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*'Accountability is not just a technique of good management,' archbishop says. 'It is also a key element of stewardship'*

"Good stewardship and fiscal accountability require us to use proven principles and techniques of good management," Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein told about 250 archdiocesan leaders at a comprehensive Fiscal Management Conference at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center last Saturday, April 27.

Staff members of archdiocesan parishes, schools and agencies listened as the archbishop told them that they must make stewardship a way of life "because we need to ensure that our church remains alive in faith, generosity and service to all God's people."

Participants included pastors, principles, agency directors, financial administrators, finance committee members, bookkeepers and business managers.

After the keynote address by Archbishop Buechlein, those at the conference heard a talk on internal controls by Tom Golden, director of litigation and claims services for the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand. Then Richard Burke,

president of Catholic School Management, Inc., addressed the topic of Catholic school finances. A fourth talk was by Dan Conway, head of the archdiocesan Secretariat for Planning, Communications and Development, who spoke about the concept of an archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign.

Participants in the conference then had an opportunity to attend three of 19 breakout sessions. Among the 19 topics discussed in these sessions were accounting techniques, payroll issues, IRS deductibility guidelines for charitable contributions, employee benefits, the advantages of employing a parish manager, and the future of information services.

The conference was sponsored by The Lilly Endowment, Inc. Joseph Hornett, archdiocesan chief financial officer, served as master of ceremonies. The conference was planned by Jeff Stumpf, director of the archdiocese's Office of Internal Auditing.

In his keynote address, Archbishop Buechlein said, "I think it is very impor-

Father Kenneth Taylor, pastor of Holy Trinity in Indianapolis, rededicates the church during the parish celebration of its 90th anniversary of founding. On April 29, 1906, parishioners walked from St. Anthony in Indianapolis to found the parish. On Sunday, more than 300 former and present parishioners, students, and staff members gathered across the street and processed to the church, singing "We are his People." Father Taylor blessed the building which has "Slovenian Roman Catholic Church" carved in concrete above the door.

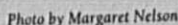


Photo by Margaret Nelson

L.H. Bayley (right) and Joseph Naughton lead a session on the Archdiocesan Finance Council during Saturday's Fiscal Management Conference, attended by 250 parish and agency leaders.

tant for parishes, schools and agencies (including our archdiocesan Office of Accounting Services) to maintain a strong pastoral approach to fiscal management. Our purpose—our mission—is not to make money. Our mission is to strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even as fiscal managers, our primary goal must always be to strengthen the *pastoral* ministry of the church. After all, our 'bottom line' is faith, not finance. But when we accept a stewardship responsibility for the human, physical and financial resources of the church, we accept an obligation that goes far beyond the normal fiduciary relationship. As Christian stewards, we agree to nurture, care for, and share with others the precious gifts that people of faith contribute to the church in Jesus' name. This is a sacred trust, and the level of fiscal accountability that this requires can never be simply the minimum."

The archbishop stressed the relationship between Christian stewardship and fiscal accountability. "Accountability is not just a technique of good management," he said. "It is also one of the key elements of Christian stewardship."

He said that there is no separation between the spiritual and material "sides" of Christian stewardship. "To be a good steward is an expression of Christian spirituality. It is also good management."

The archbishop said that parishes, schools and archdiocesan agencies must be good stewards just as individuals are called to be. He said, "Whether located in the center city, small towns, rural communities, or sprawling suburbs, all of the parishes, schools and agencies in our archdiocese are called to be stewards of significant human, physical and financial resources."

He emphasized that archdiocesan entities must not be satisfied with only minimum standards or even high standards of fiscal accountability. Quoting the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship, he said they require "the most stringent ethical, legal and fiscal standards."

In his talk, Golden stressed the importance of all institutions in today's society protecting their assets against fraud. "If you don't have a good system of internal controls, you're going to be taken," he said.

He said that today's society tolerates dishonesty because there seems to be no moral leadership in our country. Cheating is rampant in our schools, in fact, he said, there is a continuum of cheating. Today's students don't consider cheating or dishonesty as all black or white but with grey areas, Golden said.

He presented what he called "the triangle of fraud," saying that all that is necessary for fraud to happen is the need, the opportunity and rationalization on the part of the person who frauds.

He told those assembled to look at the people on their right and their left. "That's what people who defraud look like," he said. "And I couldn't be more serious."

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## Seeking the Face of the Lord

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.



# We can't ignore this issue

"Safe, legal and rare" gets a new definition" reads a headline in Our Sunday Visitor. The subhead reads: "Clinton's veto of the partial-birth ban is seen as a brazen slap in the face of Catholic bishops, pro-lifers."

I agree and I am offended as I hope you are. But the issue is far more serious. The signal that public regard for all human life is in danger came early in this administration when, on the third day of the Clinton presidency, during a pro-life rally only hundreds of yards away, Mr. Clinton signed executive orders lifting previous bans on abortion at U.S. military hospitals, fetal-tissue research, foreign aid for abortion groups and abortion counseling at federally funded clinics. It was his first executive action, something more than a reward to pro-abortion voters. Already on that day, the campaign message that he only wanted to make legal abortion "rare" began to unravel.

Like many other spiritual leaders I believe the president's veto of the ban on partial-birth abortions must be challenged. Generally I am not comfortable as a crusader, but I believe our nation is in grave moral jeopardy and so I have written a pastoral letter which I have asked to be read at all Masses in the parishes of our archdiocese the weekend of May 18 and 19.

What is at stake? All abortions are lethal for unborn children and many are unsafe for their mothers. This is absolutely evident in late-term abortions. Because of the brutality involved in a partial-birth abortion, I hesitate to describe it in a public letter. Yet I do so because I also believe too many of us try to distance ourselves from the reality, the gravity and the brutality of this issue and we need to know. Many want to disassociate themselves from the graphic depictions which often accompany pro-life activities and are labeled extremist. Is it extremist to describe the true situation of infanticide in the face of public deceit? I think not.

A partial-birth abortion requires a physician to extract a near-term fetus, feet first, from the womb and through the birth canal until all but the head is exposed. Then the tips of surgical scissors are inserted into the base of the skull and a suction tube is inserted to remove the brain. To call this a "medical procedure" is a shameful lie. A partial-birth abortion is a direct, violent, lethal attack on a human life.

It is infanticide, the killing of a child during the birth process.

At the veto ceremony, President Clinton said that he "had no choice but to veto the bill" because it contained no provision for exceptions in case of "serious adverse health consequences for the mother." Notice he did not try to say "if the mother's life is in danger." His qualification is all the more offensive because he knows that the courts have defined "health" (in the case of abortions) as just about anything that could be interpreted as a woman's "well-being." Consider two examples. Reasons of "health" can be claimed if a woman is not married or if a pregnancy interferes with her schooling or career. In fact, an exception for "health" means abortion on demand.

It is important to note that the veto ceremony included no doctor who was able to explain how a woman's physical health is protected by almost fully delivering her living child and then killing that child. In fact a partial-birth abortion presents a health risk to the woman. The president's veto puts him at the very extreme end of the abortion debate. Does this justify his campaign claim to keep abortion rare?

Someone pointed out that it is instructive to note some unique features about this latest controversy over legalized abortion. Notice that the usual issues of women's "rights" or "choice" are not heralded in the case of partial-birth abortion. Notice also that deception of the public is clearly employed. Notice, there is no denial of the real issue, namely the undeniable reality that abortion is the termination of real human life.

Infanticide is frightful of itself. The situation is all the more grave because the recent veto is another slide toward the culture of death. If it is OK to kill an infant at birth so that a mother's career is not interrupted temporarily, how many other reasons can be found to terminate human life? Assisted suicide is already defended in our courts. Are we approaching the point when the unborn, when helpless infants, when the mentally and physically disabled, when the elderly, are no longer safe in our homes and healthcare facilities? If this issue is ignored all other life issues are endangered. Life is a gift from God. We are stewards of the gift, not owners.

## AIDS/HIV retreat registrations open

Registrations are still being accepted for "Empowering the Spirit Within: Hope-filled Living with HIV Disease" scheduled May 6-9 at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

Father Dennis Rausch, the director of HIV/AIDS Ministry for Catholic Community Services in Broward County, Fla., is the retreat presenter. He also is a member of the national HIV/AIDS committee of Catholic Charities USA.

The retreat is sponsored by the AIDS Task Force of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Registrations are \$200 a person, but financial assistance is available. For registration information, call the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities at 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, extension 1569.

## Editorial Commentary/John F. Fink, Editor

# Two phone conversations about Tuesday's elections

"Is *The Criterion* endorsing Rex Early for governor?" a telephone caller asked. "No," I replied, "the paper doesn't endorse any candidates."

"But the big ad for Early makes it look like you're endorsing him."

"It says it's a paid political ad," I said. "Our advertising department solicited his opponents but, for whatever reasons, they didn't advertise in *The Criterion*."

"But the size of the ad—a full page—makes it look like you're endorsing him."

"Should we accept only small ads from candidates?" I asked. "We are pleased that some candidates consider it important to advertise in *The Criterion* and we accept ads from all candidates unless they are known to oppose the position of the Catholic Church on particular issues. We also don't accept negative ads—those that tear down an opponent instead of telling why you should vote for the candidate."

"Well, it still looks like you're endorsing him. Good-bye."

As I hung up, the phone rang again. "This is (name withheld). I'm a pro-life candidate running for Congress and I'd like to arrange an interview."

"I'm sorry," I replied. "I'd like to help but any kind of an interview would make it seem that we are endorsing you, and we do not endorse candidates."

"But with partial-birth abortion and physician-assisted suicide in the news, you should be supporting people like

me," my caller said.

"We have covered those and other pro-life issues, as well as other issues that the bishops believe are important. But our policy is to stick with the issues. We cannot engage in partisan politics."

"But I'm the only one in this district who is pro-life. How can I get my message across to Catholic voters if you won't do a story about me?"

"There are many pro-life politicians running in this election in the 38 counties that are part of the archdiocese," I said. "But there is no way we can cover all the candidates in primary elections throughout the archdiocese. When it is time for the general elections in November, after the parties have chosen their candidates, we will send questionnaires covering various issues to the candidates and will publish their responses, as we have done in other election years. But we really don't have the resources or the space to do that for all the candidates in primary elections."

"But I'm a Catholic. I go to (withheld) parish. If I advertise in *The Criterion* will you write an article about me?"

"Advertising would be a good way to let our readers know about you and your stand on the issues," I said. "But we are careful not to write articles about Catholic politicians around election time, whether or not they advertise, except when they are doing something truly news worthy."

We encourage you to vote on Tuesday.

## Commencement exercises scheduled at colleges in the archdiocese

By Mary Ann Wyand

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, Indiana Attorney General Pamela Fanning Carter, and race car driver Lyn St. James are among the recipients of honorary degrees to be bestowed during college commencements this month in the archdiocese.

Marian College in Indianapolis will honor Archbishop Buechlein with a doctor of divinity degree during the Franciscan college's graduation ceremony at 2 p.m. on May 11 at the St. Francis Colonnade.

Ben Lytle, president and chief executive officer of The Associated Group, will deliver Marian's commencement address to 220 graduates and will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Marian also will recognize James Cornelius, chairman of the board of directors of the Guidant Corp., with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

St. Mary of the Woods College, west of Terre Haute, will confer degrees to more than 100 students during the Providence college's 155th annual commencement exercises at 11 a.m. on May 12 at Cecilian Auditorium.

Honorary degree candidates are Pamela Carter, who will deliver the commencement address to Woods graduates, and Lyn St. James, who will receive her honorary degree on May 11 due to preparations for the Indianapolis 500.

Other presentations to be made include the Maud Helm Rockwell Medals, alumnae leadership and service awards, and the Sister Mary Joseph Pomeroy Faculty Award for Excellence.

St. Mary of the Woods seniors and their families will attend a baccalaureate ceremony at 4 p.m. on May 11 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Meinrad College will hold its commencement exercises at 3 p.m. on May 18 at the St. Bede Theatre on the campus of the Benedictine seminary in southern Indiana.

Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly, chairman of the board of trustees of St. Meinrad, will confer 22 bachelor's degrees. Instead of a commencement speaker, college

administrators will address the leadership shown by seniors in academics, spiritual formation, character development, community service, and wellness.

Two St. Meinrad College graduates will receive special awards. The Isidore Hobi Award recognizes the graduate who demonstrates the highest academic achievement, and the *Pour le College* Award honors the graduate whose life best embodies the philosophy of the holistic formation program at the college.

Graduating seniors will attend a baccalaureate Mass at 11 a.m. on May 18 at the College Chapel.

St. Meinrad School of Theology has scheduled its graduation convocation at 2 p.m. on May 16 at the St. Bede Theatre. Archabbot Reilly will offer the commencement address and confer degrees on 15 master of divinity graduates who will be ordained in dioceses this summer.

The archabbot also will present degrees to 33 Master of Arts (Catholic thought and life) graduates, one Master of Religious Education graduate, and seven Master of Theological Studies graduates.

Martin University in Indianapolis, founded by Benedictine Father Boniface Hardin 20 years ago, will confer degrees on 21 undergraduate students and four graduate students at 2:30 p.m. on May 5 at the university's Performing Arts Center.

Honorary degree recipients are Dr. Louis Gatto, Judith Waugh, and Rev. Anderson Sanders, who will receive doctorates of humane letters.

During his 44-year career in education, Dr. Gatto served 18 years as president of Marian College. He currently directs programs for both the Independent Colleges of Indiana and the Indiana Conference of Higher Education.

Waugh directs public affairs for WRTV Channel 6, the ABC network affiliate in Indianapolis, and has served as the chair and executive producer of the United Negro College Fund Telethon since 1980.

Rev. Sanders formerly directed the Institute of Urban Ministries at Martin University. He has served 30 years as a pastor with the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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# Richmond keeps United Catholic Appeal simple

By Margaret Nelson

This weekend, most parishes will begin their annual United Catholic Appeal efforts. The appeal will end May 25-26.

Father Todd Riebe, administrator of the three Richmond parishes for a year now, said that the United Catholic Appeal campaign there is very simple. He claims their success comes because "people are so good."

Last year's UCA program was his first, since he had just arrived in Richmond. But the Richmond parishes moved from under their goal to going well above their goal. And they don't exactly do it "by the book."

"At a meeting of the parish chairpeople, we mapped out our strategy using the guidelines provided by the archdiocese," said Father Riebe.

"We make the adaptations that we think are appropriate for us in Richmond. At the heart of this strategy is a basic trust in the goodness and the generosity of the people."

"After the people receive the archbishop's letter, the UCA material and a letter from me, we present the appeal from the pulpit," he said. "Within the next three weeks, the pledges come in."

The parishes use a thermometer in the back of each church to record the weekly progress. The chart records both the dollar amount of pledges, and also the percentage of parish participation.

"People are good. They know this is one of the ways they can reach out beyond Richmond. And they respond."



Photo by Father Todd Riebe  
In the Richmond Catholic Community office, Jim Davis of St. Mary (from left), Susan Shaw of the office, Rich Lemming of Holy Family, and Frank Roberts of St. Andrew, check their parish goals for this year's United Catholic Appeal.

said Father Riebe. "I never underestimate the goodness and generosity of people."

The Richmond Catholic Community makes a special effort to judge the success of the UCA response, not only by the dollar amount pledged, but by the number of people who participate.

"Last year, we were able to go over our goals in all three parishes," said Father Riebe. Our goal this year is to increase the number of people who share

in this effort of our church.

"Our real success will come when 90 percent of our members pledge to the appeal. Trusting in the basic goodness of the people of St. Andrew, St. Mary and Holy Family, I know that the UCA will be a success," he said.

One of the hidden benefits of the United Catholic Appeal is that it helps a

parish judge its strength as a Christian community, the administrator said.

Father Riebe said that last year's appeal helped him to appreciate the strength of the Richmond Catholic Community.

With his trademark smile he added, "This year, I know we are even stronger!"

## 16 education grants, loans awarded

The Office of Catholic Education has awarded \$36,400 in Total Catholic Education (TCE) grants to parishes and schools, and loans to individuals.

The purpose of the awards is to enhance the educational effectiveness of total Catholic education in the archdiocese.

Rex Camp associate director of Catholic education, said, "The TCE fund has established itself as a significant resource for strengthening the knowledge and competencies of Catholic educational leaders, teachers, religious education administrators and catechists."

Carolyn Pagel, chair of the commission's finance and development committee said, "Applicants requested \$119,000 at this deadline, far exceeding the \$36,000 available."

Grants and loans are made possible through the interest received from the Total Catholic Education Endowment Fund, which is part of the Catholic Community Foundations.

Sixteen grants and loans were awarded, including nine loans, to current educators who are pursuing degrees or additional certification in school administration, classroom instruction, and religious education programs.

Four participants of the newly-created

Archdiocesan Leadership Development program received funds to pursue certification as Catholic school principals.

This program, developed by Annette "Mickey" Lentz, associate director of schools for administrative personnel and professional development, identifies current teaching personnel with potential administrative talent.

A number of project grants have been for projects that are collaborative in nature: All Saints, St. Pius X, and St. Vincent de Paul schools received awards for faculty training in a "Discipline with Purpose" workshop; a grant to the Indiana Catholic School Principal's Institute will support part of the registration fees for eight archdiocesan principals; and grants to the Archdiocesan Council for Educational Excellence will help train leaders in educational assessment tools.

Also, Roncalli High School received an award to train teachers on the topic of multiple intelligences; and St. Luke School, for developing a workshop on the advisor/advisee program for middle school students.

The next TCE funding deadline is Oct. 2, 1996. Educators wishing to apply for grants or loans should contact the Office of Catholic Education.

## Father Mark O'Keefe is elected president-rector of St. Meinrad

The board of trustees of St. Meinrad College and School of Theology has elected Benedictine Father Mark O'Keefe as president-rector of the schools. He was elected on April 27 and his five-year term will begin on May 19.

He will succeed Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, who has served as president-rector for nearly 10 years.

Father Mark, 39, is currently academic dean of the School of Theology, a position he has held since September. He previously served as associate academic dean for five years and has been a member of the board of trustees since 1992. He also teaches moral theology in the School of Theology and is an ethics consultant for Memorial Hospital in Jasper and for St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from the Catholic University of America and had previously earned a bachelor of arts



Benedictine Father Mark O'Keefe

degree in history from St. Meinrad College, a master of arts in religious studies from Indiana University, and a master of divinity degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology. He is author of two books, "Becoming Good, Becoming Holy," and "What Are They Saying About Social Sin?" He is the son of Tomiyo Domitsu Nakajima and the late William O'Keefe of Ferdinand.

In announcing the election, Archabbat Lambert Reilly, chairman of the board of trustees, said, "I'm very happy about the election of Father O'Keefe. . . . He brings to this very important position youth, ability and the background of a good monk. Father Mark is well-educated, a good teacher, a gentle, understanding person and a firm leader. God has blessed us with this choice."

Although Father Mark will assume office in mid-May, his formal inauguration is scheduled for October.

After his election, Father Mark said, "I'm very honored to assume this important position at St. Meinrad College and School of Theology. Because I'm deeply committed to the tradition of formation and education we offer at St. Meinrad, it's a privilege to be entrusted with moving it forward."

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From the Editor/John F. Fink

## The Pontifical Congregation for Catholic Education



On Friday, March 15, our group of Catholic journalists in Rome had an hour meeting with Cardinal Pío Laghi, the former Vatican ambassador to the United States who is now prefect of the Pontifical Congregation for Catholic Education. That is one of the nine congregations in the Holy See. There are 12 councils and three tribunals, all under the Secretariat of State.

Cardinal Laghi and three other officials of the congregation explained that there are four sections in their congregation: one each for seminaries, Catholic universities, Catholic schools, and promotion of vocations to the priesthood. There are 22 people on the staff of the Congregation for Catholic Education.

Cardinal Laghi called attention to three documents that he considers foundational: "Sapientia Christiana," "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," and "Pastores Dabo Vobis." The first is a constitution and rules for ecclesiastical faculties, the second a constitution for Catholic universities, and the third an apostolic exhortation on priestly vocations.

He said that there are 940 Catholic universities, one-fourth of them in the United States. There are about 4,000 major and minor seminaries.

He said that, contrary to popular belief, vocations to the priesthood are increasing. There were 63,000 men in seminaries in 1973 and there are 103,000 today—an increase of 40,000, he said. However, the distribution of these future priests leaves much to be desired because there are decreases in the United States and Europe and, therefore, a perceived shortage of priests.

The increases are mainly in Latin America, where there is still a much greater shortage of priests in proportion to the number of Catholics, and in some African countries. Bolivia doesn't have a shortage of vocations, Cardinal Laghi said, but it does have to do a better job in formation of seminarians. Brazil, Nigeria, India, the Philippines and Poland have all had increases in the number of vocations, he said.

He said that much effort is being given to forming seminarians. The stress is on spirituality. He said that there will be a great convocation on vocations in Europe during 1997.

On the matter of Catholic universities, Cardinal Laghi drew a distinction between ecclesiastical faculties and Catholic universities. Ecclesiastical universi-

ties, or certain faculties within universities, are those erected by the Holy See; therefore, they are directly under the jurisdiction of the Holy See and the Congregation for Catholic Education. Catholic universities are those erected by others, usually religious orders, but they have a Catholic character. There are 150 ecclesiastical universities in the world, but only 10 such faculties in the United States (three of them at The Catholic University of America).

Since ecclesiastical faculties were erected by the Holy See, the Congregation for Catholic Education must approve their heads and professors. It occasionally makes the news when someone proposed as president of such an institution is not approved by the Holy See or when a professor is dismissed (Father Charles Curran, for example).

