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## Moral vs. political issues: Is there a difference?

*U.S. bishops see moral content in a wide range of political questions that go far beyond the 'bedroom issues'*

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—When is an issue a moral question and when is it a political one?

That distinction, made in a report on a study of religion and politics by The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press (see companion article on page 10), raised some hackles among those who try to bring a moral perspective to all the political questions of our day.

"We've banished God to one room of the house, and made him into a sort of bedroom cop handing out citations for bedroom behavior," said the Rev. Robert J. Brooks, director of government relations for the Episcopal Church.

Rev. Brooks was disputing a part of the Pew center's report that contrasted attitudes on what the poll called "moral issues such as abortion, laws regarding homosexuality and family issues" to their stands on "a range of political values including environmentalism and beliefs about international security."

The U.S. Catholic Conference Administrative Board, in its quadrennial statement on political responsibility, clearly sees moral content in a wide range of political questions that go far beyond the "bedroom issues."

Its latest version, issued in November 1995, lists 20 key areas of concern from abortion to welfare reform. In between

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Photo by Curtis J. Gwynn

The auxiliary bishop and vicar general of New Orleans, Dominic Carmon, SVD, walks through an honor guard formed by the 4th Degree Knights of Peter Claver on June 30 as St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis celebrates the 101st anniversary of the Society of the Divine Word in North America. Divine Word priests staff St. Rita.

## Airman killed in Saudia Arabia memorialized in Clarksville

By Susan Blerman

Red, white, and blue ribbons lined the sidewalk to the entrance of St. Anthony

of Padua Church in Clarksville, where hundreds of relatives and friends of Senior Airman Earl Frederick "JR" Cartrette Jr., gathered July 2 to celebrate a Mass in his honor.

Cartrette, a member of the Air Force's 4404th Air Wing, was one of the 19 Americans killed in the bombing of apartment buildings at an Air Force complex in Saudi Arabia on June 25. He was 22.

The choir and congregation sang "America the Beautiful" as pairs of airmen walked down the front aisle, stopping near the altar to give a salute to Cartrette's photo. Bagpiper Robert Caudell walked from aisle to aisle playing "Amazing Grace."

"What brings us together here is to pay tribute to a fine young man—the life of that young man," said St. Anthony's pastor, Conventual Franciscan Father Dismas Veeneman, at the start of Mass.

"We want to celebrate that life, albeit as short as it was," he added.

Cartrette grew up in Sellersburg. He came to St. Anthony School in the third grade. At Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville, Cartrette was a member of the track team. And as a hobby he enjoyed working on cars.

Cartrette joined the Air Force in 1992 after graduating from high school. The chief of an F-15 fighter crew, Cartrette was based at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He was scheduled to return in early July to the United States from his

second tour of duty in Saudi Arabia. In November he was due to be discharged.

Cartrette's close friend John Wilkinson spoke about Cartrette's compassion and love for others.

"He was a kind and considerate person. His many phone calls home attested to his thoughtfulness and love for both family and friends," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson said Cartrette was eager and willing to serve others as he did his country.

A group of Cartrette's cousins placed his Purple Heart and Scarf at the bottom of his portrait that was placed in front of the altar, which was surrounded with several flower arrangements and small American flags.

The homilist, Father Michael Hilderbrand, chaplain at Providence High School, told the mourners that parents

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Photo by Margaret Nelson

John Sayre, computer supervisor for the summer school program at three center city schools, checks the work of a student in the fourth- through eighth-grade group at St. Joan of Arc School. See story on page 3.

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## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



# Freedom and authority go together

**W**e celebrate the Fourth of July because we treasure our human freedom, a freedom our ancestors sought to protect with their very lives. Freedom and democracy that protects that freedom are a deeply engrained mindset for us Americans. Rightfully we celebrate the human right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness as fundamental to our human dignity. At the same time it isn't a bad idea for us to take stock of our human freedom and the manner in which it is experienced in these our days.

With human freedom goes responsibility. We can't have one without the other. Human responsibility includes an individual's obligation not to claim liberties that ignore the common good, the good and the rights of other people in society. Freedom and social responsibility are inseparable companions and need to be kept in balance.

In our current American culture this balance is challenged severely because individualism has become a supreme value. Individual rights have been stressed to an extreme, an "ism," if you will. The almost exclusive emphasis on individual rights and freedom has allowed an attitude to develop that tends to foster unbridled liberty, often at the cost of our human family.

At the same time there has developed an anti-authority mood in our country. At best people who hold positions of authority, whether in the secular domain or in the domain of religion too, are met with skepticism. This is unfortunate because even in a democratic society, it is the responsibility of leaders to oversee the common good of all people.

We know that in both civic society and in religion, authority figures have betrayed the trust of their constituencies. That has been an unfortunate reality in the latter part of this century. Yet the fact that due to human weakness the sacred trust of authority has been violated cannot be a cause to dis-value its critical role. Perhaps more than ever before in American history, in the face of extreme individualism and a kind of libertarianism, we need authority and respect for authority to protect the common good of our human family. Our ancestors did not intend that our country be governed by anarchy, which would be the result of leadership divested of authority in a libertarian society.

The combination of an anti-authority spirit coupled with a democratic mindset and an individualistic sense of freedom

renders our Catholic Church and its mode of operation almost incomprehensible to many Americans, including some Catholics. Christ established a hierarchical structure in the Christian community He founded. The church's mode of operation is, in that sense, authoritarian. Nor is the church a democracy. And while respecting the individuality of the human person to the utmost, the church sees every human member as part of the body of Christ. The church is a *communio*, a community. No one individual is an island unrelated to the whole of the church.

Why might it be that Christ did not establish his community of faith as a democracy? Why did he place the community of faith under the leadership of the 12 Apostles with Peter as their head? Reflection on the Scriptures makes it pretty apparent that he wanted to ensure the continued unity of his Mystical Body through the ages. It is pretty apparent that he wanted the whole truth of his revealed, divine teaching to be handed on faithfully and correctly through all the ages. He charged the apostolic college with this responsibility of leadership.

Majority vote on matters of faith and morals is not always correct. Truth is not determined by vote or opinion polls. No human leadership, ecclesiastical or not, is free of human limits. The decisive factor about the leadership established by Christ for his church was his promise that the Holy Spirit would guide the apostolic college and Peter in leading the church truthfully through the ages.

We Americans may prefer the democratic way of life, but it is not the way Christ chose for the church. There may be an undercurrent of distrust, even a dislike for authority in our society, yet Christ chose the hierarchical leadership of Peter and the Apostles to function in his place as teacher, pastor, priest and bridegroom of the church.

Over the next weeks I will reflect on the role of authority and authorized teaching in the church. There is an important connection between teaching and authority. Because of the culture in which we live we need to make an extra effort to understand the complexity of reasons and ways in which the church carries on the teaching ministry of Christ in and for the unity of our Church. Teaching has everything to do with the oneness of the body of Christ. So does authority.

## Editorial Commentary/John F. Fink, Editor

# U.S. bishops seek new treatment of cremation

With cremation becoming more popular in the United States, the U.S. bishops have asked the Vatican for permission to have funeral Masses with the cremated remains present. At present, church law permits cremation but requires that the body be present at the funeral Mass. If cremation has already taken place, a Memorial Mass may be said but the ashes may not be present.

Either the body or the ashes can be present at the vigil for the deceased and the rite of committal.

It wasn't too long ago that the church forbade cremation altogether because some people chose it as a way of demonstrating their denial of the belief in the resurrection of the body. Today Canon Law says, "The church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not, however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching" (Canon 1176).

At their meeting in June, the bishops were told that about 20 percent of U.S. Catholics now choose cremation. The bishops, therefore, by a vote of 179-20 (90 percent to 10 percent), asked Rome for an indult (an exception to general church law) so that a person's ashes may be present at the funeral.

The discussion prior to the vote

revealed that the bishops were pastorally sensitive to families who choose cremation. In presenting the proposal for an indult, Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie, Pa., chairman of the Committee on the Liturgy, said that his committee believed it was better to have the cremated remains present at all rites rather than to exclude them from the funeral Mass.

The bishops have every reason to believe that the Vatican will approve their request because 19 other national bishops' conferences, including Canada's, have already received the indult.

Several bishops, though, expressed their hope that requesting this change will not encourage more cremations. The church's preferred tradition is still bodily interment. As Bishop Edward M. Egan of Bridgeport, Conn., said, "I'm not enthusiastic about allowing this (cremation) to become the general practice."

Bishop Trautman was also careful to state that there has been no change in the church's teaching on reverence for the body. "We are talking of the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, fed by the bread of life," he said.

Furthermore, he said, "We need to emphasize that the cremated remains ought to be buried or entombed, not scattered or placed on a mantle or in a closet."

## Two regional committees formed to advise Evangelization Commission

Over the last few months the Archdiocesan Evangelization Commission has completed the formation of two regional evangelization advisory committees, and the groups have held their initial meetings.

