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Bishops approve 4 new statements

by John F. Fink

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Catholic bishops met here Nov. 15-18, approved statements on the family, parish social ministry, the role of the United States in foreign affairs, and the permanent diaconate, heard various reports, and approved their budgets and plans for 1994. However, the issue that was discussed the most during the meeting—the liturgy—had inconclusive results.

The bishops did not let the accusations of sexual abuse of a minor against Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago dominate the meeting. After the bishops showed their support for the cardinal on the first day of the meeting, the rest of the meeting continued as usual. Cardinal Bernardin played his usual active role.

After debating procedures for approving the various segments of the new Sacramentary, now scheduled to be finished in 1998, the bishops returned the recommendations for the first segment back to their Liturgy Committee with instructions to consult the Doctrine Committee before bringing the segments back to the bishops.

On another liturgical matter, the bishops were asked to approve the Grail Psalter (with inclusive language) for liturgical use. The vote on this, which required approval of two-thirds of the active bishops, was inconclusive and the results won't be known until after the bishops who were absent can be polled.

The bishops did approve, by the vote of 207 to 1, the use of a Spanish translation of the "Order of Christian Funerals" for liturgical use.

The major messages and statements

approved unanimously, or nearly unanimously, by the bishops included a reflection on the 10th anniversary of the bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace, "The Challenge of Peace"; a pastoral message to families as the bishops' contribution to the International Year of the Family that the United Nations has proclaimed for 1994; a statement on the social mission of the parish; and a statement on the permanent diaconate issued on the 25th anniversary of this ministry in the church in the United States.

(Details about these messages are in articles on pages 7, 10, 23 and 27.)

The bishops heard oral reports from the Committee on Sexual Abuse by Clergy, the Retirement Fund for Religious, The Catholic University of America, and the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America. They viewed video presentations from Catholic Relief Services, the Pro-Life Committee, and the Committee on Women. The last named was a video urging priests to preach on the subject of domestic violence.

The bishops also approved a motion to extend the collection for Eastern and Central Europe for a fifth year. When the collection was approved it was for a minimum of three years and a maximum of five years.

The bishops took action on some matters related to sexual abuse of minors by priests. They overwhelmingly voted to request the Vatican to "derogate" (or adjust) Canon Law dealing with the laicization of priests who have sexually abused minors. They also heard a report from Bishop John Kinney of Bismark, chairman of the Committee on Sexual Abuse by Clergy. (See articles on page 28 for more details.)



SEASON OF GIVING THANKS—Americans paused to feast and give thanks for their blessings Nov. 25 as they observed Thanksgiving Day, a U.S. tradition that began when the Pilgrims celebrated the good harvest of 1621. (CNS photo by Father Gene Plaisted)

Council assesses impact of new strategic plan

by John F. Fink

Members of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council assessed the impact of the new archdiocesan strategic plan at the parish level during their meeting last Saturday and concluded that it has not had much yet. Not much is heard about the plan, they said.

The council also spent time discussing parish governance issues. It learned, through study of typical parish problems, that a variety of governance and consultation models are currently being used in the archdiocese.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein gave the council a report on this year's U.S. bishops

meeting. Then the council heard updates on discussions currently being held by task forces to implement the goals spelled out in the strategic plan.

Father Paul Koetter, vicar for ministry personnel, said that one of his task forces is now studying how to staff the archdiocese during the next three years when it is expected that there will be about 18 fewer priests. He said that recommendations will be made in February.

Father Koetter said that another task force is working at setting standards for continuing education for clergy, religious, and lay professional leaders. He said that it is probable that the task force will recommend a minimum of 12 hours of education per year as a standard, but not a requirement.

Father David Coats, vicar general, said that a task force is developing a process for assessing the Office of Evangelization. He said the work of the task force will result in recommendations for how to pursue evangelization in the archdiocese.

Another task force will update recommendations concerning the proper structure for youth, young adult and campus ministries, Father Coats said.

Suzanne Magnant, chancellor and secretary of the Secretariat for Leadership, Pastoral Formation and Services, spoke about plans for observance of the Year of the Family during 1994. She said that a committee with representation from each secretariat is coordinating events dealing with families.

Archbishop Buechlein reported on the task force that has been working on problems of the center city. He said that a mission statement, goals and objectives have been set, as reported in *The Criterion*. He

noted that this task force is dealing with poverty and racism issues.

Then the council members were asked their opinions of the plan's impact. The members said that they have found that many people in the parishes are not getting the message and attributed this to the fact that many parishioners are not receiving *The Criterion*, where the strategic plan was reported in detail. It was agreed that better communications are needed, perhaps by means other than *The Criterion*. Archbishop Buechlein told the members that a symposium on communications is scheduled for Dec. 16 to brainstorm ways to improve communications within the archdiocese.

Council members reported that they hear parishioners questioning how parish staffing is determined, particularly why some parishes have no resident priests while others have two priests. Other questions concerned the authority of deaneries and if the planning process is oversteering the archdiocesan offices.

Later in the meeting, Magnant led the discussion of parish governance issues, with the council breaking into small

groups to consider three case studies. During discussion the council members asked about the authority of pastoral councils and parish finance councils. It was noted that Canon Law mandates parish finance councils and archdiocesan policy requires parish councils. However, Archbishop Buechlein made it clear, both bodies are consultative and pastors have final authority in parishes.

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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

My list of blessings this Thanksgiving Day

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

As I flew home from the fall bishops' meeting in Washington, the Thanksgiving holiday led my train of thought and prayer. Maybe my list of blessings that I will place on the altar Thanksgiving Day can spark your thought and prayer.

My first thought is a point which was made in the young woman's letter I mentioned some weeks ago. She was grateful because her parents showed her what it means to "be connected" to God. Thank God for the gift of faith! I am so grateful that I know that I need God and that I have been saved from sin and death. Life has a different meaning because I know there is a kingdom where every tear shall be wiped away. I love this journey of life and think it is flying by too fast, but I am grateful that there is much more to life and reality than meets the eye. The gift of my faith gives me a vision of the real life. This is only the vestibule.

I thank God for my parents who had me baptized into the Catholic faith and saw that I learned what it means to need God and to love the church. My family was my first experience of church. Mom and dad taught me what it means to live a simple life. They taught me



about right and wrong and they taught me that while I was free to choose the wrong, I would also face the consequences of sin. They taught me the way things are, not how to rewrite life and morality to fit my wants. They also took me to church monthly to confess my sins, to receive forgiveness and healing and to make amends for my sin. They led me to a reluctant lesson about how and where to find real freedom.

Not so much in words but by example my parents taught me to work and to work hard with a positive spirit. Dad drilled the idea that a job worth doing is worth doing well. Without making a big thing of it, mom encouraged me to be a leader. In a family of faith my gifts led me in the direction of serving the church. I learned instinctively that as a leader in faith I could make a difference like in no other profession.

Last week in Washington I would jog over the lunch hour and one day it seemed like almost all the folks I passed on the street were talking about how they could make more money or how their business could make more money. I thought to myself, as important as it is to have money, I am so grateful my first preoccupation can be how to help folks find that there is more to life. What a gift: my "work" is my faith.

I thank God for the gift of the particular vocation I have received. To walk with so many people on the journey of faith is a rare privilege. It is a rare gift to help people find the

truth, to find healing. It means a lot to help people learn to live with pain and to find peace and joy despite the struggles and the unfairness of life. My ministry has introduced me to hundreds of wonderful friends who encourage me in my faith. I thank God for the friends who keep me laughing and won't allow me to take myself too seriously.

It's a privilege to know and serve with Pope John Paul II. We have a pope who shows us what serenity of truth is like. He shows us what strength of faith is like. We have a religious leader who is truly focused on God. He will always be my picture of a man of prayer.

I thank God for the grace to meet Mother Teresa. She shows what it means to believe that Jesus continues to live among us, especially in the poor and the lonely all around us. Her humility and her humor let me that there are mature ways to deal with anger about the unfairness of life. Mother Teresa's life makes many of us feel uneasy because she lives the gospel and doesn't just talk it. Yet she is not judgmental about those of us who are not so responsive to grace. I thank God that we have two great living saints as leaders in our church. I thank God for all the saints who are nearby. I think of priests, religious and lay co-workers and friends and family who want to make things work for God and for the church, for our family of faith and our whole human family. I thank God for all of you who help look for the faith and love that unite us and who help look for ways to resolve our differences.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Some notes from this year's bishops' meeting

by John F. Fink
Editor, The Criterion

Those who wish the bishops would stick to religious matters instead of "politics" would be happy with this year's bishops' meeting last week. By far the greatest amount of time was spent on liturgical matters. Prior meetings have been devoted primarily to such things as the pastoral on war and peace, the economy, and the role of women.

This meeting did consider and make decisions about issues that some consider political—a reflection on the 10th anniversary of the war and peace pastoral being the most obvious. It is an excellent statement that I intend to give wide coverage to, but I suspect I'm in the minority. It and statements on the family, the social mission of the parish, and other matters were passed with a very little amount of discussion and debate.

In contrast, the debate on liturgical matters was extensive. These issues were first introduced on Monday and were discussed through the end of the morning session, preempting two oral reports that were on the agenda, and continued into the afternoon session. On Wednesday debate started at 9:30 and again continued into the afternoon session. Debate just on the procedure to be used in approving parts of the Revised Roman Missal took two hours.

The issue of inclusive language kept rearing its head—which should come as no surprise to readers of *The Criterion's* letters to the editor. At one point Bishop Anthony Bococ of Greensburg commented that this issue generated more mail to the bishops than any other item discussed at the meeting. Yet Auxiliary Bishop Wilton Gregory of Chicago, chairman of the Liturgy Com-

mittee, stated that of the 440 recommendations received by his committee regarding the Revised Roman Missal, not one dealt with inclusive language. He said they all had to do with concerns about the looseness of the translation from Latin or points of theological clarification.

The only time inclusive language was specifically discussed at the meeting was during debate over whether to approve the Grail Psalter (with inclusive language) for liturgical use. Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz of Lincoln said that the

translation changed the meaning of some of the Psalms, thus changing God's word. However, Archbishop William Keeler of Baltimore, who chaired the meeting as president of the bishops' conference, reminded the bishops that the Psalter had already been granted an imprimatur after the conference appointed a committee of bishops to review the text and make sure it was doctrinally correct. The issue, he said, was whether or not this Psalter should be used for liturgical purposes. Since its approval required two-thirds of

Five AIDS blessings recognize the spiritual needs of patients

by Mary Ann Wynd

As part of World AIDS Day observances in December, the AIDS Task Force of the Catholic Church in central and southern Indiana and the Damien Center in Indianapolis are sponsoring a "Blessing of the Sick" on Dec. 5 at five archdiocesan churches.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside at the fourth annual "Blessing of the Sick" for persons with AIDS, those who are HIV positive, and their family members or caregivers, at 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

The archbishop will be assisted by Father David Coats, vicar general of the archdiocese and a member of the Damien Center board of directors; Father Rick Gintner, pastor of Cathedral Parish; and Father Larry Crawford, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities.

"Blessing of the Sick" services also are scheduled at Bloomington, New Albany, Richmond and Terre Haute on that day. All services are listed by the local time.

Father Ron Ashmore, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish at Bloomington, will preside at a 4 p.m. service at the church, and Father John Fink, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, will preside at a 4 p.m. blessing at that church in New Albany. In Richmond, Fathers Robert Mazzola and Patrick Mercer will preside at a 2:30 p.m. service at St. Andrew Church. And at Terre Haute, Father Anthony Volz, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, and Providence Sister Connie Kramer, parish life coordinator at St. Ann Parish, will preside at a 4 p.m. blessing at St. Ann Church.

The ecumenical blessings are our attempt to reach out to people who are HIV positive or who are in active AIDS as well as their families, the people who love them, and their caregivers," Father Crawford said. "The primary thing we want people who have AIDS or who are HIV positive to know is that the church does care for them—they are

wanted and welcomed—and we want to minister to them."

Unfortunately, he said, people who are HIV positive or ill with AIDS often receive negative messages from society.

"I would encourage the people of the archdiocese to exercise the ministry of compassion and tell people who would already find this blessing about it," Father Crawford said. "So very often, the people we need to reach do not find out about this event. We need to reach out to these people and let them know of the existence of this opportunity. Obviously, a personal invitation is always the most powerful way to invite someone."

He said the blessings at five sites in the archdiocese are scheduled on the Sunday closest to World AIDS Day, which is sponsored by the World Health Organization and observed worldwide on Dec. 1.

Providence Sister Ann Michele Kiefer, a pastoral care associate at the Damien Center, described the ecumenical blessing as a way to experience spiritual healing.

"This type of healing helps with the wholistic aspect of ministering to persons with AIDS," she said. "This is open to any people who wish to avail themselves of this wholistic approach, and is offered for individuals with AIDS and also for their caregivers."

Another World AIDS Day event in the Indianapolis area is scheduled at Butler University. Sister Ann Michele said, where part of the AIDS Quilt will be displayed in the Riley Room of the Athenium Union Building on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2.

Hours for the exhibit are Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m., Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m., and Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A candlelight walk and two services of healing and remembrance will open and close the AIDS memorial exhibit at Butler, she said. Throughout the three-day event, volunteers will present a continuous reading of the names of people who have died from the disease.

the active bishops, that approval was still in doubt at the end of the meeting until the absent bishops could be polled.

The long debates over procedure showed that many of the bishops are concerned that the people making revisions in the texts are not orthodox. Apparently the bishops get a lot of mail from people who seem to think that the bishops are not in conformity with the Holy See, and this simply isn't true. It does seem to make the bishops awfully wary though.

Other notes: Archbishop Buechlein's term as chairman of the Priestly Formation Committee expired with this meeting. He was nominated for treasurer of the conference but was defeated in the election by Archbishop Thomas Murphy of Seattle by a vote of 237 to 19. However, Archbishop Buechlein remains a member of several other conference committees.

Another Indiana bishop did not fare well in the election either. Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville was defeated in the election for chairman of the Education Committee of the U.S. Catholic Conference by Bishop Robert Banks of Green Bay by 122 to 112.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

Effective December 1, 1993

REV. CLIFFORD VOGELANG, from pastor of St. Thomas, Indianapolis, appointed pastor of St. Augustine, Jeffersonville.

The above appointment is from the office of the Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis.

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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Sr. Mary Robert is treasure to church, world

by Sister Mary Luke Jones, OSB

Second in a series of articles

(The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be the weekend of Dec. 11-12. The fund helps support religious women and men in some of the ways described in this article.)

She had a fine mind. Everyone said so. At the tender age of six, she studied piano—a talent she would cultivate for the next 81 years. Her teaching career included Latin and music. She was given the responsibility of training young women in the monastic tradition. And she was elected by her sisters as prioress of the community.

Today, though, Sister Mary Robert Palmer suffers from senile dementia, Alzheimer type.

Born in 1906 in Murphysboro, Ill., Louise was one of five children of Roy and Lillian Palmer. Her father, a bookkeeper for a general store, was a very faithful Presbyterian. Although proud of his daughter, when he learned of her desire to enter the convent he responded, "Oh, rats!" Sixty-nine years later, Sister Mary Robert remembers that as being his favorite expression.

Louise's older brother entered St. Meinrad Seminary. That decision occasionally brought the Illinois native to Indiana where she met the neighboring Benedictine sisters of Ferdinand. The sisters' deep prayer life impressed the young woman of 18 years—so much that in 1924, Louise began the religious life she has loved ever since.

Sister Mary Robert was an accomplished musician, playing piano, organ and harp skillfully. Her musical talent was best used, however, at the liturgy. Throughout her life, Sister Mary Robert has been committed to prayer and the eucharistic celebration.

In her early days at Ferdinand, the sisters were praying the Little Office of the Blessed Mother. Sister Mary Robert was instrumental, as the liturgist, in obtaining permission for the community to pray the Divine Office, the official prayer of the church.

In 1941, Mother Seraphine asked Sister Mary Robert to be the formation director, a position she held for 18 years. The postulants and novices she trained were well-prepared for the vowed life, due to their director's own commitment and dedication.

When the decision was made to found Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, its leadership was placed in the capable hands of Sister Mary Robert. She served as "superior" of the new foundation until she was elected its first prioress in 1961.

One of Sister's many accomplishments was the establishment of a lay board of advisors. Made up of men and women with different areas of expertise, the board has met regularly since 1965 to guide the religious community in the areas of finance, maintenance and public relations.

On the occasion of the board's 25th anniversary, Sister Mary Robert said, "As we started a new place, we needed others who were knowledgeable in business and finance, because God knew that I knew that I didn't know!"

Sister Mary Robert finished out her professional career teaching music to elementary school children until her retirement in 1985. At that time, she moved back to Our Lady of Grace where she filled her days with prayer, piano practice and the "forgotten art of tating" (making a kind of knotted lace of cotton or linen thread).

It was there that a very special and deep relationship was formed with Sister Mary Xavier Mueller. As the symptoms of Alzheimer's began to take their toll in the fine mind of this very active woman, she needed care and guidance.

Sister Mary Xavier and Sister Mary Robert played the piano every day, memorizing Tchaikovsky and entertaining the sisters and the residents of St. Paul Hermitage, a retirement and intermediate care nursing facility, just a stone's throw from the monastery.

When Sister Mary Robert didn't remember where she left her tating, Sister Mary Xavier knew. Then, when Sister got her nights and days mixed up—nodding off during prayer, but wide awake at 3



Benedictine Sisters Mary Robert Palmer and Mary Xavier Mueller

a.m.—Sister Mary Xavier was there to help orient and calm her.

For 69 years, Sister Mary Robert has been a faithful witness to those around her—of the love of God and the value of

the religious life. Her life has taken a natural progression from youth to adulthood to old age.

How does a religious community care for its elderly? The Benedictine sisters of Our

Lady of Grace have chosen to care for their own at the monastery until 24-hour care is necessary. When that time comes, the sister is "missed" to St. Paul Hermitage.

The Benedictines own and operate St. Paul Hermitage. Opened in 1960, the facility has cared for hundreds of men and women during their retirement years. St. Paul Hermitage is the sisters' way of fulfilling St. Benedict's admonition to reverent the elderly.

Sister Mary Robert made very little money during her long religious life—no money, in fact, to set aside for retirement. Her care is made possible through the benevolence of the people who love her and others like her.

The retirement collection for religious, now in its sixth year, has been a generous outpouring of love and gratitude for the vowed men and women who sacrificed their security for the sake of church and the people of God.

