she at feel in her heart right now.

Maybe it's even more important to listen. I never look back and regret listening. But I have often been sorry for awkward and stupid things I've said.

If I were strong, I could listen to the lament of shock, tears, loneliness, distress, panic, guilt, and anger that might come. And I could try to guide her to reality and hope

That could be part of my struggle. I'm afraid. I've never been in exactly the same situation my friend is experiencing now. And I have a fear that I can't handle watching this terrible loss, let alone helping.

Probably the most important action I can take is to muster up my courage to be there — and to let her know that I care.

While it's possible, we can help each other as we walk on that uncertain road to the Easter of eternal life.

-by Margaret Nelson

member of St. Andrew Church in Indianapolis, Margaret Nelson is an assistant editor of

obey God's law, and that the visible church, gathered around Peter, defines that law for long ago it heard the law taught by the Master himself.
So, we know God's will. We hear his

We also are human. We fail even in our very best intentions, and the misdeeds of others against us hurt us and injure us. How then must we react

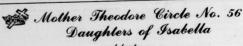
These lessons this weekend call us to be uplifted in the realization that our sins, owever wicked, are forgiven when we simply turn to God earnestly and humbly and beseech his mercy. The evil of whatever we may earlier have done disappears in the brilliance of God's forgiving love. How to secure God's

forgiveness in actual fact? The community of God, that is the church, possesses the power to bind and to loose, but it must act under the mandate of the Lord to love and

As we are forgiven, we too must forgive those who harm us. It is easier said than done. The church reminds us that the difficulty in forgiving deep hurts is over-come by the power of God. We have access come by the pov to that power in prayer, for we replenish our poor reservoir of human will power with the unlimited strength of God's love.

Forgiving others rids us of ill-feelings. It roigiving others rids us of ill-feelings. It empowers us. It purifies us. Thus, our own approach to God after forgiving others is more easily accomplished. We are stronger when we are healed.





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'The Exorcist III' even conjures up NBA star

by James W. Arnold

Poor old Damien Karras is becoming like Frankenstein's monster-a scary fellow who will not die, and who may likely be

dredged up every few years as a kind of financial annuity for the makers of satanicmakers of satanic themed horror movies.

At least that's the deepest thought that I got from "The Exorcist III," the new episode in the Jesuits vs. the Devil saga that first began to smash box-office re-cords (and turn heads) 17 years ago. Besides scaring the blazes out of a generation that hadn't taken the idea of

generation that hadn't taken the idea of demonic possession too seriously, the original touched off debates in parishes and theology classes across the country. It was nominated for eight Oscars (winning one for writer William Peter Blatty). There was also a second "Exor-

cist" in 1977, a more than slightly weird attempt at high art by British director John Boorman that was a vaguely comic intellectual and artistic disaster. The new film brings us full circle, since it's written and directed by original author Blatty, based on his sequel novel, "Legion." Blatty is a Catholic artist of some

significance, with an obsessive interest in the issue of God's existence and the problem of evil. His "The Ninth Configura-(1980), one of the few Catholic art films ever made in America, is challenging, powerful and positive.

But "Exorcist III" is disappointing, blowing in cheap horrorshow effects much of the honest theological interest aroused

by the first movie. Blatty still seems to to affirm the existence of God through the back door, by dramatizing the existence of the scary side of the supernatural order and the malevolence of sata

But the method has its own perversity. Most people have enough bad things happen to them that they have little trouble believing in transcendent evil. Yet much of the dark side stuff is superstito talk about devils. Blatty obviously does, and his film wallows in ugliness and unspeakable, revolting events. This is a world God does not touch, except (at the end) to provide a nick-of-time, grudging respite from the enemy.

Blatty often seems to agree with his ro, the decent but agnostic police Blatty often seems to agree with his hero, the decent but agnostic police detective Bill Kinderman (George C. Scott), that God seems to have abandoned humanity "like a cosmic Billie Burke waltzing through the universe." The movie's climactic speech is Kinderman's, and it's the Credo turned up.ade-down: "I believe in treachery, disease, injustice, inhumanity, torture, anger, hate, murder, pain, cruelty and infidelity. ..." It's a bleak vision, and it's not a Christian vision. In the new plot the Resean (Jinda Blair).

bleak vision, and it's not a Christian vision. In the new plot, the Regan (Linda Blair) character is gone, but the devils have returned to haunt the Georgetown survi-vors. The premise: they ve arranged for the soul of a serial killer to inhabit poor Father Karras's body, it's taken 15 years for the brain to regenerate while he sits in the disturbed ward of a local hospital, and now it's time to wreak revenge by going on a murder spree.

Some of the dirty work is performed by possessed elderly mental patients (definitely not a sensitive choice). The victims include a young black boy, a couple of



EXUNCIST III—George C. Scott stars at Lt. Kinderman, a policeman investigating a of diabolical murders which may have a supernatural origin, and Viveca Lindfors menacing nurse in "The Exorcist III." Because of several grisly scenes of demonic viole the U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film A-IV for adults, with reservations. (photo from Twentieth Century Fox)

see much violence, the residual gore and see much violence, the residual gore and verbal details relentlessly evoke mutilation, sadism, sacrilege. The killer uses a giant surgical shears to take off heads of victims

and of sacred statues in the vicinity. (For Blatty, evil is expressed as hideous violence inflicted on undeserving victims with the added element of some sick religious irony. It's a limited perspective, but admirably suited to horror movies. The special effects range from arty to gross, and church interiors, rectories and old hospitals have rarely looked as spooky).

Scott is tense and authoritative, carrying credibility of the film on his should Ed Flanders is on briefly as an off-the-wall ca rianders is on briefly as an off-the-wall jesuit who keeps up with the world by reading Women's Wear Daily. Jason Miller (gaunt and weary as ever) is back as Karras, Nicol Williamson is the determined exorcist in the horrific finale, and good actors like Scott Wileno and Vines 1 inflore. Add also

in the horrfife finale, and good actors like Scott Wilson and Viveca Lindfors add class to stereotyped horror film roles. The sepulchral tone is occasionally redeemed by wit, especially in the char-acter of the serial killer (chillingly but likeably acted by Brad Dourfl), who tells Kinderman in their lengthy dialogues: "I can help your unbelief." Kinderman

(sometimes watched by a possessed old lady who crawls about on the ceiling) also has a bizarre dream in which dead souls are hanging around a terminal listening to an orchestra play "The Song of India." National Basketball Association

Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks even

appears as an unlikely angel!
(Rational detective fights satanic horde to a draw; grisly, downlifting material, but of some religious interest; too heady for horror fans, too bloody for serious adults; not recommended.)

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Adlai Stevenson was 'a liberal in a conservative age

by Henry Herx

Looking back at the life and politics of a man who twice was defeated as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate is "Adial Stevenson: The Man from Libertyville," airing Wednesday, Sept. 19, 8-93.0 p.m. or PBS. (Check local listings to verify program date and time.)

Stevenson was governor of Illinois when Harry Truman decided not to run for re-election in 1952. At the convention, with Truman's backing, Stevenson reluctantly accepted the

The Republican candidate was Dwight D. Eisenhower, the leader of the Allied forces in World War II, and he proved unbeatable.

Though Stevenson waged an intelligent and witty campaign and used television better than the general, he and his party were beaten around the head by the likes of Sen. Joseph McCarthy with charges of being soft on

In looking back, former members of his campaign

staff—Newton Minnow, Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and John Kenneth Galbraith—charge that the 1952 campaign was "one of the dirtiest in the 20th century."