The North Region committee is composed of people from the four Indianapolis deaneries plus the Terre Haute and Connersville deaneries. The remaining five deaneries—Batesville, Bloomington, New Albany, Seymour, and Tell City—make up the South Region.

The commission itself consists of a representative from each of the archdiocesan secretariats and vicariates. According to Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen, archdiocesan coordinator of evangelization, this structure is very effective for networking, but, he said, there is always the danger that a body of all Catholic center employees could lose touch with people in the field.

He said that the decision was made to gather a more grassroots committee that would bring a wide variety of perspectives and experiences to archdiocesan evangelization ministry.

There was wide consultation in the formation of the committees. Last November letters went out to pastors, pastoral associates, directors of religious education, principals, and youth ministers asking them to suggest names of people who had the qualities the commission was looking for and who would bring some aspect of the desired diversity. More than 80 names were proposed.

After polling the people whose names were submitted about their willingness to be a candidate, there were still more than 40 names. At this point Father Folzenlogen proposed the idea of two regional committees in order to use more of the pool of candidates. The commission approved the idea.

Each committee will meet three times a year on its own, and once a year there will be a joint meeting of the two committees and the commission. In preparation for their first meeting, committee members compiled lists of the 10 most interesting things happening in their area, and a second list of the five things that most needed to be done in Catholic evangelization but

were not being done.

In looking over the top items shared at the meetings and also the written lists submitted, Father Folzenlogen identified several common themes: 1. Stress on the importance of ongoing faith growth and spiritual renewal for active Catholics. 2. A strong concern for outreach to inactive Catholics. 3. The importance of involving youth and young adults in the church. 4. The necessity of working together with other churches. 5. Learning to work effectively with diversity. 6. The high need for practical "how-to" training and materials.

Along with addressing these issues and relating them to the bishops' evangelization plan, "Go and Make Disciples," the committees will dig into the tasks assigned to them by Archbishop Buechlein's Journey of Hope 2001. Both committees will meet again in September, and the joint session will be on Saturday, Nov. 9, in Columbus.

The members of the South Region committee are: Madonna Barr, Norman; Orville Barr, Floyds Knobs; Barbara Bowers, Charlestown; Jim Davis, Charlestown; David Doyle, Franklin; Linda DeStevens, Sunman; Pat Egbers, Lawrenceburg; Becky Epperson, Haubstadt; Charles Fessel, New Salisbury; Betsy and Joe Henley, Bedford; Dolores Joray, Seymour; Roberta McGinnis, Nashville; Ann Northam, Jeffersonville; Jack Shirley, New Albany; Gary Taylor, North Vernon; Cindy Workman, Nineveh.

North Region Members (because most are from Indianapolis, parishes are given): Lucy Bedwell, St. Jude; Doris Campbell, Holy Angels; Sharon Carl, St. Thomas Aquinas; Percy Consiglieri, St. Monica; Rebecca Curd, SS. Peter and Paul; Sue Deitsch, Catholic Community of Richmond; Kathy Hodgson, St. Philip Neri; Mary Huber, St. Gabriel; Lillian Hughes, SS. Peter and Paul; Larry Jines, St. Gabriel; Patrick King, Sacred Heart; Kathleen Koch, St. Michael, Brookville; Judy Koehler, Prince of Peace; Jim Neilsen, St. Monica; Consuelo Quiroz, St. Patrick; Rose Springman, Sacred Heart; Maria Tapia, St. Mary; Kay Taylor, St. Michael, Brookville; Bob Tully, St. Jude and Roncalli.

## Knights set record in contributions, work

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS)—The Knights of Columbus set new records for itself in 1995 by contributing more than \$105 million to charitable causes and by members giving nearly 50 million volunteer hours in personal service to various programs.

The numbers are based on an annual survey of activities filled out by about three-fourths of the organization's councils, Fourth Degree assemblies, Columbian Squires circles and other jurisdictional entities.

Over the past 10 years the Knights have contributed \$906.99 million to charitable causes and members have given 369.86 million volunteer hours in service to church and youth programs.

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# New Albany parish practices year-round stewardship

By Margaret Nelson

By the time Tom Yost and Father John Fink attended the archdiocesan "A Disciple's Way" workshop in Clarksville last year, the Our Lady of Perpetual Help pastoral associate and pastor had already decided they wanted to teach their parishioners about stewardship.

But they knew they wanted a creative, year-long kind of stewardship program.

"I want stewardship to be where people learn to give because they know how God has gifted them," said Yost. "And they're grateful to return it, because they want to thank him."

"That's why it should be done year round," he said.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help started the process last spring (1995) when Yost and Father Fink went to the deanery meeting.

During October, the parish had a Stewardship Day when the message grew from Matthew's Gospel—"Whom we give to, how we give it, and the reasons why."

"Inviting is important," said Yost. "We invite people to be involved in the church community—to come together in service."

"We talk about time, talent, and treasure. We help people discern the gifts they have and show them the opportunities that are in the parish," he said.



Photo by Margaret Nelson

Tom Yost, pastoral associate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, glances through a workbook, "A Disciple's Way."

After the staff members "decided to come on board," the parish started having monthly stewardship committee meetings, with from six to 10 members attending.

"One reason we believe we should have monthly meetings is because we buy into the concept of year-long stewardship, not just a push in the fall," Yost said.

Though the parish "went by the book" last year, the committee plans to creatively fit the program to the faith community.

The primary intention cards were distributed to be returned by mail or in the collection plates. After about two weeks, 20 parishioners made telephone follow-up calls to parish members. Yost said they could have used more volunteers for that effort.

He said that the time and talent talks by three people in the parish were very effective. One was a single mother who works in a hospital and has been involved in the parish community through the years. The active parish secretary, who is involved in the pre-Madonna Circle and is a cursillista, gave her experiences, as did the acting president of the parish council, who is an optometrist.

Because the parish was having a million dollar major capital campaign at the same time, "It was confusing, but it worked out well," Yost said.

"We wanted to have 300 or 400 out of the 1,200 respond," he said. They had more than 500.

There was some carry over to the United Catholic Appeal.

And Our Lady of Perpetual Help itself hosted a deanery meeting for stewardship training this year.

"We want to help people understand what God has given them, how they have been blessed, and how they are able to return that," Yost said.

The time and talent contributions were significant. "We try to call everyone who signs up," he said. One person who was contacted from the list has been elected to the board of education. The campaign has bolstered the ushers' program and increased the number of volunteers for the

local soup kitchen that the parish has with two other faith communities.

Yost trains the stewardship volunteers, using the "The Good Steward" manual. "We have done a lot of experimenting," he said. "But we can't be afraid. And we need to tell them in a different way, because people are changing and growing."

"This year we will be in the black," said Yost, adding that he believes it was easier because of stewardship education.

## 'A Disciple's Way' program is effective

The archdiocesan stewardship office projects healthy increases, both in the number of commitments and in increased dollar amounts of pledges by parishes that use the "A Disciple's Way" program.

After 28 parishes had reported, the average distributed 719 pledge cards and received more than 42 percent back with pledge commitments.

One Clarksville parish received back 71 percent of the pledge cards distributed. And other southern Indiana parishes increased numbers of those pledging by 70 and 69 percent.

Of the parishes participating in "A Disciple's Way," all have pledge totals over last year, at an average increase of 22.13 percent.

Parishioners of one New Albany parish, involved in a total stewardship program, increased their pledge totals by more than \$9,000. Another New Albany parish raised its total by 65 percent—up more than \$4,351. And a third parish in the deanery showed dedication to stewardship by increasing total pledge amounts by more than 47 percent.

## New summer school enriches some, brings other students up to class

By Margaret Nelson

Until this year, children haven't been going to archdiocesan schools in the summer. But a new program, being offered in three center city schools, is popular with students and their parents. It targets each child's specific learning needs.

Theresa Slipper is coordinator of the program at St. Joan of Arc. "Some students come for enrichment and some are remedial. It depends on what choice their parents made. The program is designed to meet the needs of each of the children."

For the St. Joan of Arc program, Slipper worked with the Indianapolis North Deanery teachers during the school year to identify the needs and areas the students were interested in. They matched a curriculum with each child, to teach new writing, math and reading skills and to reinforce old ones.

A similar program is offered at St. Philip Neri in the East Deanery and at All Saints in the West Deanery.

John Sayre has supervised the installation of the computer equipment and provided

technical assistance. "He or an assistant is here almost every day," said Slipper. "He also provided training for the teachers."

The students work with the teacher and the material they learn is reinforced on the computer. "We try to pay attention to the kids based on individual needs. As the kids progress, we send home performance evaluations to show how many times they went through each module (or program) before they completed it. At the end they will have very nice portfolios."

It is a volunteer program. The parents were asked if their children wanted to participate. At the same time, parents of those who did not meet the state testing criteria were notified about the program.