Throughout her religious life, Sister Mary Robert treasured a particular quote from St. Benedict's Rule—she patterned her life after it: "Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

That preference has guided Sister Mary Robert and strengthened her as she has moved into a graceful old age. She is a treasure to our church and to our world.

Linehan joins other veterans at unveiling of statue

by Mary Ann Wyand

Sister of Providence postulant Patricia Linehan of Indianapolis joined hundreds of women veterans in Washington, D.C., earlier this month for an emotional reunion and the unveiling of a dramatic new statue honoring the 265,000 women who served the United States in the Vietnam War two and three decades ago.

Linehan, a former United States Navy nurse, provided medical support services on board the USS Repose off the coast of South Vietnam from March of 1966 to April of 1967.

She was among nearly 500 women veterans gathered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on Nov. 10 for a Mass of Thanksgiving as part of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project.

Archbishop Joseph Dimino, the archbishop for military services, celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving in the basilica. He was assisted by three auxiliary bishops and several other priests.

"We had a great reunion in the church even before the Mass started," Linehan said. "I saw people I hadn't heard from since we left the war. The Mass was a very moving celebration honoring the eight women who had died either in Vietnam or as a result of diseases or wounds inflicted at that time."

The women veterans hadn't been together as a group since the end of their service in the war, she said, and the national gathering for the unveiling of the memorial statue on Nov. 11 gave them a chance to renew old friendships, recognize their many contributions to the war effort, and remember memories of a war, a time.

Described as "A Legacy of Healing and Hope," the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project also gave some of the men who served the United States in the Vietnam War an opportunity to thank the women who cared for them in that faraway country a quarter century ago.

Unlike most of the men, who were drafted to fight in Vietnam, the more than a quarter of a million enlisted women had volunteered to serve during the 12-year war. Ninety percent of those women worked in health care—as Linehan did on the hospital ship—nursing the sick, the wounded and the dying.

On the day after the Mass of Thanksgiving at the basilica, women veterans representing all branches of the Armed Forces marched together along Constitution Avenue to the site of the new women's memorial statue near The Wall. (Listed on that massive Vietnam War memorial are the names of the eight military women who died in the war as well as the hundreds of thousands of men who lost their lives in the conflict.)

During the parade, Linehan said, Con-



VIETNAM VETERAN—Former Navy nurse Patricia Linehan is a postulant with the Sisters of Providence and now works in the archdiocese Family Life Office. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

stitution Avenue was filled with people who cheered and saluted the women veterans for their courageous service.

"What is astonishing to all of us was the number of men who had served in Vietnam who had come back to be there during the time of the parade," she said. "They would break into the parade and hug somebody or shake hands. Most of them would chant 'Welcome home.' It was very moving."

As the women walked along the parade route, Linehan said, they encountered a handicapped veteran who wanted to express his thanks to the Navy nurses.

"He had been injured in the war," she said, "and was a bilateral amputee who had stumps that were about six inches below the hip. He was in a wheelchair along the side, and he kept waving at us. One of our group went over and gave him a big hug and talked to him for a minute. When she came back, we asked her where he was from and where he was injured. She said he doesn't know. He woke up in a hospital station. He just knows that he stepped on a land mine, and a Navy Corps nurse saved his life. We all stopped and waved to him. He put his hands on the arms of his wheelchair, hoisted himself up to stand on his stumps, and saluted us."

There were many instances like that during the parade and memorial ceremony at the statue, Linehan said. "It was something we didn't expect. It was joyful

in that we were united again. The normal barrier that you experience with people you don't know—people standing along a parade route—all that was swept away. It was like family, like they were your brothers and sisters. Many strangers came up to us and hugged us and said 'It's about time' or 'Welcome home.'"

The Vietnam Women's Memorial statue was created by sculptor Glenna Goodacre, she said, and features four women who are caring for an injured man.

Vietnam veterans Diane Carlson Evans and Linda Spoonster-Schwartz led a nine-year effort to see the women's memorial statue become a reality.

During the dedication ceremony, Vice President Al Gore spoke to the veterans.

"He was very articulate," Linehan said. "He was very good. When they finished the dedication, they laid a wreath at the Vietnam Wall."

After the unveiling, she said, veterans left gifts on the statue. "They left medals, Purple Hearts, ribbons, photographs taken in Vietnam, letters, paintings, plaques, poetry, all kinds of mementos from family members and friends. The base of the statue was filled with flowers."

That night there was a candlelight ceremony at the statue, and everybody was invited back again. When we drove up to the area to park, the glow of the candles from thousands of people brightened the night sky."

After the veterans had departed, Linehan said, U.S. Park Service officials collected the gifts for a permanent exhibit honoring Vietnam War veterans at the nearby Smithsonian Institution.

Wanted: Your Christmas stories

What was your most memorable Christmas? What made it so joyous, humorous or inspirational?

Each year the Christmas stories by our readers are the most popular pieces in our annual Christmas supplement. Therefore, we again invite you to submit your special Christmas memories for possible publication.

Stories should be true, involving a real event, should be typed double-spaced, and no longer than 300 words (about a page-and-a-half).

Deadline for receipt is Tuesday, Dec. 7. The stories to be published will be selected by the editors.

Parishes are also invited to send us information about special Christmas events planned in the parish.

FROM THE EDITOR

Can a modern person believe in miracles?

by John F. Fink

The Catholic Church believes in miracles. I realize that it's chic for sophisticated people to pooch-pooch miracles in this modern scientific age, and some theologians have even tried

to explain away Jesus' miracles. But miracles—defined as events or effects in the physical world deviating from the known laws of nature, or transcending our knowledge of these laws—do exist. Those who try to explain Jesus' miracles as natural events that were made miraculous in their telling ignore the fact that miracles are an essential feature of his personality. The Gospels stress over and over that he was a miracle-worker, that this was one of the things that drew people to him.

Jesus performed all types of miracles. He healed the blind, the deaf, the lame, a paralytic, leprosy. He stilled a storm in sea and multiplied loaves and fish to feed the multitudes. He expelled demons (of course, those who don't believe in miracles also don't believe in demons). He brought three people back to life. And he himself rose from the dead. Rather than try to explain away these miracles, the church accepts them.

Jesus performed miracles for specific purposes: to make people believe in him, to reward someone for his/her faith, to show that he had the power to forgive sins, or to provoke a confrontation over healing on the Sabbath.

BUT WEREN'T PEOPLE a lot more gullible back at the time of Jesus? Today we know much more about the laws of nature. Can't we explain today those things that seemed extraordinary back then? If there were so many miracles then, why aren't there miracles today?

The answer, of course, is that there still are miracles today. Just because you and I might not ever have

experienced one doesn't mean they don't exist. I'm not referring here to the healing miracles that have become part of some televangelists' TV programs, but to cures and other events that defy all the laws of nature.

Ever since Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous at a grotto near Lourdes, France in 1858, there have been miraculous events there. There were so many that, as far back as 1882, a medical board was established to investigate the claimed miracles. Since 1948 there have been 1,300 cases of alleged cures there but the church has judged only 18 to be miracles, only 65 since 1882.

OF MORE RECENT vintage is the *Consulta Medica*, the board of distinguished doctors instituted in 1948 to help the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican determine if miracles have occurred through the intercession of someone the congregation is studying for beatification or canonization. Although the process of beatification and canonization has been simplified under Pope John Paul II, it still requires at least one miracle for beatification, except in the case of martyrs, and another for canonization. Theologians at the congregation have to determine if the miracles occurred through prayers to the person being considered for beatification or canonization.

Before that, though, it's up to the *Consulta Medica* to determine if a miracle has occurred at all. And this board is very tough. After all, their reputations are on the line and what they decide will be in the Vatican archives indefinitely. The members of this board are taken from a pool of about 60 doctors who represent all possible medical specialties. Some are heads of hospitals, others professors or department heads in medical schools.

A panel of five of these doctors meets every other week from mid-October through mid-July to examine two events purported to be miraculous. All the records in the cases have been submitted independently to two of these doctors, who don't know who the other doctor is. The records include X-rays, medical histories, biopsies, or anything else the

doctor needs. If one of the doctors believes that there is no medical explanation for the cure, the case is submitted to two more doctors. Then these four plus the president of the *Consulta Medica* (Dr. Raffaello Cortesi, chief of surgery at the University of Rome Medical School) come to a conclusion that is then submitted to the theologians. Technically, the doctors don't determine if a miracle has taken place; they only say whether or not a cure has a medical explanation.

This panel examines about 40 cases a year and usually rejects about 25 of them. But that means that about 15 cases a year survive this careful scrutiny. Typically, the cases that survive involve a patient with a terminal illness, for example, cancer spread throughout his or her body. Then, after praying to the holy person asking for a cure, he or she wakes up to find the cancer completely gone. Or severely deformed limbs are suddenly restored through the intercession of the person being examined for holiness. These can be nothing but modern miracles.

IN HIS BOOK "Making Saints," *Newseweek* religion editor Ken Woodward gives many other examples of unexplainable events in the Vatican files. One occurred in 1949 in an orphanage. The cook discovered that she didn't have enough rice to feed the children and the poor orphanage also fed. She prayed to Blessed John Macias, who died in 1645, for help.

Suddenly she noticed that boiling rice was overflowing the pot, so she ladled some into a second pot. The rice continued to multiply for four hours until there was more than enough rice and meat to feed 59 children and the poor besides. Furthermore, the last ladle of rice was as fresh as the first. In all, 22 persons testified to this multiplication of food. John Macias was canonized.

Don't be afraid to believe in miracles. Through God's mercy, they still occur today in relative abundance.

THE GOOD STEWARD

Good stewards treat material things with respect

We are challenged to treat material goods as precious resources to be nurtured and developed

by Dan Conway

I recently observed that stewardship is a new term in the vocabulary of American Catholics. Of course, the concept of stewardship is older than Christianity itself—dating back to the writings of the Old Testament.

The Book of Genesis describes God's creative activity in vivid terms. God is the source of all things, and we human beings are made in God's image. But we are not meant to be passive recipients—merely consuming the bountiful results of God's goodness. We have very specific

responsibilities in relationship to the earth and to each other, and we will be asked to "render an account" of our use of the gifts we have received from a good and loving God.

According to the Genesis view of things, we are meant to be stewards—ambassadors of God who exercise a special care for the world and its riches, including the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that gives us food and shelter, and all the creatures (great and small) who co-inhabit our world.

Because we are made in God's image and share in the responsibility for creation, we are challenged to treat material goods not as disposable things to be used up and thrown away, but as precious resources to be nurtured and developed for the glory of God and for the good of the human family.

This old idea—that we are stewards of all creation—is also powerfully expressed in the New Testament. The parables of Jesus and the writings of St. Paul speak eloquently of the responsibility which all Christians have to respect the things of the world as gifts from God which must be treated with great care. To abuse our material resources, or even to take them for granted, is a profound misunderstanding of our distinctive role as agents of God called to cultivate and enrich our environment.

But we are stewards of more than just the physical environment. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, we are also "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4). Responsible for spiritual realities as well. Along with our concern for the earth and its resources, we serve as guardians of a way of life.

Indeed, the mysteries of God, which we are asked to nurture and defend, reveal all things as coming from and belonging to a loving and personal God. All that we believe—our principles, our values, and our deepest hopes and aspirations—flows from the heart of God. As ambassadors of God's love and goodness, we bring light into darkness and hope to a despairing world.

The challenge of good stewardship is to reconcile our responsibility for the things of this world with God's call to cultivate the inner world of faith, hope and love. That's why good stewards are considered to be "spiritual persons," because they treat material things with profound respect and much loving care. That makes the spirituality of stewardship something very down-to-earth and practical.

EVERYDAY FAITH

Survive the holidays by lowering expectations

by Lou Jacquet

If you are like a good many folks, November and December are the most stressful months of the year on your calendar. Ours, too. This year, however, we think it will be different.

The key lies in one's expectations. Each year, millions of Americans elevate their expectations the week after Halloween as they climb on the treadmill toward Christmas and New Year's Day. Every year, they get caught up in the madness of shopping, baking, the cycle of parties, the binging on food and the pressures of preparation for a day that comes and goes in an instant.

Small wonder that, for so many, the holidays are filled more with feelings of sadness than of joy.

This year, my wife and I decided, we are not going to buy into that scenario. We will still send some Christmas cards,

though fewer than in years past. We will still attend a few social functions, though we will be careful to spread them out through the coming weeks. We will spend as much time as possible at home. We will decorate our house and make our usual attempt to put together a good Christmas for our teens. But that's it.

This time around, we refuse to let the usual holiday stresses dominate us. We have set a reasonable limit on what we will spend; we have pared our gift list to those people we most want to share with. We will not even go near the mall until Jan. 2. Finally, we have added a touch that will make our holiday special. More on that momentarily.

What has happened to Christmas in our house has happened to Christmas in so many houses. It's magic when the kids are small, but after that the reality rarely comes close to the expectations because the latter are so unrealistic. As parents, we want to make Christmas memorable for our teens, but the reality is that, like most teens, they are largely indifferent to our efforts.

In our imagination, we picture Nor-

man Rockwell holidays with the family gathered around the hearth, opening gifts in front of the tree and sharing thoughts and food as they engage in long conversations and share seasonal joy.

Get real. This is America, 1993. In the real world, most teens are not about to alter their schedules to make much of the holiday. They are pleased to receive what parents give them, but they are not about to sit back to savor the season. They are not interested in hearing what Christmas was like in the 1950s and 1960s growing up in Catholic homes. They are 1990s teens, with attention spans to match good kids at heart, but with little interest in the kind of holidays my wife and I remember from 30 years ago.

So, we have modified our expectations. We will enjoy the holiday and celebrate its religious significance. But we refuse to let it overwhelm us or, worse, depress us. Instead, we have chosen a couple of tragically abused tots to shower our attention upon. We know that these youngsters will give us far more through their enthusiasm for the holiday than we will ever give to them.

Meanwhile, we have also built in plenty of time during the coming weeks

for shared prayer, reflective walks, and spiritual reading. We might even drag out the old "Christmas Singalong With Mitch" albums. All in all, this year we plan to savor the holidays rather than merely survive them.

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To the Editor

Make your wishes known to others

The article "Indiana Bar Panel Discusses End-of-Life Issues" (Nov. 12 issue) was a very well written and unbiased article. One statement struck me: "Nobody knows how to make end-of-life decisions better than the person involved."

It's important for every individual to make his or her wishes known to others so these difficult decisions won't be left for friends and family members. In sad situations there are usually sad solutions. It's important to keep the suffering happy.

Jennifer R. Shockey
Indianapolis

Benedictine's work in Guatemala

I read your articles on Guatemala. They interested me very much. I thought you might appreciate some observations I

have had on this country both blessed and cursed.

I am a Benedictine monk of Marmion Abbey in Aurora, Ill. We are a foundation, though now independent, of St. Meinrad Archabbey. In 1965 the community of Marmion voted to make a foundation in Guatemala and operate a seminary-high school basically for the poorer Mayan young men of the area.

We were invited to the Solola Diocese by the first bishop of that diocese, Msgr. Angelo Melotto, OFM. When we arrived in the diocese, there were only six native clergy. All the rest of the priests were foreign born.

We graduated our first class in 1971 and most of those young men were ordained priests seven years later. One of them is the president of the priests' senate today. Since that year there have been priests ordained in one or other of the dioceses in Guatemala who are alumni of our seminary.

During the violent years, the early '80s, our men in Guatemala were still able to minister to the needs of the people being able to enter such troubled areas as Chichicastenango where several Spanish-

born missionaries had been murdered. We also help out in the parish where Father Stan Rother was murdered.

In 1982 we opened our own seminary in the Quetzaltenango Diocese. We have postulants and a native Guatemalan who is a novice. There are two members of our community who are native Guatemalans. We, of course, hope some day that the community will develop into an independent abbey.

Thank you for your article. I am glad when there is a description of that country which keeps things in focus.

Abbot Vincent P. Bataille, OSB
Aurora, Ill.

Improvements in care of cemetery

On our weekly visits to our departed loved ones in St. Joseph/Holy Cross Cemeteries located on the south side of Indianapolis, my family and I have noticed very significant improvements in the overall appearance of the grounds.

The iron fence surrounding the cemeteries is being repaired and/or repainted, which gives a warm welcome as we drive in.

The grounds are very well maintained with the trees and shrubs trimmed periodically.

I noticed that, after several storms this past spring and summer left trees lying across the roads, they were quickly removed by the cemetery crew in order that visitors could more easily drive through the areas in which their loved ones are buried.

We have noticed new informational signs which are readable and placed in locations where they can easily be seen.

The living memorials with their tulip trees and perennials planted this past spring are maintained in an impeccable manner.

The St. Joseph's Chapel atop a hill in the cemetery, restored by the late Francisca Sister M. Philonilla Weintraut and her crew of volunteers, now sports a huge bright light shining on it in the evening and night hours—a beautiful sight.

This has all been accomplished by the newly-selected director, Gene Harris,



Superintendent Tom Ahaus, and their crew of workers. They should be commended for their dedication and hard work in maintaining these cemeteries.

It is now a pleasure to visit our departed loved ones knowing that their final resting places are well cared for.

Mary C. Vinci
Indianapolis

Misses seeing EWTN programs

I was glad to see Dan Logan's letter in the Nov. 12 issue of *The Criterion*. I am sorry I cannot get Channel 99 here in my town. I miss EWTN programs so much. I am not able to get it here although I had it last year. EWTN helped me so much to live through my grief when my husband passed away last November.

When I am able I get the cassette tapes of Father Ken Roberts, Father Benedict Grosche and the music of the nuns. I say the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day and remember the priest who said it afterwards on EWTN.

There is a lot of trash on TV today.
Josephine Blades
Columbus

Point of View

Thanksgiving and perpetual adoration

by Mary Ann Schumann

Now that Thanksgiving time is almost here it seems only natural to spend some quality time remembering or retracing one's journey so as to give thanks.

On my return home after spending two years in Tunis, Tunisia with Project Hope as a nurse educator, I found myself delayed in Athens because of a missed connection. There I observed a Greek woman making a purchase. After the transaction, she took the package, smiled and slightly bowed her head. With an air of sincerity she said, "Eucharistia."

Wow! I was startled. Immediately the scenario of the first Eucharist became vivid—the moment when Our Lord with his great desire "gave of himself to be with us as food, medicine and comfort" (Roman Ritual #82). I found myself asking, "Do I really understand what Eucharist means? Am I really grateful? Do I consciously acclaim the favors and gifts received and thereby offer heartfelt praise and honor?"

