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Archdiocesan Strategic Plan unveiled

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The first Archdiocesan Strategic Plan for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is published in its entirety on pages 13-16, the center pages of this issue. The four pages can easily be pulled out for future reference. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein univeiled the plan Wednesday evening, Sept. 8, during a dinner for archdiocesan leaders at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis. Those at the dinner received a summary of the complete plan.

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accress is published below this article. In promulgating the strategic plan, the archibishop said that the plan "builds on the tradition of faith which is our heritage in central and southern Indiana. At the same time, the plan commits us to prepare for the spiritual, educational and social service needs of our people as we enter a new millenium." millenium

millenium."

He continued: "The plan represents countless hours of prayer, discussion, planning and consultation by people from every region of this archdiocese. We hope that the plan which has resulted from this extensive effort will respond to the most profound human and spiritual needs of our people—as well as to the very practical human, physical and financial needs of our parishes, schools and service organizations." organizat

Archbishop Buechlein said that making the plan effective would "require the active involvement of many people

throughout our archdiocese who can contribute their prayers, their leadership, and their stewardship of time, talents and

The strategic plan begins with the mission The strategic plan begins with the mission statement of the archdiocese, a statement of the values is cherishes, and the goals for the archdiocese. These have been published and distributed widely in drafts of the strategic plan. Except for minor changes, they have remained the same from the first draft.

What readers will find new in the final plan are lists of comprehensive action plans to go with each of the five goals. With each action plan there is a line that shows who is accountable for accomplishing the action and when it will be done.

Besides the strategic plan, Archbishop Buechlein also discussed the archdiocesan priorities for 1993-94. They are:

1. Focus on spirituality for daily living.

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 Clarify roles and responsibilities

3. Celebrate the Year of the Family.
4. Implement the "Catechism of the Catholic Church."
5. Plan archdiocesan and parish steward-

ship.
6. Promote evangelization as integral to

the archdiocesan mission.
 Promulgate a three-year plan for parish

staffing.

8. Revitalize youth, young adult and campus ministries.

9. Launch new initiatives for vocation.

development.

10. Coordinate the calendar of archidocesan programs and events.

11. Complete satellite plans for center-city ministry. Catholic education, Catholic Charities, and communications



MOURNING MASSACRE VICTIM—A woman holds her daughter and cries during the Aug. 31 funeral for her husband, one of 21 slum dwellers massacred by a group of masked men the night of Aug. 29 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Brazilian church leaders have called for a solution to the violence plaguing the country. See story on page 24. ICNS photo from

Archbishop describes the state of the archdiocese

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein

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(This is the text of the address delivered by Architeshop Buchlien during a dinner Sept. 8 at the Westin Holde in indiamagolis. He began by reading the letter with which he begins this week's column on page 2. Then the continued:

As leaders among some 200,000 people, we are gathered tonight for two important reasons. First, this is an opportunity for me to keep a promise I made to you in early gatherings after my installation as archibishop a year ago, I want to present an accounting of what has happened over the last year. Secondly, and more importantly, tonight we promulgate and commit ourselves to the

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plementation of our Archdiocesan Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan.

To put everything in perspective let's note that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis was alive and thriving long before Sept.

9, 1992. There has been and there continues to be a wonderful dynamism and commitment to the mission of Christia they church in contral and courter. in the church in central and southern Indiana. The abundance of God's life at work in the archdiocese is very apparent.

work in the archdiocese is very apparent. Tonight we gather in thanksgiving for God's blessings among us. For any diocese to experience an extended period of illness of its archbi-shop followed by an interim time of administration and transition of leaderadministration and transition of reader-ship is taxing. Father Coats, I commend you and your co-leaders who served the community of faith so well under such circumstances. Preparing for the installa-tion of a new archisshop was a great challenge which was met beautifully. And I testify that all of you have handled And I testify that all of you have familied the adjustment to the leadership of a new and different archbishop with grace and class. For that I am personally grateful. The transition time, the installation and the adjustment to new leadership are significant events of this past year.

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Most of you know that five major studies (Future Staffing, Archdiocesan Management, Total Catholic Education, Catholic Charities and Urban Ministry) had been prepared before my arrival. Each of these studies called for pro-active leading to the property of the pr Each of these studies called for pro-active leadership from the new archbishop while affirming and calling for continued processes of widespread collaboration. I have attempted to respond to that call while being sensitive to a certain nerviousness that I might be too pro-ac-tive, indeed autocratic.

The hope is that in good time the record The hope is that in good time the record will show that decisive leadership and collaborative procedures are not contradictory. In fact, Lacknowledge the reality that there is an appropriate role for everyone in the mission of our archdiocese archibishop, clergy, religious and larry, deans, pastors, parish life coordinators, associates heads of secretarias, directors of offices and agencies: rishes, schools and other institutions. Yet ere is one archdiocese and a shared ission and it is the role of the archbishop to call all of us to unity.

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There has been some polarization and division among us. We should all seek first what unites us, not dwell first on what divides us. By and large there has been a very positive reason to be grateful. It has been a team effort.

The diffusion to the installation and

In addition to the installation and transition of new leadership, what are some things that have happened over the past year?

past year?

1. In response to the study on archdiocesan management and priorities outlined by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and the newly drafted archdiocesan mission statement, we restructured secretariats at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center to promote effectiveness and efficiency. We now have a secretariat for Spirithal Like and Worship; a secretariat for Pastoral and Leadership needs of the archdiocese and a secretariat for the archdiocese and a secretariat for iat for Pastoral and Leadership needs of the archdiocese and a secretariat for Planning, Communication and Develop-ment. I appointed a vicar for ministry personnel who reports directly to the archbishop and who helps me to provide pastoral leaders for all of our parishes

As an initial response to the study

on future staffing of our parishes, two new parishes have been created. Prince of Peace Parish in Madison embraces the er parish communities of St. Michael St. Mary, St. Patrick and the mission of St Anthony in China. Good Shepherd Parish embraces the former parish communities of Saint Catherine and Saint James here in Indianapolis

At the same time, we have consoli dated the pastorate of Saint Andrew, Saint Mary and Holy Family in Rich-mond. We need to acknowledge that these consolidations, while reasonable, (see ARCHBISHOP, page 3)



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

The past year has been blessed for me

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

On occasion I have groused about the numerous letters of complaint that I get about this or that issue or person. I receive some wonderful, encouraging letters too I saved one in particular because it is so moving and rich in meaning. I wart to quote the letter, anonymously of course. A daughter writes: "My mother will be 80 on her next birthday. Her health is frail and she cannot get out to go to Mass. She gets despondent because of the deterioration of her sight and hearing. But in the last few months she has found a true interest. "Every week she watches for The Criterion. She reads your column over and over. Her eyes are very week and she can only see a few sentences at a time and before the week is up she reads the entire column. She feels you are writing directly to her and that consoles her—she is getting a homily. "She has saved all your columns and every week I

"She has saved all your columns and every week I cut it out and staple all together so that she can keep them and re-read them when she feels she can. She prays the rosary for you every day because she says 'that good man has a hard job.'

"Thank you, Your Excellency, for what you do for my other through your writings. Thank you for the spiritual

help you have given her. When writing your columns, please pray for 'Evelyn,' an old lady who struggles very hard to hear your 'homily.'"

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Wouldn't that move you to tears? I ask you, who is ministering to whom here? You don't need to be ordained to help someone in faith! I am touched by the faith of the elderly mother. I am touched also by her daughter who would think of telling me about her mother and take the time to do it so touchnights. Sho must be someoned faith, and touchingly. She must be a woman of faith as well

when the second recommend that as well.

"Evelyn," I am speaking very directly to you this week, an important anniversary for me, by the way. And as I wrote to you and your daughter last February. I do remember you in prayer as I write each week. Your encouragement and the encouragement of so many other people have kept me faithful to writing my weekly column. I consider it a weekly chat and so far I have not had to miss a week. If you can struggle to read my poor words, I can surely give you the time to write them. Thank you for your trusting faith. Your faith in God builds me up in faith. And I can't tell you how much it means to me that you gray the rosary for me every day. As The Criterion is published this week it is a year to the day that I was installed as archibshop here in Indianapolis. I find it hard to believe that the time could have gone so list! It has been a blessed year for me and I am grateful to God that once again he has provided the grace I need to be and do what he asls.

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like to remind our youth of that fact when they wonder if they would ever be able to live the like of a priest or religious. It is true for all of us. God gives "Evelyn" the grace to be a woman of determined faith. As God calls us, God gives each

woman of determined faith. As God calls us, God gives each of us the grace to do what he asks. Recently my spiritual director suggested that when I pray in the morning I should make a double act of faith. He said I should acknowledge my belief that God has called me to be and do what I have been asked to do. And I should also acknowledge my belief that God gives me the grace, the help I need to be and do what he has asked of me. I think that advice is sound for everyone whether parent or grandparent, son or daughter, young or old, single or married, religious or lay person or clergy.

I want to thank all of you for accepting me back home in Indiana. Elsewhere in *The Criterion* you can read about a report I gave this week to leaders of the archdiocese. The report I gave this week to leaders of the Archdiocesan occasion was the promulgation of the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan, which is also in this issue. I tried to provide a kind of "state of the archdiocese," an accounting for what has happened during the last year. With the help of God and a lot of wonderful committed people we have indeed been also to wonderful committed people we have indeed been and the woman carbon communities propie we nave move them able to do important things. In the end, as our new mission statement says, the true measure of what we do is whether or not we "strive to live the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Roman Catholic tradition." Thank you for letting me do that with you!

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

A giant step toward peace in the Middle East

by John F. Fink or, The Criterio

Over the years, we have said frequently here that the only way there can be peace in the Holy Land is to have a homeland for the an people and security for the State

of Israel.

Agreements that will try to guarantee both of those things now, at long last, seem to be nearing realization. The Israeli government and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) have arrounced agreements that will give Palestinans in Gaza and in Jencho self-rule and start a five-year process that could be the beginning of cooperation between Israelis and Arabs, who have long been enemies.

If this can indeed happen, it will rival in importance the end of the Cold War between the former Soviet Union and the United States, another example of former enemies becoming friends.

becoming friends. The two events are not entirely unrelated. When the Soviet Union collapsed, the PLO lost the aid of one of its largest supporters, financially as well as politically. Suddenly it was a weakened PLO that found itself in a precarious position while the more radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, known as Harnas, was beginning to win the allegance of the people who live in Gaza and the West Bank.

the West Bank. This development made it even more urgent for Israel to find a way to accommodate the PLO rather than confront the more dangerous Hamas. Thus, it not only began to negotiate with the PLO, unthink-able just a few years ago, but it also appears that it will formally recognize the PLO as the le legitimate representative of the Palestin-is. In return, the PLO will give what Israel

has always insisted upon: recognition of Israel's right to exist.

Thraps the best part of all this is that the United States has not had a part in these negotiations. It is not a case of a superpower imposing an agreement on somebody. The parties to the agreement did it on their own. This is not to say that the United States has not been an interested party. It was, after all, former Secretary of State James Baker who was responsible for getting the peace process

Arab countries and the Palestinians to start negotiating in Washington. After 22 months, though, those negotia-tions were getting nowhere because they were too public. It was impossible for either side to make the compromises required in any type of negotiations. So severe negotia-tions were arranged. They took place for about a year in Norway.

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The chief architect of this peace agreement for Israel has been Shimon Peres, now the foreign minister. Those who have read my columns and edi-

torials know that I have supported Peres and the Israeli Labor Party, and opposed the policies of the Likud coalition, since University of the Catholic through the policies of the Likud coalition, since I catholic through the Catholic through through the Catholic through through the Catholic through the Catholic through through the Catholic through through through through the Catholic through through the Catholic through thr

With agreements between the PLO and Israel, it now appears possible for the Arab nations also to come to agreements with s also to come to agreements with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon seem ready to fall in lie

ready to fall in line.

There will, however, be many obstacles still to hurdle. On the Israeli side, most of the people support the agreements, but not the Likud. The same is true among the Palestinians, with Hamsa opposed. Future agreements will still have to continue to keep in mind the need for security for the Jewish settlers in Palestinian territory, as well as for Israel Palestinian territory, as well as for Israel to the Palestinian territory, as well as for Israel to the Palestinian smust remain demiliarized.

tarized. What about the Catholic Church's interest in all this? With peace between Israel and the PLO, one obstacle to diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican will be eliminated. However, the Vatican is still concerned about the status of Jerusalem, especially including the place of Christians and their sacred shrines in the Holy Land, and that topic was not covered by the present acreement. present agreement.

The agreement is a giant step toward peace in the Middle East.

Criterion board plans better coverage of deanery parishes

Efforts to improve The Criterion's coverage of parishes outside the city of Indianapolis dominated discussions during the The Criterion's regular board of directors meeting Sept. 1. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

The board authorized the editor to hire a local news reporter who will not have an office in Indianapolis but who will be on location in the deaneries throughout the

archdiocese. On the recommendation of the board's Editorial/Marketing Committee, the board also approved a resolution that The Critterion start a feature that will focus on a different deanery each month with attention to a different parish each week. The articles will be prepared by the local news reporter. The principle of the properties are the properties of the properties of the properties are the properties.

During the meeting, Archbishop Daniel

M. Buechlein said that he was pleased with
the coverage The Criterion gave to the
development of the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan and the deanery forums that were part of the process. He said that the issue of communications came up frequently during those forums and that one of the big concerns was getting better coverage of the church outside of the city of Indianapolis.

Outside of the city of Indianapoils.

The archbishop also told the board that he is committed to the full-coverage policy of distribution of *The Criterion* to all Catholics who are registered in a parish, who receive as part of their membership in the parish. He said further that he would like to see three things in particular: 1. increased advertising things in particular. I increase accertainty income so that advertising will cover a greater percentage of publishing costs; 2 better coverage of the archdioose; and 3, better promotion of the paper as a forum for nications

Dan Conway, archdiocesan director for planning, communication and development, told the Criterion board that the archdiocese has the same communications problems as do other dioceses, but that it has the special challenge of geographic diversity. He said develop a comprehensive plan for com-munications.

munications.

The board elected officers for the next year Francis S (Mike) Connelly and Grace Lang were reelected president and vice president, respectively, James R Cain was elected secretary to succeed Father Joseph Schaedel, whose term on the board expired. The officers and Conway form the board's recreative committee.

John F. Fink, editor, told the board that John F. Fink, editor, told the board that The Criterion's current circulation is 53,429, which is about 75 percent of the 71,496 registered households in the archdiocose He reported on efforts of the advertising department to get additional advertising through the use of special advertising sections, and he called attention to the new "Publications Guide" recently sent to parishes, schools and agencies to try to get more news from throughout the archdiocose. Fink told the board that staff members.

more news from throughout the archdiocese. Fink bold the board that staff member. Elizabeth Bruns had been selected as one of two young Catholic journalists in the United States to be awarded a scholarship to attend a morth-long study tour of six countries in Eastern Europe. Twenty-five Catholic jour-nalists under 35, from countries throughout the world, are selected for the trip, which is sponsored by the International Catholic Union of the Press.

Name is selected for future parish

SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi has been selected as the name of the new parish planned for northern Johnson County.

Jane E. Lee, directo Louie Stumpf Ted Maple Jo Ann Schramm cott /cir manager

planned for northern Johnson County.

The name was announced by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein this week during the promulgation of the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan.

Father Stephen T. Jarrell as been appointed the paster of the new parish. A committee is in the process of selecting a location for its church. P.O. BOX 1717 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206 that he intends to put together a team to



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Archbishop describes state of the archdiocese

exact a great deal of sacrifice on the part of laity an 1 clergy alike. We need to be grateful for the spirit with which these parish communities have responded.

parish communities have responded.

3. Ours is a growing archdiocese. We are not a church in decline "circling wagons" as some reports imply. We welcomed 843 adult Christians to our faith community last Easter Vigil alone. Further evidence of growth is the foundation of a new parish in Johnson County. Tam pleased to announce publicly toright that our new parish will be under the patronage of 85. Francis and Clare. These founders of the Francisca and Clare. These founders of the Francisca and Clare.

patronage of SS Francis and Clare. These founders of the Franciscan way of the are witnesses of a timely spirituality which we want to recover simplicity of life and a tremendous respect for life and all creation.

4. The architocree was blessed in an extraordinary way with the ordination of five new priests. At the same time we suffered the untimely death of three prests in active ministry and one retired priest. Two of our priests retired for reasons of health. Another returned from Rome with a licentiate in canon law and so our tribunal has additional help.

5. As is often the case the near future holds both bad news and good news. We will be very thin on ordinations the read to the very law of the control of the

seminary this fall. That brings our number to 30.

We offer thanks to God and to those young men who are generous and courageous in responding to God's call. These candidates for the priesthod are evidence that God has not stopped calling. We need to provide the environment and the initiatives that support and encourage our youth and their parents to respond generously. We need to find until the support and encourage our youth and their parents to respond generously. We need to find until the support and encourage our youth and their parents to respond generously. We need to find until the support of the support o

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We need agreed-upon procedures for handling finances in our archdiocese. Good stewardship includes fiscal responsibility, economic efficiency, and increased possibilities to serve our mission.

8. Speaking of good stewardship, I congratulate you for not only achieving our S3 million goal for the United Catholic Appeal, but for surpassing that goal by almost \$400.000 so far. That is a wonderful achievement. Thank you to the development staft, Virgina Witcheper, Jim McGee and all of our volunteer leaders, and all of you who contributed generously to further our mission. I promise a careful administration of those resources.

those resources.

9. We have begun to address off significant needs of the archdiocese. Twork of putting together a satelli

significant needs of the archdiocese. The work of putting together a satellite strategic plan for center city is already underway. A professional assessment of our development and fundraising programs has been completed.

10. As for personal accountability. I can report that in the interest of keeping in touch and doing a bit of teaching. I have row written 49 columns in Fac. Can always the other control of the control of

diately after my installation last September and shook hands with thousands of you. I enjoyed two huge youth Masses and twice enjoyed two huge youth Masses and twice. Five celebrated with Golden and Diamond Jubilarian couples. I attended a youth rally before World Youth Day and enjoyed meeting with our youth in Derwer. I confirmed well over a thousand of our young church. In conjunction with the process for drafting our first Archdocesan Strategic Plan I participated in four regional forums around central and southern Indi-ana. There have been a variety of parsh anniversaries and other activities.

Romesenting you. I had the pleasure

Representing you, I had the pleasure of meeting Pope John Paul II four times



Archbishop Buechlein

this past year. When he saw me a w me approach this past year. When he saw me approach in Denver he said. "I know you." I presented the five-year report of the archdiocese to the Holy Father in March. On June 29 he invested me with the pallium. I was in Rome on Thanksgiving a year ago as chairman of the bishops' Committee on Priestly Formation.

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I am also on the bishops' Administration Committee. The Committee for Pro-Life Activities, the Board of Trustees Profile Activities, the Board of Trustees Profile activities, the Board of Trustees Profile the Dectrine Committee. I mention all this to signal that as your archibishop my responsibilities extend to the church in our country and the church universal, as well as our ministry in central and southern Indiana. I remember telling new ordinandi leaving 5t. Meinrad seminary that it takes three years to hit one's stride in a new ministry assignment. Hook forward to the next two years!

