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Vatican, Israel pact opens new era



HISTORIC ACCORD—Msgr. Claudio Celli (left), Vatican assistant secretary of state, and Yossi Bellin, Israeli deputy minister of foreign affairs, exchange copies of the historic Vatican-Israeli accord on mutual recognition after each had signed Dec. 30 in Jerusalem. The accord clears the way for full diplomatic relations and a new era of dialogue between the Holy See and Israel. (CNS) photo from Reuters)

Historic 'fundamental agreement' to lead to full diplomatic relations and better relations

by John Thavis and Cindy Wooden Catholic News Servie

VATICAN CITY—The Vaticar-Israel landmark "fundamental agreement," signed as 1993 came to a close, paves the way for full diplomatic relations within a few months and a new era of dialogue between the two

entities.

The pact was signed in Jerusalem Dec. 30 by Msgr. Claudio Celli, a Vatioan assistant secretary of state, and Israel's deputy minister of foreign affairs. Yossi Bellin.

A joint Vatioan-Israeli commission, meeting at the Vatioan Dec. 29, approved the seven-page test of the accord, ending 17 months of negotiations. The agreement outlines general principles of religious freedom in civil society and includes a strong condemnation of anti-Semitist.

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Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro

Valls called the agreement a "historic opening" that could have a positive influence on the Middle East peace process. Beilin said the Vatican and Israel have agreed that full diplomatic relations would be established within four months of the ratification of the formal agreement by the Israeli government.

Navarro-Valls said Dec. 30 that full

relations could be established sooner than four months. He said that the nunciature would be based at a Franciscan monastery

would be based at a Franciscan monastery near Jaffa, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. The spokesman said the apostolic dele-gation to Jerusalem and Palestine, which is the Vatican's channel to Catholics in Israel, the occupied territories and Jordan, would remain open in Jerusalem.

Vatican and Israeli sources have said that if conditions are right, Pope John Paul II could follow up the diplomatic develop-

Archbishop proclaims 'Year of the Family'

Archishop Daniel M. Buechlein has issued a proclamation designating 1994 as "The Year of the Family" and has arged the Catholics of central and southern Indiana to reflect upon the importance of family life and to make family life a priority.

This issue contains several items concerning this observance. See Archishop Buechlein's column, an editorial commentary, and a request for family articles from readers on page 2, and a "Bout of Vieni" on mone 5.

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Archbishop Buechlein's proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS: The Christian family is called to be an intimate community of persons; and WHEREAS: The family is called to be a community of hospitality, opening its home to the hungry and the abandoned; and

WHEREAS: The family serves life by physically bringing children into the world and by transmitting Catholic values and traditions to every one of its members at every stage of development: and

WHEREAS: Parents must be recognized as being primarily and principally responsible for their children's faith development; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations has proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the

WHEREAS: The Christian family is properly understood as a "domestic church" or "church of the home,"

NOW, THEREORE, I, Daniel M. Buechlein, Archbishop of Indianapolis, do hereby pro-claim 1994 as "THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY" in the archdiocese and call upor the Catholic Church of central and southern Indiana to reflect upon the importance of family and urge all individuals to take the time during the year to develop family bonds and make family life a priority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to be affixed this first day of January, 1994.

+ Daniel M. Bruchlein

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB Archbishop of Indianapolis

ments with a trip to Jerusalem during the coming year or two.

Beilin, speaking to reporters in Rome Dec. 29, said the agreement "has much to do with 29, Said the agreement has insight to do win the relationship between the Jewish religion and the Catholic faith. It is an important change after 45 years of the existence of Israel and 2,000 years of separation between us and

The "fundamental agreement" does not solve all the thorny church-state problems in Israel and Israeli-controlled territories, but it lays the groundwork for further negotia-tions. It specifies that subcommissions will be named to deal with delicate issue-regarding the church's property holdings, and its legal and tax status.

Navarro-Valls said that immediately after the signing two subcommissions—dealing with the tax issue and with the church's legal.

with the fax issue and with the cruren's legal standing—would be named.

The agreement affirms the church's basic right to own property and to run schools, welfare institutions and com-(See VATICAN-ISRAEL, page 20)

Campaign to keep abortion out of health care reform is announced

by Mary Ann Wyand

Again this year, archdiocesan Catholics are being asked to send a pro-life message to

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Congress by participating in a postcard campaign for National Project Life Sunday on Jan. 23.

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"Keep Abortion Out of Health Care Reform" is the National Project Life theme this year. The 1994 campaign is sponsored by the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities and the National Committee for a Human Life Amend-ment, a Catholic pro-life group.

ment, a Catholic pro-life group.
"As a member of the bishops' Pro-Life
Activities Committee, I have endorsed
Project Life Sunday as a national pro-gram," Archishop Daniel M. Buechlein
said on Dec. 21, "and therefore I heartily
encourage participation by everyone in
our archdiocese."

Postcards bearing an anti-abortion mess-age will be distributed to Catholics at all parishes in central and southern Indiana after Masses on Jan. 22 and Jan. 23, according to Father Larry Crawford, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities.

Jan. 22 marks the 21st anniversary of e U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe Wade* which removed most state restrictions on abortion.

The national health care plan proposed by President Clinton would include abortion coverage for all women. The U.S. bishops

have backed many aspects of the president's health care reform but strongly oppose the inclusion of abortion coverage in the plan. The text of the Project Life Sunday postcard—scheduled to be sent by the millions to members of the U.S senate and House of Representative—states:

'Our nation needs to reform its health "Our nation needs to reform its health care system to protect the lives and enhance the dignity of all, especially the poor and vulnerable, the unserved and the unborn. Abortion is not health care, it destroys human life, and most Americans don't want to pay for it. Please don't force me to pay for abortions against my conscience. As your constituent, I urge you to keep abortion out of needed health care reform." care reform

U.S. Catholics are expected to send millions of the pro-life postcards to Washing-ton this mouth, Father Crawford said, in a repeat of last year's successful pro-life postcard campaign organized to defeat the proposed Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) and retain the Hyde Amendment. Legislators received an estimated 6 million post-cards opposing FOCA last January and

"The 1993 campaign weighed heavily in the defeat of FOCA and in retaining Hyde," Father Crawford said. "The

direction of the health care debate indicated that the question of abortion coverage also will be determined by Congress. An overwhelming outery from (See CAMPAIGN, page 7)



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

Families need and deserve spiritual basics

by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

1994 has been designated "The Year of the Family" by the United Nations. Our church applauds this emphasis and Pope John Paul I has mentioned in a the hopes to come to the United States to address delegates. "the United Nations on the needs of the family in our society in these our days. Here in our own archdiocsee I have proclaimed this "The Year of the Family" as well. Through the

coming year in our parishes and schools and religious education programs we will give priority of place to help nurture the home as "the domestic church," the

the home as "the domestic church," the first unit of teaching, and the fundamental cell of love.

I hope that the focus of the delegates of the United Nations will be to evaluate, restore and revitalize traditional values which support the building up of family life. The primary focus should not be on the material needs of families. In the first place, material

building up of family life. The primary focus should not be on the material needs of families. In the first place, material needs, though they are real, are not the cause of the breakdown of the family as a unit of society.

Let's focus on a simple truth: family love is more important than family wealth. Nothing has been more devastating for family life than the enormous impact of secular materialism and, ironically, its consequent poverty. What is that poverty? Loneliness Poverty of spirit, loneliness without God and alienation from each other are all too previously in our pomes. Putting family wealth the need to it God and alienation from each other are all too ive in our homes. Putting family wealth, the need to

more basic need for human love.

Another effect of secular materialism is a loss of moral character, moral strength. Washed in secular materialism, the will to do what is right even at great cost or at least at some inconvenience, like unused muscle, gets weakened. Misguided motives and confusion about authentic love lead to attempts at marriages that are doomed from the start. An to attempts at marriages that are doomed from the start. An unwillingness, sometimes an inability, to endure the hard and painful stuff of making 1/lationships work causes couples (and friends) to give up too quickly on building a mature love. Mistaking physical intinacy and pleasure for the totality of love destroys relationsh ps and people. So does

the totality of love destroys relationsh ps and people. So does plain old lust.

More often than anyone wants to admit, infidelity is a way of life in our society. Even the alleged marital fidelity of the president of our country is a media event. There is some debate whether media should focus on such alleged impropriety of a president. (Why don't members of the media wonder about the impropriety of very playing past clergy scandal?) We know that the media's focus on sex and clergy scandal?) We know that the media's focus on sex and certy scandars? We know that the media stocks are impropriety responds to our society's prurient interest in scandal (which means big bucks). Chastity is scorned ... married chastity and celibate chastity are not "a nineties" thing. Moreover, as Pope John Paul has warmed us, our prurient interest in scandal could well be a sign of "loss of

The Federal Bureau of Investigation publishes an alarming statistic. One in three family members, usually (but not always) wives or girlfriends or children are physically or

at least emotionally abused in our homes. We are told that at least emotionally abused in our nomes. We are toil unta-someone is abused every 15 seconds in our homes in the United States! Family violence is a big secret. We are also told family violence is learned and that it can be unlearned. Before we can "unlearn" the problem we need to name it and own it

and own it.

To establish reasonably wholesome family life in our society is a large challenge, but it is not insurmountable. The challenge is to go for fundamental solutions, not superficial bandaid fiess. I realize that the needs of our families are complex. There are physical and material needs to be met; we have to put bread on the table and it is costly to educate our children as best we can. But there are also spiritual and faith needs which are crying for attention. A lot of spiritual and moral hunger goes unnoticed.

Two maxims might help. The first is the old slogan, "The family that prays together stays together: "It works. Families that go to church together and are nourished by the Eucharist and families that pray at home build on solid rock. Family unity begins with the sober truth that we need God and each other.

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The second maxim: We need to confess sin and we neet healing from sin. Because of our human limitations, every one of us needs sacramental confession, penance and reconciliation. We don't like to admit, much less confess, but we need to do it to remain truthful before God and each other. The sacrament of penance and reconciliation are a fine release from, and an antidote for, anger. This is a forum in which to seek help for violence in the home.

Our families need and deserve the spiritual basics.

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

We must recapture traditional family values

by John F. Fink Editor, The Criterion

During this year of the International Year of the Family you are going to read a lot in The Criterion about the importance of the family, beginning with this issue. In preparation for this Year of the Family, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued a statement called "Follow the Way of Love." It is addressed to families and was written specifically as the Catholic contribution to the Year of the Family. Cardinal Issues.

specifically as the Catholic contribution to the Year of the Family. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago spearheaded the writing of this statement in his role as chairman of the Committee for Marriage and Family Life of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Then, in the same role, he presented the document to the United Nations on Dec 7.

We have already published we have already published soline things about the document (see "Bishops Approve Pastoral Message to Families," Nov. 26, and Archbishop Buechlein's column Dec. 3), but there will be much more this year. We plan to publish the entire statement as part of a special supplement March 11, and there will be a s of articles based on the letter.

We also invite you, our readers, to help us observe the year by sending us

help us observe the year by sending us articles about how your particular family has formed your values (see separate article on this page). This International Year of the Family is coming at a time when society seems finally to be waking up to the fact that it needs strong families. Numerous studies have documented the social ills that often flow from weak family life, especially from single-parent families—and their numbers

single-parent families—and their numbers continue to grownerns strive mighthly to maintain strong families, and the bishops' letter pledges the bishops' solidarity with them. Nevertheles, it is still true that 47 percent of families headed by single mothers live in poverty, compared with 83 percent of families headed by two parents. Children in single-parent families often suffer from emotional insecurity and low school performance and are more often involved in

ICC selects priority issues

drug abuse, teen-age pregnancy and trouble with the law.

The numbers of unmarried mothers has grown tremendously. In 1992, a full 56 percent of black mothers were unmarried. Among Hispanic women the rate of unwed mothers rose from 23 percent to 33 percent between 1982 and 1992 and for white women the rate rose from 6.7 percent to 14.6 percent during that percent.

during that period.

Unless something is done to turn this situation around, it's going to get worse. Unless something is done to turn this situation around, it's going to get worse. Harvard sociologist Lee Rainwater testified before a Senate committee that, by the year 2000—six years from now—40 percent of all American births, and 80 percent of minority births, will be out of wedlook.

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There is no way this picture can be turned around until, somehow, our youth learn values—the values that have always been preached by the Catholic Church. The unfortunate thing is that too many Catholics are not practicing those values. As Catholics progressed into the mainstream of the American society and economy; they lost sight of some of those values that earlier generations took for granted.

The Catholic Church can't reform all of society, but it would help if we could all recapture traditional family values in our small part of the world.

Wanted: Articles about your family

In observance of the International Year of the Family, Criterion readers are Year of the Family, Criterion readers are invited to submit articles for possible publication about how their families have shaped their values, or how they strive to share their values with children and other family members.

and other family members.

In their pastoral message to families, the U.S. bishops ask families "the belp the church by speaking to us, but more important to other families, about how you are trying to follow the way of love." The bishops say that they want to know how families work to stay married, how they have made time for each other, sought enrichment opportunities or professional help, and how they understand their vocation as spouses or parents. These are topics we invite our readers to write about. Articles should be no more than two

Articles should be no more than two pages, typed double-space. The editors retain the right to select the articles to be published and may also edit the articles to be published and may also edit the articles for length, grammar and style.

Articles should be sent to *The Criterion*, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis,

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

Effective January 19, 1994

REV. WILLIAM G. MUNSHOWER, appointed pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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



by Coleen Williams

Last month, a range of priority issues for the Indiana General Assembly's 1994 legislathe indiana General Assembly \$1594 regista-tive session was approved by the Indiana Catholic Conference Board of Directors. They include informed consent prior to an abortion, assistance for poor individuals and working families, and gun control. The board includes the active bishops of the five dioceses in the state and a lay member from

ch diocese. Dr. M. Desmond Ryan, ICC executive director and lobbyist, along with many ICC networkers around the state, will address bills that surface during the session concern-

Four of the approved issues are part of the traditional focus of ICC efforts:

➤Informed consent to ensure that a pregnant woman who considers an abortion is informed about fetal development, alternatives to abortion, the abortion procedure,

➤ Aid to Families with Dependent Child-ren (AFDC) pilot programs that would allow AFDC beneficiaries who find work to keep their wages and receive AFDC payments up to the poverty level.

Recommendations of the Commission

on Abused and Neglected Children in Indiana which would establish caseload standards and comprehensive family preser-vation services, and reclassify child welfare

➤Monitor legislation that may require comprehensive health education in elementary and secondary schools.

New legislative issues selected by the board include:

➤State-earned income tax credits that would be established for working families earning less than \$20,000, refundable if the family earns under \$11,000 and has at least one child living with it.

>Gun control measures that would

prohibit anyone other than law enforcement prohibit anyone other than law enforcement personnel to possess a firearm on school grounds; strengthen penalties for gun-related crimes committed near schools, increase to 21 years the required age to purchase or obtain a firearm; ban semi-automatic weapons; and require parental liability for storing or leaving a loaded firearm, or ammunition near an unloaded firearm, that is easily accessible to children.

*Victims of Crime Constitutional

►Victims of Crime Constitutional Amendment (VOCCA) that would guaran-tee crime victims a right to be informed, present, and heard (when relevant) at all present, and neard (when relevant) at an critical stages of criminal proceedings, unless it interferes with rights of the accused. The ICC will support VOCCA, although con-ICC will support VOCCA, although con-cerns were raised about the status of current

cerns were raised about the status of current Indiana victims' rights and victims' as-sistance programs which lack funding. The ICC board also approved the drafting of a pastoral letter on the status of poor children and families in Indiana and the adequacy of services available to them.

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Good News Ministries workshop here Jan. 15

by George Maley

When Pope John Paul II addressed the gathering of youth from around the world this past summer in Denver, he said, "America, you are in danger of losing your

soul."

The crisis today, as reflected in the pope's remarks, is that mary Christians in general, and Catholise in particular, have lost the sense of faith in their lives. This can be attributed to many things, but one stands higher than meat. Many young people today do not know their faith. By failing to understand the fullness of faith in their lives, the priority of two Catholise belief system has deteriorated dramatically.

Charles Osburn, a Catholic lay evangelist from the Diocese of Pensacola, Fla., might have the answer to this world-class religious

dilemma
On Jan. 15, Osburn and a member of his staff will present a day-long exangelization weighoop at St. Barnabas Parish, Hall, 8300 S. Rahke Rd. in Indianapolis. It is an attempt to determine the interest of the city parishes in a new evangelization effort, which could eventually spread to the archdiocese as a whole.

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the archdiocese as a whole.

Osburn experienced affluence and excitement in his life, but felt that there was something missing. On Feb. 8, 1977, he underwent a conversion experience triggered by the Holy Spirit under the spiritual

guidance of his old friend and mentor, the late Father James Smith. Since then, Osburn's life has not been the same

At first, Osburn and his wife Jeanne continued to run their several businesses continued to run their several businesses while providing for the needs of the poor. Eventually they felt that the Holy Spirit called them to a deeper commitment to the faith. As Osburn relates, God called him to feed the poor and hungry, not with physical food but more importantly, with spiritual nourishment.

nourishment.

Osi-urn and his wife eventually gave away all of their business interests. They now depend upon the Lord to meet their needs in the vocation to which they have been called

"I am an evangelist," Osburn says,
"because the 2,500 bishops who met in Rome
for Vatican Council II told me and all Catholics
that our apostolate is to evangelize."

On June 6, 1988, Osburn and his wife Opened the School of Evangelization. Stu-dents attending the school learn how to communicate the Word of God and the teachings of the church by making good use of preaching, teaching and modern means of munications

communications.

Osburn's School of Evangelization goes back to the basics. First the school equips the students with the spiritual knowledge to affectively lav Christ's claim on all men and women (2 Tim. 2.15) being mindful that zeal without knowledge.

edge can lead to a fruitless and empty spiritual pilgrimage (Rom. 10:2-3). The Nicene Creed is studied in detail, along with the seven sacraments followed by Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Evangelization in the Modern World."

Secondly, Osburn creates a community of believers that encourages personal spiritual growth in the things of Christ that one might

growth in the things of Christ that one might walk in a manner worthy of the call of the Lord (Eph. 4.1-3).

And lastly, the school motivates the believer not only to cease to do evil, but to go farther and do good (is. 1.16-17). The true essence of Christian living is not merely refraining from committing acts of wrong doing, but of doing things that are both right and good. Osburn's school attempts to kindle a flame in the hearts of his students to go forth and practice the faith in everyday life.

Since the school doors opened in 1988, the Osburns' ministry has apread. Recently a team led by the Eunapidization Office of the Indianapolis Archdiocse had a chance in see first-hand the efforts of the School of Evangelization in Decatur, Ind. Sister of St. Joseph of Tipton Islaid Wagner, associate director of the Office of Evangelization, along with Ann McDonnell of St. Anthony Parish, and George Maley, executive coordinator of Legatus of Indiana, took part in the school and met with Osburn.