After pondering the first Eucharist, I became aware that it was Our Lord himself who began the very first Holy Hour. It was in the middle of the night in the Garden of Olives when he said, "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt. 26:37; Lk. 22:40). The connection between the first Eucharist and the first Holy Hour became a vivid reality. I remembered that perpetual adoration is the extension of the Mass, an opportunity that the church gives to ponder the greatest mystery of our Catholic faith.

This Thanksgiving I am especially grateful that we have had the opportunity to celebrate four years of continuous (day and night) eucharistic adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis. It seems awesome when one notes that more than 40,000 hours have been spent in adoration. What a witness of faith and sacrifice, what a break in the status quo, what power has been released because of committed hours of adoration, especially at night!

Since Vatican II teaches that we are a pilgrim church, we remember good trackers to show or redefine the way. Sister Faustina, honored with beatification on April 18 of this year, was a tracker and is known as an apostle of Divine Mercy. In art form, she takes us right to the heart of our High Priest.

There his right hand is raised in absolution and his left hand points to the rays of love and mercy that flow from his resurrected pierced side. It retracks for us the Gospel invitation to come, to remember and learn to trust, to be aware of his great desire to be with us and minister to us.

To remember and see the imprint left by Our Lord or his followers requires a personal relationship with Our Lord. In tracking the stage that fostered the advent of the Divine Mercy Chapel, the secret was born. It was set in response to four years of daily committed prayer by a woman of faith who obediently responded to the quiet inner voice that bid her, "Intercede and wait." Only an eternity will be able to tell the full story of the rippling effect of those persistent prayers.

A businessman who drives 35 minutes weekly for a 5 a.m. appointment at the chapel stated, "If only people knew how that time spent with Our Lord challenges you to put your life together. Then you see the fruits of it in your family and you can't stop thanking him."

Another adorer said that the last thing she would cancel in her busy schedule was her hour of adoration. After the recent loss of her husband, she said, "I find home and comfort in the presence of the Eucharist. For four years we spent every Monday evening as a couple adoring Our Lord. I continue to keep that hour because I know he is with me in adoration. The difference is that mine takes place on earth and his in heaven."

Many instances of great sacrifice and witness would be shared. However, one that touches my faith life has been a couple with a large family who drive 50 miles in the very early hours of the morning to pray. Recently they needed to go out of town. The oldest son came to fill in for them.

New efforts made in the revival of eucharistic devotion can be tracked to Pope John Paul II, who began exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Dec. 2, 1981. He has requested that all parishes support adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us as adorers.

The East Deannery of Indianapolis began parish perpetual adoration at Little Flower Church on Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints. Several other parishes in the archdiocese also have continuous adoration.

If other deaneries in the archdiocese would like to know more about parish perpetual adoration or would like to start it, I will be delighted to assist you. Please call me at (317) 926-1963.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Consider the tiny apple seed

by Fr. John Calatrà
Director, The Christophers

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect gratefully on all that God has given us. Blessed Julian of Norwich used the symbol of a hazelnut to teach a magnificent spiritual lesson. She suggests that we can gain comfort and insight from imagining something exceedingly small to be the entire universe. Most of us don't have access to a hazelnut, so why not try it with an apple seed. Hold it in the palm of your hand and imagine this tiny pit as a symbol of the world with all its allurements and fascinations. All that life has to offer is passing and insignificant.

Blessed Julian reasons, "Wouldn't it be foolish to seek safety and satisfaction from something so small when everything in us cries out for the All (for God)?"

In this exercise Julian teaches us that everything, including the entire human family, is tiny in comparison to God who is ALL in ALL. Everything is made and supported by God's love, which keeps it from falling into nothingness. We are made, loved and preserved by God and even though we are not able to see him, our Maker, our Lover and our Preserver—we can see his attributes reflected in creation.

Julian explains that we are made in God's image, and therefore we reflect God's beauty. We embody his attributes. Julian explains that this is something like wearing the clothing of a great designer. We have his label on us. We belong to him.

In our final state, in the Beatific Vision, we will not merely be reflecting God's attributes,

we will be intimately united with him. Our Divine Savior loves us and preserves us in being precisely for one reason: to love us and to be loved by us for all eternity.

Let's face it, you and I are special creatures. "Our souls are restless until they rest in you, God" ("Confessions," St. Augustine). We are moving slowly from our smallness to his greatness.

From the apple seed we learn about the insufficiency of our tiny being and the all importance of God's sustaining power. And we learn the importance of gratitude. Without him we are nothing.

This comparison of the human race to an apple seed is a bit abstract I admit, but we are speaking about the mystery of God's creation. Even though we can learn the facts that surround this great mystery, we will never be able to comprehend the mystery itself.

Blessed Julian tells us, "When you truly become aware of God dwelling within you, you will no longer seek other creatures, you will long for the Beautiful One who is your Maker."

The next time you hold an apple seed in your hand, think about your littleness and think about your own beauty as a reflection of God's beauty. But more interestingly, I recommend that you think about your destiny as an object of God's desire.

God enfolds you in the embrace of his unchanging, unconditional, love this very minute. You may not feel it or understand it, but it's true. Consider the apple seed and be grateful. God's presence in your life is more real, more powerful, than you realize.

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

CORNUCOPIA

The perils of a smoker

by Elizabeth Bruns

It's that dismal time of year again for the tobacco industry and all smokers: Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man are crying in their beers. The Great American Smoke-Out was "celebrated" on November 18. This week you will notice that all smokers hide from their non-smoking activist friends who feel they should be more aggressive in helping the smoker kick the habit. Thus we go into hiding for a few weeks for fear of friends who break our cigarettes, drop them in water or just take packs away from us.

Yes, I did say us. Much to my parents' dismay, I am a smoker. Not a heavy or even moderate smoker, but nonetheless, a smoker. I have passed the denial stage and can say it with acceptance now. I think this is because my father found out



that I smoke, after I successfully hid it from him for five years.

The Great American Smoke-Out is a day when all smokers must really look at this habit and decide if they would really be happier without it. How labored is my breathing? Do I really know how good my food tastes? How good does my rose garden smell? Does my smoker's cough sound like Grandpa Orville at the ripe old age of 97? Is my perfume of choice *eau de Fall Mail*?

Although some will be defiant rebels by making jokes and smoking more than usual on the Great American Smoke-Out day, I would almost guarantee that all smokers will think about quitting, even if only for a few minutes. And that, my friends, is the purpose of the day. To make people think, even for a minute, about what they are doing to their health and the health of others.

I must say that it is a nasty habit that I have quit at least 10 times. I think the longest period of time I lasted as a non-smoker was 19 days. Not one cigarette touched my lips. I could swim laps without gasping. The difference was

amazing. What can I say? I was on vacation in the Cayman Islands with a bunch of reformed smokers and I didn't have a care in the world. My biggest concern was which beach chair to sit in. So why didn't I remain a non-smoker after those 19 days? The answer is not nicotine addiction, but stress.

Don't tell me that stress doesn't have anything to do with smoking, because I am living proof that it does. If I have an especially tense day, I will undoubtedly smoke more. I can look back on the lowest periods of my life and I see that I smoked much more during that time.

When I was in college, I would smoke more around exam time, when term papers were due, if a relationship was souring, or if I was homesick. Today, I smoke more when I worry about financial debts and bills, the upkeep of my car, and my job performance.

One of my best friends doesn't see the need for me to smoke when stressed out. "You can't let every little stress in your life lead you to smoke," he says defiantly, being the radical non-smoker that he is. "If that were the case, you'd have a cigarette hanging out of your mouth for the rest of your life, because life will never be perfect."

He, obviously, detests my habit, as I'm sure it is a problem for many couples. He was very supportive when I used to smoke around him. He would share comments like, "What color casket do you want for your funeral?" It was a clever comment—one full of love and support. The last thing that smokers want to hear is sarcasm about a habit they know they should quit. So, defensively, I told him mahogany wood with green plush interior would be fine.

This year, I will again try to quit. I have a bit more inspiration this year, however. A friend of mine found an advertisement promoting a research study for people who truly want to stop smoking, and immediately thought of me. Yes, I honestly want to quit and I really think I have the will-power to quit. The study reimburses participants up to \$100 for their time and trouble. Need I say more?

check-it-out...

The Habitat for Humanity cookbook, "Partners in the Kitchen," is on sale now. Cost is \$10. For more information or to order the cookbook, call 317-653-9092.

St. Francis' Women's Health Services and RTS Bereavement Services invite everyone to their Christmas memorial on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. This memorial service will be dedicated to children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death. The event will be located in the Hamacheck Conference Center on the seventh floor of St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove. To reserve your space and for more information, call St. Francis at 317-781-1281.

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy, Archbishop of Seattle and Daniel Conway, director of the Secretariat for Planning, Communications and Development for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, will make presentations on stewardship to four Catholic seminaries this year. St. Meinrad will be the host for the third presentation on Nov. 29. Call St. Meinrad at 812-357-6522 for more information.

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Benedictine Father Leo Ryška has been appointed to be the fifth abbot of St. Benedict Abbey in Benet Lake, Wis. Abbot Ryška, a native of Chicago, was a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey. He made first profession of vows in 1953 and was ordained in Rome in 1959. Abbot Ryška made his solemn vows as a Benedictine monk of St. Meinrad in 1983. He is a former professor of theology at St. Meinrad Seminary and served as provost and vice rector of St. Meinrad College from 1987-1992. After his election, Abbot Ryška reflected on the time he spent with the monastic community of St. Meinrad. "Because St. Meinrad introduced me to the monastic life, it will always be a personal spiritual home. Now, as abbot of St. Benedict's, the example of the monks of St. Meinrad will continue to serve as inspiration and guide of how monasticism can be both traditional and contemporary."

Congratulations go out to Blanche Stewart and the St. Peter Claver Ladies for their ardent collection of pennies for infants with AIDS. Linda Strickland, director of nursing at Wishard Hospital, informed the group that their collection was used to purchase a video that addresses issues surrounding pregnant young women, new mothers and infants in regards to AIDS. The staff at Wishard has also purchased three types of informational brochures (200 copies each) addressing issues such as teenagers and the importance of safe sex; pregnancy and HIV; and AIDS in regard to women and babies. Thanks to all who contributed.

Franciscan Father Thomas Richtelster, associate professor of sacramental/liturgical theology at St. Meinrad College, received a first place award from the 1993 Cincinnati Editors Association for his writing of "Our Holiest Week: Practical Guide for the Holy Week Liturgy," in *Catholic Update*, 1993.

The Cathedral Arts announced the recipients of the second annual Cathedral Arts Fellowship Awards in Chamber Music for Young Artists. Pianist Theodore Harvey of North Central High School, violinist Sarah Zaharako of Carmel High School and violist Susan Zaharako of Carmel High School were chosen from a field of ten young musicians.



INAUGURAL MASS SLATED—The newly formed SS. Francis and Clare Parish in northern Johnson County will celebrate Mass on a regular basis beginning Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. Services will be held at Center Grove Middle School (Morgantown and Stone's Crossing Roads). Those planning the inaugural Mass include (left to right): Terry Lain, Robert Siefker, Theresa Siefker, Steven Beck, Janet Effron and Michael Effron.



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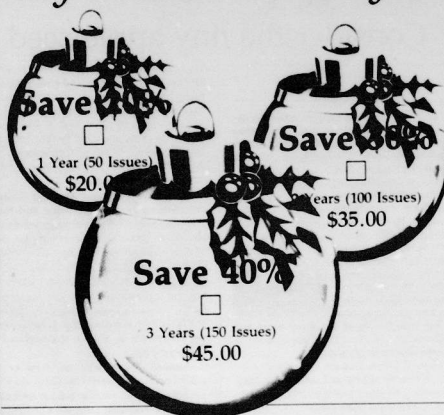
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John Mutz talks to local Legatus membership

by Margaret Nelson

A group of Catholic business leaders met on Thursday, Nov. 18, to hear former Lt. Gov. John Mutz talk about the importance of being faithful to ethics and values.

Legatus, the Latin word for "Ambassador," is the name of a group of Catholic corporate executives who are active in church and community projects. To improve professional and personal development, the international group offers a network of peers, a customized education,

and support for members' marriages.

Now president of resources for Public Service Indiana, Mutz was in private business, a member of the Indiana General Assembly for 13 years, and lieutenant governor for eight years, before his five-year term as president of the Lilly Endowment.

Speaking to Legatus, Mutz called leaving the statehouse "an involuntary change." He went from that to Lilly Endowment. "I guess none of us really knows how our lives will unfold. I'm very grateful for the kinds of things that have come our way."

Mutz told of a "great experiment in North America" that took place in 1633 in Dorchester, Mass., in the village green near the church, the only public building. It was a Sunday meeting to discuss public concerns but some animals gathered, making the meeting more difficult.

He quoted the "immortal words" of Rev. George Maverick: "We've got a problem; we need to talk about it; let's meet on Monday." But Mutz said, "The American dream today seems to be in jeopardy because of a variety of events that have transpired since those simple days."

He named barriers to the building of community. First, there is society's tendency to polarize questions of the day. Mutz said that the nation "missed a wonderful opportunity to discuss the issues" during the Thomas/Hill hearings.

Mutz thought gender questions could have been addressed, as well as the best way to select judiciary. "My dream is that the president and members of the senate judiciary committee" will meet to discuss selection of judges. He said that the growing volume of diverse activities and diverse people who populate our nation has become divisive.

And he cited the "more subtle differences in the philosophies of people within the Roman Catholic Church, the most conservative and the most liberal; those who seek spirituality from within and those who seek it through good works."

Third, this country is no longer able to insulate itself from the rest of the world. Mutz called the North American Free Trade Agreement "an agonizing debate." He said that it is very difficult to act locally and think globally.

For the fourth phenomena, he referred to a recent book that cites the difference between what experts think and what the general public thinks. "Virtually every economist thought NAFTA should be approved, the people thought it should be defeated—and it would have been except for the actions of the president," said the former lieutenant governor, a Republican.

Fifth, the roles of government and the private sector must be questioned in regard to philanthropic efforts, he said. Mutz said that non-profit corporations have "unbelievable influence." The number of people working for non-profit agencies is more than state and federal government combined, and that number doubles if volunteers are included.

"It is apparent as we move to the future that we need to find public space and attitude that allows us to sit around the same table," said Mutz.

He said that Lilly Endowment takes pride in its partnership with the church. "The three founders were not Roman Catholic, but they had strong religious convictions." Mutz said that most other endowments "do not touch religion and things of the spirit."

Mutz said this relationship with the late Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara "was a wonderful, wonderful experience."

"The (Lilly Endowment) senior vice president used to say, 'Look at the poorest neighborhoods. The last two institutions to leave are the church and the liquor store.' We prefer to give grants to the church," he said.

Mutz said that the studies and education Lilly Endowment has provided for the Catholic Church focus on theological education and cultural diversity. "Those concerns change lives and change your church."



LEGATUS—Member L.H. Bayley, John Mutz, and members Jack Whelan and George Maley met before the former lieutenant governor spoke to the Indiana Legatus group. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Tell City faithful get preview of new catechism

by Peg Hall

Tell City-area Catholics were given a sneak preview of the new "Catechism of the Catholic Church" by Bob Meany, coordinator of catechetical ministry formation for the archdiocese office of Catholic Education.

Speaking at a Theology Night Out dinner program on Nov. 11, the seven-year archdiocesan educator said the catechism is expected out next spring. Meany served on the U.S. Catholic Conference's task force on doctrinal soundness of catechetical material.

Meany obtained his copy of the catechism from Archbishop Daniel Buechlein. All U.S. Catholic bishops received the

document "sub secreto, under cover of night" from the Vatican, Meany said.

Describing the book as "576 pages, single-spaced, no pictures," Meany explained that it was promulgated by Pope John Paul II on June 25, 1992, and that it has already been published in French, Spanish and Italian. Vatican translators are having trouble with the English version, he said.

"A catechism is a book of knowledge," Meany said. "But we're not just waiting for a catechism from Rome to give us all the right answers, because we know that people are not saved by knowledge alone."

He asked for the answer to the second question in the Baltimore Catechism. About 100 people responded in unison, "God made

me to know him, to love him and to serve him in this life and to be happy with him in the next."

Meany said that he was preparing to drive his sister through Chicago years ago. She reached across and fastened his seat belt, saying, "You're my brother and I love you. I don't want you to die."

"To this day, I still wear my seat belt, because it's not simply knowledge alone that changes our behavior, it's also relationships. It's also love; it's also service."

Catholics used to be easy to identify, Meany said. "They were the people who ate fish on Friday. They were the people who had dirt on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. The internal sign of a healthy, adult Catholic today is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, primarily within a community of believers."

Meany said, "I'm not going to heaven by myself. I'm going to have to sneak in with the midst of you. If we're gonna go home—and we are—we're gonna go home together."

He said that adult Catholics know their beliefs and are involved in relationships and service. He said, "When you are with a board or a parish council, when you are with the adult educational team, that's a small community. When we come together we pray, we find out how the others are surviving this week."

"We begin to care for each other; we begin to bring hospitality. Somebody brings doughnuts one time and somebody brings coffee cake the next time . . . and then somebody brings fruit," Meany said.

Moving into a description of the new catechism, Meany said, "First, I want you to realize that this is a major catechism—major meaning it was written for the big wigs of the church, primarily the bishops. So this is not a catechism that was written for use in the religious ed classroom. We will not be buying all the 12th graders catechisms. They will continue using our religious textbooks. . . . This is written for the bishops as a reference book, similar to an encyclopedia."

Meany said that the writing of a new catechism "should come as no surprise, because Pope John Paul II said that this is a fulfillment of what was happening at the Second Vatican Council that began in 1964. First the church renewed the liturgy. Second, in 1983, the new Code of Canon Law came out, which was a renewal of the government and the laws of the church. So this is just another step in the process of renewal."

There are four major, interconnected



Bob Meany

sections to the catechism, Meany said: "The creed: What do we believe? The sacraments: How do we celebrate? Christian life: How do we believe? And Prayer: How do we pray?" Meany said, "There's still purgatory, but there's no limbo."

The two parts which he found most interesting dealt with the reality of angels and with God as creator. "The existence of angels is a truth of faith. They are the servants and messengers of God."

What children of his generation learned less about was the truth about the visible world, he said. "Everything, whether it is inanimate or animal or human, owes its existence to God. It possesses its own unique goodness and its own unique perfection."

"God wills the interdependence of all creatures, that we have to live together, that we are called to submit to the earth and that the earth will submit to human beings," Meany said.