Now a few words about our strategic plan. I have been involved in numerous planning efforts over the years. I can truly say our first effort there has been extraordinary. Needless to say, no first effort there has been extraordinary. Needless to say, no first effort there has been extraordinary. Needless to say, no first effort there has been extraordinary. Needless to say, no first effort there has been extraordinary. Needless to say, no first effort there has been extraordinary. Needless to say, no first effort better than we might exceld? First of all, because of a which exceld? First of all, because of a

us. beginning is everything. Why is our fine fefort better than we might expect? First of all, because of a widespread leadership of great faith and great quality; I speak of your leadership We have also had a good beginning because the archdiocese was ready. Much work had been done by the archdiocesen pastoral council. Much work had been done by the archdiocesen pastoral council that work had been done and much information gathered in the five major studies mentioned earlier.

The good beginning may also be arried.

The good beginning may also be attri-buted to many people who worked very hard during the last six months, especially the heads of our Catholic Center secretariats the heads of our Cathook Center secretariats who headed the planning task forces. And so we have a first product in which hundreds of people have been involved. No, it is not a perfect product, but we have a good beginning. Although the plan cannot meet every need immediately it gives us a sense of vision and direction. We have a clear mission control of the plan cannot meet every need immediately it gives us a sense of vision and direction. We have a clear mission statement, clear goals and clear objectives which have led to clarifying priorities.

Now let me review with you the m priorities or emphases for the coming year

 Focus on spirituality for daily living. Our first emphasis comes directly from the work and vision of our Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. We need to be as practical and determined as we can be to understand the implications of this vision and to make spirituality our number one priority as a church.

2. Clarify roles and representability. 1. Focus on spirituality for daily living

 Clarify roles and responsibilities of leadership. There are some 27 consultative bodies, boards and councils of the archdiocese, not to mention the numbers. of the same in our deaneries and parishes. We need to come to a common understanding, indeed a common vo-cabulary of governance and to be more in exercising our leadership

Celebrate "the Year of the Fami What need is more fundamental than the what need is more trustational than the meed of support for family life and the value of marriage? Of course, this includes concern for those who suffer the absence of family supportive family environment.

 Implement "The Catechism of the Catholic Church." I doubt that any other document of this century will have a greater impact on our church than the new catechism. It will become the standard are the leaders who will carry our church's mission forward in the third millennium.

 Launch new initiatives for vocation development. Sixteen new seminarians this fall, new candidates entering religious fail, new candidates entering religious communities, and increasing interest in lay ministry, are all evidence that the Lord continues to provide leaders for the church. Our challenge is to find new initiatives that will offer support and encouragement for those men and women who find it difficult to hear the Lord's voice in the midst of a noisy world.

noisy world.

10. Coordinate calendar of archdio-cesan programs and events. I suspect response to this practical need in a complex operation will be most popular. We promise to organize a central calen-dar which recognizes the reality of parish commitments as soon as possible.

11. Publish satellite plans for

Center city. The needs are urgent and complex. What is our particular Catholic mission in center city. What is the particular mission of Catholic education in center city? How do we face the large financial challenges and the need to evangelize?

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b Catholic education. The needs are also urgent and complex. How do we plan for the continuance of the heritage of Catholic schools which we received from our ancestors? How do we face the fact that wholistic Catholic education which is so costly is the best key to freedom from material, spiritual and moral povertry? It is not a question of whether we do so or not. It is a question of how.

c. Catholic Chartities. We have the opportunity to expand our programs of advocacy and service in a community where the needs are unending. Our challenge is to see that our offering of human services has a distinctly Catholic and Christian touch. We believe we touch and care for Christ himself when we serve the poor and the oppressed.

d. Communications and development. It is a skeeper. In a very real sense everything we wish to accomplish in serving the ministry of Christ in the church depends upon communication and development. I submit that the truth of this will become very apparent over the next few years.

Ours is an ambitious program and plan. Whether or not it works depends both on the Whether or not it works depends both on the Whether or not it works depends both on the Whether or not it works depends both on the Whether or not it works depends both on the Whether or not it works depends both on the Whether or not it works depends both on the Miller of the Park of b. Catholic education. The needs are al

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Whether or not we can work together to accompish our mission depends on our commitment to our shared responsibility. I invite you to pium nei in the commitment to make this strategic plan work as best we can! I thank you in advance for your good will, your faithful prayer and the generous gift of your time, talent and treasure. God reward you a hundredfold!

against which we will develop our religious education programs in our parishes and schools. This becomes the vehicle by which e will hand on the heritage of our faith to

trature generations.
5 Plan for archdiocesan and parish stewardship. Over and over again from every corner of the archdioces have come requests for archdiocesan leadership in promoting a genuine spirit of stewardship in promoting a genuine spirit of stewardship in promoting a genuine spirit of stewardship in for the support of our shared mission. Initial plans are already in motion which will help us develop urgently needed human, physi-cal and financial resources.

pans are arready in monoid wines, will rely us develop upently needed human, physical and financial resources.

6. Promote evangelization as integral to the archdiocesan mission. The third millennium is last upon us. Will we be prepared to take advantage of what promises to be an extraordinary time of grace? Will we welcome home those who have been alienated from our church for whatever reason? Will we revitalize our faith over the next years? This needs to be a procucupation for all of us over the next seven years.

7. Promulgate a three-year plan for parish staffing. Ah, the infamous parish staffing report. The strategic plan provides a way to set forth a concrete plan to address the reality of shifting demographics and change in the

set torth a concrete plan to address the reality of shifting demographics and a change in the way in solution parabilities in administered. This program will be implemented along-side new initiatives to support our clergy, to find new candidates for presstbood, and to develop and support lay leaders.

8. Revitalize vootth, young adult and campus ministry, Building on the dynamism of the visit of Pope John Paul for World Youth Day in Denver, we want to pay renewed aftention to the value of our dynamic young church and the fact that they

Holy Angels to sing for NPM

Holy Angels Choir will fill St. Monica's Church with gospel music on Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. "We really would like to fill the church," said Dianne Gardner.

The program will conclude the Septem-ber meeting of the Indianapolis chapter of National Pastoral Musicians, which is open to all those invo involved in the music ministry of

The local NPM chapter gathers to "deepen the spiritual life of and social interaction among members; provide musi-cians and clergy with an ongoing edu-

cational forum on current issues and practices; and improve the musical and liturgical skills of the pastoral musicians

Gardner, director of mu Church in Indianapolis, said that the concert is open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected

The NPM chapter will gather for dinner at 6:15 p.m. Officers will be installed with a prayer and blessing at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in participating in NPM may call the president, Paula Slinger at 317-895-8914 or Gardner at 317-257-1510.



GOSPEL MUSIC—The Holy Angels Concert Choir (shown here, in part) will present concert at 8 p.m. Sept. 24 at 5t. Monita Church. The event is sponsored by the local chap of the National Pastoral Musicians.

FROM THE EDITOR

Adding mental prayer to your devotions

by John F. Fink

Last week, in my discussion of prayer, I said that liturgical prayer, including the eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, is the highest form of prayer. It is the prayer and action of Christ and of his Mystical Body, the church, Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical "Mediator Dei," said that the liturgy is the most effective way of reaching sanctity and that private devotions would be sterile if they caused a person to neglect the liturgy.

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The same pope, though, went on to say that a life of intentor dedication and prayer is necessary if the littings is to have its proper effect and not become an empty ritualism. Our individual prayer lives should lead up and into litturcial prayer be said.

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Individual prayer includes both vocal prayer and mental prayer. All of us are familiar with vocal prayer, the praying of the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Act of Contrition, the Memorane, the Angelus, the Glory Be, or other prayers that have become our favorities. This week, though, I want to write about the bases of mental prayer.

MENTAL PRAYER MEANS the absence of external words while we pray. It can be either formal or informal. It is formal when we devote a definite period of time to it and do nothing else. It is informal when we

of time to it and do nothing else. It is informal when we pray internally while doing something else, like driving, cooking, or some other activity.

The church takes mental prayer very seriously. St. Thomas Aquinas, in his "Summa Theologica," said that mental prayer is necessary for devotion. Numerous church documents emphasize that clergy and religious have an obligation to engage in mental prayer.

Inrough the centuries many methods of mental prayer have been taught. Probably the most popular are the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius Loyola and "Introduction to the Devout Life," by St. Francis de Sales Both of these, as well as St. Teresa of Avila's "Way of Perfection," can usually be found in Christian bookstores. St. Ignatius wrote to guide spiritual directors in fostering mental prayer. St. Teresa wrote mainly for her Carmelite sisters, and St. Francis de Sales wrote for lay people, to teach them to pray no matter what their occupations or state in life.

SPIRITUAL WRITERS HAVE customarily divided ental prayer into three stages: meditation, affective prayer,

and contemplation.

Meditation is also called "discursive prayer" because it calls for thinking and reasoning. It usually consists of withdrawing to a quiet place, reading a selected text of Scripture, and then thinking about it in such a way as to deepen one's faith, spiritual insights and convictions. The person meditating is purposely trying to study the life and teachings of Christ in order to grow in holiness.

Meditation has been described as a way of listening to the its of Scripture as if we were in conversation with Christ

texts of Scripture as if we were in conversation with Christ and he were suggesting the topics of conversation.

In the Middle Ages, St. Bernard of Clairvaux taught his followers to meditate on Christ's humanity. The Franciscans popularized meditation on Christ's poverty and passion. The Jesuis' Spiritual Exercise The meditations for many events in the life of Christ from the Incamation through the Ressurection. Meditation on the mysteries of the rosary is the most important aspect of praying that devotion. Affective prayer is considered a more advanced form of mental prayer. It is a longing for a closer presence with God, a time when just being in God's presence is sufficient. It is similar to the love between a man and woman when, after they have gotten to know one another well through extensive conversations, are satisfied just to be together quietly.

This form of prayer comes to those who have learn much about God through reading and meditation, and who now long for a deeper kind of knowing and a closer presence to the God they have learned to love.

THE HIGHEST STAGE of mental prayer is contemplation. The Catholic catechism "The Teaching of Christ" says, "Contemplation is God's most generous gift in this life to those who have loved him with great faithfulness. In its highest forms, this prayer draws one as near to God as it is possible to come before one reaches the beatific vision. It gives a certain rich experience of the divine presence, and it brings great joy and peace."

The Trappist Fathers Thomas Keating and M. Be The trappist Fathers from securing and no count Pennington are doing the most in today's world to popularize contemplative prayer and, in particular, what they call centering prayer Father Keating says that contemplative player "is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions."

Centering prayer, Father Koating says, is a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to cooperate with this gift. It enables us to find peace "at the center," a deep inner peace in union with God.

Although centering prayer must be taught and certainly can't be explained adequately in this column, here are its four guidelines: 1. Choose a sacred word as nere are its four guidelines: 1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within. 2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within us. 3. When you become aware of thoughts, return ever-so-gently to the sacred word. 4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

THE YARDSTICK

Women, the labor movement, and abortion

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

There has been a dearth of scholarly writing on the role of women in the American trade union movement. That's all the more cause for rejoicing at the publication of an impressive collection of articles nitre. "Women and Unions: Forging a Partnership." Women and Unions: Forging a Partnership." Edited by Dorothy Sue Cobble, it is a publication of ILR Press (School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.).

More than 40 women consider how

More than 40 women consider how women and unions can best serve each other It is clear to them—and it should also be clear to the leaders of organized labor—that the needs of women workers will significantly inform the agenda of any successful labor movement of the future. Indeed, the labor movement will not survive unless it recognizes the critical importance of organizing women workers, says kim Feliner, a contributor. This calls, she says, for recognition by organized labor of the need to temper the male organizational model of unions and to show greater respect for women's problems and concerns. Fellner's point is well taken. However, her treatment of the abortion issue in the labor movement is inaccurate.

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"Bowing to pressure from the Catholic Church... the overwhelmingly white, male AFL-CIO Executive Council resoundingly refused to support reproductive choice." she says. "Saddest of all, two of the three women on the council voted with the majority."

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I would like to set the record straight. It is not true that the AFL-CIO bowed to pressure from the Catholic Church. I was the only representative of the church who addressed the study panel appointed by the executive council. There is no evidence that we obscir. dence that any other represe

church pressured or even contacted the federation on this issue.

I testified at the committee's request. I did not discuss the committee's agenda with any of its members and in fact did not know until the last minute who was on the committee. I left after testifying and thus did not know—and still don't—how individuals voted.

If Fellor had checked the proof she

If Fellner had checked the record, sh If Fellner had checked the record, she would also know that largued on pragmatic, not ethical, grounds that it would be a mistake for the federation to take an official position on abortion, emphasizing that I would make the same argument if the resolutions under consideration were prolife rather than pro-choice. I urged the federation to maintain its traditional neutral to m these issues on which the processing the processing of the processing the processing of the processing the ity on these issues on which its members, a matter of conscience, are deeply divided

I have the impression that Fellner finds it difficult to understand that there can be an honest difference of opinion on abortion among people of all religions or

none and that in democratic organiza-tions people of different views must learn to accommodate one anther. John Judis, the Washington correspon-dent for Thee Times, a democratic socialist weekly with a strong feminist and pro-choice bent, recently made the same point in the broader context of national politics. Many Washington evil Johbins he

broader context of national politics.

Many Washington social lobbies, he wrote in the Aug. 9 issue, "misread last year's election results. They took Clinton's victory not only as repudiation of right-wing fundamentalism, but as an affirmation of the entire liberal social agenda—from domestic-partnership laws to abortion on demand. It was not."

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"Those adamantly opposed to abortion amount to as many as one third of Americans, and the press and Congress are wise to take their sentiments seriously," he said. Ditto, I would say, for pro-choice advocates in the labor movement. advocates in the labor movement

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THE HUMAN SIDE

Reflections on World Youth Day-and how media reported it

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

World Youth Day cost a lot of money. From what we saw and read, were the events in Denver worthwhile? What did they

Some in the media felt World Youth Day merely served to prove that Pope John Paul II is a single-issue leader. Others felt he showed that he outright con-demns American life.

For me, World Youth Day drove home this lesson: Some in the

lesson: Some in the media are themselves one-sided and in their own way condemnatory. I say "some," because most reporters and commentators were balanced in capturing the significance of the events.

Some newspapers and commentaries conveyed the impression that all the pope preached about was abortion when he spoke in Denver about life.

He did address abortion, but his talks

life issues that need to be addressed more forcibly, like the needs of the poor, immigrants, the sick, urban violence, drugs

He spoke about the land, which the young will inherit, taking care to point out that the ecological system's future is in their

He focused on the idealism youth possess by nature—an idealism whose purpose is to make the world a better place. This was the significance of World place. This Youth Day!

The pope did not speak out against the United States. Rather, in his usual manner, he laid down the philosophical and theological principles upon which a healthy and moral life depends everywhere, whatever the nation

One kind person wondered if the media's focus on the abortion issue at World Youth Day was a sign that some in the media are having conscience problems—that abortion is an unsolved issue that is tearing at them.

It is unfortunate that some reporters do not seem able or interested in trying to

underlying principles upon which a papal talk relies. The principles are not difficult to understand for a sincere, ve reporter.

inquisitive reporter.

Most unfortunate during World Youth
Day were IV programs and newspaper
articles depicting the church at its worst.
"60 Minutes" ironically replayed at this
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time its report on the events leading up to the resignation of Archbishop Robert Sanchez in Santa Fe, N.M. Why pick this time to do this rerun? Why pick the stime to do this rerun? Why pick a program that portrays a church scandal when the program has a number of church success stories that could have been rerun and fit the moment?

moment?

The same thing happened in the Washington Post. One writer, a man who had studied to be a Jesuit, portrayed the priesthood's worst problems in a lengthy article just as the pope's visit was about to begin—to my mid, leaving the impression of an entire priesthood in disaster.

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of an entire priesthood in disaster.

As I see it, some reporters showed poor taste. That's why I think that believing people of all faiths should demand far more

balanced and respectful reporting of church events. The zeal and goodness of the young people who attended World Youth Day deserve it!

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To the Editor

Wise use of God's gifts is not wrong

After reading and re-reading Lou Jac-quet's column of Aug. 20, my first thought was that he was hard pressed for subject matter. Now I think perhaps he vexaggerating in order to force us to think

My answer to his question, "Can technology and gospel values be compatible?" is yes. I believe the intelligence to create new technology is given to us by God. He expects us to use it wisely.

As for imagining Peter and Paul in air conditioning, if it were invented in their time they might have used it, maybe even wom comfortable athletic shoes instead of sandals. I think they would have been credible and persuasive hot or cool with the Holy Spirit to midd them.

Is Mr. Jacquet composing his column with quill and ink or a word processor? Technology in itself is not bad nor the use of it the vice of a scrupulous conscience.

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Repeatedly in the Gospels we are told to
be joyful Christians. I don't think we should
indulge ounselves, but wise and unselfish
use of God's gifts is not wrong. Our basic
guidelines of thining and loving our neighbor
should motivate sharing. Living in dire
poverty many not benefit anyone and could
inhibit productivity and undermine mental
attitude. Few of us could reach the "dead
saintliness of Mother Teresa" but, after
reading Mr. Iscourés article nerhous we will reading Mr. Jacquet's article, perhaps we will at least try harder.

Indianapolis

Some prayers for orthodox Catholics

CNN and USA Today recently polled 788 adult Catholics in the United States about their religious values, beliefs and practices. The results of this poll are revealing and should be taken seriously by all orthodox Catholics (many of whom too rashly dismiss anything produced by the secular media). Examining these results can help focus attention on those apostolic initiatives that are most pressing:

are most pressing.

1. Dissent: The Holy Father called the idea that a good Catholic can dissent from church teaching a "grave error." Yet the poll shows only about one in eight of those under 50 accept "all" of the church's teachings on faith and morals. A worthy prayer of every good Catholic is that every pastor, every teacher and every person holding a position with pastoral implications be one of those "one in eight".

eight."

2. Confession: Frequent confession is perhaps the most easily identifiable common practice of all the canonized saints. Yet the poll shows nearly one in three of those over 50 who attend weekly Mass reject the practice of confession at least annually



(required by church law of anyone in the state of mortal sin). A worthy prayer in this area is that everyone who hears at least \$2 homilies per year be receiving the grace of the sacrament of penance with (almost) as much spirit, feror and devotion with which he receives Our Lord in Holy Communion.

3. Abortion: The bishops have told the orld they believe that abortion is an unspeakable crime. Yet the poll shows less than half under 50 in agreement with that position. A worthy prayer is that no more Catholics in 20th-century America (where abortion is legal) choose to have abortions than did the Christians of Imperial Rome (where the practice was also permitted).

 Christian marriage: Our Lord's position on this issue is that "what God has joined, man must not divide." The poll shows 29 percent of those 30-49 accepting the church's position on the indissolubility of Christian marriage. A worthy prayer is that everyone who receives the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and marriage understand what it means to b follower of Christ.

 Christian marriage: That artificial birth control is contrary to God's plan has been seen since the early days of church history. The poll shows one in nine under 50 sees th reality today. A worthy prayer is that those who do see this reality be encouraged to marry within the Catholic Church.

Robert P. Formichelli

Indianapolis

Defense of natural family planning

In response to Frances Leone's letter of Aug. 27, "Unrealistic Idea About Large Families," I write in defense of natural family planning (NFP).

Too many people turn up their noses at the idea of NFP because they believe it is as safe as playing Russian routlett. NFP is not the rhythm method. NFP is reliable and effective. Granted it has a possibility of error, but so do all artificial contraceptives.

Practicing NFP requires a commitment.