Cardinal Laghi insisted, though, that bishops must be responsible for all Catholic universities, not just ecclesiastical institutions. This is stated clearly in "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," which "was signed by the pope," the cardinal said. Catholic universities often protest that bishops are outside the governance of their universities, he said, but "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" is clear that bishops are still responsible for them.

This has been a problem for Catholic universities in the United States and the presidents of some of them have met with Cardinal Laghi to try to solve that problem. The cardinal said that he understands that Catholic universities in the United States were usually established independently of bishops and how difficult it is for the universities to suddenly accept the bishops as part of their governance. However, he said, "we cannot exempt U.S. Catholic universities from the jurisdiction of the congregation."

He said that we must respect the rights of parents who send their children to Catholic universities with the expectation that they will get a true Catholic education. That is why bishops must exercise oversight over universities to ensure their Catholic character, he said.

Cardinal Laghi also pointed out that, although there are more Catholic universities in the United States than in any other country, most Catholic students in the United States do not attend them. Most Catholic students are in state universities or non-Catholic private colleges. These students must be cared for by Newman centers and more must be done to care for their spiritual development, he said.

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

## Coincidences occur so that good can be done

Just when I think I've put the topic of coincidences away for good, someone calls to tell me about a strange, unexplainable incident, and I find myself back at it again.



A good coincidence always makes me ask who's really running the show in this universe.

Recently my son-in-law Rick told me about something that happened to him. He lives in Manhattan, and had to get to school to pick up my granddaughter Sophia. This particular day, he went a way he never goes. He

chose this way because a grocery store in that block had advertised some specials he wanted.

As he was crossing the street he noticed a man in a wheelchair with a man next to him, seemingly pushing the chair around. The seated man appeared to be an invalid. As Rick got closer, he realized that the standing man was harassing the man in the wheelchair. When Rick got next to the wheelchair, the man looked up in a pleading way and asked him to help. Rick, six feet-four, stepped in and told the other man to get lost. Then Rick pushed the wheelchair across the street and took the grateful, relieved man home.

But for the coincidence of deciding to walk on that avenue where he never treads, on that day at that particular time, who knows what damage the harasser, who may have been on drugs, might have done to this terrified man?

Rick and I agreed it was not a coincidence. As Rick said, it appears that the Lord puts things into motion so that, at the moment of need, good can be done.

The next day I got a call from a woman named Kathleen who reads my columns. She and her husband had gone to Friendly's with their two grandchildren for ice cream and soda on a late Sunday evening. A couple with a baby were sitting behind them and were having a problem. It turned out that both couples left the restaurant at the same time, and the other couple's problem. Kathleen and her husband then discovered, was car trouble.

Kathleen and her husband asked if they could help, and the young couple explained that they lived in the next state and had called their family for help, but it would be a couple of hours before help would arrive.

It was very cold, so Kathleen invited the couple to her home to wait. They all had a grand time, and at 11:30 they went back to the parking lot.

A few minutes later, a car pulled up with the young woman's brother and father. When they all heard the story, the father smiled. He said that all the way over he kept praying that his kids would find a nice family to take care of them till they got there.

Prayers do get answered! Kathleen simply said that this was no coincidence. "We were meant to be there."

It was a God-incidence. Jesuit Father Karl Rahner, the noted theologian, was asked if he believed in miracles. "I don't believe in them, I rely on them to get me through each day," he replied.

Surprisingly, we don't seem to recognize all the miracles around us. We categorize them as coincidences. I think it's time to recognize them for what they are.

(To share a story of coincidence, write to me at 23 Stony Hill Rd., Brookfield, Ct. 06804.)

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what it means to be a Christian steward. Who is a Christian steward? One who is grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back to the Lord with increase. Those who know him will surely agree that this is a portrait or profile of Father Paul Reinert: a good steward who has learned to use his many gifts and talents for the greater glory of God and for the good of the human family.

A View from the Center/Dan Conway

## Fr. Paul Reinert's 50 years of good stewardship

In November 1992, the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States approved their first official statement on the theology and practices of stewardship.



In their pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," the bishops offer a brief portrait or profile of the Christian steward. Their starting point is discipleship, the way in which each individual Christian responds to the Lord's invitation: "Come, follow me."

In their pastoral letter, the bishops ask, "Who is a Christian disciple?"

And the answer they give is: "One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ's." Similarly, the bishops ask, "Who is a Christian steward?" And their response is: "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

As defined by the bishops, the Christian steward is one who has learned to use his or her gifts, talents, and resources in pursuit of a single end: to follow Jesus without counting the cost. In pursuit of this end, the Christian steward regards the things of this world not as ends in themselves but as means to the end of Christian discipleship.

In developing their portrait or profile of the Christian steward, the bishops quote St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). St. Ignatius begins his classic reflection on Christian spirituality, the "Spiritual Exercises," with a reflection on material things and their relationship to the life of the Spirit.

St. Ignatius says, "Human beings were created to

praise, reverence and serve the Lord our God, and by this means to save their souls. The other things on the face of the earth are created for them to help them in the attainment of their end, and they must rid themselves of them as far as they provide a hindrance to them. . . . Our one desire and choice should be what is more conducive to the end for which we are created." St. Ignatius knew that, in order to follow Jesus, men and women needed to find the proper balance between using the things of this world—for the benefit of others—and letting go of them—for the sake of God's kingdom.

St. Ignatius' balanced approach to the stewardship of material things has been a hallmark of the ministry of Jesuit Father Paul Reinert, who was recently honored in St. Louis for more than 50 years of "good stewardship." Following his many years of training and internship in the Society of Jesus, Father Reinert served as president of St. Louis University for 25 years, then as chancellor and chancellor emeritus of the university for the past 22 years.

Long before the bishops' pastoral letter was written, Father Reinert was dedicating his personal and professional lives to the ministry of fund raising and to the building-up of St. Louis University and the community in which he lives and works. Long before the Catholic Church in the United States officially adopted stewardship as the most appropriate means of developing the human, physical and financial resources needed to carry out the church's mission, Father Reinert was demonstrating—in the most concrete and practical ways—the ability of stewardship to transform the way individuals and communities live their lives on a daily basis.

During more than 50 years of service—to the church, to St. Louis University and to the greater St. Louis community—Father Reinert has shown in his words and in his actions

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## To the Editor

### Denying marriage to impotent man

I was saddened upon reading the April 19 article "Bishop Refuses to Allow Wedding for Paraplegic Who is Impotent." Because of this disability, which meant there could be no sexual act, the Brazilian couple was refused the sacrament of marriage.

Especially touching was the fact that the woman did not wish to live with her fiancé before marriage, even though Bishop Angelico Sandalo Bernardino told them they could!

My prayers are with this couple and anyone else who encounters such discrimination in the Catholic Church. To be told that, because of church law, the two of them could not participate in the sacrament of marriage but that they were free to live together leads me to believe that these Brazilian bishops are more concerned with following "the letter of the law" than ministering to the people who try their best to live under it.

Theresa Marlin  
Indianapolis

(Impotency—the inability to perform the sex act—has always been a diriment impediment to marriage, that is, a factor which would render the marriage invalid. A marriage ceremony would not have made the marriage valid. The couple could live together because there could be no sex between them.—Editor)

### Corporate greed not cause of suffering

Bishop Sullivan ought to check his facts before he targets corporate greed as the reason to "sound the alarm" about human suffering ("Viewpoints," April 19 issue). The truth is that after-tax corporate profits have declined from as much as 15 percent in the 1940s to 10 percent in the 1950s, eight percent in the 1970s, to six percent and less currently.

The recent "surge" in profits follows more than a decade during which growth in corporate profitability failed to keep up with inflation.

Light One Candle/ Fr. John Catoir

## The world is filled with waiting

The question has often been asked, "What makes saints saints?" One person gave this simple explanation:

"Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful;

"Patient when it was difficult to be patient;

"Because they pushed forward when they wanted to stand still;

"They kept silent when they wanted to talk;

"They were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable.

"That was all. It was quite simple and always will be."

What struck me in that beautiful piece was the importance of the passive virtues: restraint, patience, silence. Then I remembered St. Paul's famous commentary on love. Love, or charity, is the essence of Christian perfection, and he summed it up beautifully:

"Love is patience; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:4-7).

How much of your life is filled with waiting, enduring, holding back? Most of

According to an April 15, 1996 article in *Fortune*, economic analysis shows that corporations have paid out about 65 percent of revenues to employees for wages and fringe benefits, with little year-to-year variation, for more than the last 40 years.

Unions and government have pressured business into improving employee benefits (employer-paid vacation, retirement, medical and education) instead of directly increasing taxable wages. Benefits costs have jumped from 4.4 percent of corporate revenue in the 1950s to 11.5 percent in the 1990s.

Corporate contributions for Social Security and Medicare alone rose from \$12 billion in 1966 to more than \$200 billion in 1994. These costs are real expenses to business, and real compensation for employees, even though the money does not go straight into workers' pocketbooks.

Economists also report that expenses such as personal property taxes, water and sewer fees, and public transportation charges—all fixed in some manner by government rather than business—are rising more quickly than wages, thus are squeezing workers' incomes.

The real cause of human suffering in the United States seems to be costs of government, rather than CEO compensation and corporate greed. It may be politically correct to accuse business executives, but the facts tell a different story.

John P. Trebnik  
Carmel

### Speak out against murder of the unborn

God himself has commanded us to speak out for, and rescue, the unborn. His commandments "Thou shalt not kill," "Love one another as I have loved you," and "Love thy neighbor as thyself" spell out what we must do and what we must not do. We must never take part in ending a human life at any age. We must also come to our neighbor's aid when he is in danger.

How then can we Catholics, as followers of Jesus, look the other way when 4,000 defenseless unborn babies are being torn apart in the abortion slaughter mills each day here in this great land of ours?

It seems strange to me that our president would order troops to Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia and elsewhere around the world, yet ignore the mass murder of the 30 million babies

since 1973, right here in our own country. Yes, more babies killed by abortion than the sum total of American deaths in all the wars fought by American troops.

Our God will call each of us to give an account of our stewardship on Judgment Day. Do we really think he will excuse us for turning our backs on our neighbors in need, namely the defenseless, voiceless unborn?

Fortunately, there are several wonderful Catholic leaders out there. Unfortunately, you don't hear about them. I listened to two of them in Indianapolis recently, Father Pavone (Priests for Life), sponsored by Indiana Right to Life, and Joe Scheidler, sponsored by Indiana Right to Life and the Knights of Columbus. Also Father Paul Marx and Father Habiger with Human Life International. These men are very courageous and have put their lives on the line many times, I'm sure. Thank God for these faith-filled holy men.

We can and must all do something to stop the killing of our babies. We can pray. Ask your priest if the rosary can be said before (or after) every Mass to end abortion. Also, there are at least two abortion mills in Indianapolis at which the rosary is being prayed on a weekly basis (see "The Active List.")

We can write to our legislators and let them know we will not vote for any anti-life candidates. Seek the voting record of candidates in May and November. Attend as many pro-life meetings and speaking events as you can to educate yourself and others. Do what you can, no matter how small the act. Then hopefully our Lord will say to each of us, "Whatever you did to these my least one you did to me."

Doloris Joray  
Seymour

### The numbers of the homeless

According to *American Demographics*, the population of the United States is 265 million. Three percent of that number is 7,950,000. In the article "Professor, Nun Explore Facts About Homelessness" (April 19), Dr. Weigert stated that about

## Point of View

### Sports: A vehicle to spread God's goodness

By Debbie Kramer

What do sports mean in our lives? Are they harmful to us or a positive avenue of spending people's energies and directing their spirits? What might Jesus think of sports if the world he was born into was overrun with sports as ours is today?

As are all activities in this life, sports are a vehicle to spread God's goodness. It is not what we do in life, it is how we do it. There are millions of instances in sports, probably in Indiana alone, where God has worked through sports to teach us. There are just as many instances where people have worked against God in sports to negatively influence others.

Coaches have a tremendous impact on the lives of people, especially children. Children gather around, cling to the words of, and try anything to prove themselves to some coaches—just like Jesus' followers did to him. This is not to say that coaches come close to the ranks of Jesus. But God is in all of us. We all need an avenue on earth to let God show in us. For many coaches, it is through sports. For many players, it is in sports.

So where is God in all this "sports"? God is in everything good. God is in that 5-year-old child who gets to shake the hand of Shaquille O'Neal and in the comforting words of a high school coach whose team hasn't won a game all year, and in the strength of the state champions who win the game in honor of a teacher who died of cancer, and in every heart of every kid who sees that inside them lies something that others see as beautiful.



WHERE THE WAR NEVER ENDS

three percent of our population was homeless, somewhere between 600,000 and 700,000 people. I hate to be picky about numbers, but in this instance it makes a big difference to the sense of the article.

Kevin Hoolehan  
Terre Haute

(The correct number is between 600,000 and 700,000. We're sorry we didn't do the math.—Editor)

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He is in the packed Market Square Arena where thousands of people gather for a common cause, regardless of race, religion or economic status, to encourage the talents of the Pacer players in the championship playoffs. He is in the hand of a player as he reaches to help his opponent up from the floor. He is in the teen-ager who spends an afternoon showing a 6-year-old how to shoot a free throw, and in the high school player who makes a parent proud for the first time after leading the team to victory. God is in every positive moment of sports as he is in every positive moment of life.

But sports, like television, books, religions, teaching and every other facet of living, can also display the life that Jesus asks us to turn away from. The coach who humiliates a player for missing a last second shot that could have won the game, the team that makes fun of a teammate because he is too slow or too old, the player who believes he alone can win the game, the parents who try to live their unfulfilled sports fantasies through their children, the family that chooses to attend or participate in games over keeping the Sabbath holy, the pro athlete who makes millions yet never shares with the needy setting a poor example for the thousands of admiring eyes looking down on him in an arena. These and other un-Christian moments are times when God does not show through in the sporting world.

All people are challenged in life to look at where God put them and what he gave them and determine if they are using their opportunities as a vehicle to spread God's goodness or a tool to destroy his messages of faith, hope and love. For it is not what you do in life, it is how you play the game that counts.

(Debbie Kramer is youth ministry coordinator at St. Francis & Clare Parish in Greenwood.)



Cornucopia / Cynthia Dewes

# A tribute to Erma Bombeck

My mentor died recently, and I cried when I heard the news. Erma Bombeck was my hero, as she was for many women my age, and I miss her already.



When she first began to write her funny newspaper columns, Erma was a young housewife with three kids and a husband and a mortgage.

That's the way it was in most families in those days: mom stayed at home in the development house in the suburbs.

The children went to the neighborhood school and played with the neighborhood kids, and dad worked to support everyone at a job which offered secure benefits and health insurance and an annual picnic for the families of employees. Doing drugs or committing crimes were things you saw at the movies, and self-fulfillment was as unheard a concept as daytime talk shows.

There was usually a dog somewhere in the picture—cats were not the fashionable

animal of choice. And there would be only one automobile in the garage, since many moms didn't know how to drive and couldn't have gone anywhere if they did.

Women, called ladies at the time, went to church meetings or played bridge or attended Bible study in the evenings, just to have some intellectual stimulation and adult conversation. Their husbands babysat for these occasions if they were "modern," and were repaid with poker nights with the guys without recrimination.

Most families were known by the buzzword "nuclear," meaning they were far removed from their grandparents' homes and their network of relatives. There was mom, dad and the kids, period. Thus, neighbors and church and school acquaintances created the fabric of their extended family.

Erma Bombeck took this cast of characters and these situations and made them funny, interesting and instructive. Where many moms were bored and frustrated, Erma was bored, frustrated, and able to keep a sense of humor about everything from dirty diapers to moles tearing up the lawn.

No one escaped her sly attention. When

the kids were small, she recorded their cute sayings. But she also described their whining, their failure to eat whatever was in front of them, and their contrary relations with siblings.

It was by reading Erma that I realized that two of our own sons were within the bounds of normalcy despite their behavior. They could not sit within spitting distance of each other at the table or in the car, or share the same bedroom, without a "Stephen King" ending to the event. Same with Erma's.

When Erma's kids got to be teenagers, so were ours. It was funny when someone else's daughter plucked her eyebrows until

she looked like a Holocaust survivor. We could laugh when Erma's boys sported more hair than most dogs, or went sappy over some no-brain or other. Somehow, she made hard truths palatable.

Erma's husband didn't escape her sharp eye, either. Although she was never bitter or angry in her depictions of spousal behavior, Erma made it clear that love does not make us so goofy as to let scales fall over our eyes.

Erma Bombeck was a Catholic Christian, and it showed. She was an American, too. The values she upheld by her clever jibes at political correctness, selfishness and the like are the same values we want to express in our lives.

I'm going to miss that sharp eye for the ridiculous, and that wickedly funny phrase that skewers idiocy so perfectly. May God bless you, Erma. That is, if he can stop laughing long enough.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Immaculate Heart of Mary students wait for curtain time for the original musical "Toll Me a Tale: Totally Aesop" on April 18 at the Indianapolis North Deanery school. Music teacher Angela Peterson (left) wrote the lyrics with help from students. School parent Michael Schelle (right, kneeling), a Butler University music faculty member, created the original score for the musical.

## Check It Out

The archdiocesan Office of Worship will host a regional gathering for parish music directors and coordinators from 7:30-9:30 p.m. May 6 at St. Agnes Parish in Nashville. Celebration of evening prayer, presentation/demonstration on music for Communion procession will be featured. For reservations 317-236-1483 or 800-382-9836 ext. 1438.

The archdiocesan Family Life Office will sponsor a "Beginning Experience Weekend" for persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce May 3-5 at New Horizons Camp in Indianapolis. The weekend is open to people of all faiths. The cost is \$80. Registration forms are available by calling 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836.

In recognition of the 75th anniversary of instrumental music at Cathedral, the Cathedral High School band will present a "Diamond Anniversary Spring Concert," at 7:30 p.m. May 10 in the Cathedral Auditorium, 5225 E. 56th St. in

Indianapolis. For more information call 317-542-1481 ext. 350.

The annual Universal Notre Dame Night will be held May 8 at the Indianapolis Athletic Club with Mass at 6 p.m. Reception will follow at 6:45 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. dinner. The cost for the event is \$30 and \$25 for young alumni. Proceeds go toward a scholarship fund for local prospective students. For more information call 317-253-6727.

The St. Roch Catholic Community in Indianapolis will host annual May Crowning of the Fatima Statue and the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church at 4 p.m. May 5.

St. Meinrad Archabbey has scheduled pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine during the Sundays in May. The services will begin at 2 p.m. on May 5, 12, 19, and 26. For more information call 812-357-6585 or 812-357-6501.

## VIPs

Father John T. Ryan, the pastor of St. Anthony in Indianapolis will celebrate his 40th anniversary in the priesthood with Mass at 11 a.m. May 5 at St. Anthony. A reception will follow in Ryan Hall. He was ordained May 3, 1956 at St. Meinrad. In Indianapolis, Father Ryan was an



assistant at St. Anthony and high school instructor, 1956; Immaculate Heart of Mary, and high school instructor, 1958; archdiocesan scout chaplain, 1967; St. Catherine, and high school instructor, 1968; pastor at St. Anthony, 1970; dean pro tempore of the Indianapolis Central Deanery, 1971; dean of the Indianapolis West Deanery, appointed member, board of consultors of the Archdiocese of

Indianapolis, administrator at Assumption, 1981; and continuing as pastor at St. Anthony in 1995.

April 28 was proclaimed "Father Michael O'Mara Day" by the mayor of Indianapolis for the pastor's positive influence on the community. Father O'Mara will be leaving for a sabbatical before his Aug. 15 assignment at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington. The proclamation read "Whereas Father Michael O'Mara is leaving the St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church after five distinguished years of service, and (whereas) the establishment of an outreach program for the Hispanic families, a youth ministry for neighborhood children and neighborhood walks to promote the church's presence in the area are only a few of Father O'Mara's accomplishments while at St. Philip..." before naming the day in his honor. The announcement was read at the April 28 Mass.



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He said that we all become good at rationalizing, beginning from our school days. Those who defraud, he says, think along the lines, "The church is wealthy and my kids have to eat. I'm only borrowing it and will pay it back."

He said that we usually can't do much about the person's need or his or her rationalization, so it's important to deny the opportunity.

When people's work is monitored, Golden said, it improves. Conversely, if it isn't monitored, he said, it will deteriorate.

### Richard Burke on School Finances

"We must raise people's consciousness of the need for stewardship if we are to raise the money needed for our schools," said Richard Burke. And, he said, we must improve our financial controls.

He noted that Catholic schools in the United States today are a \$16 billion enterprise.

He displayed a chart that showed the decline in the number of schools since the 1960s, from 13,205 Catholic schools in 1964 to 8,265 today. He attributed the decline mostly to the change on the part of the hierarchy from mandating attendance at Catholic schools to accepting them as an educational option.

He said that the second plenary council of Baltimore in 1866 mandated that all parishes must build schools and that Catholic parents must send their children to them. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, he said, there were instances of bishops excommunicating Catholics who failed to send their children to Catholic schools. However, he said, in 1973 the bishops issued a document that said that Catholic schools were an educational option. Those who operated schools failed

to recognize this change and failed to market their schools, he said.

He said that it is highly unlikely that tuition tax credits or vouchers will be granted to parents who send their children to Catholic schools, even though the courts permit it, because of the pressure that is exerted by public school lobbies on members of Congress to prevent legislation that would permit them. Therefore, he said, Catholic schools must rely on parents, local churches and fund raising to pay for their schools.

Today, he said, tuition and fees make up 75 percent of Catholic high school budgets and 52 percent of elementary school budgets. Church subsidies are six percent of high school budgets and 35 percent of elementary school budgets, he said.