The students are divided into two groups: kindergarten through fourth grade, and fifth through eighth grades. The older students are required to read an approved book, of their choice. Then they will write book reports on the book.

The program also covers animal and planet reports. The program lasts six weeks—concluding July 19—and takes two hours every morning, four days a week.

Sayre, who was able to put the computer equipment in at little or no cost, also services many of the schools during the year, maintaining the hardware and designing the programs.

Christian Community Sister Michelle Faltus is associate director of Catholic education for the archdiocese and coordinator for the summer program. She said all curriculum for the summer program is presented by individual teachers on RISE (Revenue Assistance Improving Student Education) computer-based education technology.

"This program is just one example of the effort we make in our Catholic schools to assist students with special needs," she said. They educate students "with varied proficiencies, but we have a particular interest in students who lack certain skills or have low test scores throughout the school year."

"By attending summer school, many of the students will begin the new school year at their appropriate grade level," said Sister Michelle.

The Office of Catholic Education intends to offer the program annually, and to extend it to more students. Funding will be secured for financial assistance, so that all students needing remedial help will be able to participate.



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From the Editor/John F. Fink

## Should Fr. Patrick Peyton be canonized?



During my lifetime I've been fortunate to get to know a number of people who will someday be saints. Perhaps not officially canonized, but certainly holy enough that they should be. And some of them might be, such as Capuchin Father Solanus Casey, whose cause is now being considered. He was stationed for a while at the Capuchin monastery in my hometown of Huntington.

But the man I want to write about today might be the holiest man I've ever met, just as Mother Teresa is probably the holiest woman I've ever met. Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton seemed to have the rosary in his hand all the time. He had the most gentle voice, with his Irish lilt, but it was also very persuasive. While I was president of *Our Sunday Visitor* and he would call from Hollywood with a request, there was no way I could refuse him.

Father Peyton was known worldwide as "The Rosary Priest." It was he who coined the phrase "The family that prays together stays together" as he encouraged families to pray the rosary daily. And that's what my family did when I first met him. I was about 11 or 12 in 1943 or '44 when he was a frequent visitor to Huntington to meet with Archbishop John F. Noll, founder of *Our Sunday Visitor*, and my father, who was then its managing editor. They discussed plans for getting the Family Rosary Crusade off the ground. Then Father Peyton would join my family for dinner and would lead us in our family rosary.

Father Peyton was born in Ireland on Jan. 9, 1909 and he lived there for 19 years before immigrating to the United States. He entered the seminary of the Congregation of Holy Cross at Notre Dame but, before he could be ordained, he contracted tuberculosis and it appeared that he was going to die. He prayed to Mary to cure him, and she did. In gratitude, he pledged that he would devote his life to the Blessed Virgin. He was ordained in 1941 and in 1942 he founded the Family Rosary Crusade.

*Our Sunday Visitor* publicized his crusade back in those days, but Father Peyton's biggest break was in 1945 when the Mutual Broadcasting Company gave him time for a program on Mother's Day. The program, featuring Bing Crosby, was a hit that led to Mutual offering him a weekly program. "Family Theater on the Air" was broadcast by Mutual from 1947 to 1969. It featured the most famous Hollywood

stars of the day—Crosby, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Loretta Young, Grace Kelly, Helen Hayes, Pat O'Brien, Jack Benny, James Cagney, Ann Blythe, and many more—all persuaded by Father Peyton to donate their time and talent.

He went from radio to television with Family Theater Productions, producing 58 dramatic, variety and interview TV programs, using the same actors. He also produced 15 films that depicted the mysteries of the rosary, films that are still airing today.

Meanwhile, Father Peyton began his worldwide rosary crusades. He conducted these crusades in 40 countries on all six continents, drawing as many as 2 million people in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1964 and in Manila, The Philippines in 1985. In all, more than 28 million people attended his crusades.

Father Peyton continued his work right up to his death on June 2, 1992. Today that work is still being continued by Family Theater Productions in Hollywood and The Family Rosary in Albany, N.Y. One of its latest projects was the production of a TV documentary called "Voices of Appalachia." It will be fed to all NBC affiliates on Aug. 2 and they now have a three-month window, Aug. 4–Nov. 4, to broadcast it. Later this fall it is expected to be made available via satellite to more than 300 PBS stations throughout the country.

The president of The Family Rosary and Family Theater Productions today is Holy Cross Father Leo Polselli. He recently sent a mailing to some 50,000 Catholic families or individuals who have been supportive of Father Peyton's work to see if they support efforts to promote Father Peyton's cause for beatification and canonization. He asked them to write to him and explain why they believe Father Peyton is a worthy candidate for sainthood.

One person who believes in this cause is Mother Teresa, who wrote to Father Polselli, "I am happy to hear that the small beginnings of the cause of Father Peyton are getting underway. Every time I use his saying, 'The family that prays together stays together' (and that is many times a day), I will ask Jesus to direct this to his glory and the good of souls."

If you would like to write to Father Polselli, the address of The Family Rosary is 4 Pine West Plaza, Albany, NY 12205-5520.

There is no doubt in my mind that Father Peyton is a saint. May he some day be canonized.

Stories, Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen

## Personal faith stories from Evangelization Conference

In their evangelization plan "Go and Make Disciples," our American bishops remind us that we both have and are stories of faith. So it was appropriate that the keynote speakers at the recent Catholic Evangelization Conference in San Diego inspired us to proclaim the gospel of justice by sharing personal faith stories.

Bishop Gerald Barnes of San Bernardino helped us appreciate the dignity of the individual by sharing an incident that happened to him while visiting his parents in Los Angeles. His father needed to go to the doctor, but since he did not like to drive on expressways, he took roads that took them through the skid-row section of the city. At one point a street person lurched in front of the car and his father barely avoided hitting him. The then Father Barnes remarked, "Why doesn't that bum watch where he's going?"

At that point his mother turned around, looked him in the eye, and said, "He has a mother." The bishop observed that she was reminding him that this was a human being, a lesson he should have remembered from the way she and his father treated the people who came to the small store they ran in their inner city neighborhood while he was growing up.

David Thomas, Ph.D., underlined for us the importance of presence in the family by sharing about the bath ritual of his recently adopted 8-year-old daughter. She would spend more than an hour in the water surrounded by her rubber ducky and a whole armada of tub toys. One evening when it was his turn to be in charge of this ceremony, he also had a lot of things to do. So he thought he could work at his computer and check in regularly. But the first time he went away and came back, his daughter said, "Is it, Daddy, is it?" "Is it what?" he asked. "Just is it." Then it dawned on him that she was trying to say "visit." It was important to be there with her to talk to the rubber ducky and watch the armada float. In a family, evangelization is mutual. Parents evangelize their children, and children evangelize their parents.

Tom Curran, director of Torchbearer Enterprises, spoke to us about bringing the kingdom of mercy to a world of injustice. He and his wife live in a neighborhood of Washington, D.C., that had experienced several rapes and muggings. So he was very alarmed when his wife mentioned that a man had regularly been coming to a park bench that allowed him to look toward their window. He was sure he was the criminal, and told her to shut the blinds. She came to his room and said that she felt God was asking them to talk to the man. Tom reluctantly agreed, and when they approached him on the park bench and initiated a conversation, they found his last close friend had just died, and he came to the park to pray for strength. They talked and prayed with him, and he said he felt God must have sent them to him.

the attitudes of the people who are raising the funds and the people who are being asked to contribute.

Fund raising is an activity that depends on attitudes; stewardship is an attitude that expresses itself in action. Stewardship and fund raising are not the same thing, but they are not mutually exclusive. In fact, when properly understood, stewardship and fund raising have a lot in common. In my next column, I'll have more to say about the relationship between stewardship and fund raising.

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### A View from the Center/Dan Conway

## Some reflections on stewardship and fund raising

Last month I was invited to give a talk on the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," as part of a program sponsored by Marquette University for church fiscal managers. This was an easy assignment for me for two reasons. First, for the past year I have been privileged to work closely with the bishops who serve on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship. The bishops are in the process of drafting practical guidelines for parishes and dioceses in what might be called the "nuts and bolts" of stewardship and development. Working on this project has forced me to thoroughly digest the stewardship pastoral. It has also challenged me to think about the relationship between stewardship and fund raising: how they are different and what they have in common.



The second reason that it was easy for me to address church fiscal managers on the subject of stewardship is the wonderful conference we had here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in April. Those who were able to attend this important conference sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Accounting Services will remember that Archbishop Buechlein did a masterful job of relating the spirituality of stewardship to the need for fiscal accountability which he described as "a constitutive element of good stewardship." In his talk, the archbishop pointed out that the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship makes it very clear that those of us who are church leaders (including bishops, pastors, parish and diocesan staffs) must observe "the most stringent ethical, legal and fiscal standards" in our administration of the church's human, physi-

cal and financial resources. Not "minimum standards" or even "high standards" but the most stringent ethical, legal and fiscal standards!

