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# Archdiocesan schools to 'go public'

Campaign to show benefits; invite Catholics, non-Catholics to investigate



Full color, fold-out brochure shows superiority of schools.

by Margaret Nelson

Catholic school graduates develop into mature, responsible adults. America needs them. So does the church

Archdiocesan school leaders are ready to "tell the urld" about the advantages of Catholic elementary and

high schools nign scroots.

Education is becoming front page news in the secular press. State and federal officials talk often about the importance of good education. President George Bush even suggested that schools be "reinvented." And business leaders bemoan the fact that job applicants lack basic skills.

leaders bemoan the fact that job applicants lack basic skills. Those involved with archdiocean Catholic schools believe they already offer a superior basic education. And tests at all grade levels back them up. They know Catholic schools offer something different in discipline and learning environment, the dedication of teachers, the parental involvement, and closer local administration.

Bewond their superiority on test scores, a higher

administration.

Beyond their superiority on test scores, a higher percentage of Catholic high school students graduate and go on to college, as these Catholic oficials know. In the archdiocese, 89 percent of students get heir diplomas and 73 percent are known to go on to college. And area businesses are voicing their recognition that many of their best employees have had a Catholic education.

Now the Office of Catholic Education (CCC) is provided to the control of the control of

Now the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) is inviting those who are unaware of these advantages—Catholic and non-Catholic alike—to check out the 62 parish-spon-sored elementary schools and the nine Catholic high schools in Indianapolis and southern Indiana.

In fact, OCE began an aggressive public relations

campaign last Tuesday, Oct. 22. It invited the news media to a rally at Cardinal Ritter High School. Children from the junior high school and St. Michael Elementary School joined the high school students to affirm their belief in Catholic schools.

Father David Coats, vicar general said, "Catholic schools

are growing and we want them to grow more. After a small enrollment increase last year, we are seeing a 2.5 percent overall increase this year and a 5.25 percent in the center city."

After noting that the archdiocese maintains one of the largest school systems in the state, Father Coats said, "We believe Catholic education is the finest and most complete education a child can get. It's best for children educationally morally, spiritually, for it's directed at the whole person."

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He gave evidence of objective national research.
Quoting the May 27, 1991, Time magazine's article: "Do
Catholis Schools Do It Better?" he said, "Time answered
its own question "Yes." Father Coats went on to read
the findings of Professor James Coleman, University of
Chicago sociologist, that Catholic high school students
outperform their public school counterparts in reading,
vocabulary, mathematics and writing.

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On Wednesday, the public relations campaigns were launched in Clarksville and Terre Haute to represent southern and western deaneries.

Father Coats; G. Joseph Peters, coordinator of school services; and Benedictine Sister Rachel Best, principal, talked with the news media from Louisville and southern

talked with the news media from Louisvine and souther Indiana at St. Anthony of Padua School on Wednesday. Director of Schools Providence Sister Lawrence An-Liston launched the Terre Haute Deanery effort with Providence Sister Mary Moeller, principal at St. Patrick

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## Pope visits slum, sees 'two Brazils' firsthand

By Cindy Wooden

VITORIA, Brazil (CNS)-Passing homes with private swimming pools, then visiting a slum Oct. 19, Pope John Paul II saw firsthand the "two Brazils" he described earlier in his 10-day visit.

The church "declares as unjust" the accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few when "the multitude" lives in misery, he said at the slum, Lixao de Sao Pedro, which means "Garbage Dump of St. Peter."

Before visiting the slum, he celebrated an outdoor Mass on a Vitoria field bordered by large homes with pools, two-car garages and high fences. A shopping mall is under construction nearby.

The "favela" or slum is an ever-growing collection of wooden one- and two-room huts divided into several neighborhoods: St. Peter 1 through 7, Conquest, Resistance and New Palestine.

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Pope John Paul appealed to God, to the Brazilian government, to the inter-national community and to all Christians to correct the social injustices that "of-fend the human dignity" of so many

Brazilians.

At the Mass he asked government leaders to increase their commitment to the common good and to "the cause of justice". so that the many who hunger and thirst for justice will be satisfied."

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He told the people that Mary, whom they honor under the name Our Lady of the Rock, will assist "Christians who beg

the ROCK, Will assist Christians Who obe for a more just and equal distribution of the goods which God has given all people." The pope went by helicopter from the Mass to the slum. Government represent-atives said a school will be built on the site leveled and paved for the helipad, a spot residents say used to be a favorite spot for marijuana smokers.

The first people to move into the slum arrived in 1977 and the population is now estimated at 150,000. Some residents said

estimated at 150,000. Some residents said the slum was spruced up almost beyond recognition for the pope's visit. The skies opened and rain poured down as the pope toured the favela, where he announced he was giving the local church

announced lie was graing, an each state of \$100,000 to build a pastoral center.

"In the face of those who suffer under the weight of spiritual, affective and material scarcity, the church sees the face of Christ himself," the pope told the slum dwellers.

"The church wants to serve the poor in the spirit of the Gospel and for this re son has never ceased committing itself to comfort them, defend them and liberate them through innumerable initiatives and works of charity

But at the same time, he said, the church has a "wider perspective" pushing it to work to solve "the causes of poverty and

One of the roots, he said, is "the accumulation and concentration of many personal sins." For that reason, he said the church should call for conversion.



PAPAL KISS—Pope John II kisses a baby during a stop in Campo Grande, Brazil, Oct. 17.
The family must be the absolute priority of the church's pastoral activity, he told Brazilian lay leaders during his visit. (CNS photo from Reuters)

'In front of you, dear brothers and isters of the favela of St. Peter, I want to renew my appeal to all involved in the economic and social life of Brazil' so they "unite their efforts in the promotion of

The pope praised the way the slum dwellers share what little they have and the volunteer organizations they have formed to help each other.

He told the people that Catholic social teaching 'has always refuted the organization of society' on a kind of 'liberal capitalism justly called 'unbridled capitalism

In a country where the majority of the In a country where the majority of the population is under 25 years old, the government must have an "intelligent housing policy, based on the evident fact that a home is not an extra, but a basic component" of social life, the pope said.

He prayed that God would give government leaders "the necessary strength to serve the Brazilian people."

#### FROM THE EDITOR

# The Fathers and Doctors of the Church

by John F. Fink

Here are some Catholic trivia questions for you: What's the difference between an Apostolic Father, a Father of the Church and a Doctor of the Church?

How many Doctors of the Church are there? How many of them are

Which Doctor of the Church lived most recently?

most recently?
Which centuries produced the most Doctors of the Church?
We owe much to the Fathers and Doctors of the Church because they pretty much determined what the Catholic Church teaches. The church

Catholic Church teaches. The church holds them in very high regard.

The Apostolic Fathers were writers of the first two centuries who reflected the teachings of the apostles. Chief in importance are \$t. Clement, third successor of \$t. Peter in the papacy; \$t. Ignatius of Antioch, a disciple of \$t. John, and \$t. Polycarp, also a disciple of \$t. John. Others are the unknown authors of the *blatche* and the *Fpistle of Barnaba*, \$t. Justin, \$t. Irenaeus, and \$t. Cyprian.

THE FATHERS OF THE Church were theologians and THE FATHERS OF THE Church were theologians and writtens of the third through the eighth centuries who were considered such authorities that what they taught was considered doctrine and what they rejected was considered hersey. This period of the Patristic Church is divided into three stages; from the School of Alexandria at the end of the second century to 315; the "golden age" from the Council of Nicaea (325) to 444; and the period of decline, from 450 to 750. The last Father of the Church is considered to be St. Bede the Venerable, who died in 735.

Both the Western and the Fastern churches had four saints who are considered the greatest of the Fathers of the Church. In the West they were SS. Ambrose, Augustine,

Jerome and Pope Gregory the Great. In the East they were SS. Athanasius. Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzen and John Chrysostom

(As an aside, last fall when we were in Prague (As an aside, last tail when we were in Frague, Czechoslovakia, we visited the magnificent Church of St. Nicholas. Among the many paintings and sculptures in this church are four massive statues of Athanasius, Basil, Gregory of Nazianzen and John Chrysostom.)

THE DOCTORS OF THE Church were ecclesiastical THE DUCTORS OF THE Church were ecclesiastical writers of eminent learning and sanctity who have been specifically declared to be Ductors of the Church by a pope. The practice was started by Pope Boniface VIII in 1295 because he wanted to give additional honor to the four great Western Fathers of the Church listed above.

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For 272 years those four saints were the only Doctors of the Church. Then in 1567 Pope Pius V added St. Thomas the Church. Then in 1507 Pope Filis V added St. Thomas Aquinas and, the following year, the four great Eastern Fathers of the Church. St. Bonaventure was declared a doctor by Pope Sixtus V in 1588.

No more doctors were declared for 132 years. But since No more doctors were declared for 132 years. But since 1720, popes have added 22 saints to the list, so today there are 32 Doctors of the Church. All of them were men until 1970 when Pope Paul VI named two women: St. Teresa of Avula and St. Catherine of Siena. They are still the only two female Doctors of the Church.

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As is obvious, there's considerable overlapping between Fathers and Doctors of the Church. Besides the eight great Fathers of the Church, many of those declared doctors since the 18th century were alive during the "golden age" of the Patristic Church, In fact, more Doctors of the Church, 11 of the 32, lived during the fourth century. of the Church, 11 of the 32, lived during the fourth century than during any other century. In the runner—up spot is the fleth century which, interestingly, is also the century during which the Protestant Revolution took place. Many leth-century Catholics have been canonized, and six of them were declared Doctors of the Church.

The doctor who lived most recently is St. Alphonsus Liguori, who died in 1787.

HERE'S THE COMPLETE list of the Doctors of the Church, in alphabetical order, with the years they lived and the year they were declared doctors:

St. Albert the Great (c. 1200-1280)—1931.

St. Alphonsus Liguou (1696-1287)—1871.

St. Ambroos (c. 340-397)—1295.

St. Anselm (1033-1109)—1720.

St. Athanasius (c. 297-373)—1568.

St. Aduptine (354-430)—1295.

St. Bagit the Great (329-379)—1568.

St. Bagit the Venerable (c. 673-735)—1899.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (c. 1090-1153)—1830.

St. Bonaventure (c. 1217-1274)—1588.

St. Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)—1970. HERE'S THE COMPLETE list of the Doctors of the

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St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597)—1925. St. Peter Chrysologus (c. 400-450)—1729. St. Peter Damian (1007-1072)—1828. St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621)—1931. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)—1970. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)—1567.

# Sister Carol Leveque is parish life coordinator

by Mary Ann Wyand

Sister of Charity Carol Leveque was Sister of Charity Carol Leveque was installed as the third parish life coordinator in the archdiocese Oct. 20 during a vespers and installation service at Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen.

Conception Parish in Millhousen.
Siebr Carol will serve the members of
Immacutate Conception Parish, St. Maurice Parish at Napoleon, and St. Dennis
Parish in Jennings County. She has worked
a the pastoral associate and director of
the pastoral associate and director of
the and St. Dennis parishes since 1987.
Franciscan Father Ric Schneider, dean
of the Batesville Deanery, presided at the
installation service on behalf of Archbishop
Edward T. O'Meara, who remained hospialized for treatment of a lung infection.

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Monsignors Joseph Brokhage and Ray-mond Bosler, assigned as priest ministers for the three parishes, and Eather John Geis, assigned as priest moderator, also participated in the ceremony. They will assist Sister Carol with the sacramental needs of the three rural parishes. Father Geis also serves the archdiocese as secretary of ministry personnel and director of priest's personnel.

"I congratulate you," Father Schneider told members of Immaculate Conception, St. Maurise and St. Dennis parishes before proceeding with the installation ceremony. "You are on the cutting edge of things in this diocese. Sister will be the third parish

life coordinator, so you are making history It's good to see that you are open and willing to move ahead."

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Reading from Archbishop O'Meara's statement prepared for the occasion, Father Schneider told Sister Carol that for three-years she will be accountable to Father Geis as priest moderator of pastoral care as well as to the archbishop in managing the pastoral affairs of the three parishes.

"I appreciate your willingness to take on this form of pastoral work among the people of the archdiocese," the archbi-shop noted in his official statement. "I pray that the Lord will bless your work and keep you always close to his heart.

During the installation, Father Schneider asked Sister Carol to commit Schneider asked Sister Carol to Commin-herself to "this new trust and responsi-bility and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the directives of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the teachings of the Catholic Church."

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In prover, he offered support and affirmation to the new parish lite coordinator by noting, "May almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion that you will need to perform them."

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perform them.

Father Schneider then addressed members of the three faith communities and asked them to receive Sister Carol "as a servant of Jesus Christ and regard her as a steward of the mysteries of God" as she begins this new ministry.



INSTALLATION—Franciscan Father Ric Schneider, dean of the Batesville Deanery, installs Sister of Charity Carol Leveque as parish life coordinator for Immaculate Conception Parish, Millhousen; St. Dennis Parish in Jenoings Country and St. Maurice Parish, Napoleon, at an Oct. 20 service at Millhousen. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

"Will you pray for her?" he asked those assembled, "help her in the ministry, and in all things strive to live together in the ce and unity of Christ?"

peace and unity of Christ?"
His closing prayer on Sister Carol's behalf requested that "peace and strengt's and love be given to you in your new ministry through Jesus Christ. May God grace you and be pleased with your service. The office of parish life coordinator is now

committed to you in the name of the Father

and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Throughout the ceremony, music and readings spoke of the importance of sharing individual gifts to help others.

"The Scriptures speak frequently of the seessity to recognize and to use God's gifts," Sister Carol told the gathering. "I pray that I may be able to recognize my gifts, but also my limitations. And I pray the same for each of you, that between us the same for each of you, that between us we may continue to share our gifts and therefore to supply what is needed. It is through this mutual giving and receiving that we will grow as a community. We need one another because no one of us has all the gifts. May we go forward together knowing that God who is faithful has promised us a fetter full! if them." future full of hope.

PERIMETER LIGHTS—School children and other parishioners of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis light luminaria outlining the area of their new church building during a groundbreaking ceremony held in front of the present church on Oct. 13. Construction of the new building is slated to be completed by the Feast of St. Monica on Aug. 30, 1992. In addition to the new 760-seat church, plans include the remodeling of the present church into a multiple-use facility. Only \$50,000 remains to be donated to the approximately \$2,000,000 building campaign fund. (Photo by Harold Miller)

#### Archbishop improving

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara continues to improve daily. He has regained much of his strength. His pulmonary infection is responding to treatment. He was admitted to Indiana

treatment. He was admitted to Indiana University Hospital on Oct. 9.
On Tuesday, Oct. 22, his staff said that the archbishop was beginning to talk about coming home, but that his doctors didn't know how long it would be necessary for him to remain in the hospital.



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# Community celebrates Catholic social teaching



REWARDSoffers songs, as do members of the Broad Ripple Golden



iturgical dance demon strates the peace prayer, at left. Worth Hartman (below) dignity of work. (Photos by Margaret Nelson)



by Margaret Nelson

On Oct. 16 at SS. Peter and Paul athedral, the archdiocesan Campaign for Human Development sponsored a centen-nial celebration of the Catholic social teachings included in Pope Leo XIII's

The program focused on the six basic justice, using solo and choral voice selections, piano and organ music, clown ministry and sacred dance to illustrate the teachings.

Denis Ryan Kelly, associate professor of philosophy at Marian College and professional actor and opera singer, sang "The Man from LaMancha" and "The Impossible Dream," to illustrate life and

dignity of the human person.

Father Patrick Collins, priest from the Diocese of Peoria and visiting scholar at the University of Notre Dame, read and played the piano, leading the audience in songs to focus on the the rights and responsibilities of the human perso

or the human person.

The Broad Ripple High School Golden
Singers, directed by Lucinda Paul, sang
two gospel songs: "Ain't That Good
News," and "The Judgment Day Is A

News," and "The Judgment Day is A Comin" Soon," to represent call to family, community and participation. Worth Hartman, pastor at First Friends Church in Noblesville, illustrated the dignity of work and the rights of workers in

an audience-participation clown ministry presentation. "Workers have the strong support of the

workers have the strong support of the church," read program moderator, Micki Mathioudakis, professor of speech and theater at Marian. "Economy exists to serve the people, not the other way around."

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The option for the poor and vulnerable was shown by liturgical dance to the Prayer of St. Francis by the Fairview Liturgical Dance Company of six, including Linda Evans of Catholic Social Services.

solidarity In talking about solidarity Mathioudakis said, "We are our brother antinoudakis said. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, "noting the teachings of Pope John Paul II in the area of world peace, global development and international environmental rights. Ted Gibboney, minister of music. First Baptist Church played a Bach piece on the organ.

Within the archdiocese, a project funded by the Campaign for Human Development received one of six national awards for excellence from the Federal National Mortgage Association.

National Mortgage Association.

The Indianapolis Eastside Day Care Homes Cooperative trained 25 women and two men in family day care: health and safety, food and nutrition, early child development, interaction, discipline and

oevelopment, interaction, discipline and business development. Sixteen of the trainees are now pro-viders of child care as members of the Eastside Day Care Co-op. Child care is a significant problem in the center city, causing women to quit jobs or school.

# Campaign for Catholic schools to show excellence

With \$65,000 in funds from private contributions. OCE also began a two-pronged direct mail, radio and television advance marketing campaign. No advertising will appear in

The Criterion.

The mission of the marketing plan is: to encourage all Catholic parents to send their children to Catholic schools, to encourage Catholic parents with children in public schools to switch them to Catholic schools, and to encourage Catholic parents with children presently attending Catholic schools to keep them there—particularly in the middle

gradus. The campaign also hopes to encourage non-Catholic parents seeking an alternative to public education to send their children to Catholic schools, as well as to enhance the overall image of Catholic elementary and high

Peters said the campaign is

Peters said the campaign is "not aiming at people dissastisfied," but those who want another option.

A study by Herron Market Research on "Catholic and Public School Perceptions" focused on the similarities and differences in statements of students from the two school environments. Feedback was used to develop marketing strategies to retain already-enrolled students and to attract new enrollments.

The research by Herron showed that public school The research by Herron showed that public school students' perceptions of school were not as positive as those of Catholic school students and implied a less nutruring environment with fewer educational opportunities.

Remaining campaign funds were used to develop and deliver 1,820 30-second cable television spots and 660 60-second radio spots to be aired all over the archdiscese.

The television and radio spots will feature a 24-hour, and the development of the requisition and radio spots will feature a 24-hour, and the school spots will be school spots will be school spots and the school spots will be school spots to spots will be school spots to spots will be school spots will be school spots will be school spots to spots will be school spots will be school spots will be school spots to spots will be school spots will be school spots to spots will be school spots will be scho

toll-free number which people may call to request an information packet or a home video. The video gives practical reasons to select a Catholic school.

Direct mail materials cite stories in *Time* magazine and the Wall Street Journal and several renowned educators to prove Wall Street journal and several renowned collections of Note that "Catholic Schools are First-Rate." A chart shows the gap between archdiocesan Catholic and Indiana public schools in 1991 ISTEP (Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress)

Also included in the 22,000 packets directed to families Also included in the £2,000 packets directed to families of 5th-, 6th- and 7th- grade students are a map of schools in the archdiocese and a letter from the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara which states, "Academics have been successfully taught, but discipline, moral and religious values have been taught as well."

values have been taught as well.

Half of these materials will be targeted for the late
October, early November high school campaign and the
remainder, for the elementary school campaign in
February, 1992. The high school open houses will be on
Nov. 10. One chain has also provided coupons for free
press as an incentive. pizza as an incentive

The elementary schools mailing will coincide with Catholic Schools' Week, Feb. 2-9, 1992.

The archbishop is featured on a videotape that recommends Catholic schools. In it, he urges Catholic and neocommenus catnoic schools, in it, ne urges catnoic and non-Catholic parents to investigate them for their children. The tape is being sent to parishes so that it can be shown after Masses on Nov. 2 and 3.

atter Masses on Nov. 2 and 5. In addition, schools are making marketing efforts at a local level. Indianapolis interparochial high schools have purchased 24 billboards to invite j. rents and young people to attend the November open houses.

Principals received training to prepare for meeting prospective students and their parents. Charts were distributed, showing each schools' classroom capacity for additional students. Principals were encouraged to refer students to neighboring Catholic schools, if they were unable to accommodate them.

Meetings were held with the clergy to familiarize them with the campaign. Both groups received typical questions that prospective school parents might ask and answers that could be adjusted to fit local situations.