Putting Stevenson's name before the 1956 convention was John F. Kennedy, the junior senator from Massachusetts. Kennedy's own administration not only used a number of Stevenson's campaign staff but also borrowed from his policy initiatives in civil rights, a ban on nuclear testing, and even the concept of the New Frontier.

Stevenson did not support Kennedy's presidential bid soon enough, and as a result, Minnow suggests, Stevenson was not named secretary of state as he wanted but wound up as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Written and produced by Andrew Schlesinger, the documentary does well in profiling an interesting politician who, unfortunately for his career, was "a liberal in a conservative age.

The program concludes with veteran journalist Eric Sevareid's appraisal: "He elevated the tone of politics. He made politicians a little prouder to be politicians."

Sunday, Sept. 16, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "The Vever Affair." Rebroadcast of a "Smithsonian World" episode on a collection of Persian and Indian paintings that disappeared during World War II and resurfaced 40 years later to become the object of a mad scramble in today's art world.

Monday, Sept. 17, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "John Cage." The "American Masters" series profiles the life and career of the controversial composer who believes that all sounds, including noise and even silence, can be used as a source of

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 9-11 p.m. (PBS) "In the Ashes of the Forest." The first of four programs in "The Decade of Destruction—A Frontline Special Senses" examines massive development projects funded by foreign capital and their effects on the people and rain forests of the Amazon.

effects on the people and rain forests of the Amazoni. Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "Killing for Land." The second in "The Decade of Destruction" series offers a disturbing portrait of some of the 24 million rural poor who, forced off their land in other parts of Brazil, migrate as homesteaders and squatters into Amazonia, where they face hostile attacks by ranchers.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 8-9 p.m. (ABC) "Father Dowling Mysteries." When Sister Steve (Tracy Nelson) trades places with a look-alike visiting member of royalty, she finds herself in the middle of an assassination plot.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "Mountains of Gold." Part three of "The Decade of Destruction" focuses on Jeova, one of 250,000 gold prospectors in Brazil, who is famous for his illegal strikes within the mineral reserves of the country's largest mining corporations

Friday, Sept. 21, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) 'The Killing of Chico Mendes.'' "The Decade of Destruction" series ends with the story of a Brazilian rubber tapper who was murdent in 1988 because of his efforts to defend the Amazon forest from the second series of the series of th the encroachment of landowners and cattle ranchers

Saturday, Sept. 22, 6:30-7 p.m. (PBS) "Rarg." When the citizens of the land of Rarg discover that they exist only in the dreams of a man who is about to wake up, they try to find a way to keep his alarm clock from ringing in this animated tale from the "Long Ago and Far Away" series.

(Check local listings to verify program dates and times.)

'Cry, Argentina' tells of country's challenges

by Henry Herx

In 1920, Argentina's standard of living was equal to that of the United States. But today it is among the poorest countries in the world.

countries in the world.

Examining the present and the potential future of the eighth largest country of the world is "Cry Argentina," airing Monday, Sept. 17, 10-11 p.m. on PBS, (Check local listings to verify program date and time.)

In his insaugural address, President Bush stated: "The day of the dictator is over." Argentina nd itself of an oppressive military regime in 1983, but its democratic revolution has not

military regime in 1985, but its democratic revolution has not brought economic stability or social harmony. Today, says program host Peter F. Krogh, Argentina's "fragile new democracy is fighting for its like"/ Just as in Eastern Europe, its tenuous goal is to transform state enterprises into private ones. But time may run out before this can be accomplished.

'Cry Argentina" is produced by World Beat Associates the production arm of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and the Foreign Policy Association. Krogh is dean of the School of Foreign Service

At the center of the program is President Carlos Saul Menem, a populist politician from a rural area, whose attempts to change a power structure that dates back to the days of Juan Peron have earned him a number of establishment critics, especially the military.

Helping Argentina solve its problems is important for U.S. foreign policy because it can serve as an example to other troubled Latin American countries and help promote stability in the region, according to U.S. Ambassador Terrance Todman

For viewers unfamiliar with this part of the world, the program may not always be easy to follow but its message is clear—this is one revolution that must not be allowed to fail.

OUESTION CORNER

Sacraments have rules

by Fr. John Dietzen

I am a Roman Catholic. I have Protestant friends and am a Roman Cathous: I have Protestant trends and go with them to their church services once in awhile. I would like to know if I am permitted by our church to receive Communion ... a Protestant church. Some of my Cathous miends say I can, others tell me it is wrong. (Penn-I can, others tell me it is wrong.)

It is our Catholic belief that the Eucharist, both as sacrifice and sacrament, celebrates and signifies the unity of faith of those who share it. It is in light of this that the church says we should not receive Communion in the situations you describe.

Every ceremony commemorating the Lord's Supper in Protestant church has similarities to our Eucha Christian churches believe at the very least that eating the bread and drinking the wine in the context of Christian

uniting ourselves to him in faith.

It is our belief as Catholics, however, that the fullest eucharistic celebration, one in which there is true transformation of the wine and bread into the body and blood of Christ, occurs only when that liturgy is presided over by a validly ordained priest.

This, along with other differences in faith and doctrine which might be relevant here, means that there will be significant variations of belief between Catholics and official positions of most Protestant churches about what is happening at a eucharistic liturgy, and what the Eucharist is.

Thus, a Catholic may not ask for the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, penance and the anointing of the sick except from a minister who has been validly ordained. (Directory Concerning Ecumenical Matters; the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity; 1967, No. 55) Canon law (844) has the same provisions

My present husband and I are both divorced from previous marriages. We are considering applying for

an annulment so our marriage could be blessed by the Catholic Church

I know that through this process the church contacts former spouses and sends them paperwork to be completed and returned. My husband and I have no idea where our former spouses are and have no way of obtaining this information. He had a very bitter divorce, and his former wife threatened to sue him for harrassment if he contacted her

What are the chances of getting our previous marriages annulled without the former spouses being notified? We don't want to spend the time and effort if we're turned down for this reason. (Colorado)

A It is true that previous spouses are normally contacted during an annulment procedure. This is, of course, to let them know what is happening and more especially to receive whatever light they may be able to shed on the relationship which is under study.

The circumstances you describe are not unheard of.

Sometimes the address of the former spouse is unavailable. Occasionally there is danger of serious physical harm if the other partner is contacted. Sometimes the former husband simply refuses to respond at all. None of these is in itself an obstacle to a declaration of nullity.

Please go to your parish priest and explain the situation. Your diocesan tribunal will do everything possible to work around these limitations.

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.) 1990 by Catholic News Service

FAMILY TALK

When is medical care appropriate for aging?

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: I must respond to your answer to the woman concerned about her elderly mother's newly developed forgetfulness and falling. I agree with your advice to prioritize, consider all alternatives, and involve all

family members in planning for her future care. However, it is imperative that these symptoms be

investigated by a physician before they are written off as senility or a "normal" result of aging. Many treatable medical conditions manifest themselves initially in the elderly as confusion, unsteadiness or loss of appetite. Further tests often uncover problems that are simply treated, providing restoration of independence and normal functioning. (Pennsylvania)

Answer: Thank you for your reminder that some physical and mental symptoms of the elderly can be treated and remedied. Medical evaluation needs to be considered as an alternative in responding to symptoms like forgetfulness, falling, loss of appetite, etc.

The problem may be that we are too ready to seek medical down to the control of the control o

medical advice for almost anything that goes wrong. Should we call the doctor every time our child sneezes? What about

when our aging parent forgets something?