Burke listed five things that are required before there can be successful school development:

1. School mission statements must be clarified. The need for precise mission statements is critically important, he said.
2. Roles must be clarified and published. He said that the specific roles of the archdiocese, parish, the board of education, administration, etc. must be clear.
3. Governing structures must give more responsibility to parents.
4. Long-range strategic planning is critical. He said that schools must be able to show potential donors where they are going and how they're going to get there.
5. Financial reports, audits and controls must be improved. "We have not been good stewards" when it comes to our school finances, he said, "and that must change."

### Dan Conway on a Capital Campaign

Conway said that an archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign is now in the conceptual stage. He called such a campaign a "happy challenge" because the financial needs are the result of growth and vitality, not decline.

The capital needs are for new parishes

and schools, expansion of existing facilities, and for deferred maintenance. He identified areas in several parts of the archdiocese where new parishes should be started and he said that 35 parishes are now in the midst of capital campaigns.

Larger endowment funds are also needed, Conway said. He noted that almost every parish and school now has an endowment fund but that there is not yet enough money in them to use the income for the needs of the parishes and schools. "We need endowment funds in every area of church life," he said.

Conway introduced the concept of a 60/40 capital and endowment campaign, probably during the 1998 fiscal year. Under this concept, 60 percent of the money to be raised

would be in the nature of recorded planned gifts—bequests, insurance policies, and similar gifts—while 40 percent would be outright gifts and pledges.

Further, he said, 60 percent of the money raised would be allocated to parishes to be used for capital improvements and endowment of parish and school programs, and 40 percent of the money raised would go to the archdiocese for improvement of archdiocesan facilities and for endowment of archdiocesan programs and facilities.

Under this concept, Conway said, the United Catholic Appeal would be combined with the capital campaign for one year. Also, training would be provided to parishes to help them identify, cultivate and solicit planned gifts.

## Parish-based clinical pastoral education available at St. Vincent's

St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services is offering "parish-based" clinical pastoral education for parish pastors and ministering lay people.

St. Vincent has offered a hospital-based program for five years. Seminary students, pastors and lay people have met the national certification standards for pastoral ministers, pastoral associates, and parish life coordinators through this program.

But this new parish-based program recognizes the ongoing ministry of participants as their "clinical assignments" and the educational focus will be on the practice of pastoral care in the parish setting.

In the past, pastors and others have been constrained from participation because of the demands of their ministries and the program's expectation that they do their clinical work in the hospital.

In the new program, each participant will carry an ongoing parish ministry assignment of at least 20 hours per week.

But all will take part in an interpersonal relations seminar for sharing, caring, support, learning and personal growth.

Participants will present examples of pastoral encounters to small groups of peers and the supervisor for discussion and feedback.

A theology seminar is built into the program, for reflection upon specific ministry areas. And resource people will present lectures, followed by discussion.

Individual supervision will be provided. Regular group worship and a one-day retreat will be part of the program.

The program will involve 22 weeks of half-day (five hour) educational experiences at the hospital or other possible sites. The meetings will begin on Sept. 10 and continue until Feb. 24, 1997.

Seminaries typically grant six academic credit hours for one unit of CPE. Those wishing further information may call Rev. Kenton Derstine, at 317-338-3554.

## Ann DeLaney

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Ann's work for her church and her community has included:

- ♦ St. Thomas Aquinas, Board of Education and Finance Commission, where all the DeLaney children graduated from grade school.
- ♦ Vice President, Catholic Social Services
- ♦ Board Member, Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, IN
- ♦ Deputy Prosecutor, Sex Offense and Child Abuse Unit, Marion County
- ♦ Legislative Assistant, Governor Evan Bayh
- ♦ Chair, Indiana State Democratic Party
- ♦ Panelist, *Indiana Week in Review*, Channel 20

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**Ann's Family.** Ann and her husband of 29 years, Ed, have three children who are graduates of St. Thomas and Brebeuf. Pictured with Ann and Ed are daughter Kathleen, her husband Jim Strenski and their daughter Emma; daughter Jennifer and her husband Chris Reid; and son Tim, a freshman at Brebeuf.

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# Parish Profile

Bloomington Deanery

## IU's St. Paul Center serves young people and is spiritual haven for all

By Millie Harmon

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians extols the joy found in life when one believes in Jesus Christ.

It is the favorite letter of St. Paul Catholic Center's Pastor, Father Dan Atkins.

"Paul's message is clear," said Father Atkins, "You should have the mind of Christ."

This philosophy forms the mission of the student-oriented center, located on Indiana University's Bloomington campus.

The center was first established as Indiana University Newman Center in 1952, in the old St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Originally, college students' spiritual lives were enhanced by St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. Soon after World War II, the need for a separate facility was evident. When the new St. Charles Church was dedicated in 1952, the old church was converted to the Newman Center. But with no canonical standing, Sunday liturgies could not be celebrated in this student center.

In the mid-1960s, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis began plans to build a new church specifically for university students, and purchased land for \$75,000 from the university. St. Paul Catholic Center was dedicated in January 1969. Structure and furnishings cost about \$1 million and were funded by a campaign conducted throughout the archdiocese.

When it was dedicated, St. Paul Catholic Center became an official canonical parish, with Father James Higgins as its first pastor.

Today, its chief ministry is to serve young Catholic people and to be a spiritual haven for all.

St. Paul Catholic Center serves nearly 8,000 Catholics, including 2,000 registered student parishioners; 1,950 adults and children (750 households); and nearly 4,000 non-registered student parishioners. The seating capacity of the church is 1,000.

St. Paul Catholic Center celebrated its 25th anniversary by renovating its worship space. A gathering area now aids parishioners' getting acquainted with one another. Office space was added, the sanctuary enlarged, choir loft and vestibule removed.

A small chapel is located behind the sanctuary of the main church. Colorful banners, suspended in a circle above the sanctuary, draw attention to the circular altar that may be moved easily. Stations of the Cross line the limestone walls.

Today, Father Adkins views the parish (the first in the archdiocese to have a parish council) as in a state of transition. Pastor, staff and parishioners eagerly await the arrival in August of Father Michael O'Mara from St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis. Father O'Mara will be co-pastor with Father Atkins.

"Father O'Mara will bring a rich heritage of cultural diversity to us," said Father Atkins.

Diversity is one of the Center's



Photos by Millie Harmon

The outside of St. Paul Catholic Center on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington.

strengths, according to Father Atkins and Sister of Providence Mary Montgomery, the pastoral associate.

"We have multi-talented people," said Sister Mary, a Bramble, Ind. native. "And with that diversity, comes a strong spirit of voluntarism."

She added, "Getting the student involved gives the student a place to belong." Committees such as Faith Formation, Retreat, Communication and Fellowship link students with Jesus Christ.

"The needs of the college student differ from a typical parish," explained Mark Erdosy, student life coordinator, who is just completing his first year at the center. "Many of our parishioners and church attendees are discerning how Catholicism is going to be a part of life. We try to answer those questions."

Father Atkins, a Floyds Knobs native who arrived at St. Paul two years ago, understands the peer pressure, self-esteem issues and moral crises some of the young people face.

"We can help them to claim the central message of our faith," said Father Atkins. "A person is never abandoned by God. We are something of inestimable value that cannot be taken away. God created us."

When students struggle with identity, self-esteem or moral issues, Father Atkins sometimes tells them to imagine themselves one-on-one with God and questions, "Can you let God come and sit down beside you? Can you talk to God now?" Priceless tonic for the weary spirit.

Besides college life, St. Paul Catholic Center faces other challenges. Though it was formed basically to serve students, it also ministers to faculty and staff and other Bloomington residents.

The parish serves the young and the young-at-heart, too. Senior parishioners have just formed a group that will provide activities for longtime parishioners.

Sister Mary assists many thriving programs, including the Adult Education Committee which has invited well-known theologians such as Father Richard McBrien, Benedictine Father Philip Kaufman, and Paulist Father Richard Sparks.

Sister Mary is also involved in Bible study and is active with the Social Concerns Commission. One of its committees, Spirit of Service, seeks to eradicate hunger in children worldwide.

One of Sister Mary's successful retreats is a four-day "Retreat for Busy People."

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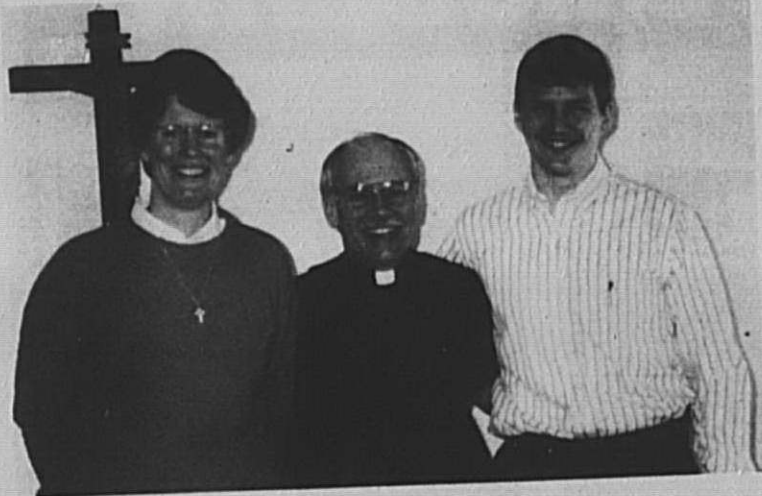
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The staff of St. Paul's Catholic Center includes Sister of Providence Mary Montgomery, pastoral associate; Father Dan Atkins, pastor; and Mark Erdosy, student life coordinator.

workday," explained Sister Mary, "And in the midst of this four-day retreat, meet with a spiritual companion for prayer and discussion on life's meaning."

Gloria Jensen Bier, coordinator of religious education, helps the children of St. Paul learn about Jesus. Bier heads the religious education program for youth through eighth grade and acts as a liaison between St. Paul and St. Charles' shared, high school religious education program.

St. Paul supports those parishioner students who attend St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Grade School.

A spirit of cooperation exists among the three Catholic churches (St. John the Apostle, St. Charles and St. Paul) that form the Bloomington Catholic Community of Monroe County. For example, this year, St. Charles hosted the Stations of the Cross and in 1997 St. Paul will lead the community in that devotion.

For students and adults interested in the Catholic faith, RCIA helps them discern questions and problems. The team which

heads RCIA knows each individual must deal with varying issues. Age really isn't the most important criteria for questions.

"Catechumens deal with the creed—the basics of our faith," said Father Atkins. "What do I believe?" is the question most asked.

"All of us struggle with different issues. Personally, I try to re-receive the things that are difficult and listen to the wisdom of the church and see where that truth is, that the church is teaching. Sometimes, I say, 'Yes, but...' and have to listen again."

Erdosy, whose focus is student issues, encourages youth to ask him questions. "Sometimes kids are only taught, 'No,'" said Erdosy. "I try to tell them 'why' the church teaches us to behave in a certain way. They come away with a better understanding." His favorite line is, "We are all created in God's image with NO exception" (Gen 1:26).

Erdosy planned the Student Appreciation Dinner held April 21 for the entire

parish. "It's a good way for non-student parishioners to say good-bye to resident student parishioners," he said. Erdosy also has scheduled three retreats this year.

But it isn't all serious work for this 1995 graduate of St. Meinrad with a Masters in Theological Science degree (MTS). He was heavily involved in the parish's April 12-14 production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," directed by Brian Jose (featured in a March issue of *The Criterion*).

The play not only used the talents of IU music students, but also the skill of Father Atkins, an English major while in college, featured in the role of Jacob.

"Brian has a gift for weaving his spirituality into our production," said Erdosy. "Students often tell me that when time for practice comes, their troubles go away."

Last year the parishioners performed "Godspell."

Easing problems of students, helping them find the right paths and guiding them to the waiting arms of Jesus, fill the job description of the leadership at this Catholic Center.

While St. Paul had to be knocked off his horse before he wondered, "Where are you, Lord?," Father Atkins knows his staff doesn't need this drastic step to find Jesus on campus. It's already a question that's asked a lot around the center. Said Father Atkins, "Is Jesus in the student who plays the radio too loudly; the person who isn't doing the work; the person who needs a friend?"

Adding to these questions, Student Life Coordinator Erdosy echoed the message of Jesus and the walk to Emmaus, where his disciples failed to recognize him: "We need to look closely at people, beyond the exterior and recognize the Lord is in that person, too."



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# Families vital in nurturing vocations, speaker says

Father Paul Etienne tells Terre Haute Serra Club that vibrant, faith-filled families are seed-beds of vocations

By John F. Fink

The importance of families in the nurturing of vocations to the priesthood and religious life was stressed by Father Paul Etienne in a talk to the Serra Club of Terre Haute on April 18. He spoke at the club's annual "Priests Appreciation Night."

The Serra Club is an organization of lay men and women that has as its primary purpose the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

"Nothing can take the place of vibrant, faith-filled, loving families, because these are the seed-beds of every Catholic, Christian vocation," Father Etienne said. He is the director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

It is precisely because, "in the current climate of individualism, particularly in the western world, the fabric of communal and family life has begun to unravel," that God's call is not heard, he said.

"We are in desperate need of strong families and parish communities of faith," Father Etienne said. "We need to do all we can to help our families recognize the importance of praying together, eating meals together, and spending time together in simple ways."

He said that the role of prayer "is cen-

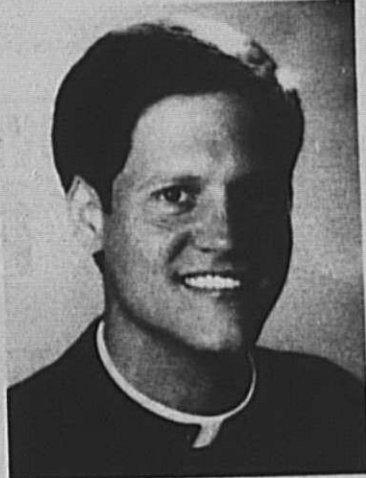
tral in the work of building a solid relationship with Christ." He suggested prayers before meals and family attendance at Mass, as a family.

Prayer before meals, he said, "is a great way of training the children in the practice of our faith and, even more, of teaching them the truth that we all belong to God, that he is the source and origin of our life, and the final end which each of us is destined for."

Family attendance at Mass, he said, "helps the children realize they are a part of a much larger family: the surrounding societal family and, more significantly, the family of God."

As for eating meals together, he said, "It would seem that if my parents were able to gather a family of six or eight (and even more) children regularly for meals, today's two- and three-children families should be capable of such." Father Etienne is one of six children. One brother is also a priest (and director of vocations for the Diocese of Evansville) and a sister is a Benedictine nun. Two of his siblings are married and one is single.

One of the things that influenced him and his siblings, he said, was the fact that their experience of growing up included a regular presence of priests and religious in their home, including an uncle who is a



Father Paul Etienne

priest and an aunt who is a Benedictine nun. Therefore, he encouraged the Serrans "to help bring our religious and priests into contact with families and youth in informal settings. Young people today as in years past are in need of role models and heroes, and the sisters and priests are good models to aspire to."

Father Etienne told the Serrans, priests and religious in attendance, "It is my firm belief that God has a specific purpose in mind for each of us, a particular way of participating in his plan of salvation and love,

and the degree to which we discover and live this life is the degree to which we will experience the greatest amount of love, peace, self-fulfillment and happiness."

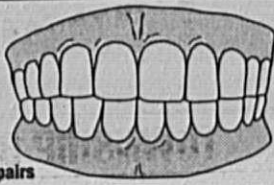
He encouraged the Serrans to help today's parents to understand that their children's happiness depends upon a deep and abiding relationship of love with Christ. "Only in asking God, 'What do you want me to do with my life for you?' and then embracing whatever it is that God reveals, will any of us know true happiness in life," he said.

Father Etienne spoke briefly about the issue of celibacy, saying that "this beautiful gift is not understood in today's society and its value is not recognized." He said that celibacy "is a beautiful way God calls men and women into an intimate relationship of love with himself, freeing them to share this love with others, and it gives witness to the passing nature of this life while keeping a hopeful eye on the horizon of eternity."

He also touched on some of the suggested "solutions" to the priesthood shortage. "The answer to the shortage of priests is not a married clergy, or the ordination of women, or allowing priests to make temporary commitments to priestly service," he said. "The answer is to help people clearly and prayerfully discern the call of God in their lives, to support and encourage them to respond generously to God's invitation and to embrace it with trust, and then to sustain them with our love so that they remain faithful to their vows and promises."

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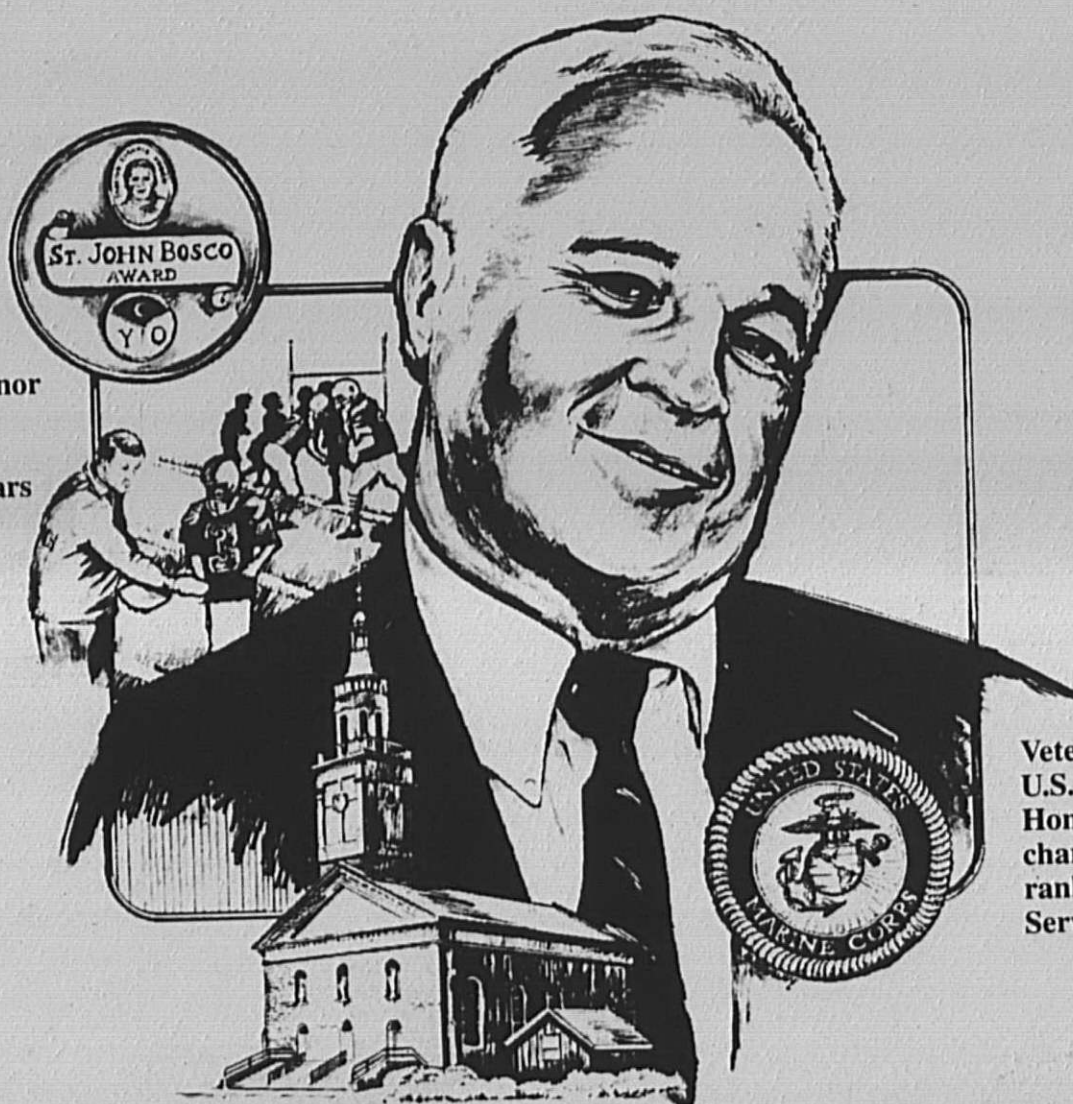




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# Revelations

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A Youth Supplement to *The Criterion*

## God wants to spend time with you in daily prayer

By Andrew C. Traub

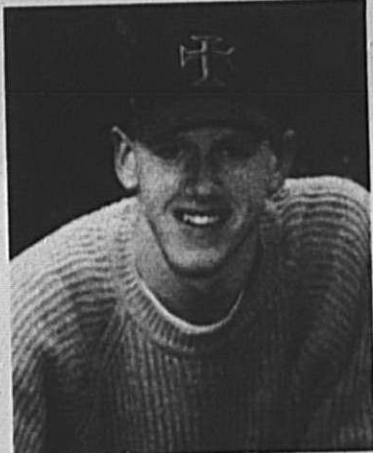
The '90s are a fast-paced time to live in. Speed limits are becoming extinct, work days are extending, and both parents are busy working in order to pay the bills.

In times that are so busy, it is easy to forget the power of prayer. Jesus calls us to pray, not only on the Sabbath, but every day of our lives.

It's sad to say that the first person we're willing to take out of our daily schedules is the one who makes all the rest of our day possible. It's even easier to be content with going to church every week and being satisfied with that amount of faithfulness.

No one should be too busy to avoid spending time with the Lord each day.

The need for remaining close to Christ every day is evident in Job 1:21. Job has just lost all his belongings because the Lord wanted to test his faith: "Naked I came from my mother's womb,



Andrew Traub

and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The easiest time to forget the Lord is when life is going well. We all have those days when worries are nonexistent. Those are the days that we should be closest to God. We should be thanking him for such wonderful gifts and praying for more just like them.