Sister Julia has contacted city parishes.

Sister Julia has contacted city parishes She said, "The response to the Good News Ministry of Charlie Osburn has been most gratifying."

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She said that parishioners who are interested in working as an instrument of God in the conversion process should call the Evangelization Office at 317-236-1489 to get details about the Jan. 15 pilot program.

Donations to Gennesaret Clinic to help serve homeless, indigent

by Mary Ann Wyand

Thanks to an anonymous individual donor and a group gift from employees of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Gensesaret Free Clinic (GFC) volunteers will be able to

Free Clinic (GFC) volunteers will be able to better serve homeless and indigent people in Indianapolis during 1994.

Dr. James Trippi, a St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner who is the founder and pre-sident of the Gennesaret Free Clinic, accepted the keys to a used 33-foot-long Xplorer on Dyc. 23 which will be used by GFC voluntions as a mobile medical van.

GFC volumens as a mobile medical van. Trippi also received an \$590 check donated by employees of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis which will go toward provid-ing free medicine for the needy.

A third gift came from SABCO Sign Co. owner Rick Simpson of Greenwood, who provided free signage for the valual rich are.

Trippi said the sis-year-old health are supported. The signature of the signature of the properties of the signature of sig

touched him were healed."

The name Gennesaret was chosen because Jesus walked through a fertile plain
along the lake of the same name—often
called the Sea of Galilee—where many
people were brought to be healed.

GFC vocunteers have operated a mobile
health care ministry to the homeless and
indigent at three sates in downtown Indiangolis for hire years. Volunteers staff the
vocus of the property of the property of the constanton womans, at the Cathedral Kitchen
Saturday mornings, at the Cathedral Kitchen Saturday mornings, at the Cathedral Kitchen located at 14th and Pennsylvania streets on Sundays, and at the Holy Cross Food Pantry

Sundays, and at the Holy Cross Food Pantry at Chio and Oriental streets on Tuesdays. The van currently used by the organization needed to be replaced, Trippi said, and this anonymous Christmas gift will be put to use as soon as minor interior renovations are completed to make it more suitable for health care services.

With the arrival of cold weather, he said, accessibility of health care for the homeless and poor becomes even more urgent.

Gennesaret volunteers also staff medical clinics at five city shelters, he said, out homeless: people who don't stay at a shelter don't have access to the free medical care and prescription medicine.

"About four said said."

prescription medicine.
"About four and a half years ago, we thought we'd try this crazy idea of putting medical care onto the street," Trippi said. "We thought we might look into a recreation vehicle and use it as a doctor's office on wheels. Many people said it was a crazy idea, it would never said it was a crazy idea, it would never work, it was dangerous. After about a half a year we had raised enough money to purchase our first vehicle, a used RV which served us well. Almost from the first day, we saw many, many people on the street, 20 and 30 people at a clip."

Over time, he said, GFC volunteers encountered continuing mechanical problems with the first mobile medical van.

"It was time to start thinking about a."

"It was time to start thinking about a second van," Trippi said. "Almost as if by second van." Trippi said. "Almost as it by miracle, this log thing dropped from heaven. I think this will really keep us in good stead for several years to come and provide health care reform in the short-term. If our government ever gets into long-term health care, it may not be needed. But in the short-term. I think we are providing health snort-term in a really indispensable way for care reform in a really indispensable way for so many people on the street and others who live in apartments but can't afford health

care."

Trippi said the gift of money fronarchdiocesan employees will help alleviate
the cost of purchasing medicine.
"We provide about 13 million dollars
worth of care per year on a budget of about
\$45,0000," he said. "Right now our need is
increasing tremendously because the pharmaceutical companies are cutting back on
donations of medical samples. We have to
hux more and more medicines about \$45,000. buy more and more medicines, about \$4,000 worth every month, so w really need the support. Having the archdiocesan employhelp provide care for the homeless is illy wonderful."



Charles O. Osburn conducts an evangelization wo

Four Indiana dioceses collaborate on training, use of lay ministers

by Dan Conway

Four Catholic dioceses in the state of Indiana have agreed to work together to plan for future training and use of lay ministers.

With the assistance of a \$65,000 grant to the Diocese of Lafayette from The Lilly Endowment, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Lafayette, Evansville and Gary will join forces in a project designed to strengthen the way lay persons are recruited, trained and supervised for paid positions in Catholic parishes

In announcing the grant, Bishop William L. Higi of Lafayette said: "I look upon this grant as a great opportunity. Our dioceses need to provide those called to lay leadership with spiritual, doctrinal and pastoral forma-tion similar to that provided to ordained clergy. This training may be less intense than the seminary education our priests receive, but it is not less important to the quality of this ministries. My dream is that the dioceses in Indiana will find ways to share their resources in providing significant oppor-tunities for lay ministry formation."

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The collaborative planning and research project which the four Indiana dioceses plan to undertake will utilize the findings and methodology of a national study, also funcied by Lilly Endowment, which was commissioned by the Committee on Pastoral Practices of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. This study examined current roles and responsibilities of lay

ministers in Catholic parishes in light of the church's emerging leadership needs. The Indiana project, which is being coordinated by Susan M. Weber of Indianacoordinated by Susan M. Weere of Indiana-polis and a team of diocesan representatives, will examine issues of job satisfaction, spirituality, staff relations, work conditions and continuing education needs. It will also compare the current and projected needs of lay ministers in Indiana with the existing resources for formation and training of lay ministers that are readily available to the dioceses of Indiana.

According to Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, "We are very pleased to be working closely with our neighboring dioceses in this important project. The education and training of pastoral leaders is vitally important to the spiritual health of the church in Indiana."

church in Indiana."

Archishop Buechlein said, "I share Bishop Higg's concern for the spiritual, doctrinal and pastoral formation of all who serve our people—whether they are lay persons, religious or priests. As a state, we have excellent training resources available to us—especially in our seminaries and in our Catholic colleges and universities. We want to do everything we can to share these resources and to focus them on meeting the peeds of our pastoral minister. needs of our pastoral ministers

needs of our pastoral ministers."

Representatives of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, in addition to Archbishop Bucchlein, will be Suzanne Maganat, chancellor, and Daniel Conway, secretary for planning, communications and development.



HELP FOR THE HOMELESS—Thanks to an anonymous donor, Gennesaret Free Clinic volunteers have a newer and larger mobile medical van to serve the homeless and poor in Indianapolis. Gennesaret board members Phillip Price (from left) and Dr. James Trippi, the GFC founder, join SABCO Sign Co. owner Rick Simpson of Greenwood, GFC administrator Linda Schnellinger, board member Sue Horvath and GFC volunteers Carole and Ken Weir Linda Schnellinger, board men for a look at the van on Dec. 23

FROM THE EDITOR

Catholic press is thriving in Eastern Europe

by John F. Fink

From Dec. 4 to 14, I was a member of a team of editors of

From Dec. 4 to 14, I was a member of a team of editors of Catholic newspapers who went to Eastern Europe to meet with the hierarchy and Catholic editors of Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia. Our purpose was to see how the Catholic press in the United States might be able to help the Catholic press in these five countries that were controlled by communism for 40 years and now have religious freedom. The trip was sponsored by the Catholic Press Association and funded by the Raskob Foundation.

I was truly amazed at the progress we found in the four short years since the Iron Curtain came down in 1989. For example:

>In Bratishava, Slovakia we walked into a room for a

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➤IN PRAGUE, CZECH Republic a publishing company operated by the Salesians has published 90 titles since it was started three years ago. One of them has sold more than 40,000 copies and several have sold more than 25,000 copies. Phenomenal!

►In Poland there are an estimated 600 parish periodicals. One that we saw was 12 pages, 8 1/2 x 11, with an additional eight-page insert for children, printed in four-color including a religious comic.

►In Slovenia public television is now covering religion much as it covers sports, and in Slovenia "religion" means Catholicism. On Christmas Eve the entire evening had religious programming from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., ending with Midnight Mass from Bethlehem.

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the Catholic periodicals is a monthly four-color magazine whose editor impressed us whose editor impressed us without the assistance of the U.S. bishops. The wide greats from the Central and Eastern Europe. For example, just two weeks before our visit, a new Catholic Information Central and Eastern Europe. For example, just two weeks before our visit, a new Catholic Information Centre (Katholica Agencia Informacijns or KAI in Polish) was established to provide news to Catholic periodicals and to a network of Catholic radio statiens. The agency was started as-areas tof having received \$50,000 from the U.S. bishops. The Catholic Information Center in Lithuania received \$25,000 from the U.S. bishops. The Catholic Information Center in Lithuania received \$25,000 from the U.S. bishops. The Catholic Information Center in Lithuania received \$25,000 from the U.S. bishops. The Catholic Information Center in Lithuania received \$25,000 from the U.S. bishops. The Catholic Information Center is the Catholic Information Strips to provide a news service, but has a long way to go because it is till in a bank drawing interest. That center is trying to provide a news service, but has a long way to go because it be producing a cution of the Catholic Information Center in the Catholic Information Center is the Catholic Information Center in the Catholic Information Center is the Catholic Information Center in Catholic Information Center is the Catholic Information Center in Lithuania received a catholic Information Center in Lithuania received Center in Catholic Information Center in Lithuania received C

The church in Poland isn't relying only on the pres though. There are 56 Catholic radio stations scattered around the country plus a national network. KAI will be serving as the newsroom for the radio network as well as a news service for periodicals. The church is also planning a Catholic video library. Some 60 parish video clubs are being

THE NUMBER ONE problem everywhere we went is the lack of well-trained journalists for all these publications. into the meeting with 30 editors in Bratislava, I commented that I was amazed that there could be a roomful of editors qualified to produce such a variety of Catholic periodicals only three years after the Slovak Republic gained its freedom. I was met by a chorus of, "But we're not

qualified."

The editors, many of whom were publishing under-ground publications during the communist years, recognize their limitations. These unitations are not in the technical end of publishing, but in a knowledge of their subject matter—Catholicism. For 40 years students were taught in communist schools and obviously did not get a good background in the Catholic faith.

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One place that is doing something about that is the Catholic University of Lublin in Poland. 20pe John Paul was a faculty member of this university from 1956 to 1978). This year it has begun a School of Journalism. It is a two-year school for people who already have masters degrees in other fields. Twenty-five students are enrolled this year; four others had to drop out for financial reasons.

Father Leon Dyczewski, director of the school, told us that the school is giving technical training in writing, editing, analysis, management and public relations, but it is also forming students in Catholic knowledge and values. The goal, he said, is well-trained Christian journalists.

I'll write more about this trip next week

THE YARDSTICK

What the pope said about capitalism and socialism

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

When The Wall Street Journal, flagship

When The Wall Street Journal, tagship daily of American capitalism, reports that the leaders of the anti-communist revolution across Eastern Europe are now its victims, exposed to 'capitalism's survival-of-the-fittest competition," it is time to sit up and take notice.

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In a lengthy report
(Oct. 22) on all of the
liberated countries in
Eastern Europe, the
Journal painted a grim
picture of what has
happened to the heroes of the 1989
revolution—mailly workers. Today the

revolution-mainly workers. Today, the report says, many of them have become the underdogs of the post-communist society "Four years ago, as heroes of the revolution the ordinary people of Eastern Europe electrified the world's living rooms. Now, as bitter victims, they are agitating for change

once again."
Pope John Paul II has taken note of the disillusionment and despair that currently hang like a smog over the liberated countries of Eastern Furgora, Hodd Jan. of Eastern Europe. He did so, first, in a major address in Latvia Sept. 9 and later in ar extraordinarily frank interview with the newspaper La Stampa.

Unfortunately, neither the commercial media in the United States nor the conservative and neoconservative monthlies and quarterlies have given these two news-worthy statements the attention they de-serve. (*The Criterion* reported on them in its Sept. 17 and Nov. 19 issues.)

Sept. I7 and Nov. 19 issues.)
In the La Stampa interview, the pope, while criticizing the "negative results" of socialism as actually practiced in Eastern Europe, immediately added that the transition in Eastern Europe from one system to another is very difficult and that its costs are very high—a rise ir and human misery

Of course, the pope said, it was legitimate to fight against the unjust totalitarian system that defined itself as socialist or communist. But, he added, it is also true what Leo XIII says, that there are some "seeds of truth" in

It is obvious, he said, that "these seeds should not be destroyed... The proponents of capitalism in its extreme forms tend to overlook the good things achieved by communism: the efforts to overcome unemployment, the concern for the poor."

By "capitalism in its extreme forms" the pope is referring not only to the excesses of 19th-century laissez-faire capitalism but also to "distorted manifestations of capitalism" which, in his view, are at the root of many of the social and human problems besetting

Europe and the world today.

The pope had made substantially the same point in October in his address at the

University of Latvia. Again, while condemning socialism, he stressed that Catholic social doctrine "is not a surrogate for capitalism."
He also repeated that there was "a kernel of truth" in Marxism and called for a balanced concept of the state, a state based

on law "together with a social state which on law "together with a social state whiter offers everyone the legal guarantees of an orderly existence and assures the most vulnerable the support they need in order not to succumb to the arrogance and indifference of the powerful."

Some commentaries on the pope's 1991 social encyclical "Centesimus Annus" were too simplistic in their assessment of both in their understanding of the role of the state They need to be revised in the light of the La Stampa interview and the pope's speech in Latvia. In short, let the pope speak for himself

THE HUMAN SIDE

How well do we understand what pedophilia is?

by Fr. Eugene Hemrick

We read regularly about yet another pedophilia case. A type of education, painful as it has been, has come about with regard to inci-

dences of pedophilia. We've learned how widespread pedophilia is in society and even have heard that it may be more common in our and even

Education, however, doesn't end with learn-ing that something oc-There is also

need to understand better why it occurs, what its root causes are.

This kind of education has many benefits—the kinds of benefits derived from understanding any problem. But while there may be growing under-standing among experts of the causes and nature of pedophilia, I don't feel that knowledge is filtering into the public knowledge is filtering into the public realm very quickly

People tend to grow more and more frustrated over situations they don't understand ve., deeply.

We are becoming informed about the psychological damage done to the victim and the penalities for prepertators. But how much are we hearing about what pedophilia really is, what causes it, whether it can be prevented or cured?

Is it a disease that can be compared with is it a disease that can be compared with alcoholism? Are certain people genetically prone to engage in pedophilia? Does something chemical within their system trigger such behavior?

Or is pedophilia a learned behavior? Does it occur in people who themselves were abused as children, or who have been psychologically damaged in some other way?

And could it be that certain types of violence or explicit sex on television contribute to the problem?

When I was in campus ministry and we had a student who misbehaved, the first question to arise was, "What type of background did he or she come from?"

So we need to learn whether family background is connected to pedophilia

and if so how. Could a history of violence in the home, physical or verbal, con-tribute in some way?

And do pedophiles feel remorse or culpability for their actions? Is there an attempt to run and hide or to get help? Thanks to advances in medicine, some

types of depression today can be controlled by drugs. If a person is prone to pedophilia, can drugs help?

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If drugs are not the answer, is a program
itse Alcoholics Anonymous helpful? Or are
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ver know how to help them?

Is there any possibility of returning to a
predophile?

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We also need to ask whether pedophilia
is a sign of the times. As cultured and
modern as we think we are, are we in fact
living in an age of sexual promisculy that is
spawning other promiscuous viruses?

Spawning other promiscuous viruses? We are living in violent times. That's certain. The risk with any kind of violence is that it may become sensationalized, but not analyzed. I don't think we should run that risk here.

Society and the church need more education about pedophilia itself. I believe that kind of understanding will lead to action that is beneficial

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Point of View

Pope focuses on family and peace

by Bishop James T. McHugh

At the very beginning of the Interna-tional Year of the Family, Pope John Paul II focused the 1994 World Day of Peace message on the family and peace.

Noting that peace often appears an unattainable goal as hostility and violence subside in one area of the world to erupt in other places, the pope we must not lose heart because God

wants us to live in peace.

God created the possibility for peace by creating Adam and Eve in his own image He created a model of love and harmony— reflective of the life of the Trinity—in the unique communion of persons that is the family. In a real sense, the family is an essential part of God's creative plan and to the family he has entrusted the wonderful mission of giving and nurturing the life of each person. Persons need families and the family is strengthened by each of its

members.
At the same time, the family is the true foundation of society. Where families are stable and secure, harmony and peace result. As families function with freedom and hope, the future takes a positive and promising shape. The family embodies the expectations and accomplishments of its members and thus contains in itself the future of society. And its most special challenge is to forge a future of peace.

But the family is built on love, primarily the love of husband and wife for one another. That love ordinarily leads to and is reflected in children. In the family love is lived and learned. The family gives to all its members a sense of belonging, a heritage of values, a clear and promising vision of the

Unfortunately, this is not what we hear and see and read in the popular



media. We are told of escalating rates of divorce, abortion and illegitimacy. Too many couples are separated by what we might call double vision; they fail to understand each other and pursue their separate agendas. Love cools and unity

Pope John Paul reminds us, however, that mutual love, and the spirit of sacrifice necessary for its growth, creates the environment in which the domestic virtues of patience, understanding, mutual encouragement and forgiveness enable the family to live out the funenable the family to live out the fun-damental experience of peace. Love in the family is "an intense and enduring moral force which seeks the good of others" reaching out to those experiencing hard-ship; those who have no family; children who lack guidance and affection; the lonely and the outcast. The family which

lonely and the outcast. The family which lives this love and commits itself to building a society of justice and unity is "the primary agent of a future of peace." The Holy Father wrote movingly of children and their need for interested parents and a peaceful and loving family. Every child needs to experience the warmth of carring and consean affection from parents and other family members. All children need to feel that they are important, that their contributions to others are appreciated. Parents need to unite around their children rather than pursuing their own exclusive interests and priorities. erests and priorities.
All adults should exhibit trust and

New Year resolutions

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confidence in children, helping them to look to the future with hope and serenity and enabling them to help shape a society of true progress and responsibility when they grow up. For, wrote John Paul, "Children are the future already present among us; they need to experience what peace means so that they will be able to create a future of peace."

Nonetheless, the family cannot fulfill

its mission as peacemaker without support from society. In the face of pressures to recognize all types of relationships as legally equivalent to the family, society must encourage and protect the authentic institution of the family, respecting its natural structure and its innate inalienable rights.

But society must also enable all families to But society must also enable all families to have an equitable share in material advan-tages and opportunities. Poverty must be eliminated and young couples must be assured the opportunity to have children and give them time and care, rather than be caught in struggles of economic survival that require both to work.

The Holy Father ended his World Day of Peace message with some special pleas. He urged parents to create a family atmosphere of peace and harmony and to teach values of peace to children. He urged children and young people to face the future with hope and dreams and with a sense of responsiblity to promote and build peace in their adult lives. Youth have great potential and capacity for good, and their energy must be properly directed and used.