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The OCE began marketing efforts three years ago with the Yellow Brick Road for elementary schools and two years ago with the FutureQuest promotion for high

schools. The staff believes that these promotions are partly responsible for the current increase in enrollment.

responsible for the current increase in enrollment. In addition, low income parents of more than 400 Indianapolis students were able to receive vouchers that pay that the tutilition for three years. The plan was introduced this year through a Choice Charitable Trust provided by Colden Rule Insurance Company.

Method the current archdincesam and local effort will the in with the national promotion of the National Carthodic Educational Association, "Discover Cathodic Schools, 1992."

But Father Coats said, "If that had not been planned, we would still be promotting our schools. We believe in them strongly."

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## Clarksville students endorse their school

Eighth-grade students at St. Anthony of Padua School in Clarksville had positive things to say about their school: Danny Block said, "I feel that Catholic education is very

very special. There is a family-like bond between all the students and faculty. I feel that in a Catholic school, other students, the teachers, and parents encourage the best of what you can do.

the classroom, you not only receive an excellent education, but learn good study habits and good Christian values," he said. "We have many extra-curricular activities values, ne said. We nave many extractifictular activities that any student can participate in. They teach us discipline, self-pride and team unity.

"I feel that all these things combined will help us to be successful in life," said Danny Block.

Julia Marlin said, "Catholic education is important.

because we care and share with one another. We work well with each other. We include everyone and try to be leaders.

"We try to participate in supporting our school spirit. We listen and give advice. We try to do the right thing, helping one another in good times and bad," said Julia Marlin.

Chrisga Hagen said, "You can learn a lot, because Chrisga Hagen said, Tou can learn a lot, because the classes are broken into groups at your level of learning. You learn to be friends with others and how to treat them the way you should. You learn how to work with others and how to set goals for yourself that you can use later in life. you can use later in life.

you can use later in life."
Shannon Kayes said: "Christian education is important because, in Catholic schools, you are taught by
teachers who help. If you need help on something you
don't understand, you get special attention because the
teachers take time to help you."

Amy Theobold said: "I think, with the school and classes
and shall be some field in some fielded participation."

being so small, you can feel a more friendly environment

FESTIVAL PROCEEDS Deb (from left) and Dennis Duffy watch as Joan Smith, director of St. Elizabeth's of Southern Indiana, accepts a check from Father Harold Knueven, pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Jefferson-ville. The check represented the earnings of the parish at the annual Jeffersonville Steam-boat Days Festival. The Duffys chaired the event, which in-cluded booths and chances on afghans made and donated by Mimi Heuser, Joani Gillham and Marcelyn Grimm. More about St. Elizabeth's on page 8 (Photo by Dorothye LaGrange)



# Commentary

## Writing a step toward conquering depression

by Antoinette Bosco

My sister Rosemary struggled with her husband Frank to raise a big family on a barber's small income. golden years, they

should be able to relax and enjoy life, but fate had something else in Frank develstore. Frank devel-oped Parkinson's dis-ease more than 15 years ago, and Rose-mary cares for him day by day

Her body, unfortun ately, after 10 pregna six operations and a constant weigh problem gives her a hard time. Rosemary is a born caretaker. She assu the burden of caring for sickly aunts as well is needed.

is needed.

All in all, it's not surprising that Rosemary, despite being a woman of faith, had settled into a blue mood. I would tesse her when I phoned, saying that I was calling to get the medical report, or sometimes, the gloom report.

Well, things have changed. I called and she had the old lilt in her voice. She told me she had learned her life wasn't so

had after all.

It seems that another of our sisters, Jeannette, had challenged Rosemary to end each day with pad and pencil, writing in two columns. One column was to be labeled "positive" and the other "negative." Rosemary's task was to fill in all the positive things and all the negative things that had happened to her that day.

Much to her surprise, at the end of the first week all the columns with positives

far longer than the ones with negatives. Even more surprising, last Sunday, the day of a new granddaughter's baptism, she could find no negatives, "not

saptism, she could find no legalives, show one," she emphasized.

She was amazed and honest enough to admit she had gotten into the rut of exaggerating anything negative that hap-pened in a day, letting this distort pened in a day, everything else.

With her new perspective, she was going to change her attitude, adding, as the old song said, she intended to "accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative

This brings out again what a great tool writing is. When we put our thoughts and feelings on paper, they seem to take on an identity, forcing us to look at them with new and more honest eyes.

I've known many people who kept journals and called these a therapeutic aid. Most, I'm sure, are familiar with how Most, I'm sure, are raining a seffective writing was and still is, as it is used in Marriage Encounter. Taking the time each day to actually put your feelings about our spouse into writing and exchanging his letter with one another proved to be a powerful tool for comm

powerful tool for communication.

In a book published not long ago titled fracing Depression, Toward Healing the Mind, Body and Spirit' (Twenty-hird Publications, Mystic, Corolist Church in Bromley, regiland, suggests that help can quet place "a pencil and paper and a quet place" and publications to get "a much cleare picture of what may be going on within you." Some questions he recommends are: "Is.

Some questions he recommends are: "Is



there anything in particular worrying you? Are you about to do anything about it? Of all the things you are feeling, is there one that is most unsettling?

"Is there some painful past event or situation which may have something to do with your present feelings? Is there some-thing that could happen that would really make a difference in the way you feel now?"

Putting your answers to questions like these down in writing can give you a good picture of where you are, and, who knows, the answers might show that things aren't so bad with you after all.

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#### THE HUMAN SIDE

# Rituals are certain patterns we give our lives

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

No one is a stranger to rituals. From the moment we rise in the morning until we go moment we rise in the morning until we go to bed at night, our life is punctuated by rituals—the rituals of getting ready for the day, starting one's work, exercising, rest-ing or eating.

ing or eating.

It is interesting to examine the rituals in your own life or the lives of people close to you. It can tell you a lot about the kind of people you are.

And the topic of rituals is a good discussion starter. Try it at home. If you are a parent with a son or daughter in college, for example, try asking your student about the rituals that are part of

A few weeks ago I attended a football game at the University of Notre Dame.

university administration building where the marching band was playing. Alumni, students and visitors stood quietly and listened in the idyllic setting of lush green lawns, towering pine trees and, of course, the famous golden dome in all its splendor.

No doubt some alumni, myself in-cluded, were reliving the days when, as students, we stood in the same place to hear the school's fight song. This is a a tradition loaded with ritual.

After the music stopped, the band members assembled on the walkway, lining up like soldiers for inspection. Every part of their uniform was ex-amined, with a collar here and there adjusted, and hats fixed into just the right position. The ritual reminded me of Changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier near Washington.

As I marveled at this ritual, I began to

see the university as I have never seen it before. That's what happens when you

a new set of eyes.

As a sociologist, one might compare
the number of young men with the
number of young women in the band or
take note of their age. Focusing on the
ritual itself helps to bring into view what
life on this particular campus means, played by camaraderie student unity, campus spirit and unit

In a day when individualism reigns, w students uniformly dressed in blue saw students uniformly dressed in blue shirts commemorating the university's 150th anniversary. During the game itself, students acted out one ritual after another, cheering wildly as the Notre Dame team came onto the field and boning when the opponent entered. The students stood respectfully as the Notre Dame fight song and song to Mary were played, and after the game they gathered outside as the band triumphantly marched down the street.

Later around the campus you say

people carrying out the rituals of visiting the grotto, the newly restored Sacred Heart Church or the bookstore to hunt for

Rituals are like symbols that help to reveal who people are, what attracts or repels them. Rituals are patterns we give to our lives.

Undoubtedly you can discover interest-ing patterns in your life—the way you receive visitors into your home, the way you converse with others, the way you

conduct your evening or weekend time

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Looking at life from the fresh perspective rituals offer, you may see that certain
patterns in your life are signs of dull
routine and invite you to change—to
infuse new energy into your day.
But other rituals point to what is best
about your life, or what you care about, or
how you wish to be seen by others. Rituals
point us in the direction of our deeper
selves. As topics of conversation, they
direct us beyond the superficial to interesting and significant aspects of our lives.

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#### **EVERYDAY FAITH**

# Coach right in telling fans winning 'not life or death

by Lou Jacquet

You have to understand that Sam Wyche is not particularly my favorite human being. After all, the coach of the Cincinnati Bengals has

had some disparaging things to say about the northern Ohio city (my hometown) where the Cleveland Browns hold court.

But after hearing what Wyche had to say recently about the overemphasis on win-ning in the National

Football League, I have elevated him several notches in my hierarchy of

respect.
When the Bengals began the season by losing four straight games, Wyche was on the hotseat in Cincinnati. Fans and media there began calling for his resignation, even though he has been a highly successful coach and has even taken the Bengals to the Super Bowl in recent years. In the NFL, however, the old adage, "What have you done for me lately?" is a way of life.

aches can expect to take the tently, coaches can expect to take the blame. But what happened in Cincinnati after those four losses was remarkable As the questions from the press grew more heated, Wyche turned a press conference into a philosophical look at the pressure to win in American sports and society. A reporter suggested that the entire town was depressed because of the Bengals' poor start; Wyche replied that people whose happiness depends solely on the success or failure of a pro football team on Sunday afternoon should "get a life." I wish I'd said that.

This is not life or death," Wyche "It's not fair to us, it's not fair our families; it's not fair to the real fans to let it be so important that the scoreboard said you didn't score enough points to win . . . so everybody else should be miserable for seven days. Baloney. Get a life, would you?"

The outspoken coach suggested that overemphasis on winning in the NFL" has tainted many aspects of life in league cities. "You've got to win at all costs," he said. "Winning has become the only thing. Winning is not the only

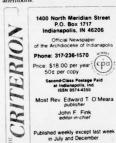
thing. Making the effort to win is the only thing." Every high school, college, and pro athlete in the country should have that thought framed on the door of his or her locker. By espousing such a sensible attitude, of course, Wyche has numbered his days in the NFL.

There is no doubt that the NFL still dominates Sundays in this nation. Some parishes even schedule Masses based on kickoff times. But there seems to be growing evidence that many folks who were once rabid fans—like yours truly— have walked away from the sport, or at least put some perspective about its importance into their lives.

Some are tired of the overemphasis on winning at all costs; some find the serious injuries troubling; some have realized that Sunday afternoons, once spent in crowded stadiums and jammed stadium parking lots, are a non-renewa-ble resource and an irreplaceable time for quiet pursuits or togetherness with family and friends.

They are among those who have discovered that, while there will probably always be pro football games available for the viewing, there are only so many tumn afternoons granted to each of us

in a lifetime. sam Wyche would be happy to know that many of us have indeed worked to "get a life" beyond what happens to our pro football teams afternoons



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# To the Editor

#### Reactions to Fr. Greelev's research

The "From the Editor" column of Sept. 27
reported an analysis by Father And ported an analysis by Father Andrew reeley of research about what Greeley called 'Catholic 'conservatives ' The analysis was in the Jesuit magazine America. The column brought many letters of reaction. Last week we published a representative sample and we continue with them this week.

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Andrew Greeley's article "Who Are the
Catholic "Conservatives?" which was
published in the Sept. 21 issue of America is
an attempt to pass off bad research as
sociological fact and apply the bogu"findings" to a group of Catholics whose "sin" seems to be acceptance of and obedience to the authority of the church founded by God the Son. At least that is what I believe the Catholic Church to be.

Some may not. And they have the freedom to leave and go where their own personal devil wishes to take them. I will pray for them and hope they return.

Greeley and those of his persuasion most often seem to be the ones who like to place ideologic labels on those in-dividuals or groups whose beliefs are at variance with theirs. I suggest that labels are inappropriate when talking about the faithful. Labels are divisive.

It is a matter of faith, not ideology, that Catholics believe in the teaching authority of the church. It is a matter of authority of the church. It is a matter of faith in the divine institution of this church that inspires obedience to her laws, teaching and dogmas. It is a matter of faith in the mission of the church militant that her members speak out when she is attacked either from within

when she is attacked either from within or from the secular sphere. This letter is not a formal critique of Greeley's paper. I would not waste my time doing that. I have enough ex-perience in evaluating scientific paper so recognize the "baffle them with baloney" syndrome. From the premise, through the data collection and evaluation to his

syndrome. From the premise, through the data collection and evaluation to his conclusions, the paper is nothing but a polemic. Perhaps he has confused the fantasy of his scandalous novels with even passably good social science.

In Greeley's vision, to be a conservative is to be a racist and sexist. He motivated by negative attitudes (undefined) toward changing roles for women. He states that "the 'conservative's tend not to be the good Catholics they claim to be. Surely their propensity to racism is in the objective order sintil.

That statement sintil. assounding! In the opening, 'qualifications' of his article. Greeley makes the following statement: "Finally, while the conservatives to make moral judgments about specific sevual relations between specific people (leaving such judgments to God) am convinced that the scual real to the state of the sevent of the sevent has been specific people (leaving such judgments to God) am convinced that the scual real to the sevent has been to declogy."

We have here the picture of a have been shared to make a moral

We have here the picture of clergyman unable to make a moral judgment if confronted with the objecjudgment if contronted with the objectively evil sins of sodomy, adultery, extramarital sex and sexual perversion. But he can make moral judgments based on faulty data collection and sampling on the perceived conduct of those whom he labels Catholic "conservatives."

A pox on your article, Andrew Gree John W. Bioxdorf, M.D.

As a definitely older Catholic and with As a definitely older Catholic and with a markedly "conservative" background, I nevertheless find that Father Andrew Greeley is absolutely right, as he usually is when he reflects the feelings of the American Catholic laity.

Ellen W. Healey

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In response to your column about Father Andrew Greeley's analysis of data about Catholic "conservatives," I offer the following from the Indianapolis Star of Sept.

28 on the same subject.

The Star quoted James Cikoudis, president of Catholics United for the

Faith. Cikoudis said: "That's typic Greeley nonsense. What you have here the usual manipulation of polls by dissenter from church teaching. "That's typical

"It might make him feel good to imagine that the great majority are on his side, but the great majority are not on his side. The great majority are scandalized by his dissent, his dirty novels and by his criticism of the pope and the curia.

I agree with Cikoudis, not Greeley James H. Weinsing

I am offended by Father Greeley's characterization of a Catholic conservative. I consider myself such a person and tive. I consider myself such a person and do not consider myself racist or against women's rights. I have read and enjoyed several of Father's novels. I have raised six children and teach school part time. I have traveled through most of the 48 states, in Europe and am a well-read person with a master's degree

person with a master's degree.

The questions you mentioned that he used on his "poll" were ludicrous, to say the least. You know, the church did not just make up the idea that sex before marriage is a sin and it doesn't really matter whether we think it is wrong or not. The church has excited the property of the property of the property what crudelines we have tridelines when the property of the property what crudelines were the property of the property what crudelines. we think it is wrong of not. The chulch has reiterated for its members what guidelines were set down for us as Christians (followers of Christ) by God in the Ten Commandments and in the New Testa-ment. It's there for us to follow or not as we ment. It's there for us to follow or not as we see fit, and to accept the consequences of our action. Unfortunately, Father Greeley is choosing to subscribe to the modern notion that people can determine for themselves what is right or wrong and then act accordingly in whatever circumstances they find themselves.

As for the question about working mothers, of course some mothers can do it

mothers, of course some mothers can do it, my mother was a single parent and she did it), but when I see kids roaming the neighborhood or truant from school, I realize that the majority of working mothers are just not able to properly supervise their children. And this me against women's rights? Baloney And this makes

As for the abortion question, years ago I was taught that all that could be done to save both the life of the mother and the save both the life of the mother and the life of the baby was what was expected. Now, scientific and medical advances have been made since those days, so there shouldn't even be such a question posed as far as I can see.

I don't know what Greeley means by a 'good' Catholic, but perhaps it would be interesting to note what such a survey might have revealed if all those "ques tioned" had been "practicing" Catholi always liked that term because it imp se it implies that we're "trying to get it right.

Also, since when is there a question of who is winning and who is losing? Winning and losing what? Salvation? Political influence? Souls? I didn't know we had a contest going

I want my Catholic leaders to keep reminding me of the standard of morality to which I am expected to aspire. I believe that God created us and had the best in mind for us when he did so. He provided rules for us to follow and we can choose whether to do so or not. And if, from time to time, we choose not to, we can sorry for having done so, and rely on teel sorry for having done so, and rely on God's infinite mercy for foregiveness. Then we can go on from there and renew our efforts at being a follower of Christ. If that makes me a conservative then so be it. I hope "the church" never gives in to those who want it to compromise its rossition or morality. position on morality.

Actually, I think a lot of people would appreciate it if the church and especially parish priests were even more clear in their expression of moral standards. I get the impression much of the time that many priests are afraid they'll "offend" someone if they even state a moral position on anything! We parents who try to teach our anything! We parents who try to teach our children right from wrong haven't really had much support from any quarter for years, and believe me, the job has been made more difficult because of this.

It's amazing that someone who writes novels about the failures, virtues, sins and successes of human beings can be so narrow-minded as to judge those who do

ot subscribe to the liberal theology which he espouses Stephanie Paquette

Getting through Father Greeleg's articles in America has always been impossible for me. Your column, Mr. Fink, was just a group of numbers.

Dorothy Demuth

Father Andrew Greeley's poll tells us that some Catholics think contraception is a great idea. He has been publishing the same poll with the same results for the last 15 years or so; same questions to differen ersons with the same answers. If we read his semi-autobiographical novel, "The Cardinal" (about himself and his dealings with Cardinal Bernardin) (sic), we get the picture of a man who wants very much for others to adopt his worldview. Father Greeley is a musician who plays only one note, and a sour one at that.

Let us look at contraception from four different viewpoints. First, a look at some practical matters. Most "contraceptives" are in fact abortifacients—they kill child-ren. Such pills or devices do not prevent ren. Such pills of devices do not prevent conception, but instead prevent the implantation of the newly-conceived child into the mother's womb. IUDs are well known as abortifacients that kill; additionally, pills such as the Norplant pill we've heard about lately are abortifa-

Now imagine. Catholic couples using these pills or devices might be killing 6 to these pills or devices might be klining b to 10 of their own children each year. When these folks seek admission to heaven, they will face perhaps 100 to 200 of their own children whom they have killed. I have no idea how God's mercy and judgment will deal with this matter. How

indegment will deal with this matter. How do you deal with a drunk driver who kills without intending to, guilty only of disobeying a lesser law?

The second view of contraception is its intimate link to abortion. The "right" to abortion was born out of a "right" to bortion was born out of a "right" as a distributional protections such as the protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

Contrary to popular belief, this erright" to privacy was not conceived in Roe Vs. Wade which legalized abortion; it originated in the 1967 case invented the previously-wight in a case.

previously-unknown privacy right in a case which prohibited states from outlawing the sale of contraceptives. This privacy right was then used to legalize abortion in the 1973 case Roe vs. Wade.

On a more practical side, contracep-

tives are not 100 percent effective. When they fail, even Catholic parents succumb to the temptation to respond to the debut of a child with abortion, the killing of the child. Contraception leads to abortion. Statistics published by the Alan Gutt-macher Institute indicate that the number

macher Institute indicate that the number one reason for abortion is in its role as a "backup" to failed contraception. The third view of contraception in-volves arguments of the "lesser of two evils" type. I would like to borrow a quote from Dr. Damian Fedoryka, presi-dent of Christendom College. "Both Hiller and St. Francis were imperfect. But Hitler was unjust." The world is a very imperfect place and we are often faced with unpleasant choices. However, the world's imperfection is no excuse to impose unjust and immoral "solutions"

impose unjust and immoral "solutions" to the world's apparent problems.

The prohibition against contraceptives is not like forbidding eating meat on Fridays. The use of contraceptives is immoral at its core, standing in opposition to natural law. This teaching can never change, because natural law does not change. God made us according to his plan. We cannot oppose him. To say that birth control is OK because the control of the cause num. 10 say that pirth control is OK because it keeps me from doing things even more evil sounds like we are playing the terrorist holding hostages. "Back off, God, or I'll do something even worse."

something even worse."

The fourth view of contraception is the notion of the Holy Spirit acting through the laity "bottom up." In this concept-promulgated by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, among others—the popes are wrong about birth control and the Holy Spirit delivers the message through Andrew Greeley's polls.