Many persons today have become gun-shy about medical treatment, particularly with the elderly. The overuse of highly technological and expensive diagnostic tests, the overprescribing of medications, and the too-ready recommendation of surgery have all been questioned.

recommendation of surgery have all been questioned. The sudden onset of psychological symptoms like confusion in a person over 75, without any unusual change in life circumstance, may well be due to a ministroke. Is it necessary to have a CAT scan to find out if there really was a stroke? How would that change the treatment? Diagnostic tests, especially ones that are physically demanding or expensive, should not be done for mere curiosity, but only where there is a possibility that some treatable condition may be discovered. Family members can help in making this decision.

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one pin making risis decision. One major fault of the medical profession in recent years has been the overreadiness to prescribe drugs. According to critics, antibiotics and antihistamines as well as tranquilizers and anti-depressants have all been abused. This is even more true with the elderly.

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The rule of thumb from all current research on medicating elderly persons is to "go low and go slow." Elderly people have more bad reactions to drugs than younger persons. In fact, when an elderly person has a medical problem, usually the first step is a medication review to check if the problem is a drug reaction. Yet our elderly, trusting in the wisdom of physicians, take an average of between six and II different medicines per day.

Surgery too can be performed inappropriately. Whether a coronary bysas or an operation for cancer, the wisdom of the elderly patient and his or her family must complement any recommendation by the physician.

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Is aging a disease? What are the "normal" stages of aging? Are we to call them signs or symptoms? We don't know. But we do know that none of is would choose to give up our capacities without a fight.

Is dying a medical event? I applaud hospitals that ask the family whether they wish to have any disruption of vital signs "coded" for an emergency medical response or whether they would simply prefer to have family members informed.

Yes, you are right in reminding us to use medical diagnosis and care. However, I am not sure it is always "imperative," and I would use medical care tempered by family wisdom.

"imperative," and I would use medical care tempered by family wisdom. (Reader questions on family living or child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions to the Kennys, 219 W Harrison St., Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

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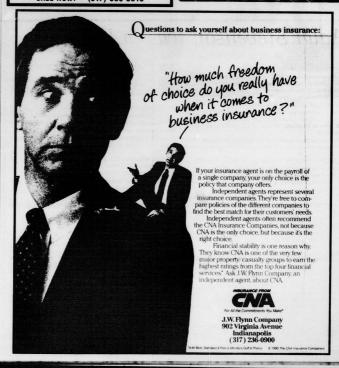
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The rumor that refuses to die: an infallible 'Humanae Vitae'

by Agostino Bono Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-One rumor occasionally fades away but never seems to die: It says that Pope John Paul II will declare church birth control teachings infallible.

Despite denials by Vatican officials, it has surfaced again with news that the pope is preparing a major document on moral theology for possible publication before the end of the

The genesis of the rumor is hard to trace. Adding to the confusion are various interpretations of the pope's own strong and repeated defense of church teachings that artificial contraception is immoral.

This produces a chain reaction.

A punchy papal defense sparks news stories predicting an imminent papal decision to declare the teachings an unchangeable truth of the faith. These in turn fan the anger ident theologians, who hit the headlines with critical statements asking the pope to rethink the position before he wreaks havoc on the church. When the pope dramatically reiterates his stand, the process begins anew

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Many non-Rome-based journalists were disappointed at
the 1985 extraordinary Synod of Bishops. The rumor had
gained such strength that they expected the pope to make
his infallibility statement during the synod, called to
commemorate the 20th anniversary of the end of the Second

Visiting County. Vatican Council.

Now, as representatives of the world's hierarchy begin packing their bags for another monthlong synod this fall,

the rumor has again picked up steam, and the pope is doing his part to help

Less than three weeks before the Sept. 30 start of the synod, he traveled to Africa to tell some of the world's poorest people that the road to development and a happy marriage is not paved with contraceptive

Among the "new dangers and threats" to marriage are "methods of birth control that are contrary to the truth of married love," the pope said in Tanzania, where per capita annual income is \$240.

In Burundi, where annual per capita income is also \$240, the pope said solving the "population problem" means increasing agricultural production rather than violating church teachings on procreation.

During almost 12 years as head of the church, the pope has not limited the teaching to the Third World. He also has enunciated the teachings at the Vatican and in the developed heartlands of the United States and Europe, where dissent is often publicly and rigorously expressed. While on a U.S. visit in 1987, the pope emphasized that dissent from church birth control teachings can be an obstacle to receiving the sacraments.

The teachings promoted by the pope are found in the 1988 encyclical of Pope Paul VI, "Humanue Vitac" ("Of Human Life"). It opposes artificial means of contraception as immoral, but the teaching has not been declared infallible. However, it is still the official doctrine of the church, requiring assent by all Catholics unless it is modified.

Mn infallible teaching, on the other hand, is unchangeable, as it is considered a fundamental article of faith established by God.

In practice, popes rarely speak infallibly. Most official

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teachings, such as encyclicals and other papal documents, are part of what is called the church's ordinary magisterium. They are an effort to give doctrinal ornentations and rules that are in keeping with Scripture, tradition and the living experience of the church.

An infallible teaching is called part of the church's extraordinary magisterium. The last such papal pronounce-ment was in 1950, when Pope Pius XII declared that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

Serious theological ferment was stirred in November 1988 when the pope said that the prohibition against artificial contraception is "written by the creative hand of God in the nature of the human person."

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Theologians disagreeing with the teachings said the pope was smearing the distinction between the ordinary and extraordinary magisterium by implying that the birth control doctrine is directly willed by God rather than being application of divine revelation.

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Dissident reactions ranged from a polemic statement by 163 Western European theologians saying the pope was mississing his authority to a call from moral theologian Father Bernard Haring that a church commission of bishops, theologians and latip be established to decide to what extent papal teachings on birth control should be considered part of drivine revelation.

of divine revelation.

What has been lost in much of the rumor-spreading and thetoric regarding papal intentions is one simple fact: Pope John Paul, while not declaring birth control teachings infallible, has made it abundantly clear that under his constitute, the doctrine is unchangeable. pontificate, the doctrine is unchange

To Archbishop Marino With Love' drive begun

by Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Black Catholic leaders across the country have been asked to start a "To Archbishop Marino With Love" campaign, with a goal of sending the ailing archbishop at least 25,000 notes of "support and love" before the end of September.

Organized by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and other black Catholic groups, the campaign is aimed at getting Mass-goers and Catholic school children to send the archbishop cards.

It suggests that the project be used in churches and schools as a teaching moment on reconciliation and

Archbishop Eugene A. Marino is the first black archbishop in the United States. He resigned as archbishop of Atlanta in July after church authorities learned he had been involved in a two-year affair with Vicki Long, a young single mother

Since May the archbishop has been in seclusion, under spiritual direction and psychiatric and medical care for

Coordinating the "To Archbishop Marino With Love" campaign is Precious Blood Father Clarence Williams, executive producer of the Black Catholic Televangelization Network in Detroit.

In packets sent out to black Catholic leaders around the In packets sent out to black Catholic leaders around the country at the end of August, he asked them to purchase cards, organize card-signing tables at the back of churches after Sunday Masses, have announcements in the bulletin and at Mass inviting people to participate, and collect the cards and donations for postage costs. In schools he suggested a two-day project, first teaching children about forgiveness and reconciliation with the parable of the Prodigal Son and then having them write notes, draw pictures and send them to Archishot Marino to the product of the parable of the Prodigal Son and then having them write notes. draw pictures and send them to Archishot Marino the product of product pro

notes, draw pictures and send them to Archbishop Marino.