With permission, of course (since I am required to observe the most stringent ethical standards), I was able to do some heavy borrowing from the bishops' committee on stewardship and from Archbishop Daniel in preparing my talk to the fiscal managers at Marquette University. In this column (and the one that follows next week), I would like to share with you some of my reflections on stewardship and fund raising in Catholic parishes and dioceses.

First, let's begin with some definitions. What do we mean by "stewardship"? What do we mean by "fund raising"? How are they different? What do they have in common?

Stewardship is an attitude of mind and heart. It is not a program. It is not a technique for encouraging gifts of time, talent or treasure. The bishops' pastoral letter says there are four essential characteristics of good stewardship: gratitude, accountability, generous sharing, and a willingness to "give back to the Lord with increase." These characteristics apply to individuals and families who wish to be good stewards, but they should also be evident in the stewardship of parishes, schools, and diocesan agencies.

Fund raising is not an attitude. It is an activity or a series of activities designed to encourage support for the mission and ministries of a non-profit organization. Fund raising is a discipline. It requires leadership, organization, careful planning and execution, and accountability. Successful fund raising requires a good cause and dedicated people who can "make the case" and "ask for the gift." Although fund raising is not an attitude, the success or failure of fund-raising efforts frequently depends on



## To the Editor

### A chance to bring bread to the poor

Anyone interested in being a "doer" of the word, in bringing bread to the poor, in heeding the corporal works of mercy regarding food and drink, need look no farther than Cathedral Kitchen in Indianapolis.

It serves breakfast Monday through Friday under the guidance of Lucia Corcoran. Fifty to 80 men, women and children eat there each day. St. Vincent de Paul serves a meal there on Sundays.

Our group consisted of two moms and four kids from 9 to 14. Lucia warmly welcomed us all and put all to good use. There is real work to be done by people of many ages and abilities. Some of the children acted as greeters while people arrived and left, in addition to preparing and serving food, and cleaning up. Any concerns that we might have had beforehand regarding the people's behavior proved unfounded. The kids described the people as "grateful" and "nice."

Lucia explained that about 50 percent of these folks are homeless and that all of them live in poverty. She arranged for us to tour Gleaner's Food Bank, which provides some of the food and drink at minimal cost, and the Crisis Center and Christmas Shop. It's an eye-opener to see how well many people and services can come together for the good of those less fortunate, but also to realize the strong need for more volunteers.

*Criterion* readers should know that there's a simple and concrete way they can make an immediate difference in the lives of some of Jesus' hungry poor. Lucia makes it very easy to pitch in and be of service right away, and she *does* need more helping hands. I'd like to recommend that various parishes, church groups, families and individuals take on the challenge to keep a stream of volunteers showing up on some type of schedule. It's the kind of thing a church youth group could take on in the summer. Or it may be that an individual or a couple could assist one day a week. Lucia can be reached at Cathedral Kitchen from 8:30 to 11 at 317-632-4360. Most serving is completed by 10, so that's a calmer time to call.

Angie, Nathaniel, Zach and Nick Aumage  
Kathleen and Maureen Trimmell  
Nashville

### 'Lord, your will and not mine be done'

I want to thank you and Dan Conway for the two excellent articles that appeared in the June 21 issue, "Catholics Do Accept Christ as Our Personal Savior" and "A Morally Superior Position on Human Life."

I just returned from a conference in Ohio where Dr. Peter Kreeft and Ralph Martin both spoke. However, the highlight of the whole conference was the personal testimony of Jeff Cavins, who was reared Catholic and then left the church when he was 19 years old. He attended a Protestant seminary and became a Protestant minister. After 12 years, he has now returned home to the Catholic Church because, as he put it, he yearned for the Eucharist. Nothing could put him in touch with Christ as the Eucharist had. Do we Catholics truly appreciate the most personal way that Christ comes to us through the Eucharist?

Having a "conversion experience" is and has been a fact of spiritual life for many Catholics, and for many of our Protestant brothers and sisters. This experience gives us a great spiritual kinship with other Christian faiths. There is a vast amount of difference between those who "know of Jesus" and those who "know Jesus personally" as the living God today. What a great tool for advancing ecumenism.

Further, in this political year, it would

seem that the polls show that "born again" evangelical Christians and Catholics faithful to all the moral teachings of the church are against abortion in any form. They refuse to compromise with either party. This is truly a "morally superior position on human life," as Dan Conway covered so well.

If anyone doubts the wisdom of this position, I would ask that they read "De-humanizing the Vulnerable: When Word Games Take Lives," by William Brennan. This book chronicles the assault on seven different groups of human beings down through history, including violence against women, blacks and Jews. How easy it is for good Christians to give their assent to popular culture when we are told that "it is all right to treat them badly, they're not human anyway."

Can we draw the conclusion, then, that a morally superior position comes from humbling ourselves in the presence of a very real and living Jesus and asking, "Lord, your will and not mine be done"?

A. B. King III  
Indianapolis

### More facts about St. Magdalen Church

I want to add a few more things about St. Magdalen Church in New Marion, which was profiled in the June 21 issue.

St. Magdalene had a very beautiful church in Ripley Co. and the people were very active and faith-filled.

In December 1940, the people received word after Mass one day that they were to close the church and move from their homes and they only had two weeks to do it. The government had bought the land and it was to be turned into a weapons site. It would include 60,000 acres on and around the area where they lived. Not only did the people lose their life-long homes and their church, but the whole community was going to be destroyed with just a short notice of time.

Shocked, confused, sad and angry, people scattered in different locations. After finding a place to live, they had to try to rebuild their church. They had nothing left from their church. The interior of the church had had beautiful stations, angel water fonts, altars and pews which were taken out and sent to a church in Indianapolis. The cemetery was moved to a new location in North Madison. Then the government used their church and homes as bombing sites. You cannot even begin to know the heart-wrenching feelings these people endured. It literally killed some of the older parishioners; they died from broken hearts.

Most of the ones who were left and didn't locate far away never gave up. They held their Masses in an upstairs room over a grocery store in New Marion for months and met with the archbishop when the decision was made to purchase the old bank building in town which is the present church of St. Magdalen. Since there was nowhere to hold their card parties, chili suppers and other social activities, they had them in an old store building that was owned by one of the parishioners and the New Marion High School. As years went by, the old store building was torn down and the school was consolidated with other county schools, so once again we were left without anyplace to hold our activities.

Because of our great respect and unique relationship we have with the Baptist church in town, they offer their annex to us for the funeral meals we serve. For several years we had an annual picnic in the proving grounds and toured the place where our old church stood, but the government closed the grounds and we had to relinquish having them. Now we have ice cream socials every year in the church yard. We are planning our 150th anniversary celebration for next year.

We have parishioners who share positions with St. John's on the Board of Education, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and teachers for our religious education program. Our children are very active in CCD along with the many activities they do dur-

ing the year. Our teen-agers and adults are lectors, eucharistic ministers and servers. Some of our teen-agers have been our organists as they were growing up and before attending colleges or getting married and moving to other places.

Since our parish is very small, just about everyone is involved with the spiritual and ecumenical growth of our church and our community.

It has been a long hard struggle but we succeeded. That's the beauty of our faith. It pulled us through all the obstacles and continues to make us strong. I am most thankful to our ancestors who had to bear the hardships and fight the battles to keep our church alive, but first and foremost I thank God for my faith and church.

Mary Jane Hunter  
Madison

### Provincial leader defends Sr. Carmel

As leader of the U.S. Province of the Sisters of Mercy of Ireland and South Africa, I am responding to the June 7 letter of Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly which appeared in *The Criterion* [about the removal of Sister of Mercy Dr. Carmel McEnroy from the faculty of St. Meinrad School of Theology].

When the archabbot says, "Dr. McEnroy chose not to address the matter within appropriate church channels," he is wrong. . . . On April 12, 1995, the Central Leadership in Dublin faxed [a letter] to President/Rector Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, who signed Sister Carmel's tenured contract in 1992. Father Hensell never acknowledged the letter.

On April 7, 1995, Sister Elizabeth Manning, provincial leader in Ireland and Sister Carmel's superior general from 1991-1994, faxed letters to Father Hensell, Archabbot Timothy and Archbishop Daniel Buechlein of Indianapolis. She received no response. On April 30, 1995, nine sisters of the Ballymahon community wrote to Archabbot Timothy and Father

Hensell. The sisters received no response to their letter. Had this been a male professor, would the archabbot have communicated with his provincial, as he did in other instances?

When Archabbot Lambert says, "Her removal was a church matter and was handled according to church law," he is wrong. Sister Carmel received her contract from St. Meinrad, not "the church." Church law provides due process and Sister Carmel was denied that process. Her lawyer waited a year before filing suit in federal court, giving St. Meinrad ample time to redress its wrongdoing.