And finally the poone asked translans. The Holy Father ended his World Day

And finally the pope asked grandpar-ents, who represent the precious links between generations, to contribute their experience and their witness to build a future of peace on the positive accomplishments of the past.

accomplishments of the past.

And to all there is a reminder that the church is a home and family for everyone. The church welcomes all, celebrates all, reconciles all, for in everyone the church sees the image of God and the loving embrace of God, whatever their backgrounds, their ages or their limitations. For the church recalls the prophetic words of Jesus—Blessed are the

proprietic works of Jesus peacemakers. (Bishop McHugh of Camden is a former director of the Family Life Office of the U.S. Catholic Conference. He has represented the Vatican at numerous international meetings regarding the family and population issues.)

To the Editor

Confront 'culture of death' head-on

It's in the air more and more ... the destructive notion that people should have the "liberty" to decide when to end their lives and even to have doctors help them

lives and even to have doctors help them with lethal injections. Initiatives to make this legal have been only narrowly defeated on the West Coast, and will again he proposed in 1994. This is called the "right to die," but it's really the right to take like right to retuse uselses treatment. We never have the right to take like. Some consider the taking of one's life as constitutional under the 14th Amendment's provision for "liberty." But this opens the door to chaos, because "liberty" can be invoked for any circumstance. If we are going to recognize a "liberty" for the terminally life to have their lives ended, are we also ready to extend it to those suffering emotional distress due to a divorce or a divorce terminates we also ready to extend it to those suffering emotional distress due to a divorce or a financial loss? What happens when teenagers, among whom suicides are most frequent, demand their constitutional "liberty" to end their lives?

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The 14th Amendment protects "liberty" for all people, not just for some. It is an illusion to think that the taking of life can be limited to only one category of persons or circumstances once it is admitted as a "liberty." This thinking is disastrous and opens the way for the loss of lives on a scale never imagined or intended.

Nor must we imagine that the killing will be only for those who request it. As soon as

be only for those who request it. As soon as you allow the killing of those who ask for it you allow the killing of those who ask for a as a "right," then the argument will be used that everyone has that right, even if they cannot ask for it. Why deprive them? This is

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"equal protection under law." You can count on it that people will be killed without asking for it. In fact, it already happens in Holland and, yes, in our country too.

"Priests for Life" is an organization to help the clergy teach and preach on this issue, and on other life issues. Please contact us at: Priests for Life, P.O. Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314,

Island, NY 10314.

Let's not allow this false "liberty" in our nation. It's time to confront the "culture of death" head-on, without hesitation, without fear, without compromise!

Fr. Frank A. Pavone

Sexist history of

women in the church ("From the Editor," Dec. 10 issue) to be an insult to anyone even remotely familiar with the sexist history of the partiarchal structure of the Roman Catholic Church. Your suggestion that we should be happy with the few crumbs tossed out to women by the male hierarchy since Vatican II is both pa-tronizing and chauvinistic.

The history of the institutional church history being written even today—is a litany of sexism, misogyny, and the compassionless alienation and marginalization of half the population of the human race

Only in the first few years of the fledgling church were women treated as equals. Only during that time could the church considered a discipleship of equals. In his epistles, St. Paul commends women by name for their discipleship and apostolic leaving no doubt that he considered equals in every war

Indeed, in Galatians 3:27-28 (para-phrased) Paul says that for those baptized in phrased) Faul says that for those baptized in Christ, there is neither male nor female. The patriarchy has pretty well ignored that view for nearly 2,000 years. Rather it has opted for the misogynistic verbiage of such outstanding sexists as Jerome, Tertulian, Augustine and Aquinas. Unfortunately, their legacy remains with us today, keeping women as marginalized in the church as ever.

Hierarchical protestations to the contrary, men in the church will be truly equal only when they can aspire to and achieve any ro or station within the church which they and they alone choose to pursue. Anything le merely perpetuates the injustice women in the church have for too long been forced to

James F. Havden, Ph.D. Indianapolis

Catholic Church

I find your remarks on the role of romen in the church ("From the Editor,"

you believe it? Here we are in ou might ask yourself: What kind 1994. You might ask yourself: What kind of year will it be for me? It will be a good year if you decide to make it so. You have the power to remodel your own inner landscape, but in order to do that you'll first have to remove

by Fr. John Catoir Director, The Christophers

first have to remove all the negativity. For instance, what would happen if you decided to enjoy the year? In Proverbs 17:22 we read, "A cheerful heart is good medicine." To live cheerfully you'll need a strategy for eliminat-

a strategy for eliminating needless anxiety.
You'll also need to heal the wounds of past hurts and humiliations. Clear away those negative emotions, and you will be able to live a more vibrant, enjoyable life. 1994 can become a truly happy new year if you decide to make it

It you decide to make it so. Perhaps there are some insur-mountable worries plaguing you. If so, don't give up hope. You may feel helpless at times, but helplessness is not hopelessness. Jesus once said that faith can move mountains, but to be happy all you have to do is to remove negative thoughts from your mind.

Here are suggestions to consider as you prepare your New Year Resolutions:

1. Ask the Lord to help you banish alself-pity from your thinking. Self-pity has a deadly effect on the soul. If you've been given a raw deal recently, you may have every right to complain, but the longer you do, the more you perpetuate your

own misery. Self-pity only leads to a

own misery. Self-pity only leads to a complaining spirit.

2. Claim God's love; it's free for the asking. When you do, you'll become a carrier of Divine Love, and you'll fill the darkness around you with your own special light. Once you really see yourself as a cherished child of God, you'll look at life differently. You'll be more apt to reject self-pity and come alive.

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reject self-pity and come alive.

3. Become a healer. The sacrament of confirmation gives you the power of the Holy Spirit. Use that power, and use your suffering as a bridge to help you understand the pain of others. Reach out to those in need; give them the care and comfort that only you can give.

4. Don't let the nest draw you down.

4. Don't let the past drag you down. Accept God's forgiveness for all past mistakes and pray for the grace to forgive others. Life is too short to live in the past

others. Life is too short to live in the past weighted down by an unforgiving spirit. 5. Make today count. By practicing humble fidelity to the duty of the present moment you will be able to cultivate a joyful heart.

6. Don't let fear of the future disturb your peace of mind. Needless worry dissolves when you are more trusting of God's love. Remember, heaven awaits you; the best is yet to come.

Enjoy your life. Blessed Julian of Norwich said, "The greatest honor you can give to God is to live joyfully, because of the knowledge of His love." Jesus gave us the motivation to live gladly when he said, "I have told you all this that your joy may be full."

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Year of the Monkey

by Cynthia Dewes

"All I know is, there ain't no monkeys hanging on my family tree." Thus spake one of our children during a philosophical discussion of human origins.

Maybe not, but there must be something simian going on back there in our mysterious

past if the members of most families we know are any example. As we always say, if it walks like a monkey and acts like a monkey, it's a monkey!!

Ms an example, I give you an ordinary gathering such as a simple family dinner held during the holidays. All

operative factors for monkeyshines are present: grandparents, parents, hyperactive kids, food, holiday cheer, no work next day,

kids, lood, holiday cheer, no work next day, sleep deprivation, etc, etc. The evening begins with clever mimicry of upright human standards as the handsome hosts and their tidy children welcome the family to their lovely, well-appointed home, which

The guests politely express admiration for the banks of candles; the beautifully decorated Christmas tree; the wooden creche decorated Christmas tree; the wooden creche set, hand-carved by zealots in the old country; and the warm scent of mulled spices wafting through-aut the rooms.

spices waiting through air the rooms.

The grownups are act to sit primly in
the livingroom like actual grownups,
with cocktails and conversation and
Christmas CDs playing softly in the
background Meanwhile, the kids are
in another room, with only minimal forays into the livingroom to complain about the food or each other.

Before anyone is quite aware, how-ever, gracious living begins to erode in favor of more natural primordial factors. The magazine look disappears, replaced by spaghetti stans and littered candy wrappers, loosened belts and floors that crunch underfoot.

One of the aunties sniffs her way around One of the aunities shifts her way around the house searching for the source of burnt candle wax, while the host continues to urge rocky road ice cream on his plainly surfeited guests. The kids break loose from some either region, elbowing and shoving each other in their haste to broadcast the news.

"We're going to put on a play!" they screech, badly frightening the dog who is minding his own hard. minding his own business sniffing garlic bread scraps under the table.

The actors, most of whom (naturally) are girls, parade on stage in costumes assembled from the dress-up box. One boy too young to know better appears in drag, while the baby literally trips along behind wearing Mom's old camisole as an evening gown.

The group mills about the stage mutter-lines sotto voce, with considerable dging and whispering and hissed asides e oldest cousin rolls her eyes at the

The 'oldest cousin rolls her eyes at the audience and complains, "They're making this up as they go along."

Offstage, a reluctant five-year-old struggles to play an accompaniment to the action on a Boy Scout bugle. He reddens, his cheeks putfing out fit to burst, until his father cries. "My gosh, I think he's going to pass out" in the property of the property of

by now one actor has were his paints, the baby is crying and the female director has called off the play in the middle of what was apparently Act I. The Christmas tree is on Tillf mode and the dog is hiding somewhere when the adults finally mop their eyes and

When the additional many high deal eyes and say it's time to go home.

Getting back to origins, maybe this is the Year of the Monkey.

check-it-out...

"Songs of My People," a landmark photography project documenting the national experience of African Americans, opens at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis on Jan. 8 and continues through reb. 20. The exhibition tells the Indianapolis on Jan. 8 and continues through r.c.b. 20. The exhibition tells the story of black contemporary life through the eyes of African-American photographers responding to the crises of identity, image and definition that a manage and definition that a state of the contemporary of the contemporary

located at 30th and Meridian streets.

A Day of Recollection with Archbishop
Daniel M. Buechlein will be held on April
18 at Fatima Retreat House. Registration will
begin at 9 a.m. The program includes
conferences, Bitungy and Hunch. No phone
reservations will be accepted. Send name,
address, phone number and 51s registration
fee to Fatima Retreat House, c/o Brether
Joseph F. Martin, 5335 East 56th St. by Feb.
25. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

This year's recipients of the Cathedral Arts' This year's recipients of the Cathedral Arts' Fellowship Awards in Chamber Music for Young Artists will perform in concert with "Suzuki & Friends" on jan. 25, at 7:30 pm. in the Ruth Allison Lilly Theater at the Children's Museum. The necipients of the Fellowship awards are pianist Theodore Harvey, a sophomore at North Central High School violinist Sarah Zaharako, a senior at Carmel High School and violinist Savan Zaharako, a freshman at Carmel High School Tickets are This Carmel High School T \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and may be purchased at the Ruth Allison Lilly Theater in The Children's Museum or by calling Cathe dral Arts at 317-637-4574.

Social issues study circles will be forming in the North Deanery Catholic parishes. Issue oriented discussion groups will focus on the Catholic perspective on social topics. An orientation will be held mid-January. Contact Lisa Disselkamp at 317-545-2814 or Sheila Gilbert at 317-257-4297.

Formation Series on Christian Prayer wil Formation Series on Christian Prayer will be held at \$K Meinrad Jan Az 3,1 and Feb. 7, from 7:30-9 p.m. in room Al29 of \$K. Anselm Hall. Father Larry Richardt spiritual director, and Benedictine Father Keith McClellan, associate spiritual director, at \$K. Meinrad School of Theology, will teach the classes. The session, titled, "Pray Continually and Never Lose Heartt," will focus on an overview of Christian prayer forms, the experience of prayer and how Christians must pray with urgency, perseverance and joy. Tuition is \$15 per person for the three classes. Registration deadline is Jan. 10. For further information. further information, call Benedictine Sister Barbara C. Schmitz at 812-357-6599.

he University of Indianapolis will ent the Women Aware Series beginning on Jan. 11 through Feb. 15 in room 201 of Schwitzer Student Center. "From the Depths of the Sea to the Eye of a Hurricane," will explore the physical world through visual expeditions to distant oceans, continents and planets. Dr. William R. Gommel, faculty emeritus of the department of Earth/Space & General Sciences at the University of Indianapolis and former staff meteorologist for the Air Force Space Program, will instruct the class. Class time is 10-11:45 a.m. "Freedom of Information and Privacy," will look at the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 to the Privacy Act of 1974, with a focus on surveillance, databanks in computers, and Indiana's Sunshine Law. Instructor John W. Johnson, a veteran of 18 years as a journalist in print, radio and television, was formerly with the Armed Forces Radio & Television Service, the Associated Press, and WRTV-6. The class meets from 12:30-2:15 p.m. For more information, call Kaye Auerbach at 317-788-3271. Cost is \$35 per class. Farking is free

St. Lawrence, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave. i St. Lawrence, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave. in Indianapolis, will present WoW Weekend (Words of Wisdom Weekend). The workshop is the name of the 1994 educational series planned at St. Lawrence. The community is invited to attend a variety of seminars for singles and families on Jan. 22-23. Saturday's seminar will run from 10-11:20.am. and 12:30-2. singles and families on Jan. 22-25. Saturday's seminar will from 10-1130 am. and 12-20-2 pm. Sunday's seminar will be held from 13-03 pm. and 3305 pm. The Adult Learning Community of St. Lawrence is sponsoring this weekend. Mary Lynn Cavanuquh, director of religious education, is coordinating the event. Father Mark Svarczopf, pastor of St. Lawrence, will speak on "Vertias Splendor." Father Larry Voelker, pastor at Holy Name, Beech Grove, will speak on spiritual disciplines. Mary Pat Farmand, director of lay ministry personnel for the Archdicose of Indianapolis, will speak on laity and the church. Rose Murphy, director of lay ministry personnel for Church, will speak on Christianty in art. Cost is \$6 for individuals, \$12 for couples, and \$18 for families. For registration information, call 317-531-325 between 9 am. and 4 pm.
On Friday Jan. 14, Holy Angels School

On Friday Jan. 14, Holy Angels School will participate in a march recognizing the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. up and down the street named for the civil and down the street named for the civil rights leader. Students, parents, neighbors, friends, police and fire officials, priests and ministers from the center city will begin at the school at W. 28th Street at 10 a.m. A Mass will be celebrated in the church following the walk, with Father Clarence Waldon, the pastor, presiding

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Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 3682 of Westside Indianapolis is a Columbian award winner. The award is Columbian award winner. The award is presented for excellence in the sponsorship of programs that serve families, Churchy youth and commode as a surface of the sponsorship of programs that serve families, Churchy control of the international organization, in recognizing the local winner, said, "Please accept my stnere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the Order shown by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standard of excellence you have achieved." In accepting the award, Grand Knight John R. Williams Jr., head of the local group, said, "Receiving this award is quite an honor. We're very pleased with this accomplishment and recognition." recognition

Benedictine Sister Kathryn Huber, pri-Benedictine Sister Kathryn Huber, process of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Ind., has been appointed to a three-year term of the board of directors of AIM. AIM (Alliance for International Monasrism) is an organization of Benedictine and ticism) is an organization of Benedictine and Cistercian communities founded to assist monasteries which are located in the Third World. At the present time, the United States section of AIM works with 275 Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries of men and women in the Third World. Sister Kathryn, a women in the Tind World. Sister Naturyl, an antive of Starlight, Ind., has been a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand since 1956. She was elected to her first term as prioress of the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand in 1989.



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Psychologists offer help for midlife spirituality

by David W. Delaney

The second half of life can be an invitation

That was part of the message given by Dr. Anne Brennan and Dr. Janice Brewi recently at a three-day seminar at St. Mary of the woods College near Terre Haute. Besides being psychologists, the two are also Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, Long Island, N.Y. Twenty-seven people, ages 35 to 80. took part in the workshop. Some were question-ing parts of their spirituality, as well as other aspects of their lives.

Campaign to keep abortion out of health care reform is announced

Continued from page 1)
the grassroots will be necessary to keep abortion coverage from being included in a health care reform package."
As proposed in Clinton's health care plan. Father Crawford said, through government mandate all abortions will be paid by insurance premiums paid by employers and individuals.

"The stakes are high," he said. "Those who have a deep moral abhorrence to abortion will be forced to pay for others' abortions. In addition to this violation of conscience, the number of abortions is likely to increase and abortion will be seen as having achieved mainstream seen as have respectability.

Both the Indiana Knights of Columbus and the Indianapolis province of the National Council of Catholic Women have pledged their support for the National Project Life Sunday postcard campaign in

Don and Lois Reed of Rensselaer, who serve the Indiana Knights of Columbus as state pro-life co-chairpersons, are coordinating K of C participation in the project.

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Local Knights of Columbus councils throughout the state have been asked to help

'Some begin to re-examine what they

with postage costs, Reed said, and Indiana K of C members intend to work hard to support the national campaign. "We feel that we can get the abortion part out of our country's realth care plan," Reed said. "We do not like our tax money paying for

abortions."

St. Plus X parishioner Ella Wagner of Indianapolis, director of the Indianapolis province of the National Council of Carbolic Women, said archdiocesan NCCW members are "very declared to this particular project because we are very strongly opposed to our tax dollars paying for abortion. This is a contradiction to what we believe. We have a commitment to all life from conception to its natural end."

natural end."

This month NCCW members will contact parish pro-life directors and offer to help distribute the pro-life pcstards on Jan. 22 and Jan. 23, Wagner said. "We'll offer our services to help see that the cards are there at churches and that people take the time to fill them out."

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, chairman of the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee, has said health care reform is "likely to be the most important matter Congress will take up in 1994."

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Urging Catholics to participate in the National Project Life Sunday postcard campaign. Cardinal Mahony told Catholic News Service that "the pro-life community needs to act now to ensure that we are not forced by law to subsidize abortion—with our tax mories and insurance premiums."
Noting that "Americans have always rejected tax funding of abortions," the cardinal said "on government has the right to force us to finance the deliberate destruction of human lives."

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MASS MAILING—Cathedral parishioner Nora Cummings of Indianapolis packages some of the hundreds of thousands of postcards to be mailed to archdiocesan parishes by the Office of Pro-Life Activities in preparation for National Project Life Sunday on Jan. 23. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Serra Club hosts seminarians

Twenty-five of the 31 seminarians currently studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis were present for the annual Christmas dinner in their honor given by the Serra Club of Indianapolis at Fatima Retreat House on Dec. 20.

The Serra Club is an organization of Catholic lay men and women that romotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The dinner was attended by 150 people including Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, the seminarians, their parents, Serra members and spouses, and the staff of the archdiocesan Vocations Office.

Archbishop Buechlein, Vocations Director Father Joseph Schaedel, Assistant Voca-tions Director Father Paul Etienne, and Serra tions Director Father Paul Etienne, and Serra Club President Hector Gonzalez all made brief remarks after the dinner. Father Schaedel introduced the seminarians pre-sent. George Maley, past president of Serra International, thanked the parents present for their beilp in fostering the vocation of

Father Thomas Murphy, club chaplain and also a past president of Serra International, led the dinner guests in the singing of Christmas carols. The evening ended with Evening Prayer in the retreat house's chapel.

have been taught along religious lines," said Dr. Brennan. She noted that people can make major religious decisions in their middle years.