For both parish and school projects he asked local coordinators to send all cards and letters to the archdiocesan Catholic Center in Atlanta and to send a separate form to him in Detroit reporting on the number cards and letters sent.

The Atlanta Archdiocese, without any organized campaign, has been receiving "an enormous amount of mail" from well-wishers, said Gerard O'Connor, who is processing cards and letters and then sending them on to the archbishop.

He told Catholic News Service Sept. 5 that he was not keeping an exact count, but he was sure that well over 1,000 cards and letters of support had come in so far, and they were still arriving at a rate of 20 to 30 a day.

O'Connor was Archbishop Marino's administrative assistant and now holds the same post under Bishop James P. Lyke, named apostolic administrator of the archdiocese in July

He said at first he wrote personal responses to each writer, but by mid-August that job became "overwhelmand he had to switch to a printed thank-you note. A part-time secretary spends every afternoon addressing and mailing the thank-you notes, he said.

Of all the messages, "less than five" were "personal attacks" on the archbishop, O'Connor said. Of those, he said, "one was obviously racist."

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When the controversy over Archbishop Marino first broke, Bishop Lyke publicly encouraged people to pray for him and let him know of their support but did not start an organized project along those lines. O'Connor said he was unaware of the clergy caucus project until he was asked about it by CNS.

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The "To Archbishop Marino With Love" project asks that cards or letters be sent to: Archbishop Eugene Marino, Adlanta Archdiocese. Catholic Center. 680 W. Peachtres St. N.W. Atlanta GA 30308. It asks that reports on the number of cards and letters from local coordinators be sent to: "To Archbishop. Marino With Love. 5247 Sheridan Ave., Presented Sci. 68213.



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The 31st Annual St. John Academy Alumnae Brunch Buf-fet will be held at 11 am. in Union Station Holiday Irm fol-lowing 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. John Church. Brunch reservations \$11.50. Call Margaret Bonke 317-784.5996

St. Louis Parish, Batesville will hold its annual Festival serving country style chicken and roast beef dinners. Adults \$5; kids under 12 \$2.50. Wood carvings,

The Women's Club of St. Patrick Parish will hold its regular monthly Card Party at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 936 Prospect St. Admission \$1.25.

September 17 An hour of prayer for peace and justice is held each Mon. at 8 p.m. in St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. Benedic-tion 9 p.m.

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September 19

A Natural Family Planning class will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Aquinas Center, Clarksville. \$15/couple. For reservations call 812-945-0354.

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September 21

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September 21-23

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A Women's Serenity Retreat will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-255-8135.

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An Early Bird #2 Drawing for the benefit of All Saints School will be held at 5 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish.

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tion is held each Fri. from 7 a.m. 530 p.m. Mass in St. Lawrence church, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave. Mother Teresa is re-elected

by Agostino Bono Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who earlier this year resigned because of her age and deteriorating health, has been re-elected superior of the Missionaries of Charity

Her election has already been approved by the Vatican, said Msgr. Piero Pennacchini, Vatican press spokesman,

The re-election of the 80-year-old Noble Peace Prize winner and founder of the Missionaries of Charity took place Sept. 8 in Calcutta, India, at a general chapter meeting of the religious order.

whether the religious order. Value and add out of Mother Teresa as accepting her re-election as the will of God and pledging to carry out her responsibilities to the best of her ability. Mother Teresa reached the age of 80 on Aug. 27. Pope John Paul II sent her greenings on that occation.

from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Marian College.

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will attend 5 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St. followed by dinner at Shapiro's. followed by dinner at Sha Call Mary 317-255-3841 for a

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Last December, doctors in India implanted a pacemaker in Mother Teresa, who had been suffering from heart problems. After that she tried to resign and her resignation was accepted by Pope John Paul II.

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu to Albanian parents in Skopje, in what is now Yugoslavia, on Aug. 27, 1910.

She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 in Calcutta as a diocesan religious community, and 15 years later the Vatican recognized it as a pontifical congregation.

The religious order has more than 400 centers in 92 countries, including Cuba and the Soviet Union. It works with the terminally ill, abandoned children, the homeless, lepers and AIDS patients.

Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work with the poor.

She accepted it "in the name of the hungry, of the naked, of the homeless, of the blind, of the lepers, of all those who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society."

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Youth News/Views

Terre Haute teens set out to build community

by Jennette Shaker and Alicia Humphrey

Terre Haute Deanery's Youth Commis sion has ambitious plans underway this year that are designed to create a closer community among members.

Youth Commission members from St Youth Commission members from St. Benedict, St. Ann and Sacred Heart parishes in Terre Haute gathered last summer to pray together, welcome new freshmen, and discuss youth ministry activities during a two-day retreat.

Discussion topics included a review of what projects have been done in the past, how successful they were, and areas that need improvement. Members also found time to finalize some social plans for the coming wear.

bers talked about memories. As a loaf of bread was passed around, each person took a piece of bread and shared a special memory about how jesus had touched his or har life.

memory about how Jesus had touched his or her life.

St. Benedict youth group member Andy Hellman said that he remembered most of all the affirmation from participants in the Christian Leadership Institute at the Catholic Youth Organization Youth Center in Indianapolis. He said that really meant a lot

St. Ann youth minister Janet Wallace entioned how welcome she felt at her first

outh Mass.

St. Benedict youth group mernber Jon illiams shared a story about a girl that he et on senior retreat who hugged him and id that this was the first time she had felt said that this was the first time

In between sessions, Youth Commis-sion members found time to have fur during a cook-out and swimming. Latenight conversations around a campfire didn't leave a whole lot of time for

sleeping.
The next day's discussion topic centered on hope, and commission members shared favorite Scripture readings.

St. Benedict youth group i Schafer read a passage from 13:4 that she said gave hope to her life. That well-known Scripture message begins 'Love is patient, love is kind

Janet Roth, youth minister for the three parishes, reminded the teen-agers that, "We are hope for each other through our caring words and actions." That is thing we all live by

Late that afternoon, commission men bers looked at the various components of youth ministry and realized that they had a great deal to be proud of within the deanery. Examples mentioned included positive attitudes about community serv ice, a lot of active youth group leaders and members, and great participation for youth retreats. Members also discussed evangelization and specific ways to get more young people involved in parish and deanery youth activities.

At the close of the two-day retreat, some of the teen-agers said they felt the closeness of growing friendships and the presence of God throughout the weekend.

(Terre Haute Youth Commission members

Jennette Shaker and Alicia Humphrey prepared this story for the Youth News and Views page after attending the summer retreat.)

Survey says teens think divorces are 'too easy'

Group magazine recently surveyed tee agers about their views on marriage and family life.

According to their report, 86 percent of the teens questioned by researchers said they want to marry and 75 percent hope to

Further, 72 percent of the teen-agers said they felt divorce is "too easy," the magazine noted, and 67 percent of those surveyed noted that they believe people who divorce don't work hard enough to



CHRISTMAS CHEER—St. Gabriel Parish youth group members Myra Brandenburg (left) and Sabrina Buckley (right) from Connersville help youth minister Joyce Rowland organize toys that will be given to needy children at Christmas. Myra and Sabrina said parish confirmation classes and archdiocesan programs sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization have strengthened their faith. (Photo by Mary Ann

Indiana Youth Institute creates new opportunities

by Steve Shockley

The day Eva Corsaro, my youth minister from St. Mark Parish in Indianapolis, recommended that I go to the first-ever Indiana Youth Institute Aug. 11-14 at Bradford Woods near Martinsville, I was honored to receive the invitation. I felt really privileged to represent my parish at a statewide youth institute.