It is regrettable that the new archabbot endorsed his predecessor's action instead of reaching out to Sister Carmel and her community in a just and healing manner. Now she is asking the civil court for the justice denied her by St. Meinrad under the guise of "church law." She had no other recourse.

At the first United States Provincial Chapter in June 1995, the sisters gave Sister Carmel a standing ovation. . . . Sister Carmel McEnroy continues to have solid community support.

Sr. Teresa O'Connell  
U.S. Provincial Leader  
Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of Ireland and South Africa  
Redlands, Calif.

(Editor's note: The full text of Sister O'Connell's letter contains extensive quotes from letters faxed to officials at St. Meinrad Seminary at the time Mercy Sister Carmel McEnroy was dismissed from the seminary faculty for publicly dissenting from Pope John Paul II's teaching that the church has no authority to ordain women to the priesthood. These quotes, which are mainly testimonials to Sister Carmel's character and her years of service to the church, have been omitted for space reasons and because they do not address the central issue of this case, which is whether the archabbot of St. Meinrad, as the seminary's ecclesiastical superior, was correct to remove a faculty member who engaged in public dissent from the official teaching of the church.)

### Light One Candle/Fr. Thomas J. McSweeney

## From nothing to something

As a young priest eager to find material to link the Gospel with the everyday experi-



ences of my congregation, I happily came across Charles Schultz's comic strip, "Peanuts."

Lucy, Linus, Schroeder and the indomitable Charlie Brown capture the character traits of so many of us as we try to make sense of the daily struggles involved in just being human.

Of my many borrowings from "Peanuts," one entry clearly connected with my listeners in a way that made it a favorite. In three panels, an attentive Linus listens to his lovelorn friend Charlie Brown trying to understand why he cannot get close to that "little redheaded girl" at school.

Charlie explains, "The trouble, Linus, is that she's a something, and I'm a nothing! Now if I were a something, like a prince, I'd sweep her up on my horse and we'd ride into the sunset. Or if she were nothing like me, maybe we'd have something in common. But the fact is, I'm a nothing!"

Linus considers his friend's analysis, and concludes, "You know, Charlie, for a nothing, you're really something!"

I think that story resonates with so many because deep down many of us do feel that we have little to match other people's accomplishments and status. We put ourselves down, and, like a self-fulfilling prophecy, we become convinced that we have nothing to give.

In those moments, it is vital to remember that Christ, too, seemed "a nothing" to those who missed his message entirely: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Jesus came to realize his own worth through his Father: "You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Seeking to confirm this recognition, Jesus asked his disciples who people thought he was. Peter responded, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon (Peter), son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven."

Our faith teaches us that the something we have to give is found in the love that moves us daily to become the unique person God created each of us to be. In loving us unconditionally, God empowers each of us to share with others in ways that build his kingdom on earth.

And we need to be honest with one another about this reality. St. Thomas Aquinas observed that "grace builds on nature." If our natural inclination is to believe that we cannot make a difference, then we buy into the original sin that moved Adam and Eve to believe that they could only become something by their own wits and cunning. In truth, it is when we are apart from God that our nature's true worth becomes diminished.

Our faith prompts us to recognize that we have all become somebodies in Christ. Our fallen natures have been redeemed in Christ's sacrificial act of love. In this act each of us has been made whole again. Christ says to you, "You are a somebody, you are my sister and my brother, and because of this you do make a difference."

The next time you find yourself with others who think they are nothing, let your compassion tell them of Christ. And they will see in your loving act of concern that faith that can move mountains, a faith that has the power to transform what may seem nothing into truly something.

(For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note* "I am Somebody!" write to The Christophers, 12 E. 48th St., New York, NY 10017.)



Cornucopia / Cynthia Dewes

# It ain't easy being alive

It ain't easy being green, says Kermit the Frog. Probably not.



And it ain't easy being 13, either, especially these days.

A 13-year-old returns from the middle school party flushed, pretty, excited to be on the cusp of adulthood. As she describes her fellow students and their

conversations and events, it becomes clear that some of the kids are "couples" and they're "dating."

Alarms go off! In the current parlance of TV and *People* magazine and God knows what other trendy arena, "dating" can mean anything from sharing an ice cream to sleeping with someone you hardly know after merely eating pizza

together. The adult listening to all this is apt to say (or, more accurately, shriek), "You mean, alone?"

They're given a look of patient contempt. "Of course," says the 13-year-old, "This is the Nineties! Times change."

"But some things never change," we protest. And even as the words drop feebly from the mouth, we can hear how archaic they sound, how uptight, how wimpy.

But after giving it some thought we may manage to come up with the true gen. Namely, that those words may sound weak but they are true, and you can't beat that. Some things never change.

What things are those, you might ask. Well, the integrity of our own person, for one. We alone are the keepers of our bodies, and no one has a right to them except us. We alone should decide if we will share them, and whom we will love

through sexual expression as well as emotional and intellectual connection.

We shouldn't be bullied by individuals or peers or society at large to share our one ability which is truly God-like: the ability to give life through our love. Falling in lust is not to be mistaken for falling in love, and even that is a poor second to really loving, as in lifetime commitment.

Often, teenagers are snookered into unwise decisions because they fear they are unattractive or undesirable and they must pay for others' esteem and affection and attention. They need to grow up and understand that as children of God made in his image, we all have integrity.

We should naturally command respect. It's the same argument we use against slavery, and in favor of things like labor

unions which are supposed to promote the dignity of the individual.

When the hormones are racing all this may seem to be an intellectual exercise dear to adults only, something totally unrelated to a kid's actual life. The hard part is to convince them, preferably by example, how much more satisfying it is to live in sync with God's will as we can discern it.

Happily married couples and families that work seem to be less evident today, but they are there and we should point them out. We don't need the *Cleavers*, but we do need movies and TV shows and magazine articles about real people acting like Christians, for a change.

We need to restore the natural effectiveness of virtues such as chastity, patience, honor, and honesty. Marriage, vocations to religious life, and fulfillment as individuals will not thrive, or even survive, without them.

It ain't easy being 13, that's for sure. But it ain't easy being any age, or even leading a meaningful life, without confidence in ourselves as children of God.

## VIPs . . .

Louis and Ernestine Nally of Indianapolis celebrated their 65th anniversary July 9. The couple was married at St. Philip Neri Church in Indianapolis July 9, 1931. They have two children: Norma Jean Clark and June Ann Jorgenson. They also have four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The couple are parishioners at Little Flower Parish in Indianapolis.

Providence Sister JoAnn Cummings and Hilda Book were recently honored in a double celebration. Book is a trained Eucharistic Minister who celebrated 10 years of service to her community. Sister JoAnne celebrated 50 years in her vocation. They have been associated with the Providence Home in New Albany. In May, a Mass in their honor was celebrated.

## Check It Out . . .

The Little Flower Church Development Committee is sponsoring a memorial **Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing** on Aug. 16 to benefit the school building fund. The event honors the avocation (golf) as well as the dedication (school) of the pastor who devoted 20 years of his life to the parish before he died in an automobile accident last December. All proceeds will go toward renovation of Little Flower School, which serves 500 students, kindergarten through eighth grade. Tee-off time is 1 p.m. at The Links Golf Club in New Palestine. The \$75 cost per player includes green fee, a shared golf cart, cash and other contest prizes, refreshments, and a buffet dinner. Registration is due by Aug. 5. Those wishing further information may call David Burkhard, 317-357-8352.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Grade School class of 1928** will hold its 68th reunion July 27, at the Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st St., in Indianapolis. A luncheon and social hour will begin at 1 p.m. For more information or to register call Dorothy Sifferlen at 317-781-8949.

Father John Catoir, director emeritus of the Christophers, will conduct a program for senior adults titled **"That Your Joy May Be Full: Enjoying the Aging Process"** Aug. 5-8 at the Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The program is open to senior men and women and to those who work with them. The cost, which includes room, meals, presentations, handouts, refreshments, and breaks is \$135 for a single and \$115 for a double. Financial assistance is available through the Genesis Fund. The registration deadline is July 15. For more information call the retreat house at 317-545-7681.

**St. Mary Academy class of 1951** will celebrate its 45th reunion on Aug. 10 at The Brickyard Crossing Inn (formerly Speedway Motel), 4400 W. 16th St., in Indianapolis. Social hour is at 3:30 p.m., dinner will follow at 6 p.m. A group photo will be taken at 4:30 p.m. Spouses and friends may join at 8 p.m. Send reservations to: Mrs. Bernadette Johnson Croell, 6026 Dorsett Place., Indianapolis, IN, 46220. The deadline to register is July 20.

The tenth annual **Ministries Bible Institute** will be held at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 26-Aug. 4. Housing is available in the college dormitories. To insure availability register by July 18. For more information write Presentation Ministries Bible Institute Committee, 5311 Rawhide Court, Cincinnati, OH, 45238 or call 513-941-6809 or 513-922-0923.