There are two immediate responses to

There are two immediate responses to such a proposal. In the first place, Christ clearly gave authority to Peter and his successors, declaring bound in heaven whatever they bound on earth. In the wnatever they bound on earth. In the second place, morality by majority is merely human politics, hardly the stuff of angles. A witness to morality by majority was Moses, who found the Israelites groveling before a golden calf when the descended from the mountain. The Holy Spirit? Hardly Spirit? Hardly

Sprit? Hardvallenge you to do more than act as a speciator in this question of birth control. Please give Natural Family Planning more space in your paper (I have seen some scheduled sessions advertised in The Criterion). Perhaps an interview with a Natural Family Planning convertised in The Criterion). Perhaps an interview with a Natural Family Planning control of the Criterion of the Criterio

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#### LIGHT ONE CANDLE

## The law of love supercedes

by Fr. John Catoir Director The Christophers

In Alice Walker's novel "The Color Purple," the bedraggled, abused Celie, played by Whoopi Goldberg in the movie,

played by Whoopi Gold is undeniably saved by her friend Shug from a life of subjugation and misery. Shug, a glamorous bi-sexual woman reaches out to woman, reaches out to her in pity. In the book, and to a less obvious extent in the movie, their friendship had a sexual dimension.

sexual dimension.

A Protestant minister named Frederick Buechner, in his book "Telling Secrets" (Harper, San Francisco, 1991), alluded to this friendship when he discussed the book with his class at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. Buechner, a highly respected visiting professor at Billy Graham's alma mater, challenged his students to examine their understanding of the Gospel.

On the one hand, he pointed out, homosexual love is "unqualifiably bad, but the reclamation of Celie was unqualifiably good." The dilemma was clear, but he said many of his students "could not put the two together." How can something be good that is "unqualifiably bad?" under the country of the control of the control of the country of the cou

on these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets, the Lord meant that by this one great law of love, all lesser laws are judged, including the ones against homoexuality which the students out to me in the pages of Scriptura but out to the pages of Scriptura but out to them, the law of cearly superceded. "

The class was divided, and feelings ran high, but Buechner was pleased to observe that they didn't attack one another in their discussion. They remained civil. It's a good sign when those engaged in theological dispute remain friendly instead of waging uncharitable attacks on one another. This debate put me in mind of the

This debate put me in mind of the question of AIDS and its relationship to the question of AIDS and its relationistip of homosexual community. In my hospital visits in the past few years I have seen an extraordinary degree of dedication by gay men and women toward their dying friends, and I have been edified by their unselfish caring.

I think the words of St. Peter, "Charity overcomes a multitude of sins," (1 Peter 4:8) tend to support Buechner's under-standing of the Common Leading of the Common Leading and the Common Leading of the Common Leading o standing of the Supreme Law.

standing of the Supreme Law.

We are all called to live chastely and there are no exceptiors, but one day we will all be judged on our Christian compassion, and a merciful God will determine just how well we did, all things considered.

(for a five copy of the Christopher Neus Note "Say It With Love." send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 E. 48 St., New York, NY, 10017.)

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(Father Catoir's "Christopher Close-Up" can be seen each Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on WISH, Channel 8 in Indianapolis.)

#### CORNUCOPIA

# Stress of modern education

by Cynthia Dewes

Prunella was enrolled in pre-playschool at the age of 18 months. By the time she was three she was an old timer, sticking it to the new kids who

enrolled at Kiddie Klass. And by age four-and-one-half she was standing on the thre-shold of formal educa-

tion: Kindergarten.
Along the way,
Prunella "studied" gymnastics, ballet, toe/tap, and tae kwan do. She learned to swim

was potty trained, much to the before she was potty trained, much to the dismay of the pool attendant at the YWCA, and she started painting water color primitives with professional elan early on.

Every Caldecott Medal- and Newberry Award-winning children's book had been read to Prunella, and her collection of kiddie song tapes was unequaled. Her read to Frunella, and ner collection of kiddle song tapes was unequaled. Her personal videos included the best of Walt Disney, Sesame Street, and foreign language productions from several countries around the world.

Prunella's learning "toys" included

games designed to stimulate creative thinking, and puzzles which were sup-posed to teach hand and eye coordination. She had farm sets, plastic replicas of sea creatures, and realistically-detailed stuffed animals to acquaint her with her non-human fellows, their habits and habitats.

No figurative stone was left unturned by Prunella's parents in pursuit of her perfection. Her mother utilized flash cards perfection. Her mother utilized hash cards, subliminal tapes played while she was asleep, and word recognition tags attached to every object in her house, to fill Prunella's mind with information.

Prunella's father accompanied her to ball games, museums, and sites of historball games, museums, and sites of histor-ical interesty furnishing educational details about them in words adapted to the pre-school ability to understand. In pursuit of physical education he bought her a tiny set of barbells to use while wearing her baby leotards and sweatbands.

baby leotards and sweatbands.
Every moment of every day was
organized to maximize Prunella's exposure
to learning. Once, when she was taken on
a family visit, she spent the afternoon with
her cousins lying on her back in the grass,
chewing weeds and admiring clouds. She
felt strangely guilty for days.
In Kindergarten, Prunella
use introduced to worksheets for reading readiness.

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She struggled to draw the circle around correct number of kitties, or X in the proper sounds for the beginnings of words. She carefully printed her name on the headings of papers and fingered her miniature cus at top speed.

Prunella also began to hum little songs and twiddle her pencils while the teach

#### vips...

Franciscan Father James Kent, of Our Lady of Consolation Province of the Conventual Franciscan Friars at Mount St. Conventual Franciscan Friars at Mount 54. Francis, was ordained to the priesthood on Oct. 18 in Kentucky. He is the son of lack and Mary Kent of St. Columba Parish in Columbus. Father James graduated from Mount 5t. Francis High School and holds degrees from the University of South degrees from the University of South Florida, Ball State University and the Washington Theological Union. At present he is assigned to St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville.

Al and Maribeth Smith will receive the 1991 President's Medal from Jesuit Brother 1991 President's Medal from Jessah worder
J. Patrick Sheehy, president of Brobeut
Preparatory School, at the 13th Annual
President's Dinner on Nov. 9 at Holiday
Inn North. The medal is awarded to those in the community who exemplify the Jesuit philosophy of serving others. Brother Sheehy said the honorees exemplified Sheehy said the honorees exemplified Brebeuf's commitment to young people by their professional and civic leadership, commitment to church, focus on the family, and connection to Brebeuf. The Smiths' three children, Tripp, '83, Katie' '84, and Tedd, '89 are graduates of Brebeuf.

Women from the Archdiocese of Indiwomen from the Archadoces of Indianapolis attended the 45th Biennial Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women held Sept. 15-19 in Dallas, Tex. The theme of "Let Justice Surge Like Water" was chosen to coincide with the centennial decreases of Catholic goods! Inaddianapolis. observance of Catholic social teaching. Those attending included: Virginia Back, president of the ACCW; Evelyn Kesterman and Clara Marie Wagner, Batesville Deanery; Linda Staten, Dorothy Demuth, Janice Pikal and Norma Day, Indianapolis Deanery; Ruth Eurns and Frieda Malooley, Terre Haute Deanery; and Ruth Hutt, Eleanor Fenton and Mary Reichle of

#### check-it-out...

Kevin Barry Division #3, Ancient Order Hibernians will celebrate a Memorial Mass for deceased members at 11 a.m. or Sunday, Nov. 3 in St. Philip Neri Church 550 N. Rural St. For more information call Dan Shea evenings at 317-787-4638.

Indianapolis South Deanery will asor a "Celebration of Rememp.m. on Sunday Nov. 3 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 89 N. 17th Avenue, Beech sponsor a Grove. Father Larry Voelker will cele-brate a memorial Mass, followed by a presentation on the spirituality of grief.

as presenting new material. Occasion would interrupt with shouts of tired of Mr. Pencil!

tired of Mr. Pencill\*\*

Prunella\* tics and gestures began to dominate her personality. She became increasingly inattentive at home and at school, her hair stuck up in tufts, and her tolvining was avry. The other children did not want to line up with her, and even her kity hissed when she came near.

Eventually, Prunella was held back for a did not want to line up with her, who were the second to the secon

year or two, during which time she lay on the grass, chewing weeds and watching the clouds roll by. She played with her toys and pets and looked at picture books and snacked on milk and cookies.

Some time later, she graduated from



FESTIVE PLANS—Mimi Crump and Bill Bakemeyer, members of the Fall Festival committee of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, make final plans for the annual fundraiser to be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2 at 5333 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis. Dinners will be served at 5 p.m. Fri. and 6 p.m. Sat. The event includes raffle prizes totaling \$12.000 (first prize \$8,000), music, an auction, and 22 booths open both nights. Only 2,600 raffle tickets will be sold. Call 317-359-1346.

For more information call Carolyn Iria at 317-783-2747.

"Look Who's Kidding Around," Saturday programs for children ages 7-12; will be presented at St. Mary of the Woods College on Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Twelve classes, on Nov. 2, 9, 18e and 25. Twelve classes, including horses, pioneering, Christmas cookie-making, soccer, clowning and swimming will be offered. For more information call 812-535-5149.

Parish choir members and other rarist coor memors and other safgers are invited to participate in the Indiana Christian Chorale during its 15-day Italian Concert Tour from June 22 to July 6, 1992. Concerts will be presented in Venice. Rome, Sorrento and Florence, and visits to the ball of the control of the ball of the control of the c will be made to Assisi, Pompeii and the Isle of Capri. Charles Gardner will serve as assistant director of the chorale, which will be directed by Robert Schilling. For more details, call Charles or Dianne Gardner at 317-257-1510 or 317-236-1483.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg The Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, will hold a Vocation Awareness Retreat for single. Catholic women on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16-17 in Olivia Hall on the grounds of the motherhouse: The theme of the retreat, which costs \$20, is "The Road Less Travelled". For information or registration contact Franciscan Sister Maureen Irvin, Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN 47036, 812-934-2475 or 812-934-5016.



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# The question of miracles violating physical law

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy-If God answers someone's players, how much energy does he expend doing so—and where exactly is his "interface" with the created world?

Those are not silly questions, at least not to a group of scientists and theologians who sat around a table at a papal villa recently. exploring "The Quantum Creation of the Universe and the Laws of N

The weeklong session at the Vatican Observatory in Castel Gandolfo, 15 miles south of Rome, was the second in a

Vatican-sponsored series of meetings aimed at bridging the gap between

science and theology.

The discussion of God's action in the universe ranged from the abstruse (how the "structured randomness" of quantum cosmology might leave more room for God in our affairs) to the practical (but wouldn't a miracle-working God violate the law of

a miracle-working God violate the law of conservation of energy? If one thing was clear during a morning of free-ranging debate Sept. 26, it was that physics is moving toward a more elastic view of how the universe works—one that may allow God to "slip in," as one may allow Go participant said.

Quantum theory, for example, sees an ntrinsic unpredictability" about the "intrinsic unpredictability" about the universe and therefore says that "in some very fundamental sense the world is open," said Chris Isham, one of the world's leading quantum physicists from London's Imperial College.

Some people here feel that this offers a place, as it were, where God is allowed to place, as it were, where God is anowed to get into the act, without in any way violating physical laws," he said. It's an important and relatively new concept to scientists, who have long doubted divine intervention on the grounds that it would disrupt the way the world works.

Among the models that would leave Among the models that would reverence room for God was the one proposed by Arthur Peacocke, a retired professor of physical biochemistry and theology at Oxford.

Peacocke views God as an "intention Peacocke views God as an interior that imbues the created universe. Thus, "the interface is everywhere," he said—it's much like Augustine's image of the world as a sponge bathing in the infinite sea of God.

But how does this "intention" work as a personal agent in human affairs? Peacocke draws a parallel with the human mind. When an arm is lifted, the mechanistic control of the property of the cal process follows physical laws, but it is the human mind that determines what has happened. Similarly, "God's intervention may be one of information rather than

may be one of information rather than matter" or energy, he said. Naturally, there were objections. How do you identify a divine interven-tion? Who gets one and who doesn't? How

frequently do they occur? And if God's action is mindlike, doesn't that still involve small expenditures of energy?

William Alston, a philosophy professor from Syracuse University, took issue with the term "intervention."

"Intervention is a bad word to use. It sounds like this world is someone else's and God is trespassing," Alston said. He thought God is probably "in commerce with his creatures" a great deal, maybe constantly, often responding to personal,

retitional prayer.

Keith Ward, a professor of theology at Kings College in London, wondered how passive an observer God could be, given all the good and bad choices made by his creatures. For example, the ancient Israelites needed deliverance from Egypt. "The idea that God said, 'It's up to Moses. Let's wait and see what happens,' leaves a lot open. I'd prefer a tighter idea of intervention," Ward said.

John Polkinghorne, an English physicist and an Anglican priest, proposed that whatever his interventions, God, in fact, must leave the future open. Although God knows all that can be known, he said, "God does not know the future" because the future is not yet there to be known. In any case, don't worry—whatever the future, "God is ready for it," he added.

At one point in the discussion, the only Soviet participant, a physicist from Lening-rad, declared that for all the talk about God's intervention, "when we look at this world, we see more of Satan than of God."

## Providence Sister Ann Colette receives history book award

Sister of Providence Ann Colette Wolf recently received a special award from the Indiana Religious History Association (IRHA) for her book documenting the congregation's mission work in China.

The award was presented at the group's annual dinner and meeting Oct. 19 in Indianapolis.

Sister Ann Colette is the author of Against All Odds: Sisters of Providence Mission to the Chinese, 1920-1990." The book is one of two religious histories selected by IRHA that were recognized for

selected by IRHA that were recognized for excellence in a special category.

The Sisters of Providence published "Against All Odds" last year in commencation of the 70th anniversary of the founding of their China mission. The 400-page history chronicles the progress of the Indiana-based congregation's continuing ministry among the Chinese people.

Their ministry began in the autumn of 1920, when the first six Providence sisters.

1920, when the first six Providence sisters journeyed from St. Mary of the Woods to

Kaifeng, located in the impoverished northern province of Honan, to establish a

School for young Chinese women.

The book follows the sisters' ministry from those early challenges through the Chinese-Communist civil war, their four-year internment by the Japanese during World War II, the forced movement of their ministry to Taiwan in 1948, and its expansion there.

Members of the congregation continue to minister in Taiwan.

Sister Ann Colette, who served in China from 1946 until 1967, spent three years researching and writing the book. A native of Evansville, she currently lives and works at St. Mary of the Woods.

at St. Mary of the Woods.
Copies of "Against All Odds" can be
obtained from the Sisters of Providence.
Providence Center Gift Shop, St. Mary of
the Woods, Ind. 47876. Mail orders are
512.75 per book, which includes the cost of
postage and handling. Checks should be
made payable to the Sisters of Providence.

'PRAYING TWICE'—The Children's Choir from Holy Trinity Kindergarten sings religious songs for a Ministry in Indianapolis orientation program held at the Catholic Center. Sue Ann Yovanovich, director, explained the ways the children serve the neighborhood and community. The event was sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



FALL FROLIC—Second-grade students from two east side schools join in making cereal "beads." St. Simon the Apostle School invited their peers from Indianapolis Public School #94 to join them "under the maple trees" between the two school buildings on Oct. 10 for apple cider and structured games and fun. Parent volunteers assisted with the activities. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

#### Christopher A. Hair

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The driving force behind my Cathedral experience, the teachers, cared about more than my SAT scores. They nurtured my emotional and spiritual development. The most vivid feelings I remember from the early years of high school are insecurity and fear. I was a quiet, little guy. Cathedral teachers and classmates made real efforts to help me out of my shell. Being surrounded by loving people day after day made it easier to accept myself and then, accept others

The student body supported the sports programs, but I discovered that it was not necessary for me to become an athletic star to be part of the Cathedral family. Each student was expected to do his or her best with their Godgiven talents. I participated in the "Fighting Irish" spirit by involvement in the school band, yearbook, math contests, and school plays

Graduation did not mark the end of my Cathedral experience. Even after scattering around the country to our respective universities, Cathedral classmates still remain among my closest friends. When I see my teachers, they still remember my name and express sincere interest in how things are going. I run into alumni all over the community in their roles from parents to bakers to candlestick makers.

I am very fortunate to have attended Cathedral, and I am happy to show my support by sharing some of my experiences in this way. I know Cathedral still provides an excellent high school experience since my younger sister attended Cathedral and my younger brother is a current student. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for sending me to Cathedral.

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## South Indiana women make a difference to those in need

by Dorothye LaGrange

Pat Dattilo, Joan Smith and Marie Robertson are among many southern Indiana Catholics actively working for peace and justice issues.

peace and justice issues.

Pat Dattilo has been the pro-life chairperson at St. Augustine Church in Jeffersonville for two years. Prior to that she was active with Southern Indiana Right to Life.

After she accepted the position at St. Augustine she thought, "O God, what have I done," Dattilo said. "However, L. came to feel it was the Holy Spirit talking Joyne and askine me to do this. me and asking me to do this.

There are five active members on ler committee, but when things need doing it is easy to pell others in to help.

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Dattilo started a telephone tree, engaging 40 people to make toll-free calls to
Indiana legislators when pro late bills are

brought up for vote.

As pro-life chairmar, Dattilo has guided many worthy project. guided many worthy projects to comple-tion. The group held a successful shower to benefit St. Elizabeth's of Southern

to benefit St. Elizabeth's of Southerth Indiana, which provides support for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. One member makes afghans that are raffled off with the proceeds going to St. Elizabeth's. Yard sales have also been held

to benefit local homeless shelters.

On Oct. 6, approximately 15,000 people throughout Indiana and Kentucky formed a human chain to protest abortion. Life Chain was a peaceful demonstration in which demonstrators carried signs reading:
"Abortion Kills Children." The line from
Jeffersonville stretched nearly a mile from courthouse to the Clark Memorial

Dattilo explained why she works for the pro-life movement. "I believe all phases of life are sacred," she said. "Life begins at conception. This tiny person in the womb is as important as I am. It has as many rights as I do, and those rights must be protected. It is up to those of us who believe this way to act to stop the killing of the unborn.

"When one person stands against abortion, it ripples out to benefit others the handicapped, the elderly. You speak for all life when you stand up for life and stand against abortion.

Dattilo said the pro-life committee works to correct injustices in what she calls the philosophical triplets—abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

infanticide and euthanasia.

"The philosophy of these three is that any human being, born or unborn, who is unwanted, too handicapped or ill or elderly to emply life, or who is a burden, may have his or bra life terminated, either by direct means (killing) or by withdrawal of food and waters." Dattile explained. "I believe that hose who perform those who perform the property of t

abortions—who say it's for women—would not do it if they were unpaid. Many women who have had abortions deeply regret it,"

Dattilo said that young girls don't know the damage that is done to their bodies by abortion. "There often is so much damage that is ever again carry a baby to full term may ampossible," she said. "The also intestions and mental problems

"Abortion has so many bad side effects. It opened a Pandora's box of evil. We are now facing such issues as euthanasia and suicide and infanticide."

Dattilo serves on the board of directors of the board of directors of the board of directors.

Dattlo serves on the board of directors at St. Elizabeth's, "I feel every minute I have given there has been worthwhile," she said. "I have met girls who would have had abortions except for St. Elizabeth's. Not only have babies' lives been saved through its presence, but lives have been turned around there."

She sees her modific activities closely

She sees her pro-life activities closely aligned with peace and justice. "Abortion is

the greatest injustice in the history of America. In my mind, it ranks with

Pat Dattilo and her husband lerry have Pat Dattilo and her husband jerry have three sons and two daughters who are now grown. The busy housewife is also a member of the liturgy committee, the parish council, and serves as eucharistic minister and lector at St. Augustine.

Joan Smith is regional coordinator for St. Elizabeth of Southern Indiana, the New Albany home for unwed mothers

As an obstetric nurse, Smith was always concerned with unmarried pregnant women. She became involved in volunteer work at crisis pregnancy centers after the abortion laws were passed

"It was an alternative to abortion,"
Smith said. "As a nurse, I knew we were taking human life. Nurses are pro-life. We were ahead of the general public in our education. I never saw abortion as an

alternative to unwanted pregnancy."

She had been a registered nurse for 18 years when she acted upon her dream to have a maternity home—a place where a girl in crisis pregnancy could go to have her baby.

Smith spearheaded the drive to get a building, working with St. Mary Church in New Albany. The parish gave her the keys to a rundown Victorian house on Sept. 7, 1988—her 25th wedding anniversary.

1989—ner 25th wedding anniversary.
Through fundraising and a lot of volunteer work, the house was renovated. On May 1, 1989, the doors of St. Elizabeth's were opened.

So far, 41 successful births have resulted, including more than the more suited including more than the successful births.

including premature twins who survived "It's so unfair what our society has done," said Smith of abortion. "We've played a cruel hoax on these girls. Girls are trying to reconcile themselves with God after abortion.