Then I had second thoughts. I discov ered that the Eli Lilly Company funded the Indiana Youth Network, the organization sponsoring the institute. The thought that came dashing through my mind at least 20 times was that the network was going to drive the Catholic Youth Organization out of business because they would have more money to reach out to all kinds of youth.

But Aug. 11 came and I promised myself give the institute my all. The first day I met at least 50 people and had a lot of fun in the process. Activities included a high

in canoes, and other team projects that involved everyone. During all of these group activities, participants needed to listen to everyone's ideas and surprisingly they all did.

in general, the Indiana Youth Institute was similar to the Christian Leadership Institute that is sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization each summer. Each one of the four days of programs provided opportunities to challenge my leadership abilities in a newiting use. lities in an exciting way

At the completion of the institute, I came back to my previous thought about the network competing with CYO. Then I realized that the network was working with nd not against CYO.

and not against CTU.

The network gave young people of different backgrounds a chance to come together and share ideas along with spreading peace through the teen-agers of the state of Indiana.

(An active member of the St. Mark Parish youth group in Indianapois, Steve Shockley Coccasionally writes for the Youth News and Wieros more?

Students can enter national peace essay contest

history will have a chance to combine these skills through participation in the fourth annual National Peace Essay Contest. Students with a taste for writing, current events, and

State Superintendent of Public Instruction H. Dean State Supermendent of Proble Institution 11. Sevans announced Sept. 5 that essay submissions for the contest will be accepted beginning Oct. 1.

Evans said the contest is open to public and private high school students nationwide and is designed to elicit serious

and careful writing on a subject regarding peace or resolving international conflict.

The 1991 topic for the contest is: Discuss one instance when the United States government made a significant contribution to the prevention or resolution of a violent international conflict, either as a party, a potential party, or

Contest entrants should comment on the circumstances of the conflict they chose to write about, and they should highlight peacemaking lessons which might be ed from the various responses and reactions

Evans said the contest is coming at a time when many countries are looking to the United States to peacefully resolve the rising crisis in the Middle East.

"This contest is an excellent opportunity for teachers to combine a writing assignment with history and possibly current events," he said. "At this point in time, we are witnessing what could become the major historical event of this decade, and educational opportunities in terms of

story and geography do exist. Further, Evans said, "Using rther, Evans said, "Using this essay contest as a class ment would enable teachers to actually make history more relevant to students by using it as a frame of reference for the current conflict in the Middle East."

for the current conflict in the Middle East."

And, he added, "By discussing how the United States reacted to various other conflicts, such as the Cuban missile crisis, we can get students to think on their own as to how they feel the United States should react and respond.

By studying past international conflicts and focusing on peace efforts, Evans noted, students can reflect on their lears that the United States could be on the verge of war.

Students or teachers interested in obtaining essay kits should write to the Peace Essay Contest, Dept. JL, P.O. Box 27720, Central Station, Washington, D.C., 20038-7720.

Plans are underway for youth participation in the annual **Respect Life Sunday** events sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life Activities Oct. 7 in Indianapolis.

Beginning at 2:45 p.m. that day, teen-agers will gather at Monument Circle for the annual Walk-a-Thon north on Meridian Street to SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. A Vespers

Merician street to 55. Feer and Faul Cathedral. A Vespect Service at 4 p.m. will be followed by the Respect Life Awards Dinner at the Catholic Center Assembly Hall. Call the CYO Youth Center at 317-632-9311 for information or reservations. The dinner costs \$5 a person.

Cathedral High School freshman Michelle Rollings of Indianapolis is performing in Footlite Musical's production of " amn Yankees," continuing through Sept. 22. For ticke information, call Footlite at 317-926-6630.

Mic elle has also performed at several other area theaters, including the Indiana Repertory Theater and the Beef and Boards Dinner Theater. At Cathedral, she is a member of the Royal Irish Brigade and Drama Club.

Her interest in acting dates back to age 3, when she performed in theater productions in Florida and Ohio.

"Seven Super Mondays" programming on "Choices Tackling Your Biggest Decisions," sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization, begins Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

The first in a series of monthly workshops will focus on topic "I'm Unique! Our Individual Moral Codes." Call the CYO Youth Center at 317-632-9311 for information

Bishop Chatard High School's varsity cheerleading squad received the Spirit of Cheerleading Award presented by Indiana Cheer Camps at DePauw University in

The Spirit of Cheerleading Award is the camp's highest

form of recognition. Chatard's varsity squad was selected by all other squads and the ICC staff as the friendliest, most spirited, and helpful of the 24 cheerleading squads from throughout Indiana.

Chatard's varsity cheerleaders are Aszure Grimes, Carole Kelly, Amy Meyer, Kelly Parker, Rachel Raibley, Amy Redmond and Gina Thurman. Lori Horton coaches the squad

Teen-agers from parishes in the Terre Haute Deanery who helped staff a soup kitchen as volunteers this summer included Vonnie Wallace, Erin Kearns, Lesley Miller, Heather Gropp, Brad Russin, Gary Shook, Jeanette Shaker, Christy Martz, and Paul Engle.

Christy Martz, and Faul Engle.

Other teens who voluntarily helped the poor in recent months by working in the soup kitchen were Stacey Patterson, Amy Myers, Fred Janski, Cathy and Jenny Peterson, Erin and Abby Brentlinger, Tanya Brueggeman, Valerie and Bryan Harper, Andy Hellmann, Zach Pies, Billy Vasas, Jayme Auten, Emily Walters, Lori Ormsby, Chris Drake and Chad Willett.

Scecina Memorial High School seniors Jennifer Erlen-baugh and Ben Schreiber were recognized for their skill in yearbook design during a summer workshop sponsored by Walsworth Publishing Company.

Jennifer won a third-place award in competition among beginners and Ben took third-place honors in the advanced design category

Due to a change in plans, the September CYO Youth Mass and Dance scheduled Sept. 16 will not be held at Holy Cross Church in Indianapolis as previously announced.

Instead, St. Roch Parish youth group members will host a dance that night from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. There is no youth Mass this month. Students from Indianapolisae high schools are invited to attend the Sunday night dance in the school gymnasium at the southside parish

Survivor says crash was like a scene from hell

by Mick Conway

They went over the bridge, down the embankment, through a barbed-wire fence and into the river. It seemed like a long way down, but the whole thing was over in a matter of seconds

The car wasn't discovered until morn-ing, hours after the accident happened. A search party-organized by the police and parents whose teen-agers hadn't come home after a school dance-found the car upside down and partially submerged in

It took several hours to free the vehicle from its muddy resting place and another length of time to remove the bodies trapped inside. By some miracle, one of the four teen-agers in the car was still the four teen-agers in the car was still alive. The other three, two girls and a

boy, were dead. The semi-cor

boy, were dead.

The semi-conscious young man was rescued from behind the wheel of the car and rushed to a nearby hospital.

"It was like a scene from hell," he said later. "We were flying through the air, crashing into trees, and skidding down the bank all at the same time."

He said one of the girls was screaming and crying and the rest of them were yelling and bouncing all over the car. "Then," he remembered, "we hit the water really hard. I heard someone choke and it was suddenly quiet. The lights on the

water really hard. I heard someone choke and it was suddenly quiet. The lights on the car had gone out and it was pitch dark."