At left, Sister Patricia A. Linahan, professed her first vows as Sister of Providence June 30 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary of the Woods. She entered the congregation in 1993 from St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. Pictured with Sister Patricia are Sisters Teresa de Jesus Mares and Kathleen B. Smith, whom also professed their first vows.

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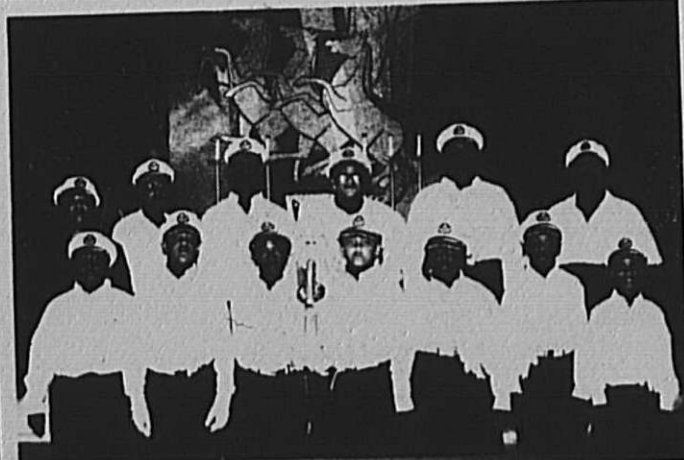
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The St. Rita Church Drill Team recently participated in the National Baptist Sunday School and B.L.U. Congress in Nashville, Tenn. The team returned home to Indianapolis with the Little People Award.



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want to see their children grow up safe and enjoy life.

"We never want to bury our children before us," he said.

He continued: "We look to the world for protection for our children—it seems

like it's not there."

In his homily, Father Hilderbrand referred to a speech President Bill Clinton had made earlier that week. In the speech the president said we look to the warmth of our faith.

Hilderbrand told the congregation what we do is look to the power of the cross. "That cross is a symbol of faith and hope, and it's also the symbol of peace and confidence," he said.

## Benedictines to have national meeting

Some 170 Benedictine men and women from around the country will gather in Ferdinand and at St. Meinrad in August to discuss the role of work in monastic life.

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are hosting the convention, but some events will be in cooperation with members of St. Meinrad Archabbey.

The theme of the convention of the American Benedictine Academy, scheduled for Aug. 8-11, is "Monastic Work: Challenge and Change."

Members of the academy gather every two years to examine themes significant to Benedictine life and spirituality. Work is one such theme since St. Benedict emphasized the value of both prayer and work for his followers. Benedictine religious communities follow the motto "Ora et Labora" ("Pray and Work").

A Benedictine art show will be part of the convention. It will feature iconography, sculpture, painting and other artworks by artists from monastic communities.

## Father Beever seeks help to stock the Damien Center Food Pantry

By Mary Ann Wyand

Nine parishes in the Indianapolis area already have offered to help stock the Damien Center Food Pantry this fall, and Father Carlton Beever hopes other Catholic faith communities and groups also will support the center's ongoing food drive with donations of non-perishable groceries, paper products, and toiletries.

"Almost every month in the recent past, the Damien Center Food Pantry has run short of staples to distribute to their clients," Father Beever said. As the director of HIV/AIDS Ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, he is helping coordinate donations to the center's pantry to avert future shortages.

"The Damien Center distributes food to approximately 600 clients each month who depend on the pantry for help," Father Beever said. "Nutrition is very important to a person with a weakened immune system, who often lives on a limited income and can't afford basic needs."

Sometimes the pantry runs out of supplies, he said. "I have been working with Dr. Rodney Anderson, a care coordinator and director of wellness programs for the Damien Center, to approach organizations, corporations, businesses, groups, and churches to adopt the Damien Center Food Pantry for a month, either by making donations to cover the pantry's \$1,000 monthly operating costs or by collecting non-perishable food items."

Since 1987, the Damien Center has served as a multifaceted resource to persons living with HIV and AIDS in Indianapolis, Anderson said. Last year, the center assisted over 1,100 persons in need of counseling,

medical assistance, housing referrals, and employment services. An additional 600 clients without the resources for nutritionally balanced meals received free groceries and personal care items from the Damien Center Food Pantry during 1995.

"The pantry relies totally on individual contributions and is not supported by the organizational budget," Anderson said. "Realizing the vital need the Food Pantry meets, the Damien Center is inviting Catholics to be partners in stocking this community resource by making a contribution or holding a food drive."

Individuals and groups who help supply non-perishable food items will be designated as "Special Friends of the Food Pantry," Anderson said. The need for food is particularly critical for persons living with HIV and AIDS because they generally spend most of their income on housing and expensive medicines like the new protease inhibitors or combined therapies and health care services not covered by insurance.

For information on how to help or to request a sample list of most-needed grocery items, contact Anderson at the Damien Center at 317-632-0123 or 800-213-1163 or telephone Father Beever at 317-631-8746 or 317-425-9466.

Parishioners from Cathedral, Holy Cross, Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd, St. Jude, St. Matthew, St. Philip Neri, St. Pius X, and St. Thomas Aquinas parishes in Indianapolis have pledged support for the center's food drive this fall.

"These parishes have each agreed to donate \$200 in non-perishable food items during October," Father Beever said. "Our goal is \$2,000 in food donations to double the amount of groceries they will need for the month of October."

Father Carlton Beever, director of HIV/AIDS Ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and Dr. Rodney Anderson, director of wellness programs for the Damien Center in Indianapolis, stock shelves in the center's food pantry. The pantry serves 600 persons living with HIV or AIDS each month.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

He spoke about his own memories of the soldier when Cartrette was a student in high school.

"He always impressed me as being a person who was very sensitive and caring," Hilderbrand said.

Near the end of Mass, more of Cartrette's friends shared their personal reflections with the congregation. Joe Theobald, Cartrette's football coach at St. Anthony, remembered Cartrette as a team player in football and in track.

"You were tall, lean, and as fast as a rabbit," he said. "You gave us all a lot of

joy and excitement by your performance."

In memory of Cartrette's noted track performances, Providence has initiated the "JR Cartrette Track and Field Award" which will be presented each year to an outstanding track star.

Following the Mass, the congregation proceeded outdoors as the choir sang "America" and then "Battle Hymn of the Republic." On the front lawn, an Air Force color guard and eight airmen honored their fellow soldier with a military salute and taps.



A portrait of Senior Airman Earl Frederick "JR" Cartrette Jr., surrounded by floral arrangements and small American flags, stood in front of the altar during a memorial Mass celebrated in his honor July 2, at St. Anthony of Padua in Clarksville.

Photo by Susan Biegan

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*Dale Gettelfinger*

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# Parish Profile

## Indianapolis South Deanery

### St. Patrick welcomes all those who come there

By Margaret Nelson

"There's so much going on!" said Franciscan Sister Jean Marie Cleveland. She's parish life coordinator for St. Patrick Church, which casts its shadow across the Fountain Square neighborhood in Indianapolis.

The parish is there to serve the people who come to its door. And nearly half of the parishioners are from outside its boundaries. "People have commented on the fact that they feel very welcome," said Sister Jean Marie.

Father Lawrence Voelker has been sacramental minister for St. Patrick and Holy Rosary (and pastor for Holy Cross) since May 10. Providence Sister Mary Slattery has been pastoral associate for six years. Father Tom Fox is associate pastor for the Hispanic community there.

"It's an interesting thing. Since 1983, when St. Patrick and Holy Rosary have shared ministries, the parish has had a history of working with at least one other parish," said Sister Jean Marie. "One of its biggest pluses is its willingness to work with other parishes."

"Now we're with Holy Rosary, Good

Shepherd, and Sacred Heart in our Central Catholic School. We share our sacramental minister with Holy Rosary and Holy Cross," she said.

With Holy Rosary, St. Patrick shares the Christ Renews His Parish program and Evenings for the Engaged. They get together for penance services, confession, and adult education. "We are really trying to work with other parishes in the area."

For several years, the parish has embraced the Hispanic community, offering two Masses each Sunday in Spanish—11 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. with Franciscan Father Fox as the celebrant.

In fact, Sister Jean Marie is investing three weeks of her summer to study Spanish in San Antonio, Texas. "The whole Hispanic thing is different. Nobody's done it before. It's an ongoing thing that is exciting to follow." It's a partnership that the long-time parishioners and the new Hispanic population both want, she said.

"The Spanish community is one of most rapidly growing parts of community. I want to learn what other communities have done," she said.

Sister Jean Marie said, "The parish does a good job of taking care of the sick and elderly parishioners." And Sister Mary chimed in that those visit the sick do more. "They feed the dogs and plant flowers."

Father Voelker, who served as associate pastor back in 1971-1974, remembers his parishioners from those days. Many have moved, but come back to the parish several Sundays a month. He recognizes that they—like he—are getting older.