The married couple must practice the method together. It requires knowledge and awareness as well as sacrifice. But it does not require a doctor's prescription or insurance

Being committed to NFP as well as to God and each other has strengthened my own marriage. When we considered 20 years of fertility. I could not bear the thought of being a slave to a pill and the resulting side effects. I am not saying I am any better than those who choose artificial contraception, but I must defend natural family planning.

I applaud Archbishop Buechlein for his columns on "Humane Vitae." We need to hear more of these messages from him and our priests. A perfect Scripture reflection for this topic is last Sunday's second reading. "Do not conform yourselves to this age, within the professional section of the second reading to the second reading the second reading." rather be transformed by a renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's will" (Rom 12.2).

I admit I once thought that birth control was acceptable, necessary and moral. Yet the closer I grew to God I knew I could not continue those beliefs. To call myself a Catholic, I had to believe as a Catholic

As Christians, we are called to walk a different path than those of this world. We do so for our own salvation and to bring others to salvation. We must stand up for what is right and stand against that whi wrong. We do so not to prove our own piety but to free ourselves and others from the slavery of sin

Let us shake off our complacency. Let us pray, meditate, reflect and repent. Our nation has lost the status of being one nation under God. All of us are to blame for we turned our heads and kept our mouths closed as sin slowly took over our country. Let us begin our journey back to God by discarding the birth control mentality.

Christa Hoyland

Put wills in line with God's plan

Archbishop Buechlein's Aug. 13 column on natural family planning points and guides to the right spiritual direction and puth for married couples. If we put our wills in line with God's plan for us, we are capable of the puth before the puth with the puth before the puth of the puth with the puth with the puth with the puth before the puth with the pu of a lot more than we think.

I am one of nine children. Seven of the nine achieved master's degrees or beyond in their educations. I also have nine children of my own (one who has graduated from college and is married, three in college, two in Catholic high school and three in Catholic

Through prayers and the sacraments that our faith provides, we can be given the graces needed to refresh our bodies, minds and spirits so they can give us energy needed for love and attention for each child.

All the material things and conveniences are not as important as what you can teach and give your children about the interior qualities such as honesty, trust, giving of self, etc.

The contraceptive mentality does say "no" to God's will and his creative possibility, and "yes" to what I want for myself. This leaves one not being open and challenged in faith to the potential and growth one could fulfill.

The effects of contraception

In response to Earl J. Clausson's letter (Aug. 13) in which he asked the difference (Aug. 13) in which he asked the difference between artificial birth control and natural family planning since the end result is the same. I must ask him a question. What's the difference when he had not been a mount? I sint the end result the same? I must also the model are amount? I sint the end result the same? Ignoring God's will carries severe consequences, both for the sinner and for society. The case for artificial birth control vs. The case for artificial birth control read and the same and the same and the society has the control the material act is considered cheap enter-tainment. Women are considered easy partners and "points" on a boy's record.

The marlai act is considered cheap enter-tainment. Women are considered easy partners and "points" on a boy's record. Resulting children are butchered mercilessly. Men no longer know where they fit in a family, and frequently abandon their old partners and their own children. Assaults, rapes and teen-age promiscuity have skyrocketed since artificial birth control has "freed" in "Sophisticated" people. Tell me, do these results honor God? Does he glory in the blood of innocent children because they had the nerve to live at a time inconvenient for their sophisticated parents? I think not! God ended men and women with much cod created men and women with much honor of joining him in the creation of this precious children (Note that I said "husband and wife," not boy friend, girl friend, acquaintance, etc.)

and wife," not boy friend, girl friend, acquaintance, de-acquaintance, the boy friend, girl friend, acquaintance, the first little grows would not destroy us. Our souls and hearts are bound up in nurturing and caring for life. To bear children is the greatest honor in the world. In this respect, the angels envy us. Though not all women are called to bear children. God made women to protect, love, nurture and care for life. While we were also made to give pleasure to one man, if married to him, we are not playthings for the opposite sec. Our reproductive systems have their function, delicately meshed with our bodies and lives, down to our basic chemical make-up.

We were not made as a convenience to be chemically altered, used for fun, and tossed aside when pregnant, not pretty enough, or not "fun" anymore. Nor were we made to have our children fathered and butchered or

As a woman, artificial birth control says to me, "I want your body, but not your child. Don't waste my time on (yuck) fertility cycles, romance, or, heaven forbid, communication! Just make sure you keep the body and libido of a 16-year-old, so I can stay interested. Here, try some pornography so you don't have any 'accidents! Hey, I'm a responsible guy. I'll even give you 5000 to get not of any progrances." rid of any pregnancies."

Gee, what girl could resist an attitu

For men, the ABC message is even less flattering. How does this sound to a ma who was made in the image and likene

'You're just an animal with instincts. You "You're just an animal with instincts. You can't control yourself, so neuter yourself. You can't be a father. You aren't smart enough, rich enough or free enough from work demands to raise a family. Your children are a source of pollution on the earth. You have no rights sa father. If's a women's thing, But out! You're nothing but a slave to nise. a slave to passion.

And you "sophisticated" people fall for these degrading lies? As children of God, how do you stand for this slavery? Artificial birth control is based on fear,

absence of faith, selfishness, and cow ardice lt is a tragedy that this isn't known to many who have had these lies pounded into them since grade school. These people will uneasily swallow any diabolical garbage as fast as their peers, teachers, and even parents toss at them.

Artificial birth control is dangerous to men and women. How hard it is to remain virtuous when the lustful force birth control on you and demand the mantal act from you as a reward for their "responsibility" faste to "fixe" you so you won' bear a child. After all, this mortal sin won't "hur"; you—except to kill your immortal soul, and wound your God, who lowes you more passonately than any husband or "lover" ever could.

Chemical companies certainly grow

any husband or 'lover' ever could.

Chemical companies certainly grow rich on the loss of your souls through their neutering devices. What do they care about ruined lives, dead and handicapped children, AID5, teen-age promiscuity or even death to women as long as business is good? Hey, they even have a built-in advertiser called Planned Parenthood installed in our schools.

As for the "side effects" of barrenness, high blood pressure, AID5, cancer, and others that will show up in the future, expect to hear. "Whoops! Don't blame us. We ddin't know any better."

To a birth control company women are only "ovaries to stop." Their future health does not concern them. Victims of this narrow view are, sodly, not hard to find.

Where is God in all of this? He's been shoved out of your families, and been

where is dod in all of this? He s been shoved out of your families, and been traded for Planned Parenthood and and and the state of the state of the state of the feel close to him. They've taken his greatest gift, crushed it and thrown the pieces in his face. Artificial birth preven-ion does not honor God. It wounds him

How long does God's heart have to bleed from these massive abuses of his love for us before we wake up?

before we wake up?

Natural family planning is very different from artificial birth prevention. Husband and wife study the wife's fertility cycles. During the several days before and the few days after the wife's fertile days, if a couple isn't ready for children, they find different ways to communicate their love. It is a renewed courship time.

This period of abstinence leads to the discovery of deeper dimensions of each other and of God. It develops true love and strong faith that leads to growth and strength of marriage, not just addiction to physical pleasure.

If the guidelines are followed, natural

If the guidelines are followed, natural family planning is 98 percent effective to

family planning is six percent emertive to prevent pregnancy.

Since the three-way communication with God, husband and wife is unique to each family, no one can say how many children to give life to. The Catholic Church never has. She does, however, require that we keep ourselves open to God's gift of life in

marriage.

NFP is completely reversible, with no ill effects for husband, wife, or children. It is not expensive, and is a lot more private than artificial birth prevention. It enhances and builds marriage. It is based on courage, love and faith in God. It is extiting! It is an adventure! It's God gift to us!

No, the end results are not the same. You don't honor God by treating people as tools. Love God. Love his children. Obey his will. Artificial birth prevention is not worth the loss of your health, family, self-respect—or

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The beauty of grandparents

There is a conspiracy afoot in the media to fool us into thinking that once you're a senior fool us into thinking that once you're a senior citizen your time is mostly taken up with retaining youth and beauty. Commercials

beauty. Commercials demonstrate grecian formula and wrinkle creams at the top of their lungs, and svelte oldsters flashing perfect tans on a tennis court are paraded before us

are paraded before as constantly.

But hey, we know that sessions are actually having saggy upper-arm contests and trying to figure out how to eat com on the cob with so few of their original than the common to the cob with so few of their original than the common to the cob with so few of their original than the common to the cob with so few of their original than the common to the cob with so few of their original than the common to the common than the com

com on the cob with so few of their original teeth. They're shopping for roomy shoes and elastic waists and chewing gum that doesn't stick to bridgework. Nevertheless, there is something to be said for the gutsiness of wearing shorts when your varicose veins have varicose veins, or jogging down the street next to

guys not burdened by 42-inch tummies This is called Senior Pride, or more likely I-don't-give-a-darn

The fact is, the most important people in seniors' lives don't give a darm how they look, either. These people are called grand-

When remembering grandparents, it's hard to think of them in terms of physical beauty. In fact, it's laughable.

beauty, in fact, it's laughable.

Grandma was a big lady who always had a food stain on her ample chest and a kindly smile on her face. She had wispy hair pulled back in a knot, rough hands, and shoes that ran over on the sides. But when I was with her I knew that I was safe, that I was going to have fun, and that I was an OK kid.

to have run, and that I was an OK kid.

Grandpa wasn't exactly Gregory Peck, either. He was bald and kind of stooped over and Grandma would've made two of him in any direction. But he always had a stick of Juicy Fruit gum for me in his pocket and a lap to sit in while reading the funnies.

My step-grandma on the other side was also a large lady, but the resemblance to Grandma ended there. For one thing, she

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dalous enough for those times, she usually had one, half-smoked, dangling from the corner of her mouth while she did all the things grandmas do: sew, cook, hug. The incongruity of this only struck me after l

grew up.

The other grandpa was handsome, quiet and stem. Although I was half-afraid of him when I was small, I learned to value his straight-arrow character and his ability to make or fix anything there was around a house. He also turned out to be a

Today, we and our friends are trying hard to uphold the tradition. We boast thinning hair and wattles and unconcealable areas of chub. We walk funny and gasp after going up a flight of stairs. We do our best.

We must be doing a pretty good job, because the "grands" get that "You're glad to see me" look when we appear. And the

check-it-out...



Clayton Barbeau, Catholic family counselor and author from San Francisco, will speak Sept. 20 at 7:30 pm. in Schafer Hall of St. Mark Church, 6047 South East St. His topic for the evening will be "Patterns of Relating," Sarbeau is the author of several video programs. He has touched and changed thousands of people's lives with his remarkable insights on relationships and coping with lite today. This is an inter-generational program for teenagers and adults. The event is open to the public. No admission fee but a free will offering will be accepted. Free on-site child care will be provided. For more information, call Providence Sister Manilyn Herber at 317:784-755 or Patricia Mayer at 317:784-7051.

or Patricia Mayer at 3117-784-7051.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Kevin Barry Division, will hold an Irish Concert featuring the world renowned Barley Bree, on Sept. 19. Indianapolis' own Irish Airs will open the concert which begins with a cocktail hour at 1 pm. followed by showtime at 2 pm. Admission is 512. The concert will be held in Cathedral High School Auditorium, 5225 East 56th St. To reserve a seat, call Steve Jamell or Susan Lord at 317-53-3494.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center is sponsoring a walk for bereaved parents and their families, friends and neighbors, to help create and cherish memories of their departed loved ones. The eighth annual "Walk to Remember," will be held on Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. Please RSVP by at 317-781-1281.

St. Meinrad Archabbey Library St. Meinrad Archabbey Library will feature an exhibit of prints by Brother Paul Quenon until Sept. 30. The exhibit is open to the public. The photographs depict scenes of monastic life from Cisterian monasteries in the United States. Brother Paul has been a monk of the Abbey of Gethseman in Kentucky for the Abbey of Gethseman in Kentucky for Moral Triday from 8-11:30 a.m. and y phru Friday from 8-11:30 a.m. dip Jun-430 p.m. Call Barbara Crawford at 812-357-501.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers will hold its 26th annual Chrysan-

themum Ball on Sept. 18. The theme is An Evening with evening will feature both live and silent auctions, dining and dancing, and an appearance by the clusive Phantom of the opera. All proceeds from the evening will benefit the St. Francis Employee Education Endowment Fund which proopportunities for St. Francis employees. The evening is open to the public. For more information, call 317-783-8300.

Roncalli High School, class of 1973. will hold its 20th reunion on Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the school. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call Kathy Jackson Able at

Catholic Social Services needs volunteers to respond to calls from pregnant women in need. They also need volunteers twice a month to prepare layettes. A training session is scheduled for Sept. 29 and 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center. Babysitting is available. For more information, call 317-236-1550.

Marian College will host "A Day for Catechetical Leaders and Youth Ministers," on Sept. 25 from 9 a.m to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. The workshop will offer topics such as catechism, Catholic traditions, theology of the church and lesson planning for religious education. For more information, call the Office of Catholic Education at 317-236-1430.

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Kathleen Murmane, a parishioner at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, was one of eleven At-One-Ment Associates commissioned in Graymoor. New York Currently working on an masters degree in adult education, she will serve for one year with the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at St. Christopher's Inn., a temporary shelter for homeless and needy men.



Father Otto Schellenberger will celebrate Father Otto Schellenberger will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish of St. Mary, Lanesville on Sept. 19 at 1 pm. to Commemorate S0 years of the priesthood. A reception hosted by his family will follow in the school hall. All friends and family members are invited Father Otto was born in Lanesville. members are invited. Father Otto was born in Lanesville, the son of Henry and Agnes Schellenberger. He attended St. Meinrad Seminary, and after three years, he transferred to the seminary for the Divine Word Missionaries in Illinois and was ordained there in 1942. He has served such areas as New Chimes, Australia, and New Zenland. New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand.

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Terre Haute Charities fix food for flood victims

by David W. Delaney

Catholic Charities of Terre Haute has prepared hundreds of meals for people of North Terre Haute who were victims of the recent flash flood.

"The recent flash flood."
"The meals have been great," said Carol Anderson. She said the food program had helped a lot of people afford Otter Creek flowed over its banks and destroyed parts of many homes in her neighborhood.

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"The Lord brings us tragedies so we can remember how good we had it," she

Carol Stevens, executive director of the Wabash Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, said her agency had been using commercial vendors. But now they are receiving nutritious meals at a substantial savings through John Etling, director of Catholic Charities of Terre

Haute.

For the past few weeks, the Red Cross has been serving meals from Catholic Charities around the lunch hour. About 125 people take advantage of the program each day.

"They are nutritious meals at a reasonable price," said Stevens. The decision was made to work with Catholic

Charities after the Red Cross learned that the disrupted families would need food for a long period of time.

The ones I've talked to really appre-it (the meals)," said flood victim Thompson. Many residents are

We don't have water to cook or do dishes," she said. "Some people lost everything in their basements, like washers and dryers and furnaces."

Thompson said that she is now back in her residence after having spent two days in a motel. She said one of her neighbors has lived in the area 57 years and had never seen Otter Creek overflow like it

"The food really helped us out," said Charlotte Haworth, another victim of the flooding. "They were hot meals and real

Cora Session is in charge of meal preparation at Ryves Hall Youth Center, where the meals are fixed from 8 to 11:30 a.m. each day.

"We've served about 1,120 meals so far," said center director Jim Edwards, at the end of the first week. The food goes out in large, insulated cases to keep them

Edwards said that some of the food is from Gleaners Food Bank and its net-work, which reaches other states. He said that some of those who prepare food at the Ryves center are members of a neighborhood Baptist church.

"I think this service is a natural progression of what Catholic Charities already does," said Edwards. "It's a service to those in need."



FLOOD FOOD—Red Cross helpers Don Clay, from Bloomington (from left), and Mark Frame from New Castle, look up from the meals they are picking up for flood victims. The food has been prepared by Cora Sessions and her kitchen staff at Ryves Hall Youth Center in Terre Haute. (Photo by David W. Delaney)

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Dutstanding school teachers, religious educators of children and adults, and administrators have been named as exemplary providers of Catholic education by their parishes and the deanery secondary school, Chatard High School.

North Deanery board officers will give each honored educator a certificate of achievement, a flower and a nameplate to be added to the North Deanery Outstanding Educator plaque

Archbishop's Masses

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, is scheduled to celebrate noon Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on two Wed-

Peter and Paul Cathedral on two Wed-nesdays; Oct. 6 and Nov. 3.

All those who are able to come to 14th and Meridian Street for these liturgies are welcome to join the assembly. There is an elevator on the north die of the building with access to the dewalk from the

Father James Byrne, pastor of Imma-culate Heart, will preside at the cere-mony. Carey Landry, a former recipient of the award, is scheduled to provide

After the liturgy, a reception will be held for the honorees and their guests.

Former principal charged with theft

Paul Loviscek, former principal of All Saints School in Indianapolis, was formally charged last week with three counts of theft.

Loviscek was principal of the school from August 1988 until his dismissal July 12, 1993. He was responsible for management of the school and its annual budget.

What seemed to be unauthorized appro-priations were found when the newly-created internal auditing office of the archdiocese conducted a routine review this summer. The Indianapolis Police Depart-ment was notified on July 13.

The archdiocese and the staff of All Saints School and its board of education have

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cooperated fully in the investigation. All Saints is a consolidated eler school serving four West Deanery parishes

PORNOGRAPHY PROTESTERS—A WRTV Channel 6 security guard watches as protesters refresh themselves with glasses of lemonade supplied by the ABC affiliate station. The peaceful, but hot, demonstration against the network's new fall show "NYPD Blue" took place in Indianapolis on Aug. 30. Protesters described the police action show as "soft porn" and urged, "Don't let prime time become slime time!" WRTV reporter Tracey Horth interviewed some of the protesters and reported on the demonstration for the Channel 6 evening news. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

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Pope has advice for winners and losers during his trip to Lithuania

by Agostino Bono Catholic News Service

VILNIUS, Lithuania— During Pope John Paul II's first trip to the former S he offered advice to the winners and losers of the Cold War.

the Cold War.

The pope asked the winners to be forgiving and warned them that the end of one set of problems brings the start of new ones. He appealed to the losers to adapt to the changed social reality through "sincere conversion and, if necessary, explation."

The pope expressed joy at being able to make the Sept. 4-10 trip to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, at "an epoch-making turning point" as the three nations undergo transition to democracy.

point" as the three nations undergo transi-tion to democracy.

He said he had wanted to make the trip since the start of his papacy 15 years ago, when the three Baltic countries were firmly gripped by communist rulers.

Repeatedly, the pope warned that the

switch to democracy is not easy and needs Christian moral principles and social values

Christian moral principles and social values to smooth the way.

Although the church's social doctrine is crucial in this rebuilding, priests must avoid involvement in party poilines and in direct governance, he said.

The pope said that decades of atheistic education will make the church's role

Correction: It's the Baltics, not Balkans

The headline on last week's Page 1 article about the pope's visit to the three Balkan countries indvertently referred to the Balkan countries. The error was repeated on the headline on the runover on page 9. Honest, we do know the difference between the Balkas. We are desired to the moment Balkans. We apologize for the momen-tary lapse.—Editor

religion."

The framework of the pope's advice was quickly established during the Sept. 4-8 stay in the heavily Catholic Lithuania. It is the only republic of the former Soviet Union where Catholicism is the historically prediction of the former stables.

where Catholicism is the historically pre-dominant religion.

"There must be neither winners nor losers but rather men and women who need to be helped to leave error behind," he told Lithuaman priests and religious Sept 4. "After every significant social upheaval, man bears scars both in patterns of behavior and in his soul," the pope added. The Baltic countries separately declared independence during the 1990-01 period when the communist hold on Soviet power was weakening.

The pope punctuated his calls with symbolic visits to sites associated with religious and political persecution during the decades of communist rule.

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On Sept. 5 be visited Antakalnis Cemetry in the capital of Vibrius to pray at the tombs of 18 people killed by Soviet troops in 1991 during the independence fight.

While praising them as "martrys of Lithuania," the peops said he was also traving, as a sign of torgiveness, for the dead under the "rehibstones without crosses," a reference to the communist leaders buried in another section of the cemetery.

The pope also celebrated a Sept.7 Mass on the Hill of Crosses, a centurie-sold pigrimage size where Catholics put up crosses at night to replace the ones tom down by communists during the day.

During a Sept. 5 Mass at Vingis Park in Vitinus, a size of major railies during the largest and most dominant republic to emerge from the splintering of the Soviet Union.

Post-independence relations have be-

Post-independence relations have be-come tense over political and economic issues tied to the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Speaking in Russian after the Mass, the pope sent "special greetings to neighboring Russia" and offered prayers to "help Russia to find peace both inside and outside her bender".

Joaquin Navarro-Valls, Vatican spokes-man, interpreted as a positive sign the clapping that emerged from among the 80,000 people after the pope's Russian

This signals that "Lithuanians are open to being at peace with their neighbor," Navarro-Valls said.

Navarro-Valls said.

Also on Sept. 5, the pope dealt with the
thorny issue of the sizeable ethnic Russian
population still living in the Baltic countries.

Controversies have arisen as to whether they
should be granted citizenship, especially the
civilians who came as upport people for the
Soviet mulitary and now wish to stay.

The consequence of the control of th

The pope noted the problem and the bad feelings tied to the Lithuanian definition of Soviet troops as an occupation force.

The Vatican "recognizes the aspirations of citizens of Russian origin who ask to be able to enjoy their human rights in their country of residence," the pope told foreign

among all parties and a rejection of the spirit of revenge" and the "temptation to obtain by force that which can only be stablished in a lasting manner through established in a lasting m good sense and negotiations.

Diplomats from democratic countries were encouraged to provide economic and political aid to the Baltics to ease the transition. This aid must be based on the needs of the Baltic countries and not on the self-interests of the donor, the pope said.

The exercise of democracy require turity and a long and patient internship,

In a talk to academics immediately aft diplomatic encounter, the pope strongly imed against the defects of democracy.

"Totalitarianisms of opposite tendencies and unsound democracies have plagued the history of our century," the pope said. Democracies "exhibit enormous contradictions between the formal recognition of freedom and human rights and the many

social injustices and discriminations they tolerate," he added.

The risk in democratic regimes is to become a system of rules insufficiently rooted" in human values and "ethical responsibility," said the pope.

The church "continues to oppose those models of society which, in the name of supposed rights to freedom, do not adequately protect unborn human life and the dignity of the most vulnerable social classes," he said.

In a Sept. 6 meeting with the Lithe hierarchy, he warned of a "practical materialism which attacks the very roots of religious experience

In several speeches, the pope said that creating a Christian social awareness is a main task of the Lithuanian church.

The pope urged priests to develop this vareness, but to avoid partisan involvement in politics, leaving this task to the laity

At the meeting with the Lithuanian bishops, the pope said updating the clergy and lay formation are priorities if the church is to help physically rebuild society and spiritually revive souls.

During the communist decades, the local church was isolated from the universal church and frozen in a pre-World War II

The pope encouraged contacts with international Catholic lay movements so that branches can be established to develop programs for youths, adults and families.

At a Sept. 6 youth rally, the pope urged young people to join lay movements being established in Lithuania and saw these as a of curbing the spread of sects. With the end of religious restrictions, sects have been growing, causing worry for the bishops.

Also during the visit to Lithuania, the Associating the visit to Lithuana, use pope began outlining the need for ecumeni-cal cooperation in the rebuilding of Baltic societies, a theme he planned to develop more during the visits to Latvia and Estonia, where there is greater religious pluralism.

Lutheranism, Orthodoxy and Catholicism are the main religions in the Baltics.

At the Sept. 5 meeting with academics, the pope called ecumenical and interreli-gious dialogue an important "sign of the times" calling believers "to work together for the good of humanity."

The Vatican interpreted as a positive sign for improving Catholic-Orthodox relations the presence of a representative of the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow to the papal events, said Navarro-Valls

The representative, Archpriest Ghiorghij jabletscv, was present at numerous papa vents and sat in a place of honor on the altar platform during several papal Masses.

At the Sept. 5 Mass, the pope's remarks in assian included a reference to the "historical importance and the significance" of the Orthodox Church in Russia. There have been Catholic-Russian Orthodox tensions since The Orthodox Church has complained that Catholics are trying to proselytize its members. This has been denied by Catholic officials, who pledged to consult Orthodox leaders about their pastoral programs.

Clinton meets with religious leaders

WASHINGTON (CNS)-President Clin ton asked an ecumenical group of religious leaders to help create a national sense of common purpose.

That does not mean that we have to imize our diversity, pretend that we don't have deep convictions or run away from our honest disagreements," he said Aug. 30. "It means that we must find a way to talk with respect with one another about those things with which we disagree and to find that emotional as well as the intellectual freedom to work together who

Among those attending the interfaith breakfast at the White House for about 100 religious leaders were four Catholic bishops, the president of the University of Notre and administrators of half a dozen Catholic organizations ranging from Net work to the U.S. bishops' Campaign for Human Development.

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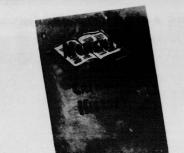
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6,000 faithful from 125 faiths meet to solve problems of the planet

by Heidi Schlumpf Kezmoh

CHICAGO—An opening ceremony marked by colorful dress, colorful language and colorful ritual signaled the start of the Parliament of the World's Religions Aug. 28

in Chicago.

A Catholic cardinal dressed in red sat next to a Buddhist monk wearing orange. Blessings were offered in a variety of tongues. The types of headdress alone included nurs' habis, symulikes, turbans, veils and an elaborate Egyptian headpiece.

Some 6,000 religious leaders and faithful representing 125 faiths came from around the world for the parliament, which com-

memorates the first World Parliament of Religions held a century ago in Chicago. Organizers are calling the 1993 event "the greatest gathering leaders in history itest gathering of religious and spiritual

leaders in history."

After an almost hourlong procession of religious leaders—accompanied by the chanting of Drepung Loseling monks, organ music by Chicago Music of the Barroque and traditional ceremonial music by Native Americans—no fewer than 11 invocations were offered by representatives of Budd-hism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Sikhism, Bahaism and Hinduisn

Yet despite the evident diversity, the speakers at the opening ceremony main-tained a common theme—that the world's eligions should work together to help solve roblems of the plane

"May this opening of the parliament and this opening of hearts confirm the deepest teachings of the world's religions," said Daniel Gomez-Ibanez, executive director of the parliament's organizing council. "And may we come together again and again and again in harmony and in peace.

Many made their prayers to "the god of many names" and spoke of humanity as one family

Nearly all spoke of bringing peace to a world filled with conflict. "If warfare and that it violates the spirit and basis of all religion," said Wilma Ellis of the Spiritual Assembly of Bahai

Assembly of Bahai. In his invocation, Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago gave thanks for the spirit of cooperation that began at the first parliament in 1893. "Yet despite the historic and bold efforts of our predecessors and those who carry on our mission, our world still, suffice from models ones." still suffers from intolerance, violence, poverty and injustice," he said.

"So as we remember the past, we recommit ourselves in the spirit of the faithful who have gone before us to building better cooperation and harmony of humankind," he said.

Among the other notable Catholics scheduled to give presentations during the parliament's 12 plenary sessions and nearly 800 other programs were Helen Alvare, 800 other programs were Helen Alvare, director of planning and information for the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activi-ties; theologian Father Hans Kung Bishop Willy Romelus of Jeremse, Hait; retired Archbishop Francesco Giota of Camerino-Son Saverino Marche, representing the Vatican; and members of the National Council of Catholic Women and the Focolare

movement.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta had been scheduled to attend, but ill health powented her from traveling to Chicago, "I know that your work is very important because you are working for the glory of God and for the good of the whole world," she said in.

good or the whole world, she said h. a message expressing her regrets. At the first plenary session Aug. 28, Robert Muller, former deputy secretary general of the United Nations, called for a "spiritual renaissance" in the world.

The world now stands at a turning point in human history, on the "eve of a new age," he said. "We are entering an age of universalism. The whole humanity is becom-

universaism: The woole numarity is exconing interdependent, becoming one.

"We need not just a political new world
order, but a new spiritual order for the third
millennium," Muller said. "Let all the
religions work on what they have in
common. And what divides them, put aside
for the very end."

His address was followed by responses from representatives of 12 religious traditions, including Zoroastrian, Native American, Chinese and African-American.

can, Chinese and African-American.

The theme of religious unity continued at a sunrise Christian service held Aug. 29 at 5t. Peter Catholic Church in the Loop. The service was co-sponsored by the Archdicese of Chicago and the Illinois Conference of Churches.

In his sermon, the Rev. John Buchanan of nicago's Fourth Presbyterian Church warned against religious exclusivism—"the propensity to portray our news as the only news" by those claiming to have "the truth

'Call it fanaticism or fundamentalism, it has tragically come to define our era," Buchanan said. "Absolute truth has been the prelude to real tragedy in history and, unfortunately, in the present

untortunately, in the present."
Closing ceremonies Sept. 5 in Chicago's
Grant Park included a speech by the Dalai
Lama, exiled spiritual and temporal leader of
Bleet, a "concert for the 21st century"
featuring Kenny Loggins and Arlo Guthrie,
and the presentation of the parliaments'
document, "Declaration of a Global Ethic."



RELIGION PARLIAMENT—Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin addresses the opening session of the Parliament of World Religions Aug. 28. The gathering in Chicago included 800 essions on topics of interest to participants from 125 religions. ICNS photo by Frank Casella.

Church is groping for firm role in new civil rights movement

by Nancy Frazier O'Brien Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Thirty years after the Rev. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech at the Aug. 28, 1963, March on Washington, the Catholic Church is groping for a firm role in the new and much more broadly based civil rights movement.

Catholics were strongly represented in the 1960s civil rights community. Priests' collars and nuns' habits were visible at the 1963 march, which drew nearly a quarter of a million people, and at other desegregation battle points of the 1960s South.

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But the 30th anniversary march on the theme "Jobs, Justice and Peace" had little official Catholic involvement and brought out just 75,000 people to march on behalf of dozens of issues that included the North American Five Trade Agreement, AIDS, federal drug sentencing laves, the disabled and soldiers missing after the Vietnam War

Auxiliary Bishop Leonard J. Olivier Austhiary bishop Exhiately 1, Oniver of washington addressed the gathering as a representative of the Washington Archicese, but the U.S. Catholic Conference had no formal participation. The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice is the only Catholic member of the executive

the only Cartonic melither of use executive committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, which sponsored the march. Issues in the 1993 march included "everything but Sumo wrestling," said ferome B. Ernst, executive director of the Catholic interracial justice conference. There's a lack of focus, and as a result the core issue of interracial justice is not getting the attention it needs."

Although the Catholic Church has continued its historical support of the civil rights community, "that's become harder to do as it lost its focus," Ernst added. "There's too much in the little red wagon for it to pull much.

much."

Ronald G. Jackson, a former official of the Urban League who now works in the Urban League who now works in the Urban and World Peace, says the church "has clearly been positioned against any acts that discriminate against morities" and "supdiscriminate against minorities" and "sup-ports issues that will assist minorities to be rotected from discrimination.

But in the current era on the national "there isn't any pressing civil rights" to rally around, Jackson said.

Although it also monitors the impact of federal legislation and Supreme Court decisions on the civil rights movement, the church's main role in fighting discrimination these days is through its community service programs and schools in the inner city—the "kind of hands-on, results-oriented activity that one can measure," the USCC official

A recent example of that kind of activity he added, was in Los Angeles, where at the urging of Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, the church is playing a key role in efforts at revitalization and reconciliation after the city's racial violence in the summer of 1992.

Ernst of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice said the new frontier for civil rights activity should be in working for institutional changes.

While much of the public sentiment is institutions continue to operate largely as they did in the past," he said. Among those institutions, he counts the Catholic Church.

Various projects initiated by the inter the church "more inclusive institutionally in its employment practices, purchasing and banking policies and liturgical and cultural expression, Ernst said.

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Videos can give good family viewing choices

by Henry Herx

The videocassette recorder is a home entertainment medium that the public took to in the late 1970s almost as enthusiastically as it did television in the late 1940s. wanted to watch it.

If it was inconvenient to see a program when it was scheduled to air, the show could be taped and watched whenever one had the time for it.

As an added benefit, if the program proved really good, it



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But VCRs gave families yet another choice they had never had. In addition to taping programs off the air, they could choose from a wide variety of prerecorded tapes available in the video stores that began blossoming across the country in the early 1980s

With VCRs in three out of every four of the nation's evision households, the movie industry has found an television households, the movie entirely new market for its theatrical fare.

During the 1980s, the home-video audience began providing the 1908s, the nome-video audience began providing the movie companies with more than twice the revenue collected at U.S. theater box offices. In dollar figures, that amounted to some \$10.2 billion in video rentals during 1991

And for anyone who likes movies, the video medium has proved an unquestionable boon—especially for families.

Taking the family out to an occasional movie is an expensive proposition today. But then there are blessed few releases these days that one would want the family to see.

That's where the video store really pays off. Instead of being limited to whatever the current fashion in movie fright nights and sex frolics happen to the playing in local theaters, VCR families can select from thousands of movie titles, first released in the more distant past and in the near pres

With the enormous number of movies on video, how can

you find one worth taking home—unless you know exactly what it is you want to see? Here are some suggestions:

Make a list of movies you and your family members would like to share Start with those movies family members. recall as their favorites in their younger years, and then see which ones have appeal to more than one generation and which ones are too narrow or hopelessly dated.

Find reading material that provides information about other movies that might enrich their family's entertainment. Leonard Maltin's "TV Movies and Video Guide," "Video-Hound's Golden Movie Retriever" and "HBO's Guide to Movies on Videocassette and Cable TV" are good starting

"A Movie and Video Guide for Families," which contains value-laden capsule reviews and the U.S. Catholic Conference classifications as well as the industry ratings for some 6,000 movies, may also provide sound guidance.

Many newspapers and some magazines also carry information about old and new movies as they are released on video. Your diocesan newspaper may carry Catholic News Service video reviews, which is also available in the CNS

➤ Resist the tendency to rent whatever is on the shelves when the video store doesn't have the title you're seeking. Taking a chance on a movie simply on the basis of the cover's description—written to entice you, not to provide sound, critical guidance-is no choice at all.

➤If the video you're looking for has been already rented, ask the store to reserve it for you when it is returned

►If the video store doesn't have the movie you've con after, ask the manager to check on whether it is currently available on tape. If it is, ask whether the store will order it for you, borrow from another store or purchase it as a new rental. you, borrow from another store or purchase it as a less relative to the local public library, many of which have growing video collections, especially of family fare.

➤ Tape those on your list that are not available in video, but a aired on television.

One reason for making your list of movie choices is to assist ou in building your own home library of movie videos. Just as it is important for every family to have a library of books with which their children can grow in reading, so too it is necessary for parents to consider what they will have in their video library to enrich their children's viewing as they grow toward maturity.

If you don't have such a library of good family viewing now is a good time to start. It is the best way of teaching your children what good movies are before they develop an unquenchable taste for trash

(Henry Herx is director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for

Auxiliary Bishop Fisher of Los Angeles dies of cancer

LOS ANGELES (CNS) Los Angeles died Sept. 2 from the cancer he had been battling since 1991. He was 47.

Bishop Fisher was United States. one of 11 active black bishops in the

"Although I am still the youngest bishop in California, death is not discouraging for me. My life has been full, and I can hardly wait to be with my God," Bishop Fisher told Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles shortly before he died

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a statement, Cardinal Mahony said, "Bishop Fisher was blessed by his God with innumerable virtues and attes. As a person and as a bishop, his entire life radiated y and excitement. Just being with him created a sense of enthusiasm and joy—a contagious spirit of delight in being a disciple of lesus Christ."

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Modern parish relies on help from lay ministers



about it, check their motivation for serving, and be ready to face human difficulties connected with the church. (CNS photo by Gene Plaisted from The Crosiers)

Pastoral staff looks different now

by David Gibson

There are reasons why the education parishes offer is not directed solely to children and teen-agers today, and those reasons help explain why the look of the parish staff is different from 30 years ago.

parish staff is different from 30 years ago. Adult Catholics are encouraged not only to fulfill roles within the church that were unfamiliar to their counterparts three decades ago, but also to live their Christian values in a couplex society not always particularly receptive to them.

The level of active participation in the church that adults now are familiar with—active leadership in exangelization *#forts, for example—calls for education.

DISCUSSION POINT

After carming a degree in psychology and religion. Pain taught for a while in a Catholic high school, which connected her with the diocesan youth ministry network. A parish priest noticed her competence and enthusiasm for youth work and invited her to become the full-time youth minister at his parish. She accepted readily.

Now, six years later, from the paint of the parish she accepted readily. Now, six years later, from the parish she oversees a year-round program which involves hundreds of high school youth, young adults and volunteers. The program combines spiritual growth, religious education, social awareness and fun.

Young posple are encouraged to take leadership roles in the liturgy and other parish activities. There is an annual youth retreat and twice-monthly gatherings for pizza and group discussions about faith. Teets regularly visit an innerective parish to begin children.

by H. Richard McCord Jr.

help children.

"When I arrived here," Pam recalled,
"this parish was not a kids' place. They
didn't feel welcome. Now I think they
realize it's their church too. Parents tell
me how much difference they see in their

me how much difference they see in their teen-agers.

Pam's story is part of a larger story about the emerging shape and direction of parish ministry. Specifically, if a story of how, in less than a generation, the typical parish staff moved from being composed of several priests to having one composed of several priests to having one staff of lay people and women efficiency staff of lay people and women efficiency to the proper services of the proper services of the pro-ting of the proper services.

The change has been beneficial, acc to a recent national study by the National Pastoral Life Center under the direction of Father Philip J. Murnion. The study, "New Parish Ministers," reached some interesting

and hopeful conclusions:

-There are about 20,000 lay people and -There are about 20,000 lay people and religious-order members employed as parshs ministers by half of the 19,800 U.S. parshes. These ministers do not include the 145,000 lay teachers in Catholic schools and others working in parish maintenance and support positions.

> Eighty-five percent of the new parsh ministers are women, about 60 percent of whom are lay women, with the remainder religious sisters. Lay men account for 15 percent of parish ministers. There are practically no religious brothers on staffs.

> More than half of these lay and religious staff members have a master's degree, usually in education or religious difference of the control of the co

degree, usually in education or religious

►As a group, the women religious tend to be o⊮er, with 40 percent over the age of 60. By contrast, the majority of lay ministers are in their mid-30s to mid-50s.

➤Both lay and religious-order ministers come from solid backgrounds of Catholic

on through groups like Cursillo, Mari ncounter and Renew.

► The position most frequently occupied by these parish ministers is religious education (42 percent), followed by general pastoral ministry (28 percent). Youth ministers account for 7.5 percent of the total.