Their fun evening had turned into a night of terror.

"I tried to get the door open, but I couldn't budge it," he recalled. "My head was hurting so bad, and all I could think of was that the water was rising, the car was upside down, and we were trapped. I must have passed out, because I can't remember much of what happened after that."

The investigation that necessarily follows an accident of this kind revealed

that alcohol was present in the bodies of all four teen-agers. There were empty beer cans, as well as several unopened cans of beer, in the car. The teens were out "road tripping" at the time of the accident—driving around the countryside months recovering from the physical injuries he sustained in the accident. However, his emotional recovery took even longer

even longer.

The parish priest spent many hours with him in an attempt to relieve his emotional anxiety. The priest's professional counseling skills were severely tested with this young man, whose main problem was that he couldn't forgive himself.

The boy said many times that his friends would not be dead if he hadn't

been drinking and driving on the night of the accident

I honestly didn't think I had had too much to drink," he said. "We were having a good time, just driving around listening to a tape on the car stereo. I know better than to drive after drinking. I've been hearing about that for as long as If I hadn't been can remember. stupid, I wouldn't have lost control of the car like I did.

Three teen-agers killed in a car acci-

dent is a tragedy under any circum-stances. If alcohol is involved, the deaths are particularly hard to accept. We tend to think that those who died lost their lives unnecessarily

"If only they hadn't been drinking. If only they hadn't been driving so fast. If

The sad fact is that alcohol often does cause us to act in an irresponsible way. When abused, it's a deadly drug. (Mick Conway writes for Catholic News

Service.)

I-STAR reports alcohol use rising among males

Following a comprehensive study of alcohol usage among Indianapolis-area high school students, Project I-STAR officials report that male teen-agers surveyed reported a significant increase in drinking between 1987 and 1988.

In contrast, statistics showed that female students showed a trend toward decreased

A difference was also found in the use of alcohol among white and non-white students. About 18 percent of the non-white they had used alcohol in the last 30 days, while 44 percent of the white teen-agers questioned admitted using alcohol within the previous month.

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The high school survey is only one of several research studies conducted by Project I-STAR on health behavior and

I-Star, which stands for "Indiana Stu-1-otar, winco stands for "Indiana Students Taught Awareness and Resistance," collects data annually from students in both middle or junior high schools and high schools in Marion County. Research efforts funded by Lilly Endowment represent the largest school-based longitudinal study in the patient. the nation.

the nation.

Programs are designed to make students aware of the many pressures which influence their decision regarding substance use and to provide them with skills to resist pressure to use alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, and other drugs.

Alcohol Percentage of students reporting alcohol usage <u>Usage</u> during the past week A 22% 20 White 15 13% 10 g 5 Non-White 1988 1987 1988 1987 Ethnicity Gender Percentages shown represent data collected from the 10th and 12th grades during 1987 & 88

Rock star tells teen-agers that true survivors must have faith

by Jill Werderits

Jim Peterik, founder of the rock group Survivor, and his wife, Karen, recently told teen-age participants in a Catholic youth ministry conference in Lisle, Ill., that faith had been, and would continue to be, essential to them both.

Peterik, whose hits include Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger," also told conference participants that life in the Peterik home was not so different from their own.

He admitted that he had been "a marginal nerd" as a teen-ager and that he used his guitar to 'be cool" and gain

But the Peteriks, who belong to Catholic parish in suburban Chicago, relied on faith to tackle the obstacles in their lives that teens and rock stars alike must face.

'Our adventures aren't too much differ ent from anyone else's," said Peterik, who is 39. The couple credits faith with keeping their relationship alive. The couple met when Karen was 15 and Jim was 17. They married four years later.

Peterik left on tour three weeks after the vedding and went to school on top of that. The separation caused by touring, the couple said, was the toughest challenge they have faced in their relationship.

Faith reminded Karen Peterik that the time with her husband was worth the time she spent alone in their home.

And, she said, many divorces unnecessary. "It doesn't have to be that way," she added, using her own marriage as an example of how faith and patience can help couples work through problems

They told the high school-age students that the excitement of a new relationship begins weaving in and out after awhile, and warned that a couple must remain best friends to survive the lulls.

The Peteriks said faith also taught them to trust God with their problems.

A few years ago, they said, they tried unsuccessfully to have a child. After months of doctors, fertility drugs and disappointment, they decided their quest for a child was becoming too technological

and unnatural.

"We decided to put our problem in God's hands," Peterik said. "We decided, We're happy, we ve been blessed, let's put it behind us."

Soon after that, she became pregnant with their new son, Colin James. "It really had to be a miracle," she said.
"The baby deal," as Peterik called the experience, "made me realize how brilliant God's bala was."

God's plan was.

The songwriter and musician played an unrecorded song that he had written for Colin during a 2 a.m. feeding, and brought the teens to their feet six times playing hits

he interspersed with the talk.

Peterik said faith is a good tool to turn

adversity into advantage.

He said that shortly after the two met, Karen began dating another young man. Jim's anger and pain prompted him to write the song "Vehicle," a big hit for the rock group the Ides of March. "It went No.

1—and she came back."
In 1978, Peterik said he got pneumonia and was hospitalized for nearly a month. Given the time to re-evaluate his life, he found his choices to be either quitting the music business or getting serious and putting together a new band. And thus was or born.

In his career as a professional musician, Peterik said, he has seen many people in his business ruin their careers, relationships and health with drugs.

Stick with faith, he advised. "It's a

ermanent high."

(Jill Werderits writes for Catholic News



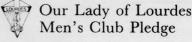
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BOOK REVIEW

Reflections on death and life

BEYOND THE MIRROR: Reflections on Death and Life, by Father Henri J.M. Nouwen. Crossroad, (New York, 1990). 74 pp., \$9.95.

Reviewed by Sister Mary Ann Walsh

Father Henri Nouwen is getting to be like the prolific Father Andrew Greeley. Lately it seems as if the Dutchmar never has an unpublished reflection.

Father Nouwen still writes well, but his "Beyond the irror: Reflections on Death and Life" shows him apparently having less to say even as he writes more books. This might be good for book publishing but will ill serve

The priest-psychologist's latest book is rooted in a near-fatal accident he had in the winter of 1989. He was hit near-tatal accident ne nad in the winter of 1999. He was nit by the mirror of a passing van as he walked near his home in Canada. It occurred at about dawn as he slipped his way along an sty road to get to the home of a mentally-retarded member of the L'Arche community where the priest lives

For a few days, before and after surgery to repair injuries from the mishap, Father Nouwen faced his own possible

important act of living," he writes. "It involves a choice to bind others with guilt or to set them free with gratitude. This choice is a choice between a death that gives life and a death that kills."

He thought about those who might miss him

"Would they mourn in joy or with guilt, with gratitude with remorse? Would they feel abandoned or set free? Some people had hurt me deeply, and some had been deeply hurt by me, "he writes." My inner life had been shaped by there is a construction of the minimum of in Christ

Father Nouwen taps into the gnawing sadness felt by eople who live life and head towards death without dealing out anger between themselves and others. He notes that the wounds from interpersonal hurts disturb both the dying and those who survive them. Those going out of this world, he writes, "have the unique opportunity to set free those whom they leave behind."

What he says is good and right. It also is written in the pristine style which makes Father Nouwen probably the

best of the popular spirituality writers today, if style alone

is the judge.