Unfortunately, it seems that most of the times people are close to God are in

times of need. Luckily we have a God who will provide for us whenever we ask, but daily praise is far more consoling than a few weeks of mourning.

Ever since I became a Christian, daily prayer has been a struggle for me. As Christians we are all called to grow closer to Christ. The best way to do that is to have daily prayer.

There are many ways people pray, but the best one for me has been a devotional. There are many devotionals on the market that are filled with a daily message or instruction followed by a Scripture reading.

The most important part of daily prayer and coming closer to Christ is learning all the things he did and taught. This can only be achieved by studying the Scriptures and relating their meanings to our daily lives.

The benefits of daily prayer are abundant. Instead of having bad days, a person can have days of learning. Life becomes a learning experience of struggles and hardships placed upon us by God in order to make us stronger.

Daily prayer is possible, but only if a person really loves the Lord.

There are many Christians who go to work or school at least five days of the week, and sometimes more. There are Christians who play sports every day of the week. There are even more Christians who watch television seven days a week. And there are too many Christians who spend only one day a week with God.

Mass on Sunday can be the pinnacle of daily prayer times, but it should not be the only day and time we spend in prayer.

The hardest part about taking on a big project is starting it. A person may stare at his or her dirty car for weeks before finally mustering up enough strength to wash it. A yard may sit covered in leaves for weeks until its owner decides to rake them up and get rid of the nasty sight.

Spring is here and it's time for a different kind of cleaning: a spiritual cleaning.

Going to Mass isn't enough. I say that with the utmost belief that Christ wants more out of us than an hour a week. And we should want Christ for more than an hour a week.

Find a person who will hold you accountable to your daily prayer time. Find someone you think will have the guts to tell you when you're not giving

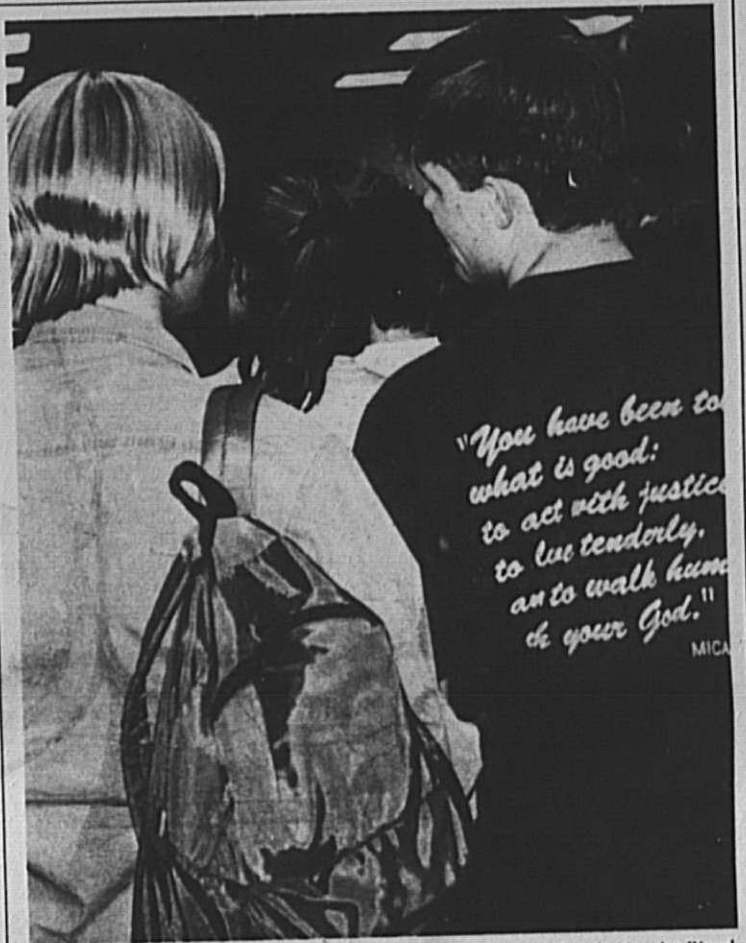


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These teen-agers from the Terre Haute Deanery stand for the start of the Archdiocesan Youth Conference Mass celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on April 13 in Indianapolis. Terre Haute youth wore matching shirts which quoted Micah 6:8, "You have been told what is good: to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God."

your best to the Lord. And find a guide. Maybe it's the Bible, or maybe it's a devotional book with Bible verse in it. But make sure to find something that helps you grow spiritually.

The last step needed for daily prayer is the easiest. Have faith. Believe that God will work through you daily and that he will work miracles through you and in you. Believe in his power and worship him. Pray with your heart and

give all your troubles to him.

The most important part of daily prayer is how often you should do it: Daily.

God is waiting. He's already done his part. Are you doing yours? He's waiting to spend time with you in prayer each and every day.

(Andrew Traub is a senior at Bishop Chatard High School and is a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis.)

## Parents love, nurture and prepare you for adult life

By Erin Thomas

When I was little, I remember holding my dad's hand in church during the "Our Father." Every Sunday, when the prayer was finished, he would squeeze my hand before he let go.

"That was the last contact I had with my dad before he died," my father would explain to me.

"Yeah, yeah, yeah," I would reply as I ran to meet my friends in the toy room to play before CCD class. I didn't understand the relationship they had had since I had never met my grandfather. I also didn't realize the impact my grandpa had made on my dad's life.

My dad, for as long as I've known him, has been a dreamer.

One year he tried to start a Christmas tree farm. He

planted 2,000 trees, and the deer ate all of them but five. Those last five trees were potted and put out on the back porch. They were eaten by the family dog not long after.

This didn't discourage him, though. He soon went on to open a store that sold candy in cute little containers for holidays and special occasions. We still have some left.

I could not understand how my dad's mind worked. How could anyone possibly try so many things that were unsuccessful and not get discouraged?

It was then that I remembered the story of the time my dad taught me how to jump rope. My first attempt sent me flying, and I landed flat on my face.

I can still recall my bloody nose, my wails, and my dad announcing, "You did so well! Gosh, you almost had it! I'm so proud of you!"

Was he crazy? I had just hurt myself, and he was saying how well I had done.

"Come on," he said. "Just give it one more try."

"This man has nerve," I thought, steaming, as I picked up the rope again to show my dad that his little girl was

not a wimp. I was surprised, as he was, when I swung the rope around, jumped over it, and landed on my feet!

I didn't realize it then, but I had discovered his secret. He never gave up. Sure, he had fallen just like I had, but that didn't stop him. He never really failed because he believed in himself and in his ability to do anything he set his mind to. When I asked him about this, he gave all the credit to his dad, who had taught him this important life lesson.

Today I try to follow the philosophy my grandpa taught my dad, and my dad taught me, in every aspect of my life. A positive attitude not only helps you succeed, it also helps you when you don't. I always work better when I keep an optimistic view.

Now when I'm in church praying the "Our Father" and holding my dad's hand, I understand him better. I respect and love him for what he has taught me. And I also realize what an impact he has made on my life.

(Erin Thomas is a senior at Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg and is a member of St. Mary Parish in Dunkirk.)



# Teens can work to end violence in the media

By Amanda Tebbe

We can experience it when we watch television, go to a movie, open a newspaper, magazine or book, or listen to the radio. Violence pervades every area of the media. Virtually no one would disagree with that.



From the "Power Rangers" action show and "Bugs Bunny" cartoon to the police drama "NYPD Blue" and the six o'clock news, there is always some form of violence on television.

The recent Oscars show that violence is all over the movies too, with big winners like "Braveheart" and "Leaving Las Vegas."

And with songs like "Cop Killer" on the radio, there is no doubt violence is also rampant on the airwaves.

In fact, by the age of 18, the average American teen-ager has seen 200,000 violent acts on television alone, including 40,000 murders.

However, what the jury is still out on is whether or not all this violence we see every day causes us to be violent ourselves.

Here are a few stories about people who seem to have been swayed by violence in the media:

- A little boy around age 5 burned his

house down like the cartoon characters "Beavis and Butthead" did on a cable television show.

- In Norway last year, a first-grade girl died at the hands of two first-grade boys who had been playing "Power Rangers."

- Also last year, three teen-age boys got run over by cars after lying down in the middle of the road to test their bravery, a stunt they had seen in "The Program," a movie about college football.

Research studies on the effects of violence in the media also are troubling.

One study looked at a small town in Canada, where television was not introduced until 1973 because of broadcast problems. Researchers measured the levels of physical and verbal aggression among elementary age children two years before TV programming was available there and again after residents had access to television. The follow-up study found that the levels of both physical and verbal aggression had doubled among the children.

It is true that media violence has gone on for a much longer time than the NBC drama "NYPD Blue" has been on the air. But today's society seems to have an utter fascination with violence as never before. Every violent detail is reported, and the only part we don't seem to see is the aftermath of the violence and the lives destroyed by it.

It also is true that all the violence shown in the media will have an adverse effect on us in some way.

Hopefully, after seeing a movie about the horrors of the Nazi concentration

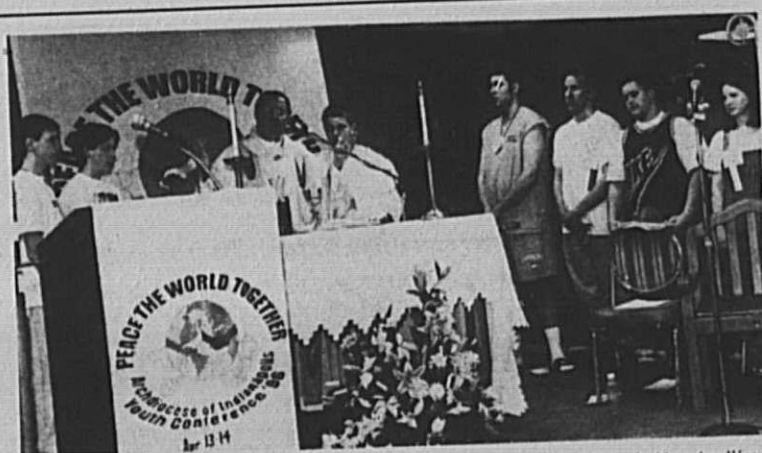


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Holy Cross Parish youth group members assist Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and the archbishop's assistant, Raymond Nahlen, with the Archdiocesan Youth Conference liturgy on April 13 in Indianapolis. Peace was the theme of the conference and the youth Mass.

camps, most people do not come out of the theater wanting to become another Adolf Hitler. But most of the media violence we see every day cannot truthfully claim to be showing the violence for educational purposes or for any other reasons beside the fact that gore sells tickets.

University of Illinois psychologist L. Rowell Huesmann said, "Serious aggression never occurs unless there is a convergence of large numbers of causes, but one of the very important factors we have identified is exposure to media violence. If we don't do something, we are contributing to a society that will be more and more violent."

So what are we, as teen-agers, to do about violence in society and the media?

We already have conquered the first step by admitting that there is a problem. Next, we need to take action. What kind of action may be different for different people.

Perhaps some teen-agers may decide to write letters or sign petitions to television stations and movie corporations asking them to censor their products.

Other teens may spend time with younger children so they will have a good influence in their lives and both the teens and children will spend less time in front of TV sets.

Still other youth may try to be a good influence on their peers by not watching the violent movies and television shows or listening to violent music.

Others might work toward convincing peers not to talk or act in violent ways. There are two contributions that we, as Catholic youth, can all do to work to end violence.

First, as "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" says, "Users should practice

moderation and discipline in their approach to the mass media. They will want to form enlightened and correct consciences the more easily to resist unwholesome influences."

Basically, we shouldn't watch the shows, movies and music that feature violence for pleasure and that we know do not reflect our church's beliefs and our own morals. (This may also earn Brownie points from our parents, and that alone should be reason enough to do it!)

Second, we are called to pray. Pray for those in the media, for those committing violent crimes, and for their victims. And also pray for us.

It isn't easy to not go along with the crowd and watch a horror movie or a violent TV show. All this stuff is easier said than done, so it can't hurt to have God on our side.

Pope John Paul II said it best when he spoke to us (yes, actually us, the young people) and called us to be "communicators of hope and workers for peace."

Media violence probably does affect us, but the good news is that we can also affect and change it.

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"Revelations" Youth Supplement co-editors Zygmont Mazanowski IV from St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis and Amanda Tebbe from St. Mary Parish in Greensburg take a break from the Archdiocesan Youth Conference on April 13 in Indianapolis. Amanda is a current member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council and Zygmont is a past member of the teen advisory group, which works with the staff of the archdiocesan Office for Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries to plan and implement a variety of youth ministry activities in central and southern Indiana.



# Blending jobs and studies puts pressure on students

By Jude Leitten

During recent years, the definition of the average American high school student has come to mean something new.



No longer does this definition only summarize the student who, after a day in classes, goes to basketball practice or a Science Club meeting.

Nor does it only include the student who returns home to studiously finish homework and perhaps help prepare dinner.

This definition now has a broader meaning. Today it has also come to define the student who, at the end of the school day, races to a part-time job, sometimes working until 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. at night. This student then returns home, often too tired to even ponder the thought of doing homework or not having the ability to do it efficiently.

Unfortunately this scenario has become increasingly common in today's "must-have" and somewhat materialistic society. But in the end, after-school jobs are simply not worth the money earned.

One of the most common arguments for after-school jobs is that they provide the student with needed money for college. However, most students do not save the money they have earned for college expenses.

In a poll done by *Newsweek* magazine, only 10 percent of high school seniors surveyed said they were saving most of their earnings for college.

This same poll also found that, while teens earned a whopping \$95 billion in 1991, they spent \$82 million of that income in the same year. For the most part, the money teen-agers earn in part-time jobs is spent on such lavish items as clothes, cars and dates.

Another argument for after-school jobs

is that they teach kids "the value of the dollar" and responsibility.

Can one really say that working teens are learning anything about the dollar value when all of this lavish spending is taking place?

If anything, the free spending that is occurring as a result of after-school jobs brings teen-agers to the conclusion that it is OK to simply throw money around.

Besides wanting to work, many students are encouraged or even forced to work by their parents, who claim that jobs teach students responsibility.

Nonetheless, many parents complain that they are losing their son or daughter because of the teen-ager's work responsibilities.

Time spent with the family, whether it be around the dinner table or simply being in the same room, disappears altogether when students work part-time. It is traded for flipping burgers at the local fast food restaurant or bagging groceries at a supermarket. The time spent with family members, although not apparent to many teens now, is valuable.

Perhaps the biggest downfall of after-school jobs is the decline in grades a student usually experiences in relationship to the number of hours spent working.

Recent studies have shown that students who work more than 10 hours a week see their grade-point averages drop over 10 percent. For those students who work more than 20 hours a week, the drop is even greater. This, in turn, lessens the student's chance of getting into college.

The ironic part of all of this is that the money earned toward college expenses some students claim to be working for could equally be earned (as well as earned with less exhaustion) through scholarships procured with good grades and participation in a variety of activities. But, paradoxically, scholarships are sacrificed for after-school jobs.

In addition to this, teachers who know that homework will not be finished as a result of students' after-school jobs often



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St. Simon parishioner and Cathedral High School sophomore Amanda Lino of Indianapolis uses a computerized "College View" program at Cathedral to gather admission information about a variety of universities. The program informs students about college costs, academic requirements, major and minor study areas available, and other aspects of university life. Many high school students blend busy academic schedules with part-time work in order to earn money for college and leisure activities.

lower achievement standards for the entire class.

This chain of events could explain why Japanese, German and Swedish students, who live in countries where after-school jobs aren't half as popular as they are in the United States, are doing better overall in school than American students.

The average teen-ager will spend the majority of his or her life working. Adolescence does not need to be included in this time.

As the number of working teen-agers

increases in the '90s, grade-point averages will decline along with scores on achievement tests. And family time becomes something to be put on the back burner.

The usual result of an after-school job is an expanded wardrobe or perhaps a new car for the teen-ager. But in the end, these do nothing to benefit the student as compared to the benefits of learning and focusing on a good secondary education.

(Jude Leitten is a senior at Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg and is a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville.)

## Youth conference was a fun and faith-filled weekend for archdiocesan teen-agers

By J.P. Wyand

On April 13 and 14, more than 600 teen-agers gathered in the Ramada Inn on the eastside of Indianapolis.



Now what comes to mind when you think of hundreds of teen-agers gathered together in a hotel? No, not an out-of-control party that's about to get busted.

It was the 1996 Archdiocesan Youth Conference sponsored by the Office for Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries. The theme of the conference was "Peace the World Together."

This was the second year I attended the conference, and for the second straight year I had a great time. I saw a lot of friends I met at last year's conference.

During the opening ceremonies, keynote speaker Mike Patin from New Orleans had all the teen-agers' attention from his very first words and he delivered his message of peace in a way that kept the kids listening.

Next the teens divided up to go to one of eight creative sessions. The sessions focused on anything from ways to deal with stress to dealing with parents. The sessions I attended gave the teens an adult's perspective on the situation and good advice.

After lunch, the teens attended a second round of creative sessions followed by a youth Mass with Archbishop Daniel Buechlein.

Later in the evening, there was a dance, a sing-along, and time for swimming in the hotel pool. Most of the teen-agers went to the dance, and everyone had a great time and made new friends from all around the archdiocese.

The next morning, Mike Patin gave a closing speech that reinforced the message of peace. With his great sense of humor and life stories, Patin got the teen-agers to open up and put their egos away.

Patin encouraged the teens to take the conference message of peace with them. When he finished his talk, it was clear that he had gotten his message across and made the teens think about ways to achieve peace.

I think a line in the closing song at the conference, written by musician and youth minister David Kauffman, best describes the Archdiocesan Youth Conference and its atmosphere: "If you take away the fear, then peace is waiting; That's the time and place to celebrate."

The Archdiocesan Youth Conference allowed the teen-agers the chance to let down their guard or put away their egos and have a legal, safe and spiritual good time. I told many of my friends about the youth conference and plan to attend it again next year.

(J.P. Wyand is a sophomore at Cathedral High School and is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis.)

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By Kathleen Tucker

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Prom night is a one-of-a-kind evening for high school students throughout the archdiocese. Cathedral High School seniors Erika Davis (clockwise from left), Jaime Daniels of St. Lawrence Parish, Monica Fish from St. Lawrence Parish, Raquel Marsh from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, and Natalie Kempson (center), also from St. Lawrence Parish, gather for a picture during their school prom last spring in Indianapolis.

take responsibility for his or her own actions and safety.

To have a safe prom night, it's important to discuss your plans ahead of time with your date and your parents, then let them know about any changes. Make sure you call someone responsible in case of an emergency.

And above all, promise yourself that you will take control of your actions for the evening. Don't be influenced by negative peer pressure on prom night or any time, and don't let the evening control you!

Yes, this is the time to remember.

Prom night will be a festive evening to remember for thousands of high school students throughout the archdiocese. Hopefully it will be remembered for all of the right reasons.

Common sense, self-control, and self-esteem will help students ensure that prom night will be an event we can all look back on in years to come with fond memories of this special evening.

(Kathleen Tucker is a junior at Seccina Memorial High School and is a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis.)

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## High school prom is last big dance

By Matt Walters

The high school prom is the biggest evening of the school year. Naturally, you're anxious to go on your date and party into the night. But there are a few things you should do in order to have a fun and safe time.

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Prom night is supposed to be the best night of your life. Don't ruin it.

Remember that drinking and driving are a potentially fatal combination. It's illegal to possess alcohol if you're under age 21 anyway.

And don't use this night for an excuse to do whatever you feel like doing. Ask yourself if inappropriate behavior is worth the trouble it could cause you, your friends, and your family. Do you want to pay for this one night the rest of your life because you made the wrong choice? Is that the way you want to remember your prom night?

Now for the highlights of the night. Both sets of parents will want to take billions of pictures. It's part of the excitement. Later you'll be glad you have some photographs.

After all, you are excited about the prom and want to have a safe and fun time with your date. Start the evening by going to a nice restaurant for dinner. It will be a great beginning for an extraordinary night.

After dinner, when you finally arrive at the prom, get out on the dance floor and have a good time.

And after the dancing ends, if you aren't going to an after-prom party, take your date home and watch a movie together.

When you say goodnight, be sure and mention how much the evening meant to you and what a wonderful time you had during dinner and at the prom.

Remember, the prom is the last, and most important, dance before the end of the school year. And for seniors it's the last dance with your friends before graduation.

Prom night also is a chance to prove to your parents and your date just how responsible and mature you really are. Play it safe, and you'll have a really great time at your prom.

(Matt Walters is a senior at Shawe Memorial High School and is a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison.)



# Retreats offer special time to grow closer to God

By Zygmunt Mazanowski IV

Have you ever just wanted to get away from this hectic, crazy and stress-filled world for a couple of days?



Have you ever thought to yourself, "Wouldn't it be nice if I had a weekend to relax and let God renew and energize my life?"

Retreats are the perfect solution to these common thoughts many teen-agers have from time to time.

One way to think of a retreat is as a place of safety where we can learn more about ourselves, and where we can learn more about how to have a stronger and more real relationship with God and Jesus.

Retreats are a wonderful gift that we as teen-agers should take full advantage of during our high school years.

During the last four years of high school, I have had a chance to go on more than 20 Christian retreats. I have had the opportunity to lead retreats as well as be a participant. And I can honestly say that retreats have changed my life and helped me a tremendous amount.

It seems to me that there is a special grace at retreats and that God usually teaches me many things when I take some time to really focus on how my relationship is going with him.

I can remember countless times when I have gone to a retreat worn out and in need of a fresh perspective on where my life was heading. Time and time again, God has been faithful in giving me this fresh perspective I have sought.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus took some time to go off away from everything and everyone and be alone with God. Often he would wake up early and go out into the mountains and spend some quiet time with God.

Before he ever healed one person or performed any miracles, Jesus went out in the desert for a 40-day retreat of fasting and praying.

