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IN HOMILY DURING HIS INSTALLATION

Archbishop describes role of bishop

by John F. Fink

"Like the apostles Peter and Paul, by ordination as "Like the apostles Peter and Paul, by ordination as bishop I am charged to be a living sacrament of the paschal mystery of God, to be a humble servant for the unity of the body of Christ, and to be teacher in the person of Christ, the head of the body of the church. What a marvelous way of life! What a great challenge!"

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That is how Archbishop Daniel Mark Buechlein, OSB described his role as the 11th biss...p and fifth archbishop of Indianapolis during the homily of the Mass at which he was installed last Wednesday, Sept. 9.

The installation took place 40 years to the day that the archbishop entered the preparatory sensinary at St. Meinrad.

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The packed (and hot) Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul had banners along the walls decorated with stripes and squares in gold, fuchsia and turquoise. Those who could not get seats watched on closed-circuit television in the Catholic Center across the street.

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Because of limited seating in the cathedral, most of the faithful in the archdiocese will greet the new archbishop in their deaneries. A schedule of the deanery liturgies, as well as those for youth and children, is published on page 3.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago; two Benedictine abbots; 47 bishops and archbishops, and about 200 priests from this archdiocese, from Memphis, and from other Indiana dioceses marched in the procession. Included were 10 of the 11 other bishops (besides Archbishop Buechlein) in Indiana, including four ordinaries, one auxiliary, an apostolic administrator, and four retired bishops. The only Indiana bishop who wasn't present was retired Bishop Leo Pursley of Fort Wayne-South Bend; he is now 92 and recovering from a hip operation.

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INSTALLED-Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, apostolic pro-nuncio, left, starts the applause after leading Archbi-shop Daniel M. Buechlein to the archbishop's chair in the

cathedral and handing him his crosier, signifying his installation as Archbishop of Indianapolis. At right is seminarian Chris Craig. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Four Catholic civic leaders die in plane crash

by Cynthia Dewes

Four prominent Catholic civic leaders from Indianapolis were killed Sept. 11 when the 10-passenger Missubish MU-2 in which they were riding collided in mid-air whith a smaller plane. Robert V. Welch, 64, Michael A. Carroll, 51, John R. Weliever, 50, and Frank E. McKinney Ir., 53, died at the scene. Funeral services for the four men were held Servi. 15 in separate greenpoins.

were held Sept. 15 in separate ceremonies.

The fiery crash also claimed the lives of both pilots, including William Mullen of Huntingburg, also a Catholic, who was piloting the larger plane, and William P. Bennett Jr. of Greenwood, The Indianapolis men were on a trip to AmeriFlora '92 in Columbus, Ohio, gathering ideas for the city's White River State Park.

Notre Dame graduate Robert Welch was executive director of White River State Park Commission at the time of his death. He was a businessman, former Democratic mayoral candidate, and long-

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franchise in Indianapolis. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and an Army veteran of the Korean War, and was



Robert V. Welch



which he belonged. He was a major benefactor of Cathedral High School

Michael A. Carroll



John R. Weliever



Frank E. McKinney Jr

Cathedral High School Cathedral High School president Julian T. Peebles said of Welch, who graduated from Cathedral in 1945: "In the 48 years since his graduation no single individual had a greater impact on Cathedral than Bob Welch."

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He continued, reflecting on John F. Kennedy's famous quote from George Bernard Shaw; "Other people see things and say "Why?" But I dream things and say "Why No?" It was that quality in Bob Welch who asked 'Why not?' that has allowed thousands of young people the Cathedral High School experience which Bob Welch whould be highly. Bob Welch valued so highly."
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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

Column title expresses our shared mission

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

I hope this is the beginning of a good thing! One of my favorite weekly duties in the Diocese of Memphis was writing my weekly column and I never missed a column in the five and one half years! was there.

I realize the Archdiocese of Indi-

anapolis is larger and there will be even more demands on my time, but I am committing myself to write weekly

Did you notice that the title of my column is taken from the motto of my episcopal coat of arms: "Seek the face of the Lord"? I chose my motto for of the Lord"? I chose my motto for several reasons. "Seek God" is the

several reasons. "Seek God" is the primary maxim of the monastic way of life as expressed in the Rule of Saint Benedict. I think it is way to express our universal Christian vocation as ell. More about that later

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I am a great admirer of the fantastic mission of Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity. Their vow to serve the poorest of the poor and to do so cheerfully is based on a single-minded principle. When one reaches out to the poor, one not only offers help to the helpless, which is praiseworthy in itself. Rather, Mother Teresa teaches, when one touches and cares for the proce necessaries. when one touches and cares for the poor, one touches and

cares for the very body of Jesus, indeed one touches Jesus Himself. "When you do this for the least . . . you do it for me." Belief that Jesus is present in absolutely every human ne. Belief that Jesus is present in absolutely every human person is the key to justice and to peace. And so my motto Seek the Face of the Lord" which is taken from Psalm 27, me of my favorite psalms. The column title is an spression of our shared mission. When I first became a bishop in 1987, Pope John Paul III sked me in emphasize my role as teacher. This wood he sked me in emphasize my role as teacher.

asked me to emphasize my role as teacher. This weekly column is an important opportunity to do so. I see it as a kind of weekly chat (admittedly one-sided) with all of you kind of weekly chat (admittedity one-sited) with an any who are the archdiocese, the particular Church of Indianapolis. It seems to me the first purpose of a Catholic weekly is to communicate important information about our faith and the life of our church. Teaching is our first purpose and so "seeking the face of the Lord" st for the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

purpose and so' seeking the take on the Earth and the Life. In that sense, ours is not an ordinary newspaper. As archbishop I am also publisher of The Criterion. One way or the other a publisher is a teacher and so I don't think it is such a bad idea for the publisher to write a weekly column and thus set a tone for the paper. In this realm as in all other areas of my responsibility, I take my task seriously and as in all aspects of religious leadership, there is a complicated challenge. All journals, newspapers and magazines are influenced by an editorial point of view, however objective their intent. An expensive, local Catholic weekly must provide a service that is not

otherwise provided and there will inevitably be an editorial point of view. Our challenge is to provide editorial point of view. Our challenge is to provide information from a religious and Catholic perspective. On the one hand our Catholic community needs to know important matters that affect the life of our local and important matters that affect the life of our local and universal church from an objective and balanced point of view. A Catholic weekly does not exist to sell papers by focusing primarily or uniquely on sensational (and self-destructive) news or features; nor does it serve its purpose and mission if it attempts to cover up important events or information.

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On the other hand, a Catholic weekly's justification al On the other hand, a Carrious weekly's justification also depends on its capacity to be an instrument for teaching the faith according to the mind of the church it serves. This purpose is visible in many of the features provided by The Criterion. On a weekly basis I hope to do some down to earth teaching myself, teaching which might offer encouragement, inspiration and also a challenge for the way we live our faith nd seek the face of the Lord together in central and southern Indiana. Please join me

JUST AS I AM finishing this first column I have learned of the tragic plane crash in which several prominent members of our civic and Catholic commuprominent members of our civic and Carlonic continuity lost their lives. In the name of all of us I extend heartfelt sympathy to the Bennett, Carroll, McKinney, Mullen, Welch and Weliever families and their friends. May your loved ones rest in peace.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

An important vote in France this Sunday

by John F. Fink

An important vote will take place in France this Sunday, one that could have far-reaching consequences for the future of the United States as well as that of Europe.

On Sept. 20 the French will vote on the Maastricht treaty on Ethe Maastricht treaty on European mone-tary and political union, and it is now widely feared that they might reject it because of their disapproval of French
President Francois Mitterand, who favors
the treaty. If they do, it will throw
European politics into chaos.

The treaty (named for the Dutch city where it was negotiated) would lead to a common currency in Europe, the ecu (for European Community Unit), encourage coordination in the formulation of foreign

and defense policies, and advance the idea of European citizenship.

of European citizenship.

When I was in Belgium and Germany three years ago, I was greatly surprised by the determination of these governments, and by all accounts others as well, to create a united Europe. Even with all that was happening in East Germany at that time (my visit was just before the fall of the Berlin Wall), what the people in Brussels, the German Foreign Ministry and the U.S. Embassy wanted to talk about the most was the European Community (EC).

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We were even told by diplomats at the Germany Foreign Ministry that perhaps the two Germanys would be reunited within the EC but that reunification would not happen outside the EC. How wrong they were!

Three years ago the European Single

Market still seemed a long way off. It's supposed to happen this coming January. The United States, Canada and Mexico have prepared to compete with free trade agreement.

free trade agreement.

A lot has happened in the past three years though. Not only has Germany reunited, but changes have occurred all over the world—and in most cases the developments have been the opposite of unification. The Soviet Union split into its republics, the republics that used to form Yugoslavia are recognized as independent, Czechoslovakia has split in two, pendent, Czecnosiovasta ina spin intro-there are now two Sudans warring against each other, there is sentiment in Spain for an independent Catalonia, and Quebec might split from the rest of Canada. There are ethnic fights in many other places, too.

Now if the French were to defeat the Maastricht treaty, the whole movement toward a united Europe would be in jeopardy. All the building that has been going on in Brussels so that city can be the capital of Europe would be for naught.

What does all this have to do with the Catholic Church? Well, the church has been working for European unity ever since 1956. That's when the Office since 1956. That's when the Office Catholique d'Information sur les Problemes Europeens was established in Brussels. It addresses aspects of peace, justice and human rights and organizes international study seminars in Europe.

The Catholic bishops in the 12 EC countries have representatives on the Commission of the Episcopates of the European Community. This commission

meets regularly to discuss the role of the church in the EC. There is no doubt that the church favors ratification of the

the church favors ratification of the Maastricht treaty.
Until Denmark rejected the Maastricht treaty in June, most people believed that it would sail through the Ec countries, Since then it was approved by referenda in Ireland and Greece. The other EC countries are expected to approve it through their parliaments. So that leaves France.

Keep an eye on what happens in France on Sunday.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Effective August 28, 1992

REV. MICHAEL HILDERBRAND, ap-pointed to temporary administrator at St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs, while retaining his current assignment as a full-time instructor of religion at Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarksville, with residence at Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville.

Effective August 30, 1992

REV. ARNOLD DEARING, OFM Conv appointed to Administrator Pro-Tem at St. Benedict Parish, Terre Haute.

Effective September 9, 1992

REV. DAVID COONS, appointed to temporary administrator at Holy Trinity Parish, Indianapolis, while retaining his current assignment as chaplain at Chatard High School, Indianapolis, with residence at St. Pius X, Indianapolis.

The above appointments were from the office of the Rev. David E. Coats, Archdiocesan Administrator.

East Deanery to offer basic faith course to adults at Scecina

'Basic Teachings of the Catholic Faith' will be presented every Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 p.m., at Scecina Memorial High School, from Sept. 30 through Nov. 18. There will be no classes on Oct. 21, the day of the Teachers' Institute.

The program, sponsored and funded by the East Deanery Board of Education, is for catechists, classroom teachers, parents, members of parish councils and boards of education. Instructors will include members of the Marian College theology deargaments of the Marian College theology department: Father Francis Bryan, Andrew Hohman, Michael Clark, Lois Jansen, Franciscan Father Fred Link and Donna A. Proctor.

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Effective Date CRITERION the East Deanery said, "I am very excited about doing this. I have wanted to get something going for adults, particularly catechists, to improve awareness of the basic fundamentals of our faith.

"It is a real boon for anyone who takes advantage of it," Father said.

"The deanery board of education is trying to do more to bring adult education to the deanery level," said Benedictine Sister Joann Hunt, director of religious education at Holy Spirit Parish.

The goal of the program is to encourage fuller understanding of the common and nuier understanding of the common and personal faith of participants. Also: learn what theology is and its importance in general and in participants' lives; explore some basic beliefs and practices with the intent of understanding and making judgments in light of the Catholic tradition; where stories questions and interests and share stories, questions and interests; and work out specific issues that are important to the group

to the group.

Topics include "Scripture," covering the first chapters of Genesis, by Father Bryan on Sept. 30; "Revelation, Faith, Theology, Catechesis," using the texts, with Hohman on Oct. 7; and "The Mystery of God," by Clark on Oct. 14.

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"Jesus" will be the topic for the Oct. 28 session to be led by Hohman; "Christian Existence," on Nov. 4, will be presented by Father Bryan; "Church," Nov. 11, with Proctor presenting; and "Prayer and Scraments," Nov. 18, with Father Fred Link.

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Participants will use "Christian Foundations: An Introduction to Faith in Our
Time," Paulist Press, New York, 1986.
They will also need to bring a standard
translation of the Old and New Testament.
There is a fee of \$10. Those interested may contact their parish office or Sister Joann at 317-353-9404.

Sixty couples to join Golden Anniversary celebrants Sunday

Sixty couples married in 1942 will join others married in the 1920s and '30s for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral.

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein,
OSB, will celebrate the liturgy and lead
the jubilarians in the renewal of their
marriage vows. The newly-installed archbishop will also give the couples a special

marriage blessing.

More than 150 couples from throughout the 39-county archdiocese will be honored at the Mass

Nineteen couples have been married 60 or more years. At the close of the liturgy, the archbishop will present each

Those married longest include: Joseph and Rose Kulick of St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, married 70 years; Henry and Frances Haunert of St. Maurice, St. Maurice, 69 years; Bert and Cecelia Wawrzyniak of

Christ the King, Indianapolis, 67 years, and Stanley and Beatrice Combs Sr. of New Albany, wed 66 years. Joseph and Joy Schaedel, parents of Father Joseph Schaedel president of Ritter High School, will attend the celebration. Little Sister of the Poor Veronica Susan of Mary, is the daughter of Jesse and Marjorie Proffitt. More than 8500 years of married life are

More than 8,500 years of married life are represented by the jubilarians, according to David Bethuram, director of the Archdiocesan Family Life Office which coordinates the annual event

"These couples are a sign of hope for all married couples today," Bethuram said. "They have so much wisdom and insight to share with us."

Following the Anniversary Mass, a reception will honor the couples at the Catholic Center. Those attending for the first time will receive personalized certificates at the reception.

Archbp. relates his priestly mysteries of rosary

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein medi tates on a set of mysteries of the rosary that he composed and which he calls "the priestly mysteries of Christ." That "the priestly mysteries of Christ." That was what he told those present at a Vespers service Tuesday, Sept. 8, the evening before his installation as Archbishop of Indianapolis.

The Vespers service was attended by most of the priests of the archdiocese and by employees of the Catholic Center. The archbishop prefaced his remarks by saying that his thoughts were focused mainly for that his thoughts were focused mainly for the priests because "the priests and I share a particular relationship in the mission of our archdiocese that is different from my relationship to anyone else.

Archbishop Buechlein said that he chose talk about his personal life because he learned after he was appointed Bishop of Memphis five-and-a-half years ago that people want to know what the new bishop people want to know what the new claim is like. He also took his cue, he said, from the feast of the day, the birthday of Mary, "the greatest human person of all history."

The archbishop said that he prays the rosary while he jogs, which he tries to do daily. If he jogs more than three miles, he said, he has time to pray more than the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries, so he prays and meditates on the priestly teries of Christ

The first mystery is "Jesus the courage-ous teacher." Archbishop Buechlein re-vealed that, shortly after he was ordained a bishop in 1987, he received a note from Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, then Vatican secretary of state, that said, "The Holy Father asks that as a bishop you emphasize

your role as teacher."

As part of his meditation on Jesus as teacher, Arbishop Buechlein recalled the Gospel account when Jesus looked out over the crowd and was sad because they were like sheep without a shepherd. "And then he began to teach them" (MK 6-34). "His first impulse was to give them the food and healing of the truth of God." the archibishop said. He continued: "The community of faith

has a right to hear the whole Gospel and the authentic teaching of the church. We do not subscribe to theological individualism nor do we offer a pick-and-choose, cafeteria-style creed."

The archbishop's second priestly mys-

He quoted Mother Teresa, who said she thinks the worst and most prevalent poverty in the United States is loneliness, loneliness of spirit.

He also spoke about making the way of the cross in an old Jesuit cemetry in Louisiana where he noticed that the features of the face of Jesus on all the stations had been worn away by the weather. "It occurred to me then," he said, weather. "It occurred to me then," he said,
"in our efforts to evangelize and to walk
with people through life, we need to give
definition to the face of Jesus among us."

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The third priestly mystery is "Jesus the one who prays." Archbishop Buechlein said that the Gospel of Luke tells us over and over that, at the end of a day of teaching or healing, Jesus would go apart to a quiet place to pray. "As teachers in persona Christi (in the person of Christ)," the said, priests" "first duty is to pray the words we want to preach and teach; as priests, our first duty is to pray the priests, our first duty is to personally know the Lord before whom we lead others in worship

said: "I can guarantee this: If we are faithful in prayer day in and day out, everything will be OK and we will persevere with peace and joy."

The archbishop's fourth priestly mys tery is "lessus the obedient one." He said that priests should obey "in imitation of the obedience of Christ to whom we are configured in the sacrament of Holy Orders. Christ was obedient even unto

Orders. Christ was obedient even unto death, for our salvation."

He said, "I know the meaning of obedience and yes, obedience is difficult, perhaps the most difficult of our priestly promises." He recalled "how a single phone call can change one's life instantaneously. Tecevied such a call in January of 1987. I received such a call in January of 1987. I received and make the said. The said of the said. The said of the said of the said. The said of the said of the said. The said of the said of the said of the said of the said. The said of the said. The said of the

Meinrad to himself and he is asking you to become the third bishop of Memphis and I

am sure you will obey."

Archbishop Buechlein said that priests promise obedience to their archbishop and his successors "for the sake of the unity of the church. Like Christ's, our obedience is a gift for God and for the people of God, a gift given to continue the life and fidelity of Catholic Church to Christ here central and southern Indiana

He acknowedged that "obedience may ead to the cross at times," but added, "you know, it also leads us to the freedom that counts, freedom of the spirit.

Archbishop Buechlein's fifth priestly mystery is "Jesus the chaste lover of the many." He said, "Ours is a most difficult challenge to live a pastoral love for the many and not just for an exclusive few or one. We are asked to live alone so that others need not be alone."

He said, "In our lives of service to the many, celibate chastity is an effective antidote to self-indulgence and worldli-ness and a need to control. . . . The challenge is to keep on wanting to be chaste. It is in prayer that we remember God's grace is enough."

many, while never popular and allways a challenge, takes on even greater signifi-cance. Our youth need and deserve the witness of sacrificial love."

Archbishop Buechlein said that "there is no greater model of fidelity in love and all that I have said than Mary, the virgin mother of God." He also said that Archbishop O'Meara had a love for the Blessed Mother that many

mad a love for the blessed Momer that many might not have noticed.

"When cleaning the house chapel at the archbishop's residence some weeks ago," he revealed, "under the statue of the Blessed Mother we found the pictures from The Criterion of all the priests the archbishop had ordained since coming to

Indianapolis. He obviously commended all of you in prayer to the care of the mother of God.

"Those pictures remain there," he said.
"And I will continue the practice, including all of you priests of the archdiocese. The practice symbolizes the no-nonsense faith in prayer that guarantees peace of mind and heart and spirit for all out—as it did for Mary. Please God, may it be so."

Deanery Masses with archbishop

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will start his schedule of Masses in the archdiocese's 11 deaneries this coming Monday, Sept. 21. A reception will follo

The full schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 21—New Albany Dean
ery, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23—Connersville Deanery, St. Gabriel, Connersville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23—Connersville Deanery, St. Gabriel, Connersville, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27—Indianapolis North and East Deaneries, St. Rita, 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29—Batesville Deanery, St. Louis, Batesville, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30—Terre Haute Deanery, St. Benedict, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30—Terre Haute Deanery, St. Benedict, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13—Indianapolis South and West Deaneries, St. Anthony, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13—Indianapolis South and West Deaneries, St. Anthony, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19—Sepvmour Deanery, St. Mary, North Vermon, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21—Bloomington Deanery, 5t. John, Bloomington, 7 p.m. Archbishop Buechlein will also have a special Mass with Catholic youth in grades 7 through 12 at 10:30 a.m. next Thursday, Sept. 31, in Halik. And in Halik. All the St. Sept. 30, in the cathedral; and a prayer service and luncheon with men and women religious at noon Saturday, Sept. 26, in the Catholic Center.

Archbishop Buechlein installed as Archbishop of Indianapolis

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Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and retired Baltimore Archbishop William Borders, a native of the

Dattimore Archbisnop William Borders, a native of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Several archbishops who had planned to be present had to cancel on Wednesday because bad weather caused plane flight delays. Included among them were two Benedictine light delays. Included among their were two believels marchbishops, Daniel W. Kucera of Dubuque and Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee. Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, who had planned to be present, canceled because of urgent matters in his archdiocese.

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To begin the installation, Father David Coats, apostolic administrator of the archdiocese, welcomed Archbishop-designate Buechlein to the archdiocese. Then Archbishop Agostino Caccivallan, apostolic pro-unucio (representing Pope John Paul II) gave a short address. He said that he felt close to the church in Indianapolis, having been here for Archbishop O'Meara's funeral and watching what was happening here during the past nine months. He said that "the pope is convinced he is sending you a very good man as archbishop." Archbishop Cacciavillan then read the letter of

Archbishop Cacciavillan then read the letter of pointment. In it Pope John Paul called Archbishop etchlein "a man strong in faith, eminent in wisdom, nstant in labor and not without the skills to govern properly this diocese.

Archbishop Cacciavillan then asked Archbishop Buech Archisnop Laccavillan then asked Archisnop bued-len if he was willing to accept the Metropolitan See of Indianapolis (which includes all the dioceses in the state of Indiana). Archisnop Buedelhein responded, "With faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and with love of God in my heart, I our Lord, Jesus Christ, and with love of God in the do accept the pastoral care of the people of God in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. I resolve to faithfully serve the church in this archdiocese."

church in this archdiocese."