Unfortunately, this work still is far from par for the talented doctor of souls, whose earlier book, "The Wounded Healer," quickly became a classic for the wider spiritualreading audience.

Perhaps Father Nouwen is writing too quickly to hone his

insights into the spiritual and human life well. His fans—and I'm among them—would fare better if he wrote less and reflected more

A writer as blessed with talent as Father Nouwen owes it the church to offer quality works even if it means publishing fewer books. (Sister Walsh is media editor at Catholic News Service.)

(At your bookstore or order prepaid from Crossroad Publishing 370 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Add \$2 for shipping and handling.)

† Rest in Peace

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† BEAVIN, Frances H., 72, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, Sept. 4. Wife of George; sister of Ellis and Cecil Parrish and Mildred Gray.

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Aug. 28. Father of Earl, William, John. Donald, Donna Labhart, Betty Epple and Sister
Mary Martha; brother of Bermard Keyin and Evalus Steins. nard, Kevin, and Evelyn Steins-berger Leaf: grandfather of 29; great-grandfather of 21.

+ GORSKI, Stanley F., 79, St Gabriel, Indianapolis, Aug. 31 Gabriel, Indianapolis, Aug Father of Carol Ann Vudis, S oanne Ritche, Dr. Stanley F. Ir. and John Timm; brother Charles, and Martha Pietrow grandfather of nine.

† GRISMORE, Mary Theresa, 69, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, July 20. Mother of James M., Harold W., Bernard G., Ferald L., Kenneth M., John J., Paul N. Robert A., Patricia A., and Margaret R. Hannah; sister of Bernard and Kathleen O'Neill; grandmother of eight.

t HOBBS, Mary Joan, 61, St Christopher, Indianapolis, Aug 25. Wife of Ralph R. mothe Jeffrey M. grandmother

+ KATTAU, Frank A. Ir., 76. S Patrick Indianapolis, Aug. 29 Husband of V. Mary; father of Michael D. and Robert A.: brother of Fred, Richard, Donald, Grace Oliver, Mildred Zappia and Mary Virginia Ooley; grand-father of five

KAVANAUGH, Vincent M Beech Grove (buried from St. Paul Hermitage Aug. 4. Father of Carl J., Leo V Howard F., Donald E., Tom J. Dorothy B. Warner and Francis can Sister Timothy; brother of Benedictine Sisters M. Bernice and M Charlotte, Rose and Harry, grandfather of 27 greatgrandfather of 43.

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LAUGHLIN, Clara, 72. St. Mary, Richmond, Sept. 1. Mother of Dan and Tom Delk, James Nancy, Roberta Hilling, Rebecca Vosmeier and Micheile Taylor. sister of Bill and Richard Delk Martha Pope and Marilyn Davis

MERTZ, Margaret I., 76, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Aug. 31 Mother of Patricia I. Wilhelm grandmother of seven; great-

St. Bernadette, Indianapol Aug. 30. Friend of Leo a Jeanne DesRosiers and Faith Hardman.

† ROSS, Ruth, 82. St. Agnes Nashville, Sept. 3. Wife of John mother of Frank and Jack; sister

† ROWE, Victoria M., 66 St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, Sept. 2. Wife of Charles R. Sr., mother of Patricia A. Caito, Susan M. Smith, Lisa R. Charles R. Jr. and Mark H.; sister of Patrick and Margaret Heider, Mary H. Boyer, Della H. Wian and Kathryn H. Simanski; grandmother of 10.

Providence Sister Jane McNulty, 75 dies at hospital

TERRE HAUTE—Providence Sister Jane Patricia McNulty died in Union Hospital here on 2 at the age of 75. The Sept 2 at the age of 75. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Sept. 5 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary of the Woods.

former Margaret The tormer Margaret McNulty was born in Chicago, ill She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1932 and professed her final vows in 1940.

1940.
Sister Jane Patricia taught in Illinois and Indiana schools. Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis included St. Patrick, St. Joan of Arc, St. Catherine and St. Philip Neri parish schools, all in Indi-anapolis.

anapons.

Three sisters and one brother survive Sister Jane Patricia. They are: Sister Edwardine of Tustin, Calif.; Marie Maher and Helen Wallace, both of Chicago; and Jim, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Franciscan Sr. Mary Gabriel dies on 87th birthday

OLDENBURG-Franciscan Sister Mary Gabriel Burke died here Aug. 31 on her 87th birth-day. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Sept. 4 in the Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse Chapel

Sister Mary Gabriel was a native of Memphis, Tenn. She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1926, and professed final vows in 1932. She served as an elementary and secondary school teacher in Ohio, Missouri and Indiana. In the Archdiocese of Indi

anapolis. Sister Mary Gabriel taught at St. Gabriel School, Connersville. Scecina Memorial and the Academy of the Im-maculate Conception in Olden-burg. She retired from teaching in 1972. High School in Indianapolis

Mary Gabriel managed the sis ters stamp room, grew roses, and was active in the Right to Life movement. At the age of 84 she began to study Spanish; she was making Spanish flashcards the day before she died. Sister Mary Gabriel is sur-

vived by one sister. Ruehl, of Edgewood, Ky Margaret

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Pope encourages struggling East Africans

"These hills must never again witness violence and division," he said at the start of a Sept. 5-7 visit.

The pope came to bless a national reconcilation campaign sponsored by the government and backed by Burundi's bishops. In an arrival speech delivered to President Pierre Buyoya and other dignitaries, the pope said the country should "quicken the pace" on the road to ethnic harmony. harmony

Buyoya, who heads a Tutsi-controlled government, has recently granted concessions to the majority Hutus. He has also ended religious persecution that virtually shut down church life in the 1980s. Most of Burundi's 5.3 million

population is Catholic.

The pope urged Catholic academics and the church's pastoral force to work for unity in Burundi—but without trying to erase ethnic differences.

The pope took time out to pay an emotional visit to Burundi AIDS patients in Bujumbura's Prince Regent Charles Hospital Sept. 7. He walked to the bedsides of about 50 people, most of them AIDS victims in the advanced stage of the disease.

The pontiff touched their heads and made the sign of the cross over each, stopping to talk with a teen-age girl with AIDS and to pray at the bed of a woman expected to live only a few days.

Afterward, he gave hospital directors a contribution of \$10,000.

\$10,000. The pope spoke at length to Burundi bishops about his concern over AIDS in Africa, where the disease is believed to affect half a million people. The countries the pope visited are in Africa's "AIDS belt," where an estimated 20 percent of the urban population is infected with the disease or the AIDS-causing HIV virus.

The pope said church workers should give support to families "broken" by AIDS and to the thousands of orphans it is creating.

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He also stressed that AIDS prevention must include ethical arguments aimed at an "ordered sexuality." In Africa, the disease is spread largely through sexual contact and affects heterosexuals and homosexuals in equal

numbers.

In Rwanda, where AIDS is also prevalent, the pope told some 15,000 young people Sept. 8 to avoid sexual conduct that "ruins the very nature of sexuality and multiplies the risks" of contracting and spreading AIDS.

He also urged them to show compassion and sympathy for all Rwandans who have AIDS and for the many HIV

tor all Kwandans who have AIDS and for the many FIV
carriers who "experience anguisth."
On Sept. 9, he made the same points during an outdoor
Mass in a crowded suburb of the capital, Kigali, and in a talk
to Rwandan bishops. More than in any previous papal trip,
the topic took center stage.

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constant battle aggravated by dense population. But he also underlined the church's position that reducing family size

should not be done with contraceptives.