But the "Hispanic population brings the general age median down a lot," said Sister Jean Marie.

Sister Mary enjoys the different level of experience the "different zip codes" represent. The parish groups are open to new members. "They incorporate every single person," said Sister Mary.

About 100 parishioners met in the church on June 9 with Sue Weber, a consultant who works with the archdiocese. Their purpose was to work on the pastoral plan for the parish. Areas discussed were evangelization, parish community, youth, outreach and Christian service, building and finance.

Goals and objectives were set in each of these areas and parishioners formed

committees to implement them. Within the week, the finance committee had a meeting with 14 present, and the building committee, with eight.

At the end of the planning meeting, the Sister Jean Marie fielded questions after Weber explained the mechanics of planning.

Parishioners concerns were if the archdiocese has plans for the parish, if there is a deadline for the parish plans, where the money (especially the roof repair fund) goes, how to work together with Hispanic community, and what are plans for youth. Father Fox translated the comments.

The plan submitted to the parish at the meeting is being revised according to what the parishioners want. After the parish reviews it, the parish council will vote on its implementation. The leaders hope the process can be completed this summer.

Sister Jean Marie said, "We really need to replace our roof right now. We're trying to find an architect. These are real enthusiastic people. They are anxious to get to work right now." In fact, Sister Jean Marie realizes that the enthusiasm must be "supervised."

She believes that Father Tom is working with Hispanic community in a "realistic" way. "The Anglican community wants to include them immediately. I wonder if that's not too fast."

She sees in them "the seed of life of the future of St. Patrick." She said that some of Spanish people know both sides. "In some ways more pressure comes from Hispanics who have very well integrated themselves into the community."

Father Fox said, "Not everyone has these goals. Not everyone has the capability. Some are very new to Indianapolis and the United States. Others are 20-year people. They do have a right to worship in their own language." He pointed out that language is very connected with their culture.

He noted that Holy Rosary is still considered an Italian parish; St. Patrick, Irish; and Sacred Heart, German. He called it a "disservice to the community to take away the language before the people have settled here."

One parishioner who came from Mexico some years ago has agreed to provide sacramental preparation for those who are unable to speak English.



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Franciscan Father Tom Fox, Father Larry Voelker, Franciscan Sister Jean Marie Cleveland, and Providence Sister Mary Slattery make up the leadership team at St. Patrick in Indianapolis.

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Some of the big events in the parish include the Reverse Raffle in November and the Christmas Outreach dinner for 225 people in the neighborhood.

To notify those who will benefit most, parishioners distribute flyers "everywhere" and include them with the St. Vincent de Paul calls. At the dinner, they give away items of winter clothing to those who need them, along with the generous hot meal.

Of course, that crowd has many non-Catholics. Sister Mary quipped, "It lets them know we don't have bran under our hats."

The parish invites the community to its St. Patrick's Day Mass, fish fries during Lent, and annual spaghetti/chili supper.

The parish hosts the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and fiesta on Dec. 12 and a Mass in November for the Day of the Dead. New mothers bring their babies on the Feast of the Presentation and there is an outside Way of the Cross on Good Friday evening.

St. Patrick also hosts a Latin Mass at 1:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. The attendance in June was 63 people.

Sister Jean Marie said that St. Patrick has made good use of its facilities. Even after the school was closed, the former convent was used by the Sisters of Providence as a provincial house. For the past four years, it has been used by St. Elizabeth.

The school was an adult learning center for the Hispanics until it was recently renovated as long-term apartments for the homeless by the Holy Family Shelter. The staff often gets requests for shelter in the building, but those who will live there are carefully screened and referred by social service agencies.

Sister Jean Marie said that 25 years ago, St. Patrick had pages of baptisms. "The parish suffered a large loss of population when the highway was built.

"Having fewer parishioners makes repair of the buildings more difficult," she said. But many former parishioners "continue to be very loyal to St. Pat's."

The staff finds it encouraging that the neighborhood is showing signs of progress. "People are renovating their homes to improve the appearance of their neighborhood," said Sister Jean Marie. Sister Mary said that the area is "filled with small, but very effective, neighborhood groups."

St. Patrick's is the oldest Alcoholic Anonymous site in city. The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is open on Wednesdays. Those who need furniture are helped, as well.

One goal of the parish planning is to provide programs for the youth. They hope to work with a suburban parish to establish a scouting program.

Women of the parish go to the Barton House every month to play bingo with the residents. "They buy their own prizes. They wing the whole event," said Sister Mary.

The ladies group of the Ancient Order of Hibernians meet once a month at St. Patrick. "They provide generous assistance for projects like the 130th anniversary celebration," said Sister Jean Marie.

Since 1983, St. Patrick has shared a pastor. In 1987, they had two priests for four parishes. Now it is one priest three parishes.

As parish life coordinator, Sister Jean Marie is doing leadership kind of things. "The people are pretty accepting," she said. "They value the sacraments. They are grateful that St. Pat's has always had a priest assigned to us."

Sister Mary said, "I never heard one word of chagrin like, 'We don't have a resident priest.' I have seen no resistance or resentment displayed."

"We think it speaks of faith commitment," she said. "People appreciate parish leadership. If people want to take a model parish and how it is affected, they might look at this."

"I see it right now as a parish whose Hispanic population can give us a new thrust," said Sister Jean Marie. Sister Mary, "They're a promise and a challenge and a real reason to revitalize. The Hispanic community and the neighborhood community are two great assets. They give us lots of hope."

"We meet everything that comes to our door," said Sister Jean Marie. "Sometimes we can't meet the needs because of the number of parishioners we have."

Sister Jean Marie said, "The people of St. Pat's are receptive people who try to respond to needs."

St. Patrick's mission statement is: "We, the people of St. Patrick Catholic Church within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, accept our responsibility to bring God's

healing presence to our diverse community of the near south side. Committed to sharing our God-given time, talent and resources, we evangelize, support quality family life and quality education. We united in loving service of God and neighbor.

The vision statement: "We, the people of St. Patrick Parish, envision ourselves as instruments in bringing God's healing presence to our near southside community. We seek to be a welcoming community that provides for the spiritual needs of both our English- and our Spanish-speaking parishioners. We determine to extend our ministries to include the needs of the poor and unchurched in our area. This, we hope to accomplish through our parishioners, alumni, partner parish, and business and community connections."

St. Patrick's parish life coordinator, Franciscan Sister Jean Marie Cleveland leads the way for a group of priests associated with the parish as Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein came to preside at the 130th anniversary Mass for St. Patrick last June.



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## MORAL ISSUES

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are such issues as disarmament, capital punishment, racism, housing, environmental justice, refugees, human rights and violence.

"The religious community has important responsibilities in political life," the bishops say. "We believe our nation is enriched and our traditions of pluralism enhanced when religious groups join with others in the debate over the policies and vision that ought to guide our nation."

Respondents to the poll commissioned by Pew seem to agree. Conducted between May 31 and June 9, the survey involved 1,975 adults. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Asked whether churches should "keep out of political matters" or "express their views on day-to-day social and political questions," 54 percent said they should express their views. The number was even higher among white evangelical Protestants (70 percent) and black Christians (67 percent).

On another question, 66 percent of the respondents—and 70 percent of the Catholic respondents—said it was never "right for clergymen to discuss political candidates or issues from the pulpit." But 42 percent of white evangelical Protestants and 40 percent of black Christians said it could be OK.

Younger Americans, more often than

seniors, felt that churches should express their views on politics (58 percent to 42 percent). College graduates were more likely than high school graduates to favor politicking from the pulpit (36 percent to 26 percent), as were Republicans more likely to favor it than were Democrats (34 percent vs. 26 percent).

The study by the Pew Research Center also looked at the importance of religious belief in shaping the views of those who responded to the poll.

On each of seven issues, respondents were asked whether the "biggest influence on your thinking on this issue" came from personal experience, views of family and friends, the media, religious beliefs, one's own education or something else.

A plurality of 37 percent said religious belief was the primary influence on their position on same-sex marriages, while 28 percent said religion was the main factor in their stand on abortion.

Personal experience was given as the major factor in the respondents' thinking about working women (45 percent) and welfare (26 percent), while a plurality of 35 percent cited the news media as their main influence on Bosnia.

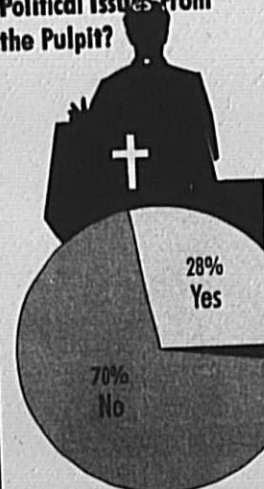
On the death penalty, 21 percent each named their own education and the media as the chief factor influencing their stand. Eighteen percent said they were primarily influenced by religious beliefs and 13 percent said personal experience was the main factor.