God after abortion.

"If I can save one girl from that, the whole purpose of what I do is worth it—through counseling, by getting them to a priest through the sacrament of reconciliation," she said. "You see them struggling to accept God's forgiveness—the fathers, too. We let them talk through their feelings."

Grandbarents also get counseling.

Grandparents also get counseling at Elizabeth's. 'Sometimes they have

St. Elizabeth's. "Sometimes they have talked their daughter into an abortion and now the daughter won't talk to her mother," Smith explained.

So far, five of the babies born to mothers living at St. Elizabeth's have been adopted. The girls are able to stay in school and they are instructed in the realities of parenting. "We work with the entire family unit," Smith said. "Ag ric an't survive alone. All of them cauch an agreement as to what they can the support of them cauch an agreement as to what they can the support of them cauch an agreement as to what they can the support of them cauch an agreement as to what they can the support of the su

them reach an agreement as to what they can do and can take responsibility for."

What Smith is doing concerns not only justice for the unborn child but justice for the mother. "I'm not saying the unborn child is worth more than the mother," be said. "We think the mother is just as important as the unborn child and the father and grandparents are, too."

St. Elizabeth's also what he with the head of the properties are to the said.

fathers. "Many men are hurting because they have no place to turn either," she said.

"It's our duty as Christians to see that life is given a chance to fill what God has intended. It's the saving of our future. We are losing so many of the young to war, AIDS, abortion." She said that someone must speak up for the children who can't speak for themselves.

who can't speak for themselves.
"We provide guardianship in the courts
for those who can't speak for themselves,
so we need guardianship for the unborn in
our society, too," said loan Smith.
Marie Robertson is a registered nurse,
but she quit her job 21 years ago "to
work for the Lord and his poor," she
said. Her entire life is spent trying to
right the injustices of nourity.

said. Her entire life is spent trying to right the injustices of poverty. Robertson is the recipient of many prestigious awards for her work with the poor and needy in the Jeffersonville. Clarksville and New Albany area. She recieved the Bell Award, given by a Louisville television station to the most outstanding volunteer in the metropoli-tan area.

The city of Jeffersonville gave her the leftersonville United Makes Progress (JUMP) award to individuals for commu-nity service. She received the Human Services Award and was named a Kentucky Colonel.

Robertson was instrumental in helping open the Community Kitchen in Jeffersonville that feeds the homeless and the underprivileged. And she visits a local fast food restaurant each morning to buy breakfast for those who otherwise

buy breakfast for those who otherwise would have nothing to eat.

"Justice is when you see something that has been accomplished—through God—for these people," said Robertson. "When a girl doesn't have an abortion, that's justice. When you see people go back for a second try at their marriage— that's justice. When you see somebody coming back to God after having been saw for so lone—that's justice. away for so long—that's justice

away for so long—that's justice.

"When you get a man a heater for his
unheated home, that's justice. When
people who have lived on the street get into
decent housing, that's justice," she said. decent housing, that's justice," she said. At some time, Robertson has helped right all of these injustices

all of these injustices.

She operates a used clothing outlet, spending each Wednesday giving out clothing to those in need. Many families would not have clothes for their children without this help. One family with three children had one coat. The youngsters took turns going to school until each received a coat at the clothing outlet.

Robertson has been instrumental in

Robertson has been instrumental in Robertson has been instrumental in finding jobs for many unemployed people. And she spends time at the Haven House, a residence for the home-less. She also moves homeless individuals or families into homes.

She drives a second-hand moving truck, bought with funds from local Catholic churches. The sight of Robertson

Catholic churches. The sight of Robertson in the big, yellow truck has become synonymous with help. In spite of all she has accomplished in her ministry, Robertson has further goals. She hopes for a medical center where doctors would volunteer their time to minister to the poor and needy who can't afford medical care. And she dreams of opening a reading center, so that people who cannot read might learn to read so can better their lives

Marie Robertson and her husband Merle have been married 30 years and are the parents of two adult children.

## **CEMETERY SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 1991**

Cemetery Senday is different. For several years the last Sunday of October has been set aside as Cemetery Sunday with no strings attached. It stands all alone. No one stands to benefit except for those who choose to observe it.

A day to visit the cemetery with no special observances, no formularies of prayers, no duties to be carried out. The occasion is a time to be alone with one's self in the quiet beauty of God's acre with the memory of those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. This is the land that the church has set aside as sacred where one can meditate and experience inner peace.

So draw aside for a brief period in time. Move away from the harried traffic of city streets and bustling highways. Take advantage of Cemetery Sunday to visit your cemetery, to reflect on the deeper issues of life and death. Cemetery Sunday is a great idea. It is a wonderful opportunity to become more fully alive because death and eternity are what life is really all about.



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MAKEUP—Maria Bustamante (left) smiles at the decorations painted on her face by Valerie Knuth during the recent St. Joan of Arc French Market. Maggie Danner admires the job and Mikki Leavelle acts as a second makeup artist. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

# Training dogs for handicapped

At Little Flower Church, worshipers are not surprised when they see a German shepherd stretched out under the pev

At Little Flower Church, worshipers are not surprised when hey see a Ceman shepher's tretched out under the pew. Since the animal is wearing a jacket, it might be mistaken for a seeing-eye dog, But Tre, who is 14 months old, is being trained as a service dog so that someone with a physical disability may live independently. This is the third time Little Flower. Indianapolis, parishioners Ginny and Dan O'Brien have taken an eight-week-old dog and provided more than a year of in-home "puppy training" for Canine Companion for Independence (CCD), a national program. Besides "service" cannines, other CCI dogs are trained as "signal" dogs, to alert people who are hearing impaired or deaf to significant sounds, such as fire alarms, children's cries, telephones and alarm clocks. Trained "social" dogs provide pet-facilitated therapy, especially helpful for people with developmental disabilities or emotional troubles. And "specialty" dogs meet needs that are unique to those with multiple disabilities.

Along with 20 other dogs being trained locally. Treveives formal instruction at monthly puppy-raiser classes and at the Indianapolis Obedience Training Club.

At 15 months of age, Tre will go to the North Central Regional Training Centre near Columbus. Ohis. Thors.

At 15 months of age, Tre will go to the North Central Regional Training Center near Columbus, Ohio. There,

Regional Training Center near Columbus, Ohio, There, Tre and 11 or 12 other dogs will spend nine months in "boot camp" with advanced trainers. For the last two weeks of boot camp, 10 potential recipients from the two-year waiting list will come for training—to learn the skills and qualities these dogs already dispolar.

The extent of bonding during this period determines how the recipients and canines are finally matched. The pair must accomplish assigned tasks together, such as shopping. At the end of the training, both canine and human partners participate in a graduation ceremony.

Graduates submit regular performance and health reports to CCL. And the staff conducts periodic visits at

reports to CCI. And the staff conducts periodic visits at the homes of recipients.

The O'Briens became involved with the program when a woman, who wanted to get a dog herself, asked Ginny O'Brien how to go about the process. When they learned more about it, the couple decided this was something fively would like to do.

"We'Briege our own pet," said Dan O'Brien. "She doesn't get to go to church or groccery stores." To ease any "jealous" feelings, the family sometimes puts the CCI cape on their pet.

CCI cane on their pet.

any 'ealous' reenings, the chair some year out, we try not to put her in the position where we are taking Tre in someplace while she stays in the car.' he said. O'Brien called CCI the most 'emotionally rewarding' of the many volunteer programs and ministries he has been involved in. "Twenty-four hours per day, the dog will provide assistance to the disabled, serve as a protector, and be there to share love."

"I love this program." said Dan O'Brien. "We need many more volunteers, as puppy raisers and fund raisers." The dogs are provided free of charge to the recipients.

raisers. The dogs are provided in the program may contact O'Brien at Canine Companions for Independence; 4954 E. 56th St.; Indianapolis, Ind. 46203. The phone number is 317-255-8930.



MINISTRY TEAM—Tre, a service dog for Canine Companions for Independence, stands with "puppy-trainers" Dan and Ginny O'Brien after they attended Mass at Little Flower Church. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

## New self-esteem program in place at Holy Spirit School

Holy Spirit School is introduc Holy Spirit School is introducing a new resterm program at all grade levels this year. The approach will assure that each child will develop a positive self-image by spending each day in an atmosphere where Christian values are truly lived.

Christian values are truly lived.

During the school year, a theme will be selected each month. Each topic will be based on a scriptural text and will deal with an issue of respect for self and others. This motif will be emphasized during the month in each classroom and on a school-wide basis.

The school organization believes that children who spend their days in an atmosphere of charity and freedom will develop a sense of trust and respect for themselves and others.

themselves and others.

The faculty attended the Teacher Expectation and Student Achievement program to heighten awareness of how their response and appreciation of each student's efforts can affect that student's feeling of self-tworth.

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The Parent Teacher Organization will offer programs which will help parents increase their ability to build self-esteem in their response to their children.

The regular curricula of religion, social studies, language arts, health and other academic areas will continue to deal with issues of self-esteem and the Christian approach to values-clarification and decision-making. n-making

Sion-making.

The self-esteem task force is comprised of Kent Schwartz, principal; Pat Annee, Joan Gutzwiller and Sue Richardson, teachers; and Tom Burns, Kerry Forestal and Kay Radziwill, parents. The group

developed the multi-dimensionia approaci-during the past summer.

Additional printed and audio-visual materials on the subject will be available in the school library and the Religious Education Resource Center for use by classroom teachers and parents.



'HOOPING' OUT-Steven Owens keeps hula hoop going in one of 10 activities at a recent Saturday Holy Spirit Kindergarten fun-raiser in the school gym. The children collected pledges to benefit cystic fibrosis in this community service project. The event also brought together parents and students from both kindergarten sessions. (Photo by Pat Annee)



BLESSED PETS-Franciscan Father Ric Schneider, pastor of St. Louis, Batesville, blesses a willing dog as acolytes and students look on. Father gave special attention to the pets belonging to students of St. Louis School to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The children assembled outside for songs and prayers during the special blessing.



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# Former Methodist joins Carmelites

Have you ever thought about the act of faith when the Christian community prays for vocations—faith that God will hear and touch "someone," faith that hear and touch "someone," faith and faith that it's all happening without our knowing who, when, where or how?

God's mysterious ways show up as luminous threads woven through the life of an Indianapolis woman who this past summer answered "Yes" by choosing to live in a monastic community in Israel

Former Indianapolis resident Debor-rah Thurston refers to the "St. Paul rah Thurston refers to the "St. Paul factor" because of the improbability of her calling, which began as a child in a Protestant family and re-emerged despite her ordination as a Methodist minister.

Looking at her life in retrospect, she recognized how much of it had involved the search for how and where to respond to God's persistent call.

She discussed her vocation experience in an interview before departing for the Holy Land to help others become aware of how the Holy Spirit might be working in their own lives or in the life of

One of the mysteries of Thurston's life is why a girl from an "ordinary Protestant" family background would decide while still a child that she wanted to become a nun. Her Methodist parents reared their two daughters with weekly Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and daily prayers.

A close look at her childhood years in Indianapolis does find one clue to her future, however, because she enjoyed "playing Mass" with Catholic playmates.

There were other hints, too.

From earliest childhood," "From earliest childhood," Thurston said, "my serious career, aspiration was to be a sister. When we went to the library, I would wander to the section on the Catholic Church and religious life. I'd choose Catholic subjects for term papers. By the time for Methodist confirmation (age 12 or 13), I had already done research to determine if, as a Methodist, I could be a woman religious. The closest I'd found was an order of deaconseses, but it wasn't women living in commubut it wasn't women living in commu-nity. I asked my parents if I could become a Catholic. Of course they said no. We were a family of Methodists. And that a new career, and settled on music."

To study music, she entered Baker

To study music, she To study music, she entered Baker University, a Methodist college near Lawrence, Kan., in 1971. While there, she became engaged to a Methodist seminar-ian, which started her thinking in terms of the way women serve the Christian community, from pastor's write to nun. when the engagement ended she reconsidered her career path, and because the Methodists had begun ordaning women she decided to become a Methodist minister. She began seminary training at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., in the fall of 1975. en the engagement ended she recon-

Thurston said the Protestant seminary experience helped her spirituality become more "Catholic."

Attendance at weekly eucharistic ser Attendance at weekly eucharistic services for seminarians and at a nearby Episcopal church plus her studies on the Eucharist instilled in her a hunger for frequent Eucharist, more frequent than would be available in Methodist congregations. Class work also introduced her to Eastern Orthodoxy, and she found herself ("drawn to those ancient, roots, logically,"

historically, theologically."

Despite a sense of uneasiness caused by attraction to Eucharist and Eastern Orthodoxy, she entered her first pastoral assignment at Vincennes to begin the "in-service training" period which precedes Methodist ordination.

precedes Methodist ordination.
Thurston said she enjoyed the year, and it was obvious that her career choice pleased her mother. 'From early on,' she said.'' I could tell I was her favorite Methodist minister.''
Her training continued at a church in

Her training continued at a church in Terre Haute, but new friendships there rekindled her childhood vision of life as a

religious sister.

Through ecumenical activities, she found friends among the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary of the Woods and Providence at St. Mary of the Woods and among, the Franciscan friars. She began visiting the sisters for recreation, then attending liturgies with them. The hunger for Eucharist and a prayer-centered lite increased during 1980.

With final ordination set for June 11, 1981, she talked to her bishop about her feelings of uneasiness and uncertainty. He counseled her to proceed with ordination and review her choices later.

Thurston confronted those choices

and review her choices later.

Thurston confronted those choices
three months after ordination during a
retreat at the Benedictine Abbey of St.

Pius X in Pevely, Mo. Through reflection,
she said she realized that, "Ms a person,
my life was meant to be centered in God,
controllated in the Euchystein in collection.

my life was meant to be centered in God, particularly in the Eucharist, in solitude, and prayer. And that everything I was doing was contray to that.

The Methodist bishop first arranged for counseling in life and career planning—which concluded that she belonged in the Catholic Church and probably should be entering religious life. She received an unlimited leave of absence, beginning Jan. 1, 1982.

But the ond of February, she had

By the end of February, she had decided to convert to Catholicism. During Holy Week, she turned in her ordination credentials and made a Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil.

Although she was initially hurt and disappointed, Thurston's mother later acknowledged that her choice had been

acknowledged that her choice had been the right step. Thurston's first year as a Catholic marked a major change in her litestyle as well as her house of worship. Employment included work as a church musician, a counselor for the homeless, and eventually as a VISTA volunteer in juvenile justice. With encouragement from her friends, she With encouragement from her triends, she started her search for a religious community. But most communities advised her to wait a while since she was a recent convert to Catholicism.

In 1985, while praying, Thurston said she began to sense that she should consider the Carmelite religious order for a period of 40 days. The 40th day was Oct. 15, 1985.

40 days. The 40th day was Oct. 15, 1903, the 400th anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila, who reformed the Carmelite order. At the centenary liturgy, Thurston said she found herself saying, "Well, Lord, if you call me

to this, I might say Yes."

A few weeks later, on Nov. 9, during another retreat at Pevely, she awakened in the night

the night.
"I could see, like in a dream," she
recalled, "but I was awake and my eyes
were open. There was a mountain, with a

light on it, and a large body of water below. And I could feel the words, 'I'm sending you to Carmel.' The whole week of that retreat was devoted to discerning the validity of that message.''
Thurston concluded she was being called to the lifestyle of the Carmelte

religious order, but her first request to enter a Carmelite community was declined. Puzzled, she continued to visit and

correspond with Carmelites in other states. By January of 1989, Thurston had moved from Terre Haute to Indianapolis and was traveling the state for her job.
But she couldn't shake the feeling that it was time to "do something about this vocation.

One solution was to become a member of the Third Order (Secular) Carmelites, which gave more focus to her spirituality

which gave more focus to her spirituality and additional form to her prayer life.

Thurston said she was very happy to be a member of the Carmelite family. That happiness flowed over to her new part-time job as music director at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, where she enthusiastically prepared for the Advent

season.

But her newfound joy was short-lived,
because in January doctors identified vocal
chord nodules and ordered her to stop
singing and to avoid speaking.

As Easter

HERE I AM.

I come

Lord

approached she remained listless and was distracted by feelings that solved the vocation question in her life. She made a pilgri-mage to Medjugorge and to Rome, where she talked with the lay director for Secular Carmelites, recommended she look again she look again at a religious

Persevering, she began to learn about re-ligious communities

Kenya, seemed to offer the prayer life to which she felt drawn but the cloister representative replied that it was 'ngt a good time to receive an experience candidate

candidate."

Coincidentally, Thurston received a letter from Susan Malloy, a former Indianapolis resident who had recently entered the Discalced Carmelite Monastery on Mt. Carmel at Haifa, Israel. Founded in 1898 by nuns from Avignon. France, the convent now has more than 20 members from nine countries working

20 members from nine countries working and praying together in French.
Thurston said Susan's letter encuraged her to consider Mt. Carmel, and her first look at postcards of the Mt. Carriel monastery reminded her of the crieat at Pevely in 1982 and of the message "Tm sending you to Carmel" which she had pondered and recorded in

Thurston wrote to the Carmelite com-Thurston wrote to the Carmelite com-munity in Israel and received an immedi-ate reply, followed by a telephone call from the prioress on Dec. 8 confirming that she could apply to enter the community because they had voted to receive her as an assirant

receive her as an aspirant.

"Come and try our life," the said. "Then you can freely choose

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Last July the daughter of Indiana Methodists passed through the doors of a Holy Land convent where she could remain for life. After 90 days, if both the community and Thurston sense that her presence there is good, she may request entrance as a postulant. After a year, nore formal bonds may be established.

"This is a worn leavable process."

"This is a very lengthy process,"
Thurston said, "but the crux of the life is to reflect the Gospel every day by imitating Jesus as he drew apart from the crowds to pray.

crowds to pray."

As she prepared for her departure,
Thurston said she was calmer and more at
peace than she had been in several years.
Will those three months be the threshold
for her journey with the Mt. Carmel nuns,
she wondered, or only a turning point
toward a journey as yet undisclosed to her?
"Whatever happens," she said, smiling,
"the future is in the hands of God."

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# Decisions people make create the life they live

by Fr. Robert L. Kinast

A college student has to choose which degree program to follow. A widow considers whether to marry again. Parents discuss a job promotion which will mean moving their family out of town. A parish wrestles with whether it can maintain its parchial school. Decisions, decisions!

Everyone faces decisions, everyone makes them. The decisions people make create the life they live, yet few people ever receive training for making decisions.

people ever receive training for making decisions. Businesses and professions train people to solve problems which arise at work, but these skills cannot always be applied to other areas of life like forming good relationships, influencing public policy for the better, or planning intelligently for the future. Howe do prople make designors in those areas of life?

How do people make decisions in these areas of life?
The following steps are common to many:

Define what the decision is about.

Decisions arise in specific situations but situations overlap. Be sure you don't attribute greater meaning to a decision than it deserves.

For example, if you're asked to help out with the ighborhood soccer team at a specific time in a specific ace, that's what your decision is about. It is not about whether you have community spirit or are willing to work

whether you have community spirit or are willing to work with kids.

Conscientious people may see numerous implications in a single decision. Friends or advisers in a parish, neighborhood, or company can help clarify what is really at stake.

Pay attention to your first impulse or intuition. These first impulses represent decisions you have already made, values you have already affirmed, the direction you have given your life so far.

If you have been living a good life (as most people do), trust your hunches. When a colleague suggests a business deal that makes you feel immediately uncomfortable, pay attention to that feeling.

Young people and those facing a particular decision for the first time may not have as well developed or reliable a first impulse as someone with more experience. In this case the customary reactions of one's community (family school, church, civic groups) are a valuable guide.

PExamine your first impulse. This is the hard, mental part of decision making. It requires you to ask questions, seek information, anticipate outcomes, and weigh everything in terms of what you believe and espouse. Examining your first impulse can begin with simple questions: Why do I feel this way? What values does my reaction express?

Suppose your first reaction is to oppose closing the

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DECISIONS—To make sound decisions, pay attention to first impulses or intuitions. They represent decisions already made, values you have affirmed, and the direction you have given your life. New TV shows "Good and Evil" (above) and "Herman's Head" right) address consequences of decision making. (CNS photos from ABC and Fox)

parish school. Upon examination, you realize this was the school you attended, and closing it means a part of your

history ends.

Often, when you have questions you can't answer by yourself, you will need to seek additional information before making a decision. Before choosing a degree program, you want to know its requirements, its benefits, how helpful it has been to students who choose it, how well it fits your goals and talents.

Friends in your church or community, school counselors, and teachers can be valuable sources of information for you

and teachers can be valuable sources of information to you.

Anticipating outcomes of a decision gives you a chance
to think ahead and get a sense of how your decision
might affect you. No projection is flawless, of course, but
if you agree to sponsor an exchange student you should
have some idea what that decision will entail for you and

Weighing a decision in terms of your beliefs often leads to prayer as you sort out what the Lord expects of you. This kind of reflection can also lead to unexpected changes or challenges. A woman who believes marriage should last until death finally admits that her husband will not cease his violent physical abuse of her and she seeks a legal separation. A homeowner who always opposed racism discovers property values are declining as cans move into the neighborhood, but of the property shall be a seek as a legal separation. A homeowner who always opposed racism over into the neighborhood, but of the property values are declining as refuses to sell.

Belax. Especially if the decision is difficult or complex, give yourself a little time off after defining to sell the state of the property of the property

Friends with whom you can relax are an asset at this

point.

Decide. When the basic steps have been carried out carefully and you have put yourself in an open and peaceful frame of mind, then you can decide. Degicine to yourself the position you have taken, the reasons for it, and the effect you intend.

For example: I have decided to put my father in a home for the elderly because he will get better care there than I can

for the elderly because he will get better care there than I can give, and he will be happier.

Decision making is a complex and demanding process, but it is also a creative and sacred activity, especially when decisions are made in conscience, that secret core and sanctuary where God's voice echoes in a person's depths, as Vatican Council II put it.

In addition, making decisions conscientiously is a communal act whereby "Christians are joined to others in the search for truth and for the solution to so many moral problems which arise both in the life of individuals and from social relationships" ("Constitution on the Church in the Modern World," 16).

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# Deferring decisions reflects trust in others

bu David Gibson

Making decisions is tough. Allowing others to make decisions can be even tougher.

Our decisions powerfully shape our existence. So we badly want our decisions to be right. We know too well that it is our responsibility to make decisions and to make them responsibly.

a lot of responsibility as well as a potential source of stress.

No wonder making a big decision can seem like work, and facing many different decisions at once feels so

When an avalanche of decisions thunders toward you,

ask: Do I really need to make all these decisions alone? And do some of these decisions belong to others?

do some of these decisions belong to others?

Allowing others to make responsible decisions requires trust that their decisions will be OK for them and for me too. Furthermore, it requires that I reliaguish some control—control I retain by making the decisions myself.

Trusting others who have shown they deserve to be trusted, however, can be a liberating experience.

Making big decisions may never become easy. But neither should decisions to be made take the appearance of a threat, a horror.

a intent, a notror.

For Christians, decision making is a means of opening up
the world and putting a positive vision of life into
action—part of a process of growth.

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)



#### DISCUSSION POINT

# Decisions must be rooted in love

When you know a decision you must make is important, what are two guidelines you try to remember?

Every decision must be rooted first in love and cons of the issues need to be prayerfully examined so that the 'why' of what is decided is very clear and the decision can be lived with long after it is made." (Margaret Davis, Longview, Texas)

"How will it benefit or not benefit me and my family in the long run as opposed to just right now? Does it benefit anybody other than myselt?" (Debby Phillips, Barnesville, Ohio

'Does the outcome make me feel good in my head heart and stomach (do I have a clean conscience)? How wil it affect the people around me—my loved ones?" (Tom Van Peten, Bremerton, Washington)

'If God is in something, it will work. If I don't keep God

in my major decision-making, I can make a fool of myself.' (Mary Ann Wilcox, St. Petersburg, Florida)

"Honesty and loyalty . . . It is best to do with little and have much in the kingdom of God." (Janet Tantlinger, Greensburg, Pennsylvania)

"When in doubt on moral issues, I consult the Scripture readings and consult religious teaching. If it still isn't clear, I seek a religious counseler." (Camille Caulfield, Eggertsville, New York)

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# Complex life situations create need for caring approach to decisions

by Neil A. Parent

Before Julius Caesar crossed from Gaul into Italy to engage Pompey, he stepped at the Rubicon River According to Plutarch, who recorded the event, Caesar—renowned for his decisiveness, deliberated, weighing what lay ahead.

Finally, he cried out, "The die is cast! and immediately crossed the river.

and immediately crossed the river.

Let's face it, though: Caesar had it easy. He didn't have to decide what colleges to send his kids to or, for that matter, whether he could afford to send them to college.

Caesar didn't have to decide whether he should call his marriage quits or try another round of counseling; he didn't have to decide whether to take that risky higher paying job or settle for the one with better benetits; he didn't anguish over whether to accept the doctor's advice and pull the plug on poor grandpa.

grandpa.

The descendants of "homo sapiens" always have had to make lots of decisions. But there is something about both the quantity and complexity of today's decisions that can overwhelm us. What is more, while the need to make better and faster decisions has increased, we still are working with the same decision-making mechanism as when our forebears first began to walk erect.

Well, almost the same.

Recent research is helping to show,

Recent research is helping to show, however, that people differ significantly in how they make decisions.

Some take more time to make deci-

our options open, some of us like to keep our options open, some of us get anxious if we don't bring things to closure. Some of us like 18 "feel" our way into a others operate by a series of

decision, others operate by a series of logical deductions.

One way isn't better than another; it is simply different—kind of like how we feel

simply different—kind of like how we feel about broccoli.

A problem with a slower, more intuitive style of decision making is that it tends to heighten our anxiety when needed decisions start backlogging. Even so, there are some things we can do to help.

The first, I'm convinced, is to know one's best style of decision making and take steps that support it. If you need time, for about the situation long in advance.

Many people know that to make a decision they have to get their minds off the problem—that the solution frequently comes to them while they are doing the dishes, walking the dog or, for that matter, praying about something else.

A second bit of advice is to establish priorities. What decisions have to be made now? Which ones are not very important? Which require personal action?

Forget about decisions that can be legitimately avoided. Lord Falkland said that "when it is not necessary to make a decision, it is necessary not to make a decision, it is necessary not to make a decision widely on the proposed to the or the proposed to the some decision will be not the proposed to the some decision will be not the proposed to the some decision will be not the proposed to the some decision, it is necessary not to make a decision will be not the proposed to the propo

decision."

Some decisions we should throw back on our kids or mate, or on the person to whom they more properly belong.

Finally, when the time to make the decision arrives, make it and don't cultivate



DECISIVE—Julius Caesar had to decide whether or not to cross the Rubicon River, which DECIDIVE—JUIUS Caesar had to decide whether or not to cross the Rubicon River, which was a tough decision because that act meant a declaration of war. Today everyone faces tough decisions about ethics, money, relationships, and other dilemmas. Life is not a simple journey, but faith helps smooth the way. (CNS illustration)

second-guessing. A certain amount of spiritual abandonment is healthy here.

I recently came across this saying:
"Tomorrow has two handles: the handle of fear and the handle of faith. You can take hold of it by either handle."

Faith suggests that God is with us in our decisions; we cannot lose run, anyway.

Where does prayer fit into the decision making process?

At the top of the list, of course. Pray for

At the top of the list, of confise. It sylve wisdom, pray for courage.

And pray that next time someone else has to make the decision instead of you.

(Neil Parent is the executive director of the National Conference of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education.)

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#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Sunday Readings

Sunday, October 27, 1991

Jeremiah 31:7-9 - Hebrews 5:1-6 - Mark 10:46-52

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The prophecy of Jeremiah is the source for this weekend's first reading in the Liturgy of the Word.

Jeremiah, one of the major prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures,

was the son of a priest, and he was active as a prophet for more than years, a very long e in a world in which life expectancy was rather short.

As a prophet, in his own time and in his own circles, Jeremiah with somewhat

less than universal acclaim. Some, even in high places in religion, accused him of blasphemy. That was the supreme crime in his environment. He was scorned, even beaten and physically abused. Nevertheless, he remained steadfast in his principles and firm in his outspoken admonitions.

This weekend's expressive reading was composed when God's people languished

in exile in Babylon. It was a miserable situation for them. Jeremiah reassured them that God had not forsaken them. In time, God would restore them to their homes and to life in an atmosphere of justice and tranquillity. Even the most distressed and least empowered, even the blind and lame, will taste God's goodness.

The second reading this weekend is from the Epistle to the Hebrews. The reading again presents Jesus as the high priest, an image which the ancient Jewish converts to Christianity would understand.

converts to Christianity would understand. (Priesthood was a part of lewish ritual, lost only in the trauma of Roman suppression of the rebellion in 70 AD. Then the priests were killed or scattered. Records were lost. Tribal connections were unknown. The Jewish priesthood disappeared, since priests must be of the ribe of Levi, although modern Jewish custom requires persons named "Cohen," "Ka-plan," and "Kahn," to have places of priests of the priest priests with the property of the priests with the priests of t honor in synagogues since their names imply descent from ancient priests.)

What is important is the epistle's reminder that Jesus, the Christian high priest, is taken from humanity. He was

## Daily Readings

Monday, October 28 Simon and Jude, apostles Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalms 19:2-5

Tuesday, October 29 Seasonal weekday Romans 8:18-25 Psalms 126:1-6 Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 30 Seasonal weekday Romans 8:26-30 Psalms 13:4-6 Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 31 Seasonal weekday Romans 8:31-39 Psalms 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Luke 13-31-35

All Saints Day Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalms 24:1-6 Matthew 5:1-12

Saturday, November 2 All Souls Day Deuteronomy 12:1-3 Psalms 23:1-6 Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4 8-9 John 6:37-40

## MY IOURNEY TO GOD Faithful Praise Adoration

by Mary Ann Schumann

A story is circulated in the Mideast

A story is crutated in the indexada about a king who decided to test the loyalty of his people. He left his throne and disguised himself in tattered garments, a shabby straw hat, and threadbare sandals. In his

straw hat, and threadbure sandals. In his poverty-stricken appearance, he claimed relationship with those he met. His plea for hospitality was ciden net with "We are too busy," or "Come some other time," After some time, the king cast aside his beggar's attire and put on his kingly robes. As he went among the same people, how changed were the responses to his requests for hospitality. Everyone wanted to be in his presence, to gaze upon his glamour, and to benefit from his greatness. The king of kings too left his through and disguised himself among us in four ways: the crib, the cross, a borrowed tomb, and the Eucharts.

The way he disguises himself the most is in the Euchartst, where all human and

is in the Eucharist, where all human and divine appearance is concealed. In this disguised fashion, he challenges our faith, but in a manner that everyone rich or poor, honored or despised, can approach him in confidence and familiarity.

He does not want us to be afraid of his glorious splendor, nor compelled to worship because of sight. Rather, he desires that our friendship, our hospitality, be one of choice built on faith and trust.

Hospitality, according to Webster, suggests two aspects. First, there is an open reception of a guest or stranger that begins with kind generous thoughts. This inward reception radiates outward to attentiveness: to the offering of a pleasant sustained environment.

sustained environment.

The most unique way we can offer attentive hospitality to our disguised Lord is through participation in the Mass and reception of Holy Communion. The sacrifice of the Mass becomes stretched out—prolonged 24 hours a day—as the sacred host is enthroned on the altar in

out-protonged 24s to sacred host is enthroned on the altar in exposition at the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel next to Cardinal Ritter High School at 3360 W and 5t. in Indianapolis. When we are shown hospitality through kind deeds, words of support, or given space to process a grief or an inner struggle, new life is sparked. It has healing power, energy that radiates to others. So too, new life is experienced by adorers as they see through eyes of faith and are receptive to the comforting presence of our Eucharistic Lord. It is often expressed as a sense of peace that prevalis in their lives despite difficulties. Others note hope and happiness.

Another adorer remarked how

adoration has helped her prepare for her next Mass. "Formerly," she said, "I received Our Lord in Holy Communion

Communion."

One couple excitedly attributed the return of their son to the church after 20 years to their faithful commitment to an hour of adoration each week.

hour of adoration each week.

One day a prage request was submitted to the adorers on a piece of paper. It read, "Pray for a 2-year-old whose legs were mangled in a power mower and for the mother who is mentally exhausted from self-blame."

The next week the adorer wrote, "This child is healed, torn muscles regenerated, infection gone, bones knitted. The doctor stands in awe before the divine physician."

the divine physician."

At one point, a frequent adorer sensed the Lord asking for the sacrifice of kneeling during adoration. After bargaining with the Lord about painful arthritic knees and the need for pain medications, the response remained, "Kneel and trust." Nine months have elapsed with no trace of arthritis.

elapsed with no trace of arthritis.

As all natural overtures of hospitality demand a commitment—a price to be paid—so too committed time with our Lord claims a cost. A physician noted the sacrifice of rising in the very early morning hour to watch with him. "If find time to do many other things," she stated, "so how can I not give him one special hour a week? It is privileged time and I guard it as sacred."

Another couple who moved from the

Another couple who moved from the area drives 45 minutes on weekends to keep their night watch. On several occasions people deemed their appointment with God so important that they called from airports requesting a substi-tute adorer to cover their time.

tute adorer to cover their time.

The disguised king of kings veiled in
the Eucharist continues to seek our love
and our hospitality in the form of adoration,
praise, thanksgiving and petition.

When, in time, he bursts forth from
the sacred host in the fullness of his
glory, will he not proclaim something
like." When I was naked, stripped of my
glory in the Blessed Sacrament, your
faith sustained me. When I was imprisoned in bread and wine, sick for love of taith sustained me. When I was imprisoned in bread and wine, sick for love of
you, you visited me. When I was a
stranger unknown to so many, you gave
me your heart for an abode, you
understood my grief and made reparation. When I was hungry and thirsty for
your affection, you saislisted me with
your I love. Come, join me in my father's
lampton former and your.

kingdom forever and ever."
(Mary Ann Schumann is a member
Monica Parish in Indianapolis.)

and understands human needs

human and understands human needs and hopes.

St. Mark's Gospel provides this weekend with its Gospel reading, and in that it offers the lovely story of Jesus and Bartimaeus Bartimaeus was a blind man. There were then no social safety nets. Persons unable physically to cope were left to the mercy of others.

Jesus tock pity upon Bartimaeus, but Bartimaeus had invited the Lord to come to him. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he desired. Bartimaeus responded that he wanted sight. Jesus then assured him that his faith had given him sight. The Lord then sent a seeing Bartimaeus on his way.

The Gospel this weekend has the "punch-line" in the church's lesson to us, and it offers us the key by which we can bring God into our lives and see with 20/20 vision through the maze and dilentma of life. That key is our faith, the faith that prompts us to turn genuinely and humbly to God to heal us and support us.

The misery met by the Jews captured in an unfriendly, foreign Babylon is different from the distress met by people today only in technicalities. We all may feel insecure and trapped in a hostile environment, restrained there against our will by illness, harshness on the part of others, adverse circumstances.

Jeremiah assures us, as he assured audiences long ago, that God's great wish for us is that we not live miserably but happily and with hope. Difficulties may surround us, but God's wish endures. We may insult God, but still his wish lives.

We bring that wish into the reality of our lives by asking God for his help and his grace. In our requests, in the fears of the hopes that may accompany these requests, we are fortunate in that our words perfectfully will be understood. Jesus is our spokesman, Jesus our human brother, Jesus human as the son of Mary divine as the Son of God. Not only doche understand us, but he takes our appeals before God, who hears then our pleas in the relationship of perfect love and perfect gift that is the Trinity.

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# Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

# 'Fisher King' searches for grace and true love

by James W. Arnold

You'd like to avoid calling "The Fisher King" a Cotholic parable, because some might rush to see it expecting visions of saints and miracles, or at the very least, a few bars of "Amazing Crace"

"Amazing Grace."

But there's no way out. The saints and miracles are mostly a matter of opinion, and the theme song is the old Burton Lane pop standard, "How About You?" But the air is

standard, "How About You?" But the air is thick with grace any-way, and tender moralizing, in this bizarre but accessible Terry Gilliam movie.

Gilliam is the inventive director of Gilliam is the inventive director of strange but delightful films ("Time Ban-dits," "Brazil," "Baron Munchausen") who prefers believing in magic rather than reality. Now he has taken on a Disney-dis-carded script by Richard LaGravenese, a young (31) raised-Catholic from Brooklyn, who is also a student of ancient myths.

Together they have created a version of the Holy Grail story in midtown Manhat-tan. The movie defies easy description, since it's part romance in the classic sense, part in the love story sense. It depends a lot on acting, with Oscar opportunities in the top five roles. Yet it's also an outrageous comedy and a moral tale that wants to score points about the homeless, random vi-olence and human suffering, and the need for compassion and love.

All these good intentions make it hard to resist. Yet Gilliam is always whimsical and a half. Too much, as they say. "Fisher King" is like a much-loved child

who performs in the school play: the thrills are matched by (some) sour notes. Jeff Bridges is Jack Lucas, a hip New York call-in talk radio host whose sardonic put-down style seems to be propelling him to big Show Biz success. Then disaster occurs: a caller he has mocked goes berserk, killing seven people and then himself with a shotgun.

Three years later, full of self-hatred and

himself with a shotgun.

Three years later, full of self-hatred and despair, Jack survives by working in a seedy video store and living upstairs with seedy viaceo store and living upstairs with its attractive, long-suffering proprietor, Anne (Mercedes Ruehl). In a boozy rage one night, he staggers out into the rain. Longhaired and unshaven, he's mistaken for a panhandler and almost killed by a gang of baseball bat-wielding thugs who prey on the homeless. on the homeless.

The man who saves him is Parry (Robin Williams), a Quixote-like looney who claims to be a knight, sent by God on a special quest to be a knight, sent by God on a special quest to retrieve the Grail (always the symbol of grace). The sacred Last Supper cup, he believes, is in the nearby castle-like mansion of a rich man. Jack learns that Parry is an ex-professor of medieval history, who lost it when his wife was one of the shotgun victims of Jack's unhappy suicidal caller. Guilt-stricken, Jack wants to help Parry, but he's too cynical to believe the Grail story. ("There is no magic!" he exclaims. It's a classic case of the skeptic bound up with the dreamer-fool.)

with the dreamer-fool.)
Yet Jack is touched when Parry tells him the legend of the Fisher King (which goes back to Galahad and Perceval). In this verrion, the wounded and dying king, who has lost his faith and ability to love, is cured when he says he is thirsty and the Fool brings him a drink from the Grail. How did he find it? He knew only that the king was thirsty.



new love with the fair maiden of his King," The U.S. Catholic Conference fable of redease.

Innixing he understands charity on this level, Jack sets out to help Parry with his other passion—Lydia (Amanda Plummer), a plain and comically clumsy young woman Parry admires from afar. (When he sees her in Grand Central, the vast crowds pair off and waltz, in an extravagantly fanciful romantic image, "If help him get the girl he loves." Jack tells Anne, "maybe things will change for me." s will change for me.

Genuine love buds between his innocent, shy, funny pair, and eventually also for Anne and Jack, whose values are transformed by and Jack, whose values are transformed by his own acts of compassion. (The question of who is helping whom—who is the fool and who is the king—is left open,) But setbacks lie ahead, and the story won't end until Jack, mumbling his fury and disbelief, scales the castle to seize the Grail for the gravely wounded Parry.

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wounded Parry.

Bridges may be at his best ever, and the elifike Williams seems perfectly cast. But Ruehl and Plumer give the tale range and real surprise, and Michael Jeter (from TV's "Eventing Shade") is uproatrous in a mad small role that requires him to impersonate Etheh Merman singing "Everything's Coming Up Roses" in top voice.

The movie is stocked with delightful images, like Parry's weird sub-basement

" with its shrine to the Grail, and his imaginary nemesis, the fire-breathing horseman Red Knight, the symbol of despair who leads him on a wild chase through Central Park. On the other hand,

through Central Park. On the other hand, Parry and Jack's communions with na-ture and the stars may be a bit too New Age for the as yet untuned-in. (Original but awfully whimsical parable about grace and joy in the not so pretty big (city, heavy street language; recommended for romantics with mature tastes.) USCC (assification: A-II, adults.

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# Our Children at Risk' presents shocking crisis

by Henry Herx Catholic News Service

Anyone of voting age with the slightest sense of social responsibility should take the time to watch "Our Children at Risk," airing Friday, Nov. 1, from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. on PBS. (Check local listings to verify the program date and time. WFYI Channel 20 in Indianapolis plans to broadcast the show Monday, Nov. 4, from 10 p.m. until 11 p.m.)

As program host, Walter Cronkite brings a career of credibility to the devastating facts and figures presented by this documentary on the terrible human consequences of the cutbacks in medical and social services wrought by the politics of the 1980s.

The facts are simple. Prenatal care is not available for

The facts are simple. Prenatal care is not available for poor women because most doctors refuse to accept the low payment allowed under Medicaid, the federal

program covering those living in poverty.
What's not so simple is seeing the con

derweight babies suffering multiple medical complica-tions for which their tortured parents cannot afford proper professional attention. The intants who survive—and the United States has one of

The infants who survive—and the United States has one of the worst tidant mortality rates in the developed world—face malnutrition and children's diseases, such as measless which by the 1970s was thought to have been eradicated.

The program argues that whatever the cost of providing prenatal care for poor women and food as well as medical and social services for the children of poverty, society will save many times over this amount in future expenditures. The old axiom about an ounce of prevention still makes sense in today's economy. The take-away is that our nation's present policy on medical care for the poor must change not only because it is morally wrong but because it is also economically unfeasible. It's important that you take a look and make up your mind on what it's so obviously a critical, though underdiscussed national issue.

TV Programs of Note

Sunday, Oct. 27, 9-10 pm. (PBS) "Sleepers." The
premiere of a four-part "Masterpiece Theater" drama about
the KGB's efforts to find two long-forgotten Soviet
sleeper" spies planted in Britain in 1966 who in the interval
have become more English than the English.
Sunday, Oct. 27, 10-11 pm. (PBS) "How to Hit the
Moving Target." The concluding episode in the "Quality
Of Else" business series shows how managers and
workers can use quality control methods to do better
work with less cost and effort.

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Monday, Oct. 28, 8-9 p.m. (PBS), "Love's Labours."
The third program in the seven-part "Childhood" services tooks at the period between ages six months and three years when almost everyday brings startling evidence of rapid growth in the brain and body, from the beginnings of speech to an emerging sense of self.

Monday, Oct. 28, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Scandalous Mayor."
This episode of "The American Experience" explores the life and times of the last of the big-city bosses, James Michael Curley, the charming yet unscrupulous man who dominated Boston politics for the first half of the century.

Monday, Oct. 28, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) in this rebr-adcast of the fourth program in the "C. Everett Koop, M.D." series, the former U.S. surgeon general calls attention to the needs

of some 16 million children, most of them in rural and decaying urban areas, who have no health insurance and poor pediatric care.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 10-11 p.m. (HBO) "Losing It All: The Reality of Alzheimer's Disease." One out of three U.S. families today experiences the trauma of Alzheimer's disease, and their difficulties are featured in a sensitive documentary premiering Tuesday, Oct. 29, on the HBO cable channel. It will be repeated five times in comping weeks.

Written, produced and directed by Michael Mierendorf, the shows gives viewers essential information about the medical aspects of the disease but focuses on the human dimension of its toll both on sufferer and family members.

As the disease progresses through confusion to total oblivion, the five families documented on film struggle to oblivion, the five families accumented on him strugger maintain their equilibrium under mounting emotional and financial stress. But terrible as the disease is, the program suggests that the love expended by family members on those afflicted is not wasted.

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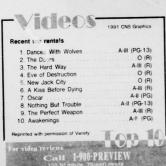
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 8:30-9 p.m. (CBS) "It's the Great
Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." Rebroadcast of a "Peanuts"
animated special that has been a seasonal favorite since Linus
first took up his vigil in the pumpkin patch back in 1966.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 8:30-11 p.m. (PBS) "Paul
McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio." This "Great Performances" presentation features NicCartney's eight-movement composition performed at Liverpool Cathedral and
includes footage of rehearsals vith co-composer Carl
Davis and soloists Kiri Te Kanawa and Jerry Hadley with
the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Ornestra and Choir.

Davis and soloists Kiri Te Kanawa and Jerry Hadley with the Royal Liverpool Philammonic Orchestra and Choir. Thursday, Oct. 31, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "Empirel" In a rebroadcast of the six-part geography series, "The Shape of the World," the fourth program follows Britain's effort to map the entire subcontinent of India from 1802 to 1833.

to map the entire subcontinent of India from 1802 to 1833. Saturday, Nov. 2, 6:30-7 p.m. (PBS) "Jazztime Tale." In the animated "Long Ago & Far Away" family series, actress Ruby Dee narrates the story of the friendship between a black girl and white girl in Harlem in 1919, when silent movies were new and jazz was sweeping the

(Check local listings to verify program dates and times. Herx is director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)



#### QUESTION CORNER

# Anoint sick before death

by Fr. John Dietzen

Please explain what to do if a Catholic dies suddenly In this or other situations, how long after apparent death can the person receive conditional absolution and anointing of the sick? (Ohio)

A Either or both of these sacraments should be administered, at least conditionally, as long as there is any doubt whether or not the person still has bodily life (N. 15; unless otherwise noted, references are to the official Eng-lish translation of the ritual "Pastoral Care of the Sick").

The church has two complementary concerns in the sacrament of anointing.

It "supports the sick in their struggle against illness and continues Christ's messianic work of healing" (N. 98).

These obviously affect not only the sick person himself or herself, but also family and friends who need and deserve this message of hope and comfort.

This is why every effort is needed to prepare for and

celebrate this sacrament while the patient is still able actively to participate in it with loved ones around.

to participate in it with foregrounds another.

As the ritual explains, "Because of its very nature as a sign, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick should be celebrated with members of the family and other representatives of the Christian community whenever possible. Then the sacrament is seen for what it is, a part possible. Then the sacrament is seen for what it is, a part of the prayer of the church and an encounter with the Lord" (N. 99).

When this has not happened for whatever reason, the sacrament may be conferred after the person has lost consciousness. However, it should never be ministered if it is clear without doubt that the individual is already dead

dead.

In this case the priest would pray for him or her, asking God's forgiveness and all those other gifts that are petitions from God in our prayers for the dead.

Canon law basically repeats these provisions of the ritual. The sacrament is to be ministered when there is doubt whether the sick person has attained the use of reason, whether the person is in fact dead, and even whether the person is in fact dead, and even whether the person is in fact dead, and even whether the person is in fact seriously ill (N. 8 and Canon 1005).

While the above deals more directly with the sacrament anointing, the practice relating to the di-stantially the same for the sacrament of penance

During a meeting of the Legion of Mary in our parish, a discussion rose on the subject: Has our Holy Father consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as she apparently requested at Fatima?

Some say yes, some no, each quoting different Fatima magazines and authors. My answer is yes. Can you enlighten us? (California)

A This question bothers a small, but quite vocal, group of Catholics in the United States and elsewhere.

Pope John Paul II has an extraordinary devotion to the other of Jesus and commitment to doing the will of

He obviously seems convinced he has fulfilled all that our Lord and our Blessed Mother expect of the church and of him in this matter. That's good enough for me and, in my opinion, should be for all of us.

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Catholic Church and explaining the promises in an interfaith
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(Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

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#### **FAMILY TALK** Try 12 Step program with 'tobaccoholism'

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: My problem is smoking. I smoke two packs per day. I have tried to quit many times. The longest I have lasted without cigarettes is one month.

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My psychiatris told me that smoking wasn't my problem,
that something else must be bothering me. I saw him for two
months but we never found out what the real problem was.

My family doctor told me I could quit if I really wanted
to, that my motivation must not be strong enough. Our
minister told me not to worry about it, that we will all die

minister told me not to word, whether we smoke or not.
I'm miserable. I used to be happy and friendly, but now I'm miserable. I used more depressed. Help! (New York)

Answer: You do want to stop and with good reason. Despite some conflicting motives, your overall desire is clear. Good intentions, however, are not enough to end the cigarette habit. To be successful you need a plan that calls

cigarette habit. To be successful you need a plan that calls for daily accountability.

Smoking is an addiction. Like alcohol and drugs, perhaps even more strongly, smoking induces both physical-tissue needs and psychological desire. Also like alcohol and drugs, smoking is ulmost impossible to stop alone.

What can you do to stop smoking? The first step is to admit you are addicted and that you need help. You seemed step alone.

cannot stop alone.

The second step is to inform yourself. I recommend two

The Second sep is a many Source, very wise pamphlets.

"The Twelve Steps and Traditions" is available from Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Box 182, Madison Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10010. These 12 steps are a way of life

for many alcoholics. They are equally valuable for smokers.

"FreshStart" is available from the American Cancer Society, 4 W. 35th St., New York, N.Y. 10001. This pamphlet

Society, 4 W. 35th St., New York, NY, 10001. This pamphlet has many helpful hints about managing the hard moments. The third step is to set up a daily program and give control of your program to someone else. You have already proven that you cannot stop alone.

Most commonly, smokaholics use friends or family members to keep daily records of their progress. Two smokers might agree to keep tabs on one another's successes. Or you might prefer the help of your spouse. A middle-school child makes a good "scorekeeper."

Have your "buddy" keep count on a calendar. Or design a chart to record your statistics. Include a silly reward for successes and a silly penalty for when you fail to achieve your goal.

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For example, one cigarette-free hour might earn you a penny to keep in a Mason jar. Or you might receive a smile face for each smoke-free half-day. The penalty for each cigarette you smoke might be a requirement that you sing one verse of a song at dinner. Or write 10 times, "I will breather only fresh clean air."

The fourth step is to add guided imagery. Use all five senses to fantasize images of hope and success. The sun rising. Flowers growing. Crossing a bridge. Overcoming a difficult loshsacle.

a difficult obstacle.

Picture your images. Hear them. Taste and smell them. Feel them. Imaging is a combination of relaxation and modern advertising. Add motivational statements and tape your guided imagery. Listen to yourself.

The key to success is daily motivation and accountability. Knowing that you must report your stats each night is a powerful method to keep you on track.

Remember, your body, like our planet Earth, is a beautiful and fresh creation of God. Don't pollute it.

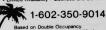
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## Choice in education is studied

by Ines Pinto Alicea Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON-The movement in education to give parents a choice of where to send their child reached Capitol Hill.

In the coming weeks, lawmakers will be wrangling at the committee level in the Senate and subcommittee level in the

committee level in the Senate and subcommittee level in the House over two education bills and whether parents should be given a choice between public, private and religious schools or just between public schools.

Catholic educators said they were pleased to see the lawmakers, not just President Bush and Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, taking about choice, but expressed concern that the choice concept—which they have advocated for several years—could be limited if legislation allows parents to pick only public schools.

"We believe that all parents should have the choice," said Sister Catherine McNamee, president of the National Catholic Educational Association and a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

The concept that parents should decide which school

Joseph of Carondelet.

The concept that parents should decide which school their children will attend is based on the theory that it will promote competition and improve bad schools.

Some Catholic educators have proposed that families with children enrolled in private schools receive tax breaks because they are paying tuition as well as taxes for public education. Others have called for government-funded vouchers that parents could redeem at the schools of their choice.

President Bush, who pearly in his administration said he

parents could nedeem at the schools of their choice. President Bush, who early in his administration said he wanted choice limited to public schools, has in recent months embraced the idea of allowing parents to choose among public, private or religious schools. Though Bush and Alexander have kicked off a campaign to reform schools over the next decade with choice as the centerpiece, public school educators and teachers' groups have vowed to fight giving public funds to private and religious schools. The president's plan, titled the "America 2000 Education

Strategy" is built around six national goals designed to increase the high school graduation rate and adult literacy, to improve student competence in general and to make U.S. students first in the world in math and science.

It calls for top-to-bottom school reforms, including a voluntary nationwide exam system, federal aid pegged to caedemic results, report cards to gauge the progress of schools, and 5750 million in start-up funds for a "new generation of schools" and for local districts which offer choice to parents.

Both the House and Senate proposals call for choice in education, but their definitions are different and neither calls for any specific ways to provide choice, such as tax breaks or vouchers, said Father Bill Davis, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales who is the U.S. bishops' representative for Catholic schools and federal assistance

The Senate version, introduced in August by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Committee on Edward Rennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, restates the president's education goals, but says choice should be limited to public schools, said Patrick Canan, assistant director of the U.S. bishop's Office of Government Liaison.

bishop's Unice of Government Laison. It calls for funds to renovate school buildings nationwide that are in disrepair; modernize school facilities such as science laboratories and libraries; provide extensive teacher development; and provide health and social services such as after-school care, balanced meals and immunizations, Canan said.

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The bill, known as the "Strengthening Education for American Families Act," is expected to undergo some revisions and be voted on later this fail.

The House bill, known as the "Comprehensive Neighborhood Schools Revitalization Act" has been approved by the House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education, chaired by Rep-Dale Kildee, D-Mich., a Catholic. The bill is expected to be offered in the next few weeks to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The bill includes portions of Bush's education plan, but is aimed at eliminating the bureaucracy that public



CHOICE ADVOCATE—Vice President Dan Quayle advo-cates school choice during a visit to Indianapolis Holy Cross Central on Sept. 6. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

education critics say needs to go. It would allow state and local governments to decide how to use funds offered for certain education programs. It also allows states to decide whether they will allow parental choice.

"The hich in the (House) bill is that the states would decide if the funding would go to private schools," said Father Davis, "Obviously we would prefer a choice bill that includes private schools."

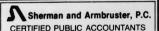
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Sister Catherine said what's important to any choice legislation is that it offer choice to all families.

Some opponents of choice in education have said they fear schools run by extremist groups, like the Ku Klux Klan, would also receive federal funds if the concept became a reality. But Sister Catherine said restrictions on eligibility for the aid could be written into the legislation.

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# Study purports women priests in early church

WASHINGTON (CNS)-An Italian researcher believes he has found proof that early Christians ordained women priests.

early Christians ordained women priests. A letter from a fifth-century pope and a handful of crypt markers from the same era show that contrary to Vatican declarations, at least a few women served as priests while their congregations remained in full communion with the church, according to Giorgio Ortanto, director of the Institute for Classical and Christian Studies at the University of Bar in Italy. University of Bari in Italy

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Otranto originally published his findings in an Italian journal of antiquities in 1981, but they remained unpublicized until a women's studies researcher from the University of Wisconsin came across his report, translated it into English and presented it at an international conference in 1990.

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The Women's Ordination Conference, which seeks ordination of women in the Roman Carbiok Church, sponsored a six-city U.S. tour in October by Otranto along with a colleague from Bari and Mary Ann Ross; the researcher from Wisconsin who translated and published Ortanto's 1981 report.

Among several reasons for maintaining the probabilition on women priests, the

the prohibition on women priests, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1976 cited the history of ordaining only men.

ordaining only men.

As part of a presentation in Washington,
Otranto showed slides of some of the ancient
inscriptions on which his study was based.
Responses to his work were provided by
Orthodox Father Elias Farajaje-Jones, a
consultant on Fath and Order to the World
Gouverld of Churches and faculty normalise. Council of Churches and faculty member at Howard University's School of Divinity in Washington, and Benedictine Sister Mary Collins, chairman of the Department of Religion and Religious Education at the Catholic University of America.

Later, Sister Mary said she believes Otranto's research is credible, though any changes in the Catholic ban on ordaining

changes in the Catholic ban on ordaning women are not likely to come from a Vatican reconsideration of his work, but from individual bishops' conferences. Ofranto concedes that even when women served as priests, the practice was the exception rather than the rule and was condemned by the church hierarchy. But discesses that apparently ordained women

in southern Italy and in what was then in southern italy and in what was disking Gaul and Dalmatia—now France and Yugoslavia—remained in union with the Roman Catholic Church, despite official oval, he said.

In the first five or six centuries of the church, the condemnation of women in the church, the condemnation of women in the priesthood was not nearly so unanimous as it is today." Otranto said in a speech at Catholic University Oct. 18. A standing-room-only crowd packed the 200-seat auditorium as Otranto, through interpreters, described research done more than 10 years ago. He sitted through tens of thousands of inscriptions on tombs dating to the earliest days of Christianity, finding about 15 that seemed to refer to women who were absenced to refer to women who were also wer

days of Christianity, finding about 15 that seemed to refer to women who were deacons or priests.
References to women as "presbytera" or "diacona" previously were interpreted by church scholars as meaning "wife of priest" or "wife of deacon." But Otranto and his colleague and fellow researcher Ada Campione believe those women actually served as priests and deacons.

A letter from fitth-century Pope Celasius 1 seems to support their claim, admonishing bishops of southern Italy for a practice of encouraging women "to officiate at the sacred altars and to take part in all matters imputed to the offices of the male sex..." Other evidence supporting Orranto's conclusion came from letters of a ninth-century bishop named Atto of Verelli, Italy substantiating use of the word "presbytera" to refer to women priests.
Otranto sordusia charge a Catholic, he can't ask the church to reconsider a centuries-old prohibition against ordaning women, but as a scholar he is very happy to have his work achieve notoriety and would like to se the women's ordination ban re-evaluated.

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Otranto's work seems to be a credible
contradiction of the church's claim that
there is an unbroken chain of a males-only priesthood

Father Farajaje-Jones suggested that the contemporary church's claim that women

contemporary church's claim that women have never served as priests comes from the practice of interpreting information to it existing understandings. "This is only the tip of the isceberg." he said. "If 'preaching' was assumed to mean something when referring to men, why is it immediately assumed to mean something else when applied to women?"

In a later discussion, Sister Mary said In a later discussion, Sister Mary sand that "no matter how much evidence is unearthed" she doesn't expect the claim that "we never did that in the church of Rome" will be overruled. What she finds as food for thought, however, is the issue raised by Otranto that there were churches in the early centuries that remained in communion with Rome while developing practices which did not mesh with those of the home church

ne nome church.

Information like Otranto's raises the question of whether there might again be Catholic churches with differing practices, such as ordaining women, remaining in communion with the Vatican, she said.

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The reason I think this is possible is

there is a great restlessness in the church," Sister Mary said. "This is one of the consequences of attempting to maintain conformity with the Roman church priorities" in areas where issues like shortages of prests restrict the ability to meet pastoral needs.

"The ball is in the court of the bishops" conferences on whether to put pressure on Rome," she said. "And that pressure is building from the bottom where the people see their needs are not being met."

Such pressures might bring the modern

Such pressures might bring the modern church to rely on women in much the way Otranto believes occurred.

'I don't think it's unthinkable," said

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#### October 25

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m., at Rafferty's, 520 N. Shadeland Ave.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Medita Our Lady Queen of Feace Medita-tion Prayer Group will gather for an hour of meditating prayer and Medjugorje spirituality at 6 p.m. in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center chapel, 46th and Illinois Sts.

An adult Halloween Party/Fund Raiser will be held from 8-11 p.m. for the benefit of St. Simon School, 8400 Roy Rd.

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Admission \$5 at the door. Costumes encouraged.

The Ladies Club of Little Flower Parish, 4720 E. 13th St. will sponsor its Annual Harvestime Card Party at 7:30 p.m. Admis-sion \$2.50.

#### October 26

Pro-Lifers will pray the rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, 2951 E. 38th St.

An Outdoor Mass sponsored by St. Agnes Parish, Nashville will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. be-hind the Nature Center in Brown Co. Park.

October/ November

November 1-3, (Fri.-Sun.) - Scripture Retreat. "The Prophet Ezekiel". This retreat will increase one's knowledge of the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel is a prophet in great crisis. However, Ezekiel has many challenges for today, for example the re-enthronement of God as absolute in our total life, as the supreme authority in social, economic, moral, and political thought and deed. Presenter: Father Conrad Louis, OSB, Marian Heights Academy, Ferdinand, Indiana

November 4. (Mon.) - Scripture Series "Introduction to the Bible". This is a lecture and small group workshop on scripture. The program is set in the evening for the convenience of the working adult. You may elect to attend all four presentations as a series. However, each presentation will be a complete work. This is the the first of the series. *Presenter:* Mr. Kevin DePrey. Director of Fatima Retreat House.

November 5, (Tues.) - Leisure Day. "Marriage, a Spiritual Vocation". Have you ever thought of your marriage as a vocation and a career? This presentation will focus what wonderful things can happen in marriage when two people approach their relationship with the same energy, dedication, and commitment that many of us approach our jobs and careers. The presentation will also focus on the theme of the Sacrament of Marriage as a Spiritual Vocation. Presenter: Dr. William Steele, Ph.D., Marital and Family Counseling.

November 11, (Mon.) - Scripture Series. "Introduction to the Torah" The Torah consists of the first five books of the Bible. This is a lecture and small group workshop on scripture. The program is set in the evening for the convenience of the working adult. You may elect to attend all four presentations as a series. However, each presentation will be a com-plete work. *Presenter:* Mr. Kevin DePrey, Director

ember 12, (Tues.) - Over-50 Day. "The Parish, Today and Tomorrow" (or "it only takes two to tango, but . . ."). The parish of today and tomorrow demands multi-faceted pastoral approach if the church is to be present and responsive to the needs of growing faith communities. How to enable the faithful to see themselves and accept their roles as members of Christ's Body is primary pastoral function, one which increasingly requires the gifts of numerous staff persons, professional and volunteer. This parish team will share their experiences and invite your participation today. Presenter: Saint Monica Parish Team, Father Clem Davis, Jeannine Vesper, Mary Jo Thomas-Day, Dede Stomoff.

November 15-17, (Fri.-Sun.) — Central Indiana Mar-riage Encounter. This is a weekend retreat for married couples to enrich their marriage through better communications. For registration and information call Dave and Mary Timmerman 317-897-2052

Pre-registration and deposit required Call; 317-545-7681 or write: 5353 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226

The Cantor Workshop series conducted by Charles Gardner concludes from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N.

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will hold a Halloween Party at 8:30 p.m. at Jan Dwire's house. Call 317-786-4509 for details.

The PTO of Little Flower Parish 1400 N. Bosart will sponsor a Hallowen Costume Dance from 8 p.m.-12 midnight in the social hall. Music by the McKims. \$3/person; \$5/couple. BYOB and snacks.

St. Anthony Parish continues its "Rejoice and Remember" Centennial Celebration with a Dinner/Dance at Adams Mark Hotel. Cocktails 6 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m.; dance 9 p.m. \$20 person. Call 317-243-0639 for details.

St. Bernadette Parish, 4826 Fletcher Ave. will hold its annual Fall Festival of Crafts from 8 a.m. 4 p.m. Chili lunch served. Holiday

sor an Antique Teddy Bear Brunch at 11:30 a.m. at St. Pius X Parish Hall, 7200 Sarto Dr. Reser-vations only. Call 317-545-7681.

Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO) will hold a Halloween Party at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. \$1 fee; bring finger food snacks.

St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St. will hold its Annual Garage Sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Furniture, piano, bikes, new trash compactor, clothes.

The Daughters of Isabella will hold a Salad Luncheon/Card Party from 12 noon-3 p.m. in Wagner Hall, Our Lady of Per-petual Help Parish, 1782 Scheller Lane, New Albany, Cost \$3.50. Call Dorothea Seng 812-944-7097 or Margaret Rush 812-945-6749.

A Holiday Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Martin Parish, 1709 E. Harrison St., Martinsville.

St. Leonard Parish, West Terre Haute, will hold its Fall Dinner featuring beef stew, from 3-7 p.m. Adults \$3.50; kids under 12 \$2.

The Ladies Club of St. Michael Parish, Greenfield will hold a Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and from 9 a.m.-12 noon Sun. in the activity center, 519 Jefferson Blvd. Christmas booth, raffle, baked goods, short crefer foreks.

The Ladies Guild of St. Bernadette Parish, 4826 Fletcher Ave. will hold a Christmas Bazaar in Jack Hennesy Gym from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun.

October 27

October Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Monte Cassino near St. Meinrad Archabbey conclude at 2 p.m. CDT with Benedictine Father Cassian Folsom speaking on "Mary, Mother of Beauty and Love"

An Open Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Schoenstatt Retreat Center, Rexville will be held at 3 p.m. Mass 4 p.m.

Secular Franciscans will meet at 3 p.m. following Marian Devotions. Recitation of Franciscan rosary 2:30 p.m.

The Choir of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral will host an Ecumeni-cal Choir Festival from 2-7 p.m. at the cathedral. \$6 registration includes meal. Call 317-236-1483.

Musician Katrina Rae will pres 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, New Albany. Re-freshments follow.

Catholic Golden Age Club will meet at 2 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. New members welcome. Call Francis Cunningham 317-872-6047.

Sign Masses for the Deaf are celebrated each Sun. in the following churches: St. Thomas, Fort-ville, 8 a.m.; St. Barnabas, 8300. Rahke Rd, 845 a.m., St. Joan of Arv. 42nd and Central, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Spirit, 7243 E. 10th St., 10:30 a.m.; and St. Matthew, 4400 E. 56th St., 11:30 a.m.

Marian Devotions are held each Sun. at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St.

A Spanish Language Mass is celebrated at 1:15 p.m. each Sun. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held from 1-6 p.m. each Sun. in St. Lawrence Chapel, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave.

October 26-27

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October 28

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The Social Documents series sponsored by IUPUI Newman Center continues with "Human Dignity" from 7-9 pm. at 5t. Bridget Parish Hall. 801 Dr. Martin Luther King St.

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-

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes continue from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. lawrence Parish, 4650 N. Shadeland.

The Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop concludes from 7-9 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedic-tine Center.

Parenting Pre-Teens and Teens (ages 11-18 years) classes sponsored by Catholic Social Services begin from 7-9 p.m. at Walker Career Center, 9500 E. 16th St. Call 317-899-2000 for details.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes spon-sored by Catholic Social Services continue from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital Education Center, 7216 S. Madison Ave.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes spon-sored by Catholic Social Services continue from 7-9 p.m. at John-son Co. Hospital, Franklin.

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will hold a soup and bread Pitch-In Dinner at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

October 29

Mature Living Seminars on Inter-cultural Experiences conclude with "Our Central American Neighbors" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Room 251 of Marian Hall, Marian College, \$2 donation.

An hour of prayer and devotion to Jesus and Our Blessed Mother is held each Tues. at 7 p.m. in St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St. Call 317-786-7517.

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The Strengthening Stepfamilies series sponsored by Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) concludes from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.

The Fall Religious Studies pro-gram on "Sacraments" spon-sored by New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry concludes from 7-9-30 p.m. at the Aquinas Center, Clarksville.

The Workshop for Parents of Children ages 5-12 concludes from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Greencastle.

#### October 30

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes spon-sored by Catholic Social Services continue from 10 a.m.-12 noon at Hometown House Outreach Pro-gram, 2427 Central Ave.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes continue from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Montessori Center, 563 W. Westfield Blvd.

Parenting Elementary Age Child

Benedictine Father Isaac McDaniel Benedictine Father Isaac Michanier will speak at 7:30 p.m. on "New Interpretation in American Church History" in the "What Are the Theologians Saying" series at St. Meinrad Seminary.

rall Religious Studies sponsored by New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry on "Introduction to Scripture" begin from 7-9-30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, Call S12-945-0354 by Oct. 29 to register.

The monthly Holy Hour featur-ing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, Medita-tion, Song and Benediction will be held at 7 p.m. in St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St.

#### November 1

of Arc Church, 4217 N.

A Halloween Party/Raffle for kids will be held from 7-9 p.m. in Holy Cross School gym, 125 N. Orien-tal St. Games, prizes. Exposition of the Blessed Sacra

Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-ment for quiet prayer and reflec-tion is held each Fri. from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass in St. La-wrence Church, 4650 N. Shade-land Ave.

#### November 1-2

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St. will hold its annual Fall Festival. Food, games, Las Vegas Room, raffle on Sat.

## November 1-3

A Scripture Retreat on The Prophet Ezekiel will be presented by Benedictine Father Conrad Louis at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-545-7681.

#### November 2

All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated by Father William G. Munshower at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Chapel and by Archbi-shop Edward T. O'Meara at 12 noon in Calvary Chapel.

First Saturday devotions to the Blessed Mother begin with 7 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central. Rosary, pro-

The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) will hold First Saturday Holy Hour devotions at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Parish Center chapel, 13th and Bosart.

Fatima devotions and a FIRE chapter meeting follow 8 a.m. Mass in St. Nicholas Church, Sunman

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Program continues with "Litur-gies of the Word and Eucharist" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Cost S11. Call 317-236-1483.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will celebrate First Friday Mass at 8 p.m. in St. Women, 2951 E. 38th St.

St. Roch Parish will hold its 18th Annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Handmade Christ-mas ornaments, nut shoppe, lasagna luncheon, quilt raffe. Preview Fri. Nov. 1 from 7-9 p.m.

The Women's Club of St. John the Apostle Parish, 3410 W. Third St., Bloomington will sponsor its An-rual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 40 craftspersons represented. Door prizes, lunch served.

The athletic committee of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane, New Albany will host an "All You Can Eat Chili Supper" from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Adults \$3.50, students and seniors \$3, pre-schoolers \$1. Cake, game booths.

#### November 2-3

A Remarriage Workshop for re-marrying couples will be held at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. The cost of \$70 per person includes four meals. Call 317-236-1596.

#### November 3

Kevin Barry Division #3, Ancient Order of Hibermans will celebrate a Memorial Mass for deceased members at 11 a.m. in St. Philip Neri Church, 550 N. Rural St.

The Adult Catechetical Team (ACT) of Jefferson Co. concludes its "Healthy Families" scries from 7-8:30 p.m. in Pope John XXIII School library.

A support group for central city families which have a member with severe mental illness will meet from 3-5 p.m. at Holy Angels School, 2822 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 5t. Call Doris Peck 317-545-9907.

Holy Rosary Parish, 600 S. East St. will hold its 13th Annual Spaghetti Supper and Monte Carlo from 1-6 p.m. Adults \$5; kids under 12 \$2.

The Altar Society of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Henryville will hold its biannual Smorgasbord from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the parish hall, junction of hwys. 31 and 160. Crafts, baked goods, quilt raffle.

# Parish rectory 'raised'

By Vince Capozzi

MCINTYRE, Pa. (CNS)-Gino Aloisi, 75, describes it as "an old-fashioned barn raising." Retired coal miner John Kubala raising. raising. Retired coal miner John Kubala says it is "something different." And to Harry Baroni, it's just "a lot of fun." The three men are describing a project for

The three men are describing a projective which they and other parishioners at the Church of the Good Shepherd in McIntyre are drawing on individual talents and love for their parish to help in the construction of a new rectory and church.

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The parish, established on Oct. 16,
1889, following the suppression of three
local parishes, serves the faith communities of Iselin, McIntyre and Aultman in the
Pennsylvania Diocese of Greensburg.
While professional construction workers
build the new druch structure, parish
volunteers toil on the rectory/parish center.
According to Father Michael W. Matusak, pastor, parishioners became involved in
the project after cost estimates for the new
facilities went over budger.
Father Matusak and architect John Timko
met with members of the parish building
committee to plan a course of action.
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ratner Matusak recalled, Greensbury dio-cesan newspaper. "A couple of the men just laughed and said they had been talking among themselves and asked if they could build the rectory and church offices.

When Father Matusak suggested we when Fatner Matusak suggested we just build a church and no rectory," said Aloisi, "We just got together and said, 'Let us do it.'"

"That was a very emotional moment for me," said their pastor as he sat in what will eventually become his office. "We have been working hard to build a parish community here and I think this symbol-izes that effects"."

izes that effort."

Since July 8, the volunteers have been hard at work. And while the men labor each day to build the rectory, a group of women from the parish also lend a hand, preparing lunch for the workers.

Standing near the rectory, Father Matusak smiled and adjusted the green baseball cap he was wearing, imprinted with "Good Shepherd Construction," "When I look at this rector," Father Matusaks aid, "I don't see buildings. I see people. I see their sacrifice of money and abor and prayer. That's what a parish is all about."



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# Youth News/Views

## Oldenburg's students pursue varied interests

What's going on at Oldenburg Academy? The answer depends on which of the 210 students you ask.

Classes are well underway, of course.

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Music, art and drama students are busy as usual, but the athletes are threatening to take center stage this fall at the 140-year-old private all-girls' high school established in 1852 by the Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg.

Music instructors are giving 166 vate music lessons each week in addition to directing the four school choruses and orchestra in preparation for Oldenburg's annual Christmas concert on Dec. 8. Art department faculty members have

added two advanced placement college credit courses in studio art and art history.

And in the drama department, students are busy four evenings each week rehearsing for their production of "Steel Magnolias" scheduled in the Oldenburg Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Nov. 14 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Nov. 17. And in the drama department, students

p.m. and 8 p.m. on Nov. 17.

The opening performance of the academy's annual fall production on Nov. 14 is reserved for senior citizens, while both performances on Nov. 17 are open to the general public. Tickets are 51 for students, \$2 for senior citizens, and \$4 for adults. For additional information, consults are provided to the programment of the product of the provided that the programment of the provided that the p tact the school office at 812-934-4440.

Currently, all eyes are on the Twister hletic teams. Forty-eight of the academy's 210 students are competing in freshman, reserve or varsity golf, cross country, and volleyball.

Oldenburg's cross country team, led by a state-ranked senior, has won three invitational tournaments and team mem-bers are working hard to prepare for the state tournament

The varsity volleyball Twisters have an outstanding record of 20-1 in regular season and invitational tournament competition, and also are determined to add another state tournament banner to the academy gymnasium.

Oldenburg's junior foreign language tudents enrolled in French III, Spanish III and German III are busily preparing for the Indiana University Foreign Language Honors Program, which selects 30 juniors from Indiana high schools in each of the three languages to study abroad during the summer

Expectations are high that several of Expectations are high that several or the academy juniors will be chosen for that foreign study opportunity. They won't be the only Oldenburg students leaving the United States next summer, though, because two faculty members are sponsoring a student trip to explore the castles of England and Ireland. Preliminary plans are completed and fund-raising efforts are underway for that trip.

Academy students enrolled in United States history classes are learning that history comes alive outside their classroom walls. With a grant from the Indiana Council of Social Studies, the students are conducting an archaeological dig under the direction of archaeologist Jeanine Krein-brink. Their mapping, methods, and "finds" will be catalogued and presented in the spring to the Indiana Council of Social Studies at the annual convention.

Extracurricular activities led by the academy's student council afford leadership opportunities in many different

To include all students in the d cratic process of student government, the student council officers conduct monthly all-school assemblies to keep each girl med and involved in her school.

informed and involved in her school.

Oldenburg's students and faculty members believe that the best advantage of attending a high school which is the small size of Oldenburg Academy is that every student can and, in fact, is encouraged to participate in many extra-curricular activities.

Programs and activities are designed to inspire both day students and "boarders".

inspire both day students and "boarders" to continue the Oldenburg Academy's longtime "tradition of excellence."

(Joanne Janzaruk is director of admissions for Oldenburg Academy.)



HOSTESSES—Oldenburg Academy seniors Carie Weisenbach (left) from Bright and Jean Langley from Batesville walk across campus to greet visitors during the school's annual fall open house and guest day on Oct. 20. Students escorted 70 families around the scenic grounds for tours and conferences. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)



STEEL MAGNOLIAS—Oldenburg Academy senior Heather Monnig from Bright right), junior Lauren Bellman of Logan, and freshman Katy Milholland from Ohio, rehearse a scene from "Steel Magnolian," the school's fall production which presented Nov. 14 and Nov. 17. (Photo by Mary Anu Wyand)

# Christophers' contest recognizes teen contributions

"You Can Make a Difference" is the theme of The Christopher's annual poster contest for high school

Father John Catoir, director of The Christophers, said that the contest's goal is to acquaint young people with the Christopher message of hope and encourage them to

the Christopher message or nope after encourage apply it in their own lives.

"The Christophers believe that each person can change the world for the better, that everyone can make a difference," he said. "We are again inviting high school students to creatively interpret this idea."

Last year the poster contest drew nearly 400 entries from high school students across the country.

Posters must be 15 by 20 inches and include the statement "You can make a difference." Entries will be judged on effectiveness, originality, and artistic merit.

judged on effectiveness, originality, and artists intern. A total of \$2,000 in prizes will be awarded, with a first prize of \$1,000, second prize of \$500, third prize of \$250 and five honorable mention awards of \$50. The deadline for entires is Jan. 2. Winners will be notified on April 2. Complete contest rules are available from The Christophers, 12 E. 48th St., New York, NY 10017.

pners, I.E., 48th St., New YOR, NY 1001.

The non-profit organization founded in 1945 utilizes the media to encourage individuals to use their unique abilities to improve their families, their communities, and the world. Through print, radio and television, programment of the pr ming and communications emphasize that, "nobody like you. And you can make a difference.

Their message is based on the concept of service to God and all humanity, and is addressed to people of all faiths and of no particular faith

The Christopher motto is 'It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.' 'Father Catoir's column ''Light One Candle'' is a regular feature in The Criterion.

Bishop Chatard High School's 10th annual **Walkathon** on Oct. 16 raised over \$26,000 in pledges. The average pledge raised per student was \$48.

WZPL disc jockey Dave McKay of Indianapolis joined Chatard students to help celebrate the 10-year-old walk. Chatard instructor Elaine Alhand coordinated the event was pleased with the outcome.

The Riley Cancer Research for Children Carousel Award was presented to the Euvola Sorority on Oct. 2 at the annual review meeting of Riley Cancer Research for Children at the Indianapolis Zoo.

Established in 1978, the award recognizes volunteers—either individuals or organizations—who are members of Riley Cancer Research for Children and who have made

an outstanding contribution to the organization.

Euvola is a service and social sorority whose members are high school girls from Brebeuf Preparatory School and Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

The girls sponsor various fund-raising projects throughout the school year and donate these funds to

Euvola became involved with Riley Cancer Research for Children in 1986 after one of its members was stricken with leukemia.

The group wanted to make a financial contribution, so members held a charity ball and also a sweatshirt sale which raised over \$2,000 during their first year of

In the last five years, Euvola members have raised over \$10,000 and donated the money to the cancer research group, which uses all donations to fund research at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. Hospital in Indianapolis.

Euvola officers include Marty Kennedy, president; Kristy Cross, vice president; Megan O'Bryan, secretary; and Courtney Kobets, treasurer.

Cathedral High School's girls' cross coun successfully defended their city crown at the city cross country meet recently

The Lady Irish were led by senior Maria Wodraska of St

Luke Parish, who took individual honors by running a 16:29 to claim her second straight city title. Chris Weaver was runner-up for the Lady Irish in the city meet.

Roncalli High School graduate John Gervasio and Bishop Chatard High School graduate Mike Kenny of Indianapolis are earning recognition as members of the Marian College men's tennis team this year.

A freshman, John Gervasio plays number two singles. He finished the season with a 5-5 record and advanced to the semifinals of the Mid-Central Indiana Conference.

Senior Mike Kenny plays number five singles and completed the season with a 6-4 record. He advanced to the quarter finals in the NAIA District 21 Tournament

recently.

Last year he was named most valuable player, and this year he served the team as co-captain.

Coach Tony Natali said the men's team finished the season with a 6-4 record in October.

Cathedral High School's varsit, cheerleaders recently captured the National Cheerleading Association Regionals. They will compete against 450 squads from across the country in a national cheerleading competition on Dec. 27-28 at Dallas, Texas.

That contest will be telecast on the Prime Sports

Varsity cheerleaders are Chrissy Collins, Shannon O'Malia, Amy Walsh, DeLisa Brown, Molly Bozic, Julie Albers, Christy Phillips, Sandy Platt and Krista Delgailo.

Catholic Youth Organization officials will sponsor a Quest Retreat for high school freshmen and sophomores on Dec. 13-14 at the CYO Youth Center in Indianapolis. Registrations are \$40 per person and are due by Nov. 13. To register, contact the CYO office at 317-632-9311.

# Youth conference and congress address peace

Conference begins with fireworks

by Mary Ann Wyand

When 7,000 teen-agers and 20 bishops gather in Indianapolis for the 21st biennial National Catholic Youth Conterence Nov. 7-10, they will be greeted by an elaborate pyrotechnics display inside the Convention Cen. 4 followed by words of welcome from Indy car driver John Andretti as the master of ceremonies.

Andretti and his wife, Nancy, who are members of St. Christopher Parish in Speedway, will address conference delegates as part of the opening session for "Peace in the Puzzle."

In addition to the indoor fireworks.

In addition to the indoor fireworks,

the opening session will feature perform-ances by members of the Roncalli High School Show Choir and the state cham-pion Ben Davis High School Marching

To add local flavor, conference organ-izers also plan to place Teo Fabi's race car on the stage as a symbol of the interna-

on the stage as a symbol of the internationally-known Indianapolis "500."
"We're giving an Indianapolis flavor to the opening session," St. Luke youth minister Bob Schultz, a conference volunterer, explained. "John Andretti, who is continuing the family tradition of racing set by his father, Mario, and his brother. Michael, will assist with the festivities. Each delegate will receive a checkered flag at the opening session and lots of Hoosier

hospitality during the three-and-a-half day

conference."