➤ The new parish ministers experience a lot of satisfaction in their work. In most cases, there seems to be a healthy pattern of relationships among staff members. Most testify that they feel closer to God as a result of their work. And pastors and parishioners rate the new ministers highly.

Parish ministers put in many evening

and weekend hours in addition to a schedule of "office hours" during the week. Their average yearly salary ranges from \$13,000 to \$20,000—which helps to explain why few men or women can use this salary alone to support a family.

Sister Diane is a full-time Christian service and family minister. She began parish ministry after working in a dioces office because she wanted hands-on perience putting ideas into practice and was looking for a situation in which different ministries would function collaboratively. She found both in her parish. "In our staff we build upon and draw out

one another's gifts," she said. "What we do for each other we try to do as a group for the whole parish. One of my greatest joys is helping people to do ministry, seeing them really energized for it." ergized for it.

Jeff has been the religious education jett has been the reigious education director in his parish for 14 years. A husband and father, Jeff brings a family perspective to staff discussions. He asks frequently how parish programs affect life at home, how they help parishioners grow in relationships

All three had advice for persons inter-ested in parish ministry as a career.

"Clearly there's a future in it, so go for it," was Pam's advice. "Young people need significant adults in their lives."

Sister Diane was optimistic, but cautioned that finances are a consideration. "You won't get rich working as a parish minister, but you can be happy," she said. "Parishioners welcome lay leadership."

Jeff posed a few questions. "Do you really care about people? Can you put your heart into the work?" Pastoral staff members need to "pray a lot," he advised. "Check out your motivation for serving, Be ready to face the human difficulties connected with the church. You'll have a future there if you can

(H. Richard McCord Ir. is associate director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Family, Laity Women and Youth.)

Leadership must empower people

the number of priests.

➤The awareness and concern that adults are asked to bring to the world around them also demands a preparation enabling them to envision how justice can be practiced in their society's concrete

Also, the fact that adults today tend to

view education as a lifelong enterprise in other areas of their lives disposes them to expect ongoing educational opportunities related to their faith.

Thus, parishes today quite commonly employ a staff member responsible for adult religious education—a development, as you can see, that is not due solely to a decline in

s a parish staff member, what do you consider the k

m the business manager. . . My job is to free up the to focus on the pastoral needs. To me the key is that paraish staff member sees how his or her particular task into the overall task of the parish. We're a small staff so we really depend on everyone to do whatever needs done." (Tom Martin, Netuari, Del.)

You need to be in touch with the people in the parish. can't work in a vacuum. The other key thing is working by with the pastor. In my position as a music minister I h a lot of flack. So it's important that the parish staff

"Caring, Seeing that people are the central part of what we do as a church. I'm just a simple parish housekeeper. But is someone stops by the rectory and needs a kind word or a nug, I like to provide that." (Jenny McGarry, Bellaire, Ohio)

"The grace of God, because it's really a zoo here in the inner city. We have a lot of problems here or our corner-prosition and drugs, We have contacts with help services all over the city. So as people come in to me for help. I try to see that they get connected with whoever can help them." (Nancy Krisons, Neuari, Del.)

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Priests rely on lay staff

by Fr Lawrence E. Mick

"Hell is other people," said the existentialist philosopher Jean Paul Sartre. In a not-too-distant vein, many pastors have the nen heard to say in recent years that hell is an endless meeting! The rise in the number of meetings attended each month is among the classest serious of chance in the life. clearest signs of change in the life of a pastor after Vatican Council II.

The increase in meetings is a direct result of increased participation by the laity in almost every facet of parish life, including the process of formulating policies and making decisions on many issues. While this making decisions on many issues. While this increased participation is clearly a grace, a pastor nonetheless is blessed if his parishiorers have learned the value of short meetings that are to the point!

I suspect most pastors find some meet-ings burdensome, others helpful and worth-while. Perhaps the most helpful meeting in the pastor's schedule biweekly staff meeting. schedule is the weekly

biweekly staff meeting.

Some parishes, especially small ones,
may not have a full parish staff, but rare
today is the parish where the only paid
minister is the pastor. Some staff members
work full time, others part time and some
may be volunteers. Whatever their status,
they share in the work of the parish in union
with the pastor.

Not many years ago, many priests worked mostly solo or with other priests in the parish. Recent years saw an explosion of parish positions, sometimes filled by religious order members, but mostly by lay people. A parish blessed with a variety of well-trained ministers can make the pastor's job easier and more rewarding.

A director of religious education may coordinate religion classes in the school and after-school classes, direct an adult education program, and work with the pastor on the catechumerate for adults and children planning to join the church.

A Burgy/music director may work wim the parish's worship committee to train liturgical ministers such as Scripture readers, to plan Sunday liturgies, and help teachers prepare for prayer and worship with

A parish financial manager may handle day-to-day office operations, budget projec-tions, bookkeeping, and physical plant management.

management. Such positions can enable the pastor to devote more time to pastoral care, to preaching and other forms of spintual leadership. With the decline in the number of priests, it becomes more and more important that priests use their time for such pastoral ministry. But parish staff members do more than lighten the pastor's load. Staff interaction provides a variety of viewpoints when making decisions and diverse talents for creating and directing parish programs. It is a great help to have staff people who are in touch with parish families, who bring male and female perspectives to a discus-

male and female perspectives to a discussion. These people have personal and professional gifts to offer the parish. The parish benefits from their backgrounds as teachers, businesspersons, union members, homemakers, parents or accountants. The parish benefits from their racial or ethnic background, or from the fact that they are older or vounger.

Another gift a good staff brings to a pastor is a sense of community. As more and more priests live alone, I believe it is important that priests avoid becoming either spiritually or emotionally isolated.

Spiritually or emonorally isolated.

Good parish staff members support each other in ministry. They pray and worship together and socialize together too. In a variety of ways, staff members can help each other do their best, survive difficult situations, and grow in faith and love as members of Christ's body.



PERSPECTIVES-Parish staff members do more than lighten the help to have staff people who are in touch with parish families perspectives to a discussion. (CNS illustration by Caole Lowry)

Parish makes up 'whole Christ'

by Fr. John J. Castelot

Christians were outlaws in the Roman legal system and had to keep a low profile. They couldn't build churches, so they met in homes. The New Testament communities were small, like extended families bound

the extended ramines bound together by love and support.

It was a cooperative venture, with people contributing talents, time and other gifts to the well-being of the whole. As St. Paul wrote: "There are different As St. Paul wrote: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same

but the same Lord (1 Corinthians 12:4-12). Paul likens community members to parts of a human body, different but necessary. All work together to make up the "whole Christ

Today's parishes are sociologically quite different from these early commun-ities, but theologically our 20th-century communities are the same. Each parish is another Christ, a living, pulsating body dependent on the contribution of each member for its life and health.

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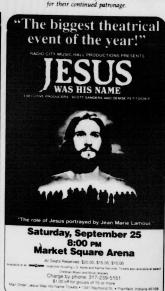
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1.1 PROMOTE GOOD LITURGICAL AND SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

lop specific suggestions for including family units in parish Sunday wor-amental preparation programs as part of the observance of "The Year of

1.1.2 Expand the Liturgical Ministry Formation Program by incorporating it into a mprehensive archdiocesan program for Lay Ministry Formation.

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1.1.3 Determine the liturgical needs of parishes through the distribution and analysis of a questionnaire that will be incorporated into a coordinated process of archdiocesan, leanery, and parish planning.

Worship Director; Secretary for Planning, Communications and Development; Pastoral Councils Director

1.1.4 Review the proposed Archdiocesan Liturgical and Sacramental Policies and re-se as needed.

Worship Director; Religious Education Director; Council of Priests Chair

lune 1995

1.1.5 Develop and distribute six bulletin inserts for the liturgical education of the as-mbly with complementary articles in *The Criterion*.

Worship Director, Criterion Edito

June 1996

1.1.6 Reorganize the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission to be a primary consultative ody in the Secretariat for Spiritual and Secremental Life.

Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life, Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services

lune 1994

1.2 PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1.2.1 Formulate a detailed proposal to provide leadership in the promoting and ordinating of retreat and renewal services in consultation with all retreat centers and renewal movements

Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life; Fatima Retreat House Director

1.2.2 Expand the mission and personnel of Fatima Retreat House and evaluate its fiincial support

Accountability: Fatima Retreat House Director, Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life; Chief Financial Officer

lune 1994

1.2.3 Publicize existing opportunities, facilities, and resources for spiritual renewal.

Accountability: Fatima Director; Communications Director

1.3 NURTURE PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE AND RENEWAL 1.3.1 Encourage increased participation in parish retreats and renewal programs by helping parishes to discern their specific needs.

Accountability: Fatima Retreat House Director

When June 1995

1.3.2 Establish guidelines and provide models for spiritual growth opportunities for

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Forma and Services; Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life

1.3.3 Provide examples of simple prayer forms based on Morning, Evening, and Night Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours and encourage their use at parish meeting other gatherings.

Worship Director

ines to help and encourage parishes and individuals in choosing

Worship Director

June 1996

1.4 SUPPORT THOSE PASTORAL MINISTERS WHOSE PRIMARY ROLE IS TO PROVIDE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

1.4.1 Provide a clear description of the scope and meaning of "spiritual leadership" id its priority on the parish level.

Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life; Ministry Fersonnel Vicar

1.4.2 Evaluate existing programs which address the spiritual and personal growth needs of priests, parish life coordinators, and pastoral associates, and propose new pro-grams as needed.

Ministry Personnel Vicar, Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life

1.4.3 Propose guidelines to include time and financial support for an annual retreat in addition to vacation and professional enrichment for full-time parish ministers.

Ministry Personnel Vicar; Human Resources Director

June 1994

 $1.4.4\,\mathrm{Discern}$ the specific needs of priests for ongoing formation in liturgical and spiritual leadership and propose programs as needed.

Ministry to Ministers Director; Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life

December 1994

1.5 PROMOTE EVANGELIZATION AS INTEGRAL TO ARCHDIOCESAN MIS-

1.5.1 Conduct an assessment of the structure and impact of the Office of Evangeliza-

Moderator of the Curia, Evangelization Director, Secretary for Spiritual and Sacramental Life, Religious Education Director

February 1994

1.5.2 Develop a plan to publicize and implement the U.S. Bishops' document: "Go and Make Disciples", beginning with archdiocesan offices and agencies and spreading the parishes

When December 1994

1.5.3 Meet with the pastoral staffs of five pilot parishes who have evangelization teams to formulate specific ways for the team to interact with all the ministries of the m to interact with all the ministries of the

Evangelization Director When

1.5.4 Coordinate the implementation of the following four documents in the Archdiocese: "Go and Make Disciples"; "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response"; "The Challenge of Youth Evangelization"; and "The New Catechism of the Catholic Church."

Moderator of the Curia; Evangelization Director; Stewardship and Development Executive Director; Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Director; Religiou Education Director Accountability

December 1994

1.6 PROMOTE ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH COOPER.

1.6.1 Develop a plan to publicize and implement the 1993 Directory for Ecumenism issued by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Chris-tian Unity, among archdiocesan offices, agencies and parishes.

Accountability: Ecumenism Director

When: September 1994

1.6.2 Develop methods for explanation of the ecumenical movemer and interfaith cooperation for the broader understanding of clergy, re-ligious and laity.

Accountability Ecumenism Director When December 1994

1.6.3 Reflect appreciation for the ecumenical progress being made through ministerial associations and other cooperative efforts in progre

Ecumenism Director December 1993

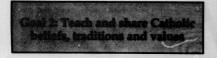
1.6.4 Strengthen and maintain liaison with non-Christian bodies

Accountability Ecun sm Director

July 1994

.6.5 Conduct an a sment of the structure and impact of the Of ce of Ecumenism.

Moderator of the Curia, Evangelization Direct Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation Services, Ecumenism Director.



2.1 ESTABLISH AND MEASURE DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION/FORMATION IN SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2.1.1 Develop the policies and planning required to ensure that andards of excellence in Catholic education and catechesis are estab-hed, measured, and improved.

Secretary for Total Catholic Education, Archdiocesan Board of Education

2.1.2 Establish a complete set of desired outcomes for all levels of ademic subjects and religious formation.

Secretary for Total Catholic Education; Support Services Coordinator

December 1998

2.1.3 Determine assessment tools to measure the desired outcomes in 2.1.2.

Secretary for Total Catholic Education; Support Services Coordinator

December 1998

2.1.4 Develop a leadership training program that assists teacher catechists, and educational leaders serving parishes and schools in achieving excellence.

Support Services Coordinator; Catechetical Ministry Formation Coordinator

2.1.5 Develop and implement a process by which each school and parish religious education program establishes an annual improve-ment plan.

Catechetical Ministry Formation Coordinator Support Services Coordinator

May 1994 for Schools May 1995 for Religious Education

2.2 FOSTER EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCA-TION

2.2.1 Develop archdiocesan Catholic school system strategic plan

Secretary for Total Catholic Education

2.22 Perform a thorough development analysis of interparochial high schools

School Services Coordinator, Stewardship and Development Executive Director

When Ongoing 2.2.3 Increase the number of endowments in parishes and schools and expand the use of planned giving by parish members and alumni.

Accountability Stewardship and Development Executive Director; School Services Coordinator

May 1995

2.2.4 Promote strong development/stewardship programs in support of education involving the business, civic, and parish communi-

Stewardship and Development Office Executive Director; School Services Coordinator

September 1995

2.2.5 Develop marketing and communications plans for the 1994-95 school year and beyond.

Secretary for Total Catholic Education; for Planning, Communications and De

2.2.6 Develop a strategic plan for each school in the Archdiocese

Accountability Coordinator of Boards: Pastors

When December 1996

23 FOSTER EXCELLENCE IN PARISH PROGRAMS OF RE-LIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-12) AND ADULT EDUCATION

2.3.1 Advocate with and assist pastors, boards, and directors of religious education in the development of an articulate parish vision of excellence, outcomes-based teaching and continuous improvement in religious education

Religious Education Director; Religious Education Department Members

September 1995

2.3.2 Develop and assist a model process and program within three parishes to develop training for the parish staff, board, and catechists in developing excellence and continuous improvement at the elementary and adolescent levels.

Religious Education Director; Religious Education Department Members

December 1994

2.3.3 Develop a pilot training program for pastors, parish staffs, and directors of religious education in two parishes to develop an adult catechesis focus that is more integrated into the life of the total

Religious Educati

When September 1994

2.3.4 Assist principals and parish administrators of religious education in implementing the curriculum guide for religious education, K-8, in conjunction with outcomes-based education and continuous improvement.

Support Services Coordinator; Catechetical Ministry Formation Coordinator

Beginning September 1994

2.3.5 Review the archdiocesan certification of catechists for the effecteness of the means of delivery.

Catechetical Ministry Formation Coord

24 RECRUIT, DEVELOP AND RETAIN OUTSTANDING EDU-CATORS WHO ARE PEOPLE OF FAITH

2.4.1 Develop a focused plan to recruit outstanding Catholic educa-

December 1994

2.4.2 Develop a plan to identify and call forth potential administra-tors from within our own schools and religious education programs.

Educational Administration Director When December 1995

2.4.3 Establish and implement a model job description and evalua-tion process for principals and religious education administrators.

Accountability: Educational Administration Director When May 1994

2.5 IMPLEMENT THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

2.5.1 Develop a four-year implementation plan through a task force appointed by the Archbishop.

Accountability: Religious Education Dir

December 1993 When: 2.5.2 Implement the first phase of a four-year plan for all parish, edation and agency leaders.

Religious Education Director When

2.6 RESEARCH THE EFFICIENT USE, COORDINATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL IN ARCHDIOCESAN, DEANERY, PARISH, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION RE-SOURCE CENTERS

2.6.1 Analyze resource centers and develop a plan for how new nology can assist in electronically distributing educational material

Planning, Communications and t: Educational Administration Director May 1994

2.6.2 Implement a plan to address use and distribution of edu onal materials

Secretary for Planning, Communications and Development; Educational Administration Director When May 1995

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3.3.3 Develop and implement processes of enrichment for couples particularly in their first seven years of marriage and in the middle years of marriage.

Accountability: Family Life Director When September 1996

3.3.4 Strengthen the program and certification of Natural Family Planning.

Accountability Family Life Director When

3.3.5 Study and revise the 1991 Youth Ministry Task Force Report in light of present realities, priorities, and other ministries.

Accountability: Moderator of Curia; Management Council

When January 1994

3.3.6 Increase professional service to leaders of youth ministry Director Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry

When: September 1995

3.3.7 Provide archdiocesan coordination for campus ministry Youth Young Adult and Campus Ministry Director

September, 1994

 $3.3.8\ Develop$ processes to assist parishes in meeting the needs of singles and single parents.

September 1995

3.3.9 Establish and implement a program of regular inservice training to support parishes in identifying and meeting the needs of the elderly.

3.4 PROMOTE AND COORDINATE RECRUITMENT OF CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, AND LAY LEADERS IN ALL AREAS OF MINISTRY, BOTH PAID AND VOLUNTEER

3.4.1 Evaluate current awareness and discernment programs, incorporating successful initiatives with new strategies for discesan priesthood.

Accountability: Vocations Director; ARIA Vocations Committee Chair; Priests Council

September 1994 When

3.4.2 Evaluate the awareness and promotion programs for voca-ons to religious life, incorporating successful initiatives with new

Vocations Director; ARIA Vocations Committee Cha

September 1994

3.4.3 Develop an awareness and discernment program for lay ministry, emphasizing responding to the baptismal call to service, with specific strategies for high school and college students.

Lay Ministry Personnel Director; Associate Vocati Director; Human Resources Director; Youth, Your Adult and Campus Ministry Director

3.4.4 Explore and communicate opportunities for funding for scholarships and/or grants to be used in the development of lay leadership.

Stewardship and Development Director; Lay Ministry Personnel Director

July 1994

3.4.5 Create communication methods which promote an awareness of ministry opportunities and activities.

Communications Director; Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services, Ministry Personnel Director Accountability

3.4.6 Develop and provide models for a yearly "Volunteer Sunday to recognize and appreciate all parish volunteer ministers at parish, deanery and archdiocesan levels.

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services, Stewardship and Development Executive Director

August 1994

3.4.7 Review the decision regarding the permanent diaconate in view of parish staffing needs and constraints: lay equivalency pay, full-time positions, seminary-training.

Accountability Moderator of the Curia; Vicar Judicial; Ministry Personnel Director; Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

3.5 DEVELOP AND COORDINATE EFFECTIVE AND ACCES-SIBLE FORMATION, TRAINING, AND ON-GOING SUPPORT FOR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, AND LAY LEADERS IN ALL AREAS OF MINSTY, BOTH PAID AND VOLUNTEER

3.5.1 Set standards for inservice continuing education for clergy, religious, and lay professional leaders.

Accountability: Ministry Personnel Director, Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Service

January 1994

3.5.2 Develop and implement a continuing education program for professional ministry staff which includes professional growth oppor-tunities, spiritual formation, and theological foundations.

When: September 1995 3.5.3 Develop and implement a lay ministry formation program for all ministry volunteers which includes spiritual growth opportunities, theo-logical foundations, and development of collaborative ministry skills.

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services; Lay Ministry Personnel Director

September 1995

3.5.4 Facilitate the development of personal support groups for all professional ministers.

Ministry Personnel Director When

September 1994

3.5.5 Establish and centrally maintain a volunteer talent p which all archdiocesan entities could draw needed expertise

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services; Stewardship and Development Executive Director Accountability:

July 1995

3.6 CLARIFY AND SIMPLIFY THE LEVELS OF AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY BETWEEN AND WITHIN ALL PAS-TORAL AND MANAGERIAL LEVELS OF PARISH, DEANERY, AND ARCHDIOCESE

3.6.1 Review the principles of consultative, collaborative bodies in the Archdiocese to clarify terminology, roles, and responsibilities.

Accountability:

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services: Secretary for Total Catholic Education; Secretary for Catholic Charities; Pastoral Councils Director

July 1994 When

When

3.6.2 Develop recruitment and membership policies for all consultative bodies that emphasize the identification of required skills and recruitment of appropriately representative and skilled persons.

Accountability: Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation an Services; Secretary for Total Catholic Education Secretary for Catholic Charities; Pastoral Councils Director

3.6.3 Reissue support materials of consultative bodies.

Accountability Secretary, Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services, Secretary for Total Catholic Education; Secretary for Catholic Charities; Pastoral Councils Director

3.6.4 Define the roles and responsibilities of the deanery structures

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services; Secretary for Total Catholic Education, Secretary for Catholic Charities; Pastoral' Councils Director July 1994

3.6.5 Develop a system of inservice training to support the col-laborative relationships of members of consultative bodies and the pr fessional staff who work with these bodies.

Accountability:

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services, Secretary for Total Catholic Education, Secretary for Catholic Charities; Pastoral Councils Director

When luly 1994 3.6.6 Design and implement an evaluation process for the gover-nance system of the Archdiocese to determine need for strengthening and supporting these collaborative relationships.

Accountability:

Secretary for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services; Secretary for Total Catholic Education; Secretary for Catholic Charities; Pastoral Councils Director

When July 1995

Goal 4: Work for peace and social justice through service and advocacy

4.1 DEVELOP AN ARCHDIOCESAN SATELLITE PLAN FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

4.1.1 Identify and appoint membership to a planning task force for the purpose of completing the satellite plan for Catholic Charities.

Accountability: Secretary for Catholic Charities

4.1.2 Analyze and prioritize the critical organizational issues identified in the "Summary Findings: Catholic Charities Study", The Conservation Co. 1992.

Secretary for Planning, Communications, and Development, Catholic Charities Strategic Planning Team

4.1.3 Publish the vision statement and strategic plan for Catholic

Secretary for Catholic Charities; Secretary for Planning, Communications and Development

2 FOSTER RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND ALL CREATION

4.2.1 Establish a process to identify, on an annual basis, pro-life issues which call a special attention and promotion throughout the Archdiocese.

Secretary for Catholic Charitie

4.2.2 In conjunction with the Catholic Chanties Board, the Office of Pro-life Activities Advisory Committee, the National Council of Catholic Bishops, the Indiana Catholic Con-ference, and other ecumenical and interfaith groups as appropriate, prioritize the iden-tified issues and develop a shared plan to promote action on these issues.

Accountability Secretary for Catholic Charities September 30, 1994

43 INCREASE AWARENESS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

4.3.1 December a collaborative relationship with the Indiana Catholic Conference and its advisory group for the purpose of mutually advocating for social justice issues

Accountability Secretary for Catholic Charities When

December 31, 1993

4.3.2 Establish a process to network with selected local, state, and national organizations for the purpose of sharing information pertaining to social justice issues of mutual concern.

Account bility Secretary for Catholic Charities

When June 30, 1994

4.3.3 Identify an existing annual archdiocesan event which could include a pre-tion by a recognized authority on peace and justice issues.

Secretary for Catholic Charitie September 30, 1994

4.3.4 Model a high standard of social justice through development of a process to review employment policies and practices used by the Archdiocese.

Human Resources Director

When: March 31 1994

4.4 SERVE AS A RESOURCE TO PARISHES WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN SO-CIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

4.4.11 mish a group of representatives from target parishes to hold regularly scheduled meetings for purposes of information sharing and volunteer training and

Secretary for Catholic Charitie Accountability

June 30, 1994

4.4.2 Develop a social justice network by identifying individuals within each parish who have interest and involvement in social justice issues.

Secretary for Catholic Charities

When December 31, 1994

4.4.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of existing mechanisms for social justice activities.

Secretary for Catholic Charitie Accountability:

June 30, 1995

4.4.4 On the basis of collected data, propose a plan to promote social justice activity at the parish level.

Accountability: Secretary for Catholic Charities When December 31, 1995

note generous sharing and responsible use of all human and mat

5.1 DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE, SPIRITUALLY-BASED APPROACH TO STEWARDSHIP

5.1.1 Define a shared vision of stewardship based on the Mystical Body of Christ as expressed in the bishops' pastoral, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response."

Stewardship and Development Executive Director

July 1, 1994

5.1.2 Develop a process to infuse stewardship in all aspects and areas of the Arch-

Stewardship and Development Executive Dir

Commencing July 1, 199-

5.1.3 Incorporate stewardship responsibilities with pastoral planning guidelines Stewardship and Development Executive Director, Pastoral Councils Director

July 1, 1994

5.1.4 Implement/adopt a uniform archdiocesan stewardship process highlighted "1995 - the Year of Stewardship."

Accountability: Stewardship and Development Executive Director When Com mencing July 1, 1994

5.1.5 Publish an annual stewardship report for the archdioce

Secretary, Planning, Communications and Development; Chief Financial Officer

5.2 ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

5.2.1 Produce a comprehensive manual which standardizes archdiocesan financial policies and procedures.

Accountability: Chief Financial Officer; Accounting Services Director When December 31, 1994 (Implement July 1, 1995)

5.2.2 Complete the first cycle of the three-year archdiocesan internal audit program.

Chief Financial Officer; Internal Auditing Director

June 30, 1994

5.2.3 Formalize professional training and support to parish and other institutional ance councils Accountability: Chief Financial Officer

When July 1, 1995

5.2.4 Market centralized purchasing to all archdiocesan institutions through tar-

Accountability

July 30, 1994 When

5.2.5 Develop a job description and guidelines for the position of business manager at may be utilized by all archdiocesan entities.

Chief Financial Officer: Human Resources Director

5.3 DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE FACILITY PLANS

5.3.1 Establish a multi-phase, institutionally-based capital reserve for all archdiocesan entities

Accountability

Chief Financial Officer; Manager When: July 1, 1994

5.3.2 Present a proposal to the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan Finance Council dispose of unnecessary property and facilities. to dispose of unn

Chief Financial Officer, Management Services Director

July 1, 1994 When

5.3.3 Develop guidelines for comprehensive facility audits and pilot in 20% of all

rchdiocesan institutions

Management Services Director

July 1, 1995 When

5.3.4 Examine the feasibility of adding architectural/engineering expertise to the anagement Services staff for purposes of more cost-effective facility management.

Accountability: Management Services Director

When: December 31, 1993

5.3.5 Develop a plan to open a Catholic cemetery in northern Marion County.

Accountability: Catholic Cemeteries of Indianapolis Director

When July 1, 1995

5.4 PROMOTE STEWARDSHIP OF HUMAN RESOURCES

5.4.1 Produce a comprehensive manual which standardizes archdiocesan human source policies and procedures.

Human Resources Di Accountability:

When: December 31, 1994

5.4.2 Devise a process for enrolling all employees on archdiocesan central payroll.

Human Resources Director; Accounting Services Director Accountability:

When July 1, 1995

5.4.3 Provide supervisors with the tools necessary to effectively evaluate personnel.

Human Resources Director

July 1, 1994

5.4.4 Develop a process that emphasizes selection of employees who are the most salified individuals with special attention given to internal candidates.

Human Resources Director

When July 1, 1994

5.5 DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PLANNING, COM-MUNICATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT 5.5.1 Communicate the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan in order to facilitate owner

and understanding Accountability Secretary for Planning, Communications and Development

When September 15, 1993

5.5.2 Develop a "vision statement" and satellite strategic plan for communications

and development

Accountability:

Initiate September, 1993; complete January, 1994 When

5.5.3 Develop an information network plan that will deploy common hard-are/software throughout the Archdiocese.

Information Systems Director; Chief Financial Offic

July 1, 1995

 $5.54\ \text{Develop}$ coordinated archdioces an fundraising programs with three year performance targets.

Secretary for Planning, Communications and Development, Stewardship and Development Executive Director

5.5.5 Build the necessary infrastructure for an archdiocesan capital campaign.

Secretary for Planning, Communications and Development lune 30, 199

5.6 RESPOND TO CHANGING NEEDS THROUGH PARISH STAFFING PLANS

5.6.1 Develop a three-year calendar and communicate archdiocesan strategy to meet parish staffing needs in view of recommendations contained in the Future Staffing Report.

Accountability:

February 1, 1994

5.6.2 Study the feasibility of establishing a new parish in northeast Marion County

Ministry Personnel Vicar; Deans, North and East Deaneries

December 31, 1994

When

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Sunday Readings

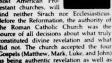
Sunday, Sept. 12, 1993

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 — Romans 14:7-9 — Matthew 18:21-35

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The Book of Sirach is the source of this weekend's first reading. Taking its name form the name of its author, "Jesus ben-Sira." Sirach is published in some versions of the Bible as "Ecclesiasticus." This

"Ecclesiasticus." This is because it has been a favorite reading in the liturgy for so many centuries. Read-ers of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible, the older translation used in most American Protestant churches, will find neither Sirach nor Ecclesiasticus. Before the Reformation, the authority of the Roman Catholic Church was the source of all decisions about what truly constituted divine revealation and what



Coopels (Mattnew, Mark, Luke, and John) as being authentic revelation as well as other parts of Scripture.

When King James I of England desired a translation of the Scriptures into English for use in English Protestant worship, he convened a group of English Scripture experts who were Protestants. These experts disputed certain books, and of course they. experts who were Protestants. These experts disputed certain books, and of course they could not appeal to church authority for an answer since they had repudiated the Catholic Church. To resolve questions about some books in the New Testament, they referred to the decisions of a group of Jewish scholars that men not too long after the time of Jesus, not too long after the horrifying effort of the Romans in 70 AD. to stifle Jewish rebellion against Rome's empire. Sirach surely originated in Hebrew, but only its Greek translation survived.

This weekend's reading is an appeal for

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This weekend's reading is an appeal for forgiveness and for an end to discord. Sirach attempts to blend human wisdom with God's revelation. Forgiving others is not only in keeping with holiness, it is good

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans furnishes the liturgy with its second reading. It reminds us that we all are God's reatines and God's subjects. God decides the day and minute of our exit from this world. In life, we must live according to God's word. How-

ever, if we have given our hearts to God, then we belong to the Lord, who protects us in life and will protect us at the moment of

death.

St. Matthew's Gospel is the source of the Gospel reading. In the time of Jesus, education as we know it today did not exist. The majority of people could not read or write. When Jesus wrote in the sand to defend the woman caught in adultery, he displayed an ability by no means common in the society. When Paul wrote letters in Greek, and when he showed a knowledge of Hebrow, he showed a most unusual ability to his day.

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Just as lew could read or write, few could count beyond the most basic of numbers. In such a situation, numbers lost the precision which we confer upon them, and they assumed a symbolic character. The New Testament is filled with this symbolism. Three, seven, and 12 were perfect numbers. Seven and 40 were symbolic of vast, awcome quantities. awesome quantities.

When the Lord insisted that his followers forgive others "not seven times, but 70 times seven," he meant forgiveness should be unlimited, lavish, everlasting Such, he reminded his followers, was God's forgive-

The church this weekend proceeds to give us very concrete advice about living. The first and third lessons in this Liturgy of the Word teach the lesson directly. The second lesson underscores the lesson, and it gives the lesson an added dimension.

In the Gospel, the Lord reminds us that none of us is perfect. Each of us is a sinner. God's response to this has never been condemnation, but a reaction brilliant and reassuring in its mercy and hope. We are longitude to the sinner with the thing to the away from our sins. The grant the away from our sins. The grant the single properties of the single properties the the single properties of the single properties the the single properties of the single properties the the single properties of the single properties of

The Lord tells us that since this is the way God has dealt with us, we must deal with others in the same way. God has redeemed us. We belong to God. This means that we must love as Jesus loved; we must forgive as lesus forgave

by Helen Lair

Daily Readings

Monday, Sept. 13 John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Psalms 28:2, 7-9 Luke 7:1-10

Triumph of the Cros Numbers 21:4-9 Psalms 78:1-2, 34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Wednesday, Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorro Hebrews 5:7-9 Psalms 31:2-6, 15-16, 20 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday, Sept. 16 Cornelius, pope and martyr and Cyprian, bishop and martyr 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Psalms 111:7-10 Luke 7:36-50 Friday, Sept. 17 Robert Bellarmine

bishop and doctor Timothy 6:2-12 Psalms 49.6-10, 17-20

Saturday, Sept. 18 Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalms 100:2-5 Luke 8:4-15

THE POPE TEACHES

Priests build faith, community

by Pope John Paul II

Continuing our catechesis on the Sacra-ment of Holy Orders, we now consider the ways in which priests are united to each other within the diocesan presbyterate. This communion is rooted in the priest's sacramental and spiritual participation in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, and it is expressed in the "presbyterium," the body of priests who carry out their ministry in union with the bishop.

the bishop.

As the Second Vatican Council teaches As the second Vatican Council teaches, the members of the local presbyterate are joined by special links of apostolic charity, service and fraternity (cf. "Presbyterorum Ordinis," 8).

Priestly fraternity is expressed in the

willing cooperation by which priests, dioce-san and religious, assist each other in the wide variety of ministries and apostolic works which serve to build up the Christian works which serve to build up the Christian community. This frahernal spirit, based on an appreciation of the different charisms and gits of the blob Spirit, is reflected in the relations of respect and frust which should exist in the same preshybrate and in the generus support shown to priests in need.

The council, wishing to encourage the growth of this spirit, recommended periodic meetings of pra-85, the practice of a greater late in common to priests, and the spread of ecclesiastically approved associations which promote presidy holiness. In these ways, the church shows her desire to make the ideal of priestly communition a more effective reality in the lives of her ministers.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Church honors Cornelius, Cyprian

by John F. Fink

Sometimes we tend to think that church toachings were handed down full-blown by Jesus or, if not Jesus, by the aposties. Achaally, many teachings and practices were developed over a period of time and through many controversies. Especially during the first 250 years, while the church was struggling to survive the persecution of the Romans, many ideas were advanced, usually by very succeen men, that were rejected. The sacrament of penance is a case in point and the two saints whose feast day a lot to do with the development of that ascrament. SS. Cornelius and Cyprian were thrends and collaborators in the

third century.

Cyprian was a highly educated and famous orator who lived in Carthage in C Cyprian was a highly educated and famous orator who lived in Carthage in North Africa (near present Tunis, Tunisia). He was converted to Christianity around the age of 40 and turned his life around, even taking a vow of chastity before his baptism. He studied Scripture and the works of other Christian writers and was soon well known for his own writing. He was ordained a priest and, in 248, was chosen the bishop of Carthage. A year late the Emperor Decrus began a severe persecution of the church, during which many Christians abandoned the church and obeyed the Roman demand that they make scriftle to the Roman gods in Rome Pope Fabian was marryed was elected to succeed here to the carthage. Cyprian's absence a priest name of Carthage, Cyprian's absence a priest named Novatus set harveilf up as bishop and wedsomethy had lapsed from the church. When Cyprian's returned after the persecution died down a bit, he ruled that those who had lapsed could be readmitted to the church only after some penance and the decision of the bishop.

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Meanwhile in Rome Correlius

elected pope. He faced the opposite view of Novatus. A priest named Novatian (the names of the two men are very similar) taught that those who had lapsed could not return to the church at all. Further, he taught, the church had no power to reconcile those guilty of murder adultery, fornication or second marriage. Novatian set himself up as an antipope

an antipope.

So there were two schisms: those who followed the leniency of Novatus and those who followed the severity of Novatus. Cyprain held the middle ground, teaching that those who had actually secrificed to idols could receive Communic ... jumediately before their deaths, who make the had been conserved to the control of the c unmentately before their deaths, who had only bought certificates saying they had sacrificed could be received back after long periods of penance.

periods of penance.
With the support of Cyprian, Pope
Cornelius beld a synod in Rome in 251 and
ordered the "relapsed" to be restored to the
church with the usual "medicines of
repentance." Thus did the church reject the
rigorism of Novatanism, although the
heresy pensisted for several centuries.

Cornelius was pope for only two years when another persecution broke out. He was exiled to what is now Civita Vecchia, where he died in 253.

he deed in 233.

Cyprian opposed the next pope, Stephen, over the church's teachings about baptism. Cyprian and the other African bishops would not recognize the validity of baptism conferred by heretics and schismatics, although this was approved by the pope. He refused to accept the pope's ruling even when Stephen threatened him with excommunication. By then though the Roman persecution.

By then, though, the Roman persecution of Valerian caught up with Cyprian. He was first exiled, but then recalled and put on trial. first exiled, but then recalled and put on trial. When he refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, he was sentenced to death by beheading. It was done on Sept. 14, 258. Almost two centuries later, St. Augustine, another North African bishop, said Cyprian atoned for his controversy with the pope by

MY JOURNEY TO GOD

was bout alpt of mud

You have waited while I played the part of an exploring brain: alone I studied galaxies and saw planets bare, the universe incompreh

(Helen Lair is a member of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. She fo me Parish in New Castle.)



Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School's Sum

Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Heart and Souls' plot addresses immortality

by James W. Arnold

Whoops, they're back again: those slip-ery movie specters on a return trip from heaven, where for some reason they couldn't get in. (Heaven is always up in the clouds in movies.) They must per-form one last good deed

form one last good deed to keep them out of, well, hot water.

That's the perennial afterlife premise in Hol-lywood, and it's resur-rected again in "Heart and Souls," a screwball comedy directed by Ron

Underwood ("City Slickers"). Call it whatever you like: "Son of Ghost," ing Your Life Again," or "Topper" meets
"Truly, Madly, Deeply." Afterlife movies
continue to be trendy.

And that's interesting in this supposedly materialist culture, because these films tend to be (admittedly, often far-fetched) secular metaphors for religious traditions and

'Heart" contains rough equivalents, for example, of the ideas of immortality, personal judgment, remorse and penance, and even oblique and general good-natured references to God. There's also plenty that it doesn't have, but then you can't expect the producers to run the script by the Vatican. In approaching such pop-exercises in theo-logical speculation, you have to accept a trade-off.

On the upside, there is the value of the support given to the faith we have that the universe is magical, benevolent and mean-ingful, and that how we live is important in some eternal scheme.

On the downside, there are the some times idiotic specifics. (Like recently deceased souls drifting upward like weight less bubbles toward the skyline? Yeah, tha less bubbles toward the skyline? Yeah, that also shows up in medieval paintings.) More significantly, there is reincarnation, which is big in lotusland right now. One idea floating around in "Heart" is that there are only so many souls, and the deceased have to get "upstairs" in a hurry because new babies are on the accombibilities. on the assembly line.

More than most afterlife tales, "Heart" is klutzy in setting up its premise. In 1959 San Francisco, four passengers on a night bus are killed when a driver with a wandering eye for the ladies crashes and goes off a bridge. For some reason I missed, their spirits become literally attached to an infant born simultaneously in a nearby car

simultaneously in a heartoy can.

For a while, we watch the boy, Tommy, grow to school age with these four adult "friends" that only he can see: a petty criminal (Tom Sizemore), a waitress at the Purple Onion comedy club (Kyra Sedgwick), a young working mother (Alfre Woodard), and a would-be opera singer (Charles Grodin) too scared to audition.

Grodin) too scared to audition.

To keep the child out of a mental ward, the ghosts agree to make themselves invisible and stop talking to hum (first big weepy farewell scene, with four to come). Cut to 20 years later, Tommy is grown up (Robert Downey, Jr.), a bankruptcy banker with a reluctance to form deep relationships. The four spirits are still hanging about, pretty bored by now, as well they might be.

Neither they not the audience reality.

Neither they nor the audience really understand why all this is happening. It's also genuinely awkward physically, because at least five persons are crowded into every scene. But suddenly, the bus driver (David Paymer) reappears, piloting an eerie



MURDER MYSTERY—Diane Keaton is determined to find foul play in the death of a neighbor, while her husband, played by Woody Allen, tries to dissuade her in "Manhattan Murder Mystery," a new movie that marks the pair's return to light-hearted comedy. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film A-III for adults. ICNS photo

metaphysical bus to take them upward and onward. A typical heavenly foul-up: no angel told them they had all this time to do "one thing to resolve" their lives, to make them "complete." These tasks now have to be done right away.

The sleeping movie awakes, everybody springs into action. Since the spirits are, well, springs into action Since the spirits are, well, sprints, they can only act through Tommy's body. This sets up some lively farcical moments—Downey, late of "Chaplin," does slapstick with superb grace—in which Tommy is "taken over" by the burglar, the waters, the mom and the opera singer, as they work out their varied salivations.

None is especially profound, but the taste is good and feelings are upbeat (perhaps incredibly so). The waitress repairs her own failure to commit to a presumably good marriage: the crook returns stolen property to a poor man; the black mother finds her children safe and secure, and the singer revs up his courage (in a wacky scene involving

The script by Gregory and Erik Hansen is romantic at its best moments, schlocky at its worst, and almost dies on the delivery table. (The first half-hour is a painful expe

But director Underwood's stamina and us of the Bay Area locales turns it around.

The gifted cast is also not easily discouraged If Downey is in a movie, it's flat-out worth seeing, and Grodin, well-known for his feisty comic eccentrics, encapsulates in his opera singer all the panic ever felt by shy persons in public performance everywhere

clicks in: maybe not for high IOs, but warm and adults.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults

Recent USCC Film Classifications

St. Francis was a 'Troubadour of God's Peace'

by Henry Herx and Gerri Pare

Catholic News Service

A one-man performance vibrantly re-creates the life of a beloved saint in "Saint Francis: Troubadour of God's Peace," airing Sunday, Sept. 12, from 12:30 pm. until 13.0 pm. on ABC. (Fonek local listings to verify the program date and time.)

Actor Leonardo Defillippis takes cen-ter stage, easily slipping in and out of the title role and that of others associated

with the 13th-century saint. The program is based on a book written by friends of Francis in 1226, a few years after his

Displaying much zeal, Defillippis takes viewers from Francis' days as a pampered, materialistic Italian youth through his spiritual awakening and eventual founding of the Order of Friars Minor in 1209.

Using song, dance and a face seeming-ly lit from within with the fire of faith, the actor conveys the great joy Francis found in divesting himself of his worldly goods

preaching and good works. This followed two visions in which the Lord filled him with a surpassing sweetness and divine inspiration led him to reject his wealthy lifestyle and open himself to God's

service.

Accustomed to only the finest food and luxurious garments, his leap of faith enabled him to joyfully embace tattered rags and food scraps out of a begging bowl. Soon the inspiring simplicity of his life was attracting other followers who, with Pope Innocent III's blessing, devoted themselves to preaching penance to the faithful. faithful

grew in numbers and he was visited by a striking vision of a winged Christ and blessed by the stigmata before his death.

Eschewing fancy camera work and remaining with one simple set, director Peter Dutton lets Defillippis convey Francis' extraordinary spiritual development with an

extraordinary spiritual development with an energy that is positively oyous.

The actors' assured delivery gives the program the appealing quality of a bedtime story come to life. In this case, it is no fairy tale but the truth from which family members can draw inspiration.

Despite the distance of nearly 800 years, there are applications to life today, as Francis was solidly wrapped up in earning money and success—or "living the good life" as we

By allowing God's grace to work in him, Francis found a life far more satisfying than material goods could ever provide. His influence for good is still felt oday as the Franciscans

Some viewers may be disappointed that the program does not delve into his famed love of animals and all living things, but they

will surely see other sides to the beloved saint whose gentle humanism still sets a stirring example in these busy times.

sturing example in these busy times. The program is a Saint Luke Production in association with the Catholic Communication Campaign of the U.S. Catholic Conference. It is part of the ecumenical series "Visions and Values," which is presented by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission.

TV Programs of Note

Sunday, Sept. 12, 10-11 p.m. (PBS) "Sa-I-Gu." In this P.O.V. special, three Korean American women document the feelings of Asian women who lost their livelihoods in the aftermath of the Rodney King beating trial verdict and ensuing riots Los Angeles which destroyed

Monday, Sept. 13, 8:30-10 p.m. (PBS)
"Falstaff." The season premiere of "The
Metropolitan Opera Presents" features
James Levine conducting Verdi's comic
opera, which is done in Italian with
English subtitles.

English subtitles.
Tuesday, Sept. 14, 10-11 p.m. (ABC)
"The Other Epidemic: What Every
Woman Needs to Know about Breast
Cancer." Linda Ellerbee hosts this special
on breast cancer, which strikes one in

wednesday, Sept. 15, 8-8:30 p.m. (PBS)
"Your Toxic Trash." A quiz program
hosted by Ed Begley Jr. looks at the toxic materials most people have in their homes and demonstrates how to store, use, and dispose of them properly

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



BAREFOOT SAINT—Leonardo Defillippis portrays St. Francis of Assisi in "St. Francis: Troubadour of God's Peace," a one-man drama which airs on Sept. 12 on ABC. (Photo from the Catholic Communications Campaign) ions Campaign)

OUESTION CORNER

Ask diocesan tribunal staff for advice

by Fr. John Dietzen

My husband is a Catholic whose wife divorced him 20 years ago after she had an affair and married her lover. After years of living alone, my husband marned me. We are very happy. Because of his remarrage he feed he is deruied the sacraments of the church, even though his former wife is also remarried and receives all the sacraments.

all the sacraments.

Could you explain this? My husband is a wonderful man and is loyal to the church. He attends Mass regularly and gives generously to the church and is a fine Christian.

Why + n his first wife receive the

sacramer.s of the church and he cannot? (Texas)

A Your letter raises many questions about the sacraments after a remarriage, but I will limit myself to responding

to your actual question.

At least two explanations are possible for your husband's ex-wife receiving the sacraments. First, she

FAMILY TALK Parents can motivate son who doesn't study

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: How do I get my sixth-grade son to get better grades in school? His grades slipped last year from A's to B's and C's. Now that he's in junior high I want him to get off on the right foot.

We have tried grounding him and withholding privileges, but it didn't seem to help much—just made us all miserable. Eve thought of telling 'im that he can't participate in sports unless he makes the B honor roll. What do you think? (Illinois)

Answer: You are wise to show concern now, at t start of the school year, rather than wait until the grades begin to slide again.

Here is a simple plan First, what not to do. Don't withhold privileges or punish him for poor grades. As you have already pointed out, that has not worked for you. Quite honestly, it does not work for most parents.

The reason, in many cases, that punishment fails to motivate students (or anyone) is that punishment necessarily focuses on the wrong thing. In punishing poor grades, it is the poor grades that receive the attention. The attention that comes along with the punishment is called "secondary gain" and becomes an inadvertent reward.

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Every parent has at one time or another said, "The more I get after him, the worse he gets." He's just doing it to get attention." Of course he is. Attention is a reward. All human beings relish attention and will do what it takes to get it.

Another problem in withholding privileges or prohibiting sports is that you lose something worthwhile in itself. Taking away an important activity because of poor grades (or any misdeed) is usually a mistake.

instance it is usually a mistake.
You will get more of any behavior that you pay attention to Why not attend to what you want.
Unfortunately, grades are not totally under your son's control. But homework is And in almost every school system. I know, a student who does all his homework begins with a C and works up from there.

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Ask the counselor for a weekly report from each teacher on homework assignments completed. Count the number of assignments sutstactorily completed. Give a bonus for 100 percent of homework done in a week.

If homeowirk tone in a week.

If homeowirk is being done and your son is still not obtaining satisfactory grades, you might ask for a weeking grade report from each teacher. Translate the letter grades with points (e.g. an A equals four points, a B equals three points.

points (eg. an A squares).

An additional advantage to weekly grades is that there will be no surprises at the end of a grading period. You and your son will know exactly where he stands.

Points for homework or grades can be used to "purchase" certain unusual privileges or prizes. The advantage to a point system is that it allows you to focus on what you want—good dates to be a point of the price o school performance

Stay positive and you are more likely to motivate you son for success.

son for success.
Students who have demonstrated underachievement tendencies at school need a structured study environment in the home. Make certain your son studies at a table in a quiet room at the same time each evening if possible. He needs your help and discipline to build good study habits.

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r first marriage
Unless your husband is certain she did not, it would be

worth checking on since it would mean he is free to marry

Normally, the respondent in an annulment case will be notified of the process and decision.

nounced of the process and decision.

Sometimes, however, for one reason or another, this notification does not happen. Your husband can find out for sure by asking her or by contacting the tribunal of the diocese where she would have entered the petition.

Another reason, of course, could be simply that she is acting publicly contrary to the sacramental practice of the church.

The difference you asked about would lie in their differing acceptance of the church's restrictions on Communion by those who have remarried outside of the

I see often these days the title of parochial vicar. What does that mean? Is there a difference between pastor and parochial vicar? (New York)

A Parochial vicar is the technical canonical title for what we in the United States usually call assistant or associate pastors. In some English-speaking countries they are called

Parchial vicars in this sense must be priests and are assigned by the bishop to "serve in pastoral ministry as convocation to the pastor in common counter and an endeavor." (A role bishour and also under his authority" (K anno SS).

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September 10

St. Lawrence Church, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will have Bene-diction before the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., will have a Tobit Weekend for engaged couples preparing for marriage preparation. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will meet at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Stentrance to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's Greek Festival. Call Dan at 317-842-0855 for

The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will gather at the Southern Flaza Pizza Hut at 6:30 p.m. to go to the German Park Octoberfest They will asso meet at 8 p.m. at the pedestrian bridge at

The Beech Grove Benedictine Center, 1402 Southern Ave., will host a garage sale from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Booth space is still available by calling 317-788-7581.

St. Gabriel Home School, 6000 W. 34th St., will hold its annual Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 317-

St. Mary's Festival, 203 Fourth Street, Aurora, will be held from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 am to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Featuring live entertainment, raf-fles, pig roast, chacken datuser. Greg Townsend, 812-744-3619 or Joan Randall, 812-926-0889.

September 12

For more information, call 299-9924. September 11-12

St. Mary, Rushville, will hold its annual fall festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Features are chicken and ham dinners. a country stor-homemade candy and a flea market. Dinner cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. For more information, call the parish office.

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Danville, will sponsor an All-You-Can-Eat-Breaktast Buffet from 9 am. to 12 pm. in the lower level of the church. Cost is \$4.50 for adults. \$2.50 for kids ages 6-12, and kids 5 and under eat free. For additional information, call 317-539-6367.

St. John Church, 126 W. Georgia St., will have a Tridentine Liturgy at 11 a.m. For more information, call the parish office at 317-635-2021.

The Oblates of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery will meet in the monastery chapel at 2 pm. 1:30 pm. for new members. For more information, call Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell at 317-787-3287.

us X Parish, Troy, will have its estival on the church grounds 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more mation, call 812-547-5371. * * *

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., will have "A Praise Celebration" at 3.30 pm. featuring the St. Rita Choir, Mt. Carmel Baptist Choir and others. For more information, call 317-532-9349.

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St. Patrick Parish Pienic, 950 Prospect St., Indianapolis, Pitch-in lunch, games, prizes. At Garfield Park shelter 2. Begins at 12 noon with Mass at 2 p.m. Free admis-sion. Barbara Sweeney, 317-359-

September 14

The Ave Maria Guild will meet at 12:30 p.m. in St. Paul Hermi-tage, Beech Grove. After dessert and coffee, a business meeting will be held

The World in Which We Li "The World in Which We Live," a mature living seminar at Marian College, will present "Women of Music, the Feminine Composer," with Franciscan Sister Gloria Gallagher, professor of music, at Marian College, For more infor-mation call 317-929-0123.

sent its first session of the Liturgical Ministry Formation Program, "Liturgical Basies: The Liturgical Reform," with Father Thomas Richstatter: The session will be held at St. Margaret Mary Church in Terre Haute from 7-930 pm. For more information, call 317-236-1483.

The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will gather for dinner at the Olive Garden on E. Washington St. at 7:30 p.m. Call Anna Marie at 317-784-3313 by Sept 12 to let her know if you are goine.

The prayer group of St. Lawrence, 6944 E. 46th St. at Shadeland Ave, will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Prayers are oftered for the parish, personal concerns, the entire Christian community and the world. For more information call 317-546-4065.

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to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For information call 812-256-3200.

b. Benedict Parish, Terre Haute, rill hold a seminar on wills. For me and location information, call the parish office.

The Divine Mercy Chapel will celebrate the fourth year of con-tinuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. There will be a eucharistic liturgy at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church to celebrate. Refreshments will follow.

September 15

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The Office of Worship will present its first session of the Liturgical Ministry Formation Program, "Liturgical Basics: The Liturgical Reform," with Father Dicturg, and Reform," with Father Dicturg, and Liturgical Reform, "with September 1990 of Meara Catholic Center from 7-9-30 pm. For more information, call 317-236-1483.

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September 16

september 16 by Cross Church, 125 North ental St., will hold its final sion of the human sexuality intar from 7-915 p.m. Maggie st will discuss "Human Sexu-yand the Person with a mosexual Orientation." For re information, call 317-637-0.

Pro-life rosary will be prayed at a.m. in front of Affiliated omen's Services, Inc., 2215 Dis-butors Drive.

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Roch, 3600 South Pennsylvania will have a Family Eucharist by Hour with Eucharist and mediction from 7-8 p.m. in the

September 17

St. Lawrence Church, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will have Adora-tion of the Blessed Sacrament

The Northside In-Betweeners will meet at the Whirligigs at the Radisson Hotel, Keystone at the Crossing at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Carson Ray at 317-594-0415.

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The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will play miniature golf at Putt-Putt, 10499 E. Washington St. Meet at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mary at 317-255-

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St. Lawrence Church, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will have Adora-tion of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 1-5 p.m.

The Young Widowed Group will have its first family picture at Eagle Creek Park from 12 to 5 p.m. in shelter D.

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Teens help at cemetery to earn tuition credits

by Mary Ann Wyand

Roncalli High School alumnus Mike English used to work part time at Catholic Cemeteries in Indianapolis to earn money for his Catholic school education.

"Thelped my Mom and Dad out because they have a lot of kids," he said. "It was something I wanted to do to help pay for my high school tuition."

English enjoyed his part-time job so much it now he works full time for Catholic that now he works full time for Catholi Cemeteries. And last summer the grounds keeper supervised a small group of arch-diocesan high school students hired as part of a new Catholic Cemeteries program to rovide tuition assistance in exchange for

Grounds maintenance work for the three Grounds maintenance work for the divided Catholic cemeteries—Calvary, Holy Cross and St. Joseph—on the Indianapolis south-side is a never-ending task, Tom Ehaus, assistant director of Catholic Cemeteries, explained. "We had five high school assistant director of Cathonic Centerless, explained. We had five high school students working on the tuition program and one college student this summer. It takes about six guys on the trimming crew, and they've got to keep going because by the time they're got to keep going because by the time they re done in one area they're behind in another. With all three centerless we have a little over 200 acres to maintain and we've had over 50000 burials, so that's a lot of headstones to trim around. It keeps them busy, and if's good experience for them too.' Next summer, Ehaus said, the Catholic Cemeteries shaff hopes to hire eight high school students for the program. "This year we had students from Roncalli and Cardinal Ritter high schools," he said. "Girls are welcome to come down and trim."

us too. The first few days it's a little

difficult, then after they get past that (training time) it gets easier."

"I like to work outside," Roncalli junior

Kris Able said in between mowing rows of graves at the historic St. Joseph Cemetery.

You get a good tan."

Roncalli junior Ryan Eads, who plays football for the Rebels and enjoys working with his friend Chris Redmond, said he likes outdoor work at the cemeteries and would recommend the job to other teens.

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University of Evansville student Dennis
DiGiusto, a member of St. Mark Parish in
Indianapolis, said some of his relatives are buried at St. Joseph Cemetery. "That's a special reason to want to help," be said. "I like helping the church."

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Cardinal Ritter High School senior
Learnard Russell said he thought the job
sounded good and he has enjoyed it." I like
being outside and cutting grass," he said,
"and I'm helping my parents out."

Most of the students worked 40-hour
work weeks for a total of 33b hours to earn
their tuttion credits, Ehaus said. Others
opted to designate part of their paychecks for
the job bank and keep some of their earnings
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for spending money. "We want to promote Catholic educa-tion," Catholic Gemeteries director Gere Harris explained, "so we decided to give Catholic high school students an oppor-tunity to work off tuition costs here. This is holy ground. If sa sprittual place, a place of worship, a place of respect, and having Catholic kids help take care of the Catholic cemeteries is a continuation of their educa-tion as Catholics."

ies tuition assistance program, telephone Tom Ehaus at 317-784-4439.)



ON THE IOB—Catholic Cemeteries groundskeeper Mike English (right) talks with Roncalli High School junior Kris Able about trim work around tombstones at the historic St. Joseph Cemetery in Indianapolis. Kris was among a group of students who earned tuition credits for their summer grounds work with Catholic Cemeteries.



HARD AT WORK—During the hot and humid days of summer, University of Evansville student Dennis DiGiusto of Indianapolis earned money to pay for his college education by HAND AT WORK—Juring the not and number days of summer, university of evaluations to the Company of the College education mowing grass for the Catholic Cemeteries staff. Students mowed grass at the th cemeteries to earn fulfilm credits. (Photos by Mary Ann Wyand)

Emmaus Players bring ministry to archdiocese

by Mary Ann Wyand

The Emmaus Players of Peebles, Ohio, will dramatize the Gospel for archdiocesan teen-agers and adults during a special ministry day Sept. 18 in the Assembly Hall of the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

Center in Indianapolis.

The day begins at 9.30 am with Mass-celebrated by Father Joseph Monarty, associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

Following Mass, the Emmaus Players will present several skits and teachings. Personal faith testimonials and discus-sions are other components of the catechetical time. Participants are asked to brine brown hae.

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lunches
The Emmaus Players date back to
February of 1988, co-founder Chris Stamper explained, and have proclaimed God's word through dramatic interpretations throughout the United States and Canada

since that time. The same and their for and their for and their steep and thei

through loud and clear. The themes of the skits appeal to virtually any audience regardless of age."

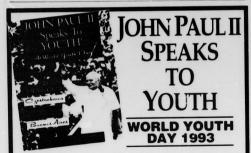
A friend asked us to put on a skit (during a youth ministry program five years ago)," she said. "We talked through it, we rayed, and then we went out and did the cit. The kids just loved it. They were taken back by it, and a lot of them were in tears. It just opened them up more to the Lord."