On the very night before Jesus was to die, he realized that it was necessary for him to go pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was only after retreating from the world and spending some time with God that Jesus was able to receive the strength, courage, and love he needed to carry on the mission that God had given him. Throughout Christ's passion and death, it was this strength received in prayer that carried him through till the end.

If we are honest with ourselves, we will all realize

that we, too, need some time to reflect and ask God to help us in this life.

I will always remember a retreat experience earlier this year from Feb. 21-24. I had been struggling with many things for about seven months. Slowly but surely, during this retreat, God began to help me and show me why I had been struggling so much.

As I was praying very early in the morning, God began to clearly show me why I had struggled and what I needed to do to get my life headed back in the right direction.

I thank God so much that he blessed this time I spent early in the morning in prayer telling him what was on my heart and mind. I also am thankful that I was able to take three days and really think and pray about where I was and what God was calling me to change in my life.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities you are going to have to go on retreats in the coming years. Don't make the mistake of convincing yourself that you're too busy or a retreat wouldn't be worthwhile for you. Take a step of faith and say, "I am going to take a day or two and really grow in knowledge of myself and my relationship with God."

If you take advantage of the retreat opportunities that you are given during high school, I am sure you will look back and be thankful.

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This crucifix is located on the scenic grounds of St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.

## Teens list the Top Ten 'Reasons to Begin a Relationship with God'

Compiled by Zygmunt Mazanowski IV

Here is one Top Ten List of "Reasons to Begin a Relationship with God" which was prepared by teen-agers:

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8. It will help you to realize and overcome your faults.
7. It will bring you peace in a stress-filled world.
6. Only God can lead you to eternal happiness in heaven.
5. When you dial up God late at night or early in the morning, you will never get a busy signal.
4. Your heart longs for something that can only be filled by God.
3. When everyone else seems to have abandoned you, God will still be there.
2. Spending time with God will allow him to bless your family.
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Most schools, like Seccina, try to do their part to promote a fun but safe prom. Still, it is up to each individual student to



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Prom night is a one-of-a-kind evening for high school students throughout the archdiocese. Cathedral High School seniors Erika Davis (clockwise from left), Jaime Daniels of St. Lawrence Parish, Monica Fish from St. Lawrence Parish, Raquel Marsh from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, and Natalie Kempson (center), also from St. Lawrence Parish, gather for a picture during their school prom last spring in Indianapolis.

take responsibility for his or her own actions and safety.

To have a safe prom night, it's important to discuss your plans ahead of time with your date and your parents, then let them know about any changes. Make sure you call someone responsible in case of an emergency.

And above all, promise yourself that you will take control of your actions for the evening. Don't be influenced by negative peer pressure on prom night or any time, and don't let the evening control you!

Yes, this is the time to remember.

Prom night will be a festive evening to remember for thousands of high school students throughout the archdiocese. Hopefully it will be remembered for all of the right reasons.

Common sense, self-control, and self-esteem will help students ensure that prom night will be an event we can all look back on in years to come with fond memories of this special evening.

(Kathleen Tucker is a junior at Seccina Memorial High School and is a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis.)

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## High school prom is last big dance

By Matt Walters

The high school prom is the biggest evening of the school year. Naturally, you're anxious to go on your date and party into the night. But there are a few things you should do in order to have a fun and safe time.

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Prom night is supposed to be the best night of your life. Don't ruin it.

Remember that drinking and driving are a potentially fatal combination. It's illegal to possess alcohol if you're under age 21 anyway.

And don't use this night for an excuse to do whatever you feel like doing. Ask yourself if inappropriate behavior is worth the trouble it could cause you, your friends, and your family. Do you want to pay for this one night the rest of your life because you made the wrong choice? Is that the way you want to remember your prom night?

Now for the highlights of the night. Both sets of parents will want to take billions of pictures. It's part of the excitement. Later you'll be glad you have some photographs.

After all, you are excited about the prom and want to have a safe and fun time with your date. Start the evening by going to a nice restaurant for dinner. It will be a great beginning for an extraordinary night.

After dinner, when you finally arrive at the prom, get out on the dance floor and have a good time.

And after the dancing ends, if you aren't going to an after-prom party, take your date home and watch a movie together.

When you say goodnight, be sure and mention how much the evening meant to you and what a wonderful time you had during dinner and at the prom.

Remember, the prom is the last, and most important, dance before the end of the school year. And for seniors it's the last dance with your friends before graduation.

Prom night also is a chance to prove to your parents and your date just how responsible and mature you really are. Play it safe, and you'll have a really great time at your prom.

(Matt Walters is a senior at Shawe Memorial High School and is a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison.)



# Retreats offer special time to grow closer to God

By Zygmunt Mazanowski IV

Have you ever just wanted to get away from this hectic, crazy and stress-filled world for a couple of days?



Have you ever thought to yourself, "Wouldn't it be nice if I had a weekend to relax and let God renew and energize my life?"

Retreats are the perfect solution to these common thoughts many teenagers have from time to time.

One way to think of a retreat is as a place of safety where we can learn more about ourselves, and where we can learn more about how to have a stronger and more real relationship with God and Jesus.

Retreats are a wonderful gift that we as teenagers should take full advantage of during our high school years.

During the last four years of high school, I have had a chance to go on more than 20 Christian retreats. I have had the opportunity to lead retreats as well as be a participant. And I can honestly say that retreats have changed my life and helped me a tremendous amount.

It seems to me that there is a special grace at retreats and that God usually teaches me many things when I take some time to really focus on how my relationship is going with him.

I can remember countless times when I have gone to a retreat worn out and in need of a fresh perspective on where my life was heading. Time and time again, God has been faithful in giving me this fresh perspective I have sought.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus took some time to go off away from everything and everyone and be alone with God. Often he would wake up early and go out into the mountains and spend some quiet time with God.

Before he ever healed one person or performed any miracles, Jesus went out in the desert for a 40-day retreat of fasting and praying.

On the very night before Jesus was to die, he realized that it was necessary for him to go pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was only after retreating from the world and spending some time with God that Jesus was able to receive the strength, courage, and love he needed to carry on the mission that God had given him. Throughout Christ's passion and death, it was this strength received in prayer that carried him through till the end.

If we are honest with ourselves, we will all realize

that we, too, need some time to reflect and ask God to help us in this life.

I will always remember a retreat experience earlier this year from Feb. 21-24. I had been struggling with many things for about seven months. Slowly but surely, during this retreat, God began to help me and show me why I had been struggling so much.

As I was praying very early in the morning, God began to clearly show me why I had struggled and what I needed to do to get my life headed back in the right direction.

I thank God so much that he blessed this time I spent early in the morning in prayer telling him what was on my heart and mind. I also am thankful that I was able to take three days and really think and pray about where I was and what God was calling me to change in my life.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities you are going to have to go on retreats in the coming years. Don't make the mistake of convincing yourself that you're too busy or a retreat wouldn't be worthwhile for you. Take a step of faith and say, "I am going to take a day or two and really grow in knowledge of myself and my relationship with God."

If you take advantage of the retreat opportunities that you are given during high school, I am sure you will look back and be thankful.

(Zygmunt Mazanowski is a senior at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis. He is a co-editor of the "Revelations" Youth Supplement, a former member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council, and a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)



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This crucifix is located on the scenic grounds of St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.

## Teens list the Top Ten 'Reasons to Begin a Relationship with God'

Compiled by Zygmunt Mazanowski IV

Here is one Top Ten List of "Reasons to Begin a Relationship with God" which was prepared by teenagers:

10. It will bring meaning and purpose to your life.
9. It will allow you to experience God's love for you.
8. It will help you to realize and overcome your faults.
7. It will bring you peace in a stress-filled world.
6. Only God can lead you to eternal happiness in heaven.
5. When you dial up God late at night or early in the morning, you will never get a busy signal.
4. Your heart longs for something that can only be filled by God.
3. When everyone else seems to have abandoned you, God will still be there.
2. Spending time with God will allow him to bless your family.
1. Because God loves you so much that he sent his son so that you could go to heaven!!

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# Small girls' school offers many special opportunities

By Tara Sharer

When I asked a classmate if she thought our school offered as much opportunity for advancement as the larger public schools,



she surprised me by becoming defensive and almost indignant.

Suffice it to say that her response was an emphatic and resounding "yes" for Oldenburg Academy near Batesville.

Many detractors of Catholic education

(especially single-sex Catholic education, such as the Franciscan girls' school at Oldenburg) would argue with my friend over this very point.

The opponents of private schools raise one good question that deserves an answer and a rebuttal: How can a student have an opportunity-rich, mind-expanding, well-rounded experience at a small school which singles out and caters to one sex?

To live life—high school life, that is—to the fullest, a student must wisely and evenly divide his or her time between recreation and study.

Contrary to popular belief, private, single-sex schools do not stifle or inhibit fun, and in fact they can at times create amusement and diversion. Though the motto at my school is "No Boys Allowed," this does not mean that the girls at Oldenburg Academy suffer from a deficiency of friendships with boys.

The weekends are 48-hour-long re-

prieves from responsibility, and Oldenburg Academy girls can see, talk to, and interact with boys for a significant fraction of those hours. Most girls here agree that seeing, talking to, and interacting with boys during school hours would only detract from their academic experience and distract them from their studies.

Some people feel that the size of a school also determines the number of opportunities for advancement that are available to each student. Though large schools do offer a plethora of extracurricular activities, it is unfair to discount smaller schools as devoid of all such opportunities.

My own school offers its students a wide variety of chances for academic as well as athletic and artistic development, and Oldenburg Academy, with a scanty 200 students, definitely qualifies as a small school.

Instead of detracting from the high school experience, parochial, single-sex schools only enhance and add distinctive flavor to the blandness that characterizes most schools today.

The girls attending Oldenburg Academy have fun and study hard, and the majority also enjoy a strong spirituality and moral awareness.

The high school years can be lived to the fullest here and at other small, private schools through this three-way combination of study, fun and religion. In my opinion, to demand anything more from the teen-age years would be like asking for perfection.

(Tara Sharer is a junior at Oldenburg Academy and is a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville.)



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Catholic teen-agers who participate in parish youth ministry activities have lots of opportunities to make new friends. These youth group members from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin show off the globes they decorated with messages of peace during an April 13 creative session at the Archdiocesan Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

## Good friends are among God's greatest gifts to us

By Kristy Camp

I envied my older sister when I was young. She got to wear make-up, stay up late to watch television, and go to sleepovers at her friends' houses.



All of this, of course, I wanted, but I most envied her for her best friend. They did everything together, and during the summer they were inseparable. There wasn't a night that

went by without one of them spending time at the other's house.

And never was the annoying little sister invited along, no matter how much begging and whining took place.

I was without a best friend, and I wanted one more than anything else. I wanted the kind of close friend my sister had found.

The years went by, and in time I got to wear make-up, go to sleepovers, and stay up late. I always had some good friends, but never anyone as close as my sister was with her best friend. Every night I would pray for God to send me a friend, a kindred spirit, that I could have for my own.

More time passed, and I started high school. My parents chose a different school for me than the one all of my grade school friends were attending, and as the first day of school drew near I was very reluctant to leave the security and familiarity of their faces and friendships.

High school inevitably began, and at first I was lonely for my old, comfortable friends and jealous of the fun that

they were having . . . without me.

Slowly though, I began to make new friends, and before I knew it I was having my own fun and adventures.

And in his own secret and timely way, God began to answer my prayer.

Looking back, I realize how much God truly blessed me. He sent me six wonderful friends, but one is extra-special. She is a real kindred spirit. She had just moved back to town after 10 years, and was a little lonely, too, like me. We became fast friends our freshman year, and the unexpected discovery of our history together as best friends in preschool 10 years ago helped explain our immediate compatibility.

She and I are inseparable. We can finish each others' sentences and can always make each other laugh. I give her excitement and adventure while she keeps me grounded. We've been there for each other through broken hearts, moody days, and fights with our parents. I bought her ice cream when she had her wisdom teeth taken out. She drove me around for days after I wrecked my car. I am now the "other daughter" at her house just like she is in my home.

God sent her and my other friends to me at the time I needed them the most. I don't know if I would have made it through these past few years if it hadn't been for my friends. We have always been there for each other, and I know that we will always be there if ever one of us needs the others.

These are the friendships that will last all through life. My friendship with each of them is truly one of God's greatest gifts.

(Kristy Camp is a senior at Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg. She lives in Batesville.)



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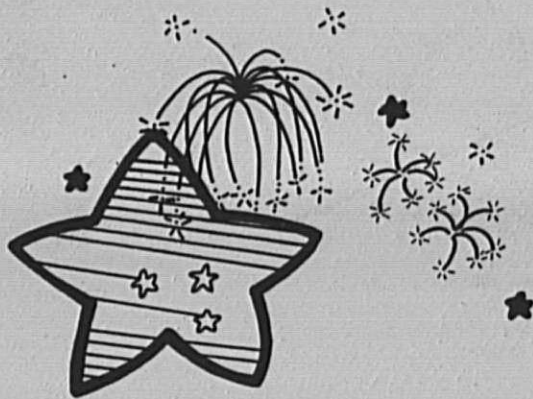


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Teen-agers from St. Philip Nori Parish in Indianapolis talk with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on April 21 before the Walk-Run-Pray-a-Then fund raiser for the parish school. Youth group activities help teens grow closer to God and make new friends, including priests, sisters, and the archbishop.



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# Faith means answering God's call to service

By Julie Lynch

All of my life, I have been taught that faith is not just a belief in God. Faith is also trying to follow the teachings of Jesus, and to model yourself after his example in every-day life.



When I entered Roncalli High School in Indianapolis as a freshman four years ago, I began to take this belief more seriously. I realized that service was my way of expressing my faith and of living the life of a Christian.

During my freshman and sophomore years at Roncalli, I mainly did service projects organized for all-school participation.

Every Thanksgiving I would join a few friends and go around our neighborhoods to collect cans for Roncalli's annual canned food drive. Then, in the spring, we would go out again and ask for pledge support for our Walk-a-thon to benefit Catholic education.

These all-school events, along with a few tutoring experiences, were my service contributions during the first half of my high school years at the Indianapolis South Deanery interparochial high school.

At the start of my junior year, I decided that I wanted to get involved in more service activities. While looking around for opportu-

nities, I found plenty of ways to serve others. Becoming a minister of hospitality for Roncalli's all-school Masses was one of my first experiences, but this was just the beginning.

Since my religion teacher was the coordinator of Roncalli's Service Learning Committee, I was offered many more opportunities to help others. My teacher regularly asked the students for volunteer help, and I responded to his requests.

I participated in painting houses and moving parish centers. Special Olympics needed volunteers, so I facilitated their bowling tournament. I also became a student mentor to new students at Roncalli, while still tutoring and helping with the all-school service projects.

These activities exposed me to many different types of people, and I found that I enjoyed them immensely. I also found a whole new group of people who shared my desire to serve others, and I began to see even more how much of my faith was involved in the service work that I did, both with my friends and with the people I served.

During spring break of my junior year, I participated in a service trip to Charleston, W.Va. That week was one of the best experiences of my life.

Two teachers and 10 students traveled in a van with minimal supplies to a community center located in a poor area of the Appalachian Mountains.

For a week, we helped the people of that community build and repair their homes. We



Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School

Roncalli High School students from Indianapolis who participated in a spring break community service trip to the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia this year learn how important it is to help others as they repair the flooring in an impoverished family's home.

painted, gardened and, most importantly, became good friends with our "neighbors."

By the end of the week, we knew many of the people we saw by first names. Before we left, they prepared a street barbecue for us, ignoring the cost in their gratitude for our help and friendship.

In the fall of my senior year, I joined Roncalli's Service Learning Committee and helped coordinate projects ranging from working at soup kitchens to visiting patients at nursing homes.

Again, through my religion classes, there were service opportunities such as helping the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education present its chastity peer ministry program to junior high youth.

As volunteer teachers for "A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality," high school juniors and seniors visit parish schools and religious education classes to talk with sixth-grade students about the importance of postponing sexual involvement until marriage.

During my senior year I became a eucharistic minister at my school and again participated in Roncalli's spring break trip to Appalachia.

I have found my faith in these service projects, and have strengthened it with my friends and the people that I served.

(Julie Lynch is a senior at Roncalli High School and is a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis.)

## Students discover joy in their service to the needy

By Sarah Rapp

This year 19 Roncalli High School students and three members of the Roncalli staff from Indianapolis spent their spring break in the mountains of Appalachia in faraway West Virginia.



While there, they all shared two rooms, a tiny kitchen, and two bathrooms in a neighborhood community center for five days.

Those who participated this year were Lauren Mull, Rachel Hauser,

Betsy Kosegi, Jessica Kappel, Laura Berlier, Nick Bednarek, Joey Gufreda, Nicholle Duncan, Justin Koehler, Anthony Shelburn, Sarah Rapp, Marcus Wyss, Julie Lynch, Amy Miles, JoAnne Harbert, Chris DiGiusto, Kelly Bray, Alma Davis, and Michelle Hulskotter. Roncalli staff members who accompanied the students were Gerard Striby, who was responsible for coordinating the event, Kevin Hurley and Cathy Kramer.

As one of these 22 people, I soon realized that this trip was going to be a very interesting experience. Our main reason for traveling to West Virginia was to be part of a work team that helped clean up and repair houses in poor neighborhoods.

Our mission became clear when we first saw the house we were to repair for a family. There was a lot of trash on the property, which had to be collected and hauled away. The roof also needed to be repaired, and we discovered that beneath worn linoleum there was a huge hole in the kitchen floor.

"I was surprised and disturbed at the condition of the house," Roncalli junior Nick Bednarek said later. "It's hard to imagine living in those conditions."

It looked as if it would be nearly impossible to do all of these repairs, and suddenly 22 people felt like a small group and five days didn't seem like nearly enough time.

But by the last day the kitchen had a new floor, new ceiling tiles, and a painted cabinet and sink. The roof had been repaired and replaced, three rooms had been painted, tons of trash had been cleared out, bushes had been trimmed, trees had been cut down, and a foundation had been laid for the porch.

Although we accomplished more than we ever dreamed we would in such a short time, there was still the feeling that there was so much more work we could do to help the family. The sink in the bathroom was still leaking, and the kitchen walls desperately needed paint. But the owners of the house couldn't show enough gratitude. Tears were in their eyes when they saw the new kitchen floor.

I have to admit that I was a little bummed out the day school got out for spring break. All day I had listened to other students talk about traveling to Florida and looking forward to parties on the beach. I went to Florida last year, so I knew exactly what I was missing out on this year.

"I wasn't giving up my spring break," explained junior Joey Gufreda. "I was giving back. I wish everyone could experience the feeling I got doing this."

Roncalli junior Nicholle Duncan agreed. "I liked the fact that I spent my (vacation) time making a difference," she said. "It was a good opportunity to take advantage of."

I personally wouldn't have traded this experience for anything. Not only did I leave with a great sense of accomplishment, I also got to know many people from my school that I had never really talked to before. We all now share in something special, and I can't wait until spring break next year when I can return to Appalachia for another opportunity to help people in need.

And there may be another chance for Roncalli students to help the poor in Appalachia this year. A summer trip to West Virginia in late July is in the planning stages now.

(Sarah Rapp is a junior at Roncalli High School and is a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood.)

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Parks offer scenery as well as facilities for sports activities. Some students play sports on lighted courts at night for fun.

"Night is one of the best times to play" basketball or tennis. Our Lady of Providence High School senior Maria Hostetler said, "because there's no one else on the court with you."

With a couple dollars, students also can go bowling for a fun afternoon or evening. During the winter, many teens hit the ice skating rinks and ski slopes. And summer means time for beach volleyball and swimming at area pools. Many teens also like to play miniature golf with friends.

If teen-agers aren't athletic, they can watch sporting events. Whether they are showing their school pride at a high school game or rooting for their favorite professional team, students find that being a sports spectator is very entertaining.

Students can watch football or soccer games or attend cross country meets in the fall, enjoy hockey and basketball games or volleyball and wrestling matches in the winter, and go to track or golf meets and baseball games in the spring.

In order to watch a professional baseball, basketball or football game, some students enjoy traveling a couple hours and paying a few dollars for nosebleed seats or a few more bucks for a better view of their favorite team.

Some activities take planning and can be more expensive. Theater, such as a Broadway series or the affordable and well-done school plays, make a nice change for an evening of fun.

Dinner before the show, or even just eating out, can make a boring night fun. Sharing a meal allows friends to talk about what's going on in their lives as well as have fun together. Whether it be inexpensive fast-food or a sit-down restaurant with higher prices on the menu, eating out with friends can bring lots of enjoyment.

Warmer weather also signals the opening of the amusement park season. Roller coasters and Ferris wheels invite students to enjoy themselves in crowds. Some teen-agers travel to Cincinnati to the Paramount Kings Island amusement park, while others visit the Kentucky Kingdom theme park in Louisville.

When all else fails, students head to the movies, a traditional recreation spot on Friday and Saturday nights.

However, most students find that the place or activity is not as important as the time they are spending having fun with their friends.

(Heather Willey is a senior at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville and is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.)

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# Extracurricular activities enrich high school years

By Claire Carr

People always tell you that "this is the best time of your life" and to "savor the moment" because "high school goes by so fast."



Teens are only in high school for four years, and while that may sound like a long time in reality it isn't.

The more you are involved in extra-curricular activities and sports, the faster your high school years go by. But if you don't do much, it may seem like it takes forever.

You can either sit back and let your high school career go by without getting involved in anything, or you can make your high school years memorable.

There are many fun things a teen-ager can get involved with both in and out of school.

All schools have a variety of sports activities. In the fall, students can participate in cross country, soccer, football and cheerleading. In the winter, teens can play basketball or wrestle. And in the spring there is tennis, softball, baseball and track.

But if you are not athletically inclined, you could always be a sports team manager or join a club. There are clubs for everyone's interests, including language clubs, the International Student

Leadership Institute, or the Drama Club.

Being a class officer or serving on the Student Council is also a good way to get involved and have your voice heard in your school. If you run for an office, you will be known as a leader and a representative of your class and school. You could also write for the school newspaper or yearbook or take photographs for those publications.

There are also plenty of classes you can take to promote your talents. You can participate in the band, chorus or art. If you like to act and don't mind standing up in front of crowds, you could join the Drama Club. Most schools produce plays once or twice a year.

And there are other activities outside of school. Most high school students join their parish or church youth group at some point in time, at least for confirmation. Right now I am going through my confirmation classes and will be confirmed in the Catholic Church in June.

There are state and community organizations you can participate in like the Indiana Junior Historical Society or the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts. There are also many community organizations where you can donate your time and talent.

This year I am president of the junior class, copy editor of *The Ritter Reporter*, a member of the National Honor Society, a student ambassador, a football manager, a Language Club member, a prom committee member, and a wrestling mat maid.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Bishop Chatard High School junior Karl Liepnies from St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis monitors his school's video coverage of the Archdiocesan Youth Conference on April 13 in Indianapolis. Bishop Chatard students are producing a video of the annual Catholic youth conference which is sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries.

The more outgoing you are, the more friends you will meet. While you are in high school, you meet a variety of people and have the opportunity to get to know teen-agers from other schools and backgrounds.

Many of the friendships you make in high school will last a lifetime.

Keep in mind that some of the things you say or do during high school may be remembered by classmates at a school reunion 25 years from now.

So whenever you hear someone say

that "this is the best time of your life," believe them. And remember that the more involved you are now, the more memories you will have later.

Then, when you get older, you can look back on the best time of your life and you will have many happy memories because you lived your high school years to the fullest.

(Claire Carr is a junior at Cardinal Ritter High School and is a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis.)

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## Teens must work to end abortion

By Jaime Buerger

On Jan. 22, 1973, two rulings were handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States that made abortion legal nationally. The rulings were based on the cases *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*.



The court's decisions ignited one of the biggest controversies to ever plague our nation.

Pro-life supporters and abortion advocates are extremely passionate in their opposing beliefs. To these groups, abortion is a black and white issue—either wrong or right—and therefore a compromise on the issue is impossible.

The Catholic Church teaches that life begins at the moment of conception. Scientific research supports this religious belief. The church's stance is that abortion at any stage of pregnancy and under any circumstances is wrong.

I am Catholic. I am also pro-life. My decision to be pro-life was influenced by my church and by the strong moral values my parents have instilled in me.

Abortion adversely affects the woman's body while killing the baby in the womb. The woman has a voice, but the unborn child does not. I feel I have a duty and a responsibility to speak out for the unborn whenever I can.

I am proud of my pro-life position. Unfortunately I feel I am in the minority on this issue when it comes to many of my peers. It saddens me to say I know people my own age who have had abortions. I wish I had known ahead of time so I could have encouraged them to choose life.

I believe many teen-agers choose abortion without being adequately informed about their decision and given the medical facts about prenatal development. Sometimes teen-age girls are easily swayed by the pro-choice liberal media.

There are life-giving alternatives to abortion, and teen-agers should be encouraged to think about adoption.

The startling statistics about teen pregnancy are constantly being reported in the news. Although the numbers are high, I have to give these young women credit because they are choosing not to kill their babies. I admire anyone who owns up to mistakes and tries to do the right thing.

I cannot predict what the future has in store in terms of the abortion debate. This issue is tearing our nation apart.

I respect all life, born and unborn. I hope and pray to God that soon others will join me in my strong pro-life beliefs before many more innocent babies are murdered.

(Jaime Buerger is a 1995 graduate of Our Lady of Providence High School and is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville.)



# Prayers help teen-ager overcome paralyzing illness

By Buffy Hoyt

Bishop Chatard High School junior Katie Schultz of Indianapolis became the object of our prayers last year when she

acquired septic shock, was admitted to the emergency room, and remained in the hospital for two months. The students and staff of the Bishop Chatard family spent home-room time praying for Katie while she fought a battle against her body.

She won the battle and is now back with us. Early last May, Katie began to suffer from high fevers, weakness and sore throats. The doctor believed she had mononucleosis.

"All of a sudden I was too weak to even go to the bathroom," Katie said, so her parents rushed her to the hospital emergency room.

"I was relieved that she was admitted," her mother said. "Finally someone else realized how sick she was."

At the emergency room, Katie was examined by many specialists who tried to determine her illness. Meanwhile, her temperature continued to rise.

On Katie's fourth day at the hospital, she was rushed to the intensive care unit.

"She was in septic shock and required emergency lung surgery," Mrs. Schultz said. During her surgery, many places near the hospital were hit by a tornado, but luckily the hospital didn't lose its power.

Soon after the surgery, Katie went into a coma.

"It wasn't until mid-June that we had any hope of her being able to come home at all," Mrs. Schultz said. However, Katie could not move, and the doctors said she would probably be confined to a wheelchair.

Physical therapists started coming into Katie's room and moving her arms and legs for her as a form of exercise.

"I couldn't do any of it," Katie said. Gradually she regained her strength, but she had to relearn to walk. It took a month.

"The doctors were really surprised when I started walking," Katie said. "They told my mom, when I went into emergency surgery, I might not live and if I did I'd be brain damaged."

Katie overcame those consequences by pushing herself toward recovery. The things that kept her working so hard to get well were her friends' and family's support, the flowers and cards, and her roommate at the hospital.

"I never wanted to give up," she said. "I thank God for the power of prayer, his healing miracle, and Katie's determination to keep fighting to come back all the way," her mother said.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Bishop Chatard High School junior Katie Schultz of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis retrieves books from her locker between classes. Last spring she had to be hospitalized for weeks and was paralyzed for a short time. Katie attributes her miraculous recovery to prayers and support from family and friends.

This year Katie is back to her busy life as a student at Bishop Chatard High School. Through Katie we were given the chance to see that miracles really do happen.

(Buffy Hoyt is a senior at Bishop Chatard High School and is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.)

## Teens should make choice to avoid illegal substances

By Kurt Laker

My grandfather was an alcoholic. I never knew him or heard any fond memories of him, and he is my primary reason for staying away from harmful substances.

Sadly, though, not all teen-agers have a reason to stay away from drugs and alcohol. They feel something missing in their lives and find a concrete substance to fill a space that used to be occupied by companionship, ambition, or hope.

The scariest part is that these artificial substances actually are effective in relieving stress, despair, or loneliness for a short time.

Adults assume that with some Waltonsque love and care their children will avoid drugs and alcohol. If the solution were that simple, the problem would have been virtually eliminated by now.

The decision to use or not use alcohol or drugs is determined by the individual person alone. Parental disciplinary actions, guidance and encouragement are completely ineffective because by the time the choice is made the child is thinking independently.

Like most young children, I held a great aversion towards broccoli. My mom used to say, "Just pretend that you're the giant and they're the trees." Unable to realize at that point that there are no tree-eating giants, I shoveled in the broccoli. Now I just don't eat it regardless of what my mom says about its nutritional benefits.

The same is true with drugs. People tell you at an early age that they are bad and you need to stay away from them. But when kids become teen-agers they see the situation from their own point of view, and may choose to disregard parental influence. They evaluate the risks and potential harms and make their own decisions.

Ninety percent of my friends who drink or use drugs have been caught at least once. None that I know of have stopped using alcohol or drugs because of disciplinary repercussions or a heart-to-heart talk.

The choice to start substance abuse is an individual one, and the choice to stop is an individual one, too. Nobody wants to hear this but, sadly, it is true. A teen will not stop using drugs or alcohol until he or she has hurt a loved one.

The best thing parents can do is pray that their son or daughter is given the strength to make it through the tough times without turning to illegal substances.

When I was a freshman, I couldn't think of any reason why my peers would want to use drugs. My naivete has since left me. I have to read a 530-page book and write a six-page term paper for the same class in about three weeks.

The stress and pressure of school and adolescent life is at times unbearable. I have watched former drug-free teens finally break down and get drunk or high because

they just can't take the pressure anymore, and I don't look down on them. Rather, I sympathize with them.

The peer pressure theory doesn't have much credibility. Peer pressure is something adults like to focus on to rationalize why their teen-age child drinks alcohol or does drugs. The fallacy of peer pressure is easily proven by the following fictional conversation:

"Hey, man, want some of my weed?"

"No thanks."

"Cool. More for me."

Teen substance abusers don't want to give away their drugs or alcohol. It's simple economics. The less they give away, the more they have for their own use.

There is, however, a very real danger of alienation for substance abusers. Some of my fellow non-drinkers started drinking. I thought I could no longer be friends with them. I figured out that I was wrong when I left the role of "disappointed parent" and entered the role

of "caretaker." I am the policeman at parties with alcohol. I drive people home and make sure nobody becomes sloppy. This is the solution to peer pressure. Coming down on friends won't make them stop abusing alcohol or drugs, so I have decided to simply make an effort to keep them from hurting themselves or anyone else.

The most disturbing aspect of the teen-age substance abuse problem is that it has no solution. It's easy for adults to be optimistic about a situation they are completely detached from. However, parents should avoid the "iron fist" strategy with teens because it induces rebellion. They should find a way to be more of a friend than an adversary.

And, my fellow adolescents, the best advice I can offer on how to avoid becoming a substance abuser is to just be strong.

(Kurt Laker is a junior at Cathedral High School and is a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.)

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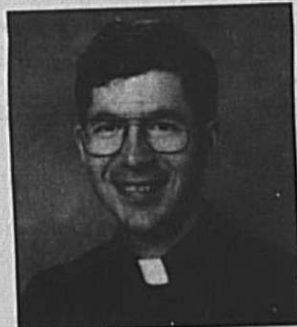
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# Bishop Bruskewitz denies appeal of 16 Call to Action members

*He exhorts them to 'take a different path from . . . that of disobedience and aggressive rebellion'*

By Jerry Filteau, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., has denied an appeal by 16 members of Call to Action Nebraska to withdraw or change legislation by which he placed them under interdict.

He said they could appeal to Rome. "I regret to tell you that nothing that you or any others have written or said inclines me in any way to rescind or amend that legislation," he said in a letter

April 24 to Call to Action Nebraska member James A. McShane.

"I would gladly do so, however," he added, "if so ordered by our Holy Father, to whom you have every right to appeal. In the meanwhile, I urge you and your colleagues to obey and to make amends for your and their defiance."

In the three-page letter he accused the group, which formed in February, of conducting "an illicit Mass . . . which was not only nonrubrical but anti-rubrical" and of "secrecy concerning your group's activities and plots."

He exhorted the group "to take a different path from the one on which you have set out, that of disobedience and aggressive rebellion."

"This is very painful and deeply disheartening," McShane told Catholic News Service after he received the letter April 25. He provided CNS with a copy of it.

Call to Action Nebraska and the Chicago-based national Call to Action were two of 12 groups that Bishop Bruskewitz named in diocesan legislation in March. The new law ordered any Catholics who belonged to any of the organizations to leave them by April 15 under penalty of interdict, followed in one month by excommunication.

Other banned groups included several Masonic organizations, some groups that oppose the Second Vatican Council and some advocacy groups for euthanasia or abortion.

Call to Action is unlike the other groups in that most of its 15,000 members nationally are priests, nuns or lay Catholics who are employed by the church or active volunteers and leaders in their parishes.

The national group seeks to promote elements of Catholic social teaching and advocates changes in church teaching or practice in areas of priestly celibacy, women's ordination, artificial birth control and lay involvement in church decisions. The Nebraska chapter says it was just organized and has not adopted positions on these matters.

On April 23 Msgr. Timothy J. Thorburn, diocesan chancellor, told McShane that the penalties against those who filed the appeal had been suspended until the bishop made a decision on their appeal.

Msgr. Thorburn added that if the bishop should rule against the appeal, the penalties would again take effect. Should the group then appeal to higher authority, he said, the penalties would again be suspended, once the bishop received verification of that appeal, until it was resolved.

Msgr. Thorburn told CNS April 26 that the members of Call to Action Nebraska had been the only ones to file an appeal asking the bishop to rescind his legislation.

McShane's wife, Carol McShane, told CNS April 26 that the group had not yet made a decision about an appeal to Rome. They needed to weigh their options carefully, she said, "because we're making history at this point. Whether our appeal is sustained or not may have a great effect on other Catholics all across the country. If our appeals are not sustained, it will give permission for other bishops to follow suit."

## Omaha archbishop says no roles for dissenters

*However, he did not legislate penalties of interdict and excommunication as did Bishop Bruskewitz of Lincoln*

By Catholic News Service

OMAHA, Neb.—Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss of Omaha has barred Catholics of his archdiocese from church ministries and offices if they publicly support abortion or euthanasia or publicly dissent from church teaching on women's ordination. Catholics are also forbidden to be active Masons, he added.

He did not, however, legislate penalties of interdict and excommunication for Catholics belonging to certain Masonic and other groups, as Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz did in the neighboring Diocese of Lincoln.

In a three-page letter April 22, to be read at all weekend Masses April 27-28, Archbishop Curtiss warned that "any Catholics in this archdiocese who publicly support abortion or euthanasia may not be in any teaching, ministerial or liturgical ministry or be a member of any parish or archdiocesan council."

He called the papal teaching that women cannot be ordained priests "a doctrinal matter for the whole church."

"Therefore, Catholics who publicly disagree with this papal teaching are in dissent against the teaching magisterium of the church. They may not be in any teaching, liturgical or ministerial role in this archdiocese or be a member of any parish or archdiocesan council," he wrote.

He also urged Catholics to support the requirement of celibacy for priests of the Latin rite.

He acknowledged that mandatory celibacy is a disciplinary rather than doctrinal requirement for priests but added, "it

will continue to be a necessary condition for seeking ordination because of its value to the whole church."

He said the Omaha Archdiocese and parishes value lay consultation, but "the selection of bishops is quite another matter. . . . Those who promote a popular vote for the selection of bishops either do not understand the process or want to assert their own authority over that of the bishops to nominate and even choose their own candidates."

Archbishop Curtiss said that while the Catholic-Masonic antagonism of the past has subsided, "Catholics cannot be active members of the Masonic Lodge in this archdiocese or anywhere else in the world."

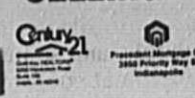


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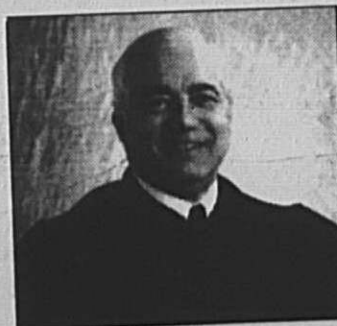
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# Pope urges United Nations to renounce land mines

*Land mines, the pope said, 'have devastating consequences on civilians and, especially, on children'*

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II urged government representatives attending a U.N. meeting on land mines to "renounce such instruments of death."

The pope spoke the day before the U.N. conference opened April 22 in Geneva. The Vatican's representative told participants that placing stricter conditions on land mines was not enough.

"The only solution is to ban them," said Msgr. Andres Carrascosa, head of the Holy See delegation to the confer-

ence reviewing an international treaty on "conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects."

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square April 21, the pope said the meeting would focus on land mines "which are sown by the tens of millions in many parts of the world, particularly in Cambodia, Angola, Afghanistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina."

Land mines, the pope said, "have devastating consequences on the civilian population and, especially, on children."

He told the pilgrims he would appeal to representatives at the Geneva meeting to "renounce such instruments of death and adopt a definitive ban on their production, sale and use."

Msgr. Carrascosa quoted the pope's remarks in his speech to the conference and said the Catholic Church's position is based on years of experience with innocent

civilians, especially children, who are killed or maimed by land mines, often years after a formal peace has been proclaimed in their homelands.

The U.N.-sponsored review of conventional weapons with indiscriminate effects met in the fall of 1995 and again in January 1996, agreeing to ban the transport and use of blinding laser weapons, but finding it difficult to reach an agreement on land mines, which are cheap to manufacture and deploy.

The Vatican representative said an effort by some countries to forge an agreement on placing new conditions on land mines—for example, shortening their life span or making them easier to detect—would serve only to create new markets and motivations for manufacturing the weapons.

"Our world needs courageous decisions in this area, as was the case with chemical weapons or those with blinding lasers," he said.

Political as well as military decisions are needed, Msgr. Carrascosa said. Governments must "weigh carefully their responsibility toward the millions of innocent human beings—often those who are most vulnerable—who are the victims of these weapons."

"The requirements of national defense can be met in other ways, without paying this heavy price in human terms," he told the conference.

For a number of reasons, the continued manufacture, sale and deployment of land mines makes no sense for the international community, he said:

- It is a contradiction to allow the continued use of weapons that harm hundreds of children each year when the international community is striving to help children.
- The return of refugees and displaced people after a war has ended is an international priority, but people won't go back when their roads and fields are strewn with mines.
- After a war, governments and international organizations try to promote development and offer emergency food aid to people in need, but the people cannot work their fields and food cannot be safely transported when mines have yet to be cleared.

## Ban land mines now, Bishop Reilly says

By Jerry Fliteau, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—"Now is the time" for the United States to ban all anti-personnel land mines, Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Worcester, Mass., said in a letter to National Security Adviser Anthony Lake.

"The United States should move quickly and unambiguously to ban the production, sale and use of anti-personnel land mines," he wrote.

Any delay, he added, "fails to reflect adequately the moral urgency and human stakes in the continued use of land mines."

More than 25,000 people, most of them civilians, are killed or maimed by land mines every year.

Bishop Reilly, chairman of the U.S. bishops' International Policy Committee, wrote to Lake April 17, shortly before the Review Conference of the Convention on Conventional Weapons began a round of meetings in Geneva.

"We urge the administration to act boldly on this vital moral and human question. We will not relax our intense and ongoing efforts to ban these indiscriminate weapons," the bishop said.

"Now is not the time for delay, but for strong and clear leadership," he said.

Analysts consider U.S. leadership crucial for the review conference to reach an agreement to ban land mines.

The Pentagon said in March that it was reviewing its policy on anti-personnel land mines, but Defense Secretary William Perry told a Georgetown University audience April 18 that it will take a long time for the United States to phase them out of its arsenal.

When the Geneva meeting opened April 22, a total of 29 nations had declared their support for an immediate, comprehensive ban on all anti-personnel land mines. More than half of them adopted that position since September, when the first session of the review conference was held.

Last June the U.S. bishops unanimously approved a statement calling for the complete elimination of such weapons, saying they belong in the same category as chemical and biological warfare.

"Some 100 million of these hidden killers are strewn around the world, killing an estimated 500 people per week, most of whom are civilians," they said.

Last May Pope John Paul II called for "the definitive cessation of the manufacture and use of those arms called 'anti-personnel mines.'"

The United States has had a moratorium on the export of land mines since 1993 and recently approved a one-year partial moratorium on their use by U.S. forces.



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## Scripture comforts, strengthens and challenges us

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

"Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." That is what a bishop says to deacons during their ordination.

While no similar line is addressed to all the rest of us, a similar obligation falls on each of us. That's why these exhortations for deacons are a good "place" to begin a discussion that concerns all of us: our responsibility to believe, to teach, and to practice what we teach.

It all has a lot to do with being people who proclaim the word of God.

When the word of God is proclaimed to us during the liturgy, we recognize the voice of Christ speaking to us today. It is a word that may:

- Comfort us in times of difficulty.
- Strengthen us to be faithful to the Lord.

- Or challenge us to change our lives.

Whatever the case, God's word comes to us as a gift. It invites us to enter more deeply into the love of God.

But the word we receive also is meant to be shared with others. All baptized people are called to spread the word of God throughout the world.

How is God's word shared? By our words and by our actions.

Every member of the church is entrusted with a ministry of the word.

Sometimes this ministry takes a formal shape. We might be called to teach the faith in a religion class for children. We might be chosen as a leader of a Bible study group. We might share our faith in adult religious education programs or as catechists in the catechumenate program for those preparing to join the church.

Often we are challenged to speak our faith to others in less structured ways. There are many situations in the course of daily life where the word of God needs to be heard.

We might be asked about Catholic beliefs by a co-worker or a neighbor. Someone might come to us seeking advice in dealing with a problem. We might be involved in a conversation in which it is up to us to speak the truth about God. Or perhaps the Spirit prompts us to write a letter to the editor on an important point of values.

In a wide variety of ways, we employ our words in order to share God's word. However, God's word also is communicated through our actions.

Remember that the Word of God became flesh and lived among us. The incarnate (enfleshed) Word taught us about God by the way he lived and died as well as by the words he spoke. Often the enfleshed word—our action—is the one that speaks most powerfully.

- When we do an act of kindness, we make the word of God's love visible and tangible.

- When we put in an honest day's work or pay a just wage to workers, we speak volumes about justice and fairness.

- When we share with the needy, we speak of the bonds that unite us.

- When we vote for candidates who promote Gospel values, we make our voice heard on behalf of justice, and peace, and life.

- When we care for our families and nurture our children, we speak of the care of a God who is our parent.

In a thousand ways, we spread the word of God. In doing so, we evangelize.

Pope John Paul II is calling for a "new evangelization" as we approach the year 2000 and the start of the third millennium. That evangelization is needed in foreign lands and cultures and in our own society.

But this won't happen if we leave the task solely to full-time missionaries. It can only be accomplished if each member of the church takes responsibility for spreading the word of God. If we are going to spread the true word of God, not just our opinions, we must make sure we are well nourished by that word.

Along with regular reading and study of the Bible, the premier place for hearing God's word is during the liturgy. One reason we need to gather each week for worship is to allow God's word to speak to us again and form us.

The more we open our ears and our hearts to the word proclaimed to us, the more likely it is that it will take root in us. That's what is needed if we are to become people who share God's word through our own words and through our actions.

(Father Lawrence Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.)



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If we walk along with Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word and recognize him in the Scriptures, we will be able to recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

## To experience Mass fully, we must arrive at church on time

By Fr. Paul J. Schmidt

Getting to Mass on time used to mean entering the pew as the priest came out of the sacristy. "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" makes this approach obsolete.

"The Liturgy of the Word is an integral part of sacramental celebrations" (No. 1154), the catechism explains. People are not prepared to celebrate a sacrament without first listening to the word of God, for "the liturgical actions signify what the word of God expresses" (No. 1153).

We used to speak of three "principal parts" of the Mass: Offertory, Consecration and Communion. We know now that these are only sections of the part of the Mass called the Liturgy of the Eucharist (formerly called the Mass of the Faithful).

The catechism clarifies that there are "two great parts" of the Mass "that form a fundamental unity" (No. 1346). The Liturgy of the Word (formerly called the Mass of the Catechumens) is the other part.

"The symbolic actions are already a lan-

guage," explains the catechism, "but the word of God and the response of faith have to accompany and give life to them, so that the seed of the kingdom can bear its fruit in good soil" (No. 1153).

In the "old days," we recognized the special real presence of Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist. But we did not do so well at recognizing Jesus' presence in Scripture.

"The Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist together form 'one single act of worship,'" the catechism explains (No. 1346).

The importance of the Liturgy of the Word also highlights the importance of the homily. Preaching at Mass should make the word of God come alive in our lives.

If we walk along with Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word and recognize him in the Scriptures, we will be able to recognize him in the breaking of the bread. To do this, we have to get to Mass on time.

(Father Paul Schmidt is director of priest personnel for the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.)

## Discussion Point

### Priest's homily can change lives

#### This Week's Question

Briefly, describe a homily that influenced you.

"When I was a pre-teen-ager . . . the priest quoted a little poem that emphasized that our faith isn't just for Sunday: 'Mr. Business went to church, he never missed a Sunday. But Mr. Business went to hell, for what he did on Monday.' What struck me then and has stayed with me still today is that being a Christian is something you do 24 hours a day." (Peter Stempien, Houston, Texas)

"A homily on the Prodigal Son was memorable because I identified with the brother who stayed at home—that's how I felt about my older brother. But (because of) the way the priest talked about why the prodigal son needed to be welcomed back, I learned to be more open and accepting of my own brother." (Susie Pasikowski, Louisville, Ky.)

"A homily that influenced me was on healing the blind man. It made me grateful for the gift of my own profession as a nurse and administrator of a nursing home. . . . I try to make a difference every day with

the elderly I work with, and I was encouraged and heartened by Jesus' example of healing." (Judith LeBlanc, Rindge, N.H.)

"The pastor was talking about faith. . . . He used the example of a disaster happening where the media comes in and interviews the family who had been spared. Their prayers had been answered. . . . The second interview was with a family who had lost a child in the disaster. They too had prayed. . . . What I learned is that faith doesn't mean everything will turn out OK; instead, faith in God is much more complicated, especially in the face of tragedy." (Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity Sister Christine Wiltrakis, Pensacola, Fla.)

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# Entertainment

Viewing with Arnold/James W. Arnold

## 'Executive Decision' plot takes the action sky-high

Hollywood action movies are still about where they were when James Bond



arrived, with the heroes preventing some madmen from blowing up the world, either for money or ideology.

In the current popular variation, "Executive Decision," for the moment second only to "The

Birdcage" at North American box-offices, the modest but incomparably competent hero leads a special forces unit against terrorists who have hijacked a 747 with 400 passengers, ostensibly to force the release of their newly captured leader.

Incidentally, the hero here is Kurt Russell as David Grant, a brainy U.S. intelligence whiz (obviously a clone of Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan). Grant is normally a desk guy but dragged (in a cocktail party tux) into accompanying the team of G.I.'s to enter the plane by stealth in mid-air and rescue the hostages. The real team leader is supposed to be Steven Segal, but he disappears in the first act (a dirty trick).

No matter. The head bad guy on the plane intends to double-cross everybody, take the plane to Washington, and detonate a deadly nerve-gas bomb that will kill everything, including presumably ants, on the eastern seaboard. The stakes are always high in a movie produced by Joel Silver ("Lethal Weapon," "Die Hard," etc.). Not for nothing has he been called the "Selznick of Schlock."

The villains are, as they have been for a few years, Arab extremists, who are doing it all in the name of Allah. This is upsetting to those of us who are benign and enlightened, since it contributes to stereotyping and not communication or understanding.

But the real world is hard to argue with, and writers Jim and John Thomas (who created the "Predator" movies for Silver) are not working on doctorates in philosophy. The Thomases dutifully include a couple of (in context) normal, sane Muslim spokesmen (one is ignored, the other is killed) and simply get on with the story.

There are two main moral raps against the action movies of the last decade, which are the male equivalent of weepy romances. One is that they exploit women. The other is that they indulge the taste for killing and maiming in large and often graphic numbers.

In "Executive Decision," women will probably have few complaints. The only female role of significance is a flight attendant, played by Halle Berry, who discovers the good guys are on board and bravely helps them despite the constant menace of the volatile hijackers. She's courageous while being credible, caring and traditional. She doesn't have to endure sexual innuendoes, fire an Uzi, or beat up any Middle Eastern tough guys.

The body count is predictably high. (In the first 10 minutes, there are two high-kill combat scenes, plus the plane takeover and a fanatic blowing himself up in a crowded London restaurant.) As in many action movies, the film too often builds up characters, then carelessly bumps them off, like so much haddock. On the other hand, it's rat-tat-tat comic book action, without suffering or grisly detail.

(The violence, such as it is, accounts for the R rating, and kids who see it should have a chance to discuss it with folks who are older and wiser. Some parents, unfortunately, buy tickets for their offspring and come back in two hours to pick them up without a clue concerning the relative intensity or silliness of the experience.)

Credibility is always a problem in



CNS photo from Walt Disney

In a scene from "James and the Giant Peach," James surveys the ocean with his friend Grasshopper. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies Disney's animated adventure story A-II for adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rates the film PG, for parental guidance suggested.

contemporary action movies, especially since every new adventure has to top its predecessors in challenges and/or special effects. Thus, without detection, the terrorists smuggle aboard not only enough weapons to stage a palace coup but a complicated chemical bomb with enough canisters and circuitry to play the organ at Radio City Music Hall. Our heroes, of course, are always better at killing the villains than they are at keeping them off the airplane.

"Decision" mixes in everything that's been done before in hijack movies, then pushes the envelope. Thus, the chaos of the sudden reduction in cabin pressure is only a mid-level climax. A nervous amateur has to defuse the bomb while the "expert" (with a broken back) lies beside him and agonizes, etc.

Ultimately, the filmmakers are wise enough to realize the humorous possibilities, and fully exploit them in the final sequence, as inexperienced Grant brings the huge plane down for a night landing at Dulles Airport while the stewardess not-

so-calmly reads him directions from the pilot's manual.

A footnote: the code name for the commando invasion of the plane is Operation Hail Mary. For better or worse, the term is destined to be applied to every long-shot, desperate last-hope effort in popular culture. One suspects Our Lady won't mind.

(Above average action flick that mostly ignores and enjoys its improbabilities; genre violence; satisfactory for adult escapists.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults.

### Film Classifications

Recently reviewed by the USCC

Celtic Pride	A-III
For the Moment	A-III
Sunset Park	A-IV
The Truth about Cats and Dogs	A-IV

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## A&E will rerun 'The Attic: The Hiding of Anne Frank'

By Henry Herx and Gerri Pare, Catholic News Service

Fine acting, beloved characters, and restrained direction are the hallmarks of "The Attic: The Hiding of Anne Frank," to be rerun on Sunday, May 5, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on cable's Family Channel. (Check local cable listings to verify the program date and time.)

Although the story of Anne Frank is universally known, much less has been written about Miep Gies (Mary Steenburgen), the woman who hid the Frank family and four others during the Nazi occupation of Holland.

Risking her life and that of her new husband, Jan (Huub Stapel), Miep readily agreed to work with the Dutch underground to keep the Franks alive and well in the attic above Otto Frank's offices. For more than two years near the end of the war, Miep and Jan brought food and supplies, news of the war, and simple companionship to the Franks and their Jewish comrades.

An employee of Otto Frank's, Miep, an Austrian, openly despised the Nazis. Their occupation of Holland, her adopted homeland, and their horrific treatment of the Jews mobilized her to quietly fight back. Threatened with deportation back to Austria, she married Jan, her longtime love, and immediately became a Dutch citizen.

Steenburgen, who made her network television debut in this role, is lovely as Miep. It's a gentle role, full of much repressed emotion. But Steenburgen, a master of wildly eccentric character portrayals, commands the screen with this low-key performance.

Paul Scofield is an odd but inspired choice to play Otto Frank, the man forever grateful to Miep for keeping his doomed family together for a few last years. A noted classical actor, Scofield quietly instills Otto with the larger-than-life quality that enabled him to survive and bring Anne's story to the world.

Noted stage actress Eleanor Bron is equally fine as Otto's wife, Edith, and Lisa Jacobs is a suitably effervescent Anne Frank.

Anne's especially close relationship with Miep, an attraction no doubt cemented by Miep's relatively young age, is shown to have been a highlight of Anne's days in hiding. It is Miep who salvaged Anne's diaries after the Gestapo swept the Franks away to concentration camps.

Director John Erman brings Miep's story to light with the same taste and sensitivity that characterized his Emmy Award-winning "Who Will Love My Children" and "An Early Frost."

### TV Programs of Note

Sunday, May 5, 8-11 p.m. (A&E cable) "Dangerous Seas: Inside the U.S. Coast Guard." This program about life as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard is hosted by Bill Kurtis as part of the "Investigative Reports" series.

Monday, May 6, 8-9 p.m. (ABC) "Champions of Magic." Actor Lorenzo Lamas and Princess Stephanie of Monaco host this program featuring world-famous magicians performing an array of mind-boggling illusions and death-defying escapes in and around the beautiful European principality.

Monday-Tuesday, May 6-7, 8-10 p.m. (PBS) "Savage Skies." Four one-hour programs hosted by meteorologist Al Roker explore the raw power and mysterious beauty of weather around the world.

Tuesday, May 7, 8-9 p.m. (CBS) "The World's Most Dangerous Animals II." Survivors of violent animal encounters tell stories of narrowly escaping death, and experts explain how to avoid and survive confrontations.

Tuesday, May 7, 8-9 p.m. (A&E cable) "John Paul Jones: Captain of the High Seas." From the "Biography" series, this profile of the American Revolutionary War hero relates his life as a fugitive from Britain and tells the story of how he became an inspiration to sailors for his bravery and tenacity in battle.

Friday, May 10, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Understanding the Internet." This documentary examines the history and current applications of the Internet and explores what lies ahead for this communications medium.

Saturday, May 11, 10-11 p.m. (ABC) "Put to the Test II." An entertaining look into the world of the paranormal, this program puts those claiming these powers to the test.

### TV Film Fare

Sunday, May 5, 8-10 p.m. (NBC) "The Fugitive." This 1993 thriller based on a '60s television show was extremely popular at the box office. Having escaped from guards while being transported to the state pen, a Chicago surgeon (Harrison Ford) who was convicted of murdering his wife must evade the ever-tightening net of a relentless U.S. marshal (Tommy Lee Jones) while desperately tracking down the one-armed man (Andreas Katsulas) who actually killed her. Director Andrew Davis knits together a strong narrative, crackerjack performances, and taut editing for a fine thriller not dependent on constant, glorified violence for mounting suspense. The film contains brief, sporadic violence. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the theatrical version of the movie A-II for adults and adolescents.

Saturday, May 11, 8-10 p.m. (ABC) "The Air Up There." Basketball is the theme of this 1994 comedy. Arriving in Kenya to convince a tribal lad (Charles Gitonga Maina) to accept a basketball scholarship at his Midwestern Catholic college, an ambitious assistant coach (Kevin Bacon) finds he must first win the chief (Winston Ntshona) over to the idea as well as coach a crucial game the tribe has staked their land and cattle upon. Director Paul Michael Glaser's light, slight movie is contrived and derivative, but its colorful tale of culture clashes is mildly diverting. The film contains a tribal bloodletting ceremony and a few instances of profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the theatrical version A-II for adults and adolescents.

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 5, 1996

- Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
- 1 Peter 2:4-9
- John 14:1-12

Again this Easter season the church presents as its first reading this weekend a selection from the Acts of the Apostles. In the time of Jesus, Jerusalem was in many respects a distant outpost of Roman civilization, and very definitely it was a city which, despite the occupation by Roman soldiers and the governance by Roman authorities, was strictly attached to its ancient Jewish roots. In a word, it was a Jewish city.

Still, however, Jerusalem in the first century was somewhat cosmopolitan.

The reading today reveals how cosmopolitan the city was, and how cosmopolitan the Christian community was.

Obviously, the leadership of the Jerusalem Christian community at this point considered itself Jewish, just as it regarded itself as Christian. The sharp division between Judaism and Christianity did not occur in the form which endures today until a decade or so after these verses were written.

Very likely, as seems apparent from the text, the Jerusalem community included a majority of people who were Jewish.

Nevertheless, in this cosmopolitan city there also were persons of pagan, not Jewish, backgrounds. Evidently, more than a few linked themselves with the Christian community.

However, differences and distinctions, even prejudices, must have been present. The formerly pagan Christians complained that the widows among them received less regard than the widows of Jews.

The apostles hurried to correct the problem. They named seven men especially to care for all the needy widows. These men were the first deacons.

In establishing this group, in effect in establishing an order within the sacrament of holy orders, the apostles exercised their own authority and, most importantly, they

exercised the authority of the Lord Jesus. In calling the seven men to serve as deacons, they interpreted the mind of Christ. In "imposing hands" on the seven, or in ordaining them, they exercised the divine power of Christ.

The First Epistle of Peter supplies this weekend's liturgy with its second reading.

This weekend's passage from First Peter is a marvelous exclamation of the role of Jesus in salvation. Jesus is the "living stone" upon which the Christian community stands. Employing the same imagery, Jesus is a "stumbling block" to those who think only of themselves.

Those who love the Lord comprise in themselves a unified body, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation."

St. John's Gospel provides this Liturgy of the Word with its Gospel reading. It is important to note that the apostles turned to Jesus for revelation, and more importantly it is well to note that Jesus revealed to them the mysteries of redemption. This fact is presented in the exchange among Jesus, Thomas and Philip.

Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life." Jesus tells the apostles that in God's house are "many dwelling places." Then the Lord predicts the Ascension.

## Reflection

Very obviously in the first reading, and momentarily in the Gospel, the church this weekend assures us that all humankind is the object of God's love. No one is a stranger. No one is preferred over another in the sight of God.

And, reassuringly, the church reminds us that God still provides for us, through Christ, in the church which stands upon the apostles and which serves in the Lord's holy name.

Salvation is not an event long ago, nor offered only to God's Chosen People. Rather, salvation is God's gift to us. It is not elusive, at least in God's plan. We can thwart it by our sins or stubbornness. But God everlastingly offers us salvation. In God's salvation is love, forgiveness, mercy and eternal life.

In the church, Christ still lives. Christ still heals. Christ still teaches. Christ still gives life and hope and joy.

## My Journey to God

### My Easter Prayer

Jesus, my brother, come walk with me. There is no other that will listen as you listen. You not only hear what I say, but you know the words I do not say—words that pride or fear won't let me speak. Hold my hand until I no longer tremble. Jesus, my teacher, teach me your ways. Teach me to be gentle and patient as I serve you, especially with the very young and the not-so-young. Teach me to see good and to praise it, and to be understanding with the not-so-good.

Teach me to forgive as you have so often forgiven me.

Teach me to share, for I have been given so much.

Teach me to be humble, for anything I do is you working through me.

Jesus, my friend, rejoice with me in my happiness.

I know the richness of love and loving. The knowledge that God is with me every day has become the cornerstone of my life.

Share with me my sorrows. When they become too heavy, carry me until I can stand again.

(June Hill is a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus.)



Jesus, my savior, keep me on the pathway you have prepared for me.

Don't let my weaknesses lead me from you. As you carried your cross to Calvary for me, the least of your brothers, give me the courage to pick up my cross each day and follow you.

If I share all of my life with you, then I will know the joy that came to be on that first Easter morning.

By June Hill

## Daily Readings

Monday, May 6  
Acts 14:5-18  
Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16  
John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 7  
Acts 14:19-28  
Psalm 145:10-13, 21  
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 8  
Acts 15:1-6  
Psalm 122:1-5  
John 15:1-8  
Thursday, May 9

Acts 15:7-21  
Psalm 96:1-3, 10  
John 15:9-11

Friday, May 10  
Acts 15:22-31  
Psalm 57:8-12  
John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 11  
Acts 16:1-10  
Psalm 100:3-5  
John 15:18-21

## The Shaping of the Papacy/John F. Fink

### Gregory XVI faced revolts by the residents of the papal states

The ideals of democracy expressed by the American revolution in the late 18th century continued to make headway among the people in Europe during the 19th century. These ideals, though, were aggressively opposed by the rulers of European countries, including the rulers of the papal states, the popes.

Shortly after Bartolomeo Alberto Cappellari was elected Pope Gregory XVI in 1831, the residents of the papal states revolted. Clergy and laity alike in the papal states had long complained that the papal administration was corrupt. There was clamor for a federal republic. Pope Gregory responded by seeking military aid from Austria, and Austrian troops soon put down the revolt.

Gregory was not a man who took kindly to modern ideas. Indeed, he was so opposed to modern trends that he banned railways in the papal states. He was accustomed to, and believed in, the austere life of a Camaldolese (strict Benedictine) monk. He had joined the Camaldolese when he was 18. He was ordained a priest in 1787 when he was 26.

Father Cappellari went to Rome in 1795 while Pius VI was pope. While that pope was imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte, Father Cappellari wrote a book called "The Triumph of the Holy See and the Church Against the Attacks of Innovators." It upheld the idea of papal infallibility, a teaching that had not yet been defined, and the temporal sovereignty of the Holy See. There was never any doubt where he stood.

Before he was elected pope, Father Cappellari was named an abbot, then procurator general, and finally vicar general of the Camaldolese Order. He was made a cardinal in 1826 and the prefect of Propaganda Fide (Propagation of the Faith). Finally, he was elected pope at the end of a difficult 50-day conclave because he had the support of the Austrian statesman Klemens von Metternich. Metternich wanted to be sure an absolutist-minded man was elected pope. Cardinal Cappellari was known to be opposed to any sort of theological or political liberalism.

After the Austrian troops put down the revolt in the papal states, Pope Gregory XVI continued to refuse to listen to demands for reform. He made a few limited changes, but would not grant elected assemblies or a council of state composed of laymen. Eventually more insurrections flared up and the pope had to call on the Austrian troops again. For seven years the papal states were under military occupation and there continued to be threats of rebellion

throughout his pontificate. Meanwhile, the cost of maintaining this military occupation put papal finances in disarray.

Pope Gregory XVI was just as uncompromising when it came to theological ideas. In 1832 he published his encyclical "Mirari vos" which denounced the ideas of freedom of conscience, freedom of the press, and the separation of church and state. It was meant to combat the ideas put forward by the newspaper *L'Avenir* in France, published by men who were trying to reconcile some of the ideals of the French Revolution with Catholicism.

Gregory XVI was consistent in his support of conservative governments in the rest of Europe. When the Poles tried to revolt against Czar Nicholas I in Russia, he wrote an encyclical to the Polish bishops condemning revolutionary movements. He also sent a letter to the Irish clergy to discourage political action.

When it came to administration of the papacy, though, Gregory's pontificate saw some notable improvements. He reorganized the church's hierarchy, establishing some 70 dioceses and vicariates, including the Diocese of Vincennes in the United States. He continued the work he had started while heading the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith by appointing almost 200 missionary bishops and bringing the missions firmly under papal control. He encouraged a native clergy and hierarchy in mission territories.

Gregory XVI also denounced slavery and the slave trade that was flourishing between Africa and the New World.

In the area of doctrine, Gregory promoted devotion to the Immaculate Conception of Mary. However, it remained to his successor to formally define the doctrine.

His achievements extended to the world of art: He founded the Gregorian-Egyptian and Gregorian-Etruscan museums in the Vatican, and he encouraged research in the Roman Forum.

Despite these accomplishments, the general estimate of Pope Gregory XVI by historians is not good. Matthew Bunson, in "The Pope Encyclopedia," says: "He left behind him the papal states severely debilitated and the papal treasury dangerously depleted."

And J. N. D. Kelly, in "The Oxford Dictionary of Popes," says: "Brought up a monk, good-hearted but obstinate and narrow, with little comprehension of the contemporary world, he left his successor a grievous legacy both in the church and in the papal states."

Gregory XVI died on June 1, 1846 after serving 15 years as pope.



## The Active List

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

### May 3

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

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Friday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be held before Mass. Everyone is welcome.

St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, Singles Group will hold a video night in the Fire Room in the parish office. For time and more information, call Bill Stansfield at 317-894-8792.

St. Susanna Parish, 1212 E. Main St., Plainfield, will hold its 22nd Annual Kentucky Derby Raffle and Pig Roast from 5-8 p.m. in the church hall. Adults \$6, children \$3. For more information, call Theresa Sabo at 317-839-4175.

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Council and Court #191 of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver will sponsor the first Friday rosary at 5:15 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. All are welcome.

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at St. Gabriel Church,

6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis, at 6:30 p.m. A March for Jesus presentation will be given, followed by praise, worship, and Mass. For more information, call 317-927-6900.

### May 4

Apostolate of Fatima will hold a holy hour at 2 p.m. in the Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart. For more information, call Lena Peoni at 317-784-9757.

St. Nicholas Church, Sunman, will hold a S.A.C.R.E.D. meeting at 7:30 a.m.

Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis, will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m.-noon. All are welcome.

St. Michael Parish, 30th and Tibbs, Indianapolis, Home School Association will hold its annual garage sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information, call Lisa Barks at 317-334-9607.

St. Mary Parish, Rushville, will hold a carnival from 4-8 p.m. in the school gym. An all-you-can-eat chicken fry will be held at the Rushville Knights of Columbus from 5-8 p.m. Adult dinners are \$5.75, children's \$3. Proceeds from both will benefit St. Mary PTA. For more information, call 317-932-3639.

A pro-life rosary will be prayed every Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinic for Women, 38th and Parker. Everyone is welcome.

### May 5

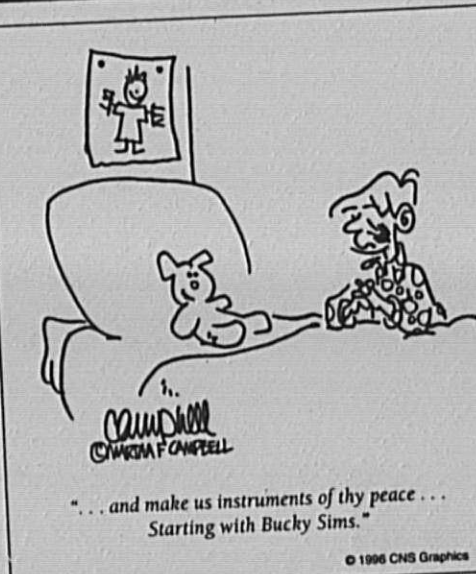
St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, will hold prayer and praise from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church. For more information, call 812-246-4555.

Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, will hold a holy hour with the rosary at 2 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dorothy at 317-356-5110.

St. Lawrence Church, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

St. Patrick Church, Indianapolis, will hold two Masses in Spanish at 11 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church, Indianapolis, will hold a Mass with a sign language interpreter at 11 a.m.



St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, will hold a Mass in Spanish at 1:15 p.m.

St. Louis Parish, Batesville, will hold a natural family planning class from 9 a.m.-noon in room B-16 of the school. Fee is \$15. For more information, call 317-934-3338.

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, will hold a sausage and pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-noon in St. Nicholas Hall.

### May 6

St. Agnes Parish, 602 N. State Road 135, Nashville, will host the Archdiocesan Office of Worship regional gathering for

parish music directors and coordinators from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call Christina Blake at 317-236-1483 or 1-800-382-9836.

### May 7

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles and Friends will meet for a peer faith sharing discussion at 7:30 p.m. in the church. For more information, call Sandy at 317-238-6381 or 317-383-9701.

The Prayer Group of St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, will meet in the chapel each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 317-546-4065.

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## The Active List, continued from page 30

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer Group will meet in the chapel at 7 p.m. to pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel located next to Ritter High School. Confession will begin at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome.

## May 8

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' Hospice Office, 438 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, will hold a free adult bereavement support group from 3-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 317-865-2092.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Counseling Program will be taking registrations for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse starting this fall. For more information, call Linda Loheide Clarke at 317-236-1500.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church a Marian Cenacle will pray the rosary every Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m. The church is located at 57th and Central Ave., Indianapolis. All are welcome.

## May 9

The St. Vincent Hospital Guild lunch and card party will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Highland Golf and Country Club, Indianapolis. Tickets are \$16 to benefit the St. Vincent's Cardiac and Rehabilitation Center and education programs. For more information, call Mary Segerson at 317-255-4237.

St. Lawrence Church, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. until the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome.

St. Roch Parish, 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. For more information, call 317-784-1763.

## May 10

St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, will host the Indianapolis Deaneries Council of Catholic Women's program titled "Mary, Women, and Discipleship" presented by Sherie Berg of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship. Program begins with registration at 9:45 a.m. Fee is \$6. For more information call Joyce Schmitt 317-539-5173.

The Cathedral High School

Band, Indianapolis, will present "Diamond Anniversary Spring Concert" at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. For more information, call Jon Hornlein at 317-542-1481, ext. 350.

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## May 12

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## Bingos

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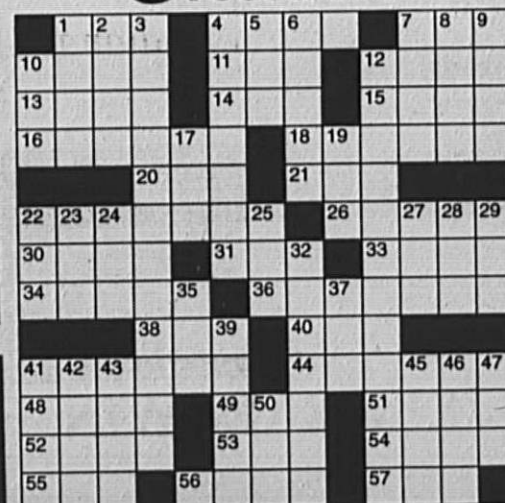


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## ACROSS

- 1 Swine
- 4 Roman Catholic Church head
- 7 Commotion
- 10 Japanese form of wrestling
- 11 "— Abner"
- 12 Tribe
- 13 Margarine
- 14 Pie — — mode
- 15 Wide-mouthed jar
- 16 Forgive
- 18 Elizabeth, to Mary (Luke 1:36)
- 20 "Daniel — in the gate of the king" (Dan 2:49)
- 21 Sea eagle
- 22 "The Lord will — my darkness" (2Sam 22:29)
- 26 City in Judah (Jos 15:42)
- 30 Loton ingredient
- 31 "— thy morsel in the vinegar" (Ruth 2:14)
- 33 Ireland
- 34 Sets down heavily
- 36 "He hath — their eyes" (John 12:40)
- 38 "Moses did as the Lord commanded —" (Num 27:22)

## DOWN

- 40 Historical period
- 41 Salad ingredient
- 44 "Peter then — again" (John 18:27)
- 48 Twelfth Hebrew month (Ezra 6:15)
- 49 Equip, outfit
- 51 Soft drink
- 52 Egghead
- 53 Caviar
- 54 Village in Simeon (1Ch 4:32)
- 55 Common conjunction
- 56 "— saith the Lord" (Amos 1:3)
- 57 — Diego, California
- 1 Hawaiian dance
- 2 Hebrew dry measure (ex 16:36)
- 3 "I am the —" (John 10:11)
- 4 "A certain man — a vineyard" (Mark 12:1)
- 5 "Thou anointest my head with —" (Psa 25:5)
- 6 "I go to prepare a — for you" (John 14:2)
- 7 "— well that ends well"
- 8 Surrealist Salvador

- 9 A son of Judah (Num 26:19)
- 10 Wet thoughtfully
- 12 "Their — appeared fairer" (Dan 1:15)
- 17 Feedbag morsel
- 19 Mine find
- 22 With desk or dog
- 23 "Love worketh no — to his neighbor" (Rom 13:10)
- 24 Baby's sound
- 25 Pen point
- 27 "My sins are not — from thee" (Psa 69:5)
- 28 Before, to Byron
- 29 Scarlet
- 32 "Now therefore give —" (Isa 36:8)
- 35 Title for a knight
- 37 Rage, wrath
- 39 Frankincense, gold and —
- 41 Site of Christ's first miracle
- 42 Biblical garden
- 43 Cooking fat
- 45 Tiny amount
- 46 Vene
- 47 Beaver structure
- 50 Promise to pay (Abbr)

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## Youth News/Views

# Archdiocese lauds work of chastity peer ministers

By Mary Ann Wyand

The numbers are impressive, and the message is exciting.

During the past school year, nearly 200 teen-agers from six Catholic high schools volunteered their time as chastity peer ministers to present the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education's "A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality" curriculum to 1,500 sixth-grade students at Indianapolis-area parochial schools.

Six teen-agers who attend public high schools in the Marion County area also volunteered as chastity peer ministers for the program's religious education component for Catholic sixth-graders enrolled in public schools.

The teens were honored for their volunteer service during an April 25 luncheon at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center Assembly Hall in Indianapolis.

Father Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, praised the students for their commitment to chastity and a healthy lifestyle.

"The purity of your minds and hearts has not gone unnoticed by the Catholic community," he said. "Your commitment to be chaste is a wonderful offering to God. Your dedication to putting

into practice God's ideals is inspiring."

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein thanks you for the important work that you do as chastity peer ministers, Father Schaedel told the teen-agers.

"We have a great faith in the ability of you, our young adults, to develop a mature and responsible attitude toward sex," the vicar general said. "That's exactly why we are honoring you as peer ministers for 'A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality.' We compliment you and honor you because you are exemplifying mature and responsible attitudes as you are living out your lives."

By choosing to live moral lives as Christian youth, he said, "you are celebrating the precious gift of life that God has given you by giving your lives back to Jesus Christ, who in turn has sacrificed his life for you."

The Catholic Church places a great priority on the value of human life in all of its forms, Father Schaedel emphasized, and offers support for those who are helpless and cannot speak for themselves.

By promoting abstinence from sexual relations until marriage, he said, youth are helping to promote "The Gospel of Life."

"You are helping the younger students who will come to you and emulate you,"



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Chastity peer minister and Bishop Chatard High School junior Alana Guynn (left) of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis accepts a certificate of appreciation from Father Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, and Eve Jackson, director of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education's "A Promise to Keep" chastity program, during a recognition luncheon on April 25 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

Father Schaedel said. "In this age of AIDS, when the consequences of people's choices and actions are life-threatening, your example is helping to save lives by encouraging younger students to make wise choices. Your sincerity, your maturity, and your chaste lifestyles are wonderful examples of your Christian faith working in the hearts of God's people. You are a special treasure of our church."

The vicar general also thanked representatives of St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center in Indianapolis and St. Francis Hospital Center in Beech Grove for financial support of the program.

Eve Jackson, program coordinator, praised the youth as "fantastic people" who value family, love Christ, and have a clear sense of direction about life goals.

"I know your own personal commitment to chastity will help you realize the best that life has to offer in relationships," Jackson said. "I pray you will continue to live out God's plan and his principals of putting him first and loving others unconditionally and unselfishly. We can't thank you enough for all that you have done. You are all heroes because of your example. You have encouraged others to trust in God and his plan for their lives."

## Catholic Youth Organization will honor 32 adults and 13 teen-agers for dedicated service to youth

By Mary Ann Wyand

Thirty-two adults and 13 teen-agers will be honored for distinguished service to their church and community by the Catholic Youth Organization during the first combined CYO Indianapolis Deaneries Volunteer Awards Night at 7 p.m. on May 7 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Father Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, will preside at the prayer service and present eight St. John Bosco Medals, 24 Monsignor Albert Busald Awards, and 13 Spirit of Youth Awards to dedicated CYO volunteers from Indianapolis area parishes.

"This event recognizes outstanding parish adult and

teen volunteers whose leadership, service and volunteerism have made significant contributions to youth," CYO executive director Edward J. Tinder said. "The St. John Bosco Medal and Monsignor Busald Award specifically recognize adults who have given sustained service to youth through parish CYO and youth ministry programs. The Spirit of Youth Award is presented to teens who have exhibited a commitment to volunteerism and who have performed outstanding service within the parish or for those in need in the larger community."

The public is invited to attend the prayer service and presentation of awards at the cathedral as well as a reception for honorees at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center Assembly Hall.

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## Young Adult Scene

## House subcommittee hears a survivor's view of abortion

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—A doctor, a nurse, three lawyers, an ethicist and a pollster addressed a House subcommittee April 22 on the origins and scope of *Roe vs. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

But the strongest testimony came from a young adult who had looked at the abortion issue from the inside out — abortion survivor Gianna Jessen.

"I do not consider myself a byproduct of conception, a clump of tissue or any other of the titles given to a child in the womb," Jessen told the Constitution subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. "I do not consider any person conceived any of those things."

Jessen, now a 19-year-old resident of Franklin, Tenn., was born in a California abortion clinic when her mother was seven-and-a-half months pregnant. She weighed 2 pounds and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a result of the attempted abortion.

"Today, a baby is a baby when convenient. It is tissue or otherwise when the time is not right," she said. "A baby is a baby when miscarriage takes place at two, three, four months. A baby is called tissue or clumps of cells when an abortion takes place at two, three, four months. Why is that? I see no difference."

The oversight hearing was convened by the subcommittee chairman, Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., chief sponsor of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, which was vetoed by President Clinton earlier in April.

In his opening statement, Canady accused Clinton of "hiding behind *Roe vs. Wade*" in his veto message about the partial-birth bill. Canady said most Americans oppose abortion on demand and do not realize that *Roe vs. Wade* "forces states to allow abortion on demand ... for virtually any reason, including emotional health and the mother's age."

All the Democrats on the subcommittee boycotted the hearing and asked Canady to schedule an additional day of hearings.

In a statement distributed at the hearing, Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., called the oversight hearing part of

a "massive public relations campaign" designed to "undermine the public's consistent and overwhelming support for *Roe vs. Wade*."

Witnesses before the committee April 22 included neonatal intensive care nurse Sharon Dunsmore of Michigan, who described the protracted death of an infant boy who survived an abortion, and Minneapolis obstetrician Dr. Steve Calvin, a specialist in maternal-fetal medicine who said recent advances in medical options for unborn children "clearly complicate the abortion debate."

Harvard University law professor Mary Ann Glendon, who headed the Vatican delegation to the 1995 U.N. conference on women in Beijing, centered her testimony on "the creeping degradation of life in our law and society brought on by *Roe vs. Wade* and its progeny."

*Roe* also has been used by the courts to find "new rights ... that clash directly with the ability of society to protect life," she said.

Among the problem areas she cited were the "new-found right to deny medical care to newborn children with physical and mental handicaps" and recent federal appeals court rulings that states cannot ban physician-assisted suicide.

"Once we allow physicians to participate in the killing of patients, we risk a disregard for life that could result in involuntary euthanasia of the elderly, children with 'defects,' homeless people with serious illnesses, and other undesirables," she said.

Douglas W. Kmiec, professor of constitutional law at the University of Notre Dame, told the subcommittee that abortion "injures our law and culture well beyond the killing of unborn or partially-born children."

Its bad effects include "the denigration of women, the weakening of the family, the disfiguring of constitutional free speech and federalism, and fundamentally, the separation of law from the foundational first principles of our nation," he said.

Ronald M. Green, professor of religion at Dartmouth College, said he supported *Roe vs. Wade* because of the

"wide diversity of philosophical and religious views on when life begins."

He said he believed the Supreme Court's "stance of neutrality before religious and philosophical views was both wise and ethically valid."

Pollster Kimberly Schulz said most Americans do not understand what *Roe vs. Wade* permits and do not realize what the current practice on abortion is in this country.

"Recent polling data consistently confirms that despite the pro-choice label, people believe abortion is morally wrong and that it is killing a human life," she said. "The tide of change in this country is turning toward a moral resurgence and a secular rethinking."

## College briefs...

Michelle Evans, graduate of St. Andrew School and Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, will graduate with honors from Howard University in Washington D.C. on May 11. She won first place in feature writing in the Hearst journalism awards program for students and will become a copy editor for the *Gary Post-Tribune* after graduation.

The Saint Mary of the Woods College Art Gallery will feature, "Projections," an installation of various works by Rockville senior Cari L. Ray through May 12. The display will highlight her four years at the college. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. or by appointment through calling Catherine Knight at 812-535-5148.

## Correction

In the story "Students to raise camp funds for kids with HIV," the name Gary Adler was misspelled due to an editorial error. *The Criterion* regrets the error.

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## Education of Future Archdiocesan Priests

## Prayer for Vocations

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Matthew 9:37



Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

# May there be Mass at an ecumenical wedding?



Our daughter, a Catholic in good standing, plans to be married this summer in our parish church.

Her fiancé was baptized Methodist, but that was the extent of his religious upbringing until he started to accompany our daughter to Mass.

Our pastor told them they could have a ceremony with or without the Eucharist, since the groom was baptized.

They were happy about this and looked forward to having their marriage at Mass.

Now the pastor tells me the bishop will not allow a Mass since the groom is not Catholic. We are all disappointed.

What is the official church regulation? Or is it up to each bishop to set the policy? (Indiana)

A Roman Catholic ecumenical guidelines provide that, under certain circumstances, the marriage of a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic may take place at Mass.

The reason is that, through baptism, members of Protestant Christian communities enter into a "real, even if imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church."

Thus, they have (or at least in most instances may be presumed to have) at least some awareness of the meaning and importance of the Lord's Supper in the life of Christians.

While their beliefs would, again at least in most instances, not coincide with the Catholic understanding of the eucharistic celebration, their Christian background often makes it a valued part of their marriage ceremony.

Obviously, other concerns must be weighed also, not least of which is the fact that Communion would normally not be received by the groom or his family, which

might create a painful division between the couple and their families.

To answer your question, the bishop of the diocese is the one who, for a sufficient reason, may permit the celebration of the Eucharist at such a marriage. His decision would be based on considerations such as the ones mentioned above.

Bishops deal with these decisions differently, which sometimes makes for variations and resulting misunderstandings from one place or time to another.

Apparently your pastor discovered the bishop's policy only after his initial conversation with your daughter. (The above reference and regulations are in the 1993 Vatican Directory for Ecumenism, 129-131 and 159.)

(Questions should be sent to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL 61701.)

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## Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests and religious sisters serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the

archdiocese or have other connections to it.

**CASEY, James A.**, 62, Holy Cross, St. Croix, April 6. Brother of Joseph, Gerald, Eugene, Lawrence Casey, Mary Bonn, Huberta Roth.

**EDMONDS, Lawrence Alfred** "Pop," 74, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany,

April 20. Father of Linda L. Edmonds; brother of Raymond J., Herbert L. Edmonds.

**HABOUSH, Mary C.**, 81, Little Flower, Indianapolis, April 13. Aunt of Mary A. Haboush.

**JACOB, Michael K.**, 42, St. Andrew, Richmond, April 18. Father of Michael Jacob, James Smith, April Dunham; son of Nicholas Jacob, Marilyn Grace Jacob; brother of Michael, William "Tony," Margo Jacob, Becky Johnson, Vickie Gardner; grandfather of two.

**JOHNSON, Jacquelyn Nicole**, 11, St. Rita, Indianapolis, April

19. Daughter of Archie C., Veronica (Brancamp) Johnson; sister of Michaela, Curtis, Jordan Johnson; granddaughter of Loretta Whitlock, Lovene Brancamp; great-granddaughter of George and Dora Williams, Matt and Cleo Werner.

**KUHLMAN, Frederick A.**, 76, St. Gabriel, Connersville, April 16. Cousin of Mary Ruth Graham, Loretta Cusack, Charles Conley.

**MAY, Pauline**, 86, St. Paul, Tell City, April 16. Mother of Glenn, Clarence, Jean Ann, Ben May, Maxine Cotner; grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of 16; great-great-grandmother of two.

**RIPPERGER, Joseph J.**, 85, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 20. Husband of Margaret Kruthaupt Ripperger; father of Robert Ripperger; grandfather of four; great-grandfather of four.

**RISCH, Rita M.**, 75, St. Gabriel, Connersville, April 18. Mother of John A. Risch, Mary Jo Harvey; sister of Mary Agnes Robbins; grandmother of two.

**SARVER, James "Kevin,"** 32, St. Rita, Indianapolis, April 17. Son of William L. Sarver; brother of Velitia A. Davis, William A. Sarver; grandson of Louise Anderson.

### Al Richart, father of Father Paul F., dies at age 86

Aloysius Michael "Al" Richart died on April 25 at the age of 86. His son is Father (Col.) Paul F. Richart of the archdiocese, who has been a chaplain in the Air Force since 1967.

The funeral Mass was held on April 29 at St. Mark Church in Indianapolis, of which he was a member.

Al Richart retired from the grocery business in 1994, having owned his own food market for 25 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Foresters.

Besides Father Paul, he is survived by sons Larry and Phil Richart, and daughter Joyce Haboush, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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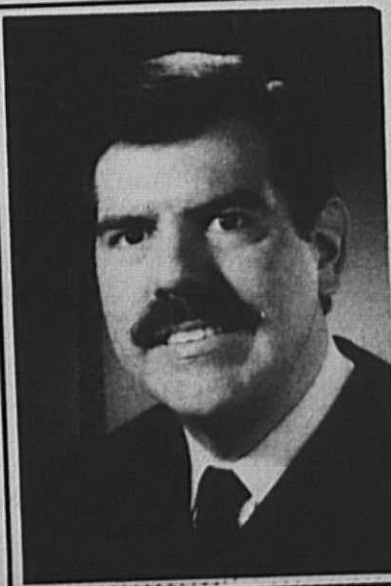
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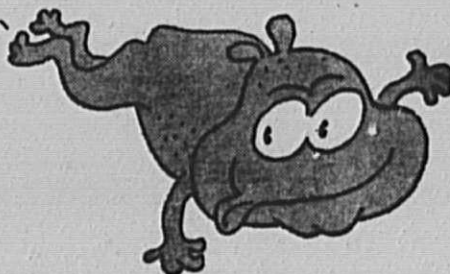
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Although she is a native "Hoosier," Janet began her real estate career in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida in 1987. Returning to Indiana, she received her license here in 1993. Janet and her husband reside in the Brownsburg area, where they have a "blended family" consisting of 5 children, one son-in-law and a gorgeous granddaughter! (Not all under one roof!) Janet is a Buyer Consultant for the Linda Watson Marketing Team.



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