But when political stands are shaped by

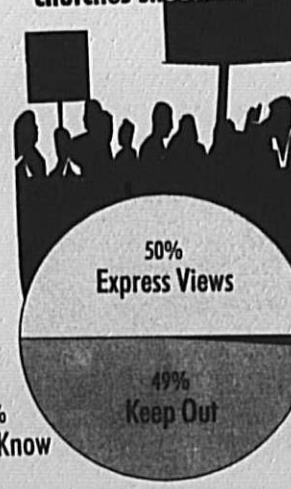
## Church and Politics

Catholics are split on whether they think churches should be active in political matters, but more than two-thirds say clergy shouldn't discuss issues from the pulpit.

Should Clergy Discuss Political Issues From the Pulpit?



In political matters churches should...



Based on telephone surveys from nationwide sample of 1,975 adults.

Source: Pew Research Center

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religious beliefs, the bishops said in their statement on political responsibility, that makes them no less valid than positions taken for other reasons.

"Religious groups should expect neither favoritism nor discrimination in their public roles," the bishops say. "The national debate is not enhanced by ignoring or ruling out the contributions of citizens because their convictions are grounded in religious belief."

In her day-to-day work as director of

domestic social development in the U.S. Catholic Conference's Department of Department of Social Development and World Peace, Nancy Wisdo helps shape policy positions on a wide range of issues and works to bring those positions to political reality.

"Not every political issue has the same moral significance," she says. "But most issues have a moral dimension, and that's what we try to bring to the public debate."

## Study finds there's a link between strong faith, political conservatism

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—No matter what their religious affiliation, those who express a strong faith are more "conservative" politically than those who do not, according to a new study released June 25 in Washington.

"There's an awful lot of religion in politics, and politics in religion, these days, and there's more public acceptance of it," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, which conducted the study.

The report on the survey, called "The Diminishing Divide—American churches, American Politics," said the link between religion and conservatism held whether one looked at religious practice, religious beliefs or how important the respondents said religion was in their lives.

The report defined "conservative" based on respondents' stands on such issues as abortion, the death penalty, gun control, same-sex marriages, birth control clinics in public schools, environmental regulations, government assistance to the needy, affirmative action, working women and immigration.

"Religion is a strong and growing force in the way Americans think about politics," the report said. "It has a bearing on political affiliation, political values, policy attitudes and candidate choice. Its increasing influence on political opinion and behavior rivals factors such as race, religion, age, social class and gender."

The survey found that white mainline Protestants make up 25 percent of the nation's registered voters, followed by white evangelical Protestants at 24 percent and white Catholics at 22 percent. Black Christians were 8 percent of registered voters, whites with no religious affiliation were 6 percent, and several other groups—Jews, Hispanic Catholic, Hispanic non-Catholics and Mormons—each had 2

percent. Black non-Christians and Orthodox Christians each had 1 percent.

"Americans report a significant amount of politicking from the pulpit, and it is not only occurring in the Baptist churches of white evangelical Protestants," the report said.

Sixty percent of all churchgoers said they had heard their clergy speak out about abortion, and 56 percent said they had heard about school prayer from the pulpit. Among Catholics, 75 percent said they had heard about abortion from their clergy and 38 percent said they had heard sermons about assisted suicide.

The report cited a "Catholic schism" between those it described as "traditionalists" and those it terms "progressives." More than 40 percent of those who described themselves as progressive favored same-sex marriages, while only 24 percent of traditionalist Catholics did.

On abortion, there was an even wider split, with 73 percent of progressive Catholics supporting legal abortion compared to 43 percent of traditionalist Catholics.

"Progressive Catholics come closest to fitting the description of a religiously based liberal group—but they are nowhere near as consistently liberal on a broad range of issues as white evangelical Protestants are conservative," the report said.

Among the survey's other findings:

- Only 7 percent of voters think of themselves as belonging to the "religious right."

- Sixty-two percent of Americans feel that neither political party is too closely tied to religious leaders today. But of those who have no religious affiliation, 35 percent think the Republican Party is too closely aligned to religious leaders.

- Some 35 percent think that the news media portray very religious people unfairly, and 36 percent believe news organizations are biased against fundamentalist Christians.

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# Faith Alive!

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## Parents must emphasize making truth welcome at home

By Mary Miller Pedersen

"Liar, liar, pants on fire!"  
I could hear them chanting as they ran across the lawn, tripping over one another to get to mother first.  
"My bike was first over the finish line! I won!"  
"That's not true! I crossed the finish line before you!"  
"Liar!"  
"Liar!"  
Every parent has heard it many times. Kids lie. I don't think it comes naturally. They learn at a young age to lie for lots of reasons: to save face, to make themselves

look better than others, to avoid the consequences of their behavior, or to get rewards.

Sometimes parents inadvertently encourage lying, perhaps by saying, "Don't let me catch you doing that!" What the child may hear is, "Don't get caught."

William Bennett, in "The Book of Virtues," says it well: "Honesty imbues lives with openness, reliability and candor; it expresses a disposition to live in the light" (page 599).

Children learn early that telling the truth can be risky or painful. They learn that telling the truth is more difficult than lying.

"If I tell Mom I broke the vase, she may

punish me," the child rationalizes. "But if I don't tell Mom about it and she finds out, I'll be in even more trouble!"

What enables a child to risk telling the truth, to live in the light, so to speak? What can a parent do to create an atmosphere where truth is welcomed at home?

Parents can do several things to help children understand and practice telling the truth:

- First is to value truthfulness.

Parents do this by being truthful themselves. Children learn most virtues by osmosis. There is no substitute for parents' own efforts to be honest with and in front of children.

When children see parents lying to a salesperson or acquaintance about little things, the line between truth and untruth gets fuzzy for them.

Truthfulness is a habit that begins early in life. Like all habits, truthfulness requires example and practice.

We cannot assume that children instinctively know that being truthful is an essential human virtue. Before they can value and practice truthfulness, they need to know what it is.

Truth as a virtue must be taught. Stories like "Pinocchio" and "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" help very young children to see the value of telling the truth and the negative consequences of lying.

When children are tempted to lie (about who broke the vase, for example), honesty should be rewarded. If a child confesses to breaking the vase, there should be some lessening of the consequences for him. This emphasizes the value of being truthful.

- Second is to nurture a strong sense of self in your children.

Honesty is risky, therefore children need self-confidence to be honest in some situations.

Particularly for adolescents, telling the truth sometimes jeopardizes friendships. But healthy self-esteem helps kids be less dependent on their "crowd" and more confident about doing what is right no matter what the situation.

An important factor in building a child's sense of self is a parent's unconditional love and forgiveness mixed with the kind of parenting that disciplines through logical consequences that flow naturally from the child's action (for example, some loss of driving privileges after abusing rules for use of the car).

When I asked kids why they lie to a parent, many of them said in order not to get in trouble.

Kids need to know that even serious mistakes (for example, a big dent in the car, or underage drinking), are forgivable.

Other kids said they lie to their parents to avoid punishment. Helping children accept the consequences of their behavior helps them tell the truth even under difficult circumstances.

Many lies are told to avoid taking responsibility for what one has done. Teaching kids to be accountable for their actions is part of the bedrock out of which truth springs.

- Third is a parental posture of attentive listening to children.

We cannot hear the truth if we are not listening.

I asked young people in their mid-20s who have open, honest communication with their parents what made it possible to confide in them about difficult subjects. Their answers seemed unanimous:

"I knew they would hear me out."

"I knew they would respect my point of view even if we disagreed."

"My parents have very strong opinions, but they would always listen to ours and not put us down."

This posture of listening—about events that have occurred, for example, or about children's feelings—allows children the freedom to be honest.

Catholic tradition teaches that the family is meant to be an "intimate community of love and life." However, neither intimacy, community nor love is possible without an atmosphere of trust that comes with truthfulness.

Honesty is a fundamental condition for human interaction, whether friendship, business, community or family.

The family is the primary source of moral and spiritual formation before the age of 7. It's a real challenge for parents! The media, politics, business and government are filled with cover-ups, exaggerations, and other forms of deception.

When parents send truth-telling children out into the world, it's like shining a light into the darkness.

(Mary Miller Pedersen is the coordinator of the Leadership in Family Life Training Program for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.)



Parents can help their children understand and practice the virtue of truth-telling by emphasizing the value of truthfulness, being truthful themselves, nurturing a strong sense of self in their children, and listening attentively to their children. Youngsters also can benefit from stories about truthfulness, such as Walt Disney's tale of "Pinocchio."

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### Discussion Point

## Love and trust promote honesty

### This Week's Question

What enables a child to tell the truth—to be open about an important matter—at home?

"If he knows that no matter what he says he will be safe, he will be loved, and that his punishment will not be too much to bear, he will have no reason not to tell the truth." (Marilynn Quