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# Daniel Buechlein is new archbishop

Bishop of Memphis and former president of St. Meinrad is a native of Jasper

by John F. Fink

Bishop Daniel Mark Buechlein of Mem-phis has been named the new Archbishop of Indianapolis by Pope John Paul II

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The appointment was amounced in Washington Tuesday, July 14, by Arch-bishop Agostino Caccivillan, papal pronuncio to the United States. The archbishop-designate was introduced in Indianapolis by Father David Coats, arch-diocesan administrator, first at a press conference and then to employees of archdiocesan agencies. archdiocesan agencies

The installation of the new archbishop will be Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m.

Archbishop-designate Buechlein, 54, was president-rector of St. Meinrad College and St. Meinrad School of Theology from 1982 to January of 1987, when he was named Bishop of Memphis.

He is a native of Jasper, which was part of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis when he was born April 20, 1938. Jasper became part of the Diocese of Evansville when that diocese was created in November of 1944

The archbishop-designate attended high school, college and seminary at St. Meinrad. He made his solemn profession as a Benedictine monk on Aug. 15, 1963 and was ordained a priest on May 3, 1964. He then studied at the International Benedictine University of St. Anselmo, Rome. On his return to the United States, he served as assistant dean of students ar as chairman of the Division of Religion St. Meinrad. He was selected as presider 5t. Meinrad. He was selected as president-rector of the School of Theology in 1971 and in 1982 was named as president-rector of 5t. Meinrad College as well. He was appointed Bishop of Memphis on Jan. 20, 1987 and was ordained a bishop and installed March 2, 1987.

Since becoming a bishop, Archbishop-Since becoming a bishop, Archbishop-designate Buchlein has played an active role in the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is chairman of the Committee on Priestly Formation and a member of the Administrative, Doctrine, Budget, Welfare Emergency Relief, and Economic Affairs of the Holy See committees. He is a former peopler of the Committees on Marinavade. member of the Committee on Marriage and Family Life. He served as a consultant to



Archbishop-designate Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

the U.S. delegation to the Synod of Bishops on Priestly Formation in 1990.

Archbishop-designate Buechlein was personally asked by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara to give the homily at his funeral. Previous to that, Archbishop O'Meara had

asked Archbishop-designate Buechlein to give the homily at the annual Chrism Mass in 1987, shortly after his appointment as

Bishop of Memphis.

The archbishop-designate began his day on Tuesday with Mass at the

archbishop's residence with members of the archbishop's personal staff. He met with the press at 10 o'clock and with Catholic Center employees at 11. He then flew back to Memphis for an afternoon press conference there.

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In his statement to the press and archdiocesan employees, Archbishop-designate Buechlin said that "never in my wildest dreams" did he think he would be an archbishop, much less in Indianapolis Indianapolis.

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He continued: "Some 30 years ago I gave my life to the Catholic Church as a Benedictine monk at 5t. Meinrad Archabby and I fully expected to spend my life there. In March of 1987 Pope John Paul II transferred my monastic vow of obedience from the Archabbot of St. Meinrad dience from the Archabbot of St. Meinrad to himself and asked me to serve as the third Bishop of Memphis. Once again the Holy Father has called and I am responding in prayerful obedience with confidence in God's grace."

He said that it was not easy for him to leave his monastery five years ago and now it is not easy to leave "the wonderful people of West Tennessee."

people of West Tennessee."
He said he was "fully aware that the honor of pastoral leadership is the privilege to serve—to serve God and the church, the people of God, with love, faithfully and loyally. I intend to do that as a 'hands on' chief teacher and pastor and spiritual leader with the priests, the Catholic Center staff, other religious and lay leaders and the wonderful community of faith in central and southern Indiana." and southern Indiana

and southern Indiana."

He acknowledged that "in a sense I am coming back home and, yes, I am sownwhat familiar with the needs and hopes and plans of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Nonetheless, I plan to take some time to look and to listen and to ask questions before I make any decisions."

He said that his "first duty as your archbishop is to be a man of prayer. It is also the greatest gift I can bring with me."

He said that, after his installation, he will celebrate Masses in 10 or more locations around the archdiocese. "I look forward to moving around the archdiocese to meet old friends and to meet as many new friends as I can as soon as I can

### Pope has surgery to remove a benign colon tumor

by John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-Pope John Paul II underwent surgery to remove benign colon tumor, and doctors predicted

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the pope's long-term recovery prospects are "absolutely good," a Vatican spokes-

During the nearly four-hour operation ly 15 at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic, doctors removed a moderately sized tumor and performed a "resection" of the colon, the lower part of the large intestine, the Vatican said.

The 72-year-old pontiff tolerated the

eration well and regained consciousn rapidly afterward, press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said.

"The operation was radical and cura-tive because the lesion was of a benign nature," he said.

The spokesman said the non-cancer ous nature of the tumor was confirmed in biopsies before and during the operation. A final tissue analysis was also being

'It is confirmed 100 percent" that no alignancy was found, he said.

At the same time, surgeons took out the ope's gall bladder when gallstones were discovered by chance during the pro-

cedure, he said. The pope is expected to remain in the hospital for about 10 days, then go to his summer residence outside Rome for summer residence outside Rome for further rest, he said.

The operation's success put an end to

four days of increasing public anxiety about

The surgery was performed by a medical team headed by Dr. Francesco Crucitti, the same doctor who operated on the pope's intestines following a 1981 assassination attempt.

The pope's medical ordeal was played out largely in the public eye.

In a remarkable contrast with centuries of Vatican reserve on papal health matters, the pope personally made the surprise an-nouncement about his physical condition during a Sunday Angelus blessing July 12.

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"Twish now to say something personal. This evening I will go to the Gemelli Polyclinic for some diagnostic tests. I ask you to pray for me, so that the Lord will be close to me with his help and support." the pope told the crowd gathered beneath his restrictions to the control of the control apartment window

He expressed his "complete trust" in the maternal protection of Mary.

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Navarro-Valls said the pope had been suffering from an "intestinal dysfunction" and a small amount of pain for a few days. Some tests, including X-rays, had already been performed at the Valtian, he said. (See POPE, page 31)

#### FROM THE EDITOR

### Some of the things I often wonder about

by John F. Fink

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to be traveling around Palestine with Jesus? The Bible tells us some things but is quiet about many details—mainly, perhaps, because the details would only get in the way of the evangelists purposes in writing their Gospels.

Some of the things I wonder about concern the women who followed Jesus. We really don't read much about them and sometimes we have the

them and sometimes we have the mental picture of Jesus traveling just with his apostles. But Luke says,

with his apostles. But Luke says,
"(flesus) journeyed through towns and
villages preaching and proclaiming the
good news of the kingdom of God. The
Twelve accompanied him, and also some women who had
been cured of evil spirits and maladies; Mary called the
Magdalene, from whom seven devils had gone out,
Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and any others who were assisting them out of their means

These women weren't with Jesus only while he was in the villages of Galilee either. They were there for the crucifixion: "The women who had come with him from Galilee followed along behind. They saw the tomb and how his body was buried." Luke 24:55). So the group that traveled with Jesus must have been fairly large.

IN THE CULTURE OF Jesus' time, it seems obvious that one of the things the women did was the cooking and the laundry. Somebody had to plan the meals and do the shopping for this large group and you can bet that that task was done by the women. But sometimes the women obviously didn't accompany the men, especially when they were traveling by boat from one side of the Sea of Galillee to the other: "The disciples

discovered when they arrived at the other side that they had forgotten to bring any bread along' (Matthew 16:5). The women wouldn't have forgotten. Another thing I've wondered about is where all these

Parlother thing I ve wondered about is where an inese people spent the nights while they were traveling. Today we can drive from Capernaum to Jerusalem in an afternoon, but then it took about a week—either along the Jordan River to Jericho and then up to Jerusale through the mountains of Samaria.

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Travel between Galilee and Judea was common in those days and it usually was done in a caravan. There were inns along the way, too, but it was hard to call ahead and make reservations. Did Jesus, his apostles and the women camp out beside the Jordan River or always stay at an inn? They could camp out in the summer, but I know from experience that it can be pretty cold in Palestine during the winter and spring, and when they went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover it was still early spring.

WHEN THEY WERE IN Judea, Jesus apparently stayed sometimes with Lazarus, Martha and Mary in Bethany. What about the rest of the group? There's the tradition that Mary's parents lived in Jerusalem where the Church of St. Anne is today; did Mary stay with them when she was in Jerusalem?

them when she was in Jerusalem? Did the families of the apostles travel with them? We know that the mother of James and John did. At one point during the travels the three of them approached Jesus and the mother asked for a promise that her two sons would sit at his side in his kingdom (Matthew 20:21). She was also present at the crucifixion (Matthew 27:56).

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We have no idea how many of the apostles were
married. Peter was, since his mother-in-law lived with him
in Capernaum. Matthew tells us that Jesus cured Peter's
mother-in-law of a fever so she could get up and wait on
him (Matthew 8:14-15). But it's doubtful that Peter's wife
traveled with him, as indicated when he complained,
"Here we have put everything aside to follow you. What

expected his apostles to give up home, wife and children for his sake (Matthew 20:27-29).

Did Jesus live with Peter when he was in Capernaum? Mark says, "He came back to Capernaum after a lapse of several days and word got around that he was at home" (Mark 2:1), but I can't imagine Jesus owning a home. After all, he said, "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Luke 9:58). So I believe he stayed with Peter.

It was there, then, according to Mark and Luke, that the four men brought the paralytic. When they couldn't get into the house because of the crowd, they "began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying" (Mark 2:4). I've always wondered what Peter's reaction was to these men opening up a hole in the roof of his home

I'VE ALSO WONDERED where the women were during the Last Supper. There's nothing in the Bible that says they were present, but if not, why not? They were apparently in Jerusalem at the time since they witnessed apparently in jerusaiem at the time structurely withesecut the crucifixion the next day. The Upper Room was apparently large enough to accommodate them since they apparently stayed there from the time of the crucifixion until Pentecost, and at one point "there must have been 120 gathered together" in the room (Acts 1:15).

Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us that the Last Supper was the Passover meal (John has it the night before Passover). Although the three evangelists say that the disciples prepared the meal (Luke says specifically that it was Peter and John), it has always seemed more likely that the two men found the room Jesus described but that the women roasted the lamb, baked the unleavened bread and prepared the bitter herbs

These are some of the things I wonder about

#### **EDITORIAL COMMENTARY**

### Welcome Archbishop-designate Buechlein

by John F. Fink

There were a lot of smiling faces around the Catholic Center on Tuesday You could tell that employees of archdiocesan agencies were pleased, not only because a new archbishop was appointed but also because he is Bishop Daniel Buechlein of Memphis, formerly president-

know Archbishop-designate Buechlein well. All those who studied at St. Meitrad between 1966 and 1981—15 classes of seminarians—came under his influence in one way or another. Father David Coats, for example, said in introducing Archbishop-designate Buechlein that the latter was dean of freshmen when the former was a freshman, director of spiritual formation a few years later, and then rector of the School of Theology when Father Coats reached that level.

The archbishop-designate, for his part, rector of St. Meinrad Seminary.

Many of the priests of the archdioces

The archishop-designate, for his part, joked that he was surprised to see some of his former students now with gray hair and some of them as little paunchy. He didn't say who he had in mind.

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say who he had in mind.

In his remarks last Tuesday, Archbishop-designate Buechlein let everyone
know that he intends to be a "hands on'
chief teacher and pastor and spiritual
leader." Asked by reporters at the press
conference what he meant by that, he
replied that he intends to be directly
involved in strategic planning to he
way. involved in strategic planning, to be a part of all archdiocesan activities and to exert leadership in Catholic education. He said

that he will be pro-active in planning.

He also admitted that he is "somewhat familiar" with the plans that have been

made for the future of parishes in the made for the future of parishes in the archdiocese. However, he wisely said that he would not make any quick decisions but would "take some time to look and to listen and to ask questions." Pressed for any priorities he might have, he said that prioritizing will come out of strategic

planning.

I think it needs to be said that Archbishop O'Meara would have been very pleased with this appointment. Archbishop-designate Buechlein was made a bishop during Archbishop O'Meara's tenure, he was then invited back to preside at a Chrism Mass, and finally was personally asked to give the homily at Archbishop O'Meara's funeral. Do you think perhaps they were friends?

This is each to indicate that the needs.

This is not to indicate that the next archbishop will be just like the last one. Everyone does things differently and you can be sure that Archbishop-designate Buechlein will put his own stamp on the archdiocese.

He has already indicated one way that he will do that. Following his installation, he will write a weekly column for *The Criterion* that will occupy the space where the editor's column is now

As a Benedictine, our next archbishop is a man of prayer. In fact, he has said that his first duty as archbishop is to be a man of prayer and that it is the greatest gift he can bring. Let us also pray for God's choicest blessings upon him.

### Fr. Beiting's Riverboat Revival makes a stop in New Albany

by Sarah Graf

A Riverboat Revival, begun June 26 at A Riverboat Revival, begun June 26 at Point Pleasant, W.Va., completed its 17-day mission on July 12 in Owensboro, Ky., after docking 13 times, including once in New Albany.

once in New Albany.

Father Ralph Beiting, a priest from the Diocese of Lexington, Ky. who founded the revival, and his seven-member crew traveled down the Ohio River in his houseboat, "The Daniel Boone." The boat stopped in four states, including West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, to present a revival which celebrated the Appalachian people and their faith. The trip was the fourth by Father Beiting, but the first since 1987.

The mission was sponsored by the

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Lancaster, Ky. CAP, founded by Father Beiting over 25 years ago, is an inter-denominational Christian organization

denominational Christian organization that "gives the poor a chance to work themselves out of poverty," according to Father Beiting's book "Dreams of Faith." CAP provides nearly 70 programs and activities to people in Applachian Kentucky and in other Applachian states. Some of the activities include educational programs, home repair assistance, business-development programs and visitation programs for the elderly.

The revivals along the Ohio River

programs for the elderly.

The revivals along the Ohio River featured preachers, gospel musicians, storytellers, singers, dancers and actors. The particular revival presented at the Rivertront Amphitheatre in New Albany on July 7 featured the Rev. Randy Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church in New Albany.

The revival also featured Gabrielsign, a The revival aiso reatured Gauriesign, a dance and theater arts company from Columbus, Ohio. The group led the audience in singing, and taught American Sign Language to use during the songs. The group also used dance, mime and story-telling to teach messages from the Bible.

A Louisville group, The Frazier Family, entertained by playing hammer and lap dulcimers and guitars.

Father Beiting, Rev. Smith and other guests preached from the boat, while the dramatic performances took place on the

rivertront.

Copies of The Mountain Clarion a publication of the Alternate Fund Raising Department of the Christian Appalachian Project, and Father Beiting's book, "Dreams of Faith: Reverend Beiting's Dream for Appalachia," were distributed to audience members at the revivals.

The event celebrated Kentucky's bicentennial, the 500th anniversary of Amer-ica's discovery and the introduction of Christianity into the New World.



START BUILDING—Members of the Pastoral Council and Board of Total Catholic Education at St. Mark Church, Indianapolis, join their pastor, Father Richard Lawler, lowers ground for new parish buildings June 7. The completed project will include a wechurch, a renovated multi-purpose facility and a refurbished school building. Left to right are Terri Laker, Carol Cassetty, Jane Kocher, Diana Bauman, Roger Auger, Patty Veger, Herman Briggeman, Charles DiGiovanna, Art Berkemeier, Father Lawler, Mary Maxwell, Davyl Fry, Liz Schueth, Joanne Cauchi (principal), Providence Sister Marilyn Herber (pastoral associate), and Patty Schmalz.

#### PRO-LIFE SUPPORT MISSION

### St. Elizabeth's helps women with life decisions

"We offer counseling to help the oman look at the options," said Mary woman look at the options," said Mar Rose Nevitt, director of St. Elizabeth's is Indianapolis.

"We're an agency that serves women in crisis with unplanned pregnancies," she said of the Catholic Charities program. "We offer them a whole range of services."

'We help the woman find the best plan for herself and her child. We offer the services to residents or to those who live in the community and are able to stay at home," said Nevitt.

"Some people think that only the ones in residence can use these services. They don't have to live there. Any woman can use

don't have to live there. Any woman can use the counseling. Any woman can use the prenatal clinic. The younger ones can use the school program," she said.
"But the outpatient is expected to be involved in the whole program, not just prenatal care," Nevith said. "They have to be interviewed by a social worker.
"We try to get everyone to look at all the options—the pros and cons of keeping or placing the baby," she said. "If we have a mom come in and say right away that she wants to give the baby for adoption, she will probably have second thoughts after delivery."
Nevith said of the women's decisions,

thoughts after delivery."

Nevitt said of the women's decisions, 
"We help work that out whatever that is."

Ninety-five percent want to keep their children. Prenatal training teaches them what to expect during delivery. Parenting skills are taught to future mothers "to try to reduce abuse and neglect that occur."

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"We do a lot of counseling and
networking of resources. We do a lot of
connecting to help the mons learn what
other help is available, such as food
stamps, WIC (Women, Infants, Children),
ADC, how to get housing and Social
Security—even where to go to get her birth
certificate," she said.

certricate," she said.
"We like to get the moms in early so
we know what the plan is going to be,"
Nevit said. She told of a teen who
walked in a hospital, had her baby and
then said, "Call St. Elizabeth."
"That means she had a but of means she

then said, "Call St. Elizabeth."
"That means she had a lot of problems
or she would have sought help earlier,"
Nevitt said. Whether the mother chooses to
keep her baby or have it adopted, Nevitt
said, "The baby needs to be with the family
sa early as possible." But she said that it is
difficult to do that without background and

Typically, the doctor comes to the Churchman Ave. prenatal clinic to provide medical care. The babies are delivered at St. Vincent Hospital.

Vincent Hospital.
"What makes it unique is that when they visit the social workers here, they can do other things at the same time," Nevitt said. "This takes another barrier down. They don't have to travel to 10 places."
"The case about the WIC program."

They can learn about the WIC program, which provides food and other help for new mothers and their babies. Nevitt said

new mothers and their babies. Nevitt said that a WIC clinic will be in place at St. Elizabeth's the first of August so the mothers can actually get vouchers there. Sometimes the birth father comes to the prenatal clinic with the young mother. He can go in and talk with the doctor and ask questions. But while he is waiting outside during her examination, educational videos are available.

The school at St. Elizabeth's is part of an accredited school program. Four part-time teachers work with the young women in a program coordinated by a local Catholic high school. "If they don't want anyone to know, St. Elizabeth won't show up on their school transcripts," she said.

school transcripts," she said.

The typical courses are the basics like social studies, English, and history. Nevitt explained that they can't offer science courses because of the lack of equipment.

The school has many advantages. "It does keep the girls in school and encourages them to go back after their delivery," she said. "They are uncomfortable in school while they are pregnant. This program is more individualized, too."

After the birth, St. Elizabeth's "stays involved as long as they want to. We visit a

involved as long as they want to. We visit a lot of clients at home." A nurse helps with health care and a counselor helps with other advice. "It is real basic information: how to make formula, how to give a bath. By visiting the homes, we see a lot of what else these moms need."

Other services the new moms can tak advantage of are the nutrition classes and exercise groups.

Traditionally, the Churchman address

vas where pregnant women stayed until the time of delivery. Offices for counseling and other services were later added there

Today, the expectant mothers live at the former St. Patrick Convent. Most of these are voluntary or family-referred clients. They are transported to the prenatal clinic on the far south side for services.

A relatively new program called PACT (Parent and Child Together) involves court-referred women under 18 and their babies. The PACT group is housed at the

Churchman address.
(The major fund-raising event for St. Elizabeth's is the Elizabetla Ball. The dinner and dance are schouled for Friday, Aug. 28, at the Indiana Roof ballroom in Indianapolis. Tickets are priced at \$125 per person from St. Elizabeth's at 317-787-3412.)

#### St. Elizabeth's of Southern Indiana

St. Elizabeth's of Southern Indiana
"We have the very first girl who came to
us. She would have had an abortion," said
Joan Smith, director of the agency in
southern Indiana. "Now she is a nursing
student on a scholarship."
"We've been open three years May 1,"
said Smith. "We've had 86 babbies born
through the program. Out of the 86, we've
had 24 adoptions."
"St. Elizabeth's makes a long-term
guarantee to the girls, if they work with
us in residency or outreach," she said.
"We work with approximately 25 girls at
any one time."

The residence has been expanded to double its capacity from six to 12. "We've been full from the day we opened,"

Smith said.

Smith said that original client has been a guest speaker at the major fundraisers.

"She also comes back on a regular basis. She talks to the girls about her experiences. Now she is the coach for another girl. She wanted to give back some of what she has received."

some of what she has received."

Other young women who have received residential or outreach services have provided their reflections for the St. Elizabeth brochure. Beyond the health and support advantages, some talk about being able to raise their school grades. And one observed that everyone cries when they come into the home (as residents) because they are leaving their families. But they also cry when they leave because of the new when they leave because of the new

"We have had very very positive results," said Smith. "Louisville is a large abortion center. They hand out our brochures. When young women see that



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they do have an opportunity, not only to have a roof over their head and medical care, but counseling, they take advantage

"I feel that we have made a difference in a lot of people's lives." Smith said that 1,000 people have been served, including the girls and their families.

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"One of our biggest components is family counseling," she said. "Pregnancy does not affect just the mother. For every baby there is a father. We offer counseling to the father of the baby and his family.

"There is no quick, easy solution to problem pregnancies," Smith said."We feel strongly that if they are given the honest facts up front, that will prepare them for the reality of parenting emotionally and financially.

"The birth of the child is not the end of

The birth of the child is not the end of

the cycle. We put a lot of effort into the follow-up care program," she said.
"As they go on they have a place to bring the baby. They know they can come back. We have hired a new social worker to

St. Elizabeth supports the decisions of all the young women, whether they choose parenting or adoption. The staff provides a three-proag program: physical, emotional and spiritual.

southern Indiana facility has groups for grandparents whose grand-children were adopted. There are followup groups for girls who are parenting and for girls who have placed their babies for adoption

for adoption.
"We realize right up front when the
girl becomes pregnant that she's going to
have a baby," Smith said. "They often
come in thinking of the only choices as
parenting or abortion. We encourage
them to think, "What would your child
want—abortion or adoption?"

The counselors tell the expectant mothers that neither parenting nor adoption are easy decisions, "But we are here for you.

Either Smith or counselor Joan Cahill enther Smith or counselor Joan Cahill have attended every birth of their clients. They have two obstetricians who work with them on a regular basis. "Now that we are credible, three more have agreed to help," Smith said. St. Elizabeth has a full-time consulting psychiatrist. A pediatrician sees all the babies.

The effort has been totally supported by New Albany and the surrounding community. It has become very ecumenical, according to Smith. One example is the Lutheran youth group that recently painted

he tence.

In fact, during these three years St.

Elizabeth's has had 500 volunteers who

are constantly helping, putting in shelving, painting." A \$25,000 community

are the part of t "are constantly neiping, putting in shelv-ing, painting." A \$25,000 community development block grant made possible renovation of the home that has doubled its capacity. The facility has earned two grants from the March of Dimes because it is serving a need by enabling the girls to produce healthy babies.

"Every girl is connected with a mentor, usually of the same faith. She takes her to church on Sunday, befriends her and goes through the Lamaze childbirth classes with her," Smith said.

her," Smith said.

Schooling is provided for the residents
by the local school system. They go out to
school every day unless they need tutors,
who do come to St. Elizabeth's.

The girls may also work. "We have
various places that routinely hire our
residents," she said.

residents," she said.
"We have had 86 success stories.
Many of the babies would not be here, because they would have been aborted,"
Smith said. By now, there could be 89 success stories. Smith said that three of the girle ware quantum. success stories. Sm the girls were over

the girls were overdue!

St. Elizabeth's at Indianapolis and in southern Indiana provide young pregnant women with several positive choices. And hundreds of Catholic volunteers throughout the archdiocese are helping, individually or through agencies, to offer these girls alternatives to abortion, as well as support after they make choices for life.

St. Elizabeth's in both Indianapolis and New Albany are partially supported by the United Catholic Appeal.

### Belgians observe 150 years at Leopold church

by Linda Stewart-Bolin Tell City News Publisher

(Excerpted from Tell City News)

LEOPOLD-On the one hand, it might seem the father and son visitors had little in common with the parishioners they'd come a long way to celebrate Mass with. After all, Baron Christian Goffinet's home a huge chateau in Belgium

And his son, François Goffinet, who was raised in that castle, is a world-re-nowned gardener with offices in Char-lottesville, Va., and London. According to a recent cover in *Town & Country* magazine, the 10th-generation gardener has designed gardens for dukes, barons, princes and

marquesses.

On the other hand, the pair actually have much in common with the Leopold people—things like names and bloodlines. Their ancestors' relatives were among the early immigrants from Belgium to Leopold. Thus they saw fit to attend the 150th anniversary of Leopold. They became two among many Goffinets to participate in the Mass at St. Augustine Church during the Sunday (June 28) Heritage Day celebration. They felt at home among names such as Flamion, Rogier, Etienne and Devillez, as

Belgium.

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Another Belgian visitor was Father Jean

Ducat, a retired priest and teacher who is
president of the Belgian American Heritage

committee. Father Ducat, from Bissne,

Belgium, explained that this visit to Leopold

is the beginning of what the committee hopes

to be a continuing link between this

community, begun by Belgian immigrants,

and the homeland of its ancestors.

Eather Ducat has heen involved with the

Father Ducat has been involved with the Belgian American Heritage committee since it began in 1983. He said he became interested because, in Belgium, there had been no history of the immigration to America—and no communications with the Belgian people's descendants in America.

In his animated French, Father Ducat exclaimed how surprised and delighted he was to have found the tombstone of Louis Ducat, a cousin of his great-great-grand-father in the St. Augustine cemetery. He had been searching since 1983 for informa-tion about this ancestor. Tell City librarian Judy (Holman) Howe,

who translated the interview, also shares distant blood ties with Ducat, the two

Father Ducat said he hopes the visits between the Leopold people and their Belgian relatives will continue. He mentioned plans for a chorus from Belgium to

tioned plans for a chorus from Belgium to visit Perry County next Easter.

Some of the priest's week in Perry County was spent at the library and courthouse seeking records to confirm his committee's list of people who are reported to have immigrated here. He said he found the beautiful landscapes here to look exactly like the land in Belgium, and speculated that may be why Belgian immigrants chose the Leopold area to settle. Christian and Francois Goffinet identi-

Christian and Francois Goffinet identi-fied Don Goffinet of Tell City and Tell City Mayor Bill Goffinet as their closest relatives -their great-great-grandfathers were

"The people here are so welcoming, so warm," François said. "This is a great treat for both of us.

"I think this is a good experience for both sides, to have contact with the people from the fatherland. It could be continued in the future for the benefit of both sides,

David Etienne, secretary/treasurer of the Perry County Chamber of Commerce and organizer of the event, said the turnout for the anniversary celebration exceeded

Augustine Church overflowed for Sunday Mass, with some sitting in chairs in

# Commentary

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

### Gay bashing is called inherently un-Christian

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

We are not a homophobic church. We are a loving people who uphold human rights everywhere. We oppose gay bashing in any form whatsoever as inherently un-

If Jesus were to walk the streets of New York City or San Francisco today, how would he react to the homosexual community, particularly to the members of ACT-UP, the gay protest movement?



They're the ones who desecrated the sacred Host in New York's St. Patrick's

Jesus taught his followers to turn the other cheek. He returned love for hatred, and I'm certain he would urge us to do the and I'm certain he would urge us to do the same today. You don't have to agree with someone to be kind to them. But how are we supposed to do this? How are we to react to the extremists who demand moral approval of their promiscuity? We can't appear to condone them, but neither should we treat them as enemies. There must be a middle ground.

must be a middle ground.

I think some important distinctions can be made. All Catholics are called to respect the dignity of every human person and to live chastely. This challenge applies to all, homosexuals and heterosexuals alike. And

in the process of trying, the Lord com-manded us to love one another.

Most gay people are peaceful, law-abid-ing citizens. The radical gay groups among them are in the minority and they are them are in the minority and they are expressing an angry reaction to years of repression, persecution, and condemna-tion. More recently, in the wake of the AIDS epidemic, they are grief-stricken human beings who have seen their friends, relatives, and loved ones die hideous deaths. Millions of families have been affected by this tragic illness, and all of us ought to show more compassion.

ought to show more compassion.

Perhaps the church can teach us something here. It is common knowledge that for centuries there have been homosexuals among the clergy. When I entered the seminary I was a bit surprised to discover a gay sub-culture in our midst. I would guess the percentage to have been about 20 percent; some claim it was even higher. Of course, homogenial activities was not helperated in fact. homosexual activity was not tolerated, in fact was grounds for immediate expulsion, but iomosexuals themselves were, and still are, accepted as equals

accepted as equals.

This apparent attitudinal ambivalence has always been a tradition in the Catholic Church primarily because of our faith in God's grace. No one is free of original sin, but all of us Christians are called to holiness, and promised divine help. Therefore, we accept all candidates to the priesthood, as long as they sincerely aspire to live a holy life.

In my 32 years as a priest, I've counseled quite a few gay men and women. They struggle mightily against their nature, as



they try to persevere in their good intentions. Some of them are among the holiest human beings I've ever met.

Because Jesus said, "Judge not that you be not judged," I judge them not. We have to find a way to be more charitable, even to those among them who insist they don't need and don't want our charity.

(For a free copy of the Christophers News Note, "Kindness Counts," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 E. 48 St., New York, N.Y., 10017.)

#### THE YARDSTICK

### Reacting to Supreme Court's decision with 'civility'

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

Watching television the evening that the Supreme Court handed down its split decision on the Pennsylvania abortion statute was depressing.

The mood of many of those integritioned on

those interviewed on the news and talk shows was rather sullen

and lacking in civility.

It was an unseemly and rancorous dialogue of the deaf. I had the queasy feeling that we are in for many months of divisive polemics and that the tone is

likely to grow more mean-spirited likely to grow more mean-spirited.

I had just finished a new book by an Irish moral theologian, Father Patrick Hannon of Maynooth College, that has some helpful things to say about how Catholics ought to debate the public policy aspects of abortion ("Church, State, Morality & Law," Gill and Macmillan, Dublin).

In recommending it, I hope I need not emphasize that abortion is not a "sec-tarian" Catholic issue, but one of fun-damental human rights. Nor should it be necessary to add that Hannon's call for civility applies not only to pro-life advo-cates, Catholic or otherwise, but to all who elect to speak out.

The intemperate and strident rhetoric of many so-called pro-choice proponents is deplorably intolerant. Pro-life Catholics can do little to counteract it except watch their n manners and set an example of civility in their public statements

in their public statements.

Some people would deny Catholics—
specifically the Catholic hierarchy—the right to participate in the debate. As Father Hannon puts it, they would like to "silence the churches or put them out of the public arena allogether." arena altogether.

Father Hannon thinks such people are minority. He argues that both the a minority. He argues that both the corporate church and individual Catholics have the right and duty, in the spirit of Vatican II, to engage in public dialogue

about moral aspects of all matters touching the public welfare.

He examines some requirements for the

church's effective presence in the world today. He urges Catholics to take seriously the concerns of those sympathetic critics— many of them sincere believers—who are "uneasy not so much about the principle of church engagement in the secular realm as about aspects of the manner in which the engagement may take place." In Father Hannon's view, if church

presence in the public realm is perceived as threatening, that is a problem for the churches and "it avails little for churches to console themselves by simplicities about the secularism of the age." He says that "a church which wishes to be heard in the public realm must have a care for whatever nay distort its voice.

An "authoritarian" teaching style, he argues, will not work. Such a style, he says, is disrespectful of the principle of religious freedom, "founded by the council in the dignity of every person, in the light of

which coercion in espiritual matters is especially inept."

Father Hannon also argues that an excessively "protective" style is inappro-priate in the church. His reasoning is that if people are always treated as wayward children "they may as well behave accordingly; though it is more likely that they will simply cease to heed the leaders who failed to give them their due."

Father Hannon says that people must be persuaded through moral argument carried on with civility. "There is also," he says, "the incomparable teaching power of witness; that is, the testimony of action and example. . . The kind of credibility which example... The kind of Gedichity White grounds an effective teaching will require also that the church's own practice is not at variance with what is preached."

Father Hannon is not arguing, nor am I, that Catholics may not support restrictive anti-abortion legislation. He is suggesting that our support be expressed with divility and in an intelligible and persuasive idiom.

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#### **EVERYDAY FAITH**

### How going to a black A.M.E. funeral opens ecumenical eyes

by Lou Jacquet

The other day I attended the funeral of a co-worker's father in an African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church near our newspaper office. It was an experience that opened

my eyes.

A large number of the nation's black Protestants belong to this offshoot of the United Methodist Church. It is a segregated denomination without much dialogue with white Methodist congrega-

tions. So it was no surprise that my five white co-workers and I were something of riosity when we arrived at the door

This was the first time in memory that I experienced what blacks must experience every day as minority members of white congregations. Although people were cour-teous to us in every respect, it was clear that we were objects of intense interest.

The funeral service, which the A.M.E. churches call the "home going service," was filled with rich Gospel music sung by testimonies about the deceased. The preacher finished with a powerful homily. Unlike Catholic funerals, the casket was open during the entire service; each speaker looked at our co-worker's father while addressing those present. The con-gregation seemed to be much more caught up in the mourning than whites do at funeral Masses I have attended. They responded with audible "Amens" and "praise you, Lord Jesus" to many of the



statements from preacher and speakers.

Many in the church wept openly; no stifling of grief as so often happens in white middle-class American funerals.

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I found the entire 90-minute service to be powerful and moving. At the same time, I had a new understanding of what a wrenching decision it must be for a black man or woman, born and steeped in the traditions of a church such as this in the traditions of a church such as this A.M.E. congregation, to convert to Catholicism. In doing so they not only embrace an entirely new branch of Christianity with radically different rituals and customs, but they leave behind an entire cultural heritage. an entire cultural heritage.

I came away with a new respect for both the A.M.E. worship experience and for those blacks who have chosen to embrace Catholicism against what understandably may sometimes be serious family opposi-tion. Small wonder, I thought to myself, that there are only about 100,000 black Catholics in the U.S.

However, I found that the service also However, I found that the service also left me hungering for the spiritual riches which the Catholic liturgy provides. Personal testimonies and a powerful homily have their place. But there is great homily have their piace, but there is great consolation in the Mass of Christian Burial—both in graces for the deceased and in comfort for the family. The comfort of the Eucharist was notably

Still, I walked out of that church Still, I walked out of that church with a much deeper appreciation of a worship tradition I had never experienced before. We need to continue our ecumenical dialogue, especially on the local level between folks in the pews from various faiths, to foster an appreciation of what our Christian denominations share in common: a deep love for lesus Christ and a hunger! deep love for Jesus Christ and a hunger for his consolation in our time of need.

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# To the Editor

### Communion from the tabernacle

I read, with some surprise and a lot of sadness, your article "Don't Distribute Communion from the Tabernacle at Mass, Priests Told," July 3.

Thave given the matter much thought. I find that I can sympathize with Pope Pius XII (quoted in the article), who might have considered it a beautifully poetic and symbolic custom to serve to the faithful attending a Mass only the bread and wine consecrated at that same Mass. It is lovingly first century. It is a nicety—a somewhat pharisaic nicety.

pharisaic nicety.

I do not believe that the saintly pope meant to affirm any prejudice against bread consecrated at previous Masses. I do not believe he meant to construct an impediment to hamper the smooth operation of any big-city parish. But is it possible that the Second Vatican Council and the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission have read into the good pope's words a message he did not intend to send us?

While adopting an attitude such as this toward the Blessed Sacrament, we might ask ourselves: what are we doing to our children's faith? Can we tell them that one consecrated host is better than another? Should we confide to them that the eternal and ever-loving Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is somehow diminished, degraded or rendered less attractive by his imprisonment in the tabernacle? Our children, if they have good sense, would laugh at us. Worse yet, they would begin to suspect that the whole thing is a put-up job. We have a hard enough time with them as it is

The icing on the cake—no, icing is palatable—was the editorial speculation as to Miss Manner's possible reaction. (Note: Miss Manners is not on the Liturgical Commission.) I would agree that turkey hash is not roast turkey. However, I submit that Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Robert E. Hurley

Indianapolis

(The article explained that the Mass celebrates more than simply real presence. It celebrates transformation of the bread and wine and that those who present the bread and wine receive it back transformed into the body of Christ. Thus, communicating from the tabernacle is appropriate for a Communion service but not for a Mass. It's important that we understand the difference between a Mass and a Communion service.—Editor)

### The rest of the ordination class

This is the 25th year of my ordination as a priest of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Inidianpolis. Naturally, the descriptions of the various jubilec celebrations were more interesting than usual this year since they involved some of my classmates. Benchmarks such as anniversaries, birthdays, etc., often set my thoughts and reflections stirring. As they picked up speed I found myself wondering, "What about the rest of the class of 1967."

I do not want to take away from the celebrations. My classmates in parishes and other official functions deserve all the appreciation and congustulations they receive. However, in light of all of the articles in The Criterion and other discussions of the shortage of priests, priestless parishes, closed parishes, etc., the question becomes more poignant.

becomes more poignant.

The class of 1967 is reflective of the whole church as it struggles to live the Christian faith in today's world. Those of the class with whom I have kept in contact find ourselves still in the ministry. Several are in vital roles helping to build community using Christian foundations. We, and others like us, are in human services,

health care, senior citizen services, teaching, personnel and various forms of business leadership.

We may be less visible than our official colleagues since we look more like "cr-dinary laymen." I find, though, that the training, spirituality, sense of mission and the larger picture of life is always there. In the course of a day's work I often find myself offering courseling and guidance in life's problems, helping others find meaning in life and injecting Christian values. Occasionally I have been known to informally preach, usually to my staff. On occasion the meesage seems surprisingly effective with my fellow life travelers. If so, it is probably because it can be made available when the situation is ripe.

Many of us are still firm believers in the Christian faith and the Catholic traditions. We are active in our parishes in many ways including lay leadership functions. Many made the decision to leave the official ministry because we personally felt the need for the support and intimacy that married life offers. Be assured that I feel that celibacy freely chosen is a valuable witness to the alone and lonely of society. Marriage, of course, is not a panacea. It takes a healthy, whole personality to be celibate or married. Obviously, like those recently surveyed, we do not understand why the western church's priesthood requires the mandatory choice.

requires the mandatory choice.

The church is in a crisis at the moment. The essence of its life, the sacramental worship, seems in jeopardy. Many of us, the class of 1967 as well as other classes, are available to help. With our experience we might even be more relevant than in our earlier days. There are many solutions being discussed but I feel our offer will be the last accepted. I understand that we would not be considered for even such roles as parish life coordinators.

Fortunately the church does not involve

Fortunately the church does not involve us mere mortals and so we never know how the Spirit will move. In the meantime, the rest of us will continue to spread the Good News in the roles the Spirit has given us.

A. J. Weidekamp

Indianapolis

### The world is not overpopulated

In your commentary of June 12 you cite Pope John Paul's position that "just distribution of resources is the real answer" to (you imply) overpopulation and economic and environmental problems. So far as I know, the church has never claimed that the world is overpopulated. I thought Malthusianism was dead. The church has advocated intelligent and responsible family planning but has never advocated "controlling population growth" as you do in the editorial.

in the eutorial. (Editor's response: The point of the attional seems to have been missed. Its purpose was to defend the position of the Vatican and it did not advocate taking direct steps to control population growth. It advocated improving economic conditions of the least developed countries. Then, it said, population growth would take care of itself because all developed countries control their populations.)

Michael Cise, in "To the Editor," stated that "environmental scientists have cited many facts showing the brutal effects of overpopulation." Sixty Minutes" thought that's what they were proving by their visit to the Mexican waste site recently. What I saw was the harsh effects of our economic systems and governments which protect exploitation of the people by the wealthy and the public rather than promoting the rights of all to life, the goods and the earth, and freedom.

treedom.

In Ameria recently, a Jesuit priest is also carried away with the horror of "overpopulation." His sources tell him that population will double early in the next century and he insists that our production will need to increase four or five times as a result. Really! Even if this should happen, wouldn't simply doubling our production suffice?

Dr. Robert L. Sansone, a lawman, a physicist, and one of the world's leading experts on population, in his "Handbook on Population," supports the following facts:

the following facts:

Regarding world size and population: 1. Everybody in the world could lite down in one city (smaller than Jacksonville, Fla.) with nobody touching anyone else. 2. All the world's houses and buildings could be put in an area of 15,000 square miles. 3. Most of the people in Australia and Canada live under more crowded conditions than most people in China and India. 4. Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey are three times more densely populated than China. 5. In the United States the fertility rate has been below the number necessary to keep a stable population.

➤ Food: 1. The food produced in the developing nations has increased 40 percent since 1948. 2. About three percent of the earth's surface is used for agriculture. 3. Every year it takes less land to grow enough food for each person. 4. Since 1970. China and India have been among the leading nations in exporting food. 5. About 33 percent of the earth's surface is considered agricultural. 6. According to the United Nations, every nation can feed its people well.

PQuality of life: 1. During the so-called "population explosion" the standard of living of the developing world has been increasing at the fastest rate in history. 2. During all of human history, here has been only one large increase in population, the present one. It is also the only time that there has been a substantial improvement in the quality of life. 3. The wealthy nations are more crowded than the most crowded poor nations. 4. There is no good evidence that even one percent of the world's species have become extinct since 1900.

►Energy and resources: 1. There are no critical shortages or minerals. 2. The scarcity of exhaustible resources is at most a minor constraint of economic growth. 3. Petroleum reserves have been increasing.

►Environment and pollution: I. Greenhouse gases can heat the earth's atmosphere but not by any significant amount. 2. The best men in the earth's temperature in the 1980s and 1990s. 3 Man does not pollute the atmosphere more than nature does; a volcano alone pollutes in weeks more than people do in years. 4. Ozone in the atmosphere increases and decreases as a function of the sunspot cycle. In the most famous pompation control.

In the most famous population control study, "Limits to Growth," deliberate lying has been admitted. Data in the report was wrong by a factor of 90 percent.

Whom shall we believe? It is clear that there is a justice problem, a distribution problem of the earth's resources. Communitarian capitalism promoting first the public's needs, then the workers' efforts, and finally the investors' support is part of the answer. As firm, free people of God we need to live and promote a lifestyle that will bring about justice for all whom he makes in his image.

Father Elmer J. Burwinkel

Brookville

## Put faith in God, not worldly

"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Gen 1:28). Are these empty words or God's command to us? Do these words mean what they say or do they need some educated intellectual interpretation? We got a lot of intellectual interpretation from the June 12 issue of The Criterion: "Something must be done to control population growth" (editorial). "until we all die of starvation... brutal effects of overpopulation" (editor to the editor) that they are the same properties of the same propert

Does God know what he is saying? Is God in control? Has the wisdom of this world put God in his place? St. Paul has the answer in 1 Cor 3:19. 'For the wisdom of this world is absurdifly with God.'' Where is our faith? Is it in the wisdom of this world or in God and his word? If we are truly Christians, we should put our faith in God and his word and not in world!

and his word and not in wording wisdom. Was the U.N. Earth Summit a meeting of earth worshipers? If so, then even a world-wide population of 1,000 is too many. Every advance we made in economic growth or expansion becomes an affront to the earth goddess. Any good

news becomes bad news to the earth worshipers. This can be crazymaking at its worst and a violation of the First Commandment of God: "Thou shalt not have strange gods before me."

Are we blind to the facts? How many people know that America is a dying nation? Japan, England, Russia, France and Germany are dying nations. Once the birth rate for the world reaches a point where women of child-bearing age are having fewer than two babies, we become a dying species. We then are no longer replacing ourselves.

Benedictine Father Paul Marx, head of Human Life International, was featured speaker at the annual Indiana Right to Life convention in Indianapolis in October 1991. He stated that in nearly every industrial nation of the world, the birth rate is below two. Russia, Japan, Germany, France and England have a birth rate of about 1.5. The United States' birth rate is about 1.8 for women of child-bearing age. Sure, population in these countries may be increasing due to increased life expectancy and immigration, but these factors present entirely different problems. Some Third World countries and Muslim countries have a birth rate higher than two.

God is not interested in worldly wisdom. He is not interested in our sacrifices of population control to save the planet earth. "Obedience is better than sacrifice" Is Sm 15:22). "Be fruitful and multiply." God is in control. God wants a people whose hearts and minds are totally committed to the Lord.

Denis A. Eickholz

Sellersbur

### Reject the false pluralism in

The editor's column "Acknowledging the Pluralism in the Church" (June 26) is an unfortunate example of the intellectual failure to acknowledge the erosion in Catholic doctrine and practice that presently disfigures Catholic life in the United States and other countries.

The polls and studies noted by John F. The polls and studies noted by John F.

The polls and studies noted by John F. Fink amply evidence the extent of the dissent from Catholic teachings and disobedience to church authority that represent not only a real threat to the very unity of the church but also endanger the salvation of those "communal Catholics" who have succumbed to the blandishments of "the watch the beginning that the production of the

world itse flesh and the sleys!"

"When "Gidwidualism" in matters of religion is linked to a denial of the truth of the church's articles of faith and its moral change, obviously one is no longer dealing with a legitimate pluralism in the church. A legitimate pluralism may be compared to the contised with a dogmatic hierarchy which is incompatible with historical Catholicism. In a famous address, "True and False Pluralism." Pope Paul VI noted the emergese of Protestant principles and continued to the contised catholicism.

In a famous address, "True and False Pluralism," Pope Paul VI noted the emergence of Protestant principles and attitudes among some Catholics and up, if once again today, under a spurious and inadmissable pluralism, the doctrinal disintegration it can bring with it were accepted as legitimate and hence ecclesia as well? The true religion, which we believe ours to be, cannot be called legitimate if it is not orthodox, that is, deriving from an authentic and univocal relationship with God." (8-28-44)

Recent addresses by Pope John Paul II and documents issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith similarly bring to the attention of all Catholics the need to reject the false pluralism that has spread among American Catholics and which would reduce the unchangeable truths of the Christian religion to an ever shifting set of bland platitudes. Dissent from magisterial teaching and disobedience to druch authority constitute a pathological phenomenon that weakens the energy of Christians, and no polls or studies can belie that fact.

James Likoudis, President Catholics United For the Faith

New Rochelle, N.Y.

(Editor's response: In pointing out the pluralism that exists in the church, my column did not defend it. It's important to recognize and acknowledge the pluralism, especially for priests who minister to these pluralists. Catholics. That column also ended with the statement that "the task of the church is to acknowledge all this pluralism and still maintain its unity.")

#### CORNUCOPIA

### Families have personalities

by Cynthia Dewes

After the usual unscientific research and After the usual unscientific research and judgments bordering on the unkind, if not the unChristian, we have concluded that many families have specific identities. The

cause of this interesting hypothesis—heredity, environment, polluted water, whatever— doesn't really matter.

It's just fun to observe.

We remember the
Hatfields and McCoys their tenacious

for their send we love/hate the Kennedys for their good guy/bad guy charisma. We weep over the patriotic Sullivans and chuckle at the mention of the Marx brothers

History is (gulp) riddled with the likes of the Barkers, Ma and her boys, and of the James boys, too. The Barrymores are forever on stage in our memories, and that other James family continues to make a lasting impression on American literature.

The Rothschild name stands for interational economic power, Rockefeller for industrial clout, and Roosevelt for political acumen. Dynasties of Adams and Daley and Ford and McArthur families have helped to mold the contours of our national will and purpose.

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Those of us who are not famous have

family identities, too. We think of the hostile family down the block, whose every member is disliked by the neighbors. On the large, raucous family next door, which celebrates evrything from birthdays to

celebrates evrything from birthdays to getting up in the morning. Dad's family identity could be summed up in one word: sensible. They have to be the most stable, unflappable group of relatives ever strung along one DNA chain. A little dull in the opinions of some outsiders, maybe, but frisky enough to hald our interest over the lone hall. hold our interest over the long haul.

Their chief virtue is common sense which in this case means accepting life (or which in this case means accepting life (or death) as it comes, making reasonable decisions, and allowing other people to be themselves, without judgment. It means believing that God is in charge and that he knows what he is doing.

When a cousin made an unwise marriage, the family celebrated the wedding, celebrated a subsequent baby, and cheerfully supported her in every possible

way.

And when the young husband, to no one's surprise, turned out to be abusive and the first divorce in its history occurred, the family closed ranks behind her again. No one said, 'I told you so,' no one forgot her when she struggled to raise and nurture the child and put aside the past.

When other disappointments came, the family was ready. Theirs were the homes where retarded nephews or spoiled grand-children or awkward adolescent cousins

expressed real delight and furnished concrete assistance at the birth of babies who "came early," or who arrived without paternal credentials.

While sitting in their midst, family drinkers behaved themselves, and belligerents relaxed. Folks felt free to gab about the

oys and trials of parenting, aging and illness without fear of going unheard. It's family reunion time again, and this is one family that can hardly wait to get together. Thanks for being born into it, Dad.

### vips...

Providence Sister Dr. Barbara Doherty Providence Sister Dr. Barbara Doherty
has been named Churchwoman of the Year
by the Religious Heritage of America
(RHA). Sister Doherty, president of St.
Mary of the Woods College, will receive her
award during the organization's 42nd
annual national awards program on Oct. 5
in Knooville, Tenn. RHA is an interfaith,
non-political organization dedicated to
preserving the Judaic-Christian heritage
and working to instill its principles in all
areas of American life. areas of American life.

Chatard High School '69 graduate Nancy Friedman, along with her brother Gary and another partner, has published "Our Italian Family Cookbook." The book contains recipes passed down through four generations of their family, a brief family history and photographs Dedicated to their grandparents, tore and Mary Pastura, the book also features their mother, Mama Rose. Portions of proceeds from the book, whose tions of proceeds from the book, whose total cost is \$12.95, will be donated to Chatard High School. Call 317-255-8428 for more information.

Holy Spirit Missionary Sister Laura Megel, a native of North Vernon, cele-brated her 50th anniversary of religious profession on June 14 at the Convent of the Holy Spirit in Techny, Ill. Sister Laura, some of whose brothers and sisters live in North Vernon and Indianapolis, taught primary school in Wisconsin, Mississippi and Arkansas and served as an activity director for the elderly and for her fellow sisters. At present she lives in Maria Hall Infirmary at the convent.

St. Monica parishioner Clara B. Green, founder of the Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Problem Centers in Indi anapolis, recently received the 810th Point of Light Award by the White House Office of National Service. The national award, signed by President George Bush, is given for outstanding volunteer work in behalf of



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### An Invitation...

On September 9, 1992, we of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will celebrate the installation of our new Archbishop Daniel Mark Buechlein.

In observance of this installation, The Criterion will publish a Special Souvenir Edition on Friday, September 11.

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### check-it-out...

Pastors for Peace Material Aid Caravan Pastors for Peace Material Aid Caravan ... Nicaragua will sponsor a pitch-in dinner followed by a program of speakers and music at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 18 at Unitarian Universalist Church, 615 West 43rd Street. Charlie Gardner of the archdiocesan Office of Worship will pro-vide music during dinner at the free event.

Henry C. Mayer of Pastoral Strategies Henry C. Mayer of Pastoral Strategies in Louisville, Ky. requests past and present information about St. Mary Parish in Lanesville. He invites everyone, including priests and religious, to share their memories and information with him by writing him at: 4187 Blenheim Road, Louisville, KY 40207.

Jesuit Father John Powell and Master of Social Work Loretta Brady will present a

free evening program entitled "Happiness is an Inside Job" from 7 to 9:30 p.m. EST at Holy Family Church, Richmond. Father Powell is the author of several popular books and videos including: "Why Am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?",

Alive," and "Free To
Be Me." The evening is open to all parishes
in the Richmond area.

### St. Thomas More to celebrate 25th anniversary this Sunday

St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a special Mass at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 19. A pitch-in dinner, program, games and a display of parish memorabilia will follow.

In 1964, 100 families petitioned Archbishop Paul C. Schulte for a parish of their own in Mooresville. Accordingly, plans were begun and Father Herman nan was named founding pastor of the Morgan County parish in May, 1967

On November 26, 1967 Archbishop Schulte dedicated the new parish, which had grown to 178 families. Religious education of parish children began immediately, and classrooms were adde as the numbers grew. Today there are 255

as the numbers grew. Today there are children in the program.

Of the 353 households recorded now in St. Thomas More Parish, 100 are represented in the ministries of eucharistic distribution, lector, usher, cantor and altar server. The parish boasts an active RCIA program and a women's club. In 1979 the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council was formed. Council was formed

Council was formed.
Father Edward Ripperger has been pastor of 5t. Thomas More Parish since 1988. James Waldon is pastoral associate, and Sharon Knierim is administrator of

religious education.

### What we found in our visit to Haiti

A group from the archdiocese worked, ate, played and prayed with the people

by Judy Harpenau

"Are you crazy? Why do you want to go to Haiti?"

These are just a few of the responses I got from people when I told them I was going with a group to visit Haiti. My brother-in-law said, "Judy, it has been nice knowing you. I guess this is the last time I'll

However, I never had second thoughts about going and I do not think anyone in our group would give anything for our experiences during our week in Port-au-Prince and northern Haiti June 2 to 9.

The rest of the group consisted of my daughter Amy, Father Raymond Schafer, Providence Sister Nancy Brosnan, Greg Iarboe and Bob Harpenau.

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Life in Haiti is a sharp contrast to our lives in the United States. Things that people in the United States take for granted, such as freedom from fear, basic necessities such as clean water (if there is any water at all), electricity, or one meal a day are a daily struggle for most Haitians.

During our first two days in Haiti we stayed at Hospice St. Joseph in Port-au-Prince. With Father Ron Voss from the hospice, we visited a nutrition center and the cathedral.

At a high school around the corner At a high school around the corner we saw military personnel with guns in the streets. They had just entered the school of students because the previous day the students had held a boycott in support of President Jean Bertrand Aristide. Haitians can be arrested if they are stopped and have a picture of Aristide, or if they even mention his name.

mention his name.

Jean Bertrand Aristide, the first democratically-elected president of Haiti, is seen as a Ghandi among the people. In office less than a year, he was overthrown last September in a military-backed coup, and people have been living in fear while

the situation continues to worsen. Priests and people who are speaking out are being beaten and arrested. Others are disappearing. Father Voss compared the situation to that of El Salvador during its 10-year civil war.

civil war.

We also went to the dock where that morning U.S. Coast Guard cutters had returned 500 people and another boatload was coming is. The Haitlans we saw seemed to accept their situation while being processed. Jome were cooking meals for themselves and others. Father Voss said that the Haitlans are very family-oriented people. That is how they have been able to survive for so lone. survive for so long.

The embargo is not working. During our The embargo is not working. During our last day in Port-au-Prince there were seven foreign ships in port. It has not affected the people the U.S. government wants it to. People would put up with a serious embargo if no one could get good, but the elite can always get it. The junta is profiteering from the embargo, getting all the food they need and selling it at higher prices, leading to inflation of food and commodity prices and, consequently, mass starvation.

The Missionaries of Charity operate a center for malnourished babies in Port-au-Prince. We saw four rooms of babies in cribs, with 16 to 20 cribs in each room. Most of the children were 1 to 3 years old. We held the children, rocked them and fed them. Amy and Greg gave several older children piggy-back rides. When we put them down and had to leave, they cri There is no place for parents to stay at the center; they visit when they can. Father Voss said there could be a center like this every four blocks.

I could not stand in front of that room of half-starved babies without getting angry and asking why. Why did this happen? Did it have to happen? I found myself thinking that the reason it happened is because of greed and violence. Mother Teresa said that poverty is the worst form of violence. You

could see that in the sad eyes of these could see that in the sad eyes of these children because poverty robs not only the body but also the spirit. The Missionaries of Charity are some of

the people who keep the spirit of hope alive in Haiti. Sister LaGouyre, a Haitian nun who has run a nutrition center for 30 years is another. Many Haitians we met during the four days we spent at a parish in northern Haiti are some of the others who read hope. Grande Riviere du Nord (Great River

Grande Riviere du Nord (Great River of the North) is the name of the town. St. Rose of Lima Parish is where we stayed and for two days worked alongside Catholic youth leaders, called the Ambassadors, and painted a home for the poor located next to the rectory. Forty-three people live in the home, some of them blind and lame.

The night we arrived we went with our ost, Father Joachim, to visit the residents. The home has four big rooms with concrete walls and floors. People sleep on elevated

concrete slabs without matresses. The roof leaks and they need a well.

The following day, while we were painting, some of the older residents put their stools on the beds and held them for us so we could reach the high places. They were so grateful for what we were doing for them that they wanted to help by doing something too

something too.

During our last night at the parish, our group gave a party for the residents of the home for the poor. Members of a church committee cooked the food and we helped serve it. It was inspiring to see how the room had been transformed from two days

before. The ladies of the committee had put white tablecloths on the two huge tables in the dining room and, since the electricity was out, there were candles on the table and all over the room. The residents were sitting along the walls and were served plates of rice and beans.

Sunday was First Communion day for 350 children and adults. We were given seats in the front of the church for the three-hour Mass. That day we also visited St. Ann's Parish in Limonade. The priest is Father Jules, a brother of Joachim. We took a tour of the church and also of a youth center, which was bare of facilities except for a few broken benches

Haiti needs so much. We went there to learn about Haiti, its people and its culture, the situation there and to let others back home know about it. We worked with, ate with, played and prayed with the people, and found that as a church we are all one. Haitians are hard-working, friendly, gra-cious people, and we promised to pray for mber them, and we asked the

Eighty percent of Haiti is Catholic. The only present hope of the people of Haiti is prayer and the response of others to help prayer and the response of others to help them. There are projects and parishes in Haiti that can be adopted. We in the United States and the Haitian people can both grow and learn from this connection we would have. The people we met have so much faith in spite of their hardships. They thanked us for what we did and told us they know that what we said comes from

So, why did I want to go to Haiti? I have waited all my life for the opportunity for a trip like this. I feel fortunate to have been rip like this. I feet fortulate to have been part of the group and the experience.

(Judy Harpenau is a member of St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus.)

### Indiana DRE convention planned

Parish directors and coordinators of religious education from Indiana's five dioceses will attend the 1992 Indiana DRE Convention, "Partnership Through Grace: Collaboration in Ministries," which will be held Oct. 6-8 in Indianapolis.

The biennial convention is sponsored by the offices of religious education in the dioceses of Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend, Gary, Lafayette and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

of Indianapolis.

The convention will give parish directors and coordinators of religious education an opportunity to share ideas with one another in small group breakout sessions. General presentations will also be presented during the convention.

Jesuit Father Thomas P. Sweetser, Dr. Carol Holden and Maureen A. Kelly will be

e main resource speakers.

Sweetser and Holden will present two

general sessions: The Vision of Collabora-tion—One Part Myth, One Part Reality, Many Parts Struggling," and "The Reality of Collaboration—Writing the Story that Fits the Headline."

Kelly will present a session on "Reclaiming Catechesis," and another session entitled "Where Are We? Where Do We Want to Go?" which will focus on issues and priorities that arise during the convention.

Other presenters during the convention include: Sister of Providence Sheila M. Griffin, Gail McKenna, Victory Noll Sister Rita Musante, Beverly Brazzuskas, Judith Dunlap, Franciscan Sister Sue Bradshaw, Gerianne Savage and the staff from St. Monica Parish, Indianapolis.

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ACK EXPO—Deborah Jefferson talks with a parent of a potential student at the Holy gels booth, one of 13 in the cooperative Catholic exhibit at Black Expo on July 12-13. One ther passed the St. Joan of Arc booth and told her young daughter, "This is where you going to school!" The original site of the exhibit was shifted at the last minute to the southwest corner of the exposition hall. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

### St. Roch parishioners journey to Medjugorje

by Mary Ann Wyand

Thirteen Medjugorje pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis journeyed across war-ravaged Bosnia-Herzegovina last month to march and pray for peace on June 24, the 11th anniversary of the alleged first Marian apparition at St. James Church in that small mountain village.

St. Roch parishioner Kathy Denney of Indianapolis said the sound of bombs exploding day and night only five minutes away punctuated the urgency of their peace mission to the internationally ac-claimed Marian shrine at Medjugorje.

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In spite of atroctities reported as a result of the ethnic warfare between Serbians and Croatians, Denney said Medjugorje remains unscathed by violence.

"You have this feeling of peace there that you can't explain, that "you's" bever eight before, "Be told The Crieven after her eighth visit to Medjugorje. "You feel a real chiseness to our Lord and the Blessed Mother. It calls you back."

Three weeks after Denney's 1931.

Three weeks after Denney's 1991 pilgrimage, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina erupted in warfare over territorial rights to part of the now torial rights to part independent Balkan states

But Denney said the conflict is about more than territorial rights or ethnic claims note than territorial rights or ethnic calms to power. "It's a war between heaven and hell," she said. "It's a war of communists fighting against God, You can see that because every place (the Serbians) bomb the first things they hit are churches and schools and hospitals."

The pilgrims from the archdiocese went

people there are suffering greatly

"Right before the war Blessed Mother said th Right before the war broke out, the Blessed Mother said that Satan was beginning to show his face and there would be great suffering. 'Denney said. 'You could hear bombing all the time we were there. Franciscan Father Svetosar Kraljevic told us, 'Here (in Medjugorie) we are in heaven and 30 minutes away (in war-torn Mostar) there is hell.'

Medjugorje has escaped damage from bombs, she said, "because the Blessed Mother has promised to protect believers with her mantle."

Denny said Croatian soldiers tell the story of how Serbian fighter pilots tried to bomb St James Church but couldn't locate the mountaintop site from the air to destroy it.

"The Serbians have also tried to bomb the Hill of the Cross," she said, "and they weren't able to do that either. At that point eople realized they were being protected and they felt so much more confid

and they feit so much more connectice.

During this visit, Denney said she and other archdiocesan pilgrims were able to gray in the apparition room with the young visionaries.

"Maria (Pavlovic) and Ivan (Dragicevic)

were having the apparition that night," she recalled, "and as you watched them you could see they were in contact with the

Blessed Mother."

To skeptics who doubt the reported Marian apparitions at Medjugorje, Denney said she tells them, "Even if you don't believe in Medjugorje, go back to (what happened at) Fatima, which the church said we can believe."

Whether Catholics believe in Medju-

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BALKAN STATES—Fighting continues in the newly independent territories of the Balkan states as Serbian nationalists lay claim to land the same as Serbian point of their ethnic group. Medjugorje has been spared from bombings. (CNS graphic)

or not, she said, "all they have to do is live the Gospel and believe in Jesus.

Denney said the group of St. Roch parishioners decided to travel to Medjugorje to participate in the peace march after hearing Franciscan Father Jozo Zovko, a former St. James pastor who was imprisoned for two years, speak during a peace Washington, D.C. in early June.

Washington, D.C. in early June.

"He held up his rosary and told us that he now believed that no one could stop war except through prayer," she recalled. "He said with this—and he held up the rosary—we can stop the war. And he asked Americans to come back to Medjugorje for a peace march on June 24."

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a peace march on June 24."

St. Roch parishioner Gerri Durret said she made her fourth pilgrimage to Medjugorie for the peace march because. "Father Jozo had just visited the Vatican and he said the pope gave him his blessing and told him to take care of Medjugorie."

His second pilgrimage to Medjugorie last month was difficult, St. Roch parish-

ioner Kurt Schlegel said, because n

ne people in Bosnia-Herzegovina were obviously suffering from the war.

Denney and Schlegel said the Croatia

eople love Americans and look to the ited States for help.

"We are their hope," Denney said.
They wonder why we aren't helping
hem. I met a Croatian military intelligence officer who said they see America as the brother to the whole world and believe U.S. strength helps people trying to live in a democracy. He wanted to know why the U.S. hasn't helped them. I had to tell him that it's an election year."

St. Roch parishioner Terri Polk made er first trip to Medjugorje last month with

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"I felt it was our responsibility to come and pray for peace," Polk said, "They (the Serbians) were bombing five minutes away from Medjugorje. I think Medjugorje is being protected, and that's a sign to everybody that there can be peace, that if you pray this can happen even if all around you there is destruction."

### Holy Family, Edinburgh hosts community-wide Bible School

Holy Trinity Parish in Edinburgh played host June 22-26 to a community-wide Vacation Bible School. The event included participants from the First Christian, Presbyterian and United Methodist churches of Edinburgh.

Pre-schoolers through adults studied the roots of Christian worship by learning about the Jewish holidays and feasts which Jesus celebrated. The classes were held from 6 to 8 p.m., following dinner prepared at a different church each evening. On Friday, members of all the churches published in the prepared desared. Friday, members of all the churches pitched in to prepare desserts. Two service projects were included in

the week's events. In the first project, students collected money for Turning Point, a shelter for victims of domestic violence which is located in Columbus.

The second project was a canned food collection for the Edinburgh Food Pantry. Children and adults formed a "mini-parade" of coaster wagons to carry the donated food to the food pantry, where they stocked its shelves.

Church representatives said the week fostered community spirit and understanding among Christian denominations, while providing participants with an opportunity to help others.



EAT FIRST—Participants in the community-wide Vacation Bible School in Edinburgh have dinner before classes.



### Meditation book takes priest around the world

"It's been very, very exciting," said Franciscan Father Justin Belitz. He ex-plained how publishing a book, "Success: Full Living," a year ago has taken him around the world to teach meditation.

around the world to teach meditation.

"It is real basic spirituality put in scientific terminology." he said. "I did that to get the largest readership." He added that two high schools are looking at it as a recommended textbook.

Because of the book, he was asked to Because of the book, he was asked to give a presentation in Laredo, Tex. One of the participants there then invited him to a conference in Athens, Greece, held last month. There he gave the keynote address and a workshop on his material, which was translated into Greek for the conference.

The ecumenical meeting in Athens was on meditation and mind development. Participants were from Europe and all parts of the world. "A man from Hungary wanted me, as a Catholic priest, to spend a day or two in Hungary while I was in Greece."

Father Justin said that he lectured to more than 1,400 Hungarian people with the help of a translator. The response was so positive that he was asked if the book could be translated into Hungarian.

His material was the subject of a television interview there and two major articles in the national Catholic newspaper.

articles in the national Catholic newspaper. The Franciscan priest will leave for Australia in early August, to tour the west coast cities. His publishers hope to have his book in paperback there soon. He expects to go to France and England in February, but will not have time then to lecture in Portugal and Switzerland, as some people there had hoped. "What has been very important for me

"What has been very important for me was the fact that there have been people in the hierarchy—and the laity—who have questioned things I have done. I gave the



Franciscan Father Justin Belitz

book and a video of my parish missions to

my superiors in Chicago.

"They made a statement that they contain nothing against faith and morals contain nothing against faith and infoasi.
And they encouraged me to work on the
second volume on meditation, "said Father
Justin. "The archbishop of Trinidad has
been very supportive of my work." He will
work there in October.

In a July conference in Italy, the In a July conference in Italy, the audience was varied—Baptists, Anglicans, Presbyterians and Catholics. Some of the people were interested in getting him to visit their churches. He hopes to fulfill requests to get to a Baptist church and an Anglican church in northern Indiana. "Practically all the things I do are ecumenical," said the director of the Hermitage in Indianapolis. "The center is non-denominational."

"I try to get to as many people as

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possible," he said. "There is such a wealth of mystical tradition of the Church. I have been in seminaries here and abroad where they do not teach any of this.

"On the other side, scientists are picking up on the mysticism," Father Justin said. He explained that they are examining the miracle of Lourdes and the stigmata of 5t. Francis of Assisi on the basis of science. "The theological church isn't dealing with it."

theological church isn't dealing with it."
He talked about the way people flocked to the East to study Zen in the '60s. Christian Zen, which evolved from that, is "identical to what we do as contemplative prayer," he said. "They were studying what was under their noses all the time. Now the Zen masters are interested in learning about Christian meditation."

"Fundamental to everything we do here is meditation," Father Justin said. He explained that what is put into the mind determines people's actions. "In medicine, there is no doubt about the effect of the ight process on immune systems.

Of the positive image of a healthy body, he said, "This relates directly to what the saints did."

He said the teaches meditation so people can learn the process of controling their lives by mastering their thoughts, giving examples of what he believes are physical healings.

"For people who aren't into this, it sounds wild," Father Justin said. He told of a woman who prayed with people at the center when she learned she had a tumor. By the time of her scheduled operation, the growth had disappeared.

He starts meditation groups to help "offset the negativity of our society. Religious communities were designed to that," he said, recalling how clois-tered communities sheltered members as

"After Vatican II, the walls opened up. Meditation went out the window." He

said, noting that the religious communities now have television like everyone else. Father Justin suggests a way people can find out about the power of television. 'First, sit and pay attention to how you tel. Then watch TV for half an hour.' He said that people who do this exercise find that their feelings are more negative after

watching the television.

He thinks that if television news reporters interviewed more successful people it would make a positive impact on the economy.

Father Justin is concerned with family situations in today's society. "It's unbelievable. Nobody has their feet on the ground." Several programs at the center are aimed at dysfunctional

He explained how St. Francis of Assisi changed the whole structure of Italy by living a simple life, giving up material things, and spending his life doing things for other people. things, and spen for other people.

"Francis wanted to be like Jesus, living an active life, combined with the contemplative.

ontemplative."

"I feel real good about where I am,"
said Father Justin. "I experience the kind
of ministry where I go to business
executives and give them
go to sales and management people. I do
interviews on TV. Now I hope to work
with high schools. And I still give
traditional retreats to priests and nuns. I
use the language people can understand.
"If se should be a wonderful experience. If

"Life should be a wonderful experience. If that's not happening, it's something people have to deal with. It's not God's fault."

"At the parish missions, I try to help people understand, 'God's right here. Turn your attention inward. Tou probably need to sit with him for a while and listen' 'said Father Justin Belitz.

(The Criterion reviewed Father Justin's book "Success: Full Living" last year when it was first published.)



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### 8 Oldenburg sisters mark 50 years; six at 25

Oldenburg who have connections to the archdiocese are celebrating their jubilees in religious life this year.

An anniversary celebration, including Mass, dinner and entertainment will take place at the motherhouse in Oldenburg

on July 26.
Six will be honored for 25 years in the order, eight have been in the community 50 years, 13 will mark 60 years, and five sisters are celebrating 75 years. The biographies not included here were in last week's Criterion.

Those celebrating 50 years are Sisters Dominica Doyle, Geraldine Etienne, Elizabeth Ann Fuller, Francis Ann Lewis, Patricia Scheapf, Constance Smith, Jean Sora and Justin Louise Stiker.

Sister Dominica taught at St. Mary, New bany and is currently a teaching principal Albany and is currently at at St. Michael, Brookville.

at St. Michael, Brookville.

Marian College and Holy Trinity in Indianapolis, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany, and the motherhouse in Oldenburg were places where Sister Geraldine provided domestic service.

Sister Elizabeth Ann provided domestic service at Marian College and St. Michael, Indianapolis, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, and the motherhouse in Oldenburg.

St. Andrew, Richmond: Little Flower and Holy Trinity. Indianapolis, St. John the

and Holy Trinity, Indianapolis; St. John the Baptist, Osgood, and St. Louis, Batesville, are schools where Sister Francis Ann

taught elementary grades.
Sister Patricia (formerly Sister Mary Sister Patricia (formerly Sister Mary Vianney) taught primary grades at St. Michael, Brookville, and St. Michael, Indianapolis. She taught junior high at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany and St. Mary, Aurora. She also provided home care in Little Flower, Indianapolis. Sisters Geraldine, Elizabeth Ann, Fran-

Sisters Geraldine, Elizabeth Ann, Fran-cis Ann, and Patricia are now in retirement ministry at the motherhouse in Oldenburg. Sister Constance taught at St. Mary Academy and Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis, and Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg. She is currently a substitute teacher and tutor at the

academy.

Sister jean taught music and served as an organist at Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, and at St. Mary, New

Albany. Currently, she is a parish minister and organist in a Middletown, Ohio parish

Sister Justin Louise taught kindergarten and first grade at St. Joseph, Shelbyville; St. Mary, Rushville; and St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford. She is currently involved in prayer ministry at the Bedford parish

Sisters Evelyn Forthofer, Jerilyn Marie Sisters Everyn Forthofer, Jerilyn Marie Fuhrmann, Mary Claire Piausfeld, Bar-bara Leonhard, Rosie Miller and Catherine Schneider will mark their silver anniversaries

Sister Evelyn taught at St. Michael and Ritter High School in Indianapolis and at Oldenburg Academy. Currently, she is a sales associate for a fabric center and liturgical seamstress for the archdiocese

Currently music director at a Cincinnati parish, Sister Jerilyn taught music at St. Christopher and St. Michael schools in Indianapolis and at Oldenburg Academy

Sister Mary Claire has provided domestic service at the Oldenburg motherhouse as manager of the siet kitchen and is currently coordinator of central food service there

Currently a doctoral student at the University of Berkeley, Calif., Sister Bar-bara was instructor of religion at Marian College theology department

Sister Rosie Miller taught at Little Flower and St. Bernadette schools in Indianapolis. She was involved in parish ministry at St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg Currently, she teaches at Xavier Univer-sity in Cincinnati.

Sister Catherine Schneider taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany. She was involved in youth ministry in an Evansville parish. Currently, she is acting director of the Office for Pastoral Council for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Last Sunday and Monday, the Sisters of Oldenburg gathered for congregational days at the newly-renovated motherhouse chapel. Speaking on the topic, "Transformation of Religious Life," Mercy Sister Marie Burns provided insights into the fut religious life and the obstacles t struggle toward transformation



























JUBILARIANS—Marking 50 years are from top, lefth Sisters Dominica Doyle, Geraldine Etienne, Elizabeth Ann Fuller, Francis Ann Lewis, Patricia Scheapf, Constance Smith, Jean Sora, and Justin Louise Stiker; 25 years: Sisters Evelyn Forthofer, Jerilyn Marie Fuhrmann, Mary Claire Hausfeld, Barbara Leonhard, Rosie Miller, and Catherine Schneider.

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### Retired couples reflect on longtime marriages

by Mary Ann Wyand

Marriage is a fulfilling lifestyle which has brought them much happiness over the years, said three retired couples.

'We enjoyed one another and loved another and still do," Little Flower one another and still do," Little Flower

polis told *The Criterion*.

Reflecting on his 57-year marriage with Helen, he said, "We just took care of one another and took care of whatever else was

necessary. I wouldn't change a thing."

The Fillenwarths raised three children Edward Jr., Marianne and Jeanmarie-and now have 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"We both worked hard," he said. "I worked seven days a week for years and years (in his law practice) and the Missus did the same thing, taking care of the kids while I were thing." while I was at the office.

Ed Fillenwarth said he finally decided to retire 10 years ago, and now he enjoys retirement so much that he "wouldn't go back for anything."

Fillenwarth helped start the Catholic

Fillenwarth helped start the Catholic Youth Organization and has been an enthusiastic CYO supporter for 50 years. Helen Fillenwarth said her husband 'Haeln Fillenwarth said her husband 'Haeln Fillenwarth said her husband shasht slowed down' since he retired but she takes life easier now. They enjoy spending time with family and friends at their log cabin on Lake Chapman at Warsaw. St. Mary parishioners Edward and Ruth Willenborg of Aurora will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary in August.

They grew up in Cincinnati and met

completing her high school education.

"We knew each other about a year

before our marriage," Ruth Willenborg explained. "We took our vows very seriously, but I don't think we anticipated

seriously, but I don't think we anticipated that we would have \$3 years together."

She said catechism instruction while attending Catholic schools helped them prepare for a lifetime of marriage.

"I think the teaching of the catechism was important," she said. "We had a good basic education in the fundamentals of our religion. You english that the catechism was important." basic education in the fundamentals of our religion. You green up with It and you lived with it every day of your life. When you marry in the Catholic Church, you stand before God and make your vows to forsake all others and cleave only to one person. Perhap some people forget that, but I take that you very seriously. Faith helps you live your life. live your life

Friendship is important in marriage. Married couples need to trust each other.

'You know you care for that person is your best friend,'' she said. ''You that is you can talk about anythin gand that's as far as it goes. You love and trust that person, and you know that in sickness or in health your spouse will never let you down. There has to be a lot

never let you down. There has to be a lot of give-and-take in a marriage."

Ruth Willenborg said their parents gave them a strong background in love and caring. "Ed's father lived with us and my mother lived with us for over 25 years," she said. "There was a lot of love in our house. We just had a good pattern to follow because of how our parents lived their lives and what they did for us."



TIME TO RELAX—Longtime Little Flower parishioners Edward and Helen Fillenwarth of Indianapolis enjoy time with friends at a picnic. They have been married for 57 years. (Photo by Charles J. Schisla)

Over the years, Ed Willenborg said, think we've come to better understand each other. If you run into something difficult, you need to have a little patience and sit down and talk it over. I'm a great believer in the sanctity of marriage. God and the Blessed Mother enter into it, so far as we Catholics are concerned."

St. Anthony parishioners Loy and Bernadine Purcell of Clarksville have been married for 51 years.

"Friendship and trust are important facets," Loy Purcell said, "and you go into the marriage with the tradition that the marriage vows are forever. You don't look back. You face whatever comes you like it or not."

People change and grow and mature in marriage, he said, and grace helps people build their lives together.

"My wife and I started our marriage with just two rooms," Loy Purcell said. "You have to learn to live within your means and listen to each other."

The Purcells raised seven children The Purceis rassed seven chargements with a wallam Ir., Robert Anthony, Evelyn Marie (now Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purceil), Carolyn Jean (who died eight years ago), Marilyn Sue, Jacquelyn Rose, and Raymond Bernard (who died in infancy).

"We had a lot of joy and sorrow," Bernadine Purcell said. "It's hard to lose children. You share the good times and the bad. I think you have to put a lot o trust in God '

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### Sisters help seniors find supplemental income

by Margaret Nelson

When Blessed Virgin Mary Sister Graci-

When Blessed Virgin Mary Sister Graci-ta Daly came into town last summer, she was just looking for a part-time job. But the "small" job she's doing should help thousands of low-income older people survive. And Sister Gracita is just getting them money they are entitled to. Indi-viduals who qualify would be assured of an income of at least \$442 a month.

income of at least \$442 a month.

Sister Gractia is with United Senior
Action (USA), which is on the lookout for
the estimated 10,000 low-income people in
the area who are eligible for Supplemental
Security Income (SSI) but don't receive it.
The project slogan is "Casting a Net for
Community Caring." United Senior Action
is a statewide senior citizen advocacy
organization that works for the rights of
older Hoossiers.

order roossers.

Recipients must be one of these three: 65 or older; blind or suffering from severely-impaired vision; or disabled or experiencing severe mental or physical problems that limit or prevent employment.

Resources and income must be below

these limits: \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple in resources (not including a home, car and burial expenses); \$442 (individual) or \$653 (couple) a month \$442 (individual) or \$603 (couple) a Bashin in "unearned" income, such as pension or social security money; and \$914 (in-dividual) or \$1,325 (couple) monthly in-come from work. Citizenship or lawful status are required

alien status are required.

These limits can vary according to circumstances, such as the number of dependents. And the work income is figured on a special formula. "It's not all black and white," Sister Cracita said.

She explained that USA is collaborating with three other area groups (Interfaith Volunteers, Central Indiana Council on Aging and the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis) who requested a federal grant to search for the people who

qualify. If this pilot project is successful, it will be used elsewhere.

Sister Gracita has been working with the USA since January, 1992, to find the eligible seniors. She goes to churches and agencies to work with them in finding the people and helping them complete paper-work. Studies show that elderly black women are suffering most from poverty. At St. Andrew parish in Indianapolis,

suffering most from poverty.

At St. Andrew parish in Indianapolis,
Sister Gracita is working with a member of
her order, Sister Pat Griffin, the pastoral
associate there. Cathy Jensen is director of
the Simeon House, a congregate living
facility for senior citizens located in the
former parish convent.

former parish convent.

These two women have received training and are willing to interview people in the northeast part of the city to screen them for eligibility for the SSI payments. Sister Pat will visit the homebound who qualify. Seniors may complete the form at the parish location and avoid going to an office downtown.

Sister Gracia also discussed the qualifications with the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers at St. Andrew and St. Mathewa

help people fill the forms

help people fill the forms.

Those who are interested may also call
317.254-3660 or 1-800-432-2422. They
stouch have their Social Security numbers
at hand. Personal service is available from
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through
Friday. Those who talk with them may be
able to answer questions on other programs, such as Social Security, food
stamps, Medicare and Medicaid.

Another program Sister Gracita is
informing people about is even less known
than SSI. It is called the Qualified Medicare
Beneficiary Program (QMB). Those who
are eligible may receive over \$1,000 a year
in health care benefits.

The 1988 law protects low-income seniors from paying Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments. Senior citizens who are not eligible for full Medicaid benefits may be eligible for the QMB program

Nearly 50,000 older Hoosiers who are eligible for these benefits are not receiv ing them because officials of the Social Security Administration and the Department of Public Welfare are not letting people know about this program, according to USA literature.

Eligible Medicare beneficiaries are en-led to have Medicaid pay: the \$31.80 (1992) per month Part B premium (this would therefore no longer be deducted from the Social Security check); the \$100 annual Part B deductible; the \$628 hospital Part A deductible; doctor bills over what Medicare pays (so those who qualify would not pay out-of-pocket doctor bills); and hospital and skilled nursing care co-payments.

To qualify. Medicare beneficiaries must 10 quality, Medicare beneficiaries must have resources under \$4,000 (single) and \$6,000 (couple) excluding home, car, personal effects, life insurance and burial space. Income limits are \$568 per month or under for a single person and \$766 or under

for a couple.

Application for the QMB program must be made at the county welfare department office. But a family member or other interested party may make the application for the qualifying person. Appointments are suggested.



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OUTREACH—Blessed Virgin Mary Sisters Gracita Daly (left) and Patricia Griffin are helping low income senior citizens to obtain the financial benefits that they are entitled to from Qualified Medicare Beneficiary and Supplemental Security Income programs. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

### Grandma's tasty recipes inspire lots of memories

by Mary Ann Wyand

Last year at Christmas my sister gave me one of the best presents I could ever hope to receive. It was priceless, in fact

She had taken my late grandmother's recipe box and made copies of each entry so I would be able to read them in Grandma's own careful script

Tears came to my eyes as I browsed through the recipe book. I remembered helping Grandma bake cookies when I was little, and I knew that in her later years she never used the recipes because she had memorized all the ingredients. It was just a pinch of this or a sprinkle of that, and the cookies always turned out perfect. cookies always turned out perfect.

My 12-year-old son enjoyed looking through the recipes because he recalled his

great-grandmother's wonderful cakes and

great-grandmother's wonderful cakes and pies and cookies and was hoping I would do some baking with similar results.
"We don't need this recipe for rhubarb pie," he remarked as he glanced through the pages. "You mean Grandma had to make her own pickles and applesauce and mayonnaise?"

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This is the same child who, at age 5, thought clams on the half-shell came in packages and wondered how kids of yesteryear kept peas frozen for use in

pea-shooters.
Reading recipes labeled "Sunday Fried Chicken" and "Mayonnaise Cake" and "Sugar Drop Cookies" brought back a lot of wonderful memories of my dear grandmother, who never minded standing in the kitchen long hours to cook delicious meals for all of the people she loved.

### 'LifeStories' questions prompt family sharing

by Mary Ann Wyand

"Bliss in possession will not last," James Montgomery wrote in 1825. "Remembered joys are never past.

And therein lies the beauty of memor-

ies, those heartfelt stories we keep within us and sometimes share with loved ones. If stories are, indeed, the stuff we are made of, then sharing memories is one of test gifts we can give to others

A fun new board game called "Life-Stories" is a relaxing way to pass the time with family and friends, inspire thoughts of yesteryear, and let loos ries of days gone by.

The board and game cards facilitate storytelling, sharing experiences, and offering points of view. There are general guidelines, of course, but the game format becomes uniquely personal with the first roll of the dice

roll of the dice.
"Memories" cards ask about family.
"Etchings" cards inquire about historical
events, while "Valuables" cards prompt stories of hopes and dreams and interests.
If the game gets a little too personal, players who prefer not to recall the event

described on the card can draw an "Alternatives" card instead.

It's all in good fun, and play changes with each new participant or recollection

"Memories" cards ask questions like, "Tell about a childhood friend" or "How did you spend your Sundays as a child?"
"Etchings" questions focus on thought

provoking themes like "Recall an eventful airplane or train ride" or "Describe where you were when you heard that President Kennedy was shot."

'Valuables" cards range from queries about "an occupation you think would be fascinating" to "the proudest moment in your life."

If you opt for "Alternatives" questions, be prepared to share a story about "something you lost or forgot" or "nick-names you have had" or even "an aroma you recall from childhood."

you recall from childhood."

There are really no losers in the 
"LifeStories" game, but when a player 
reaches the "Homecoming Celebration" 
the play pauses while each of the other 
players tells a story or shares an experience 
about the celebrated person.
"You may want to have a tape recorder 
running to capture special moments as they

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GAME OF MEMORIES—The unique "LifeStories" game inspires players to share memories of their childhood, their parents, their friends, and other topics. The archdiocesan Family Life Office is selling the game. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

come up," game creators Bill Bockelman, Vivian Johnson and Tim Howell suggest in the directions. "This common belief in the value of stories caused us to create "LifeStories." Children and teen-agers enjoy "LifeStories" when played with older generations, but the game is not designed to be played by groups composed exclu-sively of children."

To play "LifeStories" as a travel game

To play "LifeStories" as a travel game, the creators suggest using the cards without the board and markers.

In the introduction to "LifeStories," Bockelman wrote that he realized the value of stories when, just before his father died at age 84, he told his son a story about how one of Bill's grandfathers "participated in the clean-up operations after the Battle of Gettyaburg and the other had been part of Sherman's 'March to the Sea,' " stories which could have come right out of "Gone With the Wind."

Bockelman said he "became aware that y ancestors had played a role in some of history" and "began wondering how many other fascinating stories in my family's history I might have missed."

family's history I might have missed."

After 50 years of reunions, Howell noted, he views himself as the caretaker of the treasury of their family stories.

Howell recalled that his father "inadvertently burned down a bridge in his home town," "his mother worked in a neon light factory," and "a great aunt was a frontier midwife."

Johnson said she believes "stories are bridges between people" and hopes this game of memories is an enriching bridge through time for others.

rough time for others.

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### Try Elderhostel this year

by Sarah Graf

Older people who are reaching retire-nent age and who are still interested in earning about new and interesting subjects have the opportunity to gain new know-ledge through participation in Elderhostel. Elderhostel is an educational program for adults age 60 years and older "who

want to continue to expand their horizons and to develop new interests and enthusiasms," according to its catalog.

The program is found in all 50 states of the U.S., ali 10 Canadian provinces, and more than 40 countries overseas.

more than 40 countries overseas.
Founded by Marty Knowlton, the program had its origins in the youth hostels of Europe and the folk schools of Scandinavia. Adults who participate in the non-credit liberal arts courses in the Elderhostel program departs and the program of the do not need any previous training

Besides the courses, travel is another aspect of Elderhostel that provides oppor tunities for adults to pursue educational and cultural interests. A variety of programs are offered throughout the United States as well as overseas. ites as well as overseas

Elderhostel is offered at 20 educational institutions in Indiana, including Marian College in Indianapolis, the Beech Grove Benedictine Center, and St. Mary of the Woods College near Terre Haute.

Marian College held its summer Elderhostel program from June 7 through June 13. The courses were taught by Marian College faculty members. Participants stay-ed in Clare Hall, one of the residential facilities for students.

Jacilities for students.

One of the Courses, entitled "Unraveling the Mysteries of the Human Mind," was presented by Jr. Drew Appleby. The course offered a journey through the intellect with psychological explanations of the higher processes of the human mind—memory, language, problem-solving, intelligence and creativity.

"Scriel Issues of Today: Improposition:

ligence and creativity.

"Social Issues of Today: Immigration in the 1990s, Refugees, Drugs, Drug Policy and Homelessness" was presented by Mary Haugh and William Cisco. This course discussed social issues and social behavior seen as problematic, disruptive, and antagonistic to prevailing social values.

A third course, "Modern China—An Indeato" was taught by Fanciscan Sister.

Update," was taught by Franciscan Sister

Sue Bradshaw. The course looked at contemporary China with discussions cen-tering on family, work, philosophy, inter-national relations and the arts. The fee for the week was \$270, which

included room, meals, course instruction,

and extra activities.

For information about Elderhostel programs to be offered in the fall at Marian College, contact Sister Miriam Clare Heskamp in care of Elderhostel, Marian College, 2300 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, Ind., 46222-1997, or call 317-929-0123.

The Beech Grove Benedictine Center vill present two Elderhostel programs this all. "Exploring Drama: The Soap Opera—
nn American Cultural Phenomenon" will An American Cultural Pnenomenon wait be offered from Sept. 20 through Sept. 26. Participants will have the opportunity to compare current soap operas by looking at dramatic content, characters, plots and themes. They will also examine how the soaps reflect or influence contemporary American culture. American culture.

In a course entitled "The Play's the

Thing . . . Thing . . . ." participants will learn how plays are produced and examine the elements of production, directing, staging, cost will be a production, directing, staging, costuming and rehearsals.

In another course, "Make a Splash,"

in another course, "Make a Splash," participants will have an opportunity to learn water exercises and relaxation techniques in the Olympie-sized pool.

Another program, "Christmas Fun with Dickens, Madrigal Music and Story-writing," will be offered from Dec. 6 through Dec. 12

through Dec. 12

Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be studied and autobiographical fiction will be explored. Participants will have a chance to use their creativity to write one of the Christmas stories of their life.

Another course offered during this Elderhostel program will investigate Ma-

drigal history and composition.

The registration fee for each program is \$280 for double-room occupancy or \$250 for commuters. Call the Beech Grove Benedictine Center at 317-788-7581 for more

For information about upcoming Elder-hostel programs offered at St. Mary of the Woods College, cal 812-535-5149.

The Elderhoste National Office is located at 75 Federal St., Third Floor, Boston, Mass., 02110.

### Generations enjoy age difference differently

How do the generations relate? Badly, some might say. Across a gap, goes the cliche.

Parents, especially of teen-agers, somes seem to be at war with their kids. Children of dysfunctional families are ever seen trying to "divorce" their moms and dads, while old folks remain alert by irritating their middle-aged children.

All this when Dan Quayle is scolding us

All this when Dan Quayle is scolding us for not valuing family enough, and the pope is boosting conventional homelife. Can this group of people be saved?

Grandparents tend to say yes, citing their excellent relations with grandchildren who seem to have none of the (admittedly few) imperfections found in their parents. But what basis do they have for optimism?

First of all there's the jump-a-genera-

First of all, there's the jump-a-genera-tion rule. This means that every other generation gets along just fine with every other because they are far enough removed to be objective. In the usual scheme of things, they are not responsible for each other or to each other.

When Grandpa nods off at Tommy's school band concert, Tommy may roll his eyes but he's not as embarrased as if Dad was the one who fell asleep in front of everyone. If Grandma solds Debbie about her appearance, the girl takes it as a joke, chalking it up to kindly ignorance. If Mom criticized Debbie is would be the start of World War III. World War III.

On the other hand, if Tommy hits a sour note on his cornet Grandpa thinks it's funny, whereas Dad might be chagrined. And if Debbie looks like a delinquent punk rocker to Mom, Grandma still s the cute little baby she once was

Secondly, there's an age difference between grandparents and grandchildren which makes each fascinating to the other

Kids love to hear every boring detail of Grandma's youth, from wearing garters and brown stockings in grade school to covering her head with lace dollies in church. They can't wait to hear about Grandpa driving his dad's Hudson without

Grandpa driving his dad's Hudson without permission, or washing their own dad's mouth with soap when he used bad words. But if Dad dares say, "When I was a boy . . " his children's eyes glaze over and their ears go deaf. Or if Mom so much as mentions the rigors and discipling a secretary for the control of the secretary for the control of the contro ciplines necessary for success during her school days, it's "Aw, M-o-m!" before she can take a second breath.

There is also something mystical about the way time is perceived by grandparents and grandchildren. The older folks know their days are limited, and they want to make the

days are limited, and they want to make the most of them. No way will they waste effort on perfect behavior or other parental-type rigidities when there's fun to be had or hugs to be shared with the young.

Grandchildren, being kids, have no sense of time anyway. They respond eagerly to acceptance by their grandparents, and wonder why their parents aren't as easygoing and reasonable. We shouldn't be too hard on parents, however. They can take a lot of credit for being the catalysts for their parents' and children's rapport. After all, they serve as whipping boyligt flor both because they are the ultimately responsible parties for either end of the generational scale.

It's wonderful to be a grandchild or a grandparent. It's parenting that's the hard part.



BUDDIES—St. Monica parishioner Ed Dewes of Indianapolis contemplates his little granddaughter, Elizabeth, while she returns his introspective stare during a family gathering. (Photo by Cynthia Dewes)

### Time with Grandma and Grandpa means friendship and lots of fun

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by Kristen Dewes

It's fun visiting my grandparents be-cause we can go to the Children's Museum and look at things you want to, and that you would enjoy more than your little brothers and sisters.

You can also go to plays and stay and watch the whole thing because you can go alone with your grandparents and don't have to listen to your brothers and sisters shouting, "I don't like this."

Family reunions are another fun thing that families do during the summer. I will be having one with my grandparents out at their cabin. Some of the people coming might camp out around the cabin.

The cabin also has a pole barn and has a loft upstairs and a basement. My grandfather is building on more because



after my grandmother retires they will be moving to the cabin.

(Kristen, age 9, is the granddaughter of Cynthia and Ed Dewes of St. Monica Parish. She lives in San Diego, Cal.)

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What property does a will dispose of? Property and interests in property in the testator's me not otherwise effectively disposed of.

What happens to my property if 1 die without a will? Spouse and one child or more: spouse 50 percent, child or children 50 percent.

Spouse and no children but surviving parent: spouse 75 percent, parent 25 percent.

Spouse, no children and no parent: spouse 100

econd childless spouse: spouse one-third life estate in real estate; personal property same as above

Are spouses protected from being disinherited or given a low inheritance?

Yes. A spouse has a right to elect to take 50 percent of the real estate and personal property except in the case of a second childless spouse whose election is one-third of personal property and a one-third life estate in real estate.

Do you have to accept an inheritance or will bequest? It is possible to waive an expectancy. A valid prenuptial agreement may serve as a partial or complete waiver of expectancy

What about adopted children?

Adopted children inherit just as biological children do.

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The use of my 'heirs,' "children' or 'descendants' in a will does not include the spouses of heirs, children or descendants. The share of a child who predeceases a testator will pass to his living children and not to his

How long must an estate remain open?
A solvent estate must remain open at least five months after the first publication of the notice of the opening of the estate. An estate can be closed as soon as assets have been administered, distributed and accounted for.

Can I change my will by marking up my original will and by making strike outs on the original?

A will cannot be changed by striking, marking or interlineation. A will can be changed by a codicil or by a subsequent will. Of course, destruction of the original will does act as revocation of the will.

Who is charged with the custody of a will?

The maker of the will is charged with the ultimate care and custody of an original will. A lost will traced to the maker will be presumed to be destroyed. A will can be left in the custody of the testator, the lawyer, a bank, trustee, or the personal representative. Upon the death of a testator, the possessor of a will has an affirmative duty to produce the will and deliver it to a court with probate jurisdiction.

What happens to my will when there's a divorce? If a testator dies following divorce without having rewritten his will, the probate court will read his will, striking the name of the divorced spouse whenever it

What, if anything, does a child not mentioned in a will



PORTRAIT—Benedictine Sister Mary Luke Jones took this portrait of Sister Mary Xavier Mueller on the grounds of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

Unless it is an intentional omission, the unmentioned or after-born child will take at least an intestate share of

What does a spouse or family live on during the pendency of the administration of an estate?

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### Stier sisters left home for Franciscan convent

by Sarah Graf

"A family that prays together, stays together." According to Franciscan Sister Olivia Marie Stier of Oldenburg, that is definitely true of her family.

definitely true of her family.

Sister Olivia Marie and two of her
sisters, who are also Franciscans, are
retired and live at the Sisters of St. Francis
Motherhouse in Oldenburg.

The sisters are three of 10 children, the
only three to leave home to live a life of

prayer. Even as youngsters, prayer was a big part of the r lives.

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"Our upbringing at home was Christian-oriented," Sister Olivia Marie, who is 80, explaimed. "Church was a part of our life." Sister Mary, Katherine, the fourth oldest of the 10 children, became interested in joining the convent when she was a child. Her family lived in a neighborhood near a community of sisters.

"I remember passing the sisters' home (in Greensburg)," Sister Mary Katherine recalled, "and thinking how nice and quiet it was

She eagerly joined the convent in 1925.
'I had to wait until I was 18," she said,

"so I came (to the convent) on my 18th birthday."

During her years as a Franciscan, Sister Mary Katherine taught school and served as principal at schools throughout Ohio, Indiana and Illinois

Later she worked in pastoral ministry, Later she worked in pastoral ministry, which involved visiting patients at three nursing homes in Beech Grove on a regular basis. She also visited homebound people and patients at St. Francis Hospital Center.

For 11 years, Sister Mary Katherine taught CCD (Confraternity of Christian

taught CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) during the summer in Illinois. After more than 50 years of teaching and service, she retired in 1987. Now at the age of 85, Sister Mary Katherine enjoys baking, especially pies. She also takes her turn serving as a receptionist at the Motherhouse.

the Motherhouse.

Sister Anna Marie, 82, is the sixth oldest of the Stier family. She entered the convent on Aug. 15, 1930, at the age of 20, the same day that Sister Olivia Marie entered the convent.

"She (Sister Olivia Marie) didn't know I

was planning on going and I didn't know she was going," Sister Anna Marie recalled. "She came to me one day and said



STIER SISTERS—Franciscan Sisters Mary Katherine (from left), Olivia Marie and Ant Marie Stier are biological sisters who entered the convent at an early age. They are no retired after 50 years of teaching and service and are living at the Franciscan Motherhous in Oldenburg, (Photo by Sarah Graf)

Communication improves

when respect and interest

that she was leaving to join the convent. I told her I was planning on going in August, so she waited to go with me."

After joining the convent, Sister Anna Marie taught for 50 years at schools in St. Louis and Cincinnati. She served as principal at schools in Missouri and Indiana, including St. Michael's School in Indiananois.

Until her retirement a year ago, Sister Anna Marie tutored at St. Michael's School and took Communion to patients at Westview Hospital.

Currently she works in the activity center at the Motherhouse and teaches handicapped children at Holy Family Church.

Sister Anna Marie also enjoys baking, which she said she learned how to do by watching her mother when she was a little girl.

Sister Olivia Marie, 80, entered the convent at the age of 18. She said the sisters who lived in her neighborhood

had a great impact on her life, although she said that she and her sisters "lived a normal teen-age life" and participated in the "normal activities" such as basketball, baseball and tennis

According to Sister Olivia Marie, joining the convent was a "continuation of the upbringing that we had at home.

She taught for 50 years and served as principal at various schools in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Missouri. She retired even years ago

At the Motherhouse, Sister Olivia Marie does secretarial work and performs pas toral ministry in the infirmary. She also enjoys playing cards and baking bread.

The three sisters have remained close to each other over the years and to their six other sisters and their brother, who are all married. The Stier sisters said they enjoy getting together to spend time with their siblings and with their nieces and

### Gladys' Choice

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Good communication skills are essential in life, and are especially important when working with elderly people.

Listed here are recommendations for effective communication reprinted from 'Ministry Among Older Adults,' a parish leadership training program offered by Fordham University's Third Age Center in New York City.

emember that expectations as listeners affect one's capacity to understand what is communicated by others, the "Ministry Among Older Adults" program manual explains, and that interest or lack of interest is conveyed to others in many ways.

Know that a desire to direct, help, heal, or fix can actually obstruct communication with senior citizens.

In fact, bad communication habits can cut off communication with others both young and old

Among the most common communication problems listed in the manual are: not giving people a chance to talk, interrupting their conversation, appearing to be rushed for time, not looking directly at the speaker, asking questions has said, trying to get ahead of the story, and guessing what the point is and then rephrasing it in such a way that words are being put into another's mout

Body language also affects relations with others.

Paternalistic or patronizing modes of relating are off-putting. Here are a dozen typical communication adblocks to avoid in any conversation:

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and giving orders or commands.

"Warning, admonishing, threatening:
telling the other person what consequences
will occur for doing something, and
alluding to the use of your power.

"Moralizing, preaching: telling another
person what should or ought to be done.

Advising, giving suggestions or solu-tions: telling the other person how to solve a problem, giving advice or suggestions, and providing answers or solutions. ►Lecturing, teaching, giving logical arguments: trying to influence the other person with facts, counter-arguments,

person with facts, counter-arguments, logic, information or your own opinions.

Judging, criticizing, disagreeing, blaming: making a negative judgment or evaluation of another person.

▶Praising, agreeing: offering a positive valuation or judgment.

►Name-calling, ridiculing, shaming: making the other person feel foolish.

►Interpreting, analyzing, diagnosing: telling what motives a person has, analyzing actions or statements, and communicating that you have everything figured out

cating that you have everything figured out of diagnosed.

Reassuring, sympathizing, conseling, supporting; trying to make others feel better, talking them out of their feelings, trying to make their feelings go away, and demying the strength of those feelings.

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Probing, questioning, interrogating:
trying to find reasons, motives, causes, and
searching for more information to help you
solve the problem.

Withdrawing, distracting, humoring;
trying to get the other person away from
the problem, withdrawing from the problem yourself, distracting the person, kidding short with the model of the problem. ding about what's troubling the person, and pushing the problem aside.

### St. Anne, New Castle, youth minister retires after 23 years

by Judith E. Baranski

"Talways felt like I had something to give," said Jane Babcock, youth minister and former teacher of 5t. Anne Parish in New Castle. After 23 years of giving service to her church, Babcock is retiring.

To acknowledge her years of ministry, the St. Anne's Society held an appreciation tea in the former school library, attended by relatives, friends, parishioners and former teachers.

former teachers.

"Jane's uniqueness is that she can and has always been able to put together something from nothing," said Joan Stairs, a long-time colleague.

"St. Anne's didn't always have the funds to buy certain materials, but Jane could always take what we had and make it look like the real thing," said the friend, who herself has earned the "Point of Light" award from President Bush for her work at the Christian Love Center in New Castle. in New Castle

in New Castle, Julie Defibaugh, president of St. Anne's Society, said that Babcock "has always been there for everyone in the parish. She has touched the lives of countless youth both here in New Castle and in other parishes."

Father Steven Schafflein, pastor of St. Anne, said he most admires Babcock's lifelong dedication to St. Anne and its would.

and its youth.

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Babcock's most recent ministry began in 1983, when she became the first full-time coordinator of parish youth ministries for St. Anne.

"I was able to zone in on the faith aspect," Babcock said. "I was interested in developing a strong faith life in the youth. It is one constant in my life. Faith is always there for you."

She reached beyond the parish to help organize youth retreats for members of parishes in Brodoville, Cambridge City, Cedar Grove, Connersville, Knightstown, Liberty, Richmond, and Rushville.

Over the 23 years, Babcock has been involved with St. Anne and the New Castle community in marry ways. Activities in which she was involved include being a room mother, an officer in the St. Anne Sozierly, a member of the St. Anne's parish Board of E ration, and the past president of St. Anne's Parish Board of E ration, and the past president of St. Anne's Parish Board of E ration, and the past president of St. Anne's Parish Board of E ration, and the past candidocesan teachers' advisory commission.

Although her accomplishments are many, a source of special personal pride for Babcock was her involvement in the creation of the first all-state Catholic Teachers' Institute in 1974.

The beginning of the service and what would prove to

Institute in 1974.

The beginning of her service and what would prove to be a long-time relationship with the church and the former school began when Babcock received a telephone call from Father William Fehlinger, who was then pastor

"It was two weeks before school was to start and ther called me and asked me if I could teach that year," she said with a laugh.

### Home Sitting Seniors help out lots of ways

Senior citizens who need non-medical care and companionship and families who need home or pet care while on vacation can receive help from a new service in Indianapolis.

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Barbara Stayton, Home Sitting Seniors manager in Indianapolis, said this service enables a person to continue living independently.

The sitters are all senior citizens themselves, she said, and are active, energetic and independent men and women who enjoy helping others.

Before being placed on the staff, Stayton said senior citizens are carefully interviewed and trained.

Home Sitting Seniors also guarantees 24-hour back-up and support in case of emergencies.

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Stayton said Home Sitting Seniors also provides services such as house sitting and pet sitting for vacationing families. Home Sitting Seniors representatives meet with clients in their homes, she said, an order to assure a compatible match of the sitter with the environment.

With the service, Stayton said, families who travel can receive non-medical care for an elderly relative while they

are away from home The concept of the Home Sitting service was founded in said. Today there are more than 20 agencies

around the United States Stayton recently opened the Indianapolis office. For more information about Home Sitting Seniors services, telephone 317-255-5056.

Staying on beyond that year, she taught primary education at the school until it closed its doors in 1982. During her years as a teacher, she also contributed to many church organizations, both locally and on the many chu state level

When asked about her contributions, Babcock replied, "I don't care to be remembered for anything, but if I helped someone and made them closer to the Lord—become stronger in their faith—then good."

The mother of two children and grandmother of two, the widow of Dr. Richard Babcock said she always felt she

had something to give.

It is a message she learned at an early age from a teacher: "You have something special to give. You have a strong faith, so you should stay in your faith and give,"

a stong faith, so you should say in your learning services is the way she remembers it.

Jane Babcock said she'll miss working with the youth and teaching them. "I'll miss the kids," she reflected. "I missed them when I quit teaching. I just decided the time have come," to retire



PUZZLING JIGSAW—St. Paul Hermitage resident Pauline King of Beech Grove works on a 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle. (Photo by Benedictine Sister Mary Luke Jones)

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### Centenarians celebrate historic day on July 28

by Mary Ann Wyand

St. Paul Hermitage residents Helen O'Hara Ford and Edith Ehrensperger of Beech Grove will celebrate their centennial years this month.

On July 28 both women will mark their 100th birthdays with a party at the Benedictine Hermitage and visits with relatives and friends

For Helen Ford, the early years of her 10 decades were filled with extensive travel as the daughter of the American Counsel to Uruguay. Ford recently told *The Criterion* a few stories about her childhood in South

America.
"I wasn't very old," she recalled,
"and I had to learn Spanish. I attended
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brother, the late John Cardinal O'Hara, a Holy Cross father who was named president of the University of Notre Dame in 1934 and of the University of Notre Dame in 1954 and then was honored with papal appointments as Auditary Bishop for the Military Ordinar-siate in 1940, Bishop of Buffalo in 1945, Archbishop of Philadelphia in 1958, Archbishop of Philadelphia in 1958. About her longevity, Ford said she believes "God takes care of us when we need it."

As a young woman some 80 years ago, she recalled working in a downtown office one Saturday when providence saved her from certain death.

rrom certain dearn.
"Workers were moving machinery from
the roof of the building across the alley,"
she said. "I was alone in the office and was
sitting by the windowsill watching the
activities when the telephone rang. I went
over to answer the phone just as they lifted



CENTENARIANS—St. Paul Hermitage residents Helen O'Hara Ford (seated) and Edith Ehrensperger of Beech Grove will celebrate their 100th birthdays on July 28 with a centennial birthday party. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

a big piece of equipment from the roof. A cable broke, and the machine lunged into the wall of the building where I'd been sitting. There was no windowsill left. I said a prayer of thanksgiving, because I knew the Lord had taken care of me and that I'd better behave muself."

better behave myself."

Ford said she has had other close experiences and narrowly averted injury throughout her life.

"God uses coincidences in our lives to hide his identity," she said. "The Lord takes care of us. I've had a beautiful life.

takes care of us. I've had a beautiful life. Lots of sadness too, but that's life. You never know what's going to be. I have some beautiful memories too."
Her arrival at the Hermitage 20 years ago was unexpected, she said, and came about because her older sister fell and needed special care.
"Sister Rosemary was the administrator then," Ford remembered. "When I called her, she said, I have a place for your sister, and I think she'd feel better if you'd come too. That was a miracle, because you usually and I think she'd feel better it you'd come too.' That was a miracle, because you usually have to wait a long time to get in. I just feel gratitude to God for taking care of me. Now I'm waiting for the 'long-distance call.'' Soon-to-be centenarian Edith Ehren-come a slanted minist and longtime.

sperger, a talented pianist and longtime music instructor, told *The Criterion* she enjoys daily walks on the grounds of the hermitage and on the adjacent lawns of Our Lady of Grace Monastery and the Beech Grove Benedictine Center.

"I like to walk," she said. "That's my main attraction here. I walk every day

when I can. I walk Sweetie, the Hermitage dog. She follows me around and her tail

wags. She's a nice dog."

Ehrensperger said she believes her lifetime love of music and her ability to play classical selections from memory are gifts from God

gitts from God.

"I taught music all my life," she said.
"I love music. Classical music is a little bit of heaven on earth. But I don't play anymore. I quit last year. My eyes are bad and my memory is bad. Age has taken over. I can hear them, but I can't give them to other people like I'd like to. I can't perform when anyone is listening. It makes me too nervous now."

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It makes me too nervous now."

As a child, she regularly played for her mother. And during 53 years of marriage to Albert Ehrensperger, she would play some of the beautiful compositions by Bach or Beethoven or Franz Liszt for him.

Throughout her 100 years, she reflected, "I've just tried to live life as I knew it. I don't get discouraged."

don't get discouraged.

Benedictine Sister Patricia Dede, administrator of the 96-bed Hermitage which opened in 1960, said the residents

which opened in 1960, said the residents are encouraged to remain active during their golden years.

"They can be as active as they want to." Sister Patricia said. "We have a variety of activities every day. I think everybody who reaches an elderly age should have an environment where they are well cared for, where they are happy, and where they are close to the church. I think that's what we provide here."

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FRIENDS—St. Paul Hermitage resident Evaline Wire of Beech Grove enjoys watching a pet bird at the Hermitage. The Benedictine sisters who operate the residential care home also own a dog named "Sweetie," who is a popular companion for residents there. (Photo by Benedictine Sister Mary Luke Jones)

### Commonly asked questions about Medicare

Q. What is the difference between Medicare and

Medicaid?

A. Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people aged 65 or older, people of any age with permanent kidney failure, and cortain disabled people. It is administered by the Health Care Financing Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Lead Evaluation Security Administration of tices take applications of the Care of

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Local Social Security Administration onlines take applications for Medicare, assist beneficiaries in claiming Medicare
payments and provide information about the program.

Medicare has two parts: Hospital Insurance (Part A) and
Supplementary Medical Insurance (Part B). Part A helps pay
for medically necessary inpatient care in a hospital or skilled
nursing facility, for hospice care and home health care, and
for certain supplies, including durable medical equipment.
Part B helps pay for physician and various other medical
services and supplies.

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Part A is primarily financed through part of the payroll tax that also pays for Social Security benefits while Part B, which is optional, is financed by the monthly premiums paid by enrollees and from general federal revenues.

Medicaid is a health insurance program jointly financed by the state and federal governments for eligible low-income individuals. It covers health care expenses for all recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). And, in most states, the program covers the needy elderly, blind, and disabled who receive cash assistance under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

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Coverage is also extended to certain low-income pregnant women and infants, and, at the option of the state, other low-income individuals with high medical bills, who

other low-income individuals with high medical bills, who qualify as medically needy.

The states are required to provide a mininum benefit package for AFDC and SSI recipients that includes hospital inpatient and outpatient services, physician services, skilled nursing facility care, laboratory and x-ray services, health screening and follow up services for children under 21, nurse midwife services, family planning services and supplies, and rural health clinic services. States can also elect to cover a wide variety of other benefits.

Q. Who qualifies for Medicare benefits?

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A. Generally, people age 65 and over can get premium-free Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) benefits based on their own or their spouses' employment. Medicare Part A is available to persons 65 or over who:
(1) receive benefits under the Social Security or Railroad

Retirement systems:

Retirement systems;
(2) could receive such benefits but did not file for them;
(3) worked or had a spoule who worked in Medicarecovered government employment.

Part A is also available to the state benefits have been on Social Security
or Railroad Retirement Board disability benefits for more
than 24 months. Those who qualify for premium-free Part A
benefits have the option of purchasing Part B coverage at a
cost of \$28.60 per month in 1990.

Anyone 65 or older who does not qualify for
premium-free Part A can purchase either Part A and Part B
or Just Part B. The monthly premiums in 1992 for these
individuals are \$192 for Part A and \$31.80 for Part B.

Q. What does it mean when a physician accepts

assignment?
A. Physicians who accept assignment agree to take Medicare's approved amount as full payment for their services and cannot legally bill you for anything above that amount. Physicians who do not accept assignment can charge more than the Medicare approved amount for a service and you are liable for all charges in excess of the Medicare approved amount.
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While some physicians and suppliers accept assignment on a case-by-case basis, others have agreed to participate in Medicare and accept assignment on all Medicare claims.

Q. How can I find a doctor who participates with

Medicare?

A. The names and addresses of Medicare-participating doctors are listed by geographic area in the Medicare-Participating Physician/Supplier Directory. You can get directory for your area free of charge from your Medicare carrier (listed in the back of The Medicare Handlood) or you can call your carrier and ask for names of some participating doctors in your area. This directory is also available for review in Social Security offices, state and area offices of the Administration on Aging, and in most hospitals.

Q. I sent in a Medicare claim. How long should I wait

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A. Allow 30 to 45 days for the claim to be paid. If you have not received a check or an Explanation of Medicare Benefit (EOMB) payment statement after 45 days, call the Medicare carrier for your area listed in the back of The Medicare Insulbook.

Q. What should I do if I am not satisfied with the amount Medicare paid for a claim or disagree with a decision to deny payment for a claim?

A. You have a right to appeal Medicare's payments for both the hospital (Part A) and medical (Part B) segments of Medicare. The appeals processes are explained in detail in The Medicare Handbook.

Q. I moved. How do I get my address changed?

A. You should call your local Social Security office and ask that your Medicare file be changed to reflect your new

Q. If I require medical service while traveling in another country will Medicare pay the bills?

A. Generally not. But it can help pay for care in qualified Canadian or Mexican hospitals in three situations:

(1) You are in the United States when an emergency

occurs and a Canadian or Mexican hospital is closer than the nearest U.S. hospital that can provide the emergency services you need

(2) You live in the United States and a Canadian or Mexican hospital is closer to your home than the nearest U. S. Hospital that can provide the care you need, regardless of whether an emergency exists

(3) You are in Canada travelling by the most direct route to or from Alaska and another state and an emergency occurs requiring your admission to a Canadian hospital.

Q. When I enroll in Part A of Medicare three years ago, I did not sign up for Part B because I did not need medical insurance at the time. My circumstances have since changed and I now want to enroll in Part B. Is this coverage still available to me on the terms?

A. You may still enroll in Part B but the monthly premium will be higher than what it would have been had you purchased the coverage when you enrolled in Part A. Beneficiaries who defer their enrollment in Part B, in most cases, must have a monthly remnium such barse of

Part A. Beneficiaries who defer their enrollment in Part B, in most cases, must pay a monthly premium sucharge of 10 percent for each 12 months in which they could have been enrolled but were not. The only exception is for individuals who continue to work beyond age 65 and were covered by an employer health plan at the time they were first able to get Medicare. They can enroll in Part B without tenally upon retirement. without penalty upon retirement.

Q. Does Medicare pay for long-term care in a nursing

nome?
A. No. Medicare helps pay for acute care in a skilled nursing facility (SNF). A SNF is a special kind of facility that primarily furnishes skilled nursing and rehabilitation services. It may be a separate facility or a distinct part of another facility, such as a hospital or an intermediate care

Medicare benefits are payable only if you require a skilled level of care and the care is provided in a SNF certified by Medicare. Many nursing homes in the U.S. are not SNFs and many SNFs are not certified by Medicare.

Even if you are in a Medicare-certified SNF, Medicare will not pay if the services you receive are mainly

personal care or custodial services, such as help in walking, getting in and out of bed, eating, dressing, bathing and taking medicine

Q. I am interested in buying insurance to supplement Medicare. Where can I get information about the different types of coverage available?

types of coverage available?

A. Contact your local Social Security office or your state insurance department and ask for a copy of the Coulde to Health Insurance for People with Medicar. This booklet, developed jointly by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the Health Care Financing Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Alman Services, discusses what Medicare pays and does not pay, describes the types of private health insurance available to supplement Medicare, and offers hints on shopping for private health insurance.

If you need help in selecting supplement, or so-called "Medigap" insurance, check with your state insurance department. Some departments offer health insurance counseling services.

Q. I have a complaint about the agent who sold me a Medigap policy. Whom should I contact? A. Supercted violations of the laws governing Medigap policies should be reported to your state insurance peartment or federal authorities. The federal toll-free telephone number for registering such com-plaints is 1-800-638-6833.

Q. What is Medicare secondary payer?

A. Some people who have Medicare also have other health insurance. Medicare is the primary payer for most of those beneficiaries, which means that Medicare pays first and their other insurance pays second, picking up some or all of the claims not covered by Medicare.

Sometimes, the other plan must pay first. In that case, Medicare is the secondary payer. This means that if the other insurance does not pay all of the beneficiary's expenses, Medicare may pay a portion of any unpaid charges for services covered by Medicare.

Q. Where can I get a copy of *The Medicare Handbook?*A. From local Social Security offices or by writing to Medicare Publication, Health Care Financing Administration, 6325 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Md. 21217.

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### The best gifts are your presence and interest

by Mary Ann Wyand

"Each individual, sick or healthy, needs hope for the day," author Patti Normile explains in her book "Visiting the Sick: A Guide for Parish Ministers."

"What does hope look like?" she asks.
"Hope is a sunrise with radiant rays reaching toward today. Hope has the turning power to alter the direction of our lives."

Published by St. Anthony Messenger Press, "Visiting the Sick" also offers good advice for relatives and friends who visit shut-ins and senior citizens whose worlds have grown very small. The book lends understanding about the ministry of companionship and contains insight about the importance of listening. Cures for ailments are not always

Cures for ailments are not always possible, she writes, but healing is.

"Healing comes to the person who discovers her worth even when incapacitated," Normile explains. "Healing comforts the individual who knows that death is approaching but believes that the God who created him will redeem him. Healing emerges from the suffering and

humiliation of illness when a patient realizes that these difficulties have re-

vealed a strong spritual person."
Capters cover "Assessing the Mood,"
What Shall We Talk About?" and "Hearing
With Your Heart." Other sections explain
'Reading Body Language," "Communicating Understanding." "Affirming Strengths"
and "Speaking of Faith."

Normile says smiles, a pleasant voice, holding the person's hand, listening more than talking, and bringing small gifts are important ways to enhance visits.

"For those who have few visitors, small

gifts blossom into treasures," she notes. "Greeting cards and a few stamps with which to remember others on special days, a prayer card, a flower or small plant all leave a visible remembrance of the visit after you are gone. The ultimate gift, however, is your presence."

Although not all people like to be touched, Normile said, many do appreciate the warmth of a handshake or a hug. One 91-year-old man smiled when a visitor grasped his hands. With glistening eyes, he said, "I can't tell you how long it's been since anyone held my hand."

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#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Sunday Readings

Sunday, July 19, 1992

Genesis 18:1-10 - Colossians 1:24-28 - Luke 10:38-42

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The Book of Genesis provides this sekend's liturgy with its first scriptural

The central figures in this reading are

Abraham and his wife, Sarah. They were key personalities in the development of wor-ship of the one, true God. Abraham is



ship of the one, true
God. Abraham is regarded as the person of
never lost trust in God.
Abraham's loyalty
to God, and that also
of Sarah, is evident in
this reading. God is near to them. The
story says that God appears in their
midst, a very rare event. The three men
attendant of the control of the control of the control
the carriving upon the scene are somestory says warmidst, a very rare event. The three men also arriving upon the scene are somehow connected with the presence of God. Recognizing them in their contact with God. Abraham offers them every hospitality. So does Sarah. The visitors receive the opportunity to rest and to eat from Abraham and Sarah.

Abraham and Sarah are models of the concern and warmth in this

outreach, concern and warmth in this story. Most importantly, they detect in the three visitors the credentials of God.

the three visitors the credentials of God.
The second reading this weekend is
St. Paul, who wrote this letter, was a
man apparently of well-to-do origins,
considerable education, and most of all
possessing the prestige and advantage of
Roman citizenship. Citizenship in the
Roman Empire was by no means automatic for everyone alive in the first certify
A.D. and living in the territories of the
Mediterranean world governed then by
Rome. It was a distinction to have no
mitzenship, and the distinction carried
rights and privileges. Roman judges and
officials were quick to honor such rights
and privileges.
On occasion, Paul's citizenship spared

On occasion, Paul's citizenship spared him the harsh penalties Roman authorities

usually imposed upon any who upset the population or voiced new and unusual dieas about religion or politics. However, as this weekend's reading indicates, citizenship did not excuse Paul from every penalty in the hands of Roman law.

He says in this reading that he is restrained. He is in jail. Nevertheless, in spite of being impeded, he still works for the Lord. He still builds the kingdom of God, even if the effort is primarily in prayer.

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St. Luke's Gospel is the source of this weekend's Gospel reading. It is a familiar passage, the story of the Lord's visit to Martha and Mary in their home.

All too often, this story is used to put contemplation at odds with productive activity. That is not the purpose of the passage, nor is it the message for this eekend's liturgy.

Instead, we are called upon to learn Instead, we are called upon to learn from this reading the supremacy of our Christian faith in all that we do. Establishing such supremacy in our lives and among our priorities is no easy undertaking. The context of the Gospel story suggests how radical and basic must be our attention to the Lord and his Gospel.

our attention to the Lord and its Cospet. The first example is that of Jesus himself. A casual visit by a friend to a home hardly stuns us. Even Victorian customs would have seen nothing wrong with a man visiting two sisters in their home. It seems quite ordinary for hospitality to be provided, and efforts being underway to care for the visitor.

underway to care for the visitor.
However, in the time of lesus, a visit
by a man to women in their home indeed
would have been a stunning event. It was
neither customary nor acceptable. Beyond that, Jesus engaged himself in
conversation with the women, and they
were in the proc s of serving him a
meal, and he was evidently willing to
accept such a meal. All this too was very
much out of the ordinary.
The Jesson is not that Jesus insulted the

The lesson is not that Jesus insulted the etiquette or expectations of his contemporaries. Rather, his most urgent concern was that Mary and Martha learn

### Daily Readings

Monday, July 20 Seasonal weekday Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Psalms 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21 Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Psalms 85:2-8 Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22 Mary Magdalene Song of Solomon 3:1-4 or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9 John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, July 23 Bridget, religious Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-Psalms 36:6-11 Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 24 Seasonal weekday Jeremiah 3:14-17 (Psalms) Jeremiah 31:10 Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25 James, apostle 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalms 126:1-6 Matthew 20:20-28

about God, about God in their lives, and out their obligations before God.

In this context, he told Martha that

In this context, he told Martina that Mary, who was listening to him rather than acting as hostess as was her sister, in reality had chosen the better course. After all, he came to them not chiefly to socialize, but to teach. That was his mission. Nothing could have been more important than to use the opportunity to learn from him.

The church calls us this week to join in the effort of caring for others in their spiritual and physical needs. The first reading, from Genesis, shows by way of the examples of Abraham and Sarah how essential active concern for others is in the correct understanding of Christianity.

However, Christianity is not just hospitality or social work. It is more than humane attention to the requirements of others. Instead, it is regard for others

because each person, all other persons in fact, bear the imprint of God. Each person represents God. Each person is in God's infinite love. In Christ, each person is our brother or sister. For the salvation of each and all, Jesus, the Son of God, sacrificed himself on Calvary.

The Gospel story reminds us that our tramount interest in life, in all that we do, paramount interest in lite, in all that we do, must be the example of Jesus and the will to imitate Jesus. To Jesus, we must turn for direction in everything. We must turn for Mary, carefully listening to his word despite and in the midst of every undertaking to the state of the midst of every undertaking to the state of the midst of every undertaking to the state of the midst of every undertaking to the state of the midst of every undertaking the midst of every undertaking the midst of the midst of every undertaking the midst of the midst of every undertaking the midst of every undertaking the midst of every undertaking the midst of everything the midst of the midst of the midst of the midst of everything the midst of the ing in our lives.

St. Paul's strong message to Colossae reminds us that nothing assures us of events unfolding to meet our wishes. Not even Roman citizenship rescued him from even Koman citizenship rescued that non-every difficulty. However, even if very limited, we still have the great opportunity to care for others, if indeed our care is only a heartfelt prayer spoken in their behalf.

#### THE POPE TEACHES

### Bishops succeed the apostles

by Pope John Paul II rks at audience July 8

The Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Apostles had other co-workers in the ministry entrusted to them by the Lord (cf. "Lumen Gentium," 20). In the Acts of the Apostles and in the letters of St. Paul, we find many individuals named as "co-workers" and "companisment" of the apostles. of the apostles.

As the Gospel spread, we can easily the need for such co-workers and the need for successors of the apostles, for new leaders in the church. In this way new leaders in the church. In this way the mission entrusted to the apostles could continue after their death, and the work begun by them could be completed and consolidated under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In fact, it was precisely this apostolic coession which became the guarantee of the handing on of authentic apostolic witness from generation to generation.

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Let's not wait until tomorrow, On what should be done today— Let's make the most of all our time,

fore it gets away

Now it is true that the first aposties had a unique and exceptional experience in their personal encounter with the Lord, but they also received the mission to be teachers and pastoral guides for the continued development of the church.

It is precisely this ministry of teaching and guiding which is handed on to the apostles' successors, the bishops of today. Ike And the bishops of today, like the

And the bishops of today, like the apostles of yesterday, complete this mission with the help of various co-workers—co-workers who include not only priests and deacons, but also other members of the faithful who cooperate with them in this tank. with them in this task.

with them in this task.

The council can thus affirm that the bishops succeed the apostles as pastors of the church ("Lumen Gentium," 20) and the words of Jesus spoken to his chosen disciples: "Whoever listens to you, listens to me; whoever rejects you, rejects me and the One who sent me" (Luke 10:16) are fullfield even today in the work of the apostles' successors, the bishops.

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And get rid of rusty "barb-wire," And forgive--We cannot lose--

-by Jean Cox

(A resident of Franklin, Jean Cox is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish.)

# Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

### IRA terrorists target CIA in 'Patriot Games'

by James W. Arnold

Since things have been going too well for the Irish in movies lately, it was inevitable that they would take a fall. They

show up as bad guys in Paramount's \$43 mil-

Paramount's \$43 miltion summer thriller,
"Patriot Cames"
This is the second
(after "Hunt for Red
October") in the series
based on the popular
Tom Clancy novels featuring Jack Ryan, the
brainy CIA analyst with
a predilection for getting physically involved in messy agency
crises. Harrison Ford has replaced Alex
Baldwin in the role, a snug fit since he
previously worked the "scholar with a gif
for heroics" character as Indiana Jones.
Since the Soviets have disappeared over

for heroics" character as Indiana Jones.
Since the Soviets have disappeared over
the horizon as potential CIA antagonists,
Irish terrorists fill the gap. "Games" is a
two-way revenge tale. In the opening
moments, during a visit to London, the
presumably retired Ryan blunders into an
attack by IRA fanatics on a car containing ueen's cousin. Ryan kills one of the ers, and the dead man's brother

attackers, and the dead man's brother clearly holds a grudge. He escapes and comes after Ryan and his wife and young daughter, even after they're back home in Maryland, with near deadly success. Then it's lack's turn to be angry, as he rejoins the CIA and uses its considerable resources to track down the terrorist and his pals at a training camp/hideout in the Libyan desert.

As it turns out, he needn't have bothered. The scriptwriters get them all

together for a violent showdown at the Ryans' Atlantic seacoast house during a roaring thunderstorm, and the final combat to the death is aboard a burning speedboat

in the churning sea.

Reminds you a little bit of "Cape Fear, a much nastier but better film. (You might say the basic conflict is between the nuclear say the coast counter is netwern the notices family and an out-of-control madman.) The key distinction for "Games" is its moral and political entanglement with the acronym agencies IRA and CIA.

In a heated review that drew much attention, Joseph McBride of Variety lambasted "Games" as "fascistic and blatantly heated "Games" as "fascistic and blatantly

attention, Joseph McBride ot variety iam-basted "Games" as "fascistic and blatantly anti-Irish." That seems an exaggeration: the problem is mostly superficiality. The terrorists are clearly identified as a fictional "ultra-violent faction" of the IRA, types who murder even their own comrades.

But few if any Irish who appear are impathetic or even minimally character-ted, and most are brutal louts, whether male or female. (One of the killers is a beautiful, ruthless redhead who, ironi-cally, turns out to be English.) cally, turns out to be English.) Moviegoers are mostly not political geni-uses and are unlikely to make distinctions among who is bad and not so bad among the IRA. The British, however, are all good, except for one spy who's working for the Irish.

Let's concede that "Patriot Games" is not an educational film about subtle distinctions in the ongoing British-Irish hostilities

nostitutes.

As for the CIA, it's usually more heroic in Clancy stories than elsewhere. But Jack Ryan is of an age and wisdom to want to distance himself from it. A major scene involves a cover attack that obliterates the Libyan camp within minutes. The big shots at Langley watch via satellite high-tech TV,



'A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN'—Actor Tom Hanks plays the coach and actress Gen Davis is the catcher and star player of the Rockford Peaches in "A League of The Own," a movie about the formation of a women's professional baseball league duri World War II. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II for adults as adolescents. (CNS photo from Columbia Fetures)

with the human figures seen as ghostly infrared blips on the monitors.

Ryan is among the observers, and despite his anger he conveys on his face the mixed feelings of a humane man witness-ing the execution of absolute power. It was something like watching the Gulf War smart bombs go down chimneys and elevator shafts.

This is a rare complex moral moment This is a rare complex moral moment. Jack is mostly a simple guy, acting to defend his family and just plain enraged by the IRA attack in London. His wife (Anne Archer) is an educated eye surgeon, but loses her sophistication when the family comes under attack from Sean, the vengeful Inishman: "Get him," she tells Jack. "I don't care what you have to do."

The movie is hard to believe at times, even for a thriller. Aussie director Philip Noyce ("Dead Calm") is much better with the quiet personal moments than the action sequences. Many of the latter are genre setpieces: the car chase on the jammed freeway, the street chase through crowds into the subway, the invasion of a house by ruthless killers

Perhaps the script's biggest mist picking its villain, a one-dimensional nsional tough guy (played by Sean Bean) with grit but not an idea in his head. He is personally responsible for most of the people who get killed in the movie—on all sides—ar d is

killed in the movie—on all sides—ard is especially irritating for spoiling an o herwise promising showdown ending.

Of note are thora Birch as the R an sittle girl, IE. Freeman and James Earl ones as credible CIA bigwigs, Richard Ha is as a Sinn Fein spokesman, and Samt el L. Jackson (the junkie brother in "Jungle Fever") doing a complete change as sliste. Naval Academy officer.

(Smooth but thin CIA vs. te rorists thriller; intense genre violence, langua ge, sex situation, satisfactory for resture view rs.)

USCC classification: A-IV, adult. with reservations.

### Recent USCC Film Classificatio Prelude to a Kiss Universal Soldier Legend: A-I—general patronage; A-II—adolescents; A-III—adults; A-IV—adu reservations; O—morally offensive. A himendation from the USCC is indicated before the title.

#### 'Columbus and the Age of Discovery' returns on PBS

by Henry Herx Catholic News Service

Anticipating the 500th anniversary of 1492 and what it wrought is "Columbus and the Age of Discovery," a series of seven one-hour programs being rebroadcast beginning on Monday July 20, from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. on PBS. (Check local listings to verify program dates and times.)

Programs 3-4 will air on July 27 and Programs 5-6 run on Aug. 3, also from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. The series concludes on Monday, Aug. 10, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Produced by an international consortium of broadcasters including WCBH Boston, the series is the work of many hands and multiple viewpoints. Columbus is seen as a man of his times whose voyages of exploration joined two worlds, the legacy of which affects the entire globe.

The result is a rich history of idea as a much as it is a crowded history of the social, political and economic forces at work during Columbus' life and through the 500 years since his ships first sighted the New World.

The first program, "Columbus' World," follows the future explorer's formative years in Genoa, Italy, while considering medieval Europe's dependence on trading with

Muslim middlemen for the silks and spices of the O ient. The fall of Constantinople to the Turks in 1453 is a najor turning point in the political history of Europe and its rade with the East.

with the East.

The second program follows Columbus to Li bon,
Portugal, to learn from the Portuguese, Europe's nost
successful navigators, then to the Spanish royal cot to
seek backing for his plan to reach the East by sailing West.

Programs 3 and 4 cetail Columbus' first Atlantic crossing and his confusion over what he thought he discovered. The fifth program, "The Sword and the Cross," looi is at the Spanish Conquest of the Americas and the decima

into context by examining the vigorous condemnation of the colonists' mistreatment of the Indians made by Dominican friar Bartolome de Las Casas and other missionaries.

But it was not Spanish greed that was most responsible for what became known locally as the Gr at Dying. It was smallpox, measles and other common European diseases to which the Indians had no immunity that reduced the population of New Spain from a estimated 15 million to some 1.5 million within a century.

The show links the early missionaries' condemnation of the exploitation of the Indians to the church's social action programs on behalf of the poor and oppressed of today.

The sixth program examines the fruitful interchange tween the Old World's horses and cattle and the

Americas' corn, potatoes and sugar cane.

The final episode, "In Search of Columbus," follows the

The final episode. "In Search of Columbus," follows the admiral's fourth and final voyage of 1502, which was are unmitigated disaster. The major portion of the program is devoted to the controversy surrounding the Columbian quincentenary and the checkered legacy it represents. Getting the last word is Mauricio Obregon, the Colombian diplomat and histosam, who observes that Europe's "discovery" of the New World was inevitable and it would be wrong to remember only "the worst" about the man who accomplished it. Executive producer Zvi Dor-Ner obviously agrees with Obregon that Columbus is worthy of celebration and his legacy deserves scrutiny.

(Henry Herx is the director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)



COLUMBUS' LANDING-The landing of Christopher Columbus on the island of Guanahani (San Salvador) on Oct. 12, 1492, is depicted in this reproduction of an original oil painting by artist John Vanderlyn. The original has hung

in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington since Jan. 15, 1847. This year marks the Quincentenary of Columbus' arrival in the Americas. (CNS photo courtesy of the United States Capitol Historical Society)

#### **QUESTION CORNER**

## Priest will offer blessing

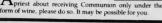
I have been a Catholic all my life and just recently learned I could receive a blessing at Communion time if I went up and crossed my arms. Both of my non-Catholic daughters-in-law are happy they can do it too.

I am 84 and because of cancer surgery have not been able to receive Communion for years. Finding out about the blessing was wonderful. So many good people from divorces, etc., don't go. This should be a great help for them.

A friend from England tells me this is a practice there, too

When and where did this blessing begin? Could it be done everywhere? (Mississippi)

A First, if you haven't talked with a priest about receiving Communion only under the form of wine, please do so. It may be possible for you. First, if you haven't talked with a



#### **FAMILY TALK**

### Parents grieve about adult child's behavior

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Mary: What are we to say to our adult children and how are we to act toward them when they reject all our values? They have sex outside of marriage. One has divorced, another lives with the person she is engaged to. They don't go to church regularly

We were not brought up this way and didn't think we brought them up that way either. We want a good relationship with our children, yet it hurts to see them living this way. (lowa)

Answer: Many parents of adult children face the same problem. Frequently we have suggested these ideas in dealing with this relationship.

The upbringing you gave them does not cause this behavior. Many other influences outside your values affect

You are not responsible for the behavior of your adult

children.

\*\*P-Lecturing or criticizing will not change them. They know you well and they know your values.

However, you pose another question: How do parents get over the hurt caused by the behavior of their children?

Consider the behavior of your children a cross you have received at this time in your life. Each cross can affect us in one of two ways: It can be a burden that makes us angry or depressed, that alienates us from God and our neighbor; or it can be the opportunity to learn, change and grow.

How might you grow from this experience?

First, consider not what to tell your children, but what to tell yourself. You cannot change others. The only person you can change is yourself.

you can change is yourself.

Your letter says that your children have rejected all your values about sex, marriage and membership in a church

You are wise enough to recognize the importance of fidelity, which perseveres in good times and bad. Faithfulness is the characteristic the Old Testament uses to

scribe God's commitment to his people

Christian morality includes more than an ethic of sexuality. Perhaps this is an opportunity for you to examine your own values and to become more conscious of the full message of lesus.

your own values and to become more conscious of the full message of Jesus.

Try to expand your own understanding of being a Christian. As you grow as a Christian, you might well find that you are able to focus on areas of agreement with your children rather than on your differences.

Read Matthew, Chapter 5, for Jesus' message on holiness, the Beatitudes. As you pray, you might meditate on the meaning of each one in turn.

Notice how Jesus describes holiness: the poor in spirit.

Notice how Jesus describes holines: the poor in spirit, the gentle, those who hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful, the peacemakers. The movement for peace and justice is not a phenomenon of the 1990s, but a message straight from lesus.

How can you become more conscious of these Christian values in your own life? Every news story gives you opportunities. Try these:

As you read the newspaper or watch TV news, focus on injustice and violence in our own society. You might resolve to pray each day for a specific person or group in the news who is the victim of violence or injustice.

What might your local parish do to alleviate injustice in your community or in the world at large? Become active and

your community or in the world at large? become active and join with others to develop ideas and programs. Sexual morality is important. It is not the only value in the life of a Christian. Some Christians who never offend against sexual morality show no concern about poverty, volence and injustice in our communities and in our world. (Reader questions on family living or child care to be answered in print are instead. Address questions to the Kennys, 219 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

My mail regularly contains letters similar to yours. I don't know where the practice you describe began, but it is observed in many places.

A Catholic who is not receiving Communion, young children, or people of other faiths who wish to do so, approach the Communion station with the rest of the congregation. They cross their arms over their breast as a sign they do not receive Communion but wish to receive blessings.

The priest or other eucharistic minister places his or her hand over the individual and says a brief blessing; for example: "May Jesus our Savior keep you always in his love. Amen."

Priests and people who take advantage of this opportunity see several good points about it.

For one, it gives Christians of other faiths, who cannot normally receive Communion at a Catholic Eucharist, a way of sharing in the Communion part of the Mass in

some manner Numerous non-Catholics are present in our churches each Sunday. Most of these participate fully in the Mass in every other way.

While we cannot invite them to the Eucharist, we can do more than ignore them after the Eucharistic Prayer by allowing them to share some expression of our common Christian identity during this part of the eucharistic celebration

Others point out that it can be a reverent and humble way to acknowledge our religious divisions, and our

prayer that the Holy Spirit will heal the family of Christ

It also allows children who have not yet made their It also allows endered who have not yet made their first Communion to share this time more closely with their families. I have found it tends to increase their interest and desire for full sharing in the Eucharist when that time arrives.

To my knowledge, two main objections have been offered against this practice

It has been suggested that having people come forward for a Eucharistic blessing confuses the liturgical sign of the reception of the Eucharist, thus reducing the significance of receiving Holy Communion itself

The objection would seem to be logical, but it seems that's not what happens.

If anything, it increases awareness of the great privilege and reality of receiving the Eucharist, whether the individuals are children, adults who are preparing to embrace the Catholic faith, or others who for one reason or another cannot or do not receive the Eucharist.

Liturgy scholars with whom I have discussed the matter see no reason to object to the practice.

A more practical objection is that people who become accustomed to the practice in one parish will be confused or embarrassed when their request for a eucharistic blessing is not recognized or accepted in another.

Whether or not this disadvantage outweighs the advantage is, of course, a matter of pastoral judgment of the parish priests and others responsible for the liturgy.

Some Eastern-rite Catholics routinely approach Com-munion with arms crossed, which might cause a bit of confusion in some parts of the country.

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father John ietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington,

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DOES HE/SHE

- SHE/SHE

  A Snore?

  B Stop breathing when asleep, but doesn't remember this when he wakes up?

  C Feel sleepy during the day even though he slept through the night?

  D Have high blood pressure?

  E loss and turn a lot any light of the pressure?

  S weat excessively during the night?

  G. Often awaken with headaches?

  I can waight or is he overweight?

- H. Gain weight or is he overweight?

  1. Seem to be losing his sex drive?

If you answered yes to any three or more of the questions in this section, then your spouse is showing some of the symptoms associated with Sleep Agnea, a sleep disorder that causes the sufferer to stop breathing as much as several hundred times a night.

- Experience muscle tension in his legs even when otherwise relaxed?
- K. Jerk parts of his body?

  L. Kick at night?

- L. Kick at night?
   M. Experience aching or a "crawling" sensation in his legs?
   N. Experience leg pain during the night?
   O. Keep moving his legs at night because he just can't seem to keep thems?
   P. Feel skeet, "during," he day even though he slept through the night?

Answering yes to three or more questions in this section could be a sign that your spouse has Nocturnal Myoclonus, or Restless Leg Syndrome. Characterzed by an unpleasant crawling sensation, pain or repeated jerks of the legs at night, this sleep disorder can give both you and your spouse many sleepless nights.

DOES HE/SHE

- Q Say he had trouble concentrating when he was in school?

  R Feel like he's going limp when he's angry, surprised
- R. Feel like he soong limp when he sangry, surprised or laughing?

  S. Fall askept while driving?

  T. Feel like he's soong around in a daze?

  L' Experience vivid dream-like scenes upon falling askept or awakering?

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  W. Have trouble at morter how hard he tries to star awake?

  Y. Feel unable to move sometimes when he is waking up or falling askept.

Should three or more of the symptoms listed here seem familiar, then your spouse may have Narcolepsy, a life-long sleep disorder that is most commonly characterized by uncontrollable attacks of sleepiness at different times during the day.

Z. If your spouse's sleeping is keeping you awake, then
calling the Methodist Sleep Disorders Center is the
quickest way to get some Zzzzzzzz.

As worrisome as many sleep disorders can be, they are treatable and, in most cases, curable. The important thing is to recognize the symptoms and get help. So if you or someone you love is suffering from any of the symptoms were than Call 929-2800, contact the Methodist Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. Call 929-2800, Methodist Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. Call 929-2800, Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. Call 929-2800, Methodist Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. Call 929-2800, Methodist Center Call 929-2800, Methodist Ce disorder is something no one should have to lose sleep over.

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Chartrand High School Class of 1967 will hold its 25th Reunion at Roncalli High School. Call Susan Rolfson 317-882-2179 for details.

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

**AUGUST 2nd** 

11:00 AM-?

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YOU COTTON-PICAN'

Rural St. will hold a Festival featuring fish fry Fri., inter-national night Sat., chicken din-ner Sun. Magician, ethnic music, bingo, monte carlo.

July 25

A '50s-'60s Dance featuring music by Rolling Rock will be held from 8 p.m.-12 midnight at St. Augustine Parish hall, Jeffersonville. \$10/person includes beer, set-ups.

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Medi-tation Prayer Group will gather for an hour of meditating prayer

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# The Active List

related activities for The Active List. Please keep them brief, listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No announcements will be event, sporsol, auc, time una ocution. No annoncements with or taken by telephone. No pictures, please. Notices must be in our offices by 10 a.m. Monday the week of publication. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, The Active List, 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

July 17

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will hold a City-wide Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Teaching, pray-ers for healing. Call 317-927-6871 for details

July 17-19

to Annual Summer Festival of Jude Parish, 5363 McFarland I. will be held from 5 p.m.-12 dnight Fri., 3 p.m.-12 dnight Fat, and from 1-8 p.m. In. Entertainment for all ages.

July 18 Little Flower Classes 1927-41 will nold a Reunion beginning with Mass at 5 p.m. Call Betty Clemens 317-356-8396 for details.

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will attend Symphony on the Prairie. Meet at Marsh flagpole, 86th St. and Allisonville Rd. at 5:30 p.m. Bring food and drink. Call Mary 317-255-3841 for more information.

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

\*\*\* A Super Rummage Sale for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society concludes from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Lawrence Parish, 46th and Shadeland Ave.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Osgood will sponsor its annual Chicken Dinner Festival from 11

St. Mary Parish, Navilleton will hold a Picnic, rain or shine. Chicken or ham dinners served from 10 a.m. Booths, games, quilt raffle.

Dominican Sister Dr. Patricia

Benson will begin a Wholistic Directed Retreat continuing through July 25 begins at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 317-788-7581 for details.

A Festival and Chicken Dinner will be held at St. John the Bap-tist Parish, Guilford. Festival 11 a.m.-7 p.m. EDT; dinner served 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Bingo, country store.

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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, 4100 E. Soth St., 11:30 a.m.

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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

The Women's Club of St. Patrick Parish will hold its regular monthly Card Party at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 936 Prospect St. Euchre, bunco played. Admis-sion \$1.25.

Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics (SDRC) will meet at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. for program on "Seeking Support. Call 317-236-1596 for details.

The Young Widowed Group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St. Call 317-2378-1596 for more informa-

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-

July 20-24

The first Personality/Human Re- St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N.

Northside In-Betweeners 30° Catholic singles club will attend IMA Summer Concert on the Terrace. Call Jane 317-924-4090

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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A Discussion Series for separated and divorced Catholics continues from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. with "Rebuilding a Family After

July 23-25

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer and reflection is held each Fri. from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass in St. Lawrence Church, 46th and Shade-

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lationship Workshop on "Who am I?" will be held at Fatima Retreat House. Call 317-545-7681 for details.

July 21

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The Spiritual Book Series continues from 7:30-9 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Call 317-788-7581.

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will hold a Gourmet Evening at 7 p.m. at Shaffer's Fondue Place, 6125 Hillside Ave. Call Anna Marie 317-784-3313 by July 19 for

July 23

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass for vocations in St. Lawrence Church, 46th and Shadeland.

St. Christopher Parish, Speed-way will present its "Tops in Food" Festival from 4:30 p.m. daily. Dinners, booths, rides.

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will attend IMA outdoor movie. Meet at 6 p.m. at fountain. Bring picnic. Call 317-255-3841.

A Tobit Weekend for engaged couples will be held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-545-7681 for information.

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# Married Czech priests may become deacons

by Agostino Bono Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Becoming permanent deacons is one possibility for some married men who say they were secretly ordained during Czechoslovakia's communist rule, said Archbishop Miloslav Vlk of Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Another ortion is working as priests in the Eastern rite.

Another option is working as priests in the Eastern rite, which allows a married priesthood, he said in a July 6 Vatican

Radio interview.

The permanent diaconate is a possibility for married men whose ordination is in doubt and who want to work in the Latin rite, said the archibishop.

These men would be ordained to the permanent diaconate as a precaution in case they were not validly ordained before, he said.

he said.

Married men whose ordinations are in doubt and who
wish to work as Eastern-rite priests also would be ordained as
a precaution, he added.

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There is no general answer to the problem of what to do
with doubtful ordinations and solutions are still being studied
on a case-by-case basis, he said.
Czechoslowakia has one Eastern-rite and 12 Latin-rite aution, he adde

dioceses.

Clandestine ordinations were done as a means of keeping the church alive under repressive communist rule. Difficulties in confirming the validity of ordinations occur because in

many cases no written records were kept and the bishops who performed the ordinations have died.

The diaconate is an ordained ministry preceding ordination to the priesthood. A deacon can perform some sacramental functions, but cannot celebrate Mass or absolve people from sins. The Second Vatiana Council encouraged it as a permanent ministry in the Latin-rite for married men. Archishop VIk said that the number of men saying they wro placed that the number of men saying they wro priests.

Of these priests, a good number are married" and not all of the council or the said of the said of the said of the said or the said of the sai

about 170 priests, a good number are married" and not all of the ordinations are in doubt, he said.

Married men were ordained with the understanding that it was for the Eastern rite, he said.

Other Czechoslovakian church officials have said that at

Other Czechoslovakian church officials have said that at least three of the bishops are married. Archbishop VIk said that each man who said he was secretly ordained has presented a written statement to the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which is overseeing the search for solutions.

The congregation is studying each case and applying norms for individual solutions, he said.

Congregation officials have not commented publicly about their findings and recommendations.

Archistop VIk said that regularizing the situation of secretly ordained nean is only one of the problems that four decades of communist rule has left the church.

"Communism divided the church: priests on one side, laity on the other was a commented to the church priests on one side, laity on the other was "only a passive element" because "the communist regime did not permit the laity to work or comperate with the church," he said.

"We must four an active laity," he added.
Priests also must learn new attitudes because "they are not used to being be offenced by the laity," said the archibishop.

To create community, a dialogue is necessary and we are not used to dialoguing," he added. "Here there was always a political monoiloguing," he added. "Here there was always a political monoiloguing, he added. "Here there was always a political monoiloguing, he added." The community and we are not used to along use of the community anyty and we always a political monoiloguing."

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# Youth News/Views

## Preparations underway for World Youth Day

by John Thavis Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY— U.S. church leaders hope Pope John Paul II can spend as much as three days with young people when he goes to the 1993 World Youth Day rally in Denver.

U.S. organizers of the rally met with

Day rally in Denver.

U.S. organizers of the rally met with Vatican officials in early July and presented three suggested schedules for papal involvement in the youth event.

The planners are trying to design more initimate meetings with the pope that would bring him face-to-face with relatively small groups of youths, Father Dennis Schuur, associate general secretary of the Mational Confere of Catholic Bishops, said in Rome on July 10.

National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in Rome on July 10.

"Our hope is that the Holy Father will spend as much time with young people as he can," Father Schnurr said.

The plan most favored by the U.S. organizers calls for the pope to arrive on the evening of Aug. 12, 1993, and remain until the conclusion of World Youth Day

the conclusion of World Youth Day ceremonies on Aug. 15.

Under this scenario, the pope would personally lead at least one of the catechetical sessions planned for the event, and would preside over an evening reconciliation service ending with in-distribual confessions. dividual confessions

At a minimum, the pope is expected to meet with the entire group of young people during a vigil service on Aug. 14 and at a closing Mass on Aug. 15. That has been to the part of his participation in past World Youth Day ceremonies.

A third option foresees the popending perhaps two days at the world-

spending perhaps two wide meeting.
Father Schnurr said it is possible the pope may want to take a brief vacation in the Deriver mountains before he begins the Vecuth Day activities.

the Denver mountains before he begins the Youth Day activities. "Given she 12-hour flight (from Rome), the altitude in Denver, the fact that he will be 73 years old, and that we're asking him

to give three days to the young people, we think it would seem to be highly desirable," he said, "but it's up to the Holy Father to decide."

The group spoke on the rally schedule fore the pontiff entered a Rome hospital on July 12 for medical tests and possible

intestinal surgery.

In their meetings with officials of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, which co-sponsors World Youth Day, the U.S. church people reported on organizational structure, registration procedures, and other logistics.

In the United States, the 1993 meeting is being promoted through local dioceses and parishes, which this fall will receive a resource book

The book will focus on the official theme for World Youth Day, which was taken for World Youth Day, which was taken from Jesus' words in St. John's Gospel: "I came so that they might have life, and have it more abundantly."

Another key element in the prepara-tions will be the pope's message for 1993 World Youth Day, expected to be released sometime this summer.

Father Schnurr said organizers fores the event as an impetus to youth ministry at local levels throughout the country. "I think the level of enthusiasm is really very high," he said.

The U.S. bishops approved a \$4.5 million fund-raising plan for World Youth Day expenses. About \$300,000 to \$500,000 is going to help in transportation costs for poor young people who would otherwise be unable to come.

Some of the funding will go as seed money for a follow-up program, so that World Youth Day "does not just end in Denver, but continues," said Father Schurr.
"This is being looked on by bishops as a major catecherical event and a chance for evangelization," he said.

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The Vatican's laity council also reviewed designs submitted for a World Youth Day logo, which is expected to be unveiled later this summer.



NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKER—Archbishop-designate Daniel M. Buechlein (left), then Bishop of the Diocese of Memphis, Tenn., responds to a teen-ager's question during the 1989 National Catholic Youth Conference in Louiside, Y. Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Carlson (right) of the Diocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., also spoke with the teens about church issues. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

## Archbishop-designate says youth ministry is priority

by Mary Ann Wyand

"Youth are a priority," Archbishop-des-ignate Daniel M. Buechlein told media representatives during a July 14 press conference at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to announce his papal appointment as the new spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of

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Bishop Buechlein, a Benedictine priest in vocations as a faculty who worked in vocations as a faculty member of St. Meinrad College and School of Theology and also as president of St. Meinrad, said he will encourage young people to become involved in the church.

"We have a dynamic church here in Indiana," he told the press, "and I want to build on that and move forward. Somebuild on that and move forward. Some-body once told me that negative people never win, and so my whole approach will be what can we do, for example, on the issue of the priest shortage to encourage and support young people to want to serve in the church, not only as priests but also as witnesses? to their Catholic faith.

witnesses" to their Catholic faith.

A native of Jasper, the bishop said he received a strong tradition of faith from that predominantly Catholic community.

"I was a country boy," he said. "I had a very simple background. I will be forever grateful to the Sisters of Providence for the tremendous education they may be made to the simple background." gave me. In fact, it was a Sister of Providence who first asked me if I would consider becoming a priest."

### Youth Ministry Day examines stress, relationships The workshop will address ways that

Youth ministry coordinators and volun-teers are invited to the Catholic Youth Organization's annual Youth Ministry Inservice Day on Sept. 19 at the Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

Physician, author and motivational speaker John Gnap of Chicago will present the keynote address on "Parents and Teens: A Balancing Act."

youth ministry workers can become partners with parents to better minister to youth

to yourn.

Sessions will cover family structure,
single parenting, stress, relationships,
emotional balance, and building positive

Registration costs \$20 a person or \$18 a

PERFORMERS—St. Pius X parishioners Katie Miesle (from left), Don Miesle and Jonathan Gardner of Indianapolis pose for a photograph with Paul Lindauer, "Youth Sing Praise" program director at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Illinois, after their performance in Marty Haugen's "Tales of Wonder" on June 27.

person for groups of five or more from the same parish. For registration information, contact the Catholic Youth Organization at

317-632-9311 by Aug. 28.

Benedictine Sister Joan Marie M benedictine Sister Joan Marie Mas-sura, teen services coordinator for CYO, said the workshop is geared for coordina-tors of youth ministry, parish administra-tors of religious education, high school and junior high school teachers, cate-chists, parents and all youth volunteers.

"Taking God Seriously" is the theme of a two-day **Youth Ministry Retreat** scheduled Aug. 14-15 at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center.

Father Keith Hosey, director of Pope John XXIII Center at Hartford City, is the director for the Catholic Youth Organiza-

director for the Catholic Youth Organiza-tion's annual youth ministry retreat. "Participation in this retreat can strengthen our ministry by nourishing our bodies and souls," Benedictine Sister our bodies and souls," Benedictine Sister Joan Marie Massura, teen services coordi-nator for CYO, explained, "We need to get back to the basics and rediscover our intimacy with Christ. Both the presenta-tions and the time spent in personal moments will focus on experiencing Jesus as Land."

as Lord. Registration costs \$40 a person. Contact the CYO Youth Center at 317-632-9311 for registration information by July 21.

Roncalli High School officials are search-ing for host families for foreign exchange students to continue the Indianapolis South Deanery school's participation in the cultural exchange program.

bach said some the foreign exchange students spend either six or 11 months with their host family.

For additional information, contact Weisenbach at Roncalli High School at 317-787-8277.

Tickets are still being sold for par-ticipation in the Catholic Youth Organiza-tion's annual CYO Kings Island Day on July 29.

Telephone the CYO office at 317-632-9311 for discount ticket information.

Terre Haute Deanery youth will help build a **Habitat for Humanity** home on July 18 for a local family in need of affordable housing.

To participate, contact Janet Roth, youth ministry coordinator for St. Ann, St. Benedict and Sacred Heart parishes, at 812-232-8421 or 812-466-1231.

Summer reading for St. Roch seventh and eighth-grade students may include some of William Shakespeare's prose.

The Indianapolis South Deanery grade school annually sponsors a Shakespeare Day in late spring so students can learn more about his work.

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more about his work.

St. Roch teacher Elaine Ancelet said
the combination of reading, acting, and
viewing Shakespeare's works enables
the students to gain a better appreciation and understanding of the complicated classics.

### Congress focuses on enhancing black families

by Julie Asher Catholic News Service

NEW ORLEANS—After an opening Mass that celebrated the richness of African-American culture through music and ritual, delegates to the seventh National Black Catholic Congress got to their task at hand—to lay out a framework aimed at strengthening the African-American family in church and society.

Meeting in New Orleans July 9-12, delegates and other congress participants also discussed ways to make the church more inclusive of African-American culture and concerns and ed on the status of the African-American male

"How?" asked Auxiliary Bishop J. Terry Steib of St. Louis, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Black Catholics, during the closing Mass of the congress July 12. "I don't know how, but somehow!"

He was responding to questions raised by delegates on now to implement in their home dioceses the actions of the congress

Delegates July 11 approved eight public policy statements covering national family policy, Medicaid, universal health care, welfare reform, job training and opportunity, multicultural curriculums and minority scholarships.

The aim is to call on lawmakers to take into account needs of African-American families

Delegates also ratified 11 pastoral statements on marriage, laity, children and youth, religious education, Catholic schools, evangelization, pastoral ministry to families and African-American ministries. Many of the

statements were aimed at making parish programs and school curriculums more inclusive of African-American

culture.

From the mountaintop of the congress, which has 
"renewed and educated us," Bishop Steib said, "we have 
to descend to the valley to help others to walk in God's 
ways. It's an old walk—with a new strut."

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Nine of the nation's 11 active black bishops were there: Bishop Joseph L. Howze of Biloxi, Miss, Auxiliary Bishops Steib, Moses B. Anderson of Detroit, Leonard J. Olivier of Washington, Curits J. Guillory of Galveston-Houston, Carl A. Fisher of Los Angeles, John H. Ricard of Baltimore, Wilton D. Gregory of Chikago and Joseph A. Francis of Newark, N.J.

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Also attending were Cardinals James A. Hickey of
Washington, Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, Anthony
J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, Bernard F. Law of Boston,
John J. O'Connor of New York, and Joseph L. Bernardin

The congress agenda included workshops focused on communicating within families, the unborn, the sacrament of mariage. African-American catechesis, AIDS and the African-American family, the impact of race and politics on African-American families and African roots in the early church.

At a workshop on "The African-American Family and the Issue of Life in the Womb," Dr. Mildred Jefferson surveyed the audience in front of her with a smile. "It's rare I get to address a group of faces that look like mine," she told the delegates.

"I'm rarely invited to black congresses anymore because of the message I bring," said Jefferson, who served three terms as president of the National Right to Life Committee.

Jefferson, a general surgeon at Boston University Medical Center and a faculty member at the university's medical school, said that "while African-Americans make up 12.1 school, said that "while African-Americans make up 12.1 percent of the population, we represent 44 percent of the abortion population," she said. "If the present rate of abortions (4,400 a day) continues, by this time toward the end of the next century, there won't be an indigenous

end of the next century, there won't be an indigenous population derived from people like us."

At a special afternoon symposium for bishops July 10, sociologists cited some grim statistics in reporting on the status of African-American families in U.S. society. According to Learne Boulin-Johnson, a sociologist at Arizona State University, the poverty ratio is higher today than it was in 1967 among black children nuel 10 and black children get sick and die at a higher rate because they are three-and-a-half times poorer than white children.

Robert B. Hill, director of the Institute for Urban Research

at Morgan State University in Baltimore, said that minorities, who lack job skills, are the last to get jobs when

the economy expands.

At a event held at Xavier University for the nearly 400 youth attending the congress, a poet told her audience to look to Pope John Paul II as a role model rather than to Michael Jackson.

Michael Jackson.

Speaking at the nation's only black Catholic college,
Nikki Giovanni, professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University in Blacksburg, Va., said if there is one
thing that young people can learn from popular singer
Jackson, she said, if shat talent and money are not enough.

She urged the youth to be like Pope John Paul who, during a visit to New York's Harlem neighborhood, said he was "a servant to humanity."

At a July 11 press conference wrapping up the business of the congress, Bishop Ricard called the event historic for bringing so many lay people together with bishops, dergy and religious to wrestle "with issues that impact the church." He said that black Catholics "see areas of difficulty" in

the church but that the majority have no intention of

He also mentioned the need for the church to be involved in race relations, working to better understanding between the nation's blacks and whites.

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"We must begin a new interracial dialogue for understanding," he said. "It was clear in L.A. that we are two nations drifting apart. Twenty years ago blacks decided to stop talking to whites and whites stopped talking to blacks. The further apart we are the more chance there is for misconception. The only way to tackle the problem is to see that we are in the same boat. "Martin Luther King said we may have come in different ships but today we are in the same boat," Bishop Ricard added.

At the opening Mass of the congress, Bishop Francis ureed delegates to keep fighting racism in the church and

urged delegates to keep fighting racism in the church and

He said the Rodney King affair had left some people tired of hearing about racism and victimization, but "we must talk about it, shout about it, write about it, and chart out a course to annihilate" it.

### Ecumenism: game of chutes and ladders

by Agostino Bono Catholic News Service

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VATICAN CITY—Exumenical relations often seem like a game of Chutes and Ladders.

Theologians of different Christian churches painstakingly climb, rung-by-rung, until reaching what they think is a stage of solid doctrinal footing. Suddenly, a trap door opens and they go sliding to the bottom again. Sometimes, the door is opened by church officials who simply cannot accept a dialogue partner's position. Other times, events in the real world spring the trap, reminding theologians that their goal is to provide a genuine understanding of Christianity for concrete human beings rather than cratting words into mutually acceptable phrases.

understanding of Christianity for concrete human being rather than crafting words into my and the program of the trap doors also reflect the delivate stage reached by ecumenical talks. Controversies increasingly involve "dissues," core terms that would dramatically alter a church's traditional identity and beliefs if changed.

50, 27 years after the Section of the control of the control of the church's traditional identity and beliefs if changed. Ladders game appears to be in full swing at the Vatican Prime examples are the Catholic Anglican and Catholic. Orthodox dialogues. In both cases, the trap door has hampered theological talks noted for their slow, but steady progress. Catholic-Anglican relations ran into the latest stag in May when Archbishop George Carey of Canterbury, England, spiritual head of worldwide Anglicanism, sent a strong criticism of the Catholic position on birth control as the calling card to Pope John Paul II.

The Anglican archbishop, a week before his first meeting with the pope, told a Lordon newspaper that the Catholic Church should rethink its moral opposition or artificial contraception.

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The Vatican's top ecumenical officer, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, said raising sensitive issues in the press rather than in dialogue sessions only creates tensions.

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"It becomes harder to talk about the more delicate questions because you've destroyed the climate in which that can be done," said Cardinal Cassidy.

At the May 25 Vatican meeting, the pope and the archbishop agreed to continue theological dialogue. But they did not make it easier for their theologians to find common ground. The Christian leaders pulled no punches about their wide-ranging disagreements on major issues involving ordination, the Eucharist and ministry.

Several months earlier, it was the Vatican that triggered atrap door. In December, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith criticized a 1982 final report of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, the official dialogue channel of the two churches.

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The doctrinal congregation said that the final report's positions on the Eucharist, ministry and ordination "do not satisfy fully certain elements of Catholic doctrine."

Three years earlier, the Anglican Communion approved the final report, saying it was "consonant in substance with the faith of Anglicans." (and the final report of the final people of the

De facto, official Anglican-Catholic international dialogue has continued, producing final reports on other issues that have yet to be judged by the authorities of both churches

Catholic-Orthodox relations took a bad turn in early June

Catholic-Orthodox relations took a bad turn in early June when Orthodox officials surprised their Catholic counterparts by postponing a theological meeting. The decision came after the intrusion of new, concrete problems. The fall of communism has produced several years of tensions in Eastern Europe between national Orthodox churches and creviously illegal Eastern-rite Catholic churches over conversions and possession of church property. The new situation also meant new Orthodox

and Catholic players, often with attitudes frozen in time before World War II when ecumenism was not a strong Christian agenda item. Although Orthodox churches were legal in communist states, they were strictly controlled and isolated, unable to

states, they were strictly controlled and isolated, unable to fully participate in international church life and thought. Eastern-rite Catholics from Eastern Europe are not part of the Vatican's dialogue team. But their re-emergence after decades of persecution and clandestine survival means the Vatican is now defending their hard-earned right to continue existing, even though this causes tension. Behind all these situations are the "fatth issues." Even if Orthodox and Eastern-rite Catholics solve the problem of who owns what church building and who has territorial jurisdiction over which souls, pivotal questions remain. Would the Orthodox continue being Orthodox—and the Anglicans continue being Orthodox—and the Anglicans continue being Anglicans—if they accep.ed the pope as the final authority in doctrinal?

Anglicans continue being Anglicans—if they accepted the pope as the final authority in doctrinal?

Would the Catholic Church still be the Catholic Church if

as composed of autonomous national or ethnic churches with the pope having a primacy of honor but no authority outside the Diocese of Rome?

Would the Catholic Church still be the Catholic Church if it had women priests and priests were allowed to marry?
Until such "faith issues" are resolved, trap doors will continue opening

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#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

### Summer reading for children

Reviewed by Barb Fraze and Margaret Maher

The following books for children are guaranteed to help

THE YEAR THEY WALKED, By Beatrice Siegel. Four

THE YEAR THEY WALKED, By Beatrice Siegel. Four Winds Press (New York, 1992). 103 pp. 513.95.

The story of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott is told in a way that will make history come alive youngsters. The topic has drama, and Siegel mixes dialogue and background to present a captivating narrative. Photographs of the participants help the reader realize these were real people. Ages 10-14. (BF)

MOTHER'S BLESSING, By Penina Keen Spinka Atheneum (New York, 1992), 217 pp., \$14.95.

Ameneum (New York, 1992), 21/19p., 314-39.

Here is the story of a young Indian who, with her mother, was abandoned by her father at birth because she was not a boy. Indian wise men had predicted the birth of a leader, and how "Child" grows into one includes numerous adventures, as well as exposes children to Indian customs and legends. The book includes several

appealing. Ages 11-14. (BF)

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, By Kathy Henderson, illustrated by Jennifer Eachus. Macmillan (New 24 pp., \$13.95

This poetic tale describes the happenings around town in the middle of the night, and soft watercolor illustrations illuminate the story. It is a perspective children often do not see—a mother comforting a baby, a nurse checking on her patients, bakers preparing bread for the morning. All of these chores will come alive when children experience this picture book. Ages 4-7. (MM)

TALKING WITH ARTISTS, By Pat Cummings. Bradbury Press (New York, 1992), 96 pp., 518.95.
This is a wonderful collection of interviews with picture-book illustrators which should serve as an inepiration picture-took mustrators which stooled serve as an insulation to the aspiring young artist. Young people will recognize that today's popular artists, such as Steven Kellogg and Chris Van Allsburg, had some triumphs, as well as defeats, along the way. In the poignant interviews, readers can see how the

artists got started, what influenced their style and how they have developed as a person. Ages 9 and up. (MM)

MISTY'S TWILIGHT, By Marguerite Henry, illustrated by Karen Grandpre. Macmillan (New York, 1992), 144 pp., \$13.95.

1992), 144 pp., \$13.95.

After 20 years, the author of the Newberry Honor Book
'Misty of Chincoteague' has written a sequel to her work.
This new adventure story will delight all horse lovers. Dr.
Sandy Price takes her children for a trip to Chincoteague,
Va., for the annual pony penning and ends up bringing
home a couple of young horses. Twilight is a talented and
awesome animal, and young readers will revel in her story. Ages 8-12. (MM)

Ages 8-12. (MM)

THE DISCOVERERS OF AMERICA, by Harold Faber.
Charles Scribner's Sons (New York, 1992), 290 pp., \$17.95.

As the title suggests, this book chronicles the people who discovered America, from the Ice Age explorers through Cook's voyage to Hawaii. It is a fact-filled, non-fiction account hat readers will find informative and interesting. The author relies on anecdotal and original descriptions to add merit to the work. It includes a lengthy bibliography and detailed index that increases the value of this book when used by a young researcher. Ages 12 and up. (MM)

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literature.)

grandmother of six.

† ARMSTRONG, Mary Elizabeth, 77, St. Mary, Richmond, July 2. Mother of Bill, Pat Murphy and Anne O'Donnell; sister of Dorothy Piazza, Mary Ruth Danhauer and Mary Kathleen Thompson; grandmother of seven.

† BLANKMAN, Emma, 95, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, July 9.

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+ BRUNK, Richard L., 66, Our
Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, June 20. Husband of
Midred; father of Linda Watkins,
Janet L. Reber, Karl L. and Roger
L.; brother of Charles L., Betty
Mikesell and Frances Rosga;
grandfather of five.

grandfather of tive.

+ BUTSCH, Marcellus "Buddy," 85, Our Lady of the
Greenwood, Greenwood, June
12. Father of Karen Hartley;
grandfather of three; greatgrandfather of one.

+ DONOVAN, James M., 43, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, June 18. Father of Bert; son of Leah (Tremel); brother of T.P.

† HETTWER, Frieda E. (Essig), 84, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, June 26. Mother of Helen F. Schmaltz and Bruno K.; grandmother of 10; great-grand-mother of five.

t HOWARD, Margaret, 77, St Bridget, Indianapolis, June 28 † KILFOIL, Ann L., 78, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, June 23. Sister of Msgr. Patrick, and Virginia K.

+ KING, Helen, 82, St. John, Starlight, July 2. Mother of Arthur Jr.; sister of John K. Senn, Catherine Steuber and Minnie Hendrix; grandmother of 10.

† KREUTZJANS, Rosemary (Daeger), 66, St. Anne, North Vernon, June 11. Mother of Shirley, Cecilia Raisor, Rita El-

Shirley, Cecuia Raisor, Rita E-more, Judy Hester, Eugene, Tim and Leon; sister of Edmund, Bernard, and Albert Daeger Jr., Leona Hellmish, Bertha

Leona Hellmish, Bertha Haskamp and Josephine Vogel;

+ KRUER, Charles E., 79, Holy

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grandmother of 11.

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Lara jones; grandather of eight.
† McLAUGHLIN, Walter Henry, 79, St. Anthony of Padua,
Clarksville, June 27. Father of
Judith Kay; brother of Bernadine
McCaffery; grandfather of two;
great-grandfather of one.

great-grandfather of one.

† NICHTER, Bessie J., 80, St.
Ambrose, Seymour, July 2.
Mother of Mary Louise Coombs,
Bernardine Bowman, Bernard
D., Paul E. and William L.; sister
of Alice Sciarra and Ruby
Strause; grandmother of 13;
great-grandmother of 25.

† PAUL, John D., 76, St. La-wrence, Indianapolis, June 28. Husband of Belle Lema; brother of Gene

rettl, 71, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, June 10. Wife of Charles E.; mother of Janet S. Buckner, John M., David B., James A. and Joe; sister of Dr. William B. Barrett; grandmother of six.

† RUTKOWSKI, Janice A., 40, St. Mary, Richmond, July 4. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray-mond Rutkowski; sister of Alan. + SCHERTZER, Clara M., 90, St. Paul, Tell City, July 4. Wife of Rucker R.; mother of Verna Poehlein; grandmother of two; great-grandmother of four.

great-grandmother of four.

† SMITH, Julia A. (Shea), 55, St.
Mark, Indianapolis, July 3. Wife
of Robert E.; mother of Ann G.
LeBlanc, Barbara G., Robert G.,
William G., Timothy G., Mark
G., Gerald A. and John G.; sister
of Mary Cook, Margie Buergler,
Betty Vagenas and Joseph Shea;
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+ TABACHECK, Clement Lawrence, 72, St. Anthony of
Padua, Clarksville, July 3.

Husband of Frances; father of
Dian Cocke, Patricia Priddy,
Micki Hooper and Janice Ponzi;
son of Mary; brother of Andrew,
Thomas, Edward, Mary Mikolas
and Ann Dolny; grandfather of
10; great-grandfather of five.

+ TRABEL, Lawrence G., 70, St. Peter, Brookville, June 27. Husband of Helen; father of Gregory, Barbara Prickel, Elaine, Patricia, and Marea Kamphaus; brother of Sylvester, Martha, and Betty Cox.

† WILLIAMS, Eleanor, 95, St. Gabriel, Connersville, July 2. Mother of Marjorie Fox and Robert J.; foster mother of Beverly Burks; sister of Bertha Sheets; grandmother of seven; great-grandmother of six.

+ ZICKLER, Edward A., 88, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Green-wood, June 24. Father of Carolyn Wolfla and Louis; brother of Alice; grandfather of four; great-grandfather of two.



### Recent movies' classification

Here is a list of movies playing in theaters which the U.S. Catho-lic Conference Office for Film and lic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting has rated on the basis of moral suitability. The symbol after each title is the USCC rating. Here are the USCC symbols and their mean-

A-I—general patronage; A-II—adults and adolescents; A-III—adults; A-IV-adults, with reserva-

tions; O-morally offensive Some films receive high recommendation by the USCC These are indicated by the before the title.

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	Father of the Bride A-II
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· a	Mountain, The A-II
	Hand that Rocks the
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	Incident at Oglala A-II
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A-III	Mediterraneo A-III
. A-I	Memoirs of a River A-III
. A-II	Midnight Clear, A A-IIII
A-III	Monster in a Box A-II

My Cousin Vinny A-III	Playboys, The A-I
Night on Earth	Player, The A-l
One False Move A-IV	Poison Ivy
Patriot Games A-IV	Prelude to a Kiss A-l
Pepi, Luci, Bom O	Proof
Pinocchio	Raise the Red Lantern A-I

Roadside Prophets A-III	Where Angels Fear
Rock-A-Doodle A-I	to Tread A-II
Sister Act A-III	White Men Can't Jump A-III
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cal movies that the U.S. Catholic
Conference Office for Film and
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Bugsy

Butcher's Wife, The Cape Fear . . City of Hope A III Dead Again Deceived A-II Babysitter's Dead Europa, Europa Father of the Bride A.III Fisher King, The A-III For the Boys . . . Frankie & Johnny Freejack . . . . . Grand Canyon . . For the Bo

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### Pope hospitalized to check intestinal ills

(Continued from page 1)
The additional medical tests including a CAT scan,

blood tests, sonogram and an electrocardiogram, ended the afternoon of July 14. The pope was fully informed of the results before the operation, doctors said.

Throughout the tests, the pope remained alert and comfortable, his spokesman said. He said Mass regularly in his room and walked unaided, awaiting doctors' instructions

After visiting the pope July 13, Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano said the pontiff was in good spirits and "very calm."

'As always, he is a man of great faith, placed in the hands of providence. And we are sure overcome this trial," Cardinal Sodano said. that he will

The Vatican had quickly ruled out early speculation that the pope's problem was related to his June visit to Angola. It was clear that the pope was not suffering from a viral or bacterial infection, but some other disorder, Navarro-Valls said.

The spokesman also said it was unlikely that the oblem was related to the intestinal wounds the pope suffered in the assassination attempt in 1981.

The pope's dramatic announcement aught most Vatican observers by surprise. It came after a typically busy work day July 11 in which the pope met with Swiss bishops, approved several sainthood causes, greeted the Lithuanian ambassador and announced a trip to the Baltic states for 1993.

At his Angelus blessing July 12, the pope appeared relaxed, wishing his audience a happy vacation and suggesting they should "get out of Rome" for a holiday.

suggesting any snoture get out of Rome for a holiday. The pope had been expected to leave the Vatican July 15 for his annual two-week holiday in the Italian alps. Navarro-Valls said the pope's vacation would have to be postponed, but that he hoped the pontiff could make the trip "as soon as possible."

Top Secretariat of State officials met with the pope during the two days of diagnostic tests. A steady stream of ambassadors and civil officials left messages with a Vatican protocol official stationed at the hospital's entrance.

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### Lawyer tells rules for churches' political action

by Jerry Filteau olic News Service

WASHINGTON-Tax-exempt Catholic organizations need to know the Internal Revenue Service's list of political do's and don'ts, U.S. Catholic Conference general counsel Mark E. Chopko said in a 19-page memo to the nation's bishops

He warned that financial penalties for engaging in prohibited political activity can be drastic. And if the offending Catholic organization is one of about 30,000 which receive their tax-exempt status under a single group ruling, a violation could lead the IRS to require a review of that whole group ruling.

The first financial loss, he said, is loss of tax-exempt status, which means that the organization could no longer receive tax-exempt contributions. In addition, the IRS can impose escalating excise taxes on the organization and its officers for any political expenditures it makes.

According to Chopko's memo, the first rule for church agencies is, when in doubt consult your diocesan or state Catholic conference attorneys. In his words: "Determining what constitutes political campaign activity often can be a close question requiring consultation with legal counsel."

His other general rule: church organizations can discuss sues—within certain limitations—but absolutely cannot support or oppose candidates

The Internal Revenue Code "prohibits (tax-exempt religious and charitable organizations) from participating or intervening on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate

for political office," he said. The IRS, he added, refers to this

for poincai ortice, ne said. The IRS, ne added, refers to this regulation as "an absolute prohibition."
"Nonetheless," he said, "issue-oriented speech is protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and is entirely proper even within the Section 501(c)(3) regulatory framework."

on 501(c)(3) is the part of the IRS code that tax-exempt charitable and religious organizations and regulates them.

tions and regulates them.

Can a religious organization address moral issues that come
up in an election campaign? "Such discussions must remain
focused on issues and not personalities," Chopko said.

Prohibited activities, he said, include:

►Endorsements, direct or indirect, of any candidate, including virtually anything that smacks of rating candi-

Financial support for any candidate, party or political n commi

►Formation of a political action committee

Distribution or authorization of any campaign litera-ture or other material that could be interpreted as supporting or opposing a parti-ular candidate or party. Within that framework Chopk ospelled out a wide range of possible political activities and the sometimes blunt, sometimes

highly nuanced IRS positions on what is allowed.

He said one of the most common sources of confusion is the distinction between lobbying and political camign activity

Lobbying is working for or against legislation, he said. A 501(c)(3) organization can do this as long as "it does not constitute a substantial part" of its total activity, he said. Among permissible activity during an election campaign, Chopko cited:

"Candidate education," because informing candidates church positions or urging them to adopt such positions

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are taken to avoid bias or partisanship.

Distribution of voting records of legislators or candidate questionnaires, with the same prov so against bias.

Non-partisan voter registration drives.

Non-partisan public forums, debates or lectures. In discussing bias prevention, debates or lectures. In discussing bias prevention, Loppko emphasized that not only the content of materials, but even the format and method of distribution play a role in determining whether something put out by a church agency meets IRS tests of non-partisanship.

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"All polls, questionnaires, voter guides and voting records, etc., should be reviewed by the organization's legal counsel prior to publication or distribution," he wrote.

All educational materials should carry an explicit disclaimer that they are not intended to endorse or oppose any candidate, he said. But, he added, "the mere inclusion of a disclaimer will not 'bless' materials that are in fact biased" for or against a particular party or cardidate.

He said that if a church agency wants to sponsor a political forum, "the sponsoring organization may not indicate its views on the issues being discussed, comment on candidates' responses, or in any other way indicate bias

on canadates responses, or in any other way inacate bias for or against a particular candidate, party or position." It also needs to have "reasonable criteria" for selecting candidates to participate, and "all bona fide candidates for a particular office" who meet those criteria must be invited, he said

In addition, the forum would have to focus on a variety of current issues, he said.

"Ideally, the moderator or panel should not be connected with the sponsoring organization" but should be chosen from other resources such as local media, civic or educational leaders, he added.

He said the Catholic press "may report election and oth political news" but cannot endorse or oppose candidates.

of its tast-exempt Catholic paper accepts political advertis-ing, "it must be accepted from all candidates," and the paper's policies on such advertising should be clearly spelled out in writing, he said.

(The Criterion's election year policies, both for editorial and advertising, were spelled out in the "From the Editor" column in the June 12 issue.)

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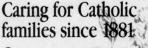
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