Some return to church. Others give it up for a time, she said. "Some people even overthrow a belief in God," she added. ues as basic as the purpose of life can be estioned during mid-life.

The two said that Catholics who have attended church all their lives might stay away from Mass during these years. Others start going after being out of the church for decades.

church for decades.
"People will search out their own God
experience and spiritual life," said D.
Brewi. "Cradle Catholics can apprecise
their religion even more after going
through this soul searching."

Some of those at the seminar said that the loss of one of both parents during the middle years affected them spiritually.

"Constioning things is a normal process of growing through this part of life," said Carol Murphy of Little Flower Parish in Indianapolis, who attended the seminar with others from the city.

People don't just blindly accept what they've been taught, others said. Murphy said that the seminar showed her that there are other middle-aged people who question the religious aspects of their lives.

Margaret Petraits of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg believes that questioning done by middle-aged people is all very normal. "I try not to resist it, but instead to understand from it," she said. "It has deepened my faith

and made my Christianity more alive."

Petraits said that one of the things she learned was that "attitude has a lot to do with our spiritual journey."

The two nuns, influenced by psychologist Carl Jung, said a midlife crisis is all but inevitable—and not a luxury of the affluent. It can be a difficult period in life and people don't choose to go through it; it happens to them, they said.

Because of its inevitability, the two believe that it is best if people celebrate the period as a milestone of the human journey. The sisters said to treat it as a gift of the flowering of the human spirit.

The two nun-psychologists are founders of the Mid-Life Directions of Vailsburg, N.J. They have written books on their specialty.

Doctors Brennan and Brewi like to look at the mid-life crisis as a "holy adventure." Another factor to this part of life is the "empty-nest syndrome," when children leave home to begin their own adult lives.

They recommend a Biblical quote for the iddle part of life: "The kingdom of God is



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Catholic Community of Columbus collaborates

By Peter Agostinelli

An embroidered motto decorates the office wall of Father Stephen Banet, pastor of the Catholic Community of Columbus.

The piece expresses the sentiment of a miliar term. It reads:

"Hoosier—A person born or living in Indiana, industrious, hospitable, downhome folk, who enjoys popcorn, Indiana summers, race cars and basketball."

race cars and basketball."
Indeed, downhome enough to grace
the personable priest's office. But it's
honest, and it reflects the earnest approach he and Father Christopher Craig,
associate pastor of the Catholic Community, bring to their work.

Along with Father Craig, Father Banet ministers to almost 1,500 Catholic house-holds at St. Bartholomew and St. Columba churches.

In a town probably known more for its

head-turning architecture than its Catholic heritage, the Catholic Commu-nity of Columbus can boast plenty about

nity of Columbus can boast plenty about its history and growth.

The original parish of St. Bartho-lomew—the term "Catholic Community" lomew—the term "Catholic Community" was adopted five years ago during a gradual consolidation of resources—was founded in 1841. Marking a time of growth in the city's Catholic population, St. Columba opened its doors to a new era in Catholicism when its first Mass was celebrated in 1964. The church's altar was one of the first to face the congrega-

Catholic history in Columbus dates back to the early 1800s. Many of the early parishioners were Catholics who had lived in Maryland and Kentucky before moving to southern Indiana. Historians think the first Catholic services in Columbus were held in the 1830s.



Father Stephen Banet

The first Catholic church, a 50-by 30-foot structure, was completed in 1841 The cost was \$830. Parishioners wasted little time in naming the church after St. Bartholomew, drawing at least a little inspiration from the county name of Bartholomew.

Columbus saw its population boom between 1873 and 1920 with the arrival of between 18/3 and 19/20 with the arrival of many manufacturing jobs. Catholics saw their numbers grow too. By 1898, the St. Bartholomew directory listed over 500 parishioners. The church was forced to build an addition nearly the size of the existing building.

The population growth forced the pur-chase of new property near Columbus' downtown. Construction began in 1891 on a



Father Christopher Craig

new church, school and rectory. Bishop Chatard dedicated the church in 1902.

Half a century later, growth again had parishioners thinking about a second church, which later became St. Columba. Patterned in an A-frame style and constructed of St. Meinrad limestone, ground was broken in 1963. The altar was consecrated the next year, and a class-room building was finished in 1967.

Today, some 153 years after Catholics celebrated the first services in Columbus, a number of concerns are at the top of the a number of concerns are at the top of uncerns are at the top of uncerns are at the concerns are at the concerns are at the concerns are the concerns are family and community. And just as important, Father Banet (See COLUMBUS on page 9)

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SCRIPTURE—This team from the Catholic Community of Columbus led about 90 participants in the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Parishioners study independently and in groups. (Photo by Lisa Teague)

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Columbus parishes on road to consolidation

(Continued from page 8) says, will be how the church addresses them.

For example, families live in constant change. Many family members spend less and less time together, and therefore don't now each other as well. That leaves the church with opportunities to help f spiritual holes and bring families together. to help fill

Father Banet thinks one sure way to approach such challenges is to involve more church members in parish minis-tries and activities. One possibility he suggests is encouraging more married couples to assist in marriage preparation sessions. It would make for increased juvoluments, which will be approached to the properties of the properties of properties. involvement, ultimately seeing parish-ioners reserve some time for family members and fellow parishioners.

One of Father Craig's ideas involves expanding adult education opportunities. He says it could help adult parishioners become better Catholics.

Father Craig says that confirmation is often the end of religious education. "It's kind of like marriage preparation—after the wedding, where do we help them?"

Father Banet thinks such inclusion and involvement in the long run could help

parishioners enrich their own lives as well as the lives of others

"With the dwindling number of priests in the church, it's more important than ever to have that involvement," he said. "Our church shouldn't be a maintenance church. There should be many connections. We shouldn't be a service place."

Father Banet embraces the idea in what he calls his "AAA card" homily. He points out how it's easy for us to use our faith like a emergency service card—by whipping it out in times of crisis and expecting problems to

disappear.

A better way to grow, he says, would be to think of oneself as an investor. Put effort

into something valuable and rewar rewarding such wth and safety. as faith, and protect its grown Then one can enjoy the returns

Then one can enjoy the returns.

"To me, the challenge is to help people take it upon themselves to read and learn more. . . to really see faith as a prize investment to want to advance and promote," said Father Banet

Consolidation among concerns in Columbus

By Peter Agostinelli

One current challenge facing the Catholic Community of Columbus is its own sense of identity. Since the two parish schools at St. Bartholomew and St. Columba united in 1979 to become All Saints School, other departments within the two parishes also have begun combining their resources.

These days the Catholic Community

These days the Catholic Community shares one office and office staff. And the combination of two pastoral councils into one has helped eliminate as much redundancy between the two parishes as possible.

But St. Bartholomew and St. Columba still exist as two separate churches. A family can register at either parish and attend Mass there. In that sense, things really haven't changed at all for most parishioners.

The two parishes have become a united community with relative ease. The frustrations that usually come with change haven't hindered the actions needed to make se changes

those changes.

Recently the community has moved toward what could be the final measures of consolidation and looked at the hardest questions. To become one, which church should we use? Should we use both? Or do we scrap and build new?

In November the community requested that the archdiocese recognize a single parish serving the city of Columbus. The decision

followed open discussion among parish-ioners and was given to Father Banet and the pastoral council for action. Pending arch-diocesan approval, the Catholic Community will set up a process for naming the consolidated church.

consolidated church.

Common parishioner concerns include the fear of losing one of the two resident priests, as well as what to call the church when consolidation is final.

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Church leaders and parishioners have expressed their desire to maintain a dual-priest parish, as well as to continue using both existing churches and facilities as usual. Plans also call for continued activity at both parishes in worship, fellowship and education.



COLUMBUS PARISHES—St. Bartholomew, at left, and St. Columba parishes are among the biggest parishes in the Seymour deanery. The two churches have been working toward consolidation since 1979, when the two parish schools merged and became All Saints School. Since then the parishes have combined their offices and decision-making bodies such as the pastoral their offices and decision-making bodies such as the pastora council and finance committees. The Catholic Community hopes to become one after recently asking the archdiocese to recog-nize it as a single parish. (Photos by Peter Agostinelli)



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Providence sponsors volunteer ministry plan

by Andy Williams

While many college graduates comb the job market seeking a career direction, others find fulfillment and spiritual growth in answering the call to service. "Ever since I was in high school, I have

felt that I have a calling to service in some capacity," said recent Notre Dame graduate

felt that I have a calling to service in some-capacity," said rocent Notre Dame graduate Yolanda Knight. Knight and three other 1993 college graduates have found their call to service in Providence Volunteer Ministry (PVM) of the Ststers of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods. PVM provides lay men and women opportunities to live and work in collabora-tion with Sisters of Providence. This vear's long-term Providence Vol-This vear's long-term Providence Vol-

ton with Sisters of Providence
This year's long-term Providence Volunteer Ministers have come from across
the country to participate: Yolanda
Knight from Chicago, Betsy Torresson
from Moorestown, N.J.; Beverly Kincade
from St. Louis; and Cathy McDonagh
from Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.
Knight will use the skills she gained from
double major in psychology and
African-American studies to teach history
and African-American studies at Providence-St. Mel High School in Chicago.
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dence-St. Mel High School in Chicago.
"Tve always felt as though God has had a
direct hand in my life, leading me to serve
God and God's people," she said. "Serving
in this volunteer ministry brings me another
step closer to fulfilling the plan that I know
God has for me."

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During her time at PVM Knight will have regular opportunities to reflect on her volunteer experience and its influence on her journey of faith through meetings with her Sisters of Providence contact, Sister Joanna Valentine, assistant principal at Resurrection School in Chicago. Beby Torresson, a '93 graduate of William & Mary College in Williamsburg, Va., brought her musical talents west to strengthen her relationship with the Lord. She is teaching classroom music at \$1, Joseph Elementary School in Hawthorne, Calif. "I still struggle to understand and accept myself and I look to volunteer ministry as an opportunity to continue building my relationship with the Lord and to build



VOLUNTEERS—Cathy McDonagh (from left), Yolanda Knight, Providence Sister Donna Butler, Beverly Kincade and Betsy Torresson are part of the Sisters of Providence Volunteer Ministry program. (Photo courtesy Sisters of Providence)

community with others while reaching into

community with others while reaching into areas of need," Torresson said.

Beverify Kincade Torresson.

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to help others to know Christ."
While volunteering their services to the school and parish, Torresson and Kincade are living with their Sisters of Providence contact Sister Cathy White at St. Joseph Convert in Hawthorne Sister Cathy is the principal of the St. Joseph School.
The Worder Morter Dame grad, Cathy McDonagh, joine the PVM ranks as a staff member of the Caregiver's Program at Southest Center for SOME (So Others Might

Eat) in Washington, D.C. SOME is ecumenical organization designed to pro-vide rehabilitative services to the needy. With a double major in psychology/philosophy, McDonagh's inquisitive nature has compelled her to explore the life of service and gain a deeper perspective of God.

"I look to continue gaining a deeper understanding of what it means to be alive and live . . . and a broader understanding of people," McDonagh

McDonagh is living in a SOME group residence with volunteers from other service programs. Her Sisters of Provi-dence contact. Sister Mary Ann Phelan, ministers in suburban Maryland, as a sign language interpreter for the county department of education.

department of education.

The PVM program is open to single and martied women and men of all ages. Those interested need only be motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, inclined toward volunteer service and in good physical and mental health.

Those wishing more information may contact Sister Donna Butler; Providence Volunteer Ministry; Owens Hall; St. Mary of the Woods, In 47876; 812-535-4193, or 812-535-3131.

Croatian hit-run victim had stayed at St. Joseph rectory

by Margaret Nelson

A 28-year-old soldier who survived the fighting in Croatia died in Indiana last weekend—the victim of a hit-and-run driver. He had been scheduled for surgery at St. Vincent Hospital on Friday, Jan. 7.

Vincent Hospital on Friday, Jan. 7.

Jozo Ilak stayed in the St. Joseph Rectory in Indianapolis, after being sent to Father Glenn O'Connor by Catholic Social Services. "He was just looking for a place to stay," said the priest Ilak arrived at St. Joseph on Dec. 8, in time to appear with parishioners on the WXIN-Channel 59 television Mass for shut-ins.

Just before Christmas, Ilak learned that he Just before Christmas, liak learned that re had a cousin in Chicago. He traveled north to spend the holidays with his relative. He was returning to Indianapolis on Saturday, Jan. 1 when he was hit by a pick-up truck near Merrillville. He died from his injuries on

Merrillville. He died from his injuries on Sunday, Jan. 2.

Father O'Connor said that Ilak spoke no English, but was making every effort to learn the language. "It made things pretty interesting around here," he said of the young man who lived and ate at the rectory. "He was a really nice kid." "He was really nice kid." such as a really nice kid." such such season and so the such season and so the such season and so the said of the street here," said Father.

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Prayer is one of faith's vital signs

by David Gibson

Often it seems that faith is neither this nor that, but both this and that. To make an inventory of my own faith, I need to bear that in mind.

For example, my faith is mine, and it is ours. My faith is incomplete without many others who fulfill many roles, and it is incomplete without me. Thus, my private prayer is one of faith's vital signs, and so is the prayer undertaken with others in liturgy.

My faith is the same faith I had a very

long time ago, and my faith is different because it is always new. Faith anchors me to the past, and it keeps stretching me so that I can meet the present moment's big demands.

Faith gets me to move out of the way that God has room to act, and faith

so that God has room to act, and faith calls upon me to take action—as responsibly as possible.

Faith listens for God inside me, and it listens to hear God outside me in others' voices. Faith serves to comfort me, and it stirs me up. Faith trusts, and faith asks questions too.

(Daniel Schoon edits Faith Albert)

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

by Fr. Robert L. Kinast

When I studied the Baltimore Catechism as a boy, I learned that faith is a supernatural

as a boy, Hearned that faith is a supernatural virtue which enables us to assent to the truths God has revealed.

As I study the new "Catechism of the Catholic Church," I find a more complete description of faith and of the believing person's characteristics.

person's characteristics.

Confidence is one characteristic of the believing person. The catechism explains that faith is a personal commitment to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This commitment to a personal, loving God fosters an attitude of confidence in the believer. A person of faith is confident about the goodness and the trustworthiness of life.

about the games of life.

This confidence is not a naive or cocky assurance, nor is it based on external evidence. In fact, there are more than enough indications that the world is a hostile and the surgests place.

dangerous place.

The confidence of a faithful person rests in a relationship with the God who is the source and savior of life.

Perhaps the best analogy for this con-ient relationship is found in another term iich, in fact, is derived from the root word for faith: "fiance."

r faith: "fiance."

When a man and a woman become ngaged, they place their confidence in one nother; they become fiances.

another, they become fiances. As a couple, they do not know what As a couple, they do not know what As a couple, they do not know how many marriages end in divorce. Nonetheless the man and woman are confident because of the relationship they form with each other. In the same way, a person of faith faces life confidently and views life's events within the context of a relationship with God.

with God.

This doesn't necessarily solve problems or provide immediate answers to perplexing problems. But it does renew a person's desire and energy to grapple with the problems while celebrating the sheer fact that God has chosen to be our constant companion, our source of meaning and confidence. Freedom also characterizes the believing person. The new catechism describes faith as a free gift from Troom. Thus, the control of the contr with God.

➤ A person does not earn faith or work to achieve it the way a student earns gradua-tion or an artist achieves mastery of an instrument.

► Faith is a gift which frees a person to plore and question and test the possibilist of living in relationship to God.

Thus, faith stimulates creativity. But nat does this mean in human exper-

A family which encourages children to follow their interests and discover their talents fosters freedom. A family which constantly warns children of the potential dangers in doing anything different or permits children to explore only what the parents desire retards freedom.

A person who knows faith is a free gift God is likely to respect the different forms this gift may take over a lifetime as people grow from one stage of spirituality to another. For example, this person will not another. For example, ruis person will not adhere slavishly to past forms of praying, but will learn again and again to pray; the manner of serving others also will develop from one stage to another.

Nor will a person of faith try to force his or her religious experience and preferences on others. But the person will be eager to share faith's meaning.

To recognize that faith is a free gift also means a person will not take himself or herself too seriously. This does not mean making light of faith or minimizing its ance. It means that a person knows everything doesn't depend on him or her.

So a person of faith has a sense of humor, takes delight in the surprises and foibles of life, and laughs at feelings or self-importance.

Finally, I mention the characteristic of fidelity. The catechism does not assume that faith leads to an untroubled existence. This resource deals with the questions of faith and doubt, faith and understanding, faith and

These are important issues in a complex society which prompts people to look for simple, clear-cut answers to their questions.

True faith calls for something different: fidelity.

Fidelity does not mean bliss a cherence to a set way of doing things. It means perseverance in the search set truth by confronting questions and problems which cannot be readily and easily resolved.

Once again, marital faith provides a good cample. The fidelity of a husband and wife does not mean that they close themselves off from all other people and have no other from all other people as meaningful relationships.

Marital fidelity means that their rela-tionship is at the core of all the other events and relationships which make up their lives. It is the creative center which integrates everything else into a common, shared life of love.

Likewise, fidelity means that a person of faith is centered, not stuck, in a single explanation of things and is rooted in a relationship which invites questions and welcomes new discoveries.

So there is an excitement and openne about a person of faith, grounded in that very confidence

How can you tell whether your faith is

Faith offers confidence and freedom and it nurtures fidelity—all great and satisfying signs of living faith.

(Father Robert Kinast is the director of the Center for Theological Reflection in Madeira

DISCUSSION POINT

Faith is an ongoing life journey

This Week's Question

What tells you that your faith is alive?

"Because I really care about people. Because I keep going no matter how hard it gets." (Mary Bond, Carbondale, Kans.)

"Yesterday, I and many of my third-grade students attended the funeral of the mother of one of my students. We also made cards for the family. The support we all gave that family showed me that our faith is truly alive." (Anonymous, Manchester, Conn.)

"I see it having an impact on my life. It serves as the sis for most of the decisions in my life." (Timudhomme, Colorado Springs, Colo.)

"Because I'm prompted to pray every day. Prayer is

the basis of getting direction from the Lord." (Diana Horn, Chippewa Falls, Wis.)

"I know it's alive because it's always being tested and questioned. It's an ongoing journey, the outcome of which is perseverance." (John Foley, Manchester, Conn.)

"In my everyday living—how I treat my family and friends and those I meet." (Kathy Wild, Chippean Falls, Wis.)

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Faith affirms God's love

by Br. Cyprian L. Rowe, FMS

Believing that the world and those in it have the power to give you exactly what you want kills faith.