Delegates from throughout the United States and Canada will examine the theme of world peace and youth issues during the conference, which is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and the arch-diocesan Catholic Youth Organization.

diocesan Catholic Youth Organization.

"In introducing the theme of Peace in
the Puzzle' to the delegates," Schultz said,
"they will receive a verbal challenge from
delegate Lauren Wilson of St. Luke Parish
in Indianapolis to recognize the fact that they
do play a part in the entire puzzle and that
they are a key component to the success of
the National Youth Conference."

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Workshops will examine a variety of topics important to teen-agers, including faith formation and evangelization, pop culture, peer group relationships, moral decision-making, chemical dependency, youth at risk, and social justice.

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Among the workshops are discussions on "Being Catholic In a Not So Catholic World," "Youth of Color: The Gift We Bring," presented in Spinish, "Listening to the Voices of Culture," "Faith: Is It More Than Just a Popularity Thing?" and "When Bad Things Happen to Good Kids."

Benedictine Sister Joan Marie Ma penedictine Sister Joan Marie Massura, archdiocesan coordinator of youth minis-try, and CYO staff member Ann Papesh are coordinating scores of teen-age and adult volunteers to help with conference duties at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

U.S. bishops will attend congress

by Anita Fusco

Approximately 300 teen-age youth rep-resenting dioceses and youth organizations across the country will convene in Indiana-polis on Nov. 7 and 8 for the first National Youth Congress to talk with 20 U.S. bishops about a variety of church issues.

The congress is co-sponsored by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' (NCCB) Committee on Marriage and Family and the National Federation for

Family and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NECYM). "Seeing With New Eyes—Acting in Soidanty," the theme for World Youth Day 1991, is also the theme for the congress. Its purpose is to call the youth of the church to identify issues which challenge and or threaten human dignity as well as to develop strategies to deal with those concerns individually, as a parish community, and as a diocesan church.

Cardinal loseph Bernardin. chairman of

ity, and as a diocesan church.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, chairman of
the NCCB Committee on Marriage and
Family, and Bishop Charles Chaput,
moderator for the NFCVM, announced the
event to their brother bishops last February
and urged them to attend the congress.

Delegates, and bishops unit dis-

Delegates and bishops will discuss, reflect on, and develop action strategies on the issues of racism, substance abuse, and sexuality.

and sexuality.
Following panel presentations, table discussion and theological reflections, delegates will then write belief statements on the issues and develop action strategies which they will bring to their home dioceses for possible implementation.

Each diocesan bishop has been invited the present of the present o

to send two young people to represent the youth from their dioceses. Every attempt has been made to ensure that the ethnic and demographic character of each diocese is reflected in delegate

selection.

In addition to diocesan youth representatives, certain ethnic organizations, the Knights of Columbus, the Teen Encounter Christ retreat community, the Girl Scouts of America will send delegates.

The congress is part of the National Catholic Youth Congress scheduled Nov. 7-10 at the Indianapolis Convention Center. (Antia Faxo assists the United States Catholic Conference with media relations.)

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## Notre Dame coach hosts dinner to benefit youth

Returning to southern Indiana for the first time since he was named Notre Dame's basketball coach, John MacLeod will host a joint development dinner for Catholic Youth Ministries and Our Lady of Providence High School on Oct. 29 in Louisville

Louisville.

Called the Candlelight Celebration, the gala dinner at the Calt House Hotel in nearby Louisville will raise funds for the school and youth ministry programming in the New Albany Deanery. For reservation information, contact the youth ministry staff at the Aquinas Center at 812-945-0334.

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staff at the Aquinas Center at 12-33-30-33.
Money raised will be proportionally divided to ensure that both institutions will continue providing opportunities for young people.
"Obviously, we are very excited that John MacLeod will be present for the

dinner," Jerry Finn, deanery director of youth ministries, told *The Criterion*. "We are also excited about collaborating with Providence. It shows the unification of vision that will benefit all of our youth." Finn said the purpose of the combined development dinner is to provide a single opportunity for people to make a commutent to two good causes.
"Folks will have the concentration."

"Folks will have the opportunity to see the good work being done through both institutions," he said. "We didn't want to burden people by having two separate dinners.

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The Candlelight Celebration will launch the 1991 Cornerstone and Renaissance campaigns, run, respectively, by the New Albany Deannery Catholic Youth Ministries office and Providence High

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particular interest to Catholic readers.

"Christian Uniqueness Reconsidered," edited by Gavin D'Costa, Orbis Books, \$34.95 cloth, \$16.95 paperback, 218 pp. Fourteen scholars counter the contention that all religious traditions, without qualification, can be characterized as equal. The assertion—coupled with what is termed a lazy pluralism—does not advance a well grounded understanding the content of the content o

pluralism—does not advance a well grounded understanding of religious Putuality, the essays conclude.

"Testament," by Dominican Father Stan Parmisano, Ave Maria Press, \$69,5, 184 pp. Short commentaries and meditations linked together to ofter support and guidance to believers who wonder and reflect about the great questions of Christianity.

"Mind Your Metaphors," by Sister Maurreen Aggeler, Paulist Press, \$9,95, 149 pp. Critique of language in 12 pastoral letters to women written by bishops since Valicanil.

"The Catholic Challenge," by Alan Schreck, Servant Publications, no price given, 241 pp. Answers what is termed a crisis of faith caused, it is said, by growing numbers of individuals. Please submit them Always state the date of death individuals. Please submit them Always state the date of death

on faith and morals

Joan of Arc," by V. Sackville-West, Image Books, \$12.00, 383 pp. Reprint of a best-selling biography of the French saint

published more than 50 years ago.

\*\*Religious Life: A Prophetic Vision," by Father Diarmuid O Murchu, Ave Maria Press, 99 95, 259 pp. Upholds the value of religious communities and argues for a new model of religious life as the preserver and practitioner of critical virtues.

Orbis Books, \$16.95, 212 pp. Anthology of writings of widely known Brazilian theologian gives a comprehens of liberation theology.

"Questions Catholics Ask," by Father Bill O'Shea, Collins Dove, \$12.95, 335 pp. Answers to the questions in a revised and expanded edition of a book published last year.

"Do You Love Me?" by Father Dominic J. Grassi, Thomas More Press, \$11.95, 178 pp. Uses anecdotes and reflections to illuminate the deep love of the people whom ministers serve that, says Father Grassi, is the basis of a strong, rewarding

"Witness," by Josyp Terelya, with Michael H. Brown, Faith Publishing Co., \$10.00, 324 pp. Autobiography of a leader describes the persecution of Ukrainan Catholics by the communist government of the Soviet Union and how the church survived it.

Obituaries of archdiocesan priests, their parents and religious sisters serving in our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.)

† BOLIN, Leonard L., 84, St. Michael, Cannelton, Oct. 14. Father of Jane Lee Zoll; grand-father of six; great-grandfather of sight.

† CARTER, Mary C., 72, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Sept. 23. †CONLIN, Freda, 84, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Oct. 11. Mother of Edward, Thomas, Janet Powell and Jean Rust; sister of Dorothy Park.

ter of Dorothy Park.

† CORBIN, Maud W., 82, St.
Paul, Tell City, Oct. 12 Mother
of James Mitchel and Martha
Coyle; sister of Mary R. Hamilton and Mary Helen Gilles;
grandmother of 13; greatgrandmother of 20; greatgrandmother of 20; greatgrandmother of two.

grandmother of two.

† DIERKING, Mary Elizabeth,
79, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Oct. 12. Mother of Thelma
Juliot, Henrietta Cox and
George Wilson, sister of George
Baker, Margarret Mathison and
Laverne Noble; half-sister
Charles and Martin Baker and
Ella Rateau, grandmother of
nine; great-grandmother of
eight.

† DONOHUE, William T.
"Bud," 75, Our Lady of Lourdes,
Indianapolis, Oct. 14. Father of
Ann; brother of Margaret Heede
and Catherine Tremain.

and Catherine Tremain.

† FOX, Margaret, 64, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Oct. 14.

Wife of Joseph, mother of Jane Marie, Maureen Boling, Mary Ellen Loscar, Michael, Anthony Joseph and Joseph Michael, sister of Jack and Paul King, Julianne Riddle, Mary Lou Chastain and Susie Harrington; grandmother of nine.

yandomere of inter-t GOTWALS, Harold O., 78, St. John the Apostle, Blooming-ton, Oct. 13. Husband of Kath-leen; father of Shirley Scott and Robert Johnson; brother of Ira; grandfather of seven; great-grandfather of seven; great-

t HANLEY, Martin Edward Sr., 62, St. Patrick, Indi-anapolis, Sept. 16. Father of Martin E. Jr.; son of Bridget M.; grandfather of two.

† HINES, Irene C., 91, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Oct. 1. HOEY, Marcella M., 80, St. Andrew, Richmond, Oct. 13. Mother of Lucille Cook and Nathan; sister of Mary and Lucille Koorsen; grandmother of seven; great-grandmother of three.

three.

+ HOPPER, Carl James, 76, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Oct. 8. Husband of Roberta Mae (Winkler); father of Brenda Grant, Mary Jenkins, Diane Whitis, Karen Puglisi, Carol Cassetty and Carl L., brother of Joseph and Carl L., brother of Joseph and Carl L., prother of Investigation of 13: step-great-grandfather of 13: step-great-grandfather of 13: step-great-grandfather of five.

+ HUMPHREY, Grace L., 70, St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute, Oct. 13. Wife of Howard C.; mother of Tammy Sue, Mar-lene K, Wright, William Coons, Ronald and Eric

brother of Timothy P.; grandson of Clara, and Wilmer and Ruth Blanchard.

Blanchard.

† ILIOHAN, Willem, 60, St.
Peter, Harrison Co., Sept. 23.
† Husband of Anna; father of
Sharon, and Debra Stabel;
brother of Gina VanGog, Lydia
Vandoorn, Polly Sanger and
Joanna Collett; grandfather of
Tarra Strabel.

† LUKEMEIER, Marguet Pfulb, 87, St. Mary, N Albany, Oct. 9. Mother-in-law Margaret Armstrong.

t MASARIU, Mary A. (Mul-rine), 92, St. Barnabas, Indi-anapolis, Oct. 12. Mother of Marie; foster mother of John Bardash.

† McCABE, Frank E., 73, St. Mary, Aurora, Oct. 10. Husband of Mary; father of David and Michael; brother of Mildred Borge-menke; grandfather of three.

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4 McCARTIN, Lorena, 86, St.
Mary, New Albany, Oct. 15.
Mother of Thomas, David,
Donald, Ronnie, and
Bonnie
Shutters; grandmother of 21;
great-grandmother of 21.

great-grandmother of 21.

† MEYER, Lucille S., 80, St.
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Amanda Ervin, Rosemarie Richards, Phoebe, Albigail, Naomi,
and Yvonne Dulay; brother of
Louis, and Mrs. John Robison,
grandfather of 14; uncle of four.

Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, Oct. 7. Sister of Helen A. and Sister Mary Judith.

† WHITE, Rose A., 92, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Oct. 4. Sister of Edward Riedinger and Helen Chambers.

Helen Chambers

WILSON, Mary P.
(Daugherty), St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Oct. 4. Mother of Rebecca J. Killilea, Marybeth Guyer, Patricia L. Gray, Sharon K. Zehring, Lisa A., Michelle G., Mark D., Michael G. and Gerald R.; grandmother of nine.

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† ZEBROWSKI, Rose (Keller),
62, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech
Grove, Oct. 9. Mother of Linda
Kuenzinger, Lillian, Cynthia Rodriguez and Anthony; sister of
Frank L., Patrick J. and Daniel L.
Keller and DeLores
grandmother of nine.

#### Henry Brown, father of priest, dies October 15

COLUMBUS-Henry Brown, father of Father Henry Brown, associate pas-tor of St. Mary of the Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs, died Oct. 15. The funeral liturgy was celebrated for him here on Oct. 18 in St. Bar-tholomew Church, of which he was a member.

In addition to Father Brown, Mr. Brown is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Helt, and another son, Joseph F. He + HUSS, Ronald H. Jr., 28, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Oct 2. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Huss;

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# Less abuse seen in Haiti under Father Aristide

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Haiti's human rights abuses decreased under the presidency of Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, according to data analyzed by the Washington Office on Haiti.

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The data was taken from human rights violations reported in Haitilnsight, published by the National Coalition for Haitian Refugees, New York.

## Pope prays for Middle East peace conference

By Cindy Wooden

SALVADOR, Brazil (CNS)—Pope John Paul II prayed Oct. 20 that the upcoming Middle East peace conference would bring "an authentic and lasting peace" to the region. The pope thanked God for inspiring and sustaining the efforts to organize the dialogue, scheduled to begin Oct 30 in Madrid-Spain.

He made his comments at the end of an Oct. 20 Mass in Salvador, the last major event of his Oct. 12-21 trip to Brazil. 30 in Madrid. Spain.

salvador, the last major event of his Oct. I.-2.1 trip to Brazil.

Pope John Paul asked Brazilians to pray for peace in the
whole world—in Latin American countries where peace is
disrupted by "internal conflicts or external tensions" and in
Yugoslavia where people are "suffering great privations in
their just aspirations for justice and freedom."

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"Today I wish to ask you to pray particularly for peace in the Middle East" and for the "significant event" of the Madeid peace conference.

Madeid peace conference.

"Representatives of countries and peoples will meet in Madrid to strive to find together and through dialogue the road to justice and security for peace in the Middle East.
"We thank the Lord for having inspired and sustained a willingness to talk among those who made intense efforts to prompte this efforts and those who adders to it."

efforts to promote this effort and those who adhere to it,

efforts to promote this effort and those who adhere to it."
the pope said.
"We ask the giver of all good to help the interested
parties construct an authentic and lasting peace, to become
sensitive to the rights and legitimate aspirations of all,
especially the weakest, and to be aware that that region is
especially beloved by millions of believers who find in it
their roots and the places holy to their faiths," he said.

The coalition and Washington Office on Haiti are non-profit organizations with no funding from either the

non-profit organizations with no funding from either the U.S. or Haitin governments.
Washington Office on Haiti did the analysis after government sources and some news media indicated human rights violations -especially mob violence-helped lead to the Sept. 30 coup that overthrew Father Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president.
"Contrary to recent concerns that the Aristide government has a problematic human rights record, the data demonstrate that both fatal and nonfatal human rights violaties have fallen sharply since Aristide's inauguration," said a statement released by Washington Office on Haiti. e on Haiti.

The statement compared human rights violations during Father Aristide's term with abuses under the

during Father Aristide's term previous two presidents. From June 1989 to February 1990, under the presidency of Gen. Prosper Avril, Haitlinsight reported 725 violations, including 89 deaths and 636 beatings, illegal arrests and other non-fatal violations, under the Form March 1990 to January 1991, under the

illegal arrests and other non-tast violations.

From March 1990 to January 1991, under the presidency of Ertha Truilliot, 590 violations—including 241 deaths—were reported.

Data available for Father Anstide was from February to June and showed 120 violations, including 26 deaths.

Washington Office on Haiti said monthly averages ere 73 under Avril, 59 under Truilliot and 24 under Father Aristide

Father Anstide.

The office said it also divided abuses according to who committed them: uniformed police, soldiers and section chiefs; civilians and peasant groups; and those for whom source was unreported.

the source was unreported.

It said violations attributed to "armed men" were counted with those involving civilians and peasants, "although many of these incidents surely involved Macoutes and military personnel not in uniform, the groups which have most of the firearms in Haiti."

"Macoutes" refers to Tonton Macoutes, the paramili-tary group loyal to former dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier and his family.

"The suggestion that peasants and the urban poor are significant sources of violence under President Aristide is contradicted by the data," said the Washington Office on Haiti statement.

"During the Avril and Truilliot presidencies, 66 percent of all violations were attributed to the military and 18 percent to civilians," it said.

Since the Aristide inauguration, 66 percent of all violations have been attributed to the military, but only 8 percent to civilians



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## U.S. bishops give voters guide

by Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (CNS)-As the U.S. Catholic bishops look toward the 1992 general election, their policy priorities for the nation include significant new elements along with many long-standing concerns.

Every four years since 1976 the 50-bishop Administrative Board of the U.S. Catholic Conference has issued an unusual voter guide under the general title "Political Responsibility"

Unlike most voter guides, it does not endorse any candidates or parties. Rather, it is an effort to get Catholic voters to think about how Gospel values apply to policy issues confronting the nation, and then to test candidates and their platforms against those values.

This year's 8,700-word statement, "Political Responsibility Revitalizing American Democracy," was released Oct. 17.

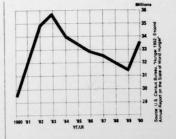
Revitalizing American Democracy," was released Oct. 17.
It shows the bishops still, as in past years, think such
things as hunger, housing, health care, jobs and abortion
are priority issues requiring major public policy reforms. But
this year's statement has far more new or revised language
than any other since the first. It gives substantial new
emphasis, for example, to euthanasia, environmental
issues, U.S. policy towards Eastern Europe and the new
opportunities for arms control in a post-Cold War world.
It also adds substance abuse and a now clobal refuseer.

It also adds substance abuse and a new global refugee crisis to the list of political priorities.

From the 3,400-word statement issued in 1976, which addressed only eight specific issues, the quadrennial document has evolved into a statement nearly three times

document has evolved into a statement nearly three times as long, covering more than twice as many issues.

On abortion, the bishops have held firm in all five statements on two key issues: the fundamental right to life of the unborn and the judgment that a constitutional amendment is needed to protect that right. Since 1984 they have rejected any public funding of abortion.



U.S. POVERTY—There are more poor—13.5 percent of all Americans—beginning the '90s than in 1980. (CNS graphic)

This year they expanded their abortion commentary by calling abortion "the fundamental human rights issue of our day." They added language rejecting abortion as a "method of family planning," emphasized state as well as federal legislation and urged funding to support

On arms control and disarmament there have been two constants since 1976; calls by the bishops to reverse the arms race and to use the money saved to meet the needs of the poor. This year's commentary focuses on the "new opportunities" for substantive arms reductions offered by the end of the Cold War.

Opposition to capital punishment—on grounds that it erodes "respect for life in our society" and is "discriminatory" in its application—was added to the Est of concerns in 1979.

or concerns in 1979.
"Discrimination and racism" is a new heading in 1991, replacing the "civil rights" heading used in 1984 and 1987. Behind the change in the heading is a stronger focus on the need for Americans to combat racial hostility and racist attitudes in every area of life.

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A notable new element in the 1991 text is the declaration that "society has the obligation to take positive steps to overcome" the effects of racism and discrimination.

On the economy—a vast area in which political priorities often change from year to year—the succ. ssive statements show many changes in emphasis, but also some constants. All five statements call high unemployment unacceptable and urge maintenance and improvement of services to the poor. Added this year to the

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on poverty on chuidren, women and racial and ethnic minorities."

▶ Calling for steps to help reduce Third World debt and to emphasize human development over military aid.

The education section includes a call to implement a program of "moral education" in public schools.

Euthanasia is addressed in the 1991 statement for the first time—a response to some state campaigns since 1987 to legalize euthanasia. The bishops condemn "any law or social policy that sanctions suicide or assisted suicide." Family life as a central concern of all social policy has ensistent section and prolemaly tax, welfare, health and housing policies. "This year's food and agriculture section has been expanded to include a section on environmental responsibility as part of "our reverence for Cod and respect of life itself." As in past years, the section urges promotion of family farms at home and absend that of the control of the section of the section of the section of family farms at home and absend that of the control of family farms at home and absend the section of family farms at home and absend the death of the section of family farms at home and absend the section of family farms at home and absend the section of the section of family farms at home and absend the section of the section of the section of the section of family farms at home and absend the section of t

life itself." As in past years, the section urges promotion of family farms at home and abroad and food policies based on the principle that the right to eat is a basic

based on the principle that the right to eat is a basic human right.

Beginning in 1979 the political responsibility statements have urged "a national health insurance program." That language was changed this year to call for comprehensive national health care reform." The statement of the bishops' goal—"access to high quality health care for all"—was unchanged. This year's health care section added a paragraph on public policy on AIDS.

The section on housing, listed as a priority concern in all statements since 1976, was almost completely revised this year to argue for a more comprehensive approach. This year's expanded human rights section spells out that fundamental rights include "civil, political, social and economic rights." It notes that religious freedom is "a priority concern" in many parts of the world.

Finally, the 1991 statement includes a new section on public policy concerning substance abuse. It summarizes positions adopted by the U.S. bishops in their 1990 pastoral message. "New Slavery, New Freedom."

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