Archbishop Cacciavillan then presented the letter of appointment to the members of the archdiocesan board of consultors, who accepted the letter on behalf of the archdiocese. This fulfilled the requirements of canon law 382.3 which states, "A bishop takes canonical possession of a diocese as soon as he personally or through a proxy has presented within the diocese the apostolic letter to the board of consultors, in the presence of the chancellor of the curia who officially records the event." icially records the event

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Archishop Cacciavillan then led Archishop Buechlein to the authoria (the chair in the principal church of the diocese), and presented him with his crosier (the bishop's staff, symbolic of his pastoral office). The crosier is the same one used by Archbishop O'Meara and, before him, by Cardinal Joseph Ritter.

There was sustained applause from the congregation till Archbishop Buechlein waved it off.

The new archbishop was then formally greeted by Suzanne Magnant, archdiocesan chancellor, by Indiana Governor Evan Bayh, by Indianapolis Mayor Steven Goldsmith, by other civic dignitaries, by representatives of other faith communities, by religious order superiors in the archdiocese, and by representatives of the laity of the archdiocese.

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The liturgy for the Mass commemorated the apostles Peter and Paul Music was provided by the Cathedral/Archdiocesan Choir in the choir loft and by a gospel choir from the mostly black Holy Angels Parish in the body of the church. The deacon for the Mass was the Rev. Mr. Curtiss Talley, head of the Office of African-American Ministry in Carlos and Archbishon Buechlein's brother Charles and Memphis. Archbishop Buechlein's brother Charles and Ron Redwing, from Memphis, were lectors.

Ron Redwing, from Memphis, were lectors. In his hombig, Archbishop Buechlein expounded on his description of the role of a bishop quoted at the beginning of this article. "When we say a bishop or priest is first and foremost a witness to the paschal mystery, we say he must be able to live the mystery is such a way that he knows how to lead the people of God to participate in it. He said that the Cross of Christ is at the heart of the

He said that the Cross of Christ is at the heart of the paschal mystery, and it cannot be sidestepped. "Sisters and brothers," he said, "our Christian vocation is not comfortable, convenient or easy. For a bishop or priest to promise such to suffering people is to promise what cannot be delivered. Brother bishops and priests, no matter how compassionate we may want to be, we cannot preach an easy gospel. We are called to preach Jesus Christ, who first suffered and died, and then was raised from the dead."

In his role as a "humble servant for the unity of the body of Christ," Archbishop Buechlein said, "Love of God and belief in his care is the motive that leads us to want to serve and to be served."

He said, "The unity of the body of Christ, the church, is

The sand, The unity of the colory of callists, the church, is the main reason why bishops and priests promise obedience as part of their service of charity. It is important to remember that our promise of obedience is a gift to God in the person of Jesus Christ and Joined to his own obedience to the Father."

own obedience to the Father."

In his role as teacher, he said, "It is our responsibility to see that the treasure of our faith is passed on even as it continues to unfold in the church of our day. Our sisters and brothers warf to hear God's word and they have a right to hear the whole Gospel and the authentic teaching of the church."

Archishop Bucchlein then went on to tell the congregation, "With Pope John Paul II, I am convinced that, in order to serve the unity of charity and the unity of

faith in this archidocese, my first duty as archbishop is to be a man of prayer. As teacher, my first duty is to pray the words I want to preach and to teach."

He noted that, when he left Memphis, one of the priests there wrote to him, "When you came to Memphis and said your first duty was to be a man of prayer, I was very disappointed because I felt we needed an activist bishop. Now I know, and the record shows, if we are faithful in prayer, activity flows aplenty." Archishop Buechlein added, "Please God, may it be so."

At the end of the Mass, Archbishop Buechlein thanked all those present and all who planned the celebration. Then he presented Father Coats with a citation of appreciation for his service as archdiocesan administrator. He also announced that he had appointed Father Coats viar general and moderator of the curia, the position he had at the time of Archbishop O'Meara's death.

-Archbishop Buechlein reads a of appreciation before presenting it to Father David Coats at the end of the Installation Mass. See more installation at the end of the Installation Mass. See more installa photos on pages 8 and 9. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

FROM THE EDITOR

Are priests prepared to be executives?

by John F. Fink

Most parishes today have to be run like businesses because, like it or not, that's what they are. That doesn't mean, of course, that their primary purpose is to make a profit, as is true of other businesses, but there are so many things going on

in most parishes today that it takes good management to keep everything

running smoothly.

As for profit, while it might be true that the love of money is the root of all evils (1 Tim. 6-10), parishes still have to be fiscally sound. Just taking care of the physical plant requires management skills, to say nothing about leading and coordinating all the people who work at the parish, either paid employees

Although many parishes no longer have priests to manage them, most diocesan priests still have to be involved in managing parishes. So the question is, how well are they being prepared for this? And are seminaries able to give future priests the training they should have?

A RECENT STUDY BY St. Meinrad Seminary and Christian Theological Seminary (funded by The Lilly Endowment) tries to answer those questions. According to a nationwide survey of both Catholic and Protestant pastors, nearly 80 percent expressed dissatisfaction with the administrative and financial training they received

the administrative and financial training they received during their seminary training.

This was in sharp contrast with other results of the survey. For stample, nine out of 10 said that they find their ministry to be "extremely" or "very" satisfying. Eighty to 65 percent of the pastors said that their greatest areas of satisfaction are in their religious and pastoral duties, by which they mean presiding at Mass

or other services, preaching, helping and caring for people, encouraging fellowship and social conscious-ness. This is, of course, why they became priests and it's

what the laity want from their priests.

Besides expressing their dissatisfaction with the administrative and financial training they received, more than 75 percent of those surveyed also said that seminaries should offer more practical courses in leadership, personnel and management. More than two-thirds (79 percent of the Protestant pastors and 69 percent of the Catholics) believe that "the seminary has a distinct responsibility to teach its students the details of managing the local congregation or parish.

HOWEVER, WHEN ASKED about their own interest pastors' responses were not enthusiastic. The highest percentage of those who said they were "extremely interested" in specific courses were "extremely percentage of those who said they were "extremely interested" in specific courses was seven percent who said they were interested in a workshop or seminar on parish operations management or human resources development oncerning paid staff and lay volunteers. In other words they believe these courses are important for seminarians but they don't want to take them after they're ordained.

In general, according to the survey, "pastors across enominational and regional lines indicate that they oenominational and regional lines indicate that they believe money is important and has a spiritual meaning and theological base. However, they do not want the responsibility for acquiring or managing church funds. In fact, they would prefer to deal exclusively with theological

fact, they would prefer to deal exclusively with theological and pastoral matters and let 'someone else' handle their churches' administrative and financial affairs."

So what are seminaries doing to make managers of future priests and ministers? A survey showed that 99 percent of Protestant schools and 69 percent of Carbolic schools offer some courses in the areas of leadership, stewardship and management. However, these courses are rarely part of the seminaries' required curriculum.

The course most commonly offered is parish operations management, offered as part of the regular curriculum by 36 percent of the seminaries and as an elective by another 16 percent.

Seminary leaders, though, don't believe that it should Seminary leaders, frough, our to better that a should be the responsibility of a school of theology to teach its students about the administrative and financial responsibilities of managing modern congregations. Eight-four percent of Protestants and 94 percent of Catholics said that courses in leadership, stewardship and management should be provided by someone else, mainly by a diocese or a free-standing institution.

or a free-standing institution.
When asked to identify subject areas which "were most important for today's clergy to better understand through formal training," seminary leaders listed these: theology of Christian stewardship, strategic planning/leadership training, managing congregations, human resource development, and communications/public relations. However, they said their schools could provide only a general introduction said their schools could provide only a general introduction. to any of these subject ar

THE SURVEY SHOWED that 74-93 percent of eminary leaders believe that "good stewardship is ssential to the minister's calling." They also think that clergy "should not consider themselves above dealing with money." However, seminary leaders said that they do not think their alumni and current students share these convictions in fact the convictions. they do not think their alumin and current students share these convictions. In fact, the majority said that students and pastors "are confused about steward-ship," "consider themselves above money" and "would prefer to have someone else handle administration and financial matters."

ton ano mancial matters."

The survey of pastors would seem to bear that out. It also seems to me that a survey of the laity would show that they too would agree that someone besides our priests should handle administration and financial matters in our parishes so that the priests can do what they were ordained to do—care for the religious and spiritual lives of their parishioners.

THE HUMAN SIDE

One creative idea can produce lasting effects

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

So much news today dwells on mur-ders, frauds, hardships and catastrophies: Do you sometimes get the impression that you are completely sur-rounded by evil forces? We need a lift—the kind provided when

creative ideas are put to work to achieve some-

thing good. I want to share one creative idea that I read about recently. It reconfirms what we already know deep

down—that creativity still exists all around us and that one creative idea can produce lasting effects.

Under a contract with the Baltimore

school system, a Minnesota-based com-pany called Education Alternatives has taken over the operation of nine schools, introducing a number of innovations designed to improve school attendance and performance

idents in the schools all will have two instructors, one a teacher, the other an intern. The instructors are front-line troops, who not only teach the students but

prepare the interns, usually young college students, for teaching. Interns, paid \$7 an hour, will be utilized to give more personal attention to in-dividual students.

The schools will tailor education plans to individual students. Increased parental involvement is a goal, along with mainstreaming many special-education students and students with learning disabilities.

The operating cost is no higher than it would be if the schools were run by the

public school system, \$26.6 million. Ex-penses of the extra instructors and new equipment will be met, for example, through a new approach to building maintenance or by using energy-saving light fixtures and more efficient heating and

cooling systems.

What I find notable in all this is that someone had the bright idea to form company to invest in better education. That is bold and risky, involving the retraining of more than 300 teachers and interns while

also physically redesigning nine schools. It is a resourceful and inventive idea enacting a new form of private-public cooperation in the field of education.

And it reflects the American entrepre neurial spirit, a spirit willing to risk, experiment, compete, go against a stream of naysayers and trust in the possibility that something new can be done. In many ways this particular creative idea embodies the virtue of prudence. Properly understood, prudence is the virtue to see a need for something good, to assess ways of achieving it and to move into action.

This is a down-to-earth virtue that moves us into action rather than leaving us endlessly musing about what should or could be if only we had this or that.

With people losing jobs, with reports of company closings, rising crime rates, a sag in the economy and a long list of other problems, it is easy to lose the entrepreneurial spirit, to become paralyzed by fear and to forfeit one's confidence.

One way to overcome this is to go on the alert for success stories reflecting the fact that creativity is alive and well. With any that creativity will be contagious and One way to overcome this is to go on the luck, the creativity will be contagious a we'll absorb its spirit.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

The meaning mystics have for today's world

by Antoinette Bosco

I have been a hungry reader ever since I first discovered that a word on a page is an image and an idea.

I mention this to explain why in my

early teens I was read-ing books about mysti-

the extraordinary reli-gious personages who gious personages who were so drenched in the love of God. They had a connection with God that we ordinary mortals can hardly imagine, let alone grasp, with any true understanding.

By the time I was 14 or so, I had gone through so many books that I wanted something new and exciting, and I found it in the writings by people like St. John Cross

Of course I didn't know at the time what the writings of the mystics were all about My mind swallowed them with a kind of romanticism.

As any normal immature teen-ager

might conclude, I thought the mystics were telling me it was noble to despise our lowly human condition. I thought they were saying we were on earth only to purge ourselves of our despicable imperfections, which kept us from seeking total comple tion with God.

That approach to mysticism was a good way to fall into masochism. I even tried to relate to Jacopone Da Todi who Send me illness, O Lord chills every day and swollen dropsy Give me toothache, headache an stomach cramps. . . Let my mouth be full of ulcerous sores." And these pleas for a plague go on until we get to the clincher: "For you created me as your beloved. And I, ungrateful wretch, put you to death."

I wish I had discovered Julian of Norwich at that time, for she would have helped me clear up some misunderstand-ings I had of mystic literature.

But God is good, and over the years helped me grow up so that I got to know it was a mist ake to get stuck on the "batter side of the writings of the mystics Their insights and revelations are food for contemplation, none more than Julian

We don't know much about this woman who lived in England in the 14th century.
She lived alone and probably was not a
nun. But she was an educated woman, unusual for those times.

Julian had a series of visions during a time when she was very ill. She wrote them down in what she called "Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love."

Julian saw that the relationship between God and man is not shattered by human failure and sin. "There is no wrath in God," she wrote.

She was one of the first to experience the feminine side of God when she wrote, "As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother."

Julian's reaffirmation of Christ's solidarity with all humankind is what is most needed these days when we are plagued with actions of man's inhumanity and isolation.

Reminiscent of Christ's plea after the Last Supper, "Father, that they may be one," is Julian's revelation that "in the sight of God everyman is one man, and one man is everyman." How crucial it is for us

Julian is a remarkably ever-modern

woman worth knowing. I think that as we approach the third millennium Catholics should become acquainted with our incredibly rich Christian mys-tical heritage, and Julian would be good to start with.



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Point of View

Is school too boring for children?

Are children bored to death at school? Some find school a painful imprisonment, says Are children bored to death at school? Some find school a painful imprisonment, says psychiatrist Edward J. Sheridan of the child-psychiatry faculty at Jesuit-run Georgetown University Medical School. But how boredom's cause is assessed makes a difference. Patricia A. Armstrong, assistant superintendent of schools in the Cincinnati Archdiocese, says parents shouldn't assume nothing good is happening at school if a child says the day was boring. Examining education's boredom factor, Armstrong, whose credentials include certification as a guidance conselor, takes an up-close look at the institution, wondering whether parents realize how much today's classroom has changed. Sheridan, in turn, focuses on the student, asking what powerful force is draining energy from the child who finds school a boring ordeal.

School can feel like imprisonment

by Edward J. Sheridan, M.D.

I've seen school as it is and might be having worked as a psychiatrist with students, parents, grandparents and

School can become an involuntary and painful imprisonment of the soul and of the youth's erstwhile creative spirit. Even a stumaking good grades

be the crucible of a
humanizing experience. It can become the
ordeal through which one learns to do
work in a non-entertaining, non-diversion-

work in a non-entertaining, non-diversin-ary way, recognizing that people—whether teen-agers or adults—must work in soli-tude, with family, happy or sad. So school can be good and bad like anything else. What matters is what we reasonably do to make the world of school more reasonable.

more reasonable.

Boredom to a child psychiatrist means something is powerfully draining energy from the child. In the boredom of adolescence, a youth might try anything—like drugs and sex—to get away from the threatening awareness of what is inside himself.

We need to realize, however, that what appears as boredom can have differing causes—psychological, biological or social.

Is the child malnourished? Is there trouble at home? Does the child have trouble ng or hearing?

Whatever the causes, they keep the udent from using his capacities.

Take the child who has a mentally handicapped sibling at home and begins to act bored at school. The child is not lazy or act bored at school. The child is not lazy or uncaring, and may feel unconscious guilt over his school performance. But he doesn't wish to appear superior to the handicapped sibling.

The reaction—not wishing to appear superior—can be the same to the child sitting next to him at school, although that other child may not be handicapped at all.

Again, a child who easily masters his studies may become more bored than one who finds the work a challenge.

who finds the work a chauenge.

The school is an arena in which professional, caring adults have a chance to see the individual child? s need and turn it into an opportunity. In Catholic schools, responding to the individual child?s need as much as is consonant with the school's capacity to serve makes teachers living models of how we want students to live their relationship with God. How we treat other creatures shows students whether we are expressions of the Paraclete.

Still, too many people treat teachers as if they're supposed to be entertainment channels. We don't want teachers to be robots, but there is enormous teacher

Some of the best teachers are no fun, not entertainers. What is most important is that

they help you use your brain.

It is normal to be bored. When boredom lasts for some time, however, it can be an index of clinical depression. Every reasonable parent and every reaonable teacher is aware when a child is the pale

beyond the pale.

A child may be reacting to another's boredom, not just his own, getting pulled down by the boredom of others. But, we don't want a snag of boredom in the skein of life to become a knot.

The children child psychiatrists see are kids for whom someone is concerned. The kids we see are no different from those in any family. We see those experiencing temporary snags, not permanent knots. ne don't need professionals. Some do

And sometimes instead of remaining And sometimes, instead of remaining a ripple in the stream, boredom becomes a dam. So it is good to assess boredom's causes. But in doing so, look first to the individual child, attempting to understand what his or her coded message of

Exciting things happen in school

by Patricia A. Armstrong

What student doesn't call school boring

metimes?
But don't conclude that nothing is happening in the classroom solely because your child says so. A lot

of exciting things are happening in education today. School often is per-

ceived by students as a place they have to be when they would rather be doing some-thing they consider

spond? They are likely to ask, "If it's not in, does that make it bad?

tun, does that make it obac?

Teachers in Catholic education are no different from their public school counterparts in many of the challenges faced each day. Classrooms are comprised of students from divorced and single-parent as well as two-parent homes, and students exhibit the full gamut of abilities, problems and concerns

Most teachers realize the need to create interest in what they are presenting. One Catholic school teacher talked about spending as much time creating a gimmick or "hook" on which to hang a lesson as she stook on writen to hang a Jesson as she spent preparing the actual material she would teach. This teacher talked about "bargains" struck with her fourth-graders: If they worked hard, they could do some other activity-still lesson related—that they considered more entertaining.

She told her students: "School is your we'll do it together."

What is a classroom like today? From the parents' viewpoint, it is far different from they once knew

Classrooms are much brighter, with table-style desks that easily can be grouped or moved, and colorful wall displays.

or moved, and coloritu wail displays. Teachers employ cooperative learning in all subjects and whole-language ap-proaches to teaching reading and language arts. Attention is given to presenting material in ways that meet the needs of a multicultural student body.

Today's students spend more time writing in journals, creating student newspapers, using computers and print-ers to share their written words. A hands-on approach allows students to experience science or math lessons.

Modern technology allows high school
students to attend classes through satelnd special video hook-ups.

Perhaps today's most important differ-ence is the attitude of the teacher who creates an environment which is safe, who affirms students and gives them the freedom to take the risk of sometimes being wrong in the enthusiastic pursuit of

And school is the only safe place many students spend time each day. It may be the place they are fed breakfast, lunch and supervised in a latchkey program after school.

But is school boring?

But is school bornig?
When a student says school is boring, does that mean it was too hard, too task-oriented or that the teacher failed to make it entertaining? Is the student reflecting peer pressure? Is the student experiencing problems at home or a teacher conflict?

If a student tells me school is boring, I need to delve into the many possible

need to delve into the many possible reasons why. Intermediate school and high school students may experience a period of doubting school's value and appear bored. A point needs to arrive where they "buy in," seeing value in the education process, seeing this is the ticket to the future. I see this hancen

seeing this is the ticket to the ruture. I see this happen.

And teachers can share their own past experience, like one teacher I know who told his students about having gone through such a period as a youngster.

What about parents? If their child says the day was boring, do they ask any further questions, or do they simply assume the teacher failed to do a good job?

Mayba the day was 'Doring,' but if

Maybe the day was "boring," but if one concept finally made sense, was it a good day?

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To the Editor

Mary's reported appearances

Every day it seems the Blessed Virgin Mary is said to appear in a different place in the world. To date, there must be hundreds of such supposed sightings. Every time anyone says that Mary told them she is anyone says that Mary told them are a going to appear at a particular time at a particular place, hundreds of people make a pilgrimage to that place in anticipation of seeing or hearing or experiencing in some other way a miracle.

The times and places of these predicted ngs become media events, with ers from local and national media in reporters from local and national incut and attendance. When those in attendance are asked what they saw when Mary was supposed to have appeared, no two responses are the same.

responses are the same.

The Holy Father and the College of Bishops have yet to give any official credence to ANY of these recent supposed sightings and in fact have counseled against going to these places. And yet, despite these warnings from the official church, thousands, perhaps millions of people put their faith in these unsubstantiated events.

Our church teaches that the fullness of

Our church teaches that the fullness the teachings of God are found in the Bible and the teachings of the church. Thou-sands of good and faithful priests and other teachers of the faith do their best to make the faith known to the whole world. The priests in the Catholic Church have been chosen by God, through the church, to fulfill the ministry that was started by Jesus the Christ and continues today. myself what God or the Blessed

Virgin Mary could have in mind if indeed Mary is appearing in even a quarter of the places she is said to be appearing. Could it be God's plan to confuse his church? Could it be God's plan to have the faithful accuse his priests of apostasy or of failing to preach the Gospel as it has been handed down? Could it be God splan to bring about some new revelation that he hasn't brought forth to date? Perhaps God has decided to divide his church in order to tear it down.

nus church in order to tear it down.

The church was founded by Jesus Christ
and stands upon the words of Jesus Christ
and the teachings of the church that have
been passed down for almost 2,000 years.
There cannot be any NEW revelation. The
truth that God has for us has already been truth that God has for us has already been given to us and is preached laithfully week after week. To deny this is to deny that God's Spirit is with the church and is to deny that the Spirit is guiding the bishops and priests who labor in the vineyard day after day.

If the Blessed Virgin Mary is appearing

in various and diverse places, then it seems that her appearances are dividing the church and causing dissension among the believers. I cannot believe that the Blessed

Virgin would want this to happen.

Catholics need to live the basics of the

faith. If you want to know what the basics of the faith are, listen to your pastor. Your pastor doesn't need TV cameras around to tell you the truth about our faith and about God. Father Stephen D. Donahue

Charlestown

Greater dialogue with homosexuals

I just finished reading Suzanne Pharr's "Homophobia—A Weapon of Sexism," and likewise an excerpt from John Shelby Spong's book "Living in Sin?" This is powerful material, challenging us as individuals and as a church to listen with our dividuals and as a church to listen with our hearts to gay men and lesbian women share their stories of pain and loss, of love and freedom within their relationships.

and freedom within their relationships.

Phar makes a point of showing the pain that homophobia brings into the life of the community—to both the heterosexual and homosexual communities. People are in fact leaving our church from both communities due to a lack of respectful interest, openness and dialogue.

In the face of so much publicity spurred.

on by the recent recommendation made by the Vatican to the bishops of the United States, it seems it is the right time NOW for church to engage in greater dialogue with the homosexual community. Though with the homosexual community. Inough there be strong feelings and deep convic-tions in the average person about the whole issue of homosexuality, we the Christian community are being asked to create an atmosphere of trust in each other's good will, an atmosphere that will generate hope in God's Spirit who will lead us as a church where we must go.