Believing that the world and those in it have the power to take anything or everything away from you kills faith.

This parable illustrates what I mean by ose statements:

those statements:
Esai and Osee lived in Westesclave.
They had great wealth. When they went
down Ocean Avenue, everyone—store
owners, street people, children playing
and crying, people waiting or coming out

and crying, people waiting or coming out of the subway—would stop and point at them as they rode by in their coconut-colored limousine.

Twice a day, Esai and Osee made a round-trip on the avenue. Sometimes their chauffeur jumped out and pointed to a person. Then everyone gasped. The assumption was that everyone Esai and Osee chose this way would go to their house and become rich.

Osee and Esai themselves never got out of the car except once, after the great flood. For seven days and seven riights it rained. People had lost all they had.

The day Osee and Esai got out of their

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The day Osee and Esai got out of their car, they called over all the people who had been flooded out. Osee and Esai told all those people to wait on a particular corner at midnight; a bus would come to pick them up.

ck them up.

Nobody even asked what for The

Nobody even asked what for The people were sure they were going to be rich, live in a fine house, eat fine foods, and drink fine wine.

Midnight came. The crowds were great; the bus had to come back 10 times. But each time one boy or girl would start trembling, as if they were seized with the Spirit of the Lord, and would get off the bus before it departed.

Ten times the bus came. Ten times one

boy or one girl got off. Then the 10 boys

boy or one girl got off. Then the 10 boys and girls gathered.

One child named Nii spoke up: "You know, no one who goes with Esai and Osee ever returns. Everyone believes there's something over there—wherever they are going. But no one ever comes back and no one gets to go over and see what's happening to them."

The others looked at themselves and shook their heads in agreement.

"This flood has spoiled the land," Nii told the others. "I believe that Osee and Esai are taking our people away to make them clear their land, to make them slaves and not to make them rich. No one has ever come back to tell us. We have believed and we know nothing. But we have all our land here, our our stores, our shrines and ours Can we not clear away what the flood has done? Might the flood have been a blessing? Can we not make a wonderful city here because the Lord has washed away all that kept us from seeing what was on the earth?"

They all agreed and began to build a

great new place Why? Because they saw that the Lord had

called them to believe in the power within, a r the Lord gave. I hope that the story I have told clarifies what I said at the outset.

Faith doesn't look far off to what might be given apart from God, nor does it fear that others can steal away from us

what really matters.
Faith's focus is clearer than that. It trusts
the blessings of God and learns to recognize

the blessings of God and learns to recognize God's presence here and now. (Marist Brother Cyprian Roue is a research associate in the Department of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and serves on the faculty of the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Maryland in Bultimore.)



UNDERSTANDING FAITH—Faith doesn't look far off to what might be given apart from God, nor does it fear that others can steal away from us what really matters. (CNS illustration by Caole Lowry)

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Jan. 9, 1993

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 - Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 - Mark 1:7-11

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

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This weekend, the church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is an important feast in the church's year of instruction through the liturgy since, along with Christmas and the feast of the Epiphamy, it reveals to us the great love of God evidenced by the birth of Jesus who was and is the Second Person of the Holy Trinty, who is God.

The first reading is from the Second Person of the Holy Trinty, who is God. The first reading is from the sprophecy of basiah, from the second results of the second results of

eloquence and intense faith.

It is one of several hymns or poems contained in this part of Isaiah and focusing upon a good, loyal, but suffering servant of God. Most likely this servant is Israel liself, the nation of God's people overcome by enemies and laid low. Some believe it actually represents an individual person. Some say it is the prophet himself.

Whatever the case, it displays the image of a pure and innocent person, undauntingly faithful to God, who becomes the victim of intrigue and viciousness all around. Despite all his hardships, this servant remains true and steadfast to God.

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and steadfast to God.
Scholars call these several hymns the
Songs of the Suffering Servant. For a long
time, they have been favorite readings
among Christians who have seen in them
a reflection of the Lord. In this view, Jesus
is the constant servant of God who never
yields in spite of the challenges and
attacks brought against him. In the end,
at the moment of death by crucifixion,
Jesus still is Joyal.
These sones are favorite liturgical read-

Jesus still is loyal.

These songs are favorite liturgical readings for Lent, and especially for Holy Week. This reading appears here in the light of the feast itself and of the Cospel.

The Acts of the Apostles supplies the liturgy for this feast with its second reading. The book of Acts is a favorite source itself for liturgical readings, although it appears most often in the liturgical readings of the Easter season.

This book in a sense is à continuation of

the Gospel of St. Luke. It details the

the Cospei of St. Luke. It details the experiences of the apostles, primarily Peter and Paul, in the earliest days of the church. In this reading, the central figure is Peter. He is instructing Cornelius and others meeting in the house of Cornelius. All these people were drawn to Peter by an interest in Jesus, and Peter here tells them of the Lord. Peter's message begins them of the Lord. Peter's message begins by reassuring all that anyone humble enough to approach God for God's help can anticipate salvation. He continues to say that this was the gospel preached by Jesus, and that Jesus began him ministry with his baptism in the Jordan River.

St. Mark's Gospel tells the story of the Lord's baptism. John the Baptist is an important figure in the reading. John was important figure in the reading, John was regarded as a prophet, and prophets were seen as God's special representatives. It is important that he testifies to the identity of Jesus. In the Old Testament a favorite imagery for God was a voice speaking from the sky, from the heavens. In this reading, God speaks from the heavens becomes from the sky from the heavens. reading. God speaks from the heavers announcing Jesus to be the Son of God. Finally, Jesus submits to baptism. Al-though without sin, he takes upon himself the collective sin of humankind.

To understand the messages of Christ-mas, the Epiphany, and of this feast, it is helpful to imagine the clurch as a teacher, with Sunday worshipers its class. The course began with the season of Advent November. Now the course continues

November. Now the course continues.

The readings of these feats might be seen as a group. The church in these feasts is introducing us to the Lord. Who is he? At Christmas it told us that he was born into humanity, the son of Mary. At the Epiphany, it instructed us that Jesus is God, and that no human, regardless of circumstance or background, can approach Jesus and leave unfulfilled. Jesus is the answer to all nor human questions and needs, and we all experiences of the property of the seen of the seen

experience these needs. Finally today, as we observe this feast, the church restates its proclamation of Jesus as the Son of God, providing us with the words of St. Mark's Gospel, the words of John the Baptist and God himself. It also tells us today that Jesus assumes upon himself our sins. We have nothing to fear. The Lord satisfies for all

Daily Readings

Monday, Jan. 10 Seasonal weekday 1 Samuel 1:1-8 Psalms 116:12-19 Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, Jan. 11 Seasonal weekday 1 Samuel 1:9-20 (Response) 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8 Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 12 Seasonal weekday 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Psalms 40:2-5, 7-10 Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, Ian. 13 Hilary, bishop and doctor 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26

Friday, lan. 14 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22 Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 15 Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Psalms 21:2-7

THE POPE TEACHES

Year of the Family will focus on vocation of family and God's plan

by Pope John Paul II

Last Sunday, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family, the church began her obser-vance of the Year of the Family.

As a time of special prayer for all the families of the world, this Year of the Family will be marked by meditation on the word of God and a renewed catechesis on the family and its vocation in God's plan.

Like the Holy Family of Nazareth, families today need help in meeting the challenges and threats facing them (cf. Matthew 2.13-23). Young people in particular need support as they try to discover how

best to fulfill God's will in their lives, in imitation of the young Jesus (cf. Luke 249). As I say in my "Letter for the Year of the Family," soon to be published, the Christian family can look to the Scriptures and the church's tradition for inspiration in under-standing and living fully its vocation to be a "domestic church."

The sublime dignity, holiness and unity of the family reflect in time the eternal communion of the Blessed Trinity, and find their highest expression in the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Let us pray that God will bless families everywhere as they play their part in his plan of salvation, following the path indicated by

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native-born American saint

by John F. Fink

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, whose feast was celebrated this past Tuesday, Jan. 4, was the first native-born North American to be canonized. She was the founder of to be canonized. She was the founder of the first American religious community for women, opened the first American parochial school, and established the first American Catholic orphanage. And she did all this in a lifetime of only 46 years while raising her five children. Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York on Aug. 28, 1774. Her father was Dr. Richard Bayley, a noted physi-cian and professor at King's College, which later became Columbia University. He raised Elizabeth as a staunch Episco-

He raised Elizabeth as a staunch Episco-palian after her mother died when she was only 3.

was only 3.

At 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy merchant. She bore him two sons and three daughters. She also managed to lead a busy social life in New York and devoted much time to the care of the poor. She founded the Society for the Rellef of Poor Widows with Small Children.

Unfortunately, William Seton lost both his fortune and his health. The family moved to Italy in an attempt to find a cure for his tuberculosis, but William died there in 1803. Elizabeth was herself a widow with small

Elizabeth was herself a widow with small children at age 27.
While in Italy Elizabeth learned about the Catholic Church and found that it wasn't the horrible religion she had been taught it was. She was attracted to the Catholic Church particularly because of its belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, its devotion to Mary, and the conviction that it led back to the apostles and to Christ.

She returned to the United States after her

She returned to the United States after her husband's death. Despite family opposition, she became a Catholic in March of 1805. This move both estranged her from her family and left her pennile

To support her children, Elizabeth accepted the invitation of a priest to establish a school for girls in Baltimore. The school opened in 1808, the first Catholic parochial school in America. She then gathered together of group of like-minded women and formally established a congregation of nuns in the spring of 1809. From that time on Elizabeth was known as Mother Seton. The congregation began as the Sisters of St. Joseph, but in June of 1809 they moved to Emmisburg, Md., and in 1812 became known as the Daughters of Charity of St. Joseph.

Joseph.

Under Mother Seton's leadership, the congregation spread rapidly. Before her death there were 20 communities across the United States. The sisters established orphanages and hospitals across the country. St. Vincent Hospital and Stress Center in Indianapolis is owned and operated by the Daughters of Charity and Daughter of Charity Sister Nancy Crowder is director of the Holy Family Shelter for homeless families in Indianapolis.

The Daveburs of Charity gained most

families in Indianapolis.

The Daughters of Charity gained most renown for their work in the parochial school system which became so important to the growing Catholic Church in the United States. Today they are at 5t. Rifa's in Indianapolis and at Cardinal Ritter High School. Sisters of Charity, who also claim Mother Seton as their founder, teach at Cathedral High School.

Manuschip, Elizabeth's spiritual life

Meanwhile, Elizabeth's spiritual life continued to grow. She composed music and wrote hymns. She had two particular devotions: abandonment to the will of God and a love for the Blessed Sarament. She preached to her sisters: "The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God, secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will." Meanwhile, Elizabeth's spiritual life

Elizabeth died in Emmitsburg on Jan. 4, 1821. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963 and canonized by Pope Paul VI on Sept. 24, 1975.

MY JOURNEY TO GOD You Are Loved by God

alist and composer who as intuitive in her character "" "died on Dec. 19 after a loo ire. Sister Rachel Best, prioress to community at Our Lady very in Beech Grove, offered it ther Marian during the fune "" at the monaglery."

music and composed songs. We can get a limpse of Marian by reading and effecting on the words she wrote in her orgo were loved."

"You are loved by God, you are called y name to be the best you can be."

This tells of her great faith—her trust in God. All through Marian's life, she trove to be the best she could be—the est student—the best person who was here for others.

"When you are lonesome open your heart, let God's love fill the emptiness. When you are down, reach for God's

In her lonely times when she was in isolation with the bone marrow transplant and throughout other times in her life, Marian went to God with this pain to be comforted.

"Take your burdens to your God. You will find a gentle care. Seek the wisdom present there."

nt there Marian's life was not always easy.

The sudden death of her mother—the

"Seek God's will in your daily life, arch for truth and love. God will be ne to shepherd you." Every day of Marian's religious life, e went about seeking God in truth

by Sister Rachel Best, OSB



Yo Yo and friend (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'A Perfect World' takes ironic look at good, evil

by James W. Arnold

The best thing about "A Perfect World," the new Kevin Costner-Clint Eastwood movie, is its compassion for many different varieties of humanity, without also losing its dead certain knowledge

The next best thing is director Eastwood's sure-handed intelsure-handed intel-ligence in telling a famil-iar movie story of "buddy" desperadoes on the road and on the

run, in the sprawling countryside and dusty s rural Texas. smalltowns of 1963

The title, which presumably intends to and the mich presumany intends to be ironic, makes it sound like a comedy. As in predecessors like "Bonnie and Clyde" and 'Thelma and Louise," there are comic passages. But mostly, this movie is blatantly serious.

move is blatantly serious.

The main character, Costner's Butch-Haynes, is a hardened criminal whose basic potential for goodness is touched by an innocent child. So the film is hopeful and sentimental, much like the holiday season itself. It also makes a pitch for sympathy for the not-so-bad guy, as many defense attorneys do, by revealing the childhood traumas and abuses that led to his futtle, wasted life in crime.

"World" is notable for its first-time pairing of Costner and Eastwood, movie icons of two generations. They don't actually appear on screen together until the final minutes, since Costner is the soutlaw being pursued, and Eastwoos Red Carnett, the modern shretiff in charge of the pursuit. (Instead of horses, Carnett's posse rides in a house trailer

governor's political campaign.)

governor's political campaign.)

In a movie year in which stories about fathers and sons are a common them; it's no shock that this is also "World's" symbolic subject Butch's main "buddy" on his flight from a Halloween night jailbreak is a fatherless seven-year-old, Phil (T.J. Lowther), statched early in the chase as a hostage by Butch's sleazy, half-crazy cellmate.

This "really" bad guy, Terry (Keith Szarabajka), never has his psyche explained to us. He's just mean. He had broken into a

to us. He's just mean. He had obtact in an home and terrorized the boy's single mother. A religious motif develops because the mother is a Jehovah's Witness and he kids are not allowed to trick-or-treat, celebrate Christmas, go to parties, ride rollercoasters, etc.

rollercoasters, etc.

For Butch, this is un-American and unimaginable. Once Terry is eliminated (off-screen), Butch becomes a kind of liberating father for little Phil. He lets him wear a shoplifted Casper-the Ghost costume. He encourages him to make a list of "things you always wanted to do but wasn't allowed to do." He reassures Phil about his manhood (a comic moment), urges him to decide things for himself. Should he stay with him? Should he help in stealing a car or robbing a farm wife of food and cash, etc.?

As always in "buddy" tales, the influence

wate or rood and cash, etc.?

As always in "buddy" ales, the influence
works both ways. Butch is gentler, kinder.
(Costner's laccnic, niceguy personality
warms the screen). The kid's presence breaks
up a casual fling, with a waitress at an
isolated road cafe. ("Do you love her?" Phil
asks. ". the lady who cooked the
hamburgers?")

In John Lee Hancock's well-crafted screenplay, Butch may even finally be redeemed by his affection for the child. Phil, heartbreakingly tender and fragile,



BACK IN THE HABIT—Actress Whoopi Goldberg (third from right) is coaxed undercover as a nun again when the sisters need help at an inner (vi sychool in "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit." She stars with Brad Sullivan (from left), Michael Jeter, Kathy Najimy, Wendy Makkena and Mary Wickes. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film A-ll for adults and adolescents. (CNS photo from Touchstone Pictures)

must also inevitably pass his own judgment, in highly dra on Butch's character

on Butch's character.

Meanwhile, Eastwood, in a role designed for him, is in his familiar position as a wily veteran lawman beset by interfering parties as he tries to focus on the chase. Among them is Laura Dern, a headstrong criminologist who exchanges wisecracks sharply and eventually becomes a pal, and a nasty FBI agent and the process of the control of the c who is as dangerous as any of the crooks.

The movie has weak spots, including scenes you almost always see in these kinds of movies, like hijacking a picnicking family, going into a small-town store, escaping from small-town cops, etc.

There is an uneasy mix of drama and almost slapstick comedy, best illustrated by a chase across a pasture in which the sheriff's trailer and cab become separated and careen along side-by-side.

The final passages, however, are memorable, both for their human and moral implications and Eastwood's masterful skill in staging them.

masterful skill in staging, storm In one, Butch loses control when he sees a black father, until then a friend, strike a child. Suddenly, we look into the abyse of catastrophe. Then there is the last confronta-nichinesque meadow, which

Eastwood milks of every ounce of suspense

actual violence in "World" is minimal and low-key, but the potential for violence is often intense. It's overshadowed by what is best described as a sad but wing awareness of the human capacity for both goodness and stupidity.

(An entertaining genre film, maturely executed, with moments of insight; sex situation; satisfactory for mature youth and adults.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults



'Nova' program on 'Iceman' is worth a second look

by Henry Herx

If you were intrigued by last year's newspaper accounts of the discovery of a perfectly preserved body of a Bronze Age man, a full account of the find is given in the "Nova" documentary "Iceman" to be rerun on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. on PBS. (Check local listings to verify the program date and time.)

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The program also centers on research data that indicate the man could have lived in the Stone Age.

The discovery of the body was made by climbers in the Austrian Also who reported their find to the authorities. Thinking it was the remains of lot of skelenged out of the place of the place of the skelenged out of the glace of the skelenged out of the glace of the skelenged out of the glace of the skelenged out of the skelenged out of the glace of the skelenged out of the skelenged out

For archaeologists, the value of the find is incalculable because of its perfect state of preservation. It is like a time capsule showing how human beings lived in ancient times.

It was conjectured that the man died from hypothermia in a snowstorm which covered his body, hiding it from attack by flies, birds and ground animals.

The wind dried out the body, mummified it, and its position in a small depression in the rocks saved it from being carried away by the movement of the ice glacier.

Based on the artifacts, the dating of Iceman, as the find was called, was placed in the Early Bronze Age, approximately

When fragments of Iceman's body were later subjected to radio-carbon tests, they registered as being some 5,300 years old. This proved that Iceman came from the Stone Age rather than the Bronze Age.

Then metallurgical testing of the ax head revealed it to be made of pure copper rather than bronze alloy, further complicating the dating question because it pre-dates the earliest copper implements ever found.

Archaeologists are now scrambling to accommodate

Iceman to their previous discoveries in the development of prehistorical human society.

Ending with un'educated guess' about who Iceman was, including with un'educated guess' about who Iceman was, increey, the program indicates that the scientific investigation into this unprecedented discovery is just beginning.

To the lay viewer, what makes this "Nova" program so compelling is its step-by-step presentation of the evidence being revealed about Iceman. Like clues in a mystery story, the investigation is as fascinating as the facts they reveal. To those who have the imagination, Iceman and his preservation prove a "miraculous" window to the past.

descendent of the cinosaur.

Monday, Jan. 10, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "Master Magician." In this repeat of an "I'll Fly Away" episode, Forrest's (Sam Waterston) idealism costs him the election and the loss of one

Waterstom) idealism costs him the election and the loss of one of this oldest political friends (Ed Grady), while Lily (Regina Taylor) loads her fellow black citizens in their effort to vote. Menday, Jan. 10, 9-10 pm. (Family Channel cable) "The Cindy Williams Comedy Special." During an hour of comedy sketches, Harry Anderson, Timothy Stack, Lynne Marie Stewart and Scott Hartman make guest appearances. Monday, Jan. 10, 9-11 pm. (NBC) "Murder Between Friends." This fact-based courtroom drama focuses on a New Orleans murder in which the victim's husband (Stephen Lang) and his best friend (Martin Kemp) are accused and tried separately, with the assistant district attorney (Timothy Busfield) trying to uncover what really happened to the woman.

attorney (Timothy Busfield) trying to uncover what really happened to the woman. Menday, Jan. 10, 9-11 pm. (PBS) "Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City," Part one of a suc-hour "American Playhouse" miniseries based on Maupin's stones about the lives and loves of a group of single people in 1971s Sur Francisco stars Olympia Dukokis, Karen Black, Mary Kay Place, Kod Senton Plack, Kod Senton Black, Mary Kay Black, Black, Mary

for a sweet-looking boy with a violent temper and their relationship evolves into a near-tragedy. Cassie (Kelli Williams) considers herself lucky when Charlie (Donovan Leitch), the school's heartthrob, asks her for a date. Charlie is a charmer and even Cassie's parents think he's a great guy. However, he pressures her to have sex, turns possessive and verbally abusive, starts hurting her, and almost kills her before she tells her parents, who contact authorities.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 8-8:30 p.m. (EBS) "The Narany: his spicose of the new consets yeries, tills test Fran Drescher thinks her job is on the line when her boss (Charles Shaughnessy) is visited by his disapproving childhood nanny (Cloris Leachman).

Wednesdav Jan. 12, 8-9 n.m. (PBS) "Island of the Circuit

Nednesday, Jan. 12, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "Island of the Giant Bears." A "National Geographic" special reports on the largest onnivores in the world, the Kodisks in the Gulf of Alaska, who are even larger than their cousins, the Alaskan grizzlies. The program will be repeated on Friday, Jan. 14, from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 13, 8-9 p.m. (CBS) "In the Heat of the Night." In this drama series episode, guest star Jerry Stiller plays a rabbi who returns to his hometown only to discover that the Torah has been stolen and the newly opened vandalized.

Friday, Jan. 14, 8-9 p.m. (CBS) "Diagnosis Murder." In this mystery series episode, Dr. Sloan (Dick Van Dyke) is discredited when he claims a TV star died in his home. However, the body vanishes and other people claim the celebrity is very much alive.

Friday, Jan. 14, 9-11 p.m. (NBC) "Two Fathers: Justice for the Innocent." This drama profiles a blue-collar steel worker and a successful entrepreneur (Robert Cornad and George Hamilton), who reteam to track down the convicted murderer of their children who has escaped from prison.

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Saturday, Jan. 15, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Austin City Limits."

The season premiere of the American music series profiles
Rosanne Cash and Carlene Carter, daughter and stepdaughtof Johnny Cash, as they perform a new generation of

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

OUESTION CORNER

Christian witness isn't a godparent

My brother's new baby will be baptized in the Presby terian Church. He and his wife asked if I (a Catholic

would be one of the sponsors.

I feel that would be all right, since Protestants can be sponsors for a Catholic baptism. But the priest I asked isn't sure. Can you help? (Missouri)

A It is true that often a Christian of another faith "stands up" with a Catholic godparent at a Catholic baptism.

When this happens, the Protestant is not, strictly speaking, a godparent in either the legal or the liturgical sense.

understand Godparents, as we understand them, do more than merely commit themselves, as



FAMILY LIFE Make resolutions last by working with friend

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: "Every year I make several New Year's resolutions. I know I'm sincere in wanting to change, and I know they are important, like eating and drinking in moderation. However, the resolutions last only about two weeks. What can I do to make them last?" (New York)

Answer: Many people resolve to change for good and vital reasons, only to see their good intentions vanish as the days wear on. Here are six hints or rules for making resolutions last.

➤Be specific about goals. Resolving to eat and drink in moderation is much too general. Such a plan leaves too many loopholes for weak moments.

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If you want to eat moderately, select a specific diet.

The calorie-exchange diet is the most widely used plan. A resolve to take no second helpings and stop eating between meals is better than a generality.

Also specific would be a plan to eliminate "problem" foods, like fats and sweets.

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If you want to cut back on drinking, again you must be exact. A limit of one drink per day would be specific.

➤ Set daily goals. Break the specifics of your plan informles' for each day. Before you go to be deach might you should know whether you have followed your plan or not.

► Keep a chart. All serious athletes chart their gress. A runner keeps track of miles run. You too need eep a log. ➤Keep a chart.

A simple chart (you can keep track on your w calendar) that is completed daily will give you accountability that is necessary for long-term success.

➤Use a friend. Let a friend keep your chart for you Perhaps the help can be mutual. The best plan would be where you and your friend are charting each other for some positive change.

Just knowing that you will have to tell your friend how you have done is a strong motivation to abide by your plan. Reporting your progress (or lack of it) keeps you honest.

▶Plan for failures. This sounds negative. However, Prian for fautures. This sounds negative. However, unless you plan an appropriate penalty for failure you are likely to give up entirely when a failure occurs. Every good behavior-change plan should say what happens when you succeed and what happens when you fail.

when you succeed and what happens when you did.

The penalty should be brief and immediate. For example, if you fail to follow your diet or your drinking plan in some way, you might write 10 times: "It will eat or drink only healthy foods." This must be done before you

go to bed.

Examples of other brief penalties include taking a teaspoon of castor oil or doing five bent-leg sit-ups. The immediate imposition of a penalty breaks the cycle of failure, alleviates guilt, and allows you to start anew.

➤ Reward successes. Count and take credit for your "good" days. If you have a friend keeping track, perhaps your friend can provide a mini-reward for every three points (or good days).

If you don't have a friend working with you, reward yourself. When you have earned a certain number of points, treat yourself to some pleasure, something you would not ordinarily do. For example, every so many points you might buy yourself a special tape or video.

Keep making New Year's resolutions. They are like a dream for positive change. Then use the six rules to translate that dream into daily realities and short-term

(Address questions on family living and child care to be answered in print to the Kennys, Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.)

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person being baptized.

They are present to the child in addition as representatives of a particular community of faith incy are present to the child in addition as representatives of a particular community of faith, guaranteeing the faith of the individual being baptized (or of the family) and at least to some degree promising to be models of faithful living in that community of faith we the child are faithful. as the child grows up.

as the critical grows up.

Obviously, only someone who professes and is living out a commitment to the Catholic faith could promise to be present for a Catholic child in that fullest sense of godparent.

However, since we do share baptism and union with our Lord with other Christians, a Protestant friend or relative of the person baptized may serve as a Christian witness to the sacrament, along with a Catholic

godparent. This happens often, and I'm sure it is what you have experienced.

To answer your question, for the same reasons a Catholic may not serve as an actual godparent for a child baptized in another denomination. However, the Catholic may be an official witness to the baptism, along with a godparent approved as such by that religious denomi-nation.

These provisions are not new, but are repeated in the new norms for ecumenical activities, which were published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in March of 1993.

We're having an argument in our study group about the Bible. Some of us say the first English Bible was translated by Catholics, while others say it was the King James Version translated by Protestants. Who's right? (New Jersey)

A Parts of the Bible, especially the Psalms, had been trans-lated for centuries before the Protestant Reformation.

The earliest we know of was a translation of the Gospel of John into the Anglo-Saxon language by St. Bede, who died in 735.

The first translation of the entire Latin Vulgate into English was by an Oxford priest, John Wycliffe.

He had big problems with church authorities of his day causing him to be known in some circles as the Morning Star of the Reformation

But he died in 1384, a century before Martin Luther

In fact, the first King James Version of the Bible was published in 1611, more than 200 years after Wycliffe's death.

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(A free brechure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other fineral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

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January 7-9

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The Sisters of St. Benedict will hold a Christmas Gathering at the Monastery Immaculate Concep-tion in Ferdinand. This gathering is for women wanting to find out more about religious life. For additional information, call 1-800-

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January 8 January 9
A pro-life rosary will be prayed at St. John Chur.h, 126 W. Georgia

9:30 a.m. at the Clinic for Wome Ritter Plaza, 21st and Ritter Ave

*** The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir will hold auditions for new members. For additional informa-tion, please contact the ISC chair-person at 317-881-3420.

Vegas

*** The Catholic Alumni Club of Indianapolis will play volleyball at St. Lawrence Gym, 46th and Shadeland. For more information, call Jan at 317-786-4509.

Assumption Parish, Indi-anapolis, will celebrate an open-ing Mass for its 100th anniversary at 9:30 a.m.

The Catholic Alumni Club of In-dianapolis will gather at the Kopper Kettle, 135 W. Main St. in Morristown, to celebrate the new year. The group will attend 11 a.m. Mass at Little Flower, 13th and Boart Sts. Meet at the restaurant at 12-45 p.m. Reserva-tions are requested. Call Donna at 317-3359-3476.

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Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Danville will sponsor an All-You-Can-Eat-Breakfast Buffet the lower level of the church. Adults, \$.50; kids 6-12, \$2.50; kids under 5 eat free. For more information, call 317-539-6367.

The Oblates of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery will meet from 2-5 p.m. For more information, call 317-787-3287.

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Lawrenceburg, will celebrate a
Healing Mass at 7 p.m. The
Mass will be concelebrated by
Fathers John Hartzer and Al
Lauer. Mass and healing service
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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 informa-tion, call 317-786-7517.

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Benediction of the Blessed Sarament will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Adora-tion Chapel (located next to Rit-ter High School). Opportunity for confession will be at 6:30 p.m. Call 317-926-1936 for more information.

Positively Singles will hold a planning meeting at St. Pius School Library at 7 p.m. All are January 13

St. Roch, 3600 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 infor-

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

January 14

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January 12 St. Augustine Guild will spon-sor their annual day of recollec-tion from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 317-872-6420 for more informa-

Positively Singles will gather for dinner at Don Pablo's at 86th and Dean Rd. at 7 p.m. Call Car-son for reservations at 317-594-0415.

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ton, will celebrate a Charismatic Mass beginning at 7 p.m. with prayer and praise. Father Ron Ashmore will celebrate. For more information, call 812-336-

January 14-16

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will hold a retreat about healing and dealing with life's losses. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 East 56th St., will present a Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call Mary or Dave Timmerman at 317-897-2052.

January 15 The Catholic Alumni Club of In-dianapolis will gather to watch the Indianapolis lee take on Fort Wayne. Meet at the front door at

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May 9 date set for Cardinal Bernardin's trial

by Jay Copp Catholic News Service

CHICAGO—Officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago said yey are pleased with the May 9 date set for Cardinal Joseph L ernardin's trial on sex abuse charges. Maria Salemi, archdiocesan director of communications, said

J.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel of Cincinnati agreed Dec. 7 with a request from the cardinal's attorneys for an expedited

The Active List (cont.)

(continued from page 16) present "Las Vegas Night," rom 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission s \$1. Adults only.

Our Lady of Providence High school will hold its entrance exam for the new freshman class in the fall. The test begins at 8:15 im. to 12 p.m. For more infor-nation, call the school office at 112-945-2538.

t. Bernadette Church, 4826 Fletcher Ave., will hold Mid-vinter Monte Carlo from 7 p.m. 1 a.m. \$5 admission includes jinner, soft drinks and beer. For hore information, call 312-356-867 or 317-356-2258.

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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.

January 16
St. Patrick, 936 Prospect 8t, will hold its monthly card party sponsored by the women's club. The party will be located in the parts hall at 2 pm. Admission (5.31.25.

St. 125.25.

Holly Family, New Albany, will host an adult share religious education program on the topic of hope. Father Coleman Grabert from the theology department of he Meinrad will be the guest of her Mein

trial. But the judge rejected a request for a separate trial for the cardinal.

The Chicago prelate and Father Ellis Harsham have been accused of sexual abuse by Steven Cook in a lawsuit filed Nov. 12.

Spiegel wrote in an order that he was unwilling to "let spiegel wrote in an order that he was unwining to let the interest of one party to have his issues resolved separately prejudice the interests of any other party. In the eyes of the law all persons are equal before the bar of

pusitive.

By Spiegel was a positive move, said Salemi. The first stage of the trial will focus on the alleged sexual abuse.

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If the allegations against either man are proved, the second phase will address the statute-of-limitations question. Cook claimed the abuse took place in the mid-1970s and that he suppressed any memory of it until 1992. Ohio law stipulates a four-year time limit for charges such as Cook's.

The third phase of the trial, if necessary, will deal with Cook's claims that Cardinal Bernardin—then archbishop of Cincinnati—and other officials of the Cincinnati Archdiocese were negligent in supervising Father Harsham.

Both the cardinal and Father Harsham have denied the

abuse charges. The abuse allegedly took place while Cook, now 34, was a participant in a pre-seminary program in Cincinnati.

now 34, was a participant in a pre-seminary program in Cincinnatia. Cardinal Bernardin has received widespread support, including, a phone call Nov. 16 from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. At a Dec. 16 press conference in Seattle, where he spoke at an Advent prayer service for western Washington priests, Cardinal Bernardin said Mrs. Clinton had said she and the president "were very sorry that I was going through this thing."

The 65-year-old cardinal also said his initial shock and anger at Cook sallegation was quickly replaced by compassion for his accuser. My heart is full of compassion for this man," he said, noting that he has written Cook a letter offering to comfort him and pray with him, but has not received a responsion for his accuser. My him, but has not received a responsion of his and pray with him, but has not received a responsion for his add pray with him, but has not received a response of his document of the control of the cardinal startneys writed a quick trial because of Cook's frail health. But Cook's attorneys objected to holding separate trials for the cardinal and Father Harsham.

Secret of peace is in family life, pope says

Cátolic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Feeple leann the secret of peace in the warmth and love of family life, Pope John Paul II said.

In his New Year celebrations, the pope prayed for the strength and unity of the world samilies as the greatest hope for Paul II said.

The secret remains the greatest challenge of our time," the pope said Jan I, during his noon recitation of the Angelus.

"It is in the family that one learns the secret of peace, experiencing the warmth of acceptance and exercising it day after day in the discipline of love, in efforts of tolerance, in the commitment of communion," he said.

"For this reason, one who works for the family works for peace," the pope said.

Earlier in the day, the pope celebrated Mass for the feast of Mary Mother of God and World Peace Day, and he reminded the congregation of God's promise to bless the world with peace.

"We are gathered in St. Peter's Basilica on the first day of the new year to pray that this blessing of peace reach the nations of the whole world," he said.

Nine thousand seats at the Mass were occupied by the choir: an international group of children who were participating in a convention for children's chois.

Meeting the group on New Year's Eve, the pope called on the children to use their music and their daily activities to echo the song of the angels on the night of Christ's birth, telling of the glory of God and the promise of peace to people of good will.

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Youth News/Views

St. Paul youth will miss old parish youth center

hu Pam Drake

During their Christmas vacation from During their Cristmas vacation from school, St. Paul Parish youth group members from Tell City lost a piece of their parish history as well as the place they used to gather for youth group meetings.

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youth center would have to be com-down.

With its demise went a part of the parish history. Built in 1915 at a cost of \$6.491 on church property at the corner of Ninth and Fulton streets in Tell City, the convent originally housed 13 Benedictine sisters. In its later years, the old convent was known as the Youth Ministry Center.

During its 78-year history, people and tivities at the convent and youth center

activities at the convent and yourn center generated many happy memories. One of the longest residents of the convent was Benedictine Sister Mellita Schenk, who lived there for 26 years. She was the band director of St. Paul School.

"The old convent was a home away from home," she said, "and I remember the convent and the people of Tell City

fine convent and the people of Tell City foroidly." Benedictine Sistem Mary Richard Mat-tingly, Loyola Seidl and Madeleine White India. The Madeleine White India. The Market India. The Market

Sortion in Fed City, when the do do downers for seven years.

"We had many memorable good times while living there," she recalled.

Benedictine Sister Mary Lois Hohl, now serving St. Mark Parish in Perry County, lived in the old convent during the early 70s. She was named superior of the convent and lived there with 11 nurs.

lived there with 11 nuns.

"I really appreciated living with a whole lot of sisters rather than one or two," she said. "It made my stay there more enjoyable."

Benedictine Sister Nicolette Etienne did not live in the convent but grew up in Tall City.

i remember, as a girl, going to the old convent because the nuns always had the best Halloween candy," Sister Nicolette recalled. "It was great!" Evelyn Laslaw

Evelyn Lasley, who also grew up in Tell City, visited the sisters at the convent during school years.

her school years.
"I remember going to the convent to watch movies the nurs had for us," she said.
"We even had popcom! I also remember fondly helping the nurs cut the uncon-secrated hosts when each church made their own. That was a lot of fun too."

Members of Cub Scout and Boy Scout Members of Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops used the building over several years. Cub Scout den leader Bill Simpson, who leads Pack 192, remembers "a lot of good memories over the years with the boys in the youth center."

Boy Scout leader Ken Smith, the Scoutmaster of Troop 192, described the building, as "convenient and very much needed."

In October of 1986, the building was renamed the Youth Ministry Center. St. Paul's first coordinator of youth ministry was Rick Etienne, a Tell City native. "I remember one night when we had over "I remember one night when we had over

"I remember one night when we had over 100 high school-age youth from all over the Tell City Deanery." Etienne said. "There were youth verywhere! There couldn't have been another night when the house was more alive!"

been another night when the nouse was more alive."

St. Paul parishioner Sam Schaefer helped fix up the building for youth group functions.

"My happiest memories were in fixing up the building to be used by the youth sefare; getting to know people as you worked, and a sense of accomplishment. It also was a great deal of fun fixing up the building, eating pizza, etc."

Parishioner Jeff Kleuh said his happiest memory of the youth center was participating in a trust walk thene.

"I was a sophomore in high school," he said. "It reaffirmed my faith in my friends and it was a lot of fun too."

Lana Poole, a volunteer adult leader.

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remembered the inst lock-in at the youn center.

"We had lost our old meeting place and everyone was really disappointed," she said. "Then the parish let us use the old sisters' home. It took lost of hard work to clean and paint, but the kids worked hard and soon had it ready to use. That first lock-in was great! The girls baked cookies, others played board games or watched TV. some popped popcom. The house was filled with great smells, laughter, and sharing. The kids had found, a new home. We always had good times at the youth center, whether it was a pizza party or a work night."

St. Paul parishioner Paige Pride also liked the lock-ins, when parish youth gathered at the center for fun and felliowship and religious education sessions with adult leaders.

The most fun we had, I believe, was at

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ESSAY WINNER—Roncalli High School senior Andrew Kocher of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis accepts congratulations from Ford Motor Credit Company sponsor Jo Hoy for his first-place essay in the company's "Credit Drives America" essay contest. He also was named the "Best of Contest" winner. The company sponsors an annual essay and poster contest as part of a public awareness campaign aimed at promoting the wise use of credit as well as the benefits of maintaining good credit.

the lock-ins," she said, "because all of our

the lock-ins." she said, "because all of our friends in the youth group got together as well as our friends of other denominations and we shared our faith and fun times together, including pizza and jokes."

Parishioner Jim Holman agneed that the lock-ins were great times with good friends. "My favorite memories of the youth center, as a teen-ager, were of the lock-ins and pizza parties," he recalled. "They brought a lot of people together, which I liked. I also enjoyed the Christmas college reunion held at the center. We got to see a lot of people who hadn't been around for a while."

For Kelly Askins, work nights were fun.

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For Kelly Askins, work nights were fun-ties too.

"I enjoyed work nights because you could get together and talk with your friends and work on maintaining the building at the same time," she said. "I also enjoyed the lock-ins because the organizers always came up with ways to combine religious education and a good time. I always felt each lock-in had a religious theme, which I enjoyed too." Jackie Du'Dont, a former adult member of the high school youth board, said she "really enjoyed seeing the interactions between adults and teen-agers of all faiths whenever we had an activity like movie and pizza night."

movie and pizza night."

Mary Jane Hawkins, the first chairperson of the youth commission, said she enjoyed seeing the teen-agers take an interest in fixing up the building as well as sponsoring a Haunted House there.

"If it wasn't for my time on the youth commission," she said, "I wouldn't have

commission," she said, "I wouldn't have gotten to meet as many youth and adults as I did, which was a pleasure." Andy Zellers, a member of the youth commission, said he enjoyed painting the center and liked attending the lock-ins, especially the deanery lock-in.

"It gave me an opportunity to meet ecople I hadn't met before, which was fun," e said. "I also enjoyed participating in the Haunted Houses

Youth group member Lucy Rhodes said her happiest memories of the youth center were participating in the lock-ins and the Perry County Drug-Free Program, which

as held there.
Ginny Coleman, the current coordina-

Ginny Coleman, the current coordina-tor of youth ministry, said her happiest memories were "seeing the kids take ownership of the house, wanting to repair it and still have fun doing it."

At the youth center, she said. "Tve seen a lot of friendships develop in a healthy atmosphere. I felt the doors were always welcome to all youth, whatever their faith. The prayer services on the third floor were enjoyed by the youth too."

Youth group member Kelly Vaught said she enjoyed organizing the Haunted House as a fund raiser because "it was a lot of fun watching the people get scared!"

For youth group member Crystal Conner, es were her happiest memo-

"We played cards and games," she said. "It was fun getting together with people."

Youth group member Amy Fortwendel recalled happy memories of the lock-ins, when teen-agers would stay up all night, watch television, prepare and eat breakfast as a group effort, and enjoy being part of a group of fun kids.

"I also liked the dances," she said, because teens got to "just hang out for a while."

Calvin Cash, another St. Paul youth group member, liked attending the lock-ins and helping present the Haunted House. "There were a lot of people there," he said about the annual Halloween party at the center." I also en

tion classes we had there."

Cindia Res, the current chairperson of
the youth commission, described the former
St. Paul Youth Ministry Center as "not just a
building but a personality" because the
center "gave a sense of belonging to the
youth in a Christian environment."

Youth group member Nicole Rogier said she will always remember spending Hal-loween with her friends, when the teen-agers worked together to present the popular Haunted House.

"I liked it most because we were working together," she said, "and we made a lot of good friends

the St. Paul youth group, said she "really enjoyed painting the building during work nights and weekends as well as helping to put together the Haunted House."

Youth commission member Crystal Powers said she "enjoyed the lock-ins the most because all the kids got together and played cards, watched movies, and told stories."

Also, she said, the youth center was a place for her to go to do homework after school and "just generally hang out." Going there in the afternoon was "very convenient for my mother, who works. I really enjoyed it too.

The parish building—once a convent, most recently a youth center—is gone now, but the happy memories of time spent there will not go away for St. Paul

arishioners of all ages.

The youth center has been temporarily relocated to the parish center, which was built in 1971, and youth group members are looking forward to many more happy memories with their friends there and memories with their friends there and elsewhere during 1994 and in the years to come

(As the second coordinator of youth ministry at St. Paul Purish, Pam Drake also has lots of happy memories of the youth center. "It would be hard to pick one or two rom the lock-ins, pizza parties, prayer services, and having the high school youth host a Christmas college reunion for former youth group members," she said. "Whatever youth group members," she said. "Whatever the activity, I could always feel the spirit of Christ working within whoever attended, Christ working within whoever attended, whatever their faith. I was also very happy to see the youth program expand, through a grant, to include junior high-age youth. I will ilways appreciate all the volunteers, whatever heir age, who helped with the various their age, who helped activities. It was great!")

New Albany plans youth rally Feb. 5-6 at Clarksville hotel

"Reaching Out—Hand in Hand" is the theme for the New Albany Deanery's 1994 Mid-Winter Youth Rally scheduled Feb. 5-6 at the Holiday Inn Lakeview Hotel in

This year's theme will focus on service This year's theme will focus on service and helping others. Hundreds of teern-agers and adults from throughout the state will gather for the annual youth rally.

The registration fee of \$45 a person includes food and overnight accommodations as well as workshops and supplies. For registration information, contact the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries Office at the Aquinas Center in Clarksville at 812-945-0354.

Cardinal Ritter High School in Indi-anapolis will host a Grade School Night on Jan. 15 for girls interested in playing basketball. The event coincides with Ritter's girls

The event coincides with Ritter's girls' basketball game against Brownsburg High School. The girls' junior varsity game begins at 6:30 p.m. and the girls' varsity game follows at 8 p.m. at the Ritter gymnasium, located at 3360 W. 30th St. in Indianapolis.

Registration of grade-school players begins at 6 p.m. Refreshments and door prizes are among the festivities.

For more information, contact Alan Mac Donald at the Ritter athletic department at 317-924-4333.

Campus Corner

Students 'sleep out' with homeless to raise funds

By Stephen Sears Catholic News Service

ERIE, Pa.—As a frigid Lake Erie wind wept through downtown during the early norning hours, Kathy Gahr discovered what meant to be a Christian.

At 3 a.m., the 21-year-old had just given od to a homeless young woman.

Ms. Gahr was one of nearly 70 students and staff members from Erie's Cannon University who slept in tents or cardboard boxes in a park to draw attention to the plight of the homeless.

For Ms. Gahr, a senior psychology major at Gannon, the experience helped her to put a human face on homelessness. "It all came

in turnar face on nometessness. It all cannot into focus," she told the Lake Shore Visitor, Erie's diocesan newspaper. "If we can help just one person, it will all be worth it."

The second annual "sleep out" was one of several activities during Gannon's annual Hunger and Homelessness Week. The event, co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and Gannon's Center for Social Concerns, also included a concert by David Kaufmann, a global banquet, a panel discussion, a fast and

a prayer service.

During the "sleep out," several Ene businesses donated soup, fruit, coffee and other lood items for distribution to the hungry. The students also accepted donations of winter clothing, nonperishable food items and money. The clothing was given to anyone in need, and the food will be donated to Erie's Second Harvest Food Bank for distribution to needy families.

Mary Connerty, director for Gannon's

Mary Connerty, director for Gannon's Center for Social Concerns, said that a March 1993 study conducted by the Children's Defense Fund shows Erie in the middle of a

The survey indicates that Erie has the highest per capita child poverty rate in the nation with nearly 3,500 homeless people in

Erie County and 500 homeless children in

"The (homeless) people out there would surprise you," said Ms. Connerty. "They aren't all drug addicts or lost and lonely souls. Because of the economic situation in our country, homelessness could happen to

Renee Boltri, director of campus ministry for Gannon and the Erie Diocese, is hoping

tor Cannon and the Eric Diocses, is hoping the "sleep out" and other activities will spur individuals to fight against hunger and homelessness. Becoming aware of the problem is the first step, she said.

"This is a grase-roots effort to plan the seeds of awareness," she said. "We're hoping people will move into some kind of hands-on service or advocacy for the homeless."

Tina Kearns, 21, a junior political science major and coordinator for Hunger and Homelessness Week, agrees. She said she hopes to use the Gannon activities as a springboard to provide tangible help for the homeless and needy.

"A lot of people could say that the (activities) are just a Band-Aid solution, and maybe they're right. But we're hoping to come up with a long-term solution, like maybe working with the city of Eric on the legislative side to come up with things such second bearing my bearing." as more low-income housing."

According to Kearns, the response to the "sleep out" has been good. She said more students have been helpful and community members have been generous in their support and donations.

Ms. Gahr, whose home for two days w a cold sidewalk in front of a war men

a cold sidewalk in Front of a war inemoral, is convinced the one-on-one experience with the homeless makes the biggest impression. "We fed the hungry and clothed the naked," she said. "If I don't do anything else right for the rest of my life, at least I've done this."



HOMELESS—Students of Gannon University want to help homeless people like the woman shown here. The students 'slept out' on the streets in tents or cardboard boxes to raise money and awareness for the homeless during the university's Hunger and Homlessness Week. (CNS photo by Bob Taylor)

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SLU president participates in research study to prevent HIV

By Teresa Coyle

ST LOUIS-Four St. Louis community S1. LOUIS—Four St. Louis community leaders, including the president of St. Louis University, got a shot in the arm on World AIDS Day Dec. 1 to help researchers at the university's School of Medicine carry out HIV vaccine studies.

At a news conference to promote volunteer recruitment, the four received an experimental vaccine designed to prevent HIV infection as part of an 18-month study.

They were Jesuit Father Lawrence Biondi, university president; J. Joe Adorjan, chairman of the university's board of trustees and president of Emerson Electric Co.; Sister Mary Jean Ryan, a Franciscan Sister of Mary what is also a trustee board member and president of Sisters of St. Mary Health Care System; and United Methodist

Bishop Ann B. Sherer of Chesterfield, Mo.
The study, conducted by an AIDS
Vaccine Evaluation Unit at the university, is "critical link in our nation's quest to find a cure and a vaccine for this dreaded killer, AIDS," said Father Biondi at the news conference.

These times call for more than the assion of our hearts for those affected compassion of our hearts for those affected by HIV. It calls for action and example, and I am proud to be involved with this effort," he

Sister Ryan said her congregati Sisters of St. Mary Health Care System are committed to serving people with HIV

"We've experienced the toll AIDS takes at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital,

St. Mary's Health Center and our facilities in r states," she told reporters

"Part of what drives me to become involved is that I can't imagine what it must be like to be infected with HIV and feel that desperation," she said. She also called it a "very small thing to give some time and a Part of the All of little bit of blood.

"Without this type of work the number of deaths from AIDS will continue to increase,"

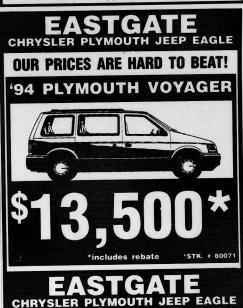
Dr. Robert Belshe, professor of internal Dr. Robert Belshe, professor of internal medicine and director of the university's infectious diseases division and the Centertor Vaccine Development, said their participation in the study "sends a message that AIDS is a concern for everyone, and that all of us can make an impact by volunteering for research in AIDS prevention." Belshe, who also was vaccinated, has directed the AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Unit since 1988.

The unit which is resting 10 HID.

The unit, which is testing 10 HIV vaccines, is one of five university-based units approved by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for clinical trials to develop safe, effective HIV vaccines.

All volunteers in the studies undergo pre-vaccine exams and health screenings. They receive a series of injections with an experimental vaccine or a nonvaccine control substance, then their blood is tested to see if their bodies produce an immune response capable of killing a laboratory strain of HIV

The vaccines, produced through a genetic engineering process, are designed to mimic HIV in the body, but researchers say it is impossible to contract AIDS from the synthetic vaccines. No major side effects have been reported in studies so far.



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Vatican-Israel pact opens new era

(Continued from page 1) munications media. It also declares re-spect for the traditional rules regulating activity at the Christian holy places, and

activity at the Christian holy places, and states a joint interest in promoting Christian pilgrimages. The Vatican has emphasized that the agreement completes the "first phase" of the work undertaken by the Vatican-Israeli commission, formed in mid-1992. The accord provides in fact, that progrations will

commission, formed in mid-1992. In eacond provides, in fact, that negotiations will continue on a full range of issues. Israeli and Jewish leaders hailed the agreement as a milestone, largely because it meets the longstanding Israeli request for diplomatic ties. Experts on both sides predicted it would have a positive effect on Jewish-Catholic dialogue.

"All of us who have been involved in dialogue, both Catholics and Jews, are grateful for this accomplishment," Rabbi Henry I. Sobel of Brazil told the pope in a private audience Dec. 29 as the joint commission was meeting.

"T believe this much-awaited step will benefit not only relations between Catholics and Jews, but will also act as an impetus to help implement the peace agreement signed between Israeli and Palestinian leaders," he said.

The Vatican's "recognition" of Israel will help legitimize the peace accord to all

Christians, Muslims and Jews, said the rabbi, a member of the permanent Vatican-Jewish

"Fundamental Agreement Be tween the Holy See and the State of Israel," includes a preamble, 15 articles and a separate protocol concerning diplomatic representatives.

The preamble, citing the historic process of reconciliation between Catholics and Jews, says the accord should offer a sound and ting basis for improvement in Vatican-Israeli relations

The text of the agreement provides the

➤Both Israel and the Vatican pledge to respect principles of religious freedom and freedom of conscience.

➤Both sides promise to cooperate "in combatting all forms of anti-Semitism and all kinds of racism and of religious intolerance." The Vatican reiterates intolerance." The Vatican reiterates "its condemnation of hatred, persecution and all other manifestations of anti-Semitism directed against the Jewish people and individual Jews anywhere, at any time and by anyone."

➤ Israel recognizes the right of the church to carry out its religious, moral and charitable functions and to maintain its own institutions. The church recognizes the

tate's right to protect the welfare and safety

➤Israel and the Vatican agree to respect e "status quo," the set of traditional rules the status quo, the set of traditional rules governing interchurch rights at the holy places. Additionally, Israel pledges to re-spect the character of Catholic sacred places such as churches, monasteries, convents and

➤Israel and the Vatican agree to cooperate in favoring Christian pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and agree to promote cultural exchanges.

➤Both sides affirm the right of the church establish and maintain its own schools at all levels, in harmony with the rights of the

►Israel recognizes the church's right to freedom of expression, specifically in having its own communications media.

➤Both sides endorse the church's right to run its own health and social welfare organizations.

►Israel and the Vatican affirm the right of he church to property. They pledge to negotiate a comprehensive agreement on unclear and unsettled property questions, to be undertaken by one or more joint

➤Both sides declare a commitment to peaceful resolutions of conflicts, excluding violence and terror. The Vatican, while

maintaining its right to carry out its moral maintaining is right to carry out its moral and spiritual teaching, declares that "it is committed to remaining a stranger to all merely temporal conflicts," such as those involving disputed territories and unsettled borders—the issues in continuing Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

➤The emissaries to be exchanged in the first stage of relations are described as "special representatives" who will have the rank of apostolic nuncio for the Vatican envoy and ambassador for the Israeli.

The joint commission was headed by Beilin and Msgr. Celli. The text of the agreement had been worked out by a subcommittee of experts during several meetings in Jerusalem.

Raymond L. Flynn, the U.S. ambassador the Vatican, hailed the agreement and said would open "a new and important apter" in Vatican-Israeli relations and chapter" in Vatican-Israeli relations and contribute to overall peace and stability in the Middle East.

The agreement serves U.S. interests by "having these two great religious faiths, Catholic and Jewish, at the official table of diplomatic and political discussions," Flynn said in a Dec. 29 statement.

Beilin said that with the establi diplomatic relations with Israel, the Vatican would be able to participate in the five working groups of the Middle East peace

The Israeli official confirmed Flynn's assertion that U.S. presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton deserve credit for encouraging the historic accord.

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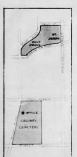
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Vatican still wants special status for Jerusalem, spokesman says

by Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY-The Vatican has "a a right and a duty" to demand a special status for the city of Jerusalem which would include international guarantees of free access to holy sites, said the Vatican spokesman.

The city is not mentioned in the Dec. 30 The city is not mentioned in the Dec. 30 "fundamental agreement" between the Vatican and Israel because its religious and cultural identity goes beyond the scope of an agreement between two states, said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

While in the agreement the Vatican pledges to "remain a stranger" to temporal disputes in the Holy Land, it will continue to insight that "Whoever exercises sovereights."

insist that "whoever exercises sovereignty over the city, alone or with others, mus adhere to an internationally guaranteed special statute" protecting the identity of the city which is sacred to Jews, Christians and slims, he said

The Vatican's continual insistence on special treatment for Jerusalem under international law has not changed or in any

international law has not changed or in any way been forgotten, Navarro-Valls told reporters at the Vatican Dec. 30.

The fact that the vast majority of embassies in Israel are located in Tel Aviv and not. Jerusalem reflects an international consensus that the city cannot be viewed merely as the Israeli capital, the spokesman said.

He added that the Vatican's new nunciature in Israel would be located in the Tel Axiv suburb fol Isfa.

Aviv suburb of laffa.

The Vatican's position on Jerusalem, he said, was mirrored in the 1947 United

Nations resolution calling for the city to have a special independent status under international protection.
"That spirit still lives," he said, although the specific formula for guaranteeing a special status likely would have to be different today.

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different today.

"The Holy See, in solidarity with the leaders of all three monotheistic religions and with so many other men of good will, continues to hope in the day when the holy city of Jerusalem can truly be the crossroads city of peace, a privileged place for the meeting of peoples, cultures and civilizations," Navarro-Valls said.

Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister, told journalists Dec. 29 that the status of Jerusalem was never a topic of discussion by the commission which drafted the fundamental agreement.

"That does not mean we will reject the suggestions of the Vatican on this matter," he said. "It does not exclude listening to the Vatican's ideas."

Navarro-Valls told reporters Dec. 30 that the Vatican had not negotiated with Israel on behalf of any other Christian denomination, although it hoped that the accord would benefit other churches.

benefit other churches.

As for Arab reaction, Navarro-Valls and Palestinians and neighboring Arab states had been kept informed about the Israeli-Vatican negotiations throughout the 17-month discussions. In addition, Msgr. Claudio Celli, a Vatican assistant secretary of state, would meter Palestinian leaders chosen by the Palestine Liberation

Organization.

Navarro-Valls also said that the process for establishing full diplomatic relations with Jordan was almost complete.



SACRED CITY-Contained within Jerusalem's Old City walls are many sites sacred to Christians, Muslims and Jews. Following the signing of the historic Vatio the Vatican will continue to press Israel for special status for the sacred city. (CNS photo from Israeli Tourist Office)

Youth Day, sex abuse were top news of 1993

by Nancy Frazier O'Brien olic News Service

WASHINGTON-Catholic editors voted World Youth Day festivities in Denver as the top religious news story of 1993, and named clergy sex abuse as the year's second most significant story.

Pope John Paul II, who visited Denver for four days in August, emerged as the top newsmaker of the year in the annual year-end poll conducted by Catholic News Service among subscribing editors.

Runners-up in the newsmaker category were Catholic youth, in second place, and resident Clinton in third place.

The poll was the 32nd annual CNS survey of editors of Catholic newspapers in the United States and Canada. This year's ballots were distributed Dec. 3 and the deadline for returns was Dec. 10.

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Editors were asked to vote for the top 10 news stories from a list of 37 selected by CNS editors and the top five newsmakers from a list of 21. Votes were weighted by the ranking editors gave—10 points for a first-place vote, nine points for second, etc., and five for top newsmaker, four for second, etc.

With 44 editors submitting ballots, the maximum points a story could have received was 440. The most a newsmaker could

receive on the five-point scale was 220. Fractions in the point count are the result of

reactions in the point count are the result or an editor ranking two or more stories as a tie. When the first editors' poll was con-ducted in 1962, the overwhelming choice for top story for that year was the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Last year, editors voted developments affecting women in the church and the U.S. elections as the top religious news stories

rengious news stories.

Here are the editors' choices of the top 10 stories and top five newsmakers of 1993, followed by points received in the weighted ballot count and, in parentheses, the number of first-place votes received.

1. World Youth Day, 342 (16.5 first-place

- 2. Sex abuse by clergy, 315 (14).
 3. Encyclical "Veritatis Splendor," 225 (3).
 4. Health care reform, 201 (2).
 5. Bosnia-Herzegovina, 150 (3).

- 6. Clinton administration, 126 (2).
- Family values, 103.
- 8. The new catechism, 89
- 9. Euthanasia, 87 (1).
- 10. Midwest floods, 81 (1).

Just edged out of the top 10 were the Middle East peace process, with 78 points; media and religion, with 76 points and half of a first-place vote, and abortion, with 74 points. The topic of priestly celibacy received one first-place vote but did not make the top 10. NEWSMAKERS

- NEWSMAKED: 1. Pope John Paul II, 157 (22). 2. Catholic youth, 107 (11) 3. President Clinton, 71 (3). 4. Clergy sex abuse victims, 48 (2). 5. Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin, 46.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat were only a half-point behind Cardinal Bernardin, with 45.5 points. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Haitian president Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide each received one first-place vote but did not make the top five

Month-by-month review of some religious news highlights of 1993

by Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON—Here is a review of some religious news highlights of 1993, month by month:

▶JANUARY: President Clinton takes ➤JANUARY: President Clinton takes office, revokes abortion restrictions, seeks end to military ban on homosexuals, names wife Hillary to head health care reform effort. Pope John Paul II hosts interfaith prayer day for peace in Assisi, Italy. Croatian offensive brings strife in Bosnia to new level. New U.S. raids on Iraq draw religious protests. Bishops lead campaign against Freedom of Choice Appearage against Freedom of Choice Appearage against

➤FEBRUARY: Pope visits Benin, Uganda, Sudan. New Michigan law bans assisted suicide. World Trade Center is bombed, Muslim fundamentalists blamed.

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➤MARCH: Florida abortion doctor is slain by abortion foce FBI siege of David Koresh's religious cult compound begins in Waco, Texas. Clinton meeting with Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, exiled Haitian president, highlights Hait's problems. Archbishop Robert F. Sanchez of Santa Fe, N.M., submits resignation after allegations of sexual impropriety.

➤APRIL: Pope accepts Archbishop Sanchez resignation. Pope visits Albania. Waco siege ends with fiery death for scores of cult followers: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum opers in Washington. Catholic-Jewish pioneer Msgr. John M. Ossterreicher dies Farmworker leader Cesar Chavez dies. Entrea votes to declare independence from Fithiopia.

Eritrea votes to decare inseption.

➤ MAY: U.S. archbishops meet on health care reform. U.S. Catholic Conference statement cites conditions for acceptable intervention in Bosnia. Mexican Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Campo of Guadalajara is killed in crossfire between drug gangs.

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» JUNE New Vatican document gives ecumenism guidelines. Pope visits Spain, assails child set abuse by U.S. priests. U.S. bishops meet in New Orleans, issue health care reform principles, form sex abuse committee, discuss religious life, liturgy projects, voice dismay at Vatican delays in English-language catechism. Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn is confirmed as new U.S. ambassador to Holy See.

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ambassador to Holy See.

> JULY: Churches respond as Midwest floods leave thousands homeless, billions of dollars in damage. South Africa sets 1994 multiparty elections, church leaders ask for end to turmoil. Freedom of Choice Act stalls

commission reaches new agreement on Eastern churches. Bishops mark 25th anni-versary of birth control encyclical "Humanae

versary of birth control encyclical "Humanae Vitae."

> AUGUST: Pope attends World Youth Day in Denver, visits Jamaica and Mexico. Media treatment of U.S. church of visits distribution of the visit of visit of the visit of the visit of the visit of visi

freedom.

DCTOBER: New papal encyclical,
"Veritatis Splendor," is first ever on fundamentals of moral theology, James Porter
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t ALEXANDER, Wilma J., 59, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Dec. 22. Mother of Dana Alexander and

Jana Ruggieri; sister of Don Andrew the Apostle, Indi-Meunier, Bernard Meunier, Ray-ond Meunier, Annette Losston Bloom, William Bloom and and Eileen Besso, grandmother of Dorothy Bear.

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**ANDREWS, Donald F., Sr., 61,
St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Dec.

11. Husband of Shriley A, father

of Donald F. Ir., Ronald F. Keith

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† BARY, Louise Agnes, 80, St. Bernard, Frenchtown, Dec. 17. Mother of Leon; grandmother of four; great-grandmother of five.

BISCHOFF, John, 87, St. Joseph, St. Leon, Dec. 16. Brother of George and Voila Bischoff.

Dorothy Bear.

† CAUDLE, Ruth Lee, 95, Holy

† Angels, Indianapolis, Dec. 14.

Wife of Herman P.; mother of

Mary Louise Cunningham, Pauline Todd; sister of Mattie Sue

Bunt, Pauline White and Arlene Sharp; grandmother of five; great grandmother of nine.

t CRAWFORD, Ernest J., 55, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Dec. 17. Husband of Marsha; father of Tony; brother of Virgil and Dale

t DAY, Edna P., 89, St. Mary, New Albany, Dec. 15. Aunt of Victor Soergel; grandmother of

71, Sacred Heart, Clinton, Dec. 9.
Mother of John Paul Jr., sister of
Charles Hipkiss, Emma Simpson
and Mary Lou Farris; grandmother of two.

+ GILLILAND, Richard W., 77 Little Flower, Indianapolis, Dec. 14. Husband of Mildred; father of Beth Ann.

beth Ann.

† HALLER, Julitta D., 76, St. Paul,
Tell City, Dec. 18. Mother of Jim,
Mary, Barb, Becky Blum, Connie
VanWinkle and Judy Raat, sister
of Gervase Dauby, Evalyn Oberhausn, Marge Sturm and Myrtle
Ettensohn; grandmother of seven;
great-grandmother of one.

† DAY, Edna P., 89, St. Mart, New Albany, Dec. 15 Aunt of Victor Sorgel; grandmother of three.

† FIERKE, Lucille, 79, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Dec. 12.

O'Mally, brother of Catherine

and Winifread Jonas other of four; great-grand

t JACKSON, Diley, 75, He Angels, Indianapolis, Dec. Aunt of several nieces.

t JAMES, Lawrence J., 69, St. Augustine, Leopold, Dec. 19. Husband of Mary Margaret; father of Larry A. and Roger L; brother of Pearl Etienne, Clarice Goffinet and Stella lames

t JOHNSON, Marcia "Niki," St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Dec 12. Mother of Paul "P.J.," Alescia Victoria Johnson-Pratt and Laura; sister of Patricia Werle and Mary Morton: grandmother of five

KERS, Zachary Alan, 21 days,
 St. Christopher, Indianapolis,
 Dec. 12: Son of Gary and Mary;
 brother of Michael and Kristin;
 grandson of Jack and Mary Jo
 Keers and Urban and Mary
 Scheidler.

† LINDSEY, Theodore, 65, St. Joseph, Rockville, Dec. 13. Husband of Louise: father of Michael; brother of Robert, Phil-lip, Donald and Delores Gilbert; grandfather of one.

t MCDONALD, Virginia W., 68, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 9. Mother of Robert W., Michael L. and Timothy B.; grandmother of four.

† MOLCHAN, Andrew R.,76, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Dec. 12. Husband of Joan; brother of Helen Deem and Steve Molchan.

Deem and Steve Molchan.

† MULLINS, Virginia Schafer,
62, Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Henryville, Dec. 3. Daughter of
Elizabeth Schafer, sister of Robert
T. Schafer, George Schafer, Pauline Houchen, Delphine
Rothbauer and Martha Vest;
grandmother of one.

t RICHART, Clara M. Schnider, S. St. Mark, Indianapolis, Dec. 14.

Providence Sister Margaret Powers dies at age 77

Providence Sister Margaret Powers died at St. Mary of the Woods on Dec. 22 at the age of 77. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Dec. 29 in the Church of the Immaculate Con-ception.

The former Mary Margaret Powers was born in Somerville, Mass. She entered the Congrega-tion of the Sisters of Providence in 1936 and professed her final vows in 1945.

Sister Margaret taught in schools staffed by the Sisters of Providence in Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina, District of North Carolina, District of Columbia, New Hampshire and Massachusetts In the Arch-diocese of Indianapolis, her as-signments were in Indianapolis at St. Anthony and St. Joseph.

Sister Margaret is survived by e brother, Walter Powers, and e sister, Bridget Gannon.

Providence Sister Eileen Walsh, 75 dies on Dec. 18

Providence Sister Eileen Walsh died at St. Mary of the Woods on Dec. 18 at the age of 75. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Dec. 22 in the Church of the Immaculate Con-

ception.

The former Eileen Margaret
Walsh was born in Chicago, Ill
She entered the Congregation o the Sisters of Providence in 1935 She professed final vows in 1942

Sister Eileen taught in Indiana and Illinois schools. St. John the Baptist in Newburgh in the Diocese of Evansville was the only Indiana school in which Sister Eileen taught. One brother, Jack Walsh, sur-

vives Sister Eileen

Father Paul F., Larry A., Philip L. and Joyce A. Haboush; sister of Mathias Schnider; grandmother of seven; great-grandmother of

RINGLE, Maude Miller, 88 Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jefferson-ville, Dec. 14. Wife of John, mother of John Jr. and Nancy Kading, grandmother of three; great-grandmother of four.

† ROELL, Agnes, 67, St. John the Baptist, Dover, Dec. 8. Mother of Marlene Riehle, Carol Niese, Rose and Paul; sister of Elenora Wells; grandmother of eight.

Y SHEEHAN, Paul, 79, St. Mary, Rushville, Dec 15, Husband of Frances McAtee Sheehan; father of Paul, Daniel, Joseph, Timothy, Maureen Leisure, Patricia Stamm, Kathleen Grimes, Thereas Shad-ley and Michelle Bornhorst. brother of Frances; grandfather of 21; great-grandfather of five.

† TOOLEY, Mary Catherine Ryan, 92, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 12. Mother of Stanley R., Jerome T. and Paul T.; grandmother of 13; great-grand-mother of ten.

+ WILSON, Gladys Charlotte, 81, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Dec. 7. Mother of Donald A.; sister of Donald McCord, Jeanette Hines

Providence Sister Marie C. Higgins dies on Dec. 22

Providence Sister Marie Carita Higgins died at St. Mary of the Woods on Dec. 22 at the age of 82. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Dec. 24 in the Church of the Immaculate Con

The former Rita Mary Higgins The former Kita Mary Higgins was born in New Castle, Ind. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1931. She professed her final vows in 1939.

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Sister Matie tunght in schools in Indiana, Illinois, Ioutiana, Detected Columbia, Massechusetts, Teass and Misseuri. In the Archaloces of Indianapolis, her assignments were at St. Joan of Are, Indianapolis, Iodraced (S. Agnes), Indianapolis, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Graenwood, Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, and Our Lady of Providence, Clarksville.
Sister Marie is survived by one

Benedictine Sister Marian Yohe dies at age 45



Benedictine Sister Marian Yohe died on Dec. 19 at the age of 45. Her funeral was held on Dec. 22 at Our Lady of Grace Monas-

22 at Our Lady of Grace Monas-tery in Beech Growe.

Sister Marian entered the Benedictine congregation in 1966.
She made her final vows in 1973.
She was a teacher, vocation director and the director of facili-ties for the Beech Growe Benedic-tine Center, Sister celebrated her silver jubbles in July, 1993.
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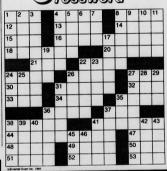
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OUESTIONED ROLE OF 'RECOVERED MEMORY'

Sex abuse cartoon in Catholic papers draws fire and apology

by Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON—An editorial cartoon questioning the role of "recovered memory" in sex abuse cases provoked sharp criticisms when it appeared in several U.S. Catholic newspapers in December.

Two bishops were among those who criticized editors for using it, but one Massachusetts editor defended the cartoon as part of a healthy debate about questions that church and society need to address.

church and society need to address.

Bishop Sean P. O'Malley of Fall River, Mass.—where James R. Porter, a former priest, received a long prison sentence Dec. 6 for sex crimes against Massachusetts children two decades ago—apologized Dec. 15 to anyone offended by the appearance of the cartoon Dec. 10 in his diocesan newsyaper, The Anchor.

In response to complaints by Porter abuse victims, he called the cartoon "inappropriate and insensitive" and said, "I am embarrassed that such a statement would appear in a Catholic journal."

The Anchor also apologized and said the bishop had t seen the cartoon beforehand.

not seen the cartoon opercenant.

The cartoon was drawn by Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Signe Wilkinson of the Pitladelphia Daily News. Syndicated by Cartoonists and Writers Syndicate, it was distributed to U.S. Catholic newspapers by Catholic News Service. The Criterion elected not to run I.

Reflecting recent controversy over the accuracy of "recovered memory" of sexual abuse years after the fact, the cartoon depicted a psychiatris's receptionist asking a client, "How much abuse can you afford to remember?"

The reception desk had a chart of escalating rates for memory of different kinds of abuse, going from \$10,000 for memory of abuse by a parent to \$20,000 for a teacher and \$30,000 for a priest.

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Milwauker's Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland also criticized the cartoon after it was published in his architecture and the cartoon after it was published in his architecture and the cartoon "insensitive to sexual abuse victims" and said it ran contrary to architecture and to allocate appropriate resources to assist them in their healing process. He said while recent public questions about "repressed memory syndrome" may need further discussion by qualified professionals, "selecting this subject for humorous treatment is, in my opinion, most offensive."

Gerard Goegnias, editor of the Catholic Free Press of

Gerard Goggins, editor of the Catholic Free Press of Worcester, Mass., also ran the cartoon and followed up with an editorial commentary defending it against its

objective evidence.

Catholic News Service distributed the cartoon Nov in connection with an interview in which a Philadelphia-area psychiatrist said that the repression and later recovery of awareness of sexual trauma from early childhood is not uncommon, but repression would be extremely rare for trauma that occurs in one's teen-age extremely rare for trauma that occurs in one's teen-age that the design of the Criterion on was published in the Dec. 3 issue of The Criterion.

A number of other articles of similar thrust have appeared around the country since early November when Steven Cook, a 34-year-old man with AIDS, accused Cardinal Bernardin of having sexually abused him once about 17 or 18 years ago.

for \$10 million. "Recovered memory" is central to the pursuit of his claim as well as others similar to his around the country, because in a number of states the time during which a person has repressed his or her memory of abuse

critics.

His paper has been covering all aspects of the controversy surrounding child sex abuse by priests, Goggins said, and the recent questioning of the validity of recovered memory in some cases—notably in the recent allegations against Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago—deserves a fair hearing as well.

"The cartoon was not about Porter," he said but about questions concerning the reliability of recovered memories and the danger of raising them to the status of objective evidence.

out 17 or 18 years ago.

Cook has sued the cardinal and other church officials

does not count against the statute of limitations for filing

In the Fall River Diocese, The Anchor published the in the Fall Kiver Diocese, Ine Anthor punished the cartoon above a story raising such questions and mentioning the Bernardin case. But it appeared just four days after the sentencing of Porter. Porter's is the most notorious case of priest sexual abuse of children in the United States since the trial 10 years earlier of Father pert Gauthe on multiple charges in the Diocese

Porter's victims objected that the cartoon, published on the heels of court action in his case, appeared to question their motives and credibility.

In The Messenger, diocesan newspaper of Belleville, Ill., Editor Rafe Middeke wrote an editorial column Dec. 17 criticizing the cartoon and its distribution to Catholic papers by CNS.

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"The cartoon implies that accusations of sexual misconduct are a hoax, driven by greed and money," he said. He contrasted that view with the stance of Cardinal Bernardin, who has expressed "compassion and sorrow" for Cook and has asked to meet him and pray with him.

"Even psychologists who reject the validity of recovered memory don't believe the accusers are lying—just deceived." Middeke wrote.

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Ed Wilkinson, editor of The Tablet, dicesan newspaper of Brooklyn, N.Y., said he ran the cartoon Saturday, Dec.

4. The following Monday's mail brought five letters criticizing it, and he and the diocesan chancery office received several critical phone calls, he said. In his next issue he ran one of the letters.

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Tom Smith, editor of the Catholic Herald in Milwaukee, said he received several phone calls criticizing the cartoon as well as the letter from Archivshop Weakland objecting to it.

He ran the cartoon alongside a syndicated column by Father Eugene Hemrick analyzing some of the tough issues church officials face when they want to deal pastorally with victims and also have a responsibility to base decisions on the truth and to protect church assets against faudulent claims.

Kay Lagreid, editor of The Progress, Seattle archdiocesan newspaper, said she received two negative letters after running the cartoon. She defended it as a cartoonist's commentary on an issue in the news and said it should not be misconstrued as a criticism of abuse victims.

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Special Novena Booklet Containing special novena prayers to St. Jude.

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St. Jude, I know, will help me see that my fears are just a trial God will help me overcome. Enclosed is my offering to help Franciscan missionaries in Central America with their own trials in a foreign land.

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Two Novenas To St. Jude—The Saint of the Impossible!

Two solemn novenas of prayers and Masses will be said to ask for St. Jude's intercession.

The first, novena of petition, will be held from March 2 to 10.

The second, of thanksgiving, will take place on March 11 to 19.

Please write out your special intentions below.