When their spiritual director, Pentecost ther Al Lauer, asked them to perform again, the Stampers decided to form a small group called the Emmaus Players

"One of the young women in the group was a real prayer warrior," she recalled, "and everything fell into place with that small group. I think God has called us to be small. He brings single people here to the retreat center) and they devote a year of their

Their Sept. 18 performance at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center will focus on the World Youth Day '93 theme chosen by Pope John Paul II: 'I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

"We want to encourage the pilgrims on their journey," Chris Stamper said. "We want to allow them to experience the fact that to have life in the fullest and in abundance is only possible through lesus Christ. Their journey is just beginning. I think God is going to do some mighty things in the hearts of our young people, and this is a great time for special graces to be poured out. I think the blessings and graces from World Youth Day will be overwhelming



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Campus Corner

Marian College honors Archbishop Buechlein

by Elizabeth Bruns

An abundance of planning and prepara-

An abundance of planning and prepara-tion have gone into making Archibshop Buechlein's first anniversary of his installa-tion as Archibshop of Indianapolis a real party—at least at Marian College. The folks at Marian are honoring the archibshop at the first Marian College "Opportunities for Excellence" dinner and silent auction to take place on Oct. 13 at 6 pm. in the physical education center on the Marian campus.

What makes this dinner and silent

Marian campus. What makes this dinner and silent auction so special, however, is that all the proceeds (a goal of \$75,000) will go to the Marian College Scholarship Fund. And the items for the auction, food for the dinner, and various other needed materials for the event, are all being donated. Marilyn Renner, co-chair of the production committee with her husband Ron, said. "There are many generous, good-sared citizens believe as to make this said, "There are many generous, good-hearted citizens helping us to make this event a complete success."

The event committee members in The event committee members in-clude: Dr. Daniel Felicetti, president of Marian College; Ron and Marilyn Renner, production chairpersons; Mary Young, board of trustees coordinator; John Short, arrangements, Rita Ann Sweeney, public-ity; Mirs. G. Christopher Duffy, reserva-tions; William Brady, silent auction, Anna Dillon, Joseph Smith and Hugh G. Baker, allumn tables; and Paul St. Angelo, chief advancement officer at Marian.

Archbishop Buechlein is the honored guest for this event not only in celebration of his installation anniversary, but because of his strong convictions dealing with Catholic higher education. "He (the archbishop) is both by tradition and by extraordinarily interested in education and students," said Felicetti. "One only has to speak with him for a little while to nas to speak with nim for a little while to get a sense of how much joy he gets from seeing students and seeing them grow educationally. He came with that very strong inclination and has evidenced it since he's been here."

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The growth of the Marian College Scholarship Fund is important to the staff of Marian as well as the archdiocse. "There are two major reasons why Marian's higher education efforts are important. One is that when you think of Catholic education, you think of quality education," said Felicetti. "Secondly, we emphasize values-based education at this institution. We care a rerat deal about the emphasize values-based education at this institution. We care a great deal about the ethical components of study. Students who choose to come here, be they Catholic or non-Catholic, are very interested in both the qualitative and ethical basis of our educational offerings."

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The silent auction will be a highlight of the evening. The committee has rounded up various items from different companies and individuals around the archdiocese to make it a very appealing auction. Some possible auction items include a dinner with the archbishopo (prepared by him), men's and ladies' mountain bikes, a hot air balloon ride for two, scholarship to Cathedral High School, one week at a 8k condominium in Colorado and dinner for two at Duffy's Diner.

Other possible auction items are: a Colts game package, an Indy 500 suite, two tickets to the Super Bowl, a vintage jukebox and one week at a Caribbean vacation home.



TALENTED THESPIAN—Wright State University freshman Michael "Andrew" Wibbels of St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville is pursuing his dream to direct theater productions.

The Our Lady of Providence High School graduate earned a theater scholarship to study at

"Yright State, (Photo by Martha Brennan)."



ANNIVERSARY—The Marian College dinner/silent auction, "Opportunities for Excel-lence," honors Archbishop Buechlein on the first anniversary of his installation as Archbishop of Indianapolis (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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I think that the value of having a Marian College in Indianapolis and in the center of the archdiocese is that it provides the opportunity for students who will remain in opportunity for students who will remain in the community to pursue fine higher education qualities and achievements and therefore improve the quality of the life in the community we live in." said Young. "Marian College has been doing that from the time of its inception without very much fanfare about the thing.

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'The dinner is going to fill a gloriously decorated gymnasium with 750 persons interested in giving scholarships and educational advancement to the students of Indianapolis," said Young.

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Providence graduate receives collegiate theater scholarship

by Martha Brennan

Michael "Andrew" Wibbels is living out a legacy—the legacy of the great performing arts of Our Lady of Providence High School

"There is magic at Providence," Wibbels said about the legacy of the New Albany Deanery high school's Performing Arts Department, "Being part of it is a spiritual

experience."
Wibbels a 1993 Providence graduate and member of St. Augustine Parish at Jef-fersorville, is continuing that Jegacy as he begins collegiate studies at Wright State University in Dayston, Ohio, where he is majoring in theater directing. In addition to receiving a National Merit Honor Scholarship, he also was awarded a Theater Talent Scholarship from Wright State. During four weers at Providence, Wibbels.

from Wright State
During four years at Providence, Wibbels
was involved in 25 productions either as an
actor, singer or director. His most recent
performance there was as "Chip" in the
Providence Spring Musical "On the Town."
His love for the theater and other
performing arts began in the sixth grade,
when his class did a pupper theater.
"I just thought, Wow, this is neat;" he
said, "and have been doing it ever since."
While at Providence, Wibbels write plays
as well as active in and directing them.

While at Providence, Wibbels wrote plays as well as acting in and directing them.

"I really like selling stories to people," he said. "My plays are usually werd, but they are grounded. Through my plays, I want to ease, people's pain and help them realize they are not alone.

The first play he wrote and produced while at Providence, "Flowers in Chains," was about teen-agers and their problems. It received standing ovations from the audiences.

His second play, "Roadkill: The De-cline and Fall of Midwest Civilization," was about the decadence and corruption was about the decadere and corresponding that pollute society. "This play definitely has some edged humor and sharp satire in it," Wibbels said about "Roadkill."

Besides writing plays and acting, Wibbels said directing is his true lov

"I like to be able to put things together," he said. "Being involved in the theater is a total body experience for me and spirit

Wibbels said he looked at many colleges before deciding on Wright State near To be accepted and receive Dayton. scholarship in the theater program, he had to participate in a grueling interview and audition process.

"It was scary," he said. "I had to perform a monologue and a song and interview with the theater faculty. I had no idea how I did.

As it turned out, Wibbels had impressed the faculty enough to earn the prestigious

"At Wright, I can major in something that At Wright, I can major in something that will work for me once I graduate," he said. "They seemed serious about directing and helping directing majors find jobs after

That's good news to his parents, John and given him guidance and helped develop his artistic talents. But, he admitted, "Of course they are worried that I won't have a job.

Right now that seems to be a small worry, considering the legacy he comes from and the legacy he has already created for himself.

Brazilian church leaders seek a solution to nation's violence

by William Schomberg

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—Brazilian church leaders, reacting to the massacre of 21 slum dwellers, have called for a

solution to violence plaguing the country.

Cardinal Eugenio Sales of Rio de Janeiro said the massacre of the slum dwellers was "one more heavy blow to the dignity of Rio de Janeiro.

Bishop Affonso Gregory of Imperatriz, Brazil, called the slum massacre an "act of terrorism" that demonstrates the weakness of the country's civil institutions.

The killers operated with "almost absolute certainty" that they will not be punished for their crime, said the bishop, who worked many years in the Brazilian slums and is president of

Brazilian Caritas

Local media blamed the massacre on members of the military police in revenge for the murder of four officers

23 murder of eight street children in Rio and the killing, probably in early August, of an undisclosed number of Yanomami Indians in a remote area of the Amazon.

All the energies of our city must come together to find a quick solution to this huge problem," Cardinal Sales said in a statement soon after news of the Aug. 29-30 slum killings. "We must start with the trade in drugs, which is the root of the problem.

In an interview published Sept. 1 by the Rome newspaper *La Repubblica*, Bishop Gregory said the Vigaria Geral neighborhood where the massacre occurred was a focal point of drug trafficking, which the government has been unable to stop. A more general cause of such attacks, he said, is that Brazil's "decadent and corrupt institutions" appear unable to provide justice.

Authorities are never able to track down the

responsible for the massacres, Bishop Gregory said. Unfortunately, he added, a part of the Brazilian

pulation backs the death-squad activity as an antidote

population backs the death-squad activity as an antidote to spreading street crime and social disorder. Bishop Gregory called on the government to step up measures against dring gangs and those who control underground gambling rackets. But he said the fundamental premise for ending Brazil's urban deterioration must be "a decision to combat hunger and poverty" in the country. The massacre began around 11 pm. Aug. 29, when a group of about 30 massled, armed men shot and killed a young man in a square close to a sharity town in Vigana Geral. As the menerized the sharity town, they cut telephone lines, then shot dead seven men drinking in a bar. Gumnen then burst into a home across the street from the bar and shot dead eight members of a family.

Others were killed, apparently at random, in the street until

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Others were killed, apparently at random, in the street until the gang finally left the area at around 1 a.m.

Father Luiz Antonio Perreira Lopes, who heads the shanty town pastorate of the Rio de Janero Archdiocses, said the situation in the slums would grow more violent unless steps were taken to improve lying conditions for the millions of people who live an powerty in the city.

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our homes. From the basics we can move on

The priest said the government was failing in its duty to provide employment, housing, health and education.



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Pope worried about wars in forgotten areas

by John Thavis

VATICAN CITY—September brought an olive branch of peace in the Middle East, but it was not enough to ease Pope John Paul II's answerse about the state of the world. Even as the pope hailed the Israeli-Palestinian agreement as a historic breakthrough, his thoughts were troubled by persistent bloodletting in more foughts were troubled by persistent bloodletting in more found was offered by U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Raymond Flynn, who spoke privately with the pontif Sept. 2 after presenting this credentals.

his credentials

During their that, the pope recalled living through the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, the start of a war that would hold the world's attention for many years.

'The pope said the problem today is not world wars, but many smaller wars. And these minitwars are often more devastant and a big war, 'Flyin said in an interview.

'At a conference on war victims the same week, the Vatician representative, 'Archibshop Paul Tabet, made a similar observation. He said we live in a period in which

These are usually civil conflicts motivated by ethnic ligious and linguistic discrimination, the archbishop said.

reagous and inguistic discrimination, the archbishop said. The modern plague of little wars has prompted papal appeals from time to time, notably during the break-up or Yugoslavia and the slow martyrdom of its peoples. During his conversation with Flynn, the pope pointed to suffering in a more overlooked country. Sudan.

'He said the situation in southern Sudan, in many respects "He said the situation in southern Studan, in many respects, is much more serious than some of these other places that we hear about. He said bables, elderly and innocent people are saffering and dying, leaving their country, "Flynn recounted. The pope, who visited Sudan last February, told Flynn his "Fleart bleeds" for the suffering there, which he said was much greater than people understand.

The pope is better noxitioned than must expelle to follow.

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The pope is better positioned than most people to follow
the 20th century's "hidden" wars because he receives regular
reports from the front in talks with individual bishops and
other church leaders, in reports from nuncios on the spot, and
through the work of Vatican offices, especially those dealing with refugees.

Throughout the last three years, as the world has focused

and hostilities in the Balkars, the pope has repeatedly reminded international audiences that millions of others are also afficied by war and civil strife.

➤ In Angola, where the breakdown of a peace accord has gnited civil war and left thousands dead.

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In Liberia, Rwanda and Burundi, African nations still trying to overcome ethnic and political rivalines.

In East Timor, where the pope has prayed for the "countless" victims of an independence struggle from

➤In Cambodia, where recent elections aimed to end what

e pope called a "terrible heritage" of strife.

In former Soviet republics in the Caucasus, currently ttered by violent political and ethnic tensions.

In Set Lanka, where the pope said separatist violence has led to a spiral of attack and retaliation.

In Northern Ireland, where the death toll in a decades old political struggle continues to mount.

➤ In Peru and Colombia, beset by rebel violence, and in uaternala, where a 33-year-old civil war still brings suffering





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Multicultural American history

TURAL AMERICA, by Ronald Takaki. Little, Brown and Company (Boston, 1993). 508 pp., \$27.95 U.S.; \$34.95 Canada.

"A Different Mirror" is a book that re-visions American society. By focusing the lens of history more sharply, author Ronald Takaki allows us to discover when

Americans really are.

We have been created not so much by the Founding Fathers as by the overwhelming addition of millions of strangers from Europe, Africa and Asia who have streamed to this land for the past two centuries. As the collective stories of these pioners unfold, we begin to sense that being Americans has less to do with place of birth than it does with believing in sides. does with believing in ideals.

Liberty and justice are the most compelling magnets that Liberty and justice are the most compelling magnets that have drawn immigrants to America. But newcomers have stayed because of one abiding American commitment, emblazoned in patriotic streamers that read "e pluribus unum." To this day, it is this sense of inclusion that has ensured the growth and uniqueness of American society. If that were not the case, how could one even begin to account for the tronic experience of European immigrants account for the tronic experience of European immigrants. Asian Americans, even after being refused any hope for citzenship, still believing that they ". . . had earned the right to claim their adopted country"? Today, the same

It is the record of nistory that bears testimony to the truth of this sustained love affair between disadvantaged people and the land of liberty. And it is through the stories of newcomers, Takaki reminds us, that each new generation is taught the lesson that must be learned if the greatness of America is to endure. Created out of isolated greatness of America is to endure. Created out of isolated communities of memory, each people have their own story to tell, yet they emerge as one only when they are reflected together in the same mirror. This is the re-visioning that

As a historian of yesterday's European Catholic immigrants, I have often marvelled, as Takaki has, at how the newcomers breathed fresh life and ambition into the American ideals; how, despite bigotry and rejection, immigrants never ceased to believe in the promise of America to provide equality in society and in their churches. I have been as committed to seeing that their story be joined

Native Americans, who were the first to experience exclusion within the American nation, he allows us to observe others who were victimized in the cauldron of the urban ghetto or farmland: the pioneering Irish: European gentiles and lews Africans; Latino-Americans and Asian immigrants; the latest newcomers. Then he reminds us that what has previously saved the day has been the tenacity of memory, combining the rationale of the immigrants' quest with the realities of American

This monograph is especially timely in the context of the present intellectual debate: that it may be necessary to limit others from sharing in the American bounty. As Takaki tells us, we must remember the simple and ageless American verity. If we listen to each other's story and look, long and hard, at selves in the different mirror called history, we will discover the wisdom of being inclusive of all peoples. That is the only way in which we can continue to be a nation that can forge unity

(Sister Dolores Liptak is a ethnic and church historian wrote "Immigrants and Their Church" (Macmillan, 1989), edited "A Church of Many Cultures" (Garland, 1989), and contributed to monographs published by the U.S. bishops' Office of Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees.)

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AGNES, Norma, 72, St. Mary, North Vernon, August 21. Wife of James; mother of William, Michael, David and Janet Gerkin, sister of Helen Rogers, Ruth Evelyn Helm, Raymond Ertel, William Ertel and Virginia

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Franciscan Sisters Bova and Solbach, health care leaders

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Religious groups dissatisfied with apology from Dr. Elders

by Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON—Leaders of several Catholic and Protestant groups sharply opposed Dr. Joycelyn Elders as U.S. surgeon general despite a recent public apology. Her public remarks belitting the Catholic Church and Christians who oppose abortion should still disqualify her, they told reporters at a press conference Sept. 2 convened by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

The U.S. Senate took up Elders' monitation as surgeon general this past Tuesday when it reconvened after Labor Day. Elders, former Arkansas director of public health, was confirmed despite the accusations of religious bigotry and the opposition of some to her outspoken advocacy of abortion and the distribution of free condoms to tern-agers.

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Critics at the press conference said her recent letter to Archbishop William H. Keeler of Baltimore, apologizing for "any offense" her comments may have caused Catholics or pro-lifers, was inadequate.

"No such apology has been offered to evangelicals and other Christians who have been the target of her vicious attacks," said James A. Smith, government relations director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission

Even the apology to Archbishop Keeler was only "h hearted." Smith said.

The nominee's "apparent religious bigotry" should disqualify her from holding any high government office, said the September issue of Insight, a newsletter on public affairs from the National Association of Evangelicals. The association

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afterward.

"It is highly offensive to label those who oppose abortion as non-Christians with slave-master mentalities," said a joint statement by the Catholic League and other sponsors of the press conference, referring to one of the remarks by Elders that concerned them

Co-signing the joint statement with the Catholic League were Smith in his capacity as a Southern Baptist spokesman, Catholic War Veterans, American Family Association and

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Architecture and Washington office representative of Pamerican Family Association, said Elders first made her "bigoted statements against Catholics in January 1992" and subsequently refused at loss two requests for a retraction or apology by an Arkansas Catholic pastor, Father James P. West of St. Bonface Parish in Bigglow. In light of that, Trueman said, it snucked of political convenience for her to apologize to Archibishop Keeler "only at the 11th hour" before her confirmation vote in the U.S. Senate.

Archibishop Keeler, president Clinton in July objecting to Elders" (contemptuous" depiction of Catholic opposition to abortion as coming from "a cellibate and male-dominated church." He also protested her assertions that abortion opponents are unconcerned about life ourside the womb.

In early August he received a letter of apology from Elders and a separate letter from Clinton reaffirming the president's trust in her as his nominee for surgeon general.

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The NCCB released the letters Aug. 31, saving it decided to put them out for the public record "due to the growing public controversy." The bishops cornere does not endorse or oppose nominees for appointive office, it said.

Patrick Riley, director of the Catholic Leagues Washington office, said of Elders response to the archbishop: "All she said was, Well, if you're offended, I'm sorry, She doesn't withdraw what she said. It's hardly an adequate apology."

In her letter Elders said she was, "distressed that some have interpreted my remarks as evidence of bigorty against particular religious denominations. I abhor bigorty in all its forms. I never meant to malign or blaspheme the Catholic Church. If my statements have caused any offense, I sincerely apologize."

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'the anti-Catholic remarks of Dr. Elders demand close "by the Senate-commented: "I acknowledge the fact that she apologized for remarks that were certainly inappropriate and insulting. . . At the same time, it has to be kept in mind that she has taken public stands on a wide range of issues with which we cannot agree and which she apparently intends to continue to aggressively pursue. I certainly hope the Senate will clarify some of these issues and

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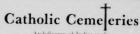
I knights of Columbus spokesman Russell Shaw recalled that when the Knights held their national convention in August; they opposed her continuation because of her advocacy of abortion and condoms in schools as well as her anti-Catholic remarks. "We don't regard Dr. Elders' response as absorbed-marked." as altogether satisfactory with regard to any of the poir Knights of Columbus raised," he said.

➤Carroll Quinn, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, a federation of about 8,000 Catholic women's organizations, said the council "continues to be concerned about Dr. Elders' characterization of those who do not accept abortion on demand," and her apology "does not end our concern over the willingness of a government nominee to make anti-Catholic statements in the first place."

➤ The Pilot, Boston archdiocesan Catholic newspaper, editorialized: "She never apologized for what she said. She merely regretted that you and I took offense. Dear Dr Elders, that's still not enough! Your 'apology' is unac

Cardinal Law says it is 'open season on the Catholic Church'

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