"This is not a call to rule the earth and destroy the efforts of God; but the atmosphere and the land and humans and animals are called to interdependence."

"We are called into one, and that comes from the fact that all have the same creator and therefore all are ordered to God's glory," he said.

"Now those are things that we don't remember from our childhood. Maybe it calls us to a little bit more faithfulness with the visible world, with creation, with stewardship."

Meany said, "A part of the reason for the new catechism is to lead us to conversion, to change our lives, because we need to outgrow the patterns that we have been living in. We need to get to know God better, to love God, and to serve God—not just once, but over and over."

Advent Penance Services

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have announced communal penance services for Advent. Several confessors will be present at each location. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation at a parish and time which is convenient. Following is a list of services which have so far been reported to *The Criterion*, according to deacons.

Indianapolis East Deanery

Dec. 12, 3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes
Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., Little Flower
Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., St. Simon
Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Peter and Paul Cathedral
Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Philip Neri
Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Holy Cross
Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Bernadette
Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Michael, Greenfield
Dec. 22, 7 p.m., St. Mary

Indianapolis South Deanery

Dec. 9, 10 a.m., St. Mark (children's service)
Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood
Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Holy Name, Beech Grove (children's service)
Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Catherine Chapel
Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Roch
Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Nativity
Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark
Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Barnabas
Dec. 19, 4 p.m., Holy Rosary
Dec. 20, 7 p.m., St. Jude
Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., Holy Name, Beech Grove

Indianapolis West Deanery

Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., St. Gabriel

Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m., St. Bridget

Dec. 12, 2 p.m., Holy Trinity

Dec. 13, 7 p.m., St. Monica

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Susanna

Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Holy Angels

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., St. Christopher

Dec. 19, 2 p.m., Mary, Queen of Peace

Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony

Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph

Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m., St. Malachi, Brownsburg

Dec. 20, all morning, Ritter High School

Seymour Deanery

Nov. 28, 7 p.m., St. Ambrose, Seymour

Dec. 9, 7 p.m., Prince of Peace, Madison

Dec. 10, 7 p.m., St. Joseph, Shelbyville

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Mary, North Vernon

Dec. 15, 7 p.m., St. Columba, Columbus

Dec. 17, 7 p.m., St. Vincent, Shelby Co.

Dec. 19, 2 p.m., St. Rose of Lima, Franklin

Connorsville Deanery

Dec. 1, 7 p.m., St. Anne, New Castle

Dec. 6, 7 p.m., St. Bridget, Liberty

Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., St. Michael, Brookville

Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., St. Rose, Knightstown

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Holy Guardian

Angels, Cedar Grove

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., St. Gabriel, Connorsville

Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Rushville

Dec. 18, 12:05 p.m., St. Mary, Richmond

Dec. 20, 7 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City

Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Holy Family, Richmond

Seelyville parish helps reopen Ecuador chapel

by David W. Delaney

A rundown and all-but-abandoned chapel in the village of Jijipia in Ecuador is now officially a parish, thanks to the efforts of the parishioners of Holy Rosary in Seelyville.

"The dedication took place Oct. 6," said Father Mike Zahorchak. The project was spearheaded by Tim Enstice, a 25-year-old parishioner from Holy Rosary, who recently returned from two-and-a-half years in the Peace Corps in Jijipia.

Enstice said the church is being called Santa Maria Madre. "There have been over 50 baptisms in the church since it opened," he said.

Enstice and his family were new to the Seelyville area when he left for Ecuador and his stint in the Peace Corps. Still, the parishioners of Holy Rosary were quick to assist in his project, with both prayers and financial assistance.

The 130 members of Holy Rosary take up a collection of more than \$300 once a month, which goes to the poor people of Jijipia.

"There's a tremendous revival of the faith down there," said Father Zahorchak. "It's made us very aware of the

mission and our duty as Catholics to help these fellow Catholics who love the faith as much as we do.

The priest said that Holy Rosary parishioners look at it as an opportunity to evangelize.

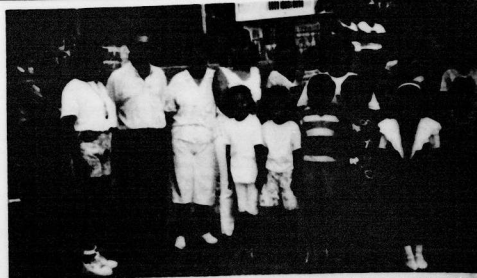
In return for the generosity shown by the Catholic Hoosiers, members of the new church have sent a handmade lace altar cloth to Holy Rosary. "It's absolutely gorgeous," said Father Zahorchak.

The children of Holy Rosary contribute to a special monthly collection. And many of the students have pen pals in Jijipia.

"We have all the luxuries," said Christina Gallagher, 14, of Holy Rosary. "They just have the basics." She said she sees what the local church members are doing as applying the Biblical message of helping their neighbors.

"Getting involved in something like this makes you feel better about yourself," Christina said. "It also makes you appreciate what you have."

Christina said she works part-time in a local sporting goods store and she sends some of her paycheck to Jijipia. "The letters my pen pal sends are written in Spanish," said the teen-ager, explaining that she has them translated.



REOPENING—Father Camilo Salgado stands with a group of his Santa Maria Madre parishioners in Jijipia, Ecuador, after financial help was received from Holy Rosary Parish in Seelyville.

The shipment of 300 pounds of clothing to Jijipia was another Holy Rosary project that involved many parishioners. And they have found wheel chairs to send. Enstice is pleased and proud of the way the people in the Seelyville church have gone out of their way to help people they've never met, who live thousands of miles away.

"They chapel would have closed without the support of Holy Rosary parishioners," he said. "The people there can't believe this has happened. They had about given up having a church."

Enstice, who has a degree in biology from the University of Arizona, is now out of the Peace Corps and back in Seelyville looking for a job.

"This project has also been great for the spirit of our parish. It's given people a feeling of accomplishment," he said of the parish community.

Enstice said that the time in Ecuador changed his life for the better. Tim Enstice's parents, Wayne and Marie Enstice met while serving in the Peace Corps in Africa.

"I wasn't all that much interested in the human aspect when I first went there." But that has changed. Tim Enstice said that he has become more of a "people person," and less materialist. "These are poor people who know how to enjoy what they have," he said of the people of Jijipia.

Brad Herring, 14-year-old freshman at Terre Haute North High School, has Byron Reyes Sudez as his pen pal.

"Like helping them build their church," said Brad. Byron wrote that, before the people of Holy Rosary started helping them out, the grass in the chapel yard was four feet high and hadn't been cut in years.

State Hispanic ministers meet

by Margaret Nelson

Claretian Father Rosendo Urrabazo, president of the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas, directed a five-day conference of Catholic ministers to the Hispanic people in Indiana. Twenty-five representatives of the five Catholic dioceses in Indiana attended.

Terry Garza, executive director of the Midwest Hispanic Catholic Commission in Notre Dame, coordinated the event which was made possible by a Lilly Endowment grant.

"We have to recognize and celebrate the gifts we bring to the table," said Father Rosendo, "not tell someone it's OK to be Catholic but to leave their culture at the door."

The church person of the future has got to be a person who can speak more than one language," he said. "The U.S. is one of few countries in the world where most people can speak only one language."

Father Rosendo said that the conference would cover three things: "1. for our own personal development as ministers in the church; 2. develop statewide collaboration of ministers to the Hispanic people; 3. look at what kinds of pastoral plans can be developed in common for whole state."

He said they were looking at pastoral guidelines to determine how Hispanic ministry should be carried out in the dioceses. "Pastoral de Conjunto" calls for collaboration in ministry for the welfare of the Hispanic people.

Studies of the ethnic diversity of participants were used to bring to focus what their unique gifts are. And statistics from the 1990 census were used to look at some of the social and cultural issues of Hispanic

community. Issues of inculturation were explored. "What is the best way to help people to integrate, not only into our church, but also our society?"

One goal of the conference was to help the Hispanic community to be full partners in the community of the church. "The process to do all this is by developing positive relationships with one another and with other ethnic groups. A positive relationship with the hierarchy is also important. In this regard, Father Rosendo said there are "very good bishops here."

"In terms of faith traditions that add to the mosaic of the American Catholic Church," he said that Hispanic culture "makes that mosaic all the more beautiful."

Father Rosendo said that the number one challenge is education. "We need to encourage and help people to get high school and college educations. There is no way to make it without it."

"Number two, the midwest is suffering a decline in manufacturing jobs. There is a need for retraining for high-tech jobs."

"Three, there is the challenge of hospitality in church communities, both Catholic and non-Catholic."

"We need to reexamine what the Gospel says about hospitality," said Father Rosendo. "How do we help people feel at home? It is like the Israelites looking for a home in the promised land," he said. "This is the challenge. Will the Catholic Church in Indiana be a welcoming place?"

"Part of my dream is that each one of the 100,000 Hispanics in Indiana would have someone from a Catholic Church visiting them," said Father Rosendo. "If we don't, you can be sure someone will be. Every parish should have a visiting team."

Volunteers tutor Holy Angels' students to enhance education

by Margaret Nelson

"He'd be here every night of the week if we had it," said Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Geraldine O'Laughlin. She was talking about first-grader Randy Lolla's eagerness to learn from the volunteer tutor program at Holy Angels School.

"My dream would be to have the program every evening and every Saturday morning," said the principal. "But we need adults who are able to help them, to give them some attention."

"There is an old African proverb. 'It takes a whole village to raise a child.' I am totally convinced that we would have the school filled with children every night of the week if we had the tutors," said Sister Gerry. The tutors are needed from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening.

"The children want to do better. They want to learn," said Sister Gerry.

The school also has an in-school Roots and Wings program for kindergarten, first, and second-grade students "who have difficulty learning and for those who need an extra challenge." Sister said that the whole idea of Roots and Wings is to give children help over and above what they get in school. "It helps the exceptionally bright ones. And it gives all of the children the basic, bottom-line essentials."

"We have women from here, there and everywhere helping," she said. "It is particularly important in this community

where they don't have one-on-one attention at home. It gives them the opportunity to get special help." The Roots and Wings Program involves a two-and-a-half hour commitment one morning a week (excluding Fridays).

Sister Gerry said that seven years ago (the late) Steve Jackson initiated the tutoring program, using men from his fraternity. "Paula Williams of our parish picked it up."

"We have had two or three school parents who brought their first graders in, and then stayed on to tutor other children," Sister said. She explained that it's often easier to tutor your own children in this atmosphere, but sometimes the children listen better to someone else."

The Holy Angels' principal said, "People talk so much. There is so much lip service. I am real tired of lip service. People in the community keep talking about our youth, our youth, our youth. But when they have the opportunity, they don't help."

"We need to be here in a much more forceful, visible, consistent way for our children," she said.

"A lot of times, the children just need a little attention. I do not figure we have a youth problem. I feel we have a severe adult problem in the world today," said Sister Gerry.

"But I will never give up. Our children are worth it. Our children are the best and they deserve the best. They deserve every opportunity we can give them," said Sister Gerry.



HELPING HAND—As part of Holy Angels adult tutor program, Nancy Wilson watches as Jennifer Stewart does her homework. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Bishops caution against isolationism in new statement

by Jerry Fitelau
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Catholic bishops warned strongly against U.S. isolationism in a 60-page statement on world peace they approved Nov. 17 at their national meeting in Washington.

The statement is titled, "The Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace."

It passed easily on a voice vote after the bishops defeated several dissenters by Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton of Detroit to introduce language bluntly condemning recent wars, current U.S. nuclear deterrence policy and international monetary policies that he said contribute to starvation among the poor.

It marked the 10th anniversary of the bishops' landmark 1983 pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace."

The new statement says that to work for real peace, the United States needs to avoid the temptation of isolationism and make substantive new commitments to international justice, Third World development, human rights and nonviolent conflict resolution.

It calls for the United States "the world's largest supplier of weapons"—to take the lead in reversing the global arms race.

And it says that the total elimination of nuclear weapons should be not just an ideal but a concrete U.S. policy goal.

Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis, who introduced the statement as head of the bishops' International Policy Committee, said he had "enormous respect for" Bishop Gumbleton's positions. He said that the questions Bishop Gumbleton raised about the church's role in raising a prophetic voice against war were among the most strongly debated issues during the drafting of the document.

He said the drafting committee, however, did not share the Detroit auxiliary's judgment that the United States no longer meets the conditions the bishops have spelled out for a morally acceptable nuclear deterrence stance—the key issue the bishops debated 10 years earlier in their peace pastoral as well.

Several of Bishop Gumbleton's amendments were accepted in part, strengthening the statement's attention to nuclear weapons as a continuing threat in the world and to the rich-poor gap as a form of growing injustice and violence.

Archbishop Roach said the amendments rejected "sought to fundamentally shift our approach or to alter the basic judgments of the peace pastoral."

"This reflection acknowledges diverse points of view in our church on nuclear deterrence and just war theory," he said, but it "focuses not on our differences, but on the agenda we share."

More than 150 amendments to the statement were approved without floor debate—most of them from Cardinals Bernard F. Law of Boston and John J. O'Connor of New York, Archbishop William H. Keeler of Baltimore, Bishops Walter F. Sullivan of Richmond, Va., and Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., and Auxiliary Bishop P. Francis Murphy of Baltimore.

Bishop Gumbleton's unsuccessful efforts to inject a more dramatic anti-war stance into the statement provoked a suggestion from Bishop Francis A. Quinn of Sacramento, Calif., that the conference should ask him to head an ad hoc committee to draft "a prophetic statement about war and violence" which might be issued by the committee if not by the whole conference.

Bishop Murphy recalled that back in 1968 "Bishop Gumbleton was a lone voice" in the conference arguing that U.S. involvement in Vietnam was immoral. Eventually the bishops' conference as a whole came to agree with that judgment, Bishop Murphy said.

"Now, 10 years after 'The Challenge of Peace,' we renew our call to peacemaking in a dramatically different world," says the new statement. "The 'challenge of peace' today is different, but no less urgent. Although the nuclear threat is not as imminent, international justice, bloody regional wars and a lethal conventional arms trade are continuing signs that the world is still marked by pervasive violence and conflict."

The statement renews and expands on the peace pastoral's discussions of peace based on a just international order.

It says that to achieve this, nations and the world community must promote human rights, economic and social development, participatory government and nonviolent resolution of conflicts.

It notes that the nuclear danger is not the dire singular threat that it was a decade ago and devotes considerably less attention to nuclear issues than the 1983 pastoral did.

It focuses much more than the 1983 document on other problems of injustice, violence and conventional conflicts that threaten or destroy peace.

At the same time it says "Some major tasks identified 10 years ago need to be addressed, including a no-first-use policy for nuclear weapons, a comprehensive test-ban treaty and effective action to halt nuclear proliferation."

Echoing the 1983 pastoral on nuclear issues, it says, "We must continue to say No to the very idea of nuclear war. ... Nuclear deterrence may be justified only as a step on the way toward progressive disarmament. The end of the Cold War,

according to the Holy See, 'challenges the world community to adopt a post-nuclear form of security. That security lies in the abolition of nuclear weapons and the strengthening of international law.'"

"The eventual elimination of nuclear weapons is more than a moral ideal; it should be a policy goal," it adds. "An active commitment by the United States to nuclear disarmament and the strengthening of collective security is the only moral basis for temporarily retaining our (nuclear) deterrent and our insistence that other nations forego these weapons," it says.

In a subtle but significant shift beyond the peace pastoral, the new statement suggests even more strongly than the pastoral that nations and societies as well as individuals should commit themselves to nonviolent forms of conflict resolution and response to aggression.

It cites "the success of nonviolent methods in recent history"—referring to the successful nonviolent revolutions in the Philippines and in many parts of Eastern Europe—as a reason for hope that nonviolent resistance to oppression or

injustice "can be an effective public undertaking" as well as a legitimate "personal option of vocation."

On the personal level it reaffirms that within Catholic moral teaching an individual may hold a position of universal conscientious objection, or opposition to all warfare, or of selective conscientious objection—objection to a particular form of military service or to service in a particular war because a person conscientiously judges it to be immoral.

Repeating the call of the peace pastoral, the statement urges the United States to assure legal protection of the rights of both universal and selective conscientious objectors.

The statement reiterates the traditional just war principles in Catholic teaching, stressing that "the just war tradition is not a weapon to be used to justify a political conclusion, but a way of moral reasoning to discern the ethical limits of action."

It warns that "increasing violence in our society" and a "growing insensitivity to the sacredness of life" make it even more difficult today to put the life-respecting principles of just war teaching into practice.

"Ten years after 'The Challenge of Peace,' we remain skeptical that, given the neglect of peaceable virtues and the destructiveness of today's warfare, modern war in all its savagery can meet the hard test set by the just war tradition," it says.

It calls on Catholics and others of good will to develop the virtues of peacemakers in their own lives.

It commends the church anew to teaching about peace, praying for it and advocating peace and justice in American public life.

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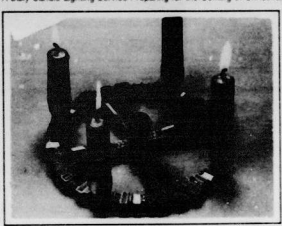
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Bishops approve pastoral message to families

by Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops Nov. 17 unanimously approved a pastoral message offering encouragement, compassion and support to American families.

In floor discussion on the third day of the bishops' Nov. 15-18 meeting in Washington, no one spoke against the document, called "Follow the Way of Love: A Pastoral Message of the U.S. Catholic Bishops to Families—On the Occasion of the United Nations 1994 International Year of the Family."

Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, outgoing chairman of the bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family, which produced the document, said he would present it to the United Nations during ceremonies to inaugurate the international year Dec. 7.

Speaker after speaker at the bishops' meeting praised the message for its readable style and its important theme.

"It's so readable that it's hardly believable that it's one of our documents," said Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, to laughter from the assembled bishops.

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer of San Angelo, Texas, said he expected the document to "find a place in our homes" and said he hoped it would be a model for other bishops' documents.

Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington said the Catholic Church's concern for families is "not something new" but that the document is "especially appropriate at this point in time" when American families are "under attack."

Although there were no serious objections to the message, the committee accepted more than 100 amendments to the document offered by various bishops.

The document, written after a two-year consultation process, urges married couples to reject "an unhealthy competitive spirit" in their relationship and parents to put their children's needs first.

"What you do in your family to create a community of love, to help each other to grow and to serve those in need is critical, not only for your own sanctification, but for the strength of society and our church," the message says. "It is a participation in the work of the Lord, a sharing in the mission of the church. It is holy."

The bishops noted that they too are family members. "We are sons and brothers and uncles. We have known the commitment and sacrifices of a mother and father, the warmth of a family's care, the happiness and pain that are part of loving."

The document discusses openly many of the problems facing families today—economic demands, changing role expectations, interpersonal difficulties and outside pressures such as neighborhood violence and the intrusion of "communications media (that) bring images and messages into your home that may contradict your values and exert a negative influence on your children."

But the bishops told married couples facing problems that divorce "is not inevitable and is certainly not your only option."

"An enduring marriage is more than simply endurance," they added. "It is a process of growth into an intimate friendship and a deepening peace. So we urge all couples

review your commitment regularly, seek enrichment often, and ask for pastoral and professional help when needed."

The document called marriage a "partnership of a man and a woman equal in dignity and value" and said it should "never become a struggle for control."

"True equality, understood as mutuality, is not measuring out tasks (who prepares the meals, who supervises homework, etc.) or maintaining an orderly schedule," the bishops said. "How household duties are distributed should follow from understanding what it takes to build a life together, as well as the individual skills and interests you bring to your common life."

The document urged men to "interpret their traditional role as provider for a family in more than an economic sense. Physical care of children, discipline, training in religious values and practices, helping with schoolwork and other activities: all these and more can be provided by fathers as well as mothers."

The bishops commented on "the incredible busyness of family life" today and said that it is "hard to imagine how a family can live faithfully, be life giving and grow in mutuality without deliberately choosing to spend time together."

Whenever possible, "hours on the job need to be weighed against their impact on family life," the bishops said. They urged all family members to "see what individual pursuits could be given up or replaced with family activities."

The document included a seven-part pledge by the bishops to work to strengthen families. Among other things, they said they would "include more deliberately within the scope of our pastoral care an attentiveness to single-parent families, families in a second marriage, grandparents raising children, interfaith families, interfaith families and persons who are widowed or divorced."

The bishops closed their document with special messages for various groups.

"Not only do you children need discipline and love, they need the example of adults whose behavior demonstrates their caring," they told parents. "Put your children first in making decisions about family activities."

To children, they said, "You have the right to expect love, guidance, discipline and respect from your parents and elders. And, in turn, you should obey and respect them while you share with them your love, your experience of God, your faith and hope."

The bishops told the divorced and widowed, "Relationships and circumstances within your family may have changed, but God's love for you is ever present and does not come to an end."

They told single parents that parishes would be encouraged "to welcome you, to help you to find what you need for a good family life, and to offer the loving friendship which is a mark of our Christian tradition."

And the message to all was: "There is no shame in seeking help for family problems, whether it be in the form of counseling, educational programs or support groups."

Bishops praise work of permanent deacons

by Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops unanimously backed a document thanking the more than 10,000 U.S. permanent deacons for their service to the church.

In a voice vote Nov. 18, the final day of their fall meeting in Washington, the bishops approved a brief statement marking the 25th anniversary of the restoration of the permanent diaconate in the United States.

"As we look back on these past 25 years we see that our hopes and dreams for the permanent diaconate are being happily and providentially fulfilled," said the document.

The diaconate is the first of three ranks in ordained ministry—the other two are priests and bishops—and can include married men. Permanent deacons, unlike transitional deacons, are deacons who do not intend to seek ordination to the priesthood.

Several bishops rose at the meeting to praise the permanent diaconate, including Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington, who said that one way he shows his support for them is "I never say a public Mass without a deacon."

Bishop Michael J. Kanecki of Fairbanks, Alaska, said he headed what was most likely "the only diocese in the country that has more deacons than priests." There are 31 active priests and 44 permanent deacons in the widespread Fairbanks Diocese, he said.

The statement thanks deacons "who have so generously responded to God's call to serve the church" and their wives and children "who have supported them in their ministry through their love and with many personal sacrifices."

"On this 25th anniversary of the restoration of the ancient yet new permanent diaconate, we call on the members of our church to celebrate the gift of the diaconate," it added. "We pledge ourselves to work with our deacons to foster an even greater understanding and appreciation of their vocation and ministry within the church."

Pope Paul VI restored the permanent diaconate in the United States on Aug. 30, 1968, at the request of the U.S. bishops. At the beginning of 1993, there were 10,324 deacons and nearly 2,000 candidates in 145 of the 185 Latin Rite dioceses.

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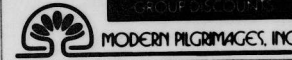
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During Advent, focus on 'keeping things simple'

by Leif Kehrwald

What do you do when you find yourself having to wait in the doctor's examination room, at your child's soccer practice, or at the auto repair shop?

If you're like me, you start thinking—first about immediate stuff like errands to run and phone calls to make.

Then I'll start reflecting on bigger projects to tackle at work or home. Maybe we should paint the kitchen.

If I have to wait a long time, I'll start reflecting on my life dreams, disappointments, joys, relationships—those core values that often go neglected.

Waiting is what Advent is about. We get four whole weeks to wait and to anticipate Jesus' birth.

While you're waiting this Advent, take time to think through your tasks and projects and reflect on core values.

►What does it mean to live simply?

►How do we do it today, and are there any benefits?

While simplicity for some means freedom from materialism, others will say it means escaping the rat race of life and retreating to the wilderness. Not at a bad notion as we enter the Advent season.

Still others say that a simple lifestyle means aligning yourself with the folks in your midst, especially the poor.

Doug Hamill chooses to live in concert with those he serves. As a pediatrician in his mid-30s, he treats impoverished children and works mostly with indigent families—not in a faraway land, but in urban Portland, Ore.

Doug doesn't drive a nice car or live in a beautiful home as the best part of town. Rather, he has chosen the unpretentious life of a Franciscan, living in community with his fellow friars.

"We all have areas of poverty in our lives," Brother Doug explained. "For some, their immediate material needs are keen, but for most of us, our poverty lies with the intangibles of relationships, emotions and fading dreams."

While in medical school, Brother Doug spent a year working with children and families in Northern Thailand, where he discovered how little one truly needs to live and to be happy.

"Living simply, for me, means sharing the things I have and being among the poor," he said. "This puts me in touch with my own poverty, and, ironically, I'm a happier person for it. I love what I do, and the people I serve. I can't believe they pay me to have so much fun!"

Like Brother Doug, Richard also has a professional occupation. He consults with large companies on their personnel issues. Richard is married—to Sara—and they have two preschool boys, one still in diapers.

Richard pursues his career with vigor. "But not at the expense of my family," he

insisted. "While some guys brag about the number of hours they put in, I just try to be as productive as possible in my allotted work time."

Yet he admits this is not easy.

"I have a lot of evening and weekend meetings," he said, "so Sara's got me taking some mornings and a lot of Mondays off. This way Richard shares in the children's care and daily routine."

"It took some getting used to," he said, "but now I really enjoy the quality time with my family, as well as giving Sara a much-deserved break."

For Richard, living simply involves priorities and balance.

"Sara and I work hard at pinpointing the top priorities for us as a couple and a family," he said, "and we balance all else against that. When we allow things to get too complex and convoluted, we lose sight of the priority and usually end up fighting with each other over our own selfish desires. When this happens, we know we have to pull back a bit, simplify our lifestyle, and reconnect with our priorities."

Richard said he finds it interesting that this reconnecting with priorities often occurs on one of the mornings or Mondays when he is at home.

While Richard and Sara use simplicity to balance and prioritize a full plate of activities, keeping things simple means something entirely different for Hilary.

As a single woman in her late 40s who lives alone, Hilary must reach out to find relationships.

"I'd rather spend my time and energy nurturing friendships than wearing the latest styles or driving a new car," she said. "For me, simplicity means people are more important than things."

Living simply doesn't mean doing less, but it does mean keeping a focus on what one is doing. And there are spiritual benefits to that focus.

A few years ago, Hilary attended St. Paul Parish in Eugene, Ore.

"I had a powerful spiritual conversion then," she said. "Because of my simple, single lifestyle I had less distractions and more energy to explore my spirituality. I did tons of spiritual reading, and even went to Mass during the week."

The stories of these four people illustrate how valuable it could be this Advent to spend some of your waiting-time in a discovery of where and how you might be called to simplify your lifestyle.

Perhaps you'll want to follow the lead of Bishop Michael Kenney in Juneau, Alaska, who requests that you remove your shoes as you enter his home as a simple sign that we are all equal in God's eyes.

Even a small gesture can reveal surprising benefits.

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



REFLECTION TIME—Advent is both a time of reflection and a time of waiting. During Advent, take some quiet time to think through your tasks and projects as well as to consider the deeper level of your core values and to reflect on living simply. (CNS illustration by Joan Hymel)

Take advantage of every moment

by David Gibson

When my existence seems everything but simple, that is often because I am focusing too much on the past or the future, while treating the present moments in my life as if they were of negligible importance.

Worry and anxiety frequently dominate people's thoughts when they focus too much on the future—a future they can plan for but certainly cannot foresee.

Fears about future outcomes can spin people into a complex flurry of activity, much of which is unproductive and certainly isn't linked to the atmosphere I associate with keeping things simple.

It is similar when a person overfocuses on

the past—perhaps regretting the past or dwelling on anger and resentment felt toward others over something they did.

Penance for our past actions may be appropriate, but living in the past could eclipse the opportunity to receive forgiveness now. Dwelling on resentments will not make life simpler. It creates muddled thinking and drains attention away from the possibilities of the present moment.

How can you keep things simple? Learn not to overlook or evade the good opportunities the present moment offers you to listen, to love, and to change.

This Advent, take advantage of the present moment.

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

DISCUSSION POINT

Simplicity can lead to serenity

This Week's Question

"Keep it simple." How has this slogan been helpful in your life?

"We have two teens. We try not to schedule evening events so we can be home more for our children. On a daily basis, they have some question or problem. If we're not home, then their only influence will be their peers." (Jennifer Balisteri, Salinas, Calif.)

"I strive to keep it simple by recalling precisely what is my fundamental purpose. My values center on relationships because the simple commandment, 'Love one another as I have loved you,' centers on relationships." (Lanny Sacco, St. Clairsville, Ohio)

"There have been times in my life when I've gotten involved in different activities in the church. There is a propensity to get overinvolved. When that happens I lose my focus on what church involvement is all about. Luckily,

I've been able to focus on the fact that Jesus has made following him simple." (Victor Telles, Fresno, Calif.)

"It allows me to focus on my gifts rather than trying to get into the mind of God. It tells me to focus on what is, rather than always asking why and second-guessing God." (David Lometti, Fresno, Calif.)

"The Gospel is basically a simple message. Following the Gospel means constantly trying to simplify my life." (Mike Evangelho, Fresno, Calif.)

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Advent can be a time of joy and of simplicity

by Shirley Vogler Meister

In one section of Martha Graham's beautiful ballet "Appalachian Spring," composer Aaron Copland's music paints a set of variations on a Shaker hymn that sums up what life in general can be—and, I would add, what Advent can be.

'Tis the gift to be simple,
'Tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down
Where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves
In the place just right,
'T will be in the valley
Of love and delight."

It's not easy adapting to simplicity in a season as complex and distracting as December's holidays.

How do we achieve what the hymn says is "the place just right" if we're caught—or lost—in the season's mad shuffle?

A few years ago, I wrote a light verse called "Holiday Lament," which addressed part of the dilemma:

"Oh, my heavens! Can it be
the holidays crept up on me?
Time is fleeting, I'm in panic
rush, rush, rushing like a manic.
Much too busy to collapse,
I count the days, then I lapse
into depression, deep and bleak:
Can I be the only freak
who's frowning while all others smile
their greetings in such happy style?
'What's so wrong?' the family asks,
minimizing all my tasks.
Then from all sides I'm advised:
'Gosh sakes, Mom, get organized!'"

Comparing the poetic Shaker hymn with the silliness of my rhyme shows the innate

difference between what Advent should be and what it often is.

My verse would improve if its last word were changed from "organized" to the Ogden Nash-style "simplified."

Do you know how to simplify?

Organization helps, but it's not the answer. First, I think we need to look at the reasons why we allow ourselves to be run ragged:

- Family or peer pressures?
- Too many traditions?
- The magnetism of commercialism?
- The desire to seem perfect in others' eyes?

Or is it a desire to avoid facing ourselves squarely so we could question the choices we make that complicate our existence?

Business might merely mask the inability to be introspective, to look within ourselves for the basic truths that govern our lives, which, happily, could be... simple... free... where we ought to be.

But where ought we to be?

In his homily one Sunday, our pastor suggested that we Catholics might be wise to emulate "our Quaker friends down the street" because they incorporate silent prayer and meditation into their worship services and into their daily lives.

Like the Shakers from whom Copland borrowed his hymn, the Quakers stress finding the light of Christ within and then letting that light shine through in everything we do.

Can that happen while we're "rush, rush, rushing like a manic?"

If we knew now that we'd be dead by Christmas, would we hustle-bustle and

SIMPLIFIZE



SIMPLICITY—It's not easy adapting to simplicity in a season as complex and distracting as December's holidays. People need to "simplify" daily routines in order to find the light of Christ within and let that light "shine through in everything we do." (Kris illustrations by Caele Lowry)

hurry-scurry ourselves into exhaustion during Advent?

If we're truly Christians, I doubt it.

Instead, we would know what is important.

Of course, it is life, not death that we anticipate during Advent.

Like expectant mothers and fathers waiting for the birth of a child, we wait

for the new birth of divine love, hoping to experience it and to share it.

Let's proceed to simplify daily routines in order to concentrate this Advent on "where we ought to be."

I believe that then we'll find ourselves "in the valley of love and delight."

(Shirley Vogler Meister is a poet and free-lance writer from Indianapolis.)



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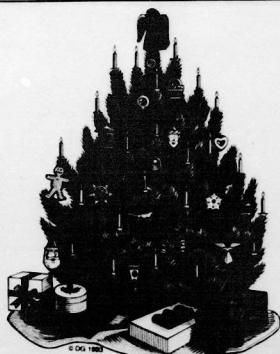
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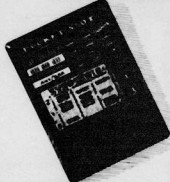
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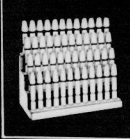


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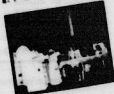
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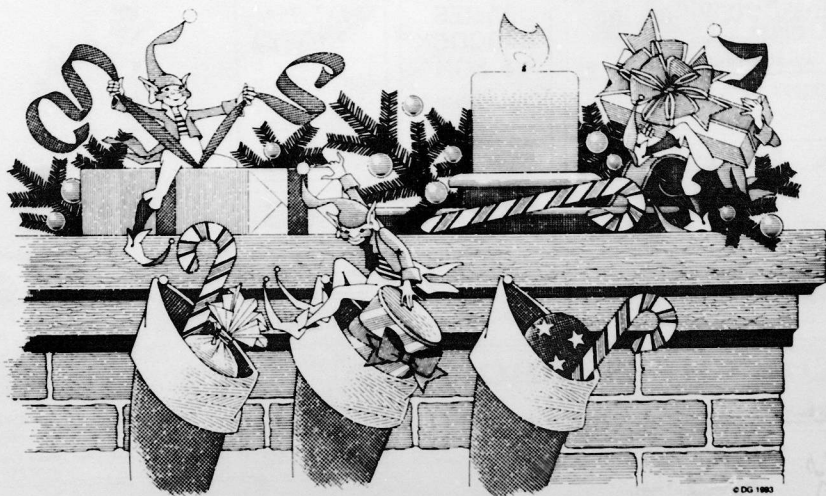
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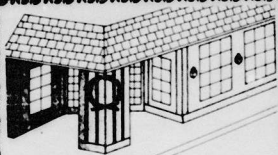
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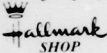
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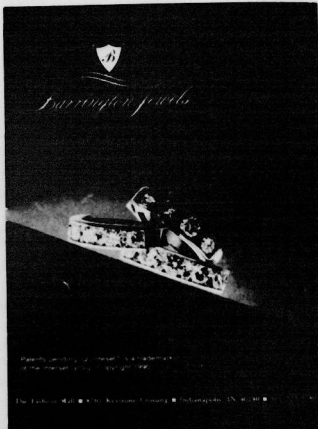
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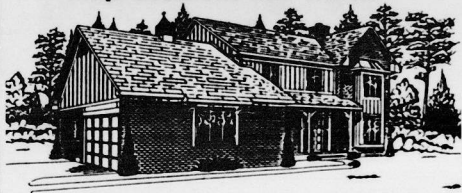
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Nov. 28, 1993

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 — 1 Corinthians 13:1-9 — Mark 13:33-37

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

Today, the church begins to use a new volume of readings for Masses on Sundays. It is the "B" cycle of readings.

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

By any estimate, Isaiah must be counted among the most important of the ancient prophets. It is a considerable work as it now appears in the Bible, and it offers readers some of the most expressive and profound of all the Scriptures. Isaiah has been a favorite of the devout for centuries upon centuries.

In reality, Isaiah as it now stands is a collection of three distinct works. Each was composed at a different point in history, and each has its own author or group of authors.

Isaiah, the prophet himself, wrote the first section. The later authors attached his name to what they had written. Today such a gesture would be regarded as very inappropriate, creating liability in fact for the person who would presume to use another's name in such a way. Times have changed. Long ago, such attribution by one author to another was considered the greatest of tributes!

The third section of Isaiah, from which this weekend's reading is drawn, was written in the Persian province of Judea. The people once kept in Babylon as hostages had long since been freed. While they had been allowed to return to their homeland, and while there was some reason no longer the pain of exile, life was no paradise. After all, the land and the Chosen People were living beneath the boot of foreign rule. Times were bad.

Trito-Isaiah, or Third Isaiah, as this section is entitled, is not gloomy in what it says. It hardly dismisses what is wrong, but in soaring language it looks forward to a day when God's justice and mercy will reign supreme over all the world.

The reading this week implores God to be swift in sending this reign of justice and mercy upon the world. The reading acknowledges God as the author of all that is good, the sovereign over all the world.

Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of this weekend's second reading.

The plight of the Christians in Corinth must have worried Paul considerably. He addressed at least two epistles to them.

Scholars believe that there may be evidence that even other letters were written and sent.

As was the case throughout the Roman Empire, the Corinthian Christians were a very small minority adrift in a huge majority of paganism and greed. In this situation, this presented a daunting problem for the Christians.

Then also, there was the increasing hostility of the political authority.

In the end, at a moment not far in the future from the time this epistle was written and circulated, no less a figure in the empire than the emperor himself would turn upon the Christians with all fury and viciousness.

Finally, the Corinthian Christians argued among themselves, causing deep divisions within the community.

Paul again and again insisted to the Corinthian Christians that they were greatly blessed. They were redeemed by the blood of the Son of God! Paul asserted his own apostolic identity often, but it was not to elevate himself, but rather to say that in great love God had sent an apostle, a messenger from God, an appointed spokesman for the Lord, to proclaim the Gospel and its implications to the Corinthians.

St. Mark's Gospel provides this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its Gospel lesson.

It should be remembered that the Gospels appeared as written documents generations after Jesus, in the same era as that which enveloped the epistles. The times were uncertain. Peril surrounded the Christian community.

Surely aware of this, indeed within this situation, the author of Mark's Gospel recalls the words of Jesus to his disciples that they knew not the day nor the hour of their demise. None could absolutely predict the future even if the future meant only minutes. Therefore, the Gospel warns, there is no time to lose. It implores us to draw near the Lord.

Reflection

This weekend the church begins its new year of liturgical celebration and instruction, and it begins to observe the season of Advent when we prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, the anniversary of the Lord's birth as the son of Mary.

By this time, all around, there are preparations for Christmas. City streets and private homes are being decorated as they are decorated at no other time of the year. There is an air of festivity. People celebrate and come together. Parties crowd social calendars. Merchants do their best business of the year as people buy Christmas gifts for each other.

one needs to know another way

is possible.

one looks to the remnant people

of times past and present

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(Providence Sister Donna Butler is the director of Providence Volunteer Ministry at St. Mary of the Woods.)

Daily Readings

Monday, Nov. 29

Advent weekday

Isaiah 21:1-5

Psalm 122:1-9

Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Andrew, apostle

Romans 10:1-18

Psalm 129:1-5

Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Advent weekday

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm 23:1-6

Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 2

Advent weekday

Isaiah 26:1-6

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 3

Francis Xavier, priest

Isaiah 29:17-24

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, Dec. 4

John Damascene, priest

and doctor

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Psalm 147:1-6

Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8

Injured pope still greets the faithful at the Vatican

by Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II, his usual midweek general audience canceled by injuries he suffered in a fall, greeted a crowd of would-be audience-goers in a brief talk from his apartment window high above St. Peter's Square.

With his right shoulder immobilized and his right arm in a sling, the pope told his assembly: "I didn't want to deprive myself of the joy of greeting, even though it is briefly all those who have come to Rome to meet his successor of Peter."

He thanked all who had sent "moving declarations of affection and solidarity."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Francis Xavier won converts in India, Malaysia and Japan

by John F. Fink

Next Friday, Dec. 3, is the feast of the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. St. Francis Xavier was a great missionary in the Far East.

Francis was born in 1506 in the castle of Xavier in Spain. A good student, he went to the University of Paris, planning a career as a teacher of philosophy. At the university, he met Ignatius of Loyola and eventually was won over by him to dedicate himself to Christ. Francis was one of the band of seven men, the first Jesuits, who vowed themselves to the service of God at Montmartre in 1534 and were ordained to the priesthood in 1537.

In 1540 Ignatius sent Francis to Lisbon, Portugal, to prepare himself for the first missionary expedition the new society was sending to the Far East. On his 35th birthday, April 7, 1541, he set out on a very difficult voyage. It took 13 months for the ship to sail down the coast of Africa, around the Cape of Good Hope, and back north to India.

Francis began his missionary work in Goa, where he found scandalous behavior among the Christians there (it was an area originally converted by the apostle Thomas). He lived among the poor, ministered to the sick, and offered Mass with lepers every Sunday. He walked through the streets ringing a bell to summon children and slaves to catechism. He versified doctrine to fit popular tunes, which soon became common practice.

After five months in Goa, he traveled to an area opposite Ceylon to minister to the Paravas. He made so many converts among these people that, he reported, he sometimes was scarcely able to move his arms after hours of baptizing.

He moved on to Travancore where village after village converted to Christianity. Then in 1545 he set out for Malacca on the Malay peninsula and he preached in Malaysia for three years. Then he spent 15 months traveling between Goa, Ceylon

and Cape Comorin, consolidating his work.

In 1549 he, another Jesuit priest, and a Japanese lay-brother set out for Japan, where no European had yet set foot. Landing at Kagoshima, he set about learning the Japanese language and made a simple translation of Christian teachings. Soon he started to meet success in Japan, too.

In Japan Francis learned that living a life of poverty did not have the same appeal as it did in India. So he dressed well and gave gifts to the local ruler. He was thus able to preach and baptize many Japanese.

Francis' next ambition was to go to China, and he made plans for that. He hoped to be able to enter the mainland secretly, since China was then closed to all foreigners. In Malaysia he was able to find a Chinese merchant who was willing to help him. However, Francis became ill during the voyage. He asked to be put ashore on the island of Sancian, about 100 miles southwest of Hong Kong. The men on the ship left him exposed on the sands of the shore.

Eventually a Portuguese merchant led Francis to a small hut, where he got progressively worse. As Francis was dying, the merchant reported, "I put a lighted candle in his hand. Then, with the name of Jesus on his lips, he rendered his soul to his Creator and Lord with great repose and quietude." Francis was 46 when he died in 1552. He had been in the Far East only 10 years.

Francis' body was first buried where he died. Ten weeks later it was taken to Malacca where it was received with great honor. It was then taken to Goa. Through all this the body remained incorrupt and flesh-colored.

Francis Xavier was canonized in 1622 at the same time as Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri and Isidore the farmer.

Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Short Cuts' offers brief but raunchy vignettes

by James W. Arnold

"Short Cuts" is an accurate description of the new Robert Altman movie. The "stories" of 10 different young families in contemporary Los Angeles over a few days are put together in small, sometimes tiny, bits and pieces in a cinematic mosaic.

But it certainly doesn't feel short. At just over three hours, the total movie is a load of TV miniseries dimensions and (at times) seems like it will last forever.

Durable (71) director Altman made a major comeback last year with "The Player," a dead-on satire of 1990s Hollywood commercialism. He returns now to a format he's used before, most successfully in "Nashville" (1975). That's to follow a large group of odd characters (all white, though racial tension shows on the fringes) on overlapping and intersecting paths through a satirized urban cultural wilderness.

As before, each of the 22 major characters has only a relatively small amount of screen time and must be developed skillfully and in a hurry. Part of the fun, although it can go badly off-track, is watching the parade of familiar actors trying desperately to make



it work: e.g., Andie MacDowell, Matthew Modine, Tim Roberts, Robert Downey Jr., Jennifer Jason Leigh, Lily Tomlin, Jack Lemmon.

"Nashville" was prophetic in showing the overlap among show biz, media, politics and personal values. "Short Cuts" is mainly about the backwash of love: male-female (in one case, mother-daughter) stress, jealousy, misunderstanding. Pain is more evident than in most movies or TV dramas. It also suggests how little we know of what ghosts lurk behind the facades of "public" people: waitress, doctor, cop, clown, musician, pool cleaner, TV editor.

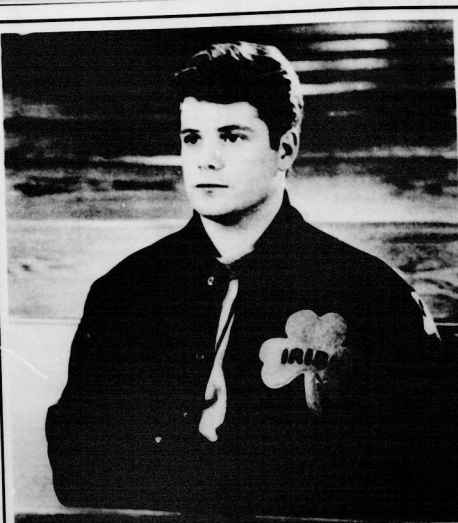
As in most Altman films, there are moments of truth and wit, as well as tedium. Altman also breaks some long-standing rules on frontal nudity of both sexes, apparently for the hell of it. But the basic trouble is lack of success in borrowing these stories and characters from an elite literary figure, the late Raymond Carver.

Transferring Carver to the screen is like playing Mozart on a guitar. It's not that he's a complex stylist; the opposite is true. But the characters are so rich and full of humanity. One readily sees the "divine spark" in them.

If you cut them down, as is required here, they seem two-dimensional and weird. By stirring them all (funny or sad) in the same soup, instead of telling one tale at a time, you also risk trivializing them all into silliness. The result is less compassion than misanthropy or trendy irony. (E.g., a concluding TV line: "How lucky we are to be living in L.A." Yeah, sure.)

Many of the stories are about husbands and wives coping with unexpected, traumatic events. In one of the best, a husband (Fred Ward) goes on an overnight fishing trip with his buddies in a remote area. Early on, they discover the body of a young woman in the water. They delay reporting it until they leave, so as not to ruin the trip.

When she hears what happened, the wife (Anne Archer) is outraged, despite his repentance. She can't verbalize why. In



IRISH HOPEFUL—Actor Sean Astin stars in "Rudy," the true story of a working-class Catholic boy from the Midwest who refused to give up on his impossible dream of attending the University of Notre Dame and playing on the famed Fighting Irish football team. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film A-II for adults and adolescents. (CNS photo from TriStar Pictures)

Carver, that is the heart of the story. His failure to "understand" the gravity of the matter seems likely to derail their marriage. In the movie, the fishing trip gets more time than the aftermath. The story is shallower, more to a joke about men and sports and how men and women are not the same.

An amusing "human nature" anecdote about a man (Tom Waits) who talks his waitress-wife (Tomlin) into losing weight so that he can be proud when the male customers ogle her short-skirted rear is vulgarized in film, and expanded to its detriment. As usual, blue collar characters are patronized instead of understood.

In another major story, an affluent couple (MacDowell and Bruce Davison) are agonized when their young son is hit by a car on his birthday and slowly deteriorates, despite the over-confidence of medical experts. Amid this anxiety, they receive mysterious threatening calls. It's well played, and a deft metaphor for

the creepy unpredictability of urban life. But intercut with comedy or satire, it loses its edge.

Lighter or more bizarre stories tend to set the tone. Modine is a doctor obsessed with his artist-wife's unconfessed infidelity of many years past. Robbins is a motorcycle cop with a wandering libido, harassed by his noisy kids and the hated family dog he tries to lose.

Leigh is a housewife who can't do the chores and feeds her kids while talking spicy sex on the telephone for side income. Peter Gallagher is a jealous husband who gets revenge by cutting up almost everything in his wife's house. (A door-to-door vacuum salesman picks this moment to offer a sample cleaning.)

(A bad idea with affecting, funny and insightful moments, but too long, too superficial, and too raunchy for its occasional rewards, nudity and sex situations; for adults, but not recommended.)

USCC classification: O, morally offensive.

Recent USCC Film Classifications

Addams Family Values O
 Dangerous Game O
 A Perfect World A-I
 The Saint of Fort Washington A-II
 The Three Musketeers A-III
 Legend: A-I—general audience; A-II—adults and adolescents; A-III—adults; IV—adults, with restrictions; O—morally offensive. A high recommendation from the USCC is indicated by the * before the title.

'Everything Has a Spirit' profiles Native Americans

by Henry Herz
 Catholic News Service

Focusing on religion as an essential part of Native Americans' cultural identity is "Everything Has a Spirit," airing Monday, Nov. 29, from 10:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. on PBS. (Check local listings to verify the program date and time.)

The documentary begins by referring to two recent Supreme Court decisions denying First Amendment protections for certain Native American religious practices and traditions.

Before going on to examine what the two court cases involved, the program provides a broad overview of Native American spirituality and how it has survived 500 years of repression.

Effectively using historical photographs, natural vistas, haunting Indian music and interviews with Native American leaders, the result gives viewers some sense of a spiritual tradition rooted in "a reverence for the land and a belief in the sacredness of life."

It conveys even more strongly the sense of past injustices visited on Native Americans in their struggle to retain their identity.

It is within this context that the program points to the Supreme Court decisions regarding the desecration of sacred lands and the use of peyote—an hallucinogen—by members of the Native American church.

Though the program has little time to go into the particulars of either case, it certainly succeeds in raising one's consciousness about an issue that has implications for all religious groups.

Produced largely by Native Americans, "Everything Has a Spirit" offers many insights on past and

contemporary justice issues, not the least of which are concerns about safeguarding the environment.

TV Programs of Note

Sunday, Nov. 28, 9-11 p.m. (NBC) "Bonanza: The Return." It's back to the Ponderosa, where a new generation of Cartwrights must save it from being sold in this sequel to the long-time television series. Set in 1905, the four grandchildren of patriarch Ben Cartwright come from far and wide when ranch manager Bronc Evans (Ben Johnson) asks their help to resist a hostile takeover of the Ponderosa by a vernal tycoon (Dean Stockwell).

Monday, Nov. 29, 9:30-11 p.m. (CBS) "One on One: Classic Television Interviews." The third annual Museum of Television and Radio special profiles some of TV's most intriguing interviews, including conversations with Marlon Brando, Muhammad Ali, Jacqueline Kennedy, Alfred Hitchcock and the Shah of Iran.

Friday, Dec. 3, 8:30-9 p.m. (ABC) "A Flintstone Family Christmas." In this animated holiday special, Fred and Wilma Flintstone befriended a wayward young boy and try to teach him the meaning of Christmas and family life.

TV Film Fare

Sunday, Nov. 28, 7-9 p.m. (Fox) "Beethoven." In this 1992 slap-happy comedy, a fussy father (Charles Grodin) is forced to accept a stray St. Bernard into the family, then has to rescue it from the snatches of doggrappers and a mad doctor (Dean Cain). Director Brian Levant delivers a likeable, though strictly formula, family entertainment. The film includes some strong menace and comic violence. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification of the theatrical version of the movie was A-II for adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating was PG, with parental guidance suggested.

Sunday, Nov. 28, 9-11:35 p.m. (CBS) "Indiana Jones and

the Last Crusade." Released in 1989, this film wraps up the adventure trilogy by pitting Indy (Harrison Ford) with his father (Sean Connery), a medieval scholar trying to save the Holy Grail from 1930s Nazis. Director Steven Spielberg's eye-popping stunts and intense comic-book violence are balanced by the humorous interaction between father and son, whose survival depends on their resolving long-standing conflicts. This exhilarating, old-fashioned action movie is much too intense for youngsters but less threatening to older adolescents. The film includes some minor sexual innuendo and rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification of the theatrical version of the movie was A-III for adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating was PG-13. Parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Monday, Nov. 29, 9-10:30 p.m. (PBS) "The Quarell." In this 1992 release, a chance meeting in 1948 between a Yiddish writer (R.H. Thomson) and a Hasidic rabbi (Saul Rubinek) reunites two old friends from Eastern Europe, each of whom thought the other had perished in the Holocaust, each of whom pick up where they had left off in their youthful, pre-war disputations about God, Jewish identity and the mystery of evil as personified by the Nazis. Adapted by David Brandes from a play by Joseph Telushkin and directed by El Cohen, the outdoor setting on Montreal's Mount Royal gives some visual relief to the deftly performed series of verbal exchanges ranging from the intensely cerebral to the deeply emotional as the rabbi tries to persuade the writer to return to his orthodox religious roots. The film includes some complicated but universal questions of faith and a discreetly handled sexual reference. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification of the theatrical version of the movie was A-II for adults and adolescents.

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

QUESTION CORNER

Did St. Paul predict the end of time?

by Fr. John Dietzen

Q Can you enlighten us on the meaning of 1 Thessalonians 4:14, "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord?"

Does this refer to what some Christians call the rapture? What does the Catholic Church teach about this? (North Carolina)

A The first letter to the Thessalonians was probably written by St. Paul in the year 50, about 20 years after the death and resurrection of our Lord.

This means that it is the earliest Christian document we possess, and that it was written during a period when Christians still believed the end of



the world was very near, and that it would come, in fact, before the death of some people alive at that time.

St. Paul clearly shared that expectation, as the passages such as the one you quote indicate.

Another factor that sheds light on these words is that they echo the same apocalyptic language about the end of time that we find, for example, in the Gospels.

Bizarre and graphic images of trumpets, clouds, earthquakes and other natural disasters were common in the religious literature of those times.

They were never intended, or understood, to provide a pictorial description of the world's end. They rather emphasized the cosmic changes that would be involved in the end of time and that the entire event would be at God's initiative, a continuation of his majestic lordship over all creation.

As the years went on, Christians gradually realized that the Lord had much bigger and longer-range plans for the world and the church.

Thus, we do not find this same sort of suspenseful language in the later writings of Paul and other Christians.

Q What is meant by the following statement in our Sunday bulletin? "All Cursillistas: An instructional Utraya is to be held, etc." They ask our support and prayers. For what? (Pennsylvania)

A After a while it seems that every group develops its own largon. This goes for religion as well as law, medicine, mathematics and almost every other area of human endeavor.

Members of the group, as well as editors and sometimes even pastors, forget that many people still need translations.

I hope you have heard the word "cursillo" (pronounced kur-se-yo), which literally means short course. Great numbers of Catholics and other Christians, including tens of thousands in the United States, have participated in this weekend, which deals with developing one's relationship with God and others in living out more completely our daily Christian life.

A cursillista is simply one who has participated in a cursillo weekend.

An utraya (Spanish for "forward") is a monthly gathering for cursillistas and others who might wish to join them to pray and help and support one another in practical everyday ways as Christians.

Over the past 20 or 30 years, Cursillo programs around the country have helped many Catholics and other Christians develop their prayer life.

I'm sure they will be thankful for your prayers.

(A free brochure on confession without serious sin and other questions about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

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FAMILY TALK

On Thanksgiving give thanks to loved ones

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Thanksgiving is a wonderful idea—a time to celebrate gratitude and to applaud those impulses that lead us to return after we've gotten what we wanted and say "thank you."

Why should gratitude be so rare? Are we reluctant to take the time? Once we have gained our goal, do we forget those who assisted us? Or are we simply more ready to offer negative comments than positive ones?

"Thank you" is one of the four positive remarks in the English vocabulary. Together with "I love you," "Well done" and "I'm sorry," it forms a treasury of uplifting responses. All these remarks are wonderful ways to affirm and touch our neighbor.

Historically, our early settlers had a rough time surviving their first winter. Because of help from their Native American neighbors, many of them made it through the hardships of life in a new land. They were grateful, and they gave a party to say so.

The thank-you party was highlighted by a meal, one we still celebrate.

To remember, we eat and enjoy turkey "with all the trimmings," which include cranberries, dressing, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie.

The Thanksgiving holiday, however, is more than an historical remembrance. We are reminded of our need to give and receive thanks not just that one time in our past, but every day.

The meal is a way of coming together for an important purpose, to recall something that was and still should be.

Mass is another such celebration. It uses the event of the Last Supper to remind us of the love we should have for one another. In sharing the Eucharist at the Lord's table, we remind ourselves that we are all one.

Many families go beyond the traditional Thanksgiving meal to recall and re-motivate the virtue of gratitude.

Here are a few examples of family liturgies which celebrate the grateful spirit.

► At the Thanksgiving table, a grandchild reads the story of the first Thanksgiving. Then each guest tells what he or she is especially thankful for that year.

► Every Thanksgiving we have a family football game out in the yard before we sit down for the turkey dinner. Then we take turns saying aloud the things we are thankful for.

► We say "thank you" to someone else at the dinner table for something that he or she has done for us.

► Before eating the turkey, we all pause for a moment to remember people who have helped us in the past. Then we make a short resolution to call or write to these special people during the next few days and say thanks for their kindness.

► In one way or another, we always provide a Thanksgiving dinner for a less-fortunate family. This is our family's way of saying thanks to people who have helped us by passing on some of our benefits to the next person.

► Some families send "Happy Thanksgiving" cards to family members and friends.

► Thanksgiving is an excellent time to allow children to help with preparations for the family dinner or decorations for the table. Children can help carry the dinner rolls or butter or other safe items to the table or buffet. Young artists can use colorful construction paper cut in rectangles and folded in half to make stand-up name cards. And children especially enjoy making paper plate turkeys—with construction paper "feathers" and feet that stand up—for use as a whimsical table centerpiece.

(Reader questions on family living or child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions to the Kennys in care of 219 W. Harrison St., Suite 4, Bensenville, Ind. 47078.)

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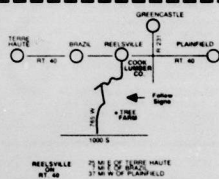
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November 26

St. Lawrence, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

November 26-28

Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center will hold a "Serenity Retreat," for individuals and loved ones with alcohol addiction. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

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

November 27

A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. at the Eastside Clinic, 2951 East 38th St. Everyone is welcome.

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The Young Widowed Group will meet to Churchill Downs Race Track in Louisville. They will leave St.

Matthew Church, 4100 E. 56th St., at 8 a.m. Cost is \$12.

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A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinic for Women, Ritter Plaza, 21st and Ritter St.

November 28

The Secular Franciscans will meet in Sacred Heart Parish Chapel, 1530 Union St., at 3 p.m. Refreshments will follow in the parish meeting room. For more information, call 317-637-7309.

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St. Paul, Sellersburg, will meet for prayer, praise and sharing from 7:15 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the parish office.

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St. Bridget, 801 Northwestern Ave., will pray a rosary at 10 a.m. For more information, call 317-547-3735.

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St. Lawrence, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the

chapel from 1-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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The Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery invite anyone interested to join them for an evening of praise at 5:15 p.m. For more information, call 317-787-3287.

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The Catholic Golden Age Club will meet at 2 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. New members welcome. For more information, call 317-872-6047.

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The newly formed SS. Francis and Clare Parish will celebrate its Inaugural Mass at 11 a.m. at Center Grove Middle School, Morgantown and Stones Crossing Kds. Masses will be celebrated there every Sunday at 11 a.m. thereafter.

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The Guadalupe Fraternity of Indianapolis (Hispanic business people) will sponsor a fundraising event at St. Philip social hall from 5-7 p.m. There will be a sale of Mexican food, raffles, music and gathering of the Hispanic community. Proceeds will be used to fund the Dec. 12 Fiesta.

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November 29
St. Andrew Parish, Richmond, will hold an Advent Evening of Reflection with Father Al Ajame from 7-9:30 p.m. in the chapel. For more information, call 317-962-3902.

November 30

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

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St. Mary Chapel, 317 N. New Jersey St., will pray a devotion to Jesus and the Blessed Mother from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 317-786-7517.

December 1-4

St. Mary of the Woods dinner theatre will present "Christmas at the Woods," at 7:30 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. For more information, call 812-535-5212.

December 2

A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Drive. Everyone is welcome.

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St. Roch, 3605 S. Pennsylvania St., will hold a Family Eucharist Holy Hour with rosary and Benediction from 7-8 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. Call 317-784-1763 for more information.

December 3

The Young Widowed Group will spend Friday night at the movies. Meet at McDonald's, 3501 W. 56th St. at 6:30 p.m.

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St. Joseph Altar Society, Terre Haute, will hold a brown bag lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$3.50.

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St. Lawrence, 46th and Shadeland Ave., will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center will present an evening out for married couples at 7 p.m. Call 812-923-8817 for more information and reservations.

December 3-4

Cardinal Ritter Drama Club will present "The Matchmaker," at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call Ritter at 317-924-4333.

December 3-5

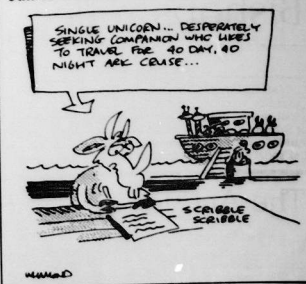
Fatima Retreat House will present a weekend of prayer, teaching, discussion and fellowship during the Charismatic Retreat Weekend. Call Fatima at 317-545-7681 for more information.

December 4

St. Michael School, 3352 W. 30th St., will hold the 5th annual Angel's Attic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 70 booths of arts and crafts. \$1 admission. For more information, call the school.

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American Healthcare Center North will sponsor a breakfast with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m. Call 317-872-4051 for more information.

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A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. at the Eastside Clinic, 2951 East 38th St. Everyone is welcome.

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Mt. St. Joseph Retreat Center will hold a Greccio Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

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The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will attend 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John's, 126 W. Georgia St. Be ready to go out to Union Station afterwards for dinner at Norman's. For more information, call Mary at 317-255-3841.

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The Beech Grove Benedictine Center, 1402 Southern Ave., will hold a centering prayer retreat day from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

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St. Simon, 8400 Roy Rd., will hold

a craft sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 50 booths available. For more information, call Ruth at 317-549-0686.

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St. Nicholas Church, Sunman, will celebrate a Charismatic Mass at 8 a.m. followed by the Fatima Rosary and a SACRED meeting.

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A pro-life rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinic for Women, Ritter Plaza, 21st and Ritter Ave.

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The Little Flower Church will host the workshop, "Dating after Divorce," from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parish center. Pre-registration is required. Call 317-357-8360 and leave your name and phone number.

December 4-5

St. Joseph Altar Society, Terre Haute, will hold its Christmas Bazaar from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday in the parish center.

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Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana Charismatic Mass

(Mass held on the first Friday of each month at selected parishes)

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Bishops reflect on social mission of parishes

by Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops overwhelming approved by voice vote Nov. 17 a pastoral reflection on the social mission of the parish. The statement, "Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish," received minor modifications which "more closely link social justice to evangelization," said Auxiliary Bishop

John H. Ricard of Baltimore, chairman of the bishops' Domestic Policy Committee.

The document was the product of both the bishops' domestic and international policy committees.

Bishop Eugene J. Gerber of Wichita, Kan., said the reflection will "enrich (social justice) in the concrete pastoral circumstances in which people live their lives."

Bishop Edward J. O'Donnell, apostolic administrator of the St. Louis Archdiocese, was a bit more colloquial. "It gives encouragement to other parishes," he said, "where the rubber hits the road, right where people are living."

"Social justice is universally accepted in all of our parishes," said Bishop John G. Vlazny of Winona, Minn. "Although people want to do social justice, it's the last thing that gets done." They should know, however, he said, that "when we reach out to others, we ourselves come alive."

Calling the reflection "a wonderful document," Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M., said, "It is on the parish level where church happens. It doesn't happen at the universal level, existentially speaking. It doesn't happen at the conference (level). Existentially, it doesn't happen at the diocese."

"This is where they interact," Bishop Ramirez said of the parish. "This is where they meet the Lord."

Bishop John J. McRaith of Owensboro, Ky., said, "People

in the pews are going to have to have a lot of support from us," on social ministry. "If they don't get support from us, if they're out there hanging," he warned, "they won't be hanging very long."

He too, issued his own warning about the document—that its message would not be accepted easily. "A lot of people don't want to hear anything about social justice beyond feeding the hungry," he said.

But Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. Francis of Newark, N.J., said the reflection "will not blame people, but it will affirm people. . . . I feel for too long we have separated the social mission of our church from the rest of our ministry," he said. "The time has come for a document like this."

The reflection includes examples of 10 U.S. parishes actively engaged in social ministry.

Bishop Ricard told Catholic News Service Nov. 15 that "charity fatigue" happens much less often in parishes than does the separation of social ministry from the rest of parish life. "Social justice is really a part of parish life," Bishop Ricard told CNS. In its proper context, he added, "it permeates every aspect of parish—liturgy, parish prayer, stewardship, outreach."

The document said, "The social mission of the parish is being developed from the bottom up in the practical experience of the people of God in their local communities of faith."

The Active List (cont.)

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Marian College Theatre will present, "The Prince and the Pauper," at 10 a.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. For ticket information, call 317-929-0622.

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Sacred Heart School, Terre Haute, will hold a breakfast and lunch with Santa from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. For more information, call 812-232-8901.

December 5

St. Vincent Hospital Guild will hold its annual Christmas Brunch at 12 p.m. at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St. For more information, call 317-253-2664.

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Our Lady of Providence Guild will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Over 20 craft booths will be featured. For more information, call the school.

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The Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Beech Grove, invite anyone interested to join them for evening praise at 5:15 p.m. For more information, call 317-787-3287.

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Oldenburg Academy invites everyone to its annual Christmas concert in the school auditorium beginning at 2 p.m. For more information, call 812-934-4440.

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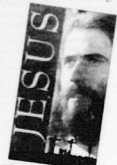
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Youth News/Views

Conference is a place to 'Let the Spirit Ring'

by Lou Baldwin and Christie Chicoine
Catholic News Service

PHILADELPHIA—Miles and months away from World Youth Day '93 in Denver, youths from around the United States met in Philadelphia to relive on a smaller scale the experience they had with the pope and hundreds of thousands of youths in August.

The 6,300 youths representing Catholic youth groups from across the nation gathered in Philadelphia Nov. 11-14 for "Let the Spirit Ring," the 1993 National Catholic Youth Conference.

"The echoes of the Holy Father's recent visit to Denver still ring in your ears and the ears of all Americans," said a welcoming statement to the youths from Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell also welcomed the delegates to their four-day convention.

As the mayor of this historic city, Rendell said, he sees poverty, homelessness and the lack of adequate jobs and he wonders "if there is ever going to be a way out."

But, he added, "When I see all of you here tonight caring for your church and country for your fellow Americans, I know we can solve all of our problems."

After the welcome, the delegates paraded the mile or so to Philadelphia's newly opened Pennsylvania Convention Center.

In the opening prayer service, they heard a videotape of the words of Pope John Paul II in Denver.

In the World Youth Day video, the Holy Father reminded the youth that, "This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel; it is a time of pride in the Gospel, a time to preach it from the rooftops."

While God and service were very much a part of the convention, the spirit of the convention's theme, "Let the Spirit Ring," was most noticeable among the delegates.

On opening night Becky Slay of St. Paul Parish in Damascus, Md., told *The Catholic Standard and Times*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, she expected "to have a lot of fun, meet lots of people, and get closer to God—especially get closer to God."

Michael Myette, from St. Helen Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said his World Youth Day experience brought him "closer to God" and he expected the Philadelphia convention "to do the same."

Brigitte Ewaldson, from St. Rose Par-

ish in Nashville, Tenn., said that she came to the convention "to meet people" and "to feel God's power."

The youths had ample opportunities to meet teen-agers from throughout the United States. When they did, they traded mementos with each other: a cowbell for a cross or bracelets for necklaces.

They also attended workshops on diverse topics including sexuality, prayer, date rape, youth suicide, retreats, racism, communication, and clown ministry.

An array of speakers and performers entertained the youths throughout the conference. At many times, the youths would form human chains and parade throughout the general assembly room.

Father Leonard Wenke, executive director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, the Washington-based organization which sponsored the conference, said that people presume youths "are not necessarily people of faith. They talk about them as maybe a lost generation."

He said the convention proved the contrary because it gave the young people a chance to "come together as a community, share their faith, give witness to the fact that they believe in a loving and caring God, and celebrate that they are Catholic."

Father Charles Pfeffer, director of the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adults in Philadelphia, said the convention was custom-made to "present the church to the young people in a dimension that speaks to them."

The biennial National Catholic Youth Conference "takes the message of Jesus and presents it to them in issues they're dealing with in everyday life," Father Pfeffer said, "and that's what they want." Service projects conducted Nov. 13 throughout the city activated the youths' spiritual energies. They gave time to "big buddy" programs, visits to a home for the blind, and as helpers at the Philadelphia Food Bank.

That evening was the night to "let it all out" at a block party and dance before the late-night conference routine came around once again with diocesan check-in and prayer at 11:15 p.m. followed by curfew at midnight.

During the next morning's closing Mass, they joined arms to sing "We Are One Body," the official World Youth Day song vocalist Dana performed in Denver, S.C. Diocese summed up the four-day event best when she said, "There's no better feeling than to be totally swept away by a room full of other Catholics."

Dinner theater tickets for the 7 p.m. performance on Dec. 3 are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Cabaret theater tickets for the 7 p.m. show on Dec. 4 are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

For ticket information, call the Cardinal Ritter office at 317-924-4333.

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Oldenburg Academy will sponsor a Christmas concert at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5 in the school auditorium.

Students at the 140-year-old girls' college preparatory high school and boarding school operated by the Sisters of St. Francis annually sponsor a holiday concert featuring the Academy Singers, the school orchestra and choruses, and individual soloists and musicians.

Telephone the academy office at 812-934-4440 for more concert information.



HOLIDAY PERFORMERS—Roncalli High School sophomore Shaun Ancelet of Indianapolis (top) portrays "The Ghost of Christmas Past" in Israel Horowitz's adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale in "A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley" at the Eadyean Repertory Theater in Indianapolis. During the holiday production which runs Dec. 3-12, a ghostly Shaun leads the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge back to happier times in his past. For ticket information, call the Eadyean box office at 317-923-1516. In another popular Christmas tale, St. Thomas Aquinas eighth-grader Anne Marie Weber of Indianapolis (right) portrays Clara in the Indianapolis Ballet Theater's production of "The Nutcracker" Nov. 27-28 at the Warren Performing Arts Center in Indianapolis. Anne Marie also portrayed Clara twice in the Indianapolis Dance Company's production of "The Nutcracker." She will dance on point for the first time this year. For ticket information, call the Indianapolis Ballet Theater at 317-637-8979.

Conference urges teen-agers to volunteer time and talents

by Missy Hoop

The 1993 National Catholic Youth Conference in Philadelphia Nov. 11-15 symbolized the hope and energetic faith of the youth of America.

Dancing, singing, laughing and smiling are words which best describe the vivaciousness of the 7,000 teen-agers who attended the biennial youth conference.

Liturgies, workshops and social activities throughout the four days focused on strengthening each teen-ager's relationships with God, peers and self as well as on recognizing the necessity of church and community service.

"A Taste of Home," a touching play about the homeless, was performed by Philadelphia youth on Nov. 12 and showed conference participants the importance of getting involved in service projects, whether at home or volunteering at local service centers. For some conference participants, the play made them reflect on their own lives.

Hanna Neely, a conference participant from Des Moines, said she thought "it was scary to see so many homeless people" in Philadelphia.

"The National Catholic Youth Conference taught me about the impact of service," she said. "You realize that even one person can truly make a difference." Activities at the national conference also urged participants to reach out to one another and form lasting relationships. One

way conference participants met new friends was by trading souvenirs representing their state or region.

For many teens, the highlight of the conference was a block party on Nov. 13 at the Philadelphia Convention Center. The party included a traditional dance with live entertainment, plus social and recreational activities—like basketball and volleyball—requiring unity and cooperation.

Conference participants said they enjoyed both the spiritual and social aspects of the four-day youth event.

Nichole Gregor from Saginaw, Mich., said she experienced spiritual growth and formed numerous friendships.

"You bonded with people you had just met," she said. "It was neat to experience and share your religious feelings with peers who felt the same as you."

Bryan Pahl, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, summed up his conference experience as most of the participants would by noting, "I just had an excellent time!"

At the end of the conference, participants were asked to keep the faith alive when they returned to their homes. Affirmed by the conference, the dynamic spirit of the youth in America will continue to ring through God's inspiration.

(Bishop Chatard High School junior Missy Hoop of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis reported on the national youth conference for *The Criterion*.)

Providence and Roncalli advance to the IHSAA football title games

Gardner teams from both Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville and Roncalli High School in Indianapolis are headed to Indiana High School Athletic Association state football title games this weekend at the Hoosier Dome in Indiana's capital city.

The Providence Pioneers outscored Westfield 28-21 in two overtime to clinch the Class 2-A seminate on Nov. 20, and the Roncalli Rebels easily topped Evansville Memorial 42-0 in seminate action last Saturday to hike their perfect season record to 13-0 and clinch their No. 1 ranking in the Class 3-A division.

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Cardinal Ritter High School's Drama Club will present "The Matchmaker," a play by Thornton Wilder, on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 at the Indianapolis West Deane high school located at 3360 W. 30th St.

Campus Corner

Pro-life vs. pro-abortion at IU CALL Weekend

by Elizabeth Bruns

Pro-life activist Rev. Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition in Washington, D.C. and a leader with Operation Rescue National, led the opening rally at Indiana University's CALL (Collegians Activated to Liberate Life) Weekend on Nov. 19.

Rev. Mahoney did not get very far with his speech due to interruptions from pro-abortion activists placing coat hangers at his feet. These coat hangers, placed in front of Mahoney every three minutes, represented "every woman who will die during Patrick Mahoney's speech as a result of the unavailability of safe legal abortion services worldwide," according to a press release distributed by a pro-abortion group.

Mahoney accused university officials of permitting the demonstration during his speech which led to a cross-campus march to university President Thomas Ehrlich's residence for confrontation. Mahoney only spoke about 20 minutes before the march to the president's residence ensued. Ehrlich was hosting a dinner party and "showed no interest in talking to Mr. Mahoney," said Damon Sims, an associate dean of students.

Shannon Hall, president of Indiana University Students for Life, members of CALL and members of Indiana University Students for Life met with President Ehrlich at 6 p.m. on Sun. evening.

Hall said that when she asked if there was pro-life bigotry on the IU campus and what would be done about it Ehrlich would only comment that no group on the IU campus can exclude any other. He said he would work with them in the future in an effort to have more peaceful lectures than the one Friday night.

Hall spoke briefly about the organization before introducing Joshua Miller, director of CALL.

"IU Students for Life is dedicated to protecting the unborn, warning the community about the dangers of abortion to the unborn child and mother. We work to provide alternatives to abortion, to educate the community," said Hall. "We do this through education tables at the (student) union, through presentations at the dormitories and student groups, and also through information distribution."

"Many of you have seen the signs around campus that say, 'Children are dying, what are you doing?' Being present here tonight is the first step. This weekend is an opportunity for you to see some of the ways that you can make a difference," said Hall. "I encourage you to think of what you can do to make the most positive impact on the lives of the babies and also the women."

"As the next generation of leaders of this country, we have the opportunity to turn the tide and to create a world that truly respects all life. We can set an example for the rest of our generation to follow," said Hall.

During Hall's introduction, pro-choice activists were tapping coat hangers against their chairs. The auditorium was filled with students, faculty, community members and media.

Before introducing Mahoney, Joshua Miller, director of CALL, spoke about the group's jail sentencing for law-breaking tactics performed outside abortion clinics in Merrillville and Gary, Ind. last March. An emergency stay of execution of sentence was granted by the appellate court in Indianapolis late on Nov. 12, allowing for the release of CALL rescuers who had appeared to serve their sentence in Lake County, Ind. The rescuers—who had opted for jail time rather than attending a session of pro-abortion education classes—were held for about four hours before their release.

CALL is a group of pro-life college age students who have taken a year off from their academic studies to make a commitment to the unborn. They do this by creating a network of campus pro-life groups and strengthening the pro-life movement on the campuses.

Miller also spoke about CALL. "CALL was founded in Jan. 1991. Its purpose is to

unify and activate pro-life collegians. CALL has traveled to over 100 campuses this year.

"God has called us to be rescuers of his children. We challenge pro-life collegians to strengthen their commitment to the unborn," said Miller. "We believe God has called us to Bloomington for a purpose. The March to Bloomington (CALL Weekend at Indiana University) is going to be a foretaste of what is to come next semester."

Miller is gearing up for a program called "Restore Life Bloomington." It is the spring semester project of CALL and pro-life college students throughout the Midwest. CALL has chosen Bloomington as its new headquarters for the spring semester. The group is based in Wisconsin.

Some of Saturday's activities involved the much-publicized corner revolting outside the stadium during the Purdue vs. IU football game. The group held signs with pro-life messages. The remainder of the CALL Weekend involved activism of prayerful picketing outside a local abortion center in Bloomington, literature distribution and seminars about creative approaches to Christian activism, and effective ways to counsel those going in for abortions.



PRAYER VS. PROTEST—Indiana University Students for Life kneel in prayer at their seats as pro-abortion activists raise coat hangers and chant in the background.



FOOD FOR THE POOR—Valerie Leis, Rob Kriegbaum and Ed Fiedor, members of the University of Indianapolis Newman Center, assisted members of Holy Cross Parish and SVDP Food Pantry box Thanksgiving meals for the poor. (Photo by Elizabeth Bruns)

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN—Pro-life students from Indiana University Students for Life and CALL (Collegians Activated to Liberate Life) kneel in prayer at the opening rally of the CALL Weekend in Bloomington on Nov. 18. (Photos by Elizabeth Bruns)



Bishops agree to form pastoral plan for young adult ministry

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops authorized their Committee on the Laity Nov. 18 to begin a three-year process leading to the national pastoral plan for young adult ministry.

But questions remained about whether the category of young adults would include those aged 18-35 or those 17-30 years old. Auxiliary Bishop Robert F. Morneau of Green Bay, Wis., outgoing chairman of the laity committee, said the question would be resolved during work on the plan.

As outlined by Bishop Morneau, the pastoral plan—to be submitted for the bishops' approval in 1996—will "concentrate on the evangelization and spiritual formation of young adults."

During floor debate Nov. 18, Bishop J. Keith Symons of Palm Beach, Fla., said the pastoral plan for young adults would "complement our vote on the pastoral

message for families" during the 1993 meeting and would help the "young adults who urgently need our affection and encouragement."

"The time is very ripe for this," said Bishop John S. Cummins of Oakland, Calif. He said many Catholic parents are concerned about the religious life of their young adult children.

Another bishop asked that the plan address the concerns not only of single young adults but of young married couples as well.

Bishop Morneau said 1994 will be a planning year for the document and 1995 will be a year of consultation about the document with young adults, movements and pastoral leaders.

He described the proposed pastoral plan as a "concrete response" to a question posed by Pope John Paul II during World Youth Day events in Denver this summer: "Are we always ready to help the young people discover the transcendent elements of the Christian life?"



GIVE THANKS—Pastor Ann Larsen, of Lutheran Campus Ministries at Butler University, reads passages from the Bible at the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service held at Butler on Nov. 17. The Butler Newman Center and Butler YMCA co-sponsored the service. (Photo by Elizabeth Bruns)



BOOK REVIEWS

Brennen transformed society

A JUSTICE FOR ALL: WILLIAM J. BRENNAN JR. AND THE DECISIONS THAT TRANSFORMED AMERICA, by Kim Isaac Eisler. Simon & Schuster (New York, 1993). 303 pp. \$22.00.

Reviewed by Donald M. Gillmor
Catholic News Service

Of all Supreme Court justices in the modern era, none has had more influence in transforming the American society for good or for ill, depending upon one's personal and political values, than William J. Brennan Jr. Kim Isaac Eisler's workmanlike biography, "A Justice for All," is therefore aptly titled.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower knew only Brennan's demographics when he nominated him—the oldest of five brothers and two sisters of an Irish Catholic family whose father began as a labor-union official and died as a Newark, N.J., city commissioner. Brennan inherited from his father the common touch and a capacity for hard work, traits that would make him beloved among his law clerks and respected by his colleagues. Upon his appointment, Brennan would label himself "the mule at the Kentucky Derby." The mule quickly became a thoroughbred.

What might have appealed to the president and his attorney

general, Herbert Brownell, was Brennan's experience in a certifiably WASP New Jersey law firm that specialized in strikebreaking. Brennan was its first Catholic partner, his specialization was labor law. He supported Taft-Hartley and represented major corporations in labor negotiations.

Reluctantly he became a state judge and soon was serving on New Jersey's Supreme Court, where he showed an uncommon concern for the rights of the individual. From there an unpredictable dynamic combining the political, personal and religious led to the high court in Washington.

Once on the court, Brennan's instincts pulled him toward the camp of liberal Chief Justice Earl Warren and judicial activism, meaning that the court would give strict scrutiny to laws impinging upon constitutional guarantees. The only Catholic on the court in 1957, Brennan, ironically perhaps, would get to define pornography and provide it qualified constitutional protection. Later he would provide the same protection to contraception and abortion, affirmative action, defendant rights, equal rights, free speech, and flag burning. For Brennan, due process—fundamental fairness—was synonymous with the Bill of Rights and no level of government could deny it.

"The Catholic Church hierarchy," writes Eisler, "was livid over Brennan's vote in favor of *Roe vs. Wade*, the abortion

ruling," but the full extent of his involvement (in developing its rationale) was not fully recognized. "Nevertheless this devout Catholic attended Mass every week. The school prayer cases, he once said, were the most wrenching of his career."

While long on a fascinating description of the 20th-century court, its institutional community, and the princes and paupers that came before it, Eisler is short on analysis and sometimes on documentation. We are told nothing about those writers who informed Brennan's philosophy, beyond Plato and Thomas Aquinas.

Brennan's own response to the doctrine of original intent and all the conservative baggage it carries with it says much about his judicial philosophy and is best expressed in a 1985 speech at Georgetown University Law School:

"For the genius of the Constitution rests not in any single meaning it might have had in a world that is dead and gone but in the adaptability of its great principles to cope with new problems and current needs. Our Constitution was not intended to preserve a pre-existing society but to make a new one."

Through quotations such as that and a clear, sturdy journalistic prose Eisler does draw a dramatic picture of Brennan's elemental devotion of his oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. And for that we are grateful both to him and to Brennan.

(Gillmor is professor of media ethics and law at the University of Minnesota.)

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natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.

† BLANKMAN, Agnes C., 64, St. Mary, Greenburgh, Oct. 25. Wife of Urban, mother of Patricia, Gerald, Anita, Alvin, Karen, Shirley, Joann, Wanda, Keith and Laura; sister of Marie Meyer, Antonette Harping, Ivan Hartman, Geraldine Nobbe and Edith Eickholt; grandmother of 11.

† BOOKER, Rachel Matthews, 68, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Nov. 8. Mother of Mary Ann Kummer, Theresa L. Bottonari, Margaret A. Nurre, Bernard J. and John W.; sister of James Mattheos, William Mattheos, Martha

Lou All, Winifred Schmidt and Bernada Smundinger; grandmother of eight.

† CLARK, Kathy M., 42, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Nov. 9. Daughter of Kathryn M. Rommel, sister of Mark Rommel, Michael Rommel, James Rommel, Joseph Rommel, Rose Huskaski, Mickey Cox and Marilyn Lester.

† CROWE, Gary W., 59, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Nov. 14. Son of Alice E. Crowe; brother of Lawrence E. Crowe and Paul B. Crowe.

† DELLACA, Virginia, 78, Annunciation, Brazil, Nov. 9. Mother of Teresa and Phyllis M.

† EMMERSON, Dorothy, 70, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Oct. 5. Wife of William J.; mother of David, Thomas, Carol Louisa, Joan Haas and Susan Schulz; grandmother of 11.

† ENGEL, Carl F. Jr., 65, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Nov. 4. Husband of Mary Kay, father of Marty, Dan and Jim; step-father of Tammy Weber, Laura Knablauch and Thomas Polizzi; brother of William and Catherine Little; grandfather of 13.

† FLYNN, Maribeth, 35, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Nov. 13. Mother of Michael J., Jonathan F. and Christopher M.; daughter of James L. and Lucille Litherland; sister of Roxanne Baker.

† GRAYBIEL, Mildred, 90, St. Mary, North Vernon, Nov. 15. Mother of Rosemary Danger, Mary Ann Danger and Francis Kipper; sister of Mary Williams; grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of 21.

† GROTHE, Francis L., 68, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Nov. 2. Brother of Charles A.

† HINGERTON, James P., 68, Annunciation, Brazil, Nov. 10. Father of Teresa Knick; brother of Theres Antonio and Joseph; grandfather of four.

† KOETTER, Lucille A., 91, St. John, Starlight, Nov. 11. Mother of Robert Sr., William, Edward Jr. and Tommy; grandmother of 23; great-grandmother of 26.

† KONRAD, Henry D., Jr., 69, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Nov. 14. Husband of Ruth Hicks Konrad; father of Linda Sue Konrad and Curtis Konrad; brother of Clara, Rosemary Hanson, Kathleen Haskins, Irene Starfield, Robert Thomas and George.

† LUCAS, Albert G., 64, Prince of Peace, Madison, Nov. 10. Husband of Yvonne Goffena Lucas; brother of George, Willie, Walker, John, Charlie, Fay Olds and Carolyn Lawler.

† MASSING, Raymond P., 64, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Nov. 11. Husband of Beatrice; father of Steve, Devin, Jeanine Thompson, Suzanne Dearholt, Joyce Mappes, Theresa Lake; brother of Leo, Ruth LaPine and Cecelia Law, grandfather of 11.

† MOON, Russell W., 91, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Nov. 1. Husband of Louzima; father of

Rita Ketcham and Carol Jacobs; step-father of David Gauss; brother of Ned Moon and Mary Barrett; grandfather of 12; great-grandfather of 16; step-grandfather of four.

† MORAN, Mary, 81, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Nov. 14. Sister of Pauline Hinds.

† NELIS, Vincent M., 13, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Nov. 13. Son of Vincent M. Nelis Sr. and Julie E. Kiderer.

† OWEN, Mary Rose, 87, St. Vincent, Bedford, Nov. 13. Aunt of three.

† PHILLIPS, Edward L. Jr., 74, St. Bridget, Indianapolis, Nov. 16.

† PIERRARD, Donald J., 62, St. Paul, Tell City, Nov. 11. Father of Peggy Foster, Charlie, Tim Schorer, Jackie Hudson, Marvin, Carol Morgan, Keith and Jeff; brother of Oliver, William and Lloyd; grandfather of 22; great-grandfather of three.

† RICHARDS, Laura, 64, St. Paul, Tell City, Nov. 12. Mother of Melissa Groves, Barry, Kevin, Tracy and Joe; sister of Kenneth Canaway and Elaine May Beasley; grandmother of six.

† RIEDMAN, Charles A., 75, St. Michael, Brookville, Nov. 10. Brother of Norbert, Richard, Henry, Dorothy, Alan, Thelma Karbowksi and Phyllis Clark.

† SANDERS, Rita Bernice, 70, St. Rose, Indianapolis, Nov. 13. Mother of Judy Marksbey and Edward A. Sanders; sister of Dale Bullock, Joe Bullock and Dick Bullock; grandmother of three; great-grandmother of one.

† WHEELER, Thomas E., 80, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Nov. 9. Husband of Florence; father of Florence Walker; brother of Megan C. Wheeler, Betty Cook and Ann DeFries; grandfather of one.

Providence Sister Clarice Asbury dies on Nov. 15

Providence Sister Clarice Asbury died at St. Mary of the Woods on Nov. 15 at the age of 95. The Most of Christ Bural was celebrated for her on Nov. 18 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The former Elizabeth Augusta Asbury was born in Bozeman, Mont. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1919 and professed her final vows in 1927.

Sister Clarice taught in Indiana, Illinois and California schools. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, her assignments were in Indianapolis at Ladywood and St. Agnes, and at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Sister Clarice had no immediate family survivors.

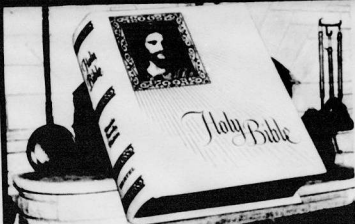
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No quick remedy for sex abuse, bishop says

by Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse "cannot provide a quick remedy or painkiller" for the problem, its chairman told his fellow bishops Nov. 17. Bishop John F. Kinney of Bismarck, N.D., whose committee was formed last June, reported to the bishops on the committee's work during the third day of the bishops' Nov. 15-18 fall meeting in Washington.

He outlined "five major areas of focus" for the committee, but also spoke about what the committee cannot do. "The first few months of our committee work have made me increasingly aware of the complexity and far-reaching effects of problems related to sexual abuse within the church," he said. "We all know that there are no fast, easy answers."

Bishop Kinney said he and several other members of the ad hoc committee met Nov. 13 with five survivors of clergy sex abuse, including four members of the Survivors' Network of Those Abused by Priests, or SNAP.

"The meeting was marked by a frank interchange of expectations and the clarification of issues related to victims which will require further discussion," he said.

Bishop Kinney said the dialogue has yielded "some progress and some increase in trust in our dialogue," but he emphasized that the committee "does not serve as a forum for appeals in particular cases."

The real work in healing the wounds caused by clergy sex abuse will be done by individual bishops, he said.

"It is you, the local bishop, who is in the very best position to offer the effective pastoral response toward healing this pain," Bishop Kinney said. "However, because of the extreme sensitivity of this problem, each of us needs to remember also that this pain is never entirely local."

The first areas in which the committee will work are pastoral response, clergy issues, general resources, education and research, he said.

The committee's goal in the first area is "to make recommendations and provide models of action that will assist bishops to establish or maintain dialogue and effective pastoral response to victims on the local level," Bishop Kinney said.

Clergy issues to be addressed include screening and formation of seminarians, morale-building for priests and bishops, "helping clergy to live healthy celibate lives," and dealing with clergy accused of sex abuse, he said.

In terms of general resources, the committee hopes to "serve as a clearinghouse to gather information about what is already being done" to prepare effective policies

and procedures to deal with sex abuse at the local level, the bishop said.

In a comment heard many times during the bishops' meeting, Bishop Kinney criticized the news media for its handling of sex abuse stories involving the Catholic Church.

"The media have given a very high profile to the concerns of victims/survivors and a relatively low profile to what the church has done in response," he said.

But in his work with the committee he found that "a willingness to be open with the media about the issue has provided the opportunity to present our pastoral response, now and for the future," Bishop Kinney said.

He said every bishop he knows feels "regret and sorrow from the bottom of his heart" about the pain caused by clergy sex abuse.

Bishops OK rules for laicizing pedophiles

by Jerry Filetau
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Catholic bishops Nov. 17 overwhelmingly approved a set of special U.S. rules to increase their ability to laicize priests who have sexually abused minors.

Approval from Rome is still needed before the rules can take effect. They are all stated as exceptions to or modifications of general church law as contained in the Code of Canon Law.

The bishops approved:

► Raising the age at which a victim of sexual abuse by a priest is considered a minor from under 16 to under 18; by a vote of 221-3.

► Changing the statute of limitations for prosecuting a priest accused of sexually abusing a minor, to allow such prosecution up until the minor's 23rd birthday or up until two years after the bishop first "receives information which at least seems to be true" alleging such abuse; by a vote of 219-5.

► Making the extensions in the statute of limitations retroactive; by a vote of 220-4.

► Making a diocese's ordinary metropolitan or regional court of appeals the exclusive appellate court for a first-level appeal of a decision laicizing a priest found guilty of sexually abusing a minor; by a vote of 212-10.

Behind the canonical proposals was an effort over the past year or so by the U.S. bishops to obtain special U.S. legislation from Rome to simplify and speed up their ability to laicize priests who have been found guilty of sexual abuse of minors.

The proposals approved Nov. 17 have the effect of making church law more compatible with U.S. civil and criminal law regarding sexual molestation of minors.

Most states treat the 18th birthday as the time of passage to adulthood, and many states have started to recognize the phenomenon of delayed recognition of childhood sexual abuse by beginning the time clock for the statute of limitations with the time when the victim first recognizes that he or she was an abuse victim.

The bishops' decision to make the metropolitan or regional appellate court the exclusive first court of appeals for such cases means that a priest found guilty of child sex abuse could not immediately go to the Roman Rota, the church's central appeals court, to seek a reversal of that decision.

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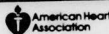
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