In Burundi, the pope traveled deep into the countryside Sept. 6 to Gitega, where he challenged Catholic couples to take responsibility for overpopulation, through natural methods promoted by the church.

Fertility control must remain profoundly human, as the church teaches," he said.

The pope reached Gitega by car in a twisting, 75-milelong

The pope reached Gitega by car in a twisting, 75-milelong drive past green hills where coffee, tea and bananas are raised.

The pope took a similar drive in neighboring Rwanda Sept. 8 on his way to a Mass in Kabgayi. Villagers lined the passed by. At the same time, a papal message to Rwanda's farmers was being broadcast on the national radio. The pope expressed his "deep sadness" at a recent famine that left about 300 people dead. He also implored the country's subsistence farmers to do all they can to "protect the land from overuse." from overuse

from overuse. The pope said the international community had a responsibility to 'pay a just price for agricultural products that it transforms into greater profits.' Rwanda has struggled recently with a combination of overpopulation, exhausted land and falling commodity prices.

The pope said international aid agreements to the

country, however, should not pressure Rwandans on family matters—an apparent reference to birth control programs promoted by development agencies and the government.

Rwanda is the most crowded place in Africa and has one Rwanna is the most crowded place in Africa and has one of the fastest-growing populations. Local bishops have set up natural family planning centers in every parish, while the president, a Catholic and the father of eight children, has promoted birth control.

The pope ordained priests in all three East African countries and used his visit to boost the self-esteem of local

countries and used his visit to boost the self-esteem of local churches. He said their flourishing religious orders, their extensive educational and health care systems, and their dedication to prayer were all signs of ecclessal vitality.

A Rwandan Catholic layman, however, publicly asked the pope whether the church hierarchy and the West were willing to give up a seeming cultural "monopoly" on models of sainthood. The pope, in unprepared remarks, answered that there is no monopoly on sainthood and said he hoped there would someday be beatfications and canonizations of Rwandan lay people.

In Yamousoukro, the pope reserved his strongest praise not for the new cathedral, but for the social centers that will be built next to the church. He thanked President Felix

not for the new Cathedra, but the social centers that win be built next to the church. He thanked President Felix Houphouel-Boigny for his "generosity" in financium Lady of Peac International Foundation, which eventually will help run a nearby hospital, a youth formation center and possibly a Catholic radio station.



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Cardinal Ratzinger says church institutions need reform

by Agostino Bono Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-The church's human institutions need constant reform to remove the "superfluous scaffolding" that obscures its divine mission, said Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Human structures are "necessary and indispensable but "they grow old, running the risk of being presented as the most essential, thus deflecting our glance from what is truly essential," he said in a speech to Communion and

truly essential," he said in a speech to Communion and Liberation, a Catholic lay group. Cardinal Ratzinger asked for "an unlimited examination of conscience at all levels of the church" to see what structures should be reformed so that "the authentic face of

structures should be retormed so that the admentic face of the church shows through none again.

In a question-and-answer period after his speech, the cardinal said the need for reform extends to the Roman Curia, the church's central administrative offices. Cardinal Ratzinger, in charge of monitoring theological orthodoxy, is one of the Curia's top officials.

'This examination of conscience is to be extended to the Curia. How many agencies are really necessary?' he asked. Cardinal Ratzinger gave his speech Sept. 1 in Rimini, Italy. The 29-page text was released by the Vatican Sept. 5.

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P-Participating in church-sponsored organizations does not automatically make someone a good Christian.

Democratic structures cannot be applied to church teachings because the faith is not subject to majority rule.

Some moral theologians are eliminating guilt at "too

cheap a price. "The church will always have need of new human support structures so that it can talk to and operate in

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every historical era," he said. But with the passage of time "these must always be taken away as superfluous scaffolding," he said. The cardinal did not offer any new models, but

ninated democratic ones

'Opinion substitutes for the faith' under majority

rule, he said.
"The significance of the expression 'I believe' comes to mean no more than 'we think,' he said

"Everything decided by a majority can become abrogated by another majority. A church which rests on the decisions of a majority becomes a purely human church," he said

structures would mean a church that develops from the bottom and "surges through discussi agreements and decisions," he said.

Cardinal Ratzinger also criticized "the idea that a person more Christian the more he is committed to church

This is an "ecclesial therapy of action, of giving people something to do, ntial in personal faith, he said.

"A person can uninterruptedly exercise church activities and still not be a Christian," he said.

It is possible to be a good Christian "without being on a church committee, without becoming concerned with the news of church politics, without having been part of a synod and voting in one," he said.

What "counts more" is that a person frequents the sacraments and "practices the love which comes from

Priests were told that "the church climate becomes anguishing and suffocating if the bearers of the ministry forget that the sacrament is not a distribution of power" but service in the name of Christ

The cardinal criticized a tendency in moral theology to eliminate sin and guilt. According to this view "morality should be outlined in such a way that the conditions for sin in a given person can never be properly verified," he said.
"According to these 'moral theologians' there simply is

no longer any guilt," he added.
"This manner of freeing the world from guilt is at too

cheap a price," he said.

Instead, the aim should be to show people that there is "an effective way to overcome sin" through penance and forgiveness, he said.

Richard John Neuhaus becomes a Catholic

by Tracy Early Catholic News Service

NEW YORK—The Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, a nationally prominent Lutheran minister and writer on issues of church and society, converted to Catholicism Sept. 8 at ceremonies in New York.

He was received into the church by Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York in the chapel at the cardinal's

O'Connor of New York in the chapei at the cardinal's residence behind 5t. Patrick's Cathedral.

Bishop William H. Lazarcth of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangeical Lutheran Church in America told Catholic News Service Sept. 9 that Neuhaus had submitted his resignation as a Lutheran pastor and that Bishop Lazareth would accept it the following day.

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Bishop Lazareth said he did not think individual conversions helped bring church unity. But he said that he did not think bishops acted improperly in receiving individuals who wished to convert out of a "personal property of the prope pilgrimage of faith

"Cardinal O'Connor and I conferred about this personally, and it was with our full common understanding that it took place," he said.

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In a statement Bishop Lazareth said, "Lutherans and Roman Catholics have not yet arrived at their common goal of official agreement in the doctrine of the Gospel. Ecumenical gridlock results whenever this church consensus is replaced by personal conversions in either direction." However, he said, Neuhauss has been "a trustworthy pastor" for three decades "despite his ongoing personal polemics and ideological strife." He also said he wished Neuhaus "God's richest blessing in his pigirange of faith." Originally a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Struof, Neuhaus became associated with a "moderate".

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group, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches that split from the Missouri Synod in 1976. In 1987 this group merged with two larger Lutheran bodies forming the present Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In the 1980s, Neuhaus served a predominantly black parish in Brooklyn, and from there became nationally known as a leader in the anti-war group Clergy and Laity Concerned about Vietnam.

Subsequently, he became one of the more prominent neo-conservative voices of the religious community, and in his addresses and writings took a sharply polemical stance toward the liberalism of the mainline Protestant churches

toward the liberalism of the mainline Profestant churches and bodies such as the National Council of Churches. As a Lutheran clergyman, Neuhaus was a leader of the wing emphasizing "Fligh Church" and Illurgical themes, and he has been closely associated with the Catholic community in all his work addressing public issues. In a 1987 book titled "The Catholic Moment," Neuhaus argued that the Catholic Church was uniquely equipped by

its tradition, size and resources to provide the philosophy needed by American society.

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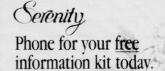
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