How often Jesus reminded us that fear is not of the Spirit. How often we are encouraged to look each other straight in the eye with an open heart, eager to listen to truth mutually

I have learned a great deal through espectful dialogue. I have learned to listen differently to the gay person who shares his/her story. I have deliberately tried to be the listener, the learner since my back ground excluded the homosexual person so strongly. I'm now trying to see where I need more information and help in being more aware and understanding. God's reassurance is with me that this kind of dialogue is very grace-filled.

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CORNUCOPIA

Ah, sweet mysteries of life

by Cynthia Dewes

There are mysteries in life that are apparently unsolvable: Why do grade schools smell that way? Why does Father crank up the incense

during sinus, aller and bad cold season sinus, allergy Do store coupons really

save us money? These and other compelling questions may not make the earth shake, but they do come to mind more often than we care to admit. In church, for instance, or in the midst of heavy-duty "disc

during a committee meeting

Our minds are apt to be wandering through these mazes just when the boss asks us a direct question. Or we may well be lost in such trivial pursuit at the moment a long-awaited message beeps in on the fax.

We wonder why the morning newspaper arrives wrapped in a plastic bag every day except the day it rains. Or, speaking of rain, why it always rains on the day we wash the car or fail to carry an umbrella or need to set out the week's garbage

We spend unconscionable quantities of time trying to remember whether or

not we had lamb chops the last time we invited the in-laws to dinner. As memory deteriorates further with age (another mystery), we even agonize over stuff like: Did we feed the cat this morning? Did we turn off the oven?

Of course we wonder about the kids,

beginning with questions of whether the baby is urping too much or outgrowing his pampers again. Soon we're asking our-selves if Junior's report card is up to snuff, or Sis's request for pierced ears means trouble ahead

trouble ahead.

In fact, unravelling the mystery of kids is a lifetime project. The questions range from: Why are they taking up modern dance instead of accounting?, to: Why are they taking up time in this expensive school of at all? They persist, from: Why are they they taking up the mine. Why are they marrying (or not marrying) this person?, to: Why are they scolding our wonderful grandchild?

The mysteri es of life continu The mysteries of life continue. Whose payday fall immediately after the gigantic, once-in-a-lifetime sale at our favorite store? Why does the power fail at the exact moment the murderer is revealed on TV? Why do all the skinniest clothes come into style just when we are at the apogee of our weight cycle?

Why does the toilet run over or the eggs scorch at the exact same moment that the telephone rings and the dog throws up: Why do the tastiest foods conceal the most ponder why we can't achieve world peace or invent a cure for the common cold. We speculate on whether there can be political life without hypocrisy, or freedom without justice.

Our minds wander into spiritual realms Is God a man? A woman? Neither? Both? Is Heaven a place we actually go to or, (God forbid), is Hell? What about Purgatory and Limbo and those other unfashionable addresses of otherworldly existence, are they still in business?

There are certainly a lot of mysteries out there, and we are a curious bunch, for sure. In the words of a cynic: Ours not to reason why, ours just to do and die

vivs...



Connersville residents William R. and ances Sue Berkshire will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family friends on Sept. 26. Bill Berkshire and the former Sue Barnard were married on Sept. 26, 1942 in Logansport. They are the parents of four children: Camille Klink of parents of four children: Camille Klink of Noblesville; Calissa Harvey of Conners-ville; Corbin, of Fort Wayne; and Collier, of Etna Green. They also have 10 grand-children, two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Marian College freshman Mary Clark-son is holding a one-woman exhibition of photographs and contemporary paintings through September at the Marion County Central Library, 40 East St. Clair Street, Indianapolis. She is a graduate of Our Lady of Grace High School.

check-it-out...

St. Mary of the Woods College will begin its 1992-93 Artist Lecture Series on the weekend of October 2-4 with a play, "A Voice of My Own." On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Alice McGill will present a one-woman show entitled, "Sojourner Truth Speaks." A traditional holiday dinner/theatre called "Christmas at the Woods" will be sched-"Christmas at the Woods" will be sched-uled at 7:39 p.m. on Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 2-5. Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" will be presented on Feb. 5: 27 and 28, 1993; a side/lecture on "Under the Influence: The Pushing of Alcohol via Advertising", 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 6; and a piano/tolin concert at 7:39 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. Call 812-535-5212 for ticket information.

St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg will begin its annual Turkey Shoot/Fall Festival at 11 am. on Sunday, Oct. 4. Activities include a chicken dinner with homemade dumplings, booths, games and bingo. The shoot, lasting until dark, and drawings for the shoot and only only last be featured. money and quilts will also be featured

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Tipton will present a "Sharing of the Spirit" of the Native American heritage from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4. Registrations are limited. Call 317-675-6203 for more details.

A seven-week, non-credit course 'Basic Teachings of the Catholic Faith''
will be presented by members of Marian College theology department from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Oct.5 through Nov. 16 at St. Gabriel School, 224 West 9 Street, Connersville. The cost of \$40 includes the textbook. The registration deadline is Sept 21. Send name, address, parish and phone number to: Kathy Rhodes, Deanery Resource Center, 220 West 9 Street, Conners ville, IN 47331, 317-825-2161.

The 4th Annual Angel's Attic Arts and Crafts Christmas Bazaar will be held at St. Michael School, 3352 West 30th Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. Booth space of 5' x 10' may be rented for \$25 to sell crafts. Call 317-926-0516 for rvation forms

The St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will host the fifth annual Franciscan Family Celebrauou ior all Pranciscans in the Kentucky/Indiana area on Sunday, Sept. 27 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville. The event will begin with the Eucharistic Celebration at 2 p.m. followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. tion for all Franciscans in the Kentucky/In-

Indianapolis Northside Catholic churches will sponors a National Issues Forum on "Remedies for Racial Inequality: Why Progress Has Stalled, What Should be Done" from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 5t. Andrew Church, 3922 East 38th Street. Materials are 55 per session, available two weeks before the session date at religious education offices at the following parishes: Christ the King, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Andrew, St. Joan of Arc, St. Lawrence, St. Luke, St. Matthew and St. Pius X. Registration deadline is Oct. 5. Indianapolis Northside

St. John Academy Class of 1942 will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20. One classmate, Klara Guiton Bolden, has not been located. Anyone having information about location is asked to call Florence M n at 317-546-7649.

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A Providence Pilgrimage for alumnae of Indianapolis Sisters of Providence academies, including 5t. Agnes, 5t. John, Ladywood, and Ladywood-5t. Agnes will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 5t. Mary of the Woods. The event will be pein with 10 a.m. Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a luncheon buffet in O'Shaughnessey Dining Room and tours of the grounds. The cost is \$18 for a chartered bus leaving St. Mary Parish parking lot, 317 North New Jersey Street at 8 a.m. and returning at 4 p.m. on Oct. 11. The cost is \$10 for those transporting themselves. Send reservations by Sept. 25 to: Providence Sister M. Maxine Teipen, 5145 South LaSalle Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227 or call 317-788-7930.

An ARIA-aponsored NETWORK Elec-tion Workshop will be presented from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. The pre-paid registration fee (including lunch) for ARIA members is \$10, \$15 for non-members. Make checks payable to ARIA and send to: Mary Jo Mathemy, 3738 North Denny, Indianapolis, IN 46218 by Oct. 3, Call Franciscan Sister Rachel West at 317,025,1798 (or more information) 317-925-1280 for more information

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Poticas prepared by the women of Holy Trinity Church are now available to order for the holidays. Call 317-634-2289 or 317-636-5681 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to place orders

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ADMIRATION SQUAD—Kathy Fessel (from left), Gary Fessel and Connie Whitehouse admire a quilt made by their grandmother and mother for St. Michael Parish Turkey Shoot and Chicken and Dumpling Dinner to be held in Bradford on Sunday, Sept. 27. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the turkey shoot from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be booths, games, children's rides and bingo, as well as drawings for cash, beef, homemade quilts, a shot gun and other prizes. ADMIRATION SQUAD-Kathy Fessel and other prizes.

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Four Catholic civic leaders die in plane crash

Michael Carroll was vice president of community affairs at Lilly Endowment. During the '70s and '80s he served as deputy mayor and in several city appointments, as well as in Republican Party politics on all levels. He helped secure thousands of dollars in grants for St. Nicholas Youth Ministry on the city's Near East Side, and was a member of the Catholic Youth Organization's board of

directors, earning the St. John Bosco Medal in 1984. Father Arthur E. Kelly, director of St.

Nicholas Youth Center, said of Carroll "Mike has been a tremendous help and inspiration to the black community and in particular to St. Nicholas Youth Ministry, where he demonstrated tremendous un-derstanding and love for the young people. We certainly miss him at this time."

Ed Tinder, executive director of the

include "Our Lady and the Rosary," Oct. 4, Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis; "Columbus and Devotion to Our

Jerome Palmer; "Mary, Our Mother," Oct. 18, Benedictine Father Warren

CYO, remembered Carroll as CYO board president during the '80s: "He was a tremendous motivator. He would motivate the board and the CYO administrators to seek new challenges and to meet those challenges. Mike had a subtle way of pushing you to greater heights."

John R. Weliever, an auto dealer, was

John R. Weliever, an auto dealer, was director of the Hoosier Lottery from late 1989 until last October. An active Democrat, he was previously the commissioner of the Department of Administration for Governor Evan Bayh. He also served on the boards of the Indiana Automobile Dealers' Association and the Indiana Posturust Association and the Indiana Restaurant Association

Father Robert Borchertmeyer, pastor of Little Flower Parish, had known Weliever since his early days. "He was a very simple and modest man, a real servant," Father said. "He was always very willing to help anyone and respond to others' needs."

"He was also a very generous man," ther Borchertmeyer continued. He cited Weliever's generosity in underwrit-ing many affairs held at his Sherwood Club by Little Flower and other Catholic

Frank E. McKinney Jr., chairman of Frank E. McKinney Jr., chairman of Banc One Indiana Corp., was an Olympic gold and silver medalist from the Indiana University swim team in 1960. He was a significant force in the revtalization of the city's Downtown, including construction of the largest building in the state, the Banc One Tower. A lifelong Democrat, he was Governor Bayh's senior advisor on international trade.

McKinney, another Cathedral High MCKINNEY, another Cathedral High School graduate, was also lauded by Peebles. "Frank McKinney's loyalty to Cathedral never wavered throughout his life," he said. "His contributions went far beyond his financial support."

Peebles recalled the Distinguished Service Award presented to McKinney last

for his many contributions to the school and the community, and said, "Bob Welch and Frank McKinney died in the service of others. As tragic as the loss is to all of us, there is some solace in the fact that they died as they lived."

Funeral services for Welch were held Tuesday morning in St. Luke Church. He three children, Maura Abernethy, Elizabeth Ann and Robert V. Jr.; sisters, Alice Louise Clifford, Kathyleen Kane and Virginia Flanagan; and two grandchil-dren. Memorial contributions may be made to Cathedral High School.

St. Monica parishioner Carroll was buried from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. buried from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Faris); three children, Michael A. Jr., Kerry and Paula; and brothers, Frederick A. and Christopher F. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Monica Church, CYO, or Metro Athletic Club at IUPUI.

Weliever's funeral was held in Little Flower Church. His survivors include his wife, Joyce (Jenkins); three children, Daun Simpson, Kristie Geitner, and John R. II; three brothers and a sister, Thomas, William, David, and Jackie Fattore; and one grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to Little Flower Church or to Catholic

Funeral services for McKinney were held Tuesday afternoon in St. Luke Church. He is survived by his wife, Marianne (Williams); six children, Frank E. III, Robert W., Martie, Marlen, Madeleine and Heather C.; two stepchil-dren, James and Kathryn Ullyot; and two sisters, Claire M. Clark and Kathleen M. Stasey. Memorial contributions may be made to Brebeuf Preparatory School, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, or a charity of the donor's choice.

check it out...

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The annual public October Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of Monte Cassino near St. Meinrad Archabbey will be held on Sundays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. CDT. Topics and speakers will

Heitz; and "Mary at the Foot of the Cross," Oct. 25, Benedictine Father Mark O'Keefe

Davis; Lady,"

SURPRISE!—Catherine and Thomas Coats greet their son, Father David Coats, during a Sept. 3 surprise party given by Catholic Center employees to honor him for his nine-month stint as archdiocesan administrator. After "roasts" by several officials, Father Coats credited his parents for their support, noting that even the vice-president candidates would applaud their family values. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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PRAYERFUL—Seminarian James Rolewicz assists Archbishop-designate Daniel M. Buechlein as he offers the closing prayer during a Vespers service at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on the eve of his installation. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)



GREETING—Father George Stahl greets the future archbishop following the Vespers service with the clergy and employees on Sept. 8. Father Joseph Riedman (right), waits to welcome then-Bishop Buechlein. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Archbishop's Installation

the special day. . .



OFFICIAL GREETING—Newly-in-alled Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein greets Governor Evan Bayh as Chancellor Suzanne Magnant stands by. The archbishop met representatives of the entire archbicese, other faith communities, and the civic community. (Photo by Charles Schisla)



CONSULTOR—Father Kenneth Sweeney, chairman of the archdiocesan board of consultors, represents the priests as he welcomes Archbishop Buechlein during the Installation Mass. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)



FRIENDS—Evansville Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger congratulates the Indianapolis archbishop-designate after the Sept. 8 Vespers service. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)



FIRST HOMILY—Archbishop-designate Daniel M. Buechlein addresses the priests, parish-life coordinators, and Catholic Center employees at a Vespers service at SS. Peter and Paul

Cathedral on September 8, the eve of his installation. He offered his five "priestly mysteries of Christ." (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



INSTALLATION MASS—More than 1,000 people gather at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Sept. 9 for the installation of Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, as Archbishop

of Indianapolis. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, two Benedictine abbots, 47 bishops and archbishops, and 250 priests concelebrated

Father David Coats, apostolic adminis-trator of the archdiocese welcomed the new archbishop.

Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, apos-tolic pro-nuncio represented Pope John Paul II, read the letter of appointment and led Archbishop Buechlein to the cathedra and presented his crosier to him.

Archbishop Buechlein was greeted by Suzanne Magnant, the chancellor; Indiana Governor Evan Bayh, Indianapolis Mayor Steven Goldsmith, other civic leaders, representatives of other faith communities, religious order superiors, and repre-sentatives of the laity.

Music by the archdiocesan choir was complemented by a gospel choir from Holy Angels Parish.

Angels 'Arrish.

The archbishop's brother Charles
Buechlein from Jasper gave the first reading.
Ron Redwing from Memphis was the second
lector. Curtiss Talley, head of the Office of
African-American Ministry in Memphis,
served as deacon for the Installation Mass.

Archbishop Buechlein gave a citation of appreciation to Father Coats for his service as administrator.



PREPARATION-Memphis Deacon Curtiss Talley and Archbishop Buechlein prepare the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



CUP OF BLESSINGS—Archbishop Buechlein raises the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan chalice during the Liturgy of the Eucharist as Evansville concelebrate, along with the priests of the archdiocese and Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger, Lafayette Bishop Higi, and others. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



PRESBYTERATE—More than 250 priests from Indianapolis, Memphis, and St. Meinrad gather at the Sept. 9 Installation Mass for Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB as the 11th bishop and fifth archbishop of Indianapolis. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



BROTHERS-Newly-installed Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and his brother, Charles Buchlein, cross the street to the Catholic Center Assembly Hall for the reception following the Installation Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Religious education 'road show' stresses media's impact on lives

by Tun Grove

Today's Catholics need to be more thoughtful from a Gospel perspective about the media's impact on their lives.

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That's the central message of this year's
Fall Religious Education Road Show, which
is being presented by the archdiocesan
Department of Religious Education to
religious educators and youth ministers in
the archdiocese's 11 deaneries this month.

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"This year we're asking, 'How can we
use the media to enhance the faith
formation process and counter media when
it seems to hinder the faith formation
process?" "said Matt Hayes, archdiocesan
director of religious education and coordinator of adult catechesis

nator of adult catechesis.

On Sept 2, Hayes; Bob Meaney, archdiocesan coordinator of catechetical ministry formation; and Peggy Crawford, archdiocesan coordinator of family and childhood catechesis, visited the Aquinas Center in the New Albany Deanery. There they reminded 24 religious educators and youth ministers of the media's impact on their work

'The first curriculum in our culture is media,' Hayes said. 'Media shape our

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environment. When people come to us, they are already formed" by the media's images and values

The second curriculum for children is school," he continued. "For religious educators, that's the public school. The third curriculum is religious education."

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Against this backdrop, Hayes said, it's essential that religious educators and youth sensential that religious educators and youth ministers be "media literate."

In 1982, the United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) attempted to define the content of the content of the content of the content of the content media literacy in its "Declaration on document, media literacy is "a critical understanding of the phenomena of communication... the world of powerful images, words and sounds."

"Children and adults need to be literate in all three of these symbolic systems and this will require some reassessment of

this will require some reassessment of educational priorities," the UNESCO de-claration stated. "Media education will be claration stated. Media education will be most effective when parents, teachers, media personnel and decision-makers all acknowledge they have a role to play in developing greater critical awareness among listeners, viewers and readers."

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Hayes said the role of religious educators is to challenge Catholic parishioners to compare and contrast media values with

"With the media, we're inserted into it without reflecting on it." Hayes said. "As part of a theological reflection, we need to ask, "What is the Catholic tradition we are ask, 'What is the Carnoic tradition we die formed in and what does the tradition say about it?' Then we need to ask, 'What are we going to do about it?' "

Hayes said it's important to use Gospel values as a mirror when watching everything from television commercials to daytime dramas to prime-time situa-

During one discussion period, participarticipants lier asked to assess the values portrayed in a sampling of television commercials they were shown. Later, participants listened to a variety of soundtracks and reflected on the different feelings. feelings and moods they evoked. Through words, images and sound, it was noted, media manipulate us.

was noted, media manipulate us. A 12-minute video entitled "A Line in the Sand" on the Persian Culf War also was shown. The video, which was produced by the Center for Media and Values, demonstrated how the Pentagon apparently obstructed the reality of the war by censoring virtually all video images that were released to news organizations. Censorship enabled the Pentagon to present only favorable images of allied air attacks hitting military targets inside Iraq. Reports of civilian casualties were carefully censored so public support of the war would remain high.

For instance, graphic videotaped foot-

would remain high.

For instance, graphic videotaped footage showed that more than 500 fraqicivilians wee, killed—many burned beyond recognition—in February 1991 when the Baghdad shelter they were in was bombed by allied forces. The fatal bombing was scantilly reported in the American press, the narrator said, due to Pentagon censorship.

We were led to believe that this was a neat, clean, quick war," one pobserved. "It obviously was not.

observed. "It obviously was not."
Hayes, Meaney and Crawford distri-buted a variety of printed materials that suggested different ways to use media as tools in the learning setting. Included was a resource from the Center for Med and Values which offered four principles of media literacy that can serve as a framework for active, aware media study.

The four principles referred to the ways media reconstruct reality through the use of identifiable techniques, such as camera

angles, special effects, punchy quotes and splashy page layouts. Also, media are present particular ideologies and value

messages.

"We can filter and change what media present to us by the way we react to their messages." the source said. "We can question, challenge and contradict—or support and reinforce—what we see and he

port and reinforce—what we see and near.

During a luncheon that followed the
presentation, several participants said they
gained new insight on how to use media to

gained new uses, their advantage.

"The insight for me is that I'm always
to expand the curriculum The insignt for me is that I in aways looking for ways to expand the curriculum of religious education beyond the class-room setting," said Tom Yost, director of religious education (DRE) at Our Lady of

Perpetual Help, New Albany.

"This has given me a way to take mass media and make that a part of the religious education curriculum," he said. "It's education curriculum," he said. "It's already a curriculum. It's teaching people all kinds of things."

"Too much of Catholic education is in the school format," Yost said. "This is an opportunity and a resource to go beyond that."

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Benedictine Sister Ann Marie Howard, DRE for the tri-parish Catholic community of St. Joseph, St. Peter and Most Precious Blood, said she was 'renewed' in her ability to watch television with more critical eye.

Greg Welch, coordinator of youth ministries at St. Mary of the Knobs, said he was struck by the sizable imbalance between the number of hours the average person spends ingesting neadla per week versus the hours spent in a religious education setting. According to one source, the ratio is 30 to 1.

"When you look at the difference in

the ratio is 30 to 1.

"When you look at the difference in time given to religious values and the values of the culture and TV, in particular, you can see that we're fighting an uphill battle," Welch said.
"It's almost daunting to look at, to see how we're going to make the values we're presenting a couple of hours a week be the values that people are going to live by," Welch said.

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"Critical thinking is helpful," Welch
continued. "It's something you hear, use
a little bit and forget. I need to be
reminded. It's easy to cave in to what
you're seeing all the time."
After a presentation to the Tell Con-

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After a presentation to the Tell City Deanery on Sept. 3, the "road show" was scheduled to resume on Sept. 15 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in the Indianapolis West Deanery. Other deaneries and dates include the Terre Haute Deanery Center on Sept. 16, Batesville Deanery Center on Sept. 17, Little Flower Parish in East Indianapolis on Sept. 21, Our Lady of the Greenwood in the South Deanery center in the Seymour Deanery on Sept. 23, Madison Community Center in the Seymour Deanery on Sept. 30, and St. Matthew Parish in the North Deanery on Oct. 1.



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DISCUSS MEDIA—Greg Welch, left, Greg Dupont and Dan Endris, all of the New Albany Deanery, share their thoughts on media literacy and Gospel values with Peggy Crawford of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education at Aquinas Center in Clarkswille Sept. 2. The discussion was part of the Fall Religious Education Road Show which is touring the archdiocese's deaneries. (Photo by Tim Grove)

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FINDING GOD—The spirituality of daily life is a spirituality based not on getting away from the world to find God, but on finding God in the midst of our daily activities. It is a discipline of awareness of the eternal, the transcendent, the good, and the meaningful in life. And the sp the meaningful in life. And the spirituality of daily life can help people face challenges like difficult jobs (above and below), unemployment (at left), or other trials of life. (CNS photos)



Spirituality helps people see life in many new and different ways

by David Gibson

Spirituality has to do with seeing things

I can become a victim of my own way of seeing things.

I can get trapped by a single point of view about what a family member's actions mean or week kind of person a co-worker really is.

And my point of view may leave me frustrated, or it may frustrate others if they

sense I judge them wrongly.

My point of view can bog me down

But spirituality offers hope. It motivates tople to take another look at their world.

Spirituality may mean asking—per-

life that at first aspects of

frustrating and disappointing.

Spirituality may mean asking whether life's painful aspects produce only results. Or are these aspects of life preparing the ground for positive, much needed breakthroughs?

No recipe for spirituality works for everyone. Spirituality occurs, however, whenever a person recognizes the face of God where it wasn't noticed before.

What is so great about spirituality? It is God's way of releasing us from the traps we get ourselves into when we refuse to see things in new ways

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Busy lay people seek spirituality in daily life

by Gregory F. Augustine Pierce

I first realized I needed a spirituality about five years ago when my wife, Kathy, and I attended a retreat.

The retreat master ended the weekend giving what was obviously his stock 'Martha and Mary' talk—about how Mary chose the better part in sitting at Jesus' feet and not being 'busy about many things' like her sister, Martha. We all, the priest assured us, need to

get away occasionally from our jobs, our families, and our community involve-

ments to find peace and holiness.
"I love to get behind Sunday drivers, he related by way of example, "because it forces me to slow down and appreciate the things around me

That's when he lost me. The truth is, I can't stand Sunday drivers. It seems to me that they are self-centered and oblivious to the needs of those of us who may be a little busier than they are and have legitimate reasons for getting where we are going in a hurry

we are going in a hurry.

For example, perhaps we are trying to
fit in a visit to a sick relative and still get
home in time to watch our kid's ballgame. Or maybe we have to get to work
to deal with a crisis or arrive at an
important community meeting on time.

Bacidae in my experience Sunday

Besides in my experience, Sunday drivers are the cause of many car accidents as the rest of us try to get around them in order to be on our

our retreat master was a keeper of the flame of 2,000 years of Christian spiritual tradition teaching that the way to get in touch with God is to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

My life, however, seemed nothing but

My life, however, seemed nothing but hustle and bustle.

Kathy and I were just buying a new business, we were right on the brink of beginning to have our three children, her 75-year-old mother had just moved in with us, and we were involved in a variety of church, community, arts and political organizations. tical organizations

We did not have the time to travel in

We did not have the time to travel in the slow lane; nor were we attracted to the typical spirituality that seemed to be the only one offered.

It was then that we started looking around for another kind of spirituality— one not for monks and ascetics and religious professionals but for lay people and married couples and parents and workers and involved citizens.

We found it.

It is called "the spirituality of work"
"the spirituality of daily life." It is a spirituality based not on getting away from the world to find God, but on finding God in the midst of our daily The spirituality of work and daily life

does not relegate spirituality to small

corners of "religious" activity in an otherwise "secular" week. Instead, it permeates our entire lives, helping us discover the divine in the very ordinariness of life.

Prayer becomes not just a specific and nscious "lifting up of the mind and art to God," but also a different conscious "lifting heart to God,"

attitude toward everything that one does So what, exactly, is this new type of spirituality?

Like other spiritualities, it is a discipline of awareness of the eternal, the transcendent, the good, the meaningful in life. But the spirituality of work and daily life seeks to cultivate that awareness in the midst of everyday activities-not away from life events

away from life events. For example, when I say the rosary, I do it as I stand outside my childrens' bedrooms waiting for them to calm down and go to sleep. And instead of rectifing the joyful, sorrowful or glorious mysteries, I reflect on the "ordinary" mysteries of daily life: making a living, raising a family, being a good citizen and church member, and balancing my responsibilities.

I view my iob not as a distraction from

I view my job not as a distraction from my spiritual life, but as an opportunity for constant encounters with God my spintial lite, but as an opportunity for constant encounters with God through my relations with my customers and fellow employees, and through the quality of the products I produce.

And when my wife finishes are exausting day, after taking three pre-schoolers to a park or museum, she does not resent being coverned from spend-

schoolers to a park or museum, she does not resent being prevented from spend-ing the day in prayer. She feels that she has spent the day in prayer. Is such a spirituality real? Is it truly possible for lay people to find God in their daily lives and work without resorting to a

more traditional spirituality?
Some ascetics probably will say no:
'The more typical spirituality has proven its value over the centuries, and you will be at great risk to ignore it. Mary chose

be at great risk to ignore it. Mary those the better part."

Many busy lay people, however, are learning that there is a spirituality for us. It is the spirituality of Martha, whom Jesus also loved.

It is a spirituality for those of us who hate to get caught behind a Sunday

driver.

(Gregory F. Augustine Pierce is the co-publisher of ACTA Publications in Chicago, past president of the National Center for the Laity, and the author of "Of Human Hands: A Reader in the Spirituality of

DISCUSSION POINT

Spirituality guides daily living

This Week's Question

What do you seek as a layperson in terms of irituality?

"A guidance that is going to enhance or deepen my commitment to my faith. What does this for me is exciting liturgy. The celebrant has to give off a feeling of his joy at being able to celebrate the Mass . . . A good homily is real important." (Elsie Florian, Munhall, Pennsylvania)

"I'm 71 years old and a cradle Catholic. There have been many changes in the church. I would want my spirituality to address the changes... and how they apply to me. I would like to understand and accept them better." (Margaret Althoss, North Little Rock, Arkansas)

"I'm a former steelworker labor negotiator. When I would begin negotiations... if I sensed that a relationship with God was important to them, I would suggest that we start our meeting, with prayer." (Jim Thomas, West Homestead, Pennsylvania)

"I'm looking for a spirituality that connects me with all parts of the universe. It's beyond words. The sense of the mystery of that connection has to come through. It would include a living prayer that's ongoing, not just a happening of the moment." (Ed Barrett, Helena, Montana)

"Down to earth: a spirituality that has to do with relationships, with people, with nature... It has to help me discover the God present in those relationships and to respond... I like also in my spirituality sharing and celebrating that presence with others. The celebration is important." (Ann Kuhn, Sugar Grove, Illinois)

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Spirituality enhances daily life experiences

by Leif Kehrwald

Hilary, a single mother of four young children, spends her days immersed in toys, diapers, peanut butter and sibling

toys, chapers, peanut outter and sibling arguments.

She spends her nights studying for a college degree.

Here is a woman who makes a daily habit of rising early for a quiet time of prayer and meditation.

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Still, Hilary observed, "God doesn't always come to me in prayer, but more often in the chaos of my day!"

Does she have a lay spirituality?

A layperson often is described as

someone who is not a priest and not in a religious order. This is true, but is it fair to describe the vast majority of church members by what they are not?

members by what they are not?

Laypersons first and foremost are baptized believers in lesus. Our spirituality, directly linked to daily activities, is an attempt to discover God's presence around us. When you think about it, each believer has a unique, individual spirituality.

But what makes our spirituality a lay spirituality?

►When nobody else would blame me for choosing otherwise, what empowers me to make a "Christian" choice?

►When my parish community isn't at hand and I'm faced with crisis or dilemma, how do I demonstrate I am still a believer?

Perhaps the answers lie with how and where we see God's activity in our lives.

Donna and Steve have been struggling in their married relationship, yet both want to make it work. In their search for help, they decided to learn a form of meditation using yoga postures and rhythmic breathing to help them "con-

nect" with each other and with God. Do they have spirituality? Is it Christian? David became depressed when he turned 40, believing the best years of his life were now behind him. So he vowed from then on to make a brand new experience part of each day of his life. He figured there is even plenty of discovery on life's downside.

So each evening David reflects on his day and jots down his "new-to-me" experience or insight. Does he have spirituality?

Several married couples gather monthly Several married couples gather monthly for prayer and dessert. They always start with the rosary and move to other prayer expressions. The evening culminates in scrumptious dessert and spirited visiting. Do they have spirituality? The answer for all these believers is yes. Why? Because all are responding to the regions of their fives.

unique activity of God in their lives.
God is present and active everywhere,
and yearns to be discovered. Where we
respond to God's presence is where our spirituality lies.

The great majority of believers are lay

The great majority of believers are lay people, and their genuine faith encounters are rooted in day-to-day experiences.

Try looking at spirituality from God's vantage point. Do you think God discriminates between "church" stuff and "regular life" stuff? AS Creator of all things, God sees all as holy and sacred. That's what is normal for God.

That doesn't mean the communication.

That doesn't mean the community of believers is superfluous. We need others. We need the community to validate and

we need the community ovaluation murture our spiritual experiences.

When my spiritual life is dry and lifeless, the church community helps me to reflect on my life and to see God's gracious activity.



LAY SPIRITUALITY—Our spirituality, directly linked to daily activities, is an attempt to discover God's presence around us. Each believer has a unique and individual spirituality. Where we respond to God's presence in our lives is where our spirituality lies. (CNS photo)

Whether I'm enduring a frustrating day whether I'm enduring a trustrating day at the office, or cruising down the freeway, or arguing with my teen-ager over curfew, or worshiping at Mass, God is fully present. It's up to me to respond. That's my spirituality.

A young family with three children regularly erupts into spontaneous and

prolonged applause at the beginning of the evening meal. The kids enjoy making noise, and it rallies the family together. It is

one of their ways of saying grace.

Do they have spirituality? Of course they do

(Leif Kehrwald is director of family life for the Archdiocese of Portland, Ore.)

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Religious Education

'PROCLAIMING EVERLASTING WEALTH'

For the many who pass on the faith

by Daniel J. Elsener Director, Office of Catholic Education

As we prepare to celebrate Cathechetical Sunday, and the theme, "Proclaiming Everlasting Wealth," the catechists and all those concerned with faith formation and education would do well to reflect on

would rather see a sermon than hear

I would rather have you walk with me than point the way.

ne eye is a more ready pupil than ever was the ear.

Good advice is often confusing, but

Good advice is often confusing, but example is always clear.

I'm not sure who should receive credit for these simple directions on how people best learn and grow, but I heard it most aptly used in a speech by Guy Dowd, former national Teacher of the Year. These points seem to be most powerful

descriptors of what good catechists must do to be successful in "proclaiming lasting wealth."

lasting wealth."

Morever, this special Sunday and theme gives all of us in the Catholic community cause to reflect on what contribution and example we have given and should give to faith formation and education in this archdiocese.

education in this archdiocese.

I think especially of the support our youth need, and the many mixed messages we heap upon them. As families and adult faith communities, we need to give careful consideration to how we use our time, gifts, and treasure. Are our efforts directed toward everlasting wealth or to acquiring the 'things' of this world?

The Scriptures are replete with instruc-tion and parables of how we should invest tion and parables or now we should invest our resources and our gifts to ensure everlasting wealth. But our society con-tinues, with a passion, to "invest" too heavily in the things of this world. The return on this investment is

abundant in terms of crime, drug addic-tion, families at odds, material poverty, spiritual poverty, child abuse, national debt, abortion, etc. Let one of the blessings of this Sunday be a recommitment and or this Sunday be a recommitment and increased awareness that we must give a good example in the way of living that brings lasting wealth.

Finally, I ask the entire archdiocesan

community to give many prayers of thank those who have most generously served the teaching and formation mission of this church.

We should be most thankful for our parents, lay and religious teachers, cate-chists, education administrators, and other ministers involved in faith formation/education. They are the powerful examples of good stewardship and the message of everlasting wealth.

They work for less or, often times, no wages at all to promote and preserve the faith. They deserve our support, our prayers, and our sincere appreciation.



Daniel I. Elsener

Connersville RCIA involves all of St. Gabriel's

by Margaret Nelson

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) involves the whole parish at 5t. Gabriel Pa.ish in Connersville.

RCIA isn't just the ministry of Beth Luking, parish administrator of religious education. It involves strong support from the priests. It has an invited, trained team of volunteer catechists. It includes the candidates and catechumens. And it involves their sponsors and families. "Beth nutrured us along the way," said Kathy Rhodes, who was a sponsor before she joined the RCIA team last year. She answered an invitation in the bulletin. Even though she had taught religious education and worked as administrator of the Connersville Deanery Resource Center, she wanted to learn more about her faith. "There was omuch! didn't know, so much more to learn." There work of stories of people. That's what makes up the church, rather than rules and regulations.
"It was good to see them so comfortable. They were not

than rules and regulations.
"It was good to see them so comfortable. They were not afraid to ask questions about the reasons why we do things in the church," said Rhodes.

Tim Ammhein, who was confirmed as an adult, gained confidence himself by working on the RCIA team. "Tim's blossomed," said Rhodes.

"I was asked to come in," said Amhein. "It is sharing, when the said Rhodes have been during a lot of meating as the said Rhodes."

witnessing in a sense. I have been doing a lot of reading as a way to share that."

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Amrhein stopped going to Mass for about 12 years, returning in late 1990 after meeting some speakers who were "great witnesses for the faith." He said, "I never stopped believing, but I thought I'd get to God later." Now he is interested in going to the seminary.

"Tim and I can see God calling people to the faith," said

Rhodes. "That's encouraging to me. God's going to take care of them. My faith means a lot to me. I know God will be with them."

On Holy Saturday morning before the RCIA class was fully initiated into the Catholic Church, "It was very touching to see how those who went through the FCIA had grown, the excitement in their eyes," said Rhodes.
"I learned from these people. In a way they were teachers, too," she said.
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The catechumens were invited to attend deanery adult education sessions when they were related to the RCIA

Program.

Rhodes and Amrhein said that Luking invites RCIA "graduates" to become involved in parish activities. "She's real good about keeping in touch. She works to

find a niche."

Marge and Harold Mulligan have been married 47 years. And Harold had gone to Mass most of that time. But it was the pastor at 5t. Gabriel who invited Harold to come to RCIA three years ago.

Asked why he never became a Catholic before he said, "I was never really invited." Harold believes that there are a lot of people like him who would join the church if they were asked.

were asked.

He said that he considered it when he got married. "But it was one of the things I kept putting off. I went to church more regularly when we moved out here (from New Jersey) 25 years ago. But I wouldn't take Communion. I always had

it in the back of my mind that I would join. I had no idea what I had to do."

"When he got the letter, he asked me what to do."

Marge said. "I told him, "You have to decide for yourself."

"Once we started, it was great. I enjoyed going with him," said Marge. "We were surprised to learn that it would take six months. It reinforced what I learned when I went to St. Gabriel Catholic School in Philadelphia. Everything was reinforced for me. I enjoyed the company of the people."

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"I always liked the Catholic Church," said Harold. "I hadn't taken communion in the Presbyterian Church for

He added, "We have good friends from the RCIA. When

He added, "We have good friends from the RCIA. When we see them now, we stop and talk."

Edna Harlan said, "I've just been around Catholic people all my life. I lived the Catholic faith, but was never baptized. I went to church with the people I worked with."

She said, "I could go to church, but I needed more. I needed to receive Holy Communion." She decided to take instructions. During the 1991 RCIA year, her husband d'. sl. "God was good. My husband didn't suffer. "My faith helped me and the people in my class helped when my husband died," Harlan said. "You have to have something. I wonder how people who don't have faith set by."

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Luking said, "It's always been a great challenge for continuing conversion. And for me, it's the best thing I do. I enjoy the people I work with on the team. I enjoy the people who are becoming part of the community.'

She said that the parish has an annual RCIA reunion dinner on the vigil of Pentecost.

"The parish is in the fifth season of Renew, into evangelization. I see a similarity in the process of Renew and RCIA, a kind of blending." Luking said.

She said that the parish has a perly on the Thursday after Holy Saturday. "It's interesting to see the joy on people is faces," Luking said. "It's exciting how these people live their faith. They are very vibrant.

"The rites of election have been exciting," she said. "It was different this year to try to teach church without a bishop."

Luking said that the RCIA group is receiving special invitations to come to the deanery celebration with the new bis nop, Archbishop Daniel Buechlein on Sept. 23 at 5t. Cabriel.



embers of St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville and active members of St. Gabriel Parish in Conr its Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults team.



CONFIRMED IN FAITH-Asked why he attended Mass 47 years with his wife Marge without becoming a Catholic. Harold Mulligan jokes that he was "never

really invited." He joined the RCIA group at St. Gabriel, Connersville, after receiving an invitation from the pastor. (Photos by Margaret Nelson)

Julie: 'Si, Senor' or 'Yes, my Lord'

by Mary Ann Wyand

As the new director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Julie Szolek-Van Valkenburgh brings multicul-tural experiences to her ministry work in

She also has done missionary work with the Chamorro Indians in the South Pacific and worked with Hispanic, Native American, Asian American and African American youth in the southwestern United States.

United States.
"When I think of my own personal faith story," she said, "a song comes to mind called 'Digo Si Senor' that I would sing a lot with the Hispanic youth. It means I say Yes, Lord. With Hispanic youth, their faith life is based on whatever comes along as being very much a part of God's plan. By being involved with the Hispanic community, that has also influenced my own faith life. It's that acceptance that God is there every single day in every single situation and that no matter what happens I still continue to believe.

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Szolek-Van Valkenburgh said her missionary service to the Chamorro people also strengthened her faith life because they welcomed her into their homes and generously offered food as gifts.

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"Tve also seen this in the Hispanic culture," she said. "I could be with really poor people and yet there was always enough food for someone else. They always welcomed people. Those experiences gave me a bigger sense of community and of church."

Youth ministry activities are based on community, she said, and offer wonderful opportunities to teach young people that God is present in their lives and that God is their friend.

"Their whole aspect of community is being with other people and being able to talk to other teen-agers and have their

friends care about them," she said. "Their face of God, a lot of times, is through their friends, even a lot more so than some of the other images (of church)

working with youth "continues to stretch and broaden my faith life," she said. "I was one of the adult leaders during the National Catholic Youth Congress in Indianapolis last November. As I listened to the youth dialoguing with the bishops, my faith increased because I bishops, my faith increased because I could see that they were proud of their Catholic faith. Their comments gave me a lot of hope and filled me with a lot of

ulie Szolek began her Youth and Young Adult Ministry position with the arch-diocese in July and was married to Bill Van Valkenburgh on Sept. 5 in southern California. They met through a shared church ministry in California four years ago and are now a "ministry couple" in this archdiocese because he recently accepted a position as pastoral associate at St. Chris-topher Church in Speedway. Reflecting on her ministry to youth, Szolek-Van Valkenburgh said she sees an

szolek-van vaikenburgh said stees analogy between faith and the sea, eloquently described in Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book "Gift From the Sea."

"In the South Pacific the waters are warm and very beautiful," she said. "I had snorkeled there. Then I decided to try scuba diving, so I took the certification urse. As I went deeper and deeper into course. As I went deeper and deeper into the sea, the ocean got more and more beautiful. It's an analogy that really influenced how I look at God and my own spirituality. I believe that as we go deeper into our own faith life and explore our own spirituality, we discover more and more beauty and find that it's more and more peaceful."



GIFTS-Julie Szolek-Van Valk ctor of Youth and Yo Adult Ministries, keeps a copy of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book "Gift From the Sea" in her office as a reminder of God's any gifts. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Jeffersonville Renew season touches parishioners

by Sarah Graf

"Renew is a process. The changes are subtle but nevertheless, there have been people touched," said Susan Wheatley, a member of the core group at Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville.

The core group is a four-member committee that acts as a liaison between Father Jim Farrell, pastor at Sacred Heart, and the 10 other Renew committees. and the 10 other Renew committees.

Other members of the core group include
Patty Ballard, Greta Bramer and Father
Farrell. According to Ballard, the group is
the center of Renew and passes ideas on to the other committees.

The Renew committees consist of a liturgy committee and a take home-mate-rial committee which distributes weekly Renew material at Sunday Masses, Sacred Heart School, the hospital, and nursing homes. Small group, large group, publicity and telephone committees also make up and telephone committees.

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The home visit committee reaches out to shut-ins. The sign-up Sunday committee registers people who are interested in participating in small groups. The prayer network committee contacts other churches to pray for the participants during Renew. It also plans allnight prayer vigils and other prayer services. The evaluation committee measures the feelings of participants at the ures the feelings of participants at the end of each Renew season.

The Renew seasons, which are six-weeks in length, began at Sacred Heart in the spring of 1991 with a planning period followed by the first Renew session in the fall. There are two seasons in one year,

Gary Wheatley, Susan's brother-in-law, started participating in the parish renewal program in 1981. When the Renew process began, he became in-volved in the small group sharing and other Renew activities

According to Gary Wheatley, Renew is different from Mass but it is spreading the Body of Christ. He said it is a coming together with Christians and working together. "It has deepened strengthened my faith life," he sai he said.

wheatley said he really enjoys the lectio divina aspect of Renew According to Susan Wheatley, this is a way to prayerfully listen and respond to the words of God. This is just one of the many activities that Sacred Heart has offered during the Renew seasons.

In the first season of Renew, the parish was invited to a homecoming which consisted of liturgy, dinner and entertainment. A day of reflection, a Halloween

party and an evening at the movies were all activities that have brought the faith community of Sacred Heart together: "The Fountain Square Fools" and the "Call to Action Players" have also performed for

The core group has discovered the importance of Renew to the parish. All agree that Renew is a channel for growth agree that kenew is a channel to glowur and offers a chance for conversion and/or awareness in life. They acknowledged that committee work has been rewarding for a tot of people and that the Renew program is a community-builder that offers spiritual development.

The core group sees that there is a risk involved in the Renew process because it can separate a parish into two groups: one which consists of people who want a deeper spiritual life and one that consists of people who are content with where they are in their faith life.

The core group members agree that any time people grow, the direction of the growth cannot be controlled. The leadership has to be open to the possibilities brought on by the spirit of God.

Renew can affect a faith community in many ways. At Sacred Heart, the core group has identified the ways that the community has been affected. Renew has allowed an awakening of prayer life for many of the parishioners, especially through small-group sharing.

Renew has also provided opportunities for parishioners to share their faith stories in small groups. Through Renew page and

in small groups. Through Renew, new and different people are coming forward to serve the parish family.

Gary Wheatley said that Renew has developed a good bond between people at Sacred Heart. He is looking forward to the Renew season starting this fall.



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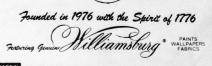
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At St. Mark Parish, ACT stands for formation

by Margaret Nelson

Many parishes have bulletin announcements about their ACT meetings. But what exactly is ACT?

Lynn Ferguson, outgoing chairperson of the adult catechetical team (ACT) at 5t. Mark, Indianapolis, explains it this way: "It has several purposes, not only to build community, but to educate as well."

community, but to educate as well."
Providence Sister Marilyn Herber is pastoral associate
and director of religious education at St. Mark. She said,
"Next to the liturgy, the adult catechetical team is most
influential in providing opportunity for adult faith
formation. This is the group that has sponsored the retreats
and renewal programs over the years,"

formation. In its is the group that has sponsored the retreats and renewal programs over the years.

Ferguson said, "I am becoming more firmly convinced that we best educate ourselves when we share our beliefs and values with one another. When we receive those ideas of others, we learn.

"It is a balanced group. That is why members are not elected, but asked to belong. It is a broad representation of the parish," she said.

In planning the program, we try to reach different ps. Sometimes we target a specific group," said uson."Each season we try to find ways to fit the needs

of the people."

She explained that there is also a social aspect to the work of the ACT. It sponsors the parish Harvest Party, "to bring people out who might not otherwise come. We not only have fun, we learn and share."

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Ferguson said that the ACT has large group meetings for which there are speakers, as well as the small group gatherings. There are discussions of video presentations, faith sharing meetings and Bible study sessions.
"And we take time at each meeting to nurture ourselves and share our faith with each other," she said. Slince it is a cross-section of the parish, the group gets an impression of each topic before making the decision to have a properam about it.

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Over the 12 years the 5t. Mark ACT has been functioning, May and June have been the months when the group invites new members and disrusses new topics. In the summer meetings, they decide on the programs for the next year.

Once the decisions have been made, each member of the table her exceedability for a certain programal-like who

Once the decisions have been made, each member of the team takes responsibility for a certain program—like who gets the speaker, who fixeds the video, etc. The rest of the year is spent carrying out the planned programs.

Ruth Metzger said, "We try to be sensitive to the issues that are affecting adults in the parish. One of the programs last year focused on helping adults adjust to powerles who were getting old. They are parenting their parents and also their own chuttern."

Tracie Price said of ACT, "We do a lot of things that bring people together to talk about the issues. There is an emphasis on small faith communities."

Sharon Smay said, "The team is very important because it is a forum that represents all the different segments of the parish."

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"ACT has initiated a lot of good things. We spent a lot of time facing the fact that we can't compete with the media," said Dr. Joe Daly. He paraphrased the Marine slogan, "We are looking for a few good minds.
"If we can appeal to the thinking people of the parish, it will make it all worthwhile. Unexamined Catholic life is a tragedy. We are trying to repair that, to encourage the examination of life from a Catholic point of view," said Dr. Daly.

This year, the new evangelization team will work with the ACT. Don and Mary Beth Bowling and Mary Masengale will work with Kim and Phil Sutton, who are members of the ACT.

members of the ACT.

Don Bowling said, "At St. Mark, we feel that there are two ways to evangelize." He said that one way was to become better acquainted with the people in the parish.

"Last year, we had quite an experience with small groups," Bowling said. He explained that a Lenten program with Father John Powell's video "Free to Be Me" drew 100



SCHOOL MASS—Students at St. Matthew School in Indianapolis gather. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)



-St. Mark's parishioners with the ACT are (fro ACT PLUS—St. Mark's parisioners with the ACT are from left, seated) Joe Morone, Dr. Joe Daly, Sharon Smay, Kim and Phil Sutton, Ruth Metzger, Lynn and Robert Ferguson, Phyllis Adams and Tracie Price; (standing) Providence

"After that, it became a real getting-to-know people. We had seen these people in church, but got to know them much better than before

The series brought to mind that if we can start at St. Mark, we can get to know everyone in a much deeper sense." said Bowling, "This would be our beginning." Sister Marilyn said, "The most obvious and rewarding sign of growth among our people is that we have moved

Sister Marilyn Herber, Patty Schalz, Don and Mary Beth Bowling, Mary Masengale and Mary Daly. The two members missing from the photo are Catherine Rochford and Debbie Hayes. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

from outside speakers telling us what to believe as Catholics to our own adults in small groups sharing their

"Here is adult education/faith formation at its best," Sister Marilyn said. "The adult catechetical team, with its emphasis on education, and the evangelization team, with emphasis on invitation and outreach, will carry the

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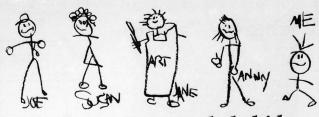
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Institute is for religion teachers

by Margaret Nelson

"I was impressed with the fact that we do things a lot of different ways," said Carol Jenks about the summer institute she attended. "We have different approaches to high school ministry, but a lot we do is the same."

Carol and her husband James Jenks Carol and her husband James Jenks are involved in ministry to students at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis. Both attended 'The Spirituality of the Adolescent: Faith Formation, Catechesis, Service," a summer institute for high school religion personnel at the University of Dayton (Ohio), sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (MCFA). Association (NCEA)

It was the first such conference either had attended. Jim Jenks said, "It reaffirmed what I

already believed about the ministry and it gave me insights into several ideas about the teaching of religion."

At Ritter, there are four full-time religion

teachers and two part-time. Each teaches only one class

"It was just so well organized," Carol Jenks said. She said that she especially looked forward to the talk by Michael Carotta, former archdiocesan coordinator of youth catechesis who is now director of the religious education department of Jenks said that Carotta's talk on "The Challenge of Adolescent Catechesis" was filled with enthusiasm.

filled with enthusiasm.

And she said author Thomas Zanzig was "great" in a session on adolescent faith formation and lifelong conversion.

Carol Jenks described the liturgies as a good experiences, noting that Bruce Deaton Ministries encouraged "people who never sang before to participate."

Spiritual direction or counseling, and psychological counseling workshops were focused on eventually bringing students to integrate Gospel values with future relationships, career goals and

vocational aspirations.

Jesuit Father Peter Henriot's talk on the power of service was on teen volunteerism.
"It was presented as something that not just the church is doing. This is a social

issue, a charity issue," Carol said.

By using four different religion teach for nine-week periods, Ritter students have four different viewpoints, she said.

"We were covering a lot of things they talked about," Jenks said. "That was a shot in the arm to think, 'We do that.' But other

in the arm to think, 'We do that.' But other ideas were presented that made us think: 'Maybe we should do it this way.' 'The small groups were helpful, because people would join in when they thought they had something to contribute." she said. 'You felt free to express what you wanted. Those groups met long enough that we didn't feel rushed. If we

liked something, we could ask the person

who brought it up to explain it."
"One really high point for me was the evening prayer on Friday with the Taize community," she said. "It was kind of an overwhelming experience, with a very touching story of God's love."

"I looked at the schedule, thinking that THOOSED AT THE SCREEULE, TURKING THAT an evening littings might be a 'sleeper.' But it hits you. It would be so great if our kids could experience this. A lot of it was reminiscent of the things we do on senior retreats, using music, readings and quiet,"

"But I enjoyed experiencing it without being in on all the preparations. I've always been on the team end," said Carol Jenks.

Other religion teachers from the archdiocese who attended the institute in-clude: Barb Gaffney and Elizabeth Jeatran, from Chatard; Franciscan Sister Rita Vukavie and Susan Williams, Ritter; Karen Straton, Roncalli; and Mary Helen Eckrich and Father Karl Miltz, Scecina.

Eckrich and Father Karl Miltz. Seceina. Jo Cavanaugh, campus minister, and Sara Kochler, religion department chair at Cathe-dral High School led a workshop: "Enabling Faculty to Serve as Spiritual Companions to Students" at the institute. Bob Meaney, from the Office of Catholic Education, attended. Some participants came from as far away as Carada and Japan. Carol Jenks said that the articlescent spirituality was a eood opportu-

adolescent spirituality was a good opportu-nity to meet other high school religion teachers. "You kind of feel isolated. The teachers. Tou kind of feet isolated. The institute helps you feel the support or comradeship of people who are doing the same things."



SPIRITED—Carol Jenks (from left) looks over plans for Ritter 1830 55500's opening Mass with junior Mary Keers during a volleyball practice break, as Jim 1800 100ks on. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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Religious education coordinator a ministry that fits Maria Blake

by Cynthia Dewes

Maria Blake says she has good organi-zational skills. She speaks the truth. While raising a family, Blake completed a bachelor's degree in social science with a



concentration on his tory, through the Women's External Women's External Degree program at St. Mary of the Woods College. At the same time, she was actively involved in Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis as coordinator of its Renew program. By the time the as nearing completion.

Renew work was nearing completion, Blake "came to realize that I'd been feeling a call." She said, "I felt I'd do best in a pastoral setting, with an emphasis on counseling."

As her interests developed, so did her opportunities. An opening came up as director of adult religious education, one of the five areas included in the total religious

education program at Holy Angels.

When Blake was interviewed for the job last fall, the parish board of education took note of her documented organizational skills, and hired her instead as coordinator of the total program. In addition to adult religious education, she coordinates pre-paration for infant baptism, the Sunday School, youth ministry and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Being able to live out her faith in an

enjoy it a lot," she said. "It's a good preparation for the future." This month, Blake begins work on another WED program toward a master's in pastoral

Blake begins work on another WED program toward a master's in pastoral theology.

Blake believes her work reinforces what she learned about church history and church teachings, and at the same time keeps her current with what's happening in the church today.

"History is very important in church work," she said. "It's important to know what came before but not be bound by it. We can look at what worked well, but not be bound by habit."

Apparently Blake has the right idea.

be bound by habit."

Apparently Blake has the right idea, since she reports that Holy Angels Parish is increasingly active and growing. Last May, it produced the largest Communion class in its history.

"All educational positions (at Holy Angels Parish) will be filled by September." Blake added in an earlier interview. She is particularly pleased that a young man is the new director of the youth ministry moreons since there is a develore. ministry program, since there is a dev ing need for this ministry.

ing need for this ministry.

The parish is becoming younger all the time, Blake said, and teen-agers are more numerous. "Two years ago, the median age of the parish was 43," she said.

Blake believes that the "religious ed team is coming together well as a team," and that this will benefit both the team members and the parish as a whole. "We must bring our gifts to the right job," she said of involvement in church work.

Mana Blake is satisfied that her gifts are being well used in the service of religious education.

SPECIAL MASS—Students at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis sing out during the procession for a Mass on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. Last week, sixth grade students planned a liturgy in which they remembered children in a sister African-Martinan pursish in remembered children in a sister African-American parish in Louisiana that suffered from Hurricane Andrew. They prayed for the people and offered mate-rial assistance. (Photo by Mar-



Columbus children learn from past

by Cynthia Dewes

It was high winds and rain that week, but Early Christian Marketplace 59 A.D. stood firm. The Catholic Community of Columbus was not about to let a little "natural disaster" threaten its vacation
Bible school, said Darlene Abplanalp, one of the coordinators of this summer's

Encouraging faith growth in children is a "very important ministry," Applanalp explained, and the five-morning summer program was a "Columbus-wide" effort. There were 230 children in attendance, plus 93 on-site volunteers. Jim Hemmelgarn, Abplanalp There were 230 children in attendance, plus 30 no-site volunteers. Jim Hemmelgarm, former director of religious education at Columbus, and Sherry Carraher helped Abplanalp coordinate the event, aided by many other volunteers in all age groups. The idea for the week's theme came from the "Marketplace 29 A.D." vacation 133.

from the "Marketplace 29 A.D." vacation Bible program which the Columbus parisis-ses had used in two previous summer schools. They wanted to "expand on the previous idea." Abplanalp said.

Marketplace 29 A.D. centered around a well in a Jewish community composed of the 12 tribes of Israel. The Children were divided into 12 groups, learning the Jewish traditions upon which Christianty is based, and what life was like when Jesus was alive through crafts, games and Old Testament stories.

to demonstrate for the children the connection between early Christian communities and the living church today. The children were divided into five "cities" which existed in the early days: Rome, Alexandria, Antioch, Philippi and Corinth. Each of the cities, which were located under dining canopies clustered around a large cross, had a distinctly different "flavor."

Again, crafts and games were used, but this time the storytellers became "missionaries" who came to the cities to preach the Good News of Jesus. Some of the visitors

were even people the children had heard of before—Paul, Peter, Joanna. The daily snacks took on a special

importance, Abplanalp said, because the children "actually broke bread" while they

cludren "actually broke bread" while they drank grape Kool-Aid, and the theme of the Last Supper was tied in with the sacrifice of the Mass we celebrate today.

Abplanalp was pleased that "lots of people not normally involved helped with the school." Retired people and several men (a first) volunteered. Young mothers were able to take part, assisted by 7th- and 8th-graders who provided a nursery ser-vice for babies and toddlers. "Children are never too young to realize a sense of community and the importance

a sense of community and the importance of service," Abplanalp said. As a religious education teacher who instructs kids for first reconciliation, she believes that involving them in service activities emphasizes Jesus' compassion. Her students are pen pals with shut-ins and residents of nursing homes, whom they visit at Christmas for caroling. Her own children still sing the songs they

learned during the vacation Bible school, Abplanalp said. She believes that the Marketplace 59 A.D. experience was ben-eficial to the entire Catholic community.

One man, a "missionary," had tears in his eyes as he walked away from his "city," Abplanalp continued. "It's amazing to see how the Holy Spirit is working in these kids," he told her.



SCARF DANCERS—During the Catholic Community of Columbus' dance. At right, students make a "traveling banner." (Photos by Early Christian Marketplace 59 A.D., children perform a scarf Father Stephen Banet)

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Faith grows for board member

by Margaret Nelson

Kathy Brennan said, "I feel like being a board of education member is a vocation

Brennan went to Catholic elementary schools. But her family moved when she was ready for seventh and eighth grades, and as she put it, "There was no room at the inn"

at the new parish school.

"After that, I wasn't quite 'good,' '' said Brennan.

friends who had always gone to Catholic schools could help teach Sunday School, but she

When Brennan moved to When Brennan moved to St. Mary in New Albany as an adult, Carole Strohbech re-cruited her to help with Sunday School. "I still got the

Sunday School. "I still got the feeling that the public school kids were step-children."

That's why Brennan ran for the parish board of education lection in 1982. But she him. "I've been on boards ever since," she said.

In fact, Brennan has served on her parish board for six years, the New Albany Deancry board for five, and the Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE), four.

"I really got into it being an advocate for non-school religious education—especially for the kids." Brennan said. "But as you get involved in boards, you get involved in everything."

In her second year on the St. Mary board, she was asked to be president. "That was a tough decision. I felt I was not prepared—and I wasn't. But I found the Lord was there the whole way. He gave me everything I needed to do the job."

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"The financial situation was really bad. The pastor was
interested in putting in a tuition policy," she said. "It ended
up being the first parish in the New Albany area to have a
funding formula that was not collection-based. It had 40
percent of the school budget paid by parents; 50, by the
parish, and 10 percent from other sources.

When I was president, it was the first time St. Mary's board of education sent a representative to the finance committee of the parish. That was a really important step. Before it was left up to the pastor." She added, "Pastors become it was left up to the pastor." have other things to think about."

When Brennan joined the New Albany Deanery board of education, she was the first chairperson of a marketing committee for Our Lady of Providence High School.

committee for Our Lady of Providence High School.

And as a member of the ABE, she has chaired the committee to study the teacher salary policy. "They are still working on that." The task force was composed of Father Richard Lawler; two teachers; two principals; Rex Camp of the Indianapolis Deaneries Coordinating Committee (IDCC); and Annette Lentz, coordinator of support services.

The task force reported to the archdiocesan board in 1991. The matter is still pending because of the Conservation

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Co. study, the change of OCE executive directors, and further study by the ABE policy committee.

Brennan also chaired the search committee for the new executive director of the Office of Catholic Education. "That was really a wonderful experience," she said.

The committee consisted of three board members, as well as Chancellor Suzanne Magnant, a principal, a director of religious education, a youth minister and one "at-large" representative. representative

"We wanted it to be from the perspective that if we came to a consensus, we would know we had the right person,"

This was one experience in which I really felt like the "This was one experience in which I ready feet may be some Spirit was there the whole way guiding us," Brennan said. She expected prospective candidates to hesitate because the identity of the archbishop was then unknown. And the Conservation Co. assessment of the future of total Catholic charges are conservation. education in the archdiocese was incomplete

education in the archdiocese was incomplete. But a large number of candidates did respond to the national search for executive director. Considering the change in her faith life after becoming a board member Brennan said. "I used to think a meeting is just a meeting. I've found that the more meetings you attend the more you call on the Spirit to be with you and the better

"The outcomes are more concensus than just a majority e," she said. "It's a feeling of church in the very best see."

sense."

"The archdiocesan board is probably most like this,"
Brennan said. "We pray a lot together. When you first come in, you have to get used to praying for 15 to 20 minutes. But you never leavize how important it is."

Sine explained that two years ago, there was a meeting in Columbus with the archbishop present. Unavoidably Brennan arrived one hour late. "I felt disoriented during the whole meeting. It proved to me that the community prayer life of the ABE is extremely important to the meeting."

Brennan be as that the spiritual growth of the ABE members is also enhanced by the annual overnight, which features a meeting and planning session separated by an evening of recollection.
"Twice I had conflicts with people. Both times, after

"Twice I had conflicts with people. Both times, after the evening I couldn't remember it any more. It was all gone after praying together," she said. "I've never had that happen before."

that happen before."

Brenana explained that she has been "a pretty shy person. Sometimes, I'm kind of afraid to make new contacts. It's really funny, because when I've had jobs to do for boards of education, I've had calls I didn't want to make. "But I've 'tackled' people. I've called candidates for interviews. These are not things I do easily. But when I do them for the board I can do them without being afraid. It seems like, if I really need to do something, the Lord gives me the talents and whatever I need to do it," said Brennan. At the board meetings she enjoys. "The wonderful blings and the standard meetings he enjoys "the wonderful blings".

At the board meetings, she enjoys "the wonderful things people share with you. The different facets of people's lives start touching through prayer. There are so many fine, faith-filled people."

"The board teaches you how to be part of a policy-making group," she said. Brennan now serves on the New Albany Chamber of Commerce and a local community action agency. "I have more confidence going out into the community."

Brennan said that as a teen-ager in a Catholic high school, she was aware of missing some of the public school extras, such as honors courses. "But as I've served on boards, I see the most precious thing I got from high school is the Catholic way of life. I feel so well-grounded in my faith."

"My family has been really supportive. My husband rearranges his schedule so that I can attend regular and committee meetings," Kathy Brennan said. "He listens carefully to me when I discuss the issues and process the information I use to make decisions

"When I consider taking on something, my daughter says, Yeah mom, you should do it. You're good at that." She thinks I am good at committee work," Brennan said. She and her husband Don have three children. Amelia, 15, at

"I find that I'm more willing to share my faith with my children, especially when we talk about the way people live," she said. "When we discuss family issues, sexual behavior, AIDS and other moral issues, such as justice and honesty, our focus is always God-centered and faith-filled."

One thing Kathy Brennan has noticed is that the archdiocesan board is proud of the staff people. "Twe always felt they consider the personnel more important than anything," That ties in with her idea of board membership being a vocation.



SCRIPTURE STUDENTS—Among the St. Andrew Little Rock Scripture Study group are Marcia Johnson (from left), Therese Brennan, Carl and JoAnn Johnson, and Diane M+rdoch. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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Daly brings love of faith to job

by Mary Ann Wyand

"I bring to my job my love for catechetics," Resource Center manager Toddy Daly, a Holy Cross parishioner from Indianapolis, explained. "For me, faith is a lifelong journey. It's a process that I constantly have to keep nourishing day after day after day."

And that, the 14-year employee of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education said, is why she believes in the Resource Center ministry

"I'm interested in helping people teach catechetics," she said. "If the audiovisual materials the Resource Center offers can help others in this ministry of witnessing the Gospel, then I'm happy to be here to help."

Materials from this audiovisual media to the control of the

terials from this audiovisual media center are available for loan to archdiocesan Catholics. Books, tapes, videos and filmstrips can be checked out in person or ordered by telephone. Returns are possible day or night via the Resource Center drop box on West 14th Street.

Resource Center drop box on west isn Street.

"People throughout the archdiocese are welcome to participate in the services here," Daly said. "It's not a free-loan library. Parishes subscribe to the Resource Center or rent materials. A parish (staff member or parishioner) can call, write a note, or stop by the center to



WINNERS—Holy Cross parishioners Tod and Dan I with a Birthline raffle prize Toddy won at the re Catholic Center picnic. (Photo by Charles Schisla)

Siberia program credits parents as top teachers

by Peg Hall

When Benedictine Father Jeremy King became pastor of St. Martin Parish in Siberia and Benedictine Sister Rebecca Abel became religious education director, they fell heir to a treasure.

The religious education program that they inherited recognizes that parents are the best teachers of their own children.

The text for grades one to six is "This Is Our Faith," the

The text for grades one to six is "I'his is Our Fairh, the home study series.

Father Jeremy said, "The way I see it, the religious education program is for the parents as much as for the children. Our focus is to try to get the adults and parents to be the primary teachers of the children, as the rite of baptism says they should be."

Once a month, the families gather in their parish hall after Sunday morning Mass. First, they share refreshments.
Then, while Sister Rebecca and lay volunteers hold classes for the children, Father Jeremy leads a discussion among the narents.

among the parents.

It suits the lifestyle of the people because, as Sister Rebecca said, "It's the kind of community that when Mass is over, people stand outside and talk."

"Siberia isn't even really a town," she said. "But that

"Sibera isn't even reany a community."

The parish includes 90 families, with 30 to 40 youngsters in the primary religion program. Sister Rebeca said that their German-Catholic farm heritage is deeply-rooted.

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There haven't been a resident pastor or sisters for a number of years. And although the parish is slated to be reduced to chape's status, it continues to grow. Sister Rebecca said, "I don't know if people are going out and bringing others in, or what."

She said "That First Community users introduced to the property of the proper

She said, "Their First Communion was just delightful. The people really like Father Jeremy's liturgies."

He said, "Religious education has to be looked at as

The parish had an old-fashiou. A May procession this year, complete with rosaries, the cherished banner of St. Martin, hymn-singing and a stop at the shrine before entering the church.

entering the courch.

Sister Rebecca said, "Can you see us winding around the hill with the banner flying?"

She told Father Jeremy that when he blessed the children's rosaries, "We like to feel the holy water," and he obliged.

In class or on special outings like a picnic or pizza party, "We don't have to discipline. I wouldn't anyway," Sister Rebecca exist. Rebecca said

reserve or pick up their audiovisual material. Parishes outside of the Indianapolis deaneries receive their materials by mail. Each deanery also has a resource center, but we're here if a deanery center doesn't have the requested materials.

Archdiocesan Resource Center staff members Jean Martin, assistant manager, and Rose Anderson, clerk, work with Daly to provide a variety of educational and informational services as part of the Office of Catholic Education ministry to witness to the Gospel. Their job responsibilities extend from education into the areas of public relations and evangelization.

"We get calls from people asking for information from How do I become a Catholic?" to requests from other denominations who want to use our resources," she said. "We also share resources with the Christian Theological Seminary Resource Center." Seminary Resource Center.

Daly said Resource Center services range from helping grade school, high school and college students research topics for reports to assisting parish staff members preview catechetical materials for use in religious

"There's a lot of behind-the-scenes work," Daly explained. "Like a library, everything has to be tagged and numbered and checked before use. The Office of Catholic Education staff does most of the acquiring of materials, but the Resource Center staff watches every video and filmstrip and checks everything that goes out to be sure it's intact. When an audiovisual goes out, it must be in good shape because it says something about

Daly said working in the Resource Center is "probably education that you couldn't get anywhere else."

The 20-year member of Holy Cross Parish said friendship with the diverse people who attend that near-eastside parish complements her work for the Arch diocese of Indianapolis.

Holy Cross School has stayed stable and Catholic education has always been a priority there," she said. "It's as much a priority now as it was 20 years ago. The parish has become much more active in 20 years. Parishioners are very social-minded in their ministry to the poor and the disadvantaged

Her husband, Dan, is currently serving his second-term on the Holy Cross Parish Council and she has helped with parish preschool, Vacation Bible School, liturgy planning, and as a sponsor for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ram. They also were sponsors for an engaged couple aring for marriage in the church.

"There are many opportunities for people to help out at Holy Cross," she said. "All the people have special gifts and those gifts are all welcome. That is another witness to me of the parish being open to all people being children of God and having a right to worship and a right to be a part of the community and to offer their own special ways, their own gifts, to contribute to the church."

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Daly said Holy Cross Parish tries to help neighborhood residents who need assistance.

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"The food pantry is open twice a week and there are always collections of food and money for the needy," she said. "There are give-aways of food and dothing on Tuesdays and Pridays. They also serve folks in need as they come to the door. Sometimes people even come in for help during Mass." As an archdiocesan employee, Daly said she brings her desire to help others to her Resource Center duties. "You meet some of the finest people in the archdiocese as you work with them," she said. "By their very lives of working in catechetics, the Gospel is important to them. It is a real gift to be able to meet such really good Christian people."

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'Knobs' uses age-level coordinators

by Sara Graf

Because she "needed to stay in closer communication with those catechists during the year," Beverly Parker developed the positions of level coordinators for the coordinators tors for the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist a few years ago at St. Mary of the Knobs Parish, Floyds Knobs.

This year, level coordinators for the fourth, fifth and sixth-grade religious education classes have also been appointed. According to Parker, parish administrator of religious education at the parish, the coordinators work with the classroom curcoordinators work with the classroom cur-riculum and help revise it. They also help the religious education teachers plan lessons.

Tammy Becht, who is in her first year of coordinating the third-grade First Communion classes, said that the importance of level coordinators is to offer support and level coordinators is to offer support and encouragement to the catechists. She said that she took the position of level coordinator because she "saw so much pressure put on the DRE (director of religious education)" and because she "needed to be challenged more." She said being a level coordinator is a good way to provide good education to children through adults.

Mary Ann Bennett is the coordinator of

Mary Ann Bennett is the coordinator of the four-year-old, kindergarten and first-

rade religious education classes. She said grade religious education classes. She said that level coordinators are important so that teachers have another resource to go to. According to Bennett, who is in her first year of coordinating the classes, level coordinators nell the teachers plan units for their classes, especially if there is a theme involved such as Advent of Lenn theme involved such as Advent of Lenn to "help to teachers when they start out" and to help the teachers when they start out" and to help the my work together on a to help them work together on a

'Level coordinators have the freedom to create new and interesting ways to teach sacraments," said Shery Wilson, coordinator of second-grade reconciliation classes

Wilson, who has worked with the reconciliation classes for seven years, said that she used to be a teacher but teaching became repetitive and it wasn't fulfilling. She said that coordinators help the teachers She said that coordinators help the teachers plan lessons and make the classes interest-ing for the kids. She also helps plan ceremonies for the reconciliation classes.

Coordinating music for all of the religious education classes, pre-school through sixth grade, is the responsibility of Marilyn Merkel. She has been involved with coordinating liturgy and music for 11 years, but this year she is mainly coordinating music. She used to be the sordinator the sacraments of reconciliation and

Merkel said that being a coordinator of music is "a lessening of a job." She said that the importance of level coordinators is that they give kids an opportunity to be an active part of the religious education

The religious education classes at St.

Mary of the Knobs are held on Tuesday nights. Merkel said that every other week someone works with the kids to teach them songs and they usually sing for about 20 minutes of their class time.

All of the level coordinators agreed All of the level coordinators agreed that their positions as level coordinators lessen the responsibilities of the DRE and the other catechists and allow them to work together to successfully present the religious education program at St. Mary of the Knobs.



OUR FATHER—Children at an ecumenical Bible Prayer with hand motions. (Photo by Sarah Graf) cal Bible School in Jeffersonville pray the I

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, September 20, 1992

Amos 8:4-7 — 1 Timothy 2:1-8 — Luke 16:1-13

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The first reading from the Scriptures for this weekend's liturgy is from the Book of Amos.

Amos was from a village called Tekoa

ich was 10 miles ith of Jerusalem. He was a shepherd and took care of fig trees, both popular occupa-tions for his day and . His writings requick of judgment and eep in insight al-lough he probably ad little education.



He wrote around 765-755 B.C. As was the case with many of the prophets, Amos witnessed a society that was composed of God's holy, special people, but the image of that special identity had blurred. All around, people and even their leaders were greedy and self-centered. As a result, many were exploited.

This reading from Amos repeats the prophet's warning that such mistreatment of people, especially the innocent, will not be overlooked. God's justice will prevail.

Once more, the Liturgy of the Word

uses the First Epistle to Timothy as the source of its second reading.

Timothy was a prominent figure in early Christianity, being a companion and colleague of the great apostle Paul. In tradition, Timothy settled in Ephesus, in tradition, Timothy settled in Ephesus, in present-day Turkey, then one of the major commercial and religious centers of the Roman Empire. His death, by stoning according to tradition, came when he interfered with the observance of the provider Pours politics. popular Roman religion. Ephesus was the sacred city of Diana, the Roman goddess of the Moon. Her enormous temple crowned the city; the temple was one of the wonders of the ancient world. Timothy protested festivities surrounding Diana's cult, and

restruties surrounding Diana's cult, and the pagan crowds rose against him.

This epistle, addressed to Timothy in his pactoral role, perhaps in Epheesus, called upon him also to pray for kings and rulers. Politics and commerce are most indeed within the purview of religion, and they appropriately should accommodate re-

ligious principles.
St. Luke's Gospel provides the Gospel reading for this weekend.

The Gospel recalls a parable taught by the Lord. The manager mentioned in the parable obviously defrauded his master, yet the master complimented him. Why?

Daily Readings

Monday, September 21 Matthew, apostle and evangelist Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Psalms 19:2-5 Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22 Seasonal weekday Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23 Seasonal weekday Proverbs 30:5-9 Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24 Seasonal weekday Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

Friday, September 25 Seasonal weekday Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Psalms 144:1-4 Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26 Cosmas and Damian, martyrs Ecclesiastes 11:9 - 12:8 Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Luke 9:43-45

The quest for material gain, so commanding in the world, indeed is illogical. Concluding the reading is the Lord's warning that no one can serve two masters. If a person has a strong and clear goal in sight, then that person will seek that goal in small decisions as well as great decisions.

Reflection

This weekend, the church continues to invite us to follow the Lord as our master and guide, but in an honesty born of its love for us and respect for our personal right to make religious decisions, the church gives us the full picture of what will be required of us if truly we follow Jesus.

We will dedicate ourselves to the Lord's way, a path through life often quite opposite in direction the way most people walk as they pursue material gain and earthly "achievement."

Rich or poor, we Americans all are deeply affected by economic realities. We plot our own financial progress, and we worry if that progress seems retarded or limited. Willing to be a spiritual people, enraptured by the sweetness and peace of detachment from earthly things, we still are bewitched by the comforts and beauties of the material world around us

Living as we live in the midst of material things, this weekend's liturgy teaches us that nothing is beyond the law of God. Even politics and high finance are moral if they are worthy. It is a matter setting priorities.

For the Christian, nothing—not even financial success—can eclipse the obligation to love, to worship God, and to live in the image of Jesus. As the church invites us to live according to that image, it reminds us of what our positive decision in that regard

Humans yearn for contact with God

by Catholic News Service

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy-Prayer is an activity common to all religions because human beings naturally yearn for contact with the one who created them, Pope John Paul II said during an abbreviated general audience on Sept. 9.

Meeting pilgrims and visitors at his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo instead of in the Vatican's audience hall, the pope said he would offer reflections on prayer during the public Wednesday meetings in September.

The general audience was the pope's first since his mid-July surgery to remove a colon tumor. It lasted about 20 minutes and did not include the usual summarized versions of his weekly teaching in French,

versions of his weekly teaching in French. English, German and Spanish world does not provide much space to pray, which is "one of the deepest needs of the human heart." He noted that "the frenzied rhythm of daily activity, along with the noisy and frequently friviolous intrusiveness of the communications media,

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certainly does not constitute a favorable element for the interior concentration required by prayer."

Modern men and women, he said, also have a weaker religious vision of the world and of life. The process of secularization has persuaded many that "the course of events has its own sufficient explanation in the play of imminent forces in this world, independent of superior interventions

The pope said some Christians have only a "functional vision of prayer, which risks compromising its transcendent character." But human beings, as "incomplete and indigent" creatures, "spontaneously turn toward him who is the source of every of the property of the prope gift, to praise him, to beseech him, and to seek in him the satisfaction of the yearning which burns in their hearts."

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That, he said, explains why prayer is common to all religions, "even to those for whom faith in a personal God is somewhat vague or is obscured by false representations. Christians know prayer is as necessary as breath, and once the sweetness of an intimate meeting with God is tasted, they do not hesitate to immerse themselves in it with confident abandon."



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The future lies, a closet locked and dark, A secret place, a place I cannot see. On what journey will God tell me to embark, Into what unknown realme of mystery? He takes the key and opens up the lock And lights the light inside to show the way, and I begin to see the things in stock And know that I must face them day by day. I see the cobwebs that I must go through, The dusty boxes heeped up on the floor, The sahetes piled high with things that I must do With gentle hands he leads me through the door, What work 'fwill be to sort these boxes through! What keepsake will I find, what joy, what pain? What valued objects I can use anew? What wall do objects I can use anew? What wall will learn of life, what loss, what gain? I step inside with doubt, reluctantly, and take a box from him as I am bid, And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the town of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the towes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the towes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of the dust away and lift the lid; And as I take the boxes one by one of

-by Glenna Hoo

(Glenna Hoog is a member of St. Peter Church in Franklin County.)



Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Enchanted April' takes viewers to scenic castle

by James W. Arnold

"Enchanted April" might be described "Shirley Valentine Meets Moonstruck." There are resemblances, all quite flattering,

also to films in the "Room With a View" mode, but "April" is fundamentally about neglected married

neglected married women revitalized in magical Italy. Like last year's "Truly, Madly, Deep-ly," this romantic comedy, set in England in the aftermath of

in the attermath of World War I, was originally planned as a BBC telefilm. It shows its origins in a heavy load of closeups. But the beauty of the Portofino area, where four women go to escape rainy London in April, dominates the screen and creates the mood.

The theme is romance, and a bit more. In this story, adapted by Peter Barnes from Elizabeth Arnim's novel, the women (and their various menfolk) discover respite and grace—or rather rediscover respite and grace—or rather rediscover the joy of life. They do it by "seizing the day," and mostly they do all this seizing with their

(Next to this modest movie, the relative-wholesome "Howards End" seems totally ribald.)

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The key characters have insufferable husbands who ignore them. Lottic (Josie Lawrence) is married to Wilkins, a stuffy lawyer and tightwad who scolds her for buying flowers because they "always die and you have to buy more."

Her friend, Rose (Miranda Richardson), has become little more than household

decor for her wandering husband, Frederick, who spends much of his time researching and writing pornographic novels. "Nobody," she protests wryly, novels. "Nobody," she protests wryly, 'should write a book God wouldn't read."

"should write a book God wouldn't read."
Lottie, who is something of a dreamer,
spots a classified ad for rental of an old
castle on the Mediterranean, then talks
Rose into going with her. (Both are leery
but assertive, and get their way.) To help
pay the rent, they also enlist Mrs. Fisher
(Joan Plowright), a book-loving, feisty
widow, and Lady Caroline (Polly Walker),
a wealthy beauty anxious for a respite from
switters and the social whirl. suitors and the social whirl.

The castle, with its shimmering vistas and The castle, with its shummering vistas and flowered terraces, and earthy household staff, provides the ideal "sitting" (as opposed to "moving") vacation. The ladies are pampered, bask in the sun and perfumed air, and mangle meals of pasta. Mrs. Fisher, who runs tea with her clinking bell, is virtually a one-woman dead poets society.

The first break in this feminine version of paradise comes from Lotic, who feels guilty and invites her husband to join them. This guy is consistent: he's happy when he arrives and finds his wife with prestigious guests who can "improve our business prospects." He gets the pie-in-the-face equivalent when the boiler explodes as he bathes.

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But Wilkins soon mellows, and he and DUT WIIKINS SOON MEIOWS, AND IN A MAIN LOTHE DESTRUCTION OF STATE OF THE ANGEL OF T

Ultimately, "Enchanted" gently shuffles all the likely partners until it comes out right. Even the jaded Caroline has a suitably heart warming (chastely old-



'LITTLE NEMO'—Kindly King Morpheus weighs Little Nemo down with the royal scepter as Princess Camille looks on in "Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland." The U.S. Catholic Conference praises the film's animation and lack of violence and classifies it A-I for general patronage. (CNS photo from Hemdale)

fashioned) match. As for Mrs. Fisher, she gets close to the basic idea of it all when she wistfully feels romance in the air: "All my dead friends don't seem worth reading tonight. They all are great, but have a terrible disadvantage—they're all dead."

terrible disadvantage—they re an idead. Essentially, "Enchanted" is a hopeful comedy that argues for magic, love and joy in life and in marriage. To find these precious items, the characters have to wrench themselves out of the drab routines that stifle them. It's certainly not a radical idea, but at worst it's only a little too pat

and sweet.

Its special charm is in the craft you expect from the impeccable English cast. Plowright, the notable widow of Laurence Olivier, has been a constant delight in films lately, and Richardson's Rose is the show's tender, ethereal spirit. Walker is stunning: it's hard to remember her as the Irish terrorist in "Patriot Games."

Mike Newell's direction is elegant and unobtrusive. There is a wonderful moment when the aged Italian gardener, struck quietly by Caroline's charisma, brings her an umbrella as shade from the sun. And another, like a dream from the past, when Rose enters a room, hesitantly, to meet a man and finds Frederick

instead. A vintage phonograph plays "Love's Old Sweet Song." In another mood, Newell has great fun characterizing Wilkins (Alfred Molina) by cnaracterizing Wilkins (Alfred Molina) by doing a closeup of his mouth as he chevs down his dinner while hardly dropping a syllable as he berates his spouse. (Newell directed the excellent TV miniseries, "Com-mon Ground," about the family agonies surrounding school integration in Russiania mon Ground," about the family agonies surrounding school integration in Boston.) (Small but pretty comedy about life and love renewed; satisfactory for mature youth and romantics of all ages.)

LISCC classification: A-II, adults and adolescents.

Recent USCC Film Classifications

Documentary profiles Trappist monk Thomas Merton

by Henry Herx Catholic News Service

The Trappist monk whose life and writings inspired many in the troubling times following World War II is profiled in "Metron: A Film Biography," airing Sunday, Sept. 20, from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on ABC. (Check local listings to verify program date and time.)
Originally aired by PBS in 1984, the documentary follows the spiritual journey of Thomas Merton from his youth and secular education to his conversion to



MERTON DOCUMENTARY—Thomas Merton, the Trappis MEKTION DOLUMENI ARY—Inomas Merton, the Trappist monk whose life and writings inspired many in the troubling times following World War II, is profiled in "Merton: A Film Biography," airing Sept. 20 on ABC. The program, funded in part by the Catholic Communication Campaign, was originally aired by PBS in 1984. (CNS photo)

Catholicism and the work he accomplished as a monk of Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky. When his autobiography, "The Seven Storey Moun-tain," was published in 1948, it became an instant best-seller

among a post-war public searching for values beyond those of a consumer society.

Though the book has become a contemporary spiritual classic, it is upon his later works that Father Merton's stature as thinker and teacher rests.

His writings on Christian mysticism and the contemplative life began increasingly to be intertwined with his concerns about social justice, political authoritarianism and the rift between the sacred and the secular.

But some of Father Merton's views stirred controversy, particularly his unreserved criticism of nuclear arma-

particularly his unreserved criticism of nuclear armaments and racism.

When his abbot ordered him to cease writing for
publication on war and peace issues. Father Mertor
complied but continued his critical attacks on American
policies in the privately circulated "Cold War Letters."

This body of his work is prophetic and its moral
perspective more widely appreciated today than then.

Co-produced by Paul Wilkes and Audrey Clynn, the
documentary portrait succeeds remarkably well in bringing
to life the complex personality of Father Merton and his
multiple contributions as priest, author, poet, social critic,
contemplative and spiritual teacher.

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The visuals of the man himself are limited to still photographs and some amateur film footage of his ordination and of the 1968 lecture he gave at a Buddhist-Christian conference in Bangkok, Thailand, hours

Part of the reason the documentary works so well is that Part of the reason the disclinentary with 50 Mea. I have much of it is told in Merton's own words as voiced with feeling by Gregory Abels.

The compact, well-organized narration was written by Wilkes and delivered by Alexander Scourby with his

Wilkes and delivered by Alexander Scourby will his accustomed grace.

Contributing to the breadth of the biography is the testimony of those who knew Father Merton in different ways. Among the many interviewed during the course of the program are the Dalai Lama, folk singer Joan Baez, publisher Robert Giroux, poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, and sister of Loretto Mary Luke Tobin.

The extraordinary skill of the camera work by Thomas

Hurwitz deserves mention. Its many beautiful images of nature provide passages of visual poetry and interior silences entirely appropriate to the nature of the subject. "Merton: A Film Biography" is closed-captioned and was funded in part by the Catholic Communication Campaign. It is one in the four-part "Visions and Values" series on contemporary religious topics which is sponsored by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission.

TV Programs or Note

Sunday, Sept. 20, 10-11 pm. (PB5) "The African-American Voter." Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan hosts the first of two "Voices of the Electorate" programs, this one featuring highlights from forums held in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco and Washington in which African-American voters express their opinions on major issues confronting the nation

issues confronting the nation.

Monday, Sept. 21, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "The HispanicAmerican Voter." Former San Antonio mayor Henry
Cisneros hosts the second "Voices of the Electrate"
program in which Hispanic voters voice their opinions on
national political issues in forums held in Los Angeles,
Miami, New York City and San Antonio.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 8-10 pm. (PBS) "IlB," Rebroadcast
of the first half of last year's four-hour documentary in "The
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of the first half of last year's four-hour documentary in "The American Experience" series on the political career of Lyndon B. Johnson from his early years in Texas politics, serving as vice president in the Kennedy administration and his own election as president. The conclusion, airing Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 8 pr.m. until 10 p.m., looks at Johnson's presidency in terms of his social and civil rights programs as well as his policies in the Vietnam War. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "Listening to America with Bill Moyers." Moyers analyzes the week's events in the presidential campaign and is joined by Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, in examining how the news media report the campaign. Thursday, Sept. 24, 8-11 p.m. (PBS) "Nixon." Rebroad-cast of "The American Experience" documentary re-assess-ing Nixon's life and political career as provided primarily by

ing Nixon's life and political career as provided primarily by those who knew him best.

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

OUESTION CORNER

Life begins at conception

by Fr. John Dietzen

Your response to a reader's question about animation of a human fetus (at what exact time the new life of the human) was clear and helpful and aided my under-ainst abortion.

gainst aportion.

I have never read comment, howver, about an extension of that teachag. One of the few instances in which
he church has spoken infallibly through he church has spoken infallibly through he pope was in the matter of the maculate Conception of Mary, that he was freed from the bonds of original in "from the first moment of her neception."

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can't we assume that it was infallibly declared that every person is a human being from the moment of conception? We do not celebrate her immaculate viability. (New Mexico)

A Others, too, have noted the relation between the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady and the question of the beginning of human life.

Certainly this doctrine about our Blessed Mother is in harmony with other elements of church teaching and clearly demonstrates that what the church teaches in both these matters weaves together beautifully.

However, in its definition of the Immaculate Conception,



FAMILY TALK

Mother worries about child's masturbation

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Mary: I am a married woman in my 30s with four children. As a child I masturbated. I remember well the negative reaction I received when caught in the act sespecially by an older sister. I soon learned: that it was BAD. Evidently my parents did not feel free enough to talk to me about it, for I do not remember ever having any message but what I heard from others.

I was quite shocked when I noticed my oldest daughter at 7 months doing this also. I wouldn't even admit it for a long time. What is going on? I si tinherited.

Lately I sat down and tried to explain to my youngest daughter in terms that I felt a 6-year-old could understand that she must learn to control her understand that she must learn to control her under grow from the feel good, it is a selfish act that keeps us from being as close to God as we could be. Am I dealing with this right? I have no one I can talk to. (Indiana)

Answer: You have shown courage in bringing this sensitive issue to light. Clearly it has disturbed your own life in the past and in the present. To clarify your thinking about masturbation, distinguish three categories: normal; moral/immoral; acceptable/unacceptable.

Young children, even 7-month-olds, explore all parts of their bodies, and touching genitals is no more abnormal than examining fingers. Because there are fine nerve endings in the genital area, the experience is pleasurable and is apt to be repeated.

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Your children are probably no more predisposed than others, but due to your own experiences you may be more observant than most parents. Nor do! think exploration of the body is immoral for your little children. In order to commit sin, a person must have the knowledge that something is wrong and the capacity and freedom to choose.

The church's concept that children reach the age of reason around age? Indicates that people do not begin to understand right and wrong until a certain age.

This leaves the third dichotomy: acceptable/unacceptable. Masturbation by little children is unacceptable in our culture, on a par with picking one's nose or spitting.

You need to teach your child not to masturbate without presenting it as a weighty problem.

Because of your own experiences, you may recognize intellectually that your children are not bad, but find it difficult to accept emotionally. On the other hand, you realize how you were treated as a child, and you are realize how your work of the children with love and concern.

Discourage masturbation in public in the same way you would discourage other unacceptable behaviors. "Don't do would discourage other unacceptable behaviors."

Discourage masturbation in public in the same way you would discourage other unacceptable behaviors. "Don't do that here" lets your little child know that the behavior is

that here" lets your little child know that the behavior is unacceptable but not a major life problem. You might want to stop this kind of self-touching by the child a home to savid teasing from other children. If so, by to distract the child by talking to her or offering another civil Training pants that fit closely might discourage the behavior Training Do not emphasize to your young child that this self-touching is selish or that it separates her from God. You yourself could not understand this reasoning when you yourself could not understand this reasoning when you were a little child, and neither can your daughter. If you can be matter of fact in the way you handle masturbation, your children will deal with it better now and in the future.

(Address questions on family living or child care to the Kennys, 219 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

the church had no intention whatsoever to attempt to resolve scientific, physical or physiological concerns about the beginning of life.

The ques n, as we are aware of it today in the fields of The question, as we are awate of it today in the neits of genetic and biological sciences, was all but unknown 150 years ago. For this reason and others, the issue never surfaced during the considerable discussion preceding the definition of Mary's freedom from sin.

Thus, we cannot assume that in this teaching the church intended in any way, explicitly or in-plicitly, to answer questions about when human life begins.

Some time ago you answered a parent whose child had joined another religion and who is now being married in that church.

According to you, that would be a true marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church since he is no longer required to es of the Catholic Church since he is no longer required to married before a priest.

A priest we consulted about a similar situation in our

A priest we consuited about a similar situation in our family told us just the opposite.

He said, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic," as far as marriage is concerned. Who is right? (Florida)

A The answer your priest gave was correct under the former law of the Catholic Church. However, the new Code of Canon Law, which became effective in November 1983, changed that position.

The law (Canon 1117) now states that marriage must be before a priest or deacon whenever at least one of the contracting parties was baptized in the Catholic Church or was received into it, unless that party has "left it by a formal act.

What precisely that formal act might be is still to be What precisely that formal act might be determined from experience. However, every expert in canon law, to my knowledge, holds that at the very least it would include those who actually join another religious

The commentary on canon law published under the auspices of the Canon Law Society of America acknowledges those various possibilities in its comment of this canon.

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It continues, "Those who become members of another Christian or non-Christian denomination or make a formal profession of atheism are considered to have left by a formal act.

"To prove such adherence it is not necessary to produce a written document but merely evidence by which they may be considered to have definitely left the Catholic Church."

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bioomington, III. 61701.)

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How to vote with a moral basis

by Patricia Zapor Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—A ballot may present a confusing array of alternatives for voters trying to make Lioral choices.

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This year, for example, American voters have seen a presidential campaign in which Republicans and Democrats try to out-moralize each other over "family values." Arguments are made ad infinitum over whether President Bush's policies are more or less supportive of particular values than are Gov. Bill Clinton's.

The Catholic Church as an institution The Catholic Church as an institution in the United States refrains from direct involvement with individual political campaigns. The U.S. Catholic bishops each election season issue a statement on political responsibility, outlining their thoughts about what should be important in the campaign. in the campaign.

in the campaign.

But they don't approve or disapprove of candidates, nor do they support the policies of one party over another. And they also don't address how to choose between candidates who seem to have sound policies in some areas and questionable carefule in others. able morals in others.

Armed with the bishops' guidelines and a personal understanding of morality and

candidate profiles, a voter might still be uncertain who is in the right.

►Is it more important that a candidate nominally supports anti-abortion efforts or that the candidate favors programs which might persuade a young woman not to have an abortion?

►Is an education program that empha sizes improving inner-city public schools more important than one that would help Catholic schools?

► Are refugees better served by allowing them easy immigration to the United States or by economic policies aimed at forcing the governments of their homelands to improve conditions?

A voter in search of a basis for a decision might work out a framework for weighing the importance of different issues, suggested Father J. Bryan Hehir, counselor for social policy for the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Catholic Conference.
"Try to build a framework first, then put in the specifics of how the candidates stand later," said Father Hehir. For instance, a voter might consider how he or she feels about the death penalty, racial discrimination, the growing rolls of poor and government policy about abortion.

Against those issues, evaluate how the contending candidates stack up, then look at the overall picture, the priest said.

While an individual may decide their "While an individual may decide their whole voting pattern on one issue, logically the framework is going to tilt against a single issue deciding (the choice of candidate)," said Father Hehir. Similarly, that kind of framework might also lead some-one to decide in favor of a candidate with whom he or she disagrees dramatically on one major issue

one major issue.

A big part of the problem voters have in answering such questions may be that modern political campaigns give little opportunity for understanding the nuances of a candidate's philosophy, according to Patrick Byrne, associate professor of philosophy a fesuit-run Boston College.

The late Jesuit philosopher Father Bernard Lonergan was a believer in attempting to understand not just answers to questions, but "where the spirit of the questioning is leading" as well as the "wisps and strains of ideas we feel in our hearts," said Byrne.

But when political campaigns revolve

But when political campaigns revolve around quick answers—sound bites—the information voters have on which to base decisions often is not very helpful, noted Byrne. Voters need to demand more of candidates than quick answers 'hat superfi-cially address an issue but leave hidden the rationale for a decision or belief, Byrne said. With some issues, there is no question about how a morality-based vote should go, believes Father Peter M.J. Stravinskas, a moral theologian and administrator of Holy Trinity Church in Newark, N.J.

"The pre-eminent condition i candidate's stand on the right to life," said Father Stravinskas. "If you're interested in killing babies, then you're uncivilized."

killing babies, then you're uncivilized."
When faced with two candidates who are equally good or equally bad on the right to life, then you start lining up your ducks on a whole host of issues," he says.
As certain as he is that a stand against abortion is enough to choose one candidate over another, Father Stravinskas says there is no such clear doctrinal basis on other subjects.

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For instance, on questions like whose approach to welfare will help more people, "as long as you are in agreement on the principle (of having a societal obligation to help the poor), the means can differ."

Father Stravinskas said his homilies about political issue stress that despite the American pragmatic instinct o' look to the wallet first," the ultimate choice in elections should reflect more timeless goals.

He told of a funeral he conducted recently for a woman who was pour all

He told of a funeral he conducted recently for a woman who was poor all her life, but had 100 descendants who helped her be happy. "People who put all their stock, well, in stocks have nothing to console them on their dealt beds," he said. "If we don't preserve those family issues and values, we have nothing."

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Study cites keys to future for religious orders

by Jerry Filteau Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON-For religious orders to survive and rive, they need to be faithful to their founding purpose ponsive to real human needs, according to the of a three-year study of U.S. religious orders

findings or a discovered released Sept. 16.

While some orders have increasingly shifted members into individual and parish-based ministries, their loss of "corporate identity" and "corporate witness" has meant a loss of their discovered identity."

identity: and corporate winess has meant a loss of their vitality as a religious community, the study says.

The study was conducted by two psychologists, Vincentian Father David J. Nygren and St. Joseph of Carondelet Sister Miriam D. Ukeritis. They describe it as the first in-depth investigation that encompasses both men's

One major tension the study uncovered was "the alienation of members of religious orders from the hierarchy and related aspects of the institutional church."

Another key problem it found was a gap between self-description and practice. While religious life is increasingly being defined in terms of a "commitment to serving absolute human need," it said, "in the general population of orders, a significant percentage do not intend devote their energies to serving the poor directly."

Among the main elements in the three-year study were:

A lengthy mail survey of nearly 10,000 U.S. men and women religious.

Studies comparing typical leaders of religious orders.

women religious.

▶ Studies comparing typical leaders of religious orders with those identified by others as "outstanding" leaders.

▶ Studies of religious identified by others as exemplars of

P-Studies of religious identified by others as exemplars of the "caring" person.

P-Experimental workshops with religious identified by others as "visionary" in the sense of having a creative, articulate vision of the future of religious life.

P-Interviews with recognized experts and national leaders on various aspects of religious life.

The researchers were at Boston University when they began their study, but both are now at DePaul University in Chicago. The Lilly Endowment in Indianapolis, a major contributor to religious research, funded the research and dollars to disseminate the results.

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In an interview with Catholic News Service in conjunction with the release of the findings, Sister Miriam said the two elements identified as crucial to dynamic religious communi-

elements identified as crucial to dynamic religious communities—fidelity to purpose and responsiveness to unmet human
needs—might be obvious in many ways.
"But it was striking to us because it also came up when
we weren't looking for it." she said
As an example, she said that when she recently gave a
talk to the National Assembly of Religious Brothers, "I used
as an example the Alexian Brothers.
"They're a small group. They were founded to assist
victims of the plague in the Middle Ages. And recently they
daimed as one of their focal points working with persons
with AIDS."

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She was simply citing the order as an example of a community reclaiming its founding purpose and applying it to an unmet human need today, she said, but after her talk an Alexian Brother who was in the audience came up

Pope urges rival factions in Somalia to cooperate

by Catholic News Service

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy—Pope John Paul II urged Somalia's rival factions to cooperate and help end the "unspeakable suffering" caused by famine and civil strife. "May the dear Somali people soon rediscover peace and unity, and may fundamental human rights be guaranteed for all," the pope said during a noon blessing Sept. 13 at his summer residence south of Rome.

The pope's appeal came as relief organizations extended humanitarian aid to Somalia, which is threatened by one of the worst famines in recent 'African history and a fierce civil war. An estimated 1.5 Somalis—one-fourth the population—face starvation.

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The pope recently donated \$100,000 in food aid and sent a fact-finding team to the east African country. Church representatives have said political and military concerns must be addressed in order to solve the food problems. The pope, too, emphasized the need to end Somalia's internal struggles.

"I want to encourage all initiatives that favor a constructive dialogue between the various sides, so that weapons may quickly be replaced by the instruments of reconciliation," he said.

reconcilation," he said.

"I make a particularly heartfelt appeal to the leaders of the country, so that this unspeakable suffering may end and dialogue and reconciliation may begin," he said.

The pope said the dramatic images of the starving in Somalia had "saddened all our hearts." But he praised the efforts of relief organizations and said there appeared to be some hope for the population.

"My thoughts and my blessing go to all those who are carrying out this delicate operation of aid and peace," he said.

On Sept. 12, the International Red Cross and the World Food Program announced a four-mor he tension of food aid to Somalia. The United Nations has sent troops to Somalia to protect relief workers and food shipments from attack.

to her. "He said, 'I hadn't thought about it before, but we had not had men entering our community for a long time—but this summer we had two first professions (of rows), we received five people into the novitiate and had six (other) candidates.

"There's an impulse to generosity among people," Sister Miriam commented. "As communities clarify what they're about, especially in addressing unmet needs, people will find a way to channel that impulse."

Put another way, she said, many people are looking for something they would be "willing to put their life on the line for," but many religious orders today "are ambivalent about saying, "We want you to put your life on the line."

In the words of a 55-page draft "Executive Summary" of the study, "Lack of clarity regarding the group's mission offers little to attract the commitment or capture the passion of potential members

Another immediate implication of the study for religious orders, Sister Miriam said, is that the analysis of differences between typical and outstanding leaders suggests ways to improve the leadership of religious orders through programs of leadership training for new superiors.

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The "Executive Summary," an overview report co-written by Father Nygren and Sister Miriam, described "the vast majority" of religious order leaders today as "average performers." It said that both members and leaders of orders see leadership as an "increasing

"The most striking weakness among current leaders is their inability to formulate a strategy to achieve a purpose or mission." it said.

It said religious orders face an urgent need to select and

train leaders "who can not only manage the complexity of religious life . . . but who also can focus the attention of their religious life . .

The report said the study showed that those identified as outstanding leaders "have a firm awareness of the presence of God and of their relationship with God. They also have a strong need for achievement and tend to use their power for the good of the group.

Average leaders, on the other hand, "are motivated more by acceptance than achievement and are more inclined to act on behalf of individual members" than for the common good, it said.

common good, it said.

In analyzing the work of "visioning groups" gathered in four workshops in different parts of the country, the researchers found a tension arising when participants worked in small groups to construct a visual model of the future of religious life and then were asked to choose the most compelling among the various small-group models that were developed.

"The experience of a preference for a model designed by another group produced, in most individuals, a sense of guilt or betrayal as well as abandonment concerns regarding the group with which they had worked to produce an image." the report said.

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"This process," it added, "replicated the dilemma which many members of congregations experience in wanting to be involved in achieving a compelling vision of the future, but desiring also to maintain existing bonds."

The finding "highlighted some of the fears and issue The finding "nignignted some of the reas and social that religious groups face with change," Sister Miriam said. The challenge, she said, is to learn how to deal constructively with those different responses.

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September 19-20

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September 20

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September 21

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series continues from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1596.

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Thomas Aquinas Parish Center, 46th and Illinois Sts.

A Leisure Day on "Christ in Each of Us" will be presented by Kevin DePrey at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-545-7681.

A series sponsored by Catholic Social Services on Parenting Teens (ages 11-18) continues from 7-9:30 p.m. at Walker Career Center, 9500 E. 16th St. Call 317-899-2000.

September 22

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A series sponsored by Catholic Social Services on Parenting School-Age Children (ages 6-12) continues from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St. Call 317-241-6314, Ext. 126.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of all ages (STEP) classes begin from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc School, 500 E. 42nd St. Call Mary Fran Mahin 317-283-1518.

A Strengthening Stepfamilies series begins from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1596.

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Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will hold a Gourmet Evening at 7 p.m. at Papa Joe's restaurant, 2441 Lafayette Rd. Call Anna Marie 317-784-3313 before Sept.

A Morning Retreat series on Growing in Faith begins from 9 a.m.-12 noon lunch at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. \$15 pre-registration; \$20 at the door. Child care available. Call 317-788-7581.

September 24

Parenting Teens (ages 11-18) classes sponsored by Catholic Social Services begin from 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc School, 500 E. 42nd St. Call Mary Fran Mahin 317-283-1518.

A program on Growing in Faith: Is God Knocking at Your Door? will be presented by Sheila Gilbert from 7-9 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. \$15 fee. Call 317-788-7581.

A Eucharistic Holy Hour is held each Thurs. at 7 p.m. at St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St.

ediction 8 p.m. ***

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.

The 6th annual Dolle Lecture in Church Art and Architecture will be a two-part presentation on "Tradition Made New" at 8 p.m. in St. Bede Theatre, St. Meinrad campus. For details call 812-357-6501.

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

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Danville will hold an Old Fash-ioned Fish Fry at 4 p.m. Home-made food; prices a la carte.

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, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave.

A special Deanery Mass of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Terre Haute. Sacrament of Rec-onciliation 6:30-7 p.m. Fellow-ship after Mass.

September 25-27

St. Thomas More Parish, Mooresville will hold an Apple Fest from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Rides, pig roast, bed races.

Father James Farrell will conduct a retreat on The Stories in Our Lives for men, women and couples at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St. Call 317-545-7681.

A Women's Retreat on "Recap-turing Our Lives: Living a Spirit-uality of Joy" will be presented at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center. Call 812-923-8817 for details.

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Father Ken Roberts will conduct a Parish Mission from 7:30-9 p.m. each evening at St. Lawrence Parish, 46th and Shadeland. Youth Forum 2-3:30 p.m. Sun.

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

Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will visit Clifty Falls Park and Madi-son. Meet at 10 a.m. at Southern Plaza Pizza Hut. Call Dan 317-842-0855 for more information. ***

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The Knights of St. John and St. Lawrence Auxiliary will hold their Annual Fall Festival at 312 S. Wilder St., Greensburg, Turkey or beef dinners served 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults 45.50; kids 7-12 \$2.50; 6 and under \$1.

The Secular Franciscans will meet at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St. An Inquiry for those interested in the Secular Franciscan Third Order will be held at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. For more information call Elia Vinci 317-830-4206.

meet from 2-5 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Monastery chapel, Beech Grove. Call Benedictine Sister Juliann Babcock 317-787-

A Turkey Shoot and Chicken Dinner Picnic will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Bradford.

An Earlybird Drawing for All Saints Alumni Association raffle will be held at St. Anthony Parish, 379 N. Warman Ave.

A program to "Meet the Candidates" of Ind. House Dist. 100. U.S. Cong. Dist. 10 and the U.S. Senate will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Little Flower Parish social hall. 1401 N. Bosart. Presentations by candidates, audience questions.

A free congressional candidate Forum on Child Hunger Issues will be held from 2-4 p.m. at North Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian. Call Jim Dougans 317-685-8241.

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Youth News/Views

Youth take active role in installation liturgies

by Mary Ann Wyand

Archdiocesan teen-agers and college Archalocesan teen-agers and conege students were on hand at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 to offer smiles, open doors, answer questions, and carry banners for Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's Vespers service and Install-ation Mass which marked the beginning of his ministry as the spiritual leader of Catholics in central and southern Indiana.

Their youthful presence was of great assistance with both liturgies, archdiocesan officials said, and the young people did a wonderful job representing the church.

Marian College students who helped with various liturgical functions for the historic occasion included Matt Arbuckle, John Bluiett, Christian Casper, Jena Cole-man, James Faulstich and Aaron Felty.

Also helping with the liturgies were an Gallagher, Michelle Guzenski, Rob Hamilton, Lisa Horner, Chuck Lemeron, Ioe Stevens, Matt Stoelb, Mary Tragesser

and Greg Waning, all Marian College

Archdiocesan teen-agers who assisted with the liturgies included Sean Bennett, Joe Berkemeier, Brad Blanton, Christiana Hayes, Mary Holbrook, Jennifer Hoya, Sarah Johnson, Jodi Leaf, Linda Lehman and Karen Lesling.

Other teens involved in the liturgy were Aaron Logan, Irene Naghdi, Kara Quillico, Jeff Receuver, Michael Riedman, Ben Rowland, Elaina Salinas, David Schuck, Jason Solomon and Andy White.

Teen-age banner bearers were Marc Hall, Tanieka Morrow, Rickie Crock, Jay Morris, Ann Stewart and Stephanie Harris.

Morris, Ann Stewart and Stephalue Flatius.

As Archbishop Buechlein begins to greet the people of the Archdiocese of indianapolis during coming weeks, young people will also be involved with special Masses in each of the deaneries as well as at a 10:30 a.m. Youth Liturgy on Sept. 24 at the Hoosier Dome and a 10:30 a.m. Children's Mass on Sept. 30 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.



BANNER CARRIERS—With banners in hand, Roncalli High School students Ann Stewart and Jay Morris of Indianapolis wait their turn to process from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral following the Installation Mass for Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on



HOSPITALITY MINISTERS—Serving as greeters for Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's Installation Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Sept. 9 means lots of smiles for Julie Parsons of St. Barnabas Parish (from left), Rachelle Goss of St. Jude Parish, Andy White of St. Christopher Parish, and Mary Ann O'Neal, youth ministry coordinator for St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Mentors learn with teens

by Mary Ann Wyand

Scecina Memorial High School teacher Barbara Crock of Indianapolis grew up on a farm. So did Beth Riehle, youth ministry coordinator for Holy Cross and St. Philip Nen parishes on the Indianapolis near-eastside.

Both are learning a lot about urban challenges from the inner-city teen-agers they are supervising in the 'Mentoring in the City' program for at-risk youth sponsored by Marian College and the Lilly Endowment.

"I've done a lot of volunteer work in the inner city so I've seen the problems,"
Crock said, "but they haven't been real to
me until I worked with these kids."

As one of the adult program coordina-tors, Crock said she has been encouraged by the teens' enthusiasm and interest in helping others in need.

The kids face the same kinds of problems that they're working with (in the community service projects), but it helps them to deal with it in a different way as someone else's problems," she said.
"Many of these kids have to deal with home problems, alcohol problems, and poverty problems too.

The recent Marian College graduate said

the mentoring project is designed to help at-risk teen-agers build self-esteem, in-crease their awareness of community needs, and empower the youth so they can work toward the betterment of society.

"Academically, they are middle to lower students," she said, "but they perform well with positive reinforcement. We've talked about their home life, and we've taked about their hole like, line they are very open about discussing their own choices. We're spending time at Marian College to put them in a college atmosphere so maybe they will value higher education more. And we'll be doing the control of the doing the control of inter-active theater projects in the Indi-anapolis East Deanery parochial schools this fall which will teach kids that choices all have consequences.

Later in the program, Crock and Riehle will help match teen-agers with college students so they can get to know older youth who are positive role models. They also will be introducing the teen-agers to a variety of volunteer opportunities that are possible career choices as well as general community concerns in need of assistance

"These kids need someone (who is) consistent." Riehle said about her involvement in the "Mentoring in the City" program. "People keep coming in and out of their lives. I want to be here for them."

Archbishop encourages youth involvement in church



YOUTH ADVOCATE-In 1989, Memphis Bishop Daniel M. Buechlein encouraged young people to use their gifts and talents during a National Catholic Youth Conference talk in Louisville, Ky. He brings his love for youth to his ministry in this archdiocese. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

by Mary Ann Wyand

"Our youth need and deserve the witness of sacrificial Our yourn need and deserve the witness of sacrificial love," Archbishop-designate Daniel M. Buechlein told members of the presbyterate and archdiocesan lay employees during a Vespers service on Sept. 8 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

and Paul Cathedral.

"I have no doubt in my mind that, given the guidance and support they need, our young church wants to respond to a prophetic, counter-cultural way of living because our youth are looking for a life of meaning and love that is real," the archibishop said on the eve of his installation.

"You will hear me say over and over again that my first duty as bishop is to be a man of prayer," he said. "If we are faithful in prayer day in and day out, everything will be OK in the property with present with present or with present of the present o

and we will persevere with peace and joy."

For it is in prayer, he said, "that we remember God's

grace is enough."

Commenting on societal pressures, the new archbishop noted that. "We live in a world where people are more and more manipulated and controlled as objects of desire. Our society is more and more pornographic and the beautiful and complex meaning of sexuality has been reduced to sex for fun."

Addressing the commitment of religious life, he said, "In a world where the roscielling of desate both presented as the programment of the

a world where the possibility of chaste love, married or single, is viewed with cynicism, the witness of a chaste

single, is viewed with cynicism, the witness of a chaste colibate love for the many, while never popular and always a challenge, takes on even greater significance."

During interviews with the media at WTHR, Channel 13, on Aug. 28, the new archbishop said he believes "the best thing to attract men (to the priesthood) is to be in touch personally with our youth" and "give them an opportunity to hear the invitation" (to serve God).

As a Benedictine monk at St. Meinrad, he said, "I lived and worked with young people for 20 years.

The Catholic Church would have more priests, he added, "if we put as much energy into calling young people to the priesthood as we do to other things."

Reflecting on his five years as Bishop of Memphis, the new archbishop noted. "I think the people in Memphis will tell you I kept my concern with youth."

And, he told members of the media. "I don't know if youth are taken seriously in the right way or if they are given the direction and challenge they deserve."

The archbishop pledged to work to continue to build enrollment at archdiocesan Catholic schools and said he is glad to see three of our schools rate high in football.

On the topic of prayer, the archbishop noted that how people pray is not as important as how often they spend time in prayer.

"God doesn't ask us to be experts" on prayer, he said.
"It's like the Nike commercial. 'Just do it!' " From the time he arrived in Indianapolis for the

announcement of his appointment as Archbishop of Indianapolis on July 14, Archbishop Buechlein has spoken warmly of young people and of his concern for them.

"Youth are a priority," he told media representatives during his first press conference in Indianapolis. "Wherever I go, I tell the young church that we need them, we love them, and we support them. I have already asked that in the planning for my installation the youth of the archdiocese be prominent in providing hospitality and helping the leadership with arrangements for the installation."

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And true to his pledge to involve youth in his Installation Mass, teen-agers were actively involved in the historic liturgs as hospitality ministers and banner carriers. "My whole approach." he told the press last July, "will be to encourage and support young people to want to serve in the church, not only as priests but also as witnesses" to these Catholic faith. their Catholic faith

Parents control positive or negative TV learning

by H. Dean Evans

If asked what factor has the most influence on your child,

what would you answer?

Would it be your religious affiliation?

Your family

Their school? Their friends?

Their friends?
All of these are factors that have an impact on the lives of children. But there is one other factor that probably exerts even more influence—the television programming they watch every day.
In a recent survey, 54 percent of the 1,000 elementary school students questioned said their parents set no limits on the amount of television they watch. And 48 percent of this same group reported they spend less than an hour per week on homework.

Figures such as these underline the importance of the home environment. All too often, the TV set has become the center of the family's world. From the time they are infants, many children are placed in front of the TV to

keep them quiet or entertained. This establishes a pattern very early that finds many children being "raised" by the television and having very little interaction with their parents or other family members.

Parents need to ask themselves these questions

►How much time did you spend talking with your children this week about school?

►Does your family eat, play, do homework, and talk in front of the TV?

There has been disagreement about the amount of damage caused by TV, but the most recent studies reveal damage caused by 1 V, but the most recent studies reveal that the significant amount of violence, illicit sex, and commercials touting materialism is, in fact, detrimental to our children, their educations, and sometimes their emotional health.

A five-year study by the American Psychological Association's Task Force of Television and Society has shown that children who watch a great deal of television do poorly in school

So great is the violence content on TV that the average child witnesses more than 8,000 television murders before finishing elementary school.

Unfortunately, a medium that can be both entertaining and ducational has become an often dominant and disturbing influence on the national psyche. It has, over the years, narrowed its focus to the shocking and the sensational, and has been driven by the marketing professionals, rather than the wishes of the American public

We, as a group, have allowed ourselves to become immune to the low standards that have invaded our homes, accepting that which we should be vehemently rejecting. Parents are the only ones who can control the flood of unsavory and corrosive messages being communicated to their boys and girls in the form of electronic fiction.

their boys and girls in the form of electronic faction. On the other hand, television also has to be recognized as a powerful learning tool. Many quality and child-appropriate shows do exist, and responsible parents must ferret out, from the multitude of programs, those that reflect the family's values and then guide their children into more suitable watching patterns. In large measure, whether your child receives positive or negative learning from television is up to you.

(H. Dean Evans is superintendent of the Indiana Department of Education.)

Does television time interfere with your family time?

by H. Dean Evans

A new American Psychological Association (APA) report eveals that dependence on our new national pastime—tele-ision—can lead to antisocial behavior, obesity, gender and racial stereotyping, and bad grades in school.

This same report also determined that television is watched most by youngest and oldest Americans, minorities, and women—often population groups with restricted mobility and those most vulnerable.

restricted mobility and those most vulnerable.

A 1977 study by the advisory panel on the Scholastic Aptitude Test Score Decline reported that by age 18, most children have spent 10,000 to 15,000 hours watching television, more time than they have spent in school. When they reach first grade, their watching time is between 20 and 35 hours a week; this usually peaks at about age 12. The average time per child, per day, increased by about an hour between 1960 and 1970.

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Since then, it was reported by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) that the percentage of 13-year-old students watching television three or more hours each day escalated from 55 to 70 percent from 1982 to 1990. In 1990, almost one in every four 9-year-olds watched six hours or more of television each day.

NAEP consistently finds that students who watch long hours of television have lower proficiency rates in school.

Thus it should come as no surprise that the highest average achievement levels were recorded for students who watched the fewest hours of television. In a state-by-state comparison, the higher the percentage watching long hours of television, the lower the mathematics proficiency—an area Americans can hardly afford to allow to decline. However, the APA study also found that children who

watch moderate amounts of television perform better in school than non-viewers.

So what is the answer?

Setting values for the family remains the responsibility of parents. Children need family adults to discuss with them just what the family's standards are, as well as what types of programs are not acceptable in their home. The parents need to comittee the programs their children watch, as well as the content of those programs, to educate youngets on ways to use the television in a positive manner. We all learn best by example.



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by Richard Philbrick

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"Spirituality & History." by Jesuit Father Philip Sheldrac, Crossroad, \$14.95, 238 pp. Contemporary treatment of the role of history in the study of Christian religious experience. Author is co-director of Institute of Spirituality, Heythrop College, London.

"Blessed Are the Poor?" by Pamela D. Couture, Abingdon, \$14.95, 219 pp. Argues that the language of the nation's adulation of self-sufficiency has deformed American family policy and in turn contributed to the growth of women's poverty.

"Infallibility on Trial," by Jesuit Father Luis M. Bermejo, Christian Classics, \$19.95, 402 pp. First American edition of a well received book on the exumenical deadlock centering on the teaching of Vatican I on the infallibility and jurisdictional supremacy of the pope.

'The Uncertain Journey," by Margaret Poynter, Atheneum, \$14.95, 162 pp. Subtitled "Stories of illegal aliens in el Norte," this is an account of the tens of thousands of persons who enter this country illegally every year.

"Sexuality and Spiritual Growth," by Joan M. Timmer-man, Crossroad, \$12.95, 160 pp. Theology professor analyzes the stages of sexual and spiritual development women and men pass through and social justice in a context of Christian charity and psychological acuity.

"Women as Interpreters of the Bible," by Patricia Deniers, Paulist Press, 512 95, 181 pp. Sketches the variety of women's often-neglected and dismissed accomplishments as interpre-tive readers of the Bible

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Wife of Charles; mother of Elizabeth Romans, Julie Kuner, Janet Beach, Mary Soper, and James and Tony Hyden, sister of Kathryn Dunston, grandmother of 12; great-grandmother of floor.

(Nan) Kitterman; grandmother of three; great-grandmother of two. † CARTER, Abraham J., 85, St. Simon, Indianapolis, Sept. 13. Father of Barbara Mickler, Charlotte and Charles; brother of

† DuPONT, August J., 82, St. Paul, Tell City, Sept. 2. Step-father of Mary McQueen; brother of Edward, Raphael, Johnny, Lawrence, and Mary Mullis.

t EATON, Marvin K., 53, St. Mary, North Vernon, Aug. 28. Father of Paul, John, Steve, Susan Spencer, Janet and Dorothy; brother of Connie Day; grandfather of 11.

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† KAVANAGH, Mary C., 91, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, Sept. 7. Sister of John F. and Franciscan Sister Clarence Marie.

t KENNEDY, John D. Jr., 40, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Aug. 17. Father of Matt; son of John D. Sr. and Patricia; brother of Jackie Gibson, Susan Block and Debbie.

F KUHNER, Margaret Mary Josephine (McShane), 85, Our Lady of Greenwood, Green-wood, Aug. 24. Mother of Kath-lyn Bowlery and Lawrence J.; sister of Florence Damm.

KUNZ, James E., 47, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, March 11. Husband of Mary L.; father of Rodney J. and Khristine K. Shireman; son of Claude P. Jasper; brother of Joan Goeppner Jasper; prodictions of the Computer of t Jasper; grandfather of one

t MILES, Herbert W., 73, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Aug. 21. Husband of Waunita; step-father of Carol Thommen and Donald Wilson; brother of Lester; grandfather of six; great-grandfather of four.

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+ MILLER, Leo J., 97, St. John
the Baptist, Osgood, Aug. 30.
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Thola, Florence, Roy and
Ralph; brother of Aklie and
Raymond; grandfather of 12;
great-grandfather of 27; greatgreat-grandfather of one.

Albany, Aug. 26. Father of John S.; brother of Mary Dietzman and Amy Weber; grandfather of two; nephew of Mary E. Landham.

† MOHID, Carol E., 54, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Sept. 7. Wife of Fred A.; mother of David Omar, Daniel A. and

Donald A.; sister of Miriam VanCleve and Ruth Hawk; grandmother of two.

grandmother of two.

† MORIARITY, Leonard B., 81,
Our Lady of the Greenwood,
Greenwood, Sept. 2. Father of
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brother of Margaret Kramer and
Agnes Rese; grandfather of
four; great-grandfather of one.

† NYBERG, Herman J., 65, St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville, Sept. 2. Husband of Rosemary (Hyson); brother of Carl, Bertha King and Lillian Birch.

† SCHEIBLE, Anne Catherine, 96, St. Paul, Tell City, Sept. 9. Aunt of Robert W. and William J.

† SCHU, Holy Cross Brother Pierre (Eugene), 84, formerly at Cathedral High School, Indi-anapolis, July 31. Uncle of Caro-lyn Hoefling and Holy Cross Brother William.

t SHORT, Kenneth V., 28, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Sept. 9. Father of Matthew; son of Helen; brother of Michael, Robert, Susan, Barbara Schmidt and Kathleen Swink.

† VOGES, Frank A., 96, St. Martin of Tours, Siberia, Sept. 1. Father of Francis and Sylvester.

t WALKER, Tina, 82, St. Bridget, Indianapolis, Sept. 4. Mother of Charles Dinwiddie, sister of Pauline McKenzie; grandmother of four; great-grandmother of nine.

+ WEBSTER, Robert M., 65, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Sept. 5. Husband of Deloris R.; father of Robert M., and Nancy J. McCalip; grandfather of three.

WECHSILER, Leonard, 79, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Aug. 24. Monica, Indianapolis, Aug. 24. Husband of Helen (Dillon); father of Leonard J., Patricia Augustine, David J. and Francis A.; stepfather of Robert. Thomas. Donna, Diana and John Mehaffey and Mary Ann Robichaux; grandfather of 33; great-grandfather of 20.

† WEIDMAN, Fred Joseph, 69, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Aug. 28. Brother of Margaret Graham, Robert J. and Walter R.

tWITTE, Carl O., 62, St. Mary, Aurora, Sept. 7. Husband of Joyce; father of Michael, An-thony, Kenneth, Carla Good and Janelle.

Franciscan Sister Eymard Miller,

91, dies on Sept. 4 OLDENBURG-Franciscan

Sister Eymard Miller died Sept. 4 at the age of 91. A Memorial Mass was celebrated for h was celebrated for her on Sept. 8 here at the motherhouse.

Sister Eymard was born in Holton, Ind. She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Commu-nity in 1924 and professed her final vows in 1930.

Before retiring to the mother-house in 1980, Sister Eymard taught in Ohio, Missouri and Indiana schools. Her assign-ments in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis included St. Michael School, Aurora; St. Andrew, Richmond; St. Joseph, Shelby-ville; and Marian College. Sister Eymard Is

ister Eymard is survived by a sister, Franciscan Sister An-toinette: a niece, Franciscan Sistoinette; a niece, Franciscan Sis-ter Constance Smith; and other nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. ncis, Oldenburg, IN 47036

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† DINN, Franciscan Father Ronald, 82, formerly of Indi-anapolis, Sept. 3. Survived by sister-in-law, nieces and nephews.

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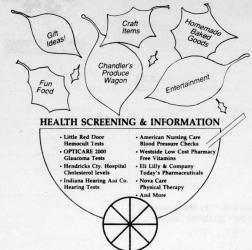
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Littlest victims in poverty war

by Nancy Frazier O'Brien Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Father Stephen Gratto wasn't sur-prised to hear that recent studies showed more poor and hungry people in the United States than at any time since the "war on property" use dealers! 1500 e"war on poverty" was declared in 1965.

He's been seeing the faces behind those statistics for

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months now, as director of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, N.Y., and as a parish priest.
"There's been a dramatic increase over the past two years" in the number of people seeking assistance from Catholic Charities in Ogdensburg, a rural diocese in northern New York state, said Father Gratto. "We've always had a certain number of clients on public assistance," but now we're seeing (formerly employed) people on the downward slide."

GOWINEAR SIGNER.

The Census Bureau announced in early September that the number of poor Americans grew 2.1 million to 55.7 million in 1991, making them 14.2 percent of the population. It was the highest number since 1964, when

population. It was the highest number since 1964, when 36.1 million were in poverty.

A few days later, a report prepared by the Tufts University Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy for the House Select Committee on Hunger said about 30 million Americans are hungry, a 50 percent e since the mid-1980s.

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The government defines a poor person as someone whose income is below the national poverty line. For a family of four in 1991, the poverty line was \$13,924. For someone living alone, it was \$6,932.

The U.S. bishops have pledged to make children and families a top priority of their legislative and pastoral agenda for the coming years. "Our children are a test of both our humanity and our faith," they said in their November 1991 pastoral letter, "Putting Children and Families First: A Challenge for Our Church, Nation and World."

"Children are nearly twice as likely to be poor as any other group," the bishops added. "And poverty means children miss the basics—the food, housing and health care they need to grow and deevelop."

"The problems of children are among the hardest to get at, because kids are at the mercy of whatever lappens to their families," said Nancy Wisdo. head of the U.S. Catholic Conference's office of Domestic Social Development.

But the USC Los scome up with a long: "m legislative agenda that could go a long way toward bettering the plight of U.S. children, Wisdo said.

The plan calls for passage of a refundable children's tax credit and expansion of the earned income tax credit for working families, comprehensive health care reform and a federal child support program the would get the government more involved in collecting the funds from non-custodial parents and guarantee a minimum level of support for every child.

In helping dioceses and Catholic conferences to draw up a plan for state legislative sessions, the USCC is urging them to look to the Catholic Campaign for Children and Families as way to "put a face on the issues, to look at present proposal, Wisdo said.

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"We urge Congress to fashion a budget that reflects both a new world and hurting nation, and to resist the temptation to turn away from the hungry and suffering children of our world," he wrote. "We need to address both the fiscal deficit and the human deficit."

Joe Heiney-Gonzalez, deputy executive director of Catholic Charities USA, expressed hope that the new statistics on poverty and hunger would serve to "bring the reality of poverty into the (presidential) campaign," from which he feels it has been absent up to now.

But in the field, Catholic Charities personnel like Father Gratto have no problem conjuring up the faces of poverty. They are in the agency's offices and in the pews at his parish, St. John the Baptist in Madrid, N.Y.

One of the most telling signs of the economic downturn came last Christmas in the diocese's Heart to Heart program for those in need during the holiday season, the priest said.

"Last year, one of the families that had always been donors became recipients," he said.



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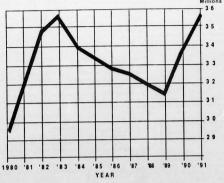
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Ecumenical troubles, ethnic strife dominate conference

by Cindy Wooden tholic News Service

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia-European church dele gates put healing rocky ecumenical relations and concerns that religious rivalry will deepen ethnic conflicts on top of the agenda during the 10th assembly of the Conference of European Churches.

Conference of European Churches.

The assembly, which brought together Anglican,
Orthodox and Protestant delegates and Roman Catholic
observers, was held Sept. 1-11 in Prague.
Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei II of Moscow,
outgoing president of the conference, and Jean Fischer, its
general secretary, opened the meeting with somber
assessments of ecumenism on the continent and worldwide.

"The ecumenical movement has in the last three years or

"The ecumenical movement has in the last three years or so entered a zone of serious trubulence," Fischer said Sept. 2. It has slowed down and "it lacks vigor and zeal."

He pointed specifically to Catholic-Orthodox tensions in Uranie, which he said had led to "violent confrontations" between believers over ownership of church property.

Fisch expressed that Europe's Christian churches

Fischer suggested that Europe's Christian churches should form a permanent mediating body to settle interfaith disputes. The suggestion was later supported by the assembly.

And, he announced that the conference together with Catholic Council of European Bishops' Conferences had invited Serbian Orthodox, Croatian Catholic and Bosnian Muslim leaders to meet to discuss ways to end the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Bosnia-Herzegovinia.

A provisional date of Sept. 20 was set for the Geneva meeting. Invitations were sent to Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Pavle of Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Cardinal Franjo Kuharic of Zagreb, Croatia; and Reis-ul-Ulema Jakub Selimovski, the senior Muslim cleric in Bosnia.

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The war in the former Yugoslavian republic has pitted the mostly Orthodox Serbs against Slavic Muslims and Croatians, most of whom are Catholic.

At the end of the assembly, delegates issued a message to the churches in the former Yugoslavia calling on believers to renounce any form of nationalism which would deny the

The Sept. 10 message also asked religious leaders to "desist from any form of blessing of weapons," an activity allegedly performed by at least one Serbian Orthodox

Fischer and Patriarch Alexei also denounced proselytism by some Christian churches in the traditionally Orthodox territories of Central and Eastern Europe.

The patriarch said that 25 years of ecumenical progress had left an impression among his fellow Orthod ox that once there was religious freedom in his homeland, other churches would rush in to offer the Orthodox support in

rebuilding their church.

Instead, he said, "numerous zealots calling themselves missionaries and preachers" have looked on the former Soviet Union as "new markets" for converts.

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The assembly's final message to the churches of Europe said new religious freedom on the continent is a opportunity that can also bring temptation.

"We can only pass on the message of reconciliation in a credible way five are reconciled with each other and listen to one another," the message said.

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The assembly delegates committed their churches to working together to preach the Cospel in Europe, not working "oblivious of each other as if there were no other Christian churches, much less (working) against each other. The Russian Orthodox Metropolitan in Austria, Metropolitan iriney, said that although there is still too much anger and not enough clarity on issues of concern for the Catholic-Orthodox dialogue, there are some signs of hope.

A June meeting of the international Catholic-Orthodox churches said they would not attend. The meeting was to have focused on the history and development of Eastern-rite Catholic churches and specific guidelines for dealing with disputes between those churches and their Orthodox counterparts.

Metropolitan firings vasid one sign of hope was a June

Metropolitan Triney said one sign of hope was a June document from the Pontifical Commission for Russia which provides practical norms for Catholic activity in the countries of the former Soviet Union.

The document emphasized the deeply rooted Orthodox tradition of the region, rejected attempts to gain Catholics from among the Orthodox and asked that new Catholic pastoral initiatives be discussed with local Orthodox leaders Proce being implemented.

The Rev. Glen G. Williams, a longtime European

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ecumenist, said new religious freedom in the former communist countries and recent Vatican doctrinal statements have combined to put a chill on ecumenical relations. But Williams, general secretary of the Conference of European Churches from 1960 to 1987, was not without hope for the future of efforts to unite the Christian churches. "The whole thing is constantly in motion like the waves of the sea." said Williams, a Welsh Baptist minister. "We are in a trough at the moment, but that is not the end." The old communist regimes of Central and Eastern Europe had forced churches into national councils through which their activities could be controlled, he said. In that situation, the churches worked together to win what few concessions were possible.

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With the fall of the communist regimes came a "kind of super reaction of 'we are free. We can decide what we want to do,' " he said. That attitude fractured some of the ties which held the churches together.

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The second factor in the ecumenical slow-down, he said,
"is the hardening of the line of the Roman Catholic Church
or at least of the Holy See."

Visuan's 1991 response to the first report of the
Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and
last spring's doctrinal congregation document on the
church as communion.

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Both, he said, seemed to narrow the limits of acceptable formulations of beliefs and visions of what the church is.

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini of Milan, attending the assembly as an observer, said he saw no new obstacles to ecumenical relations, but that the partners in the dialogue are "discovering how difficult it is."

"Perhaps we are getting a clearer understanding of what the obstacles are," he said. Hitting a snag clarifies the discussions and makes them "more serious, more concrete,

Polish bishops see drop in Catholic publications

WARSAW, Poland (CNS)—Poland's bishops, alarmed by a steep drop in circulation of once-flourishing Catholic media, have urged Catholics to rescue church-sponsored publications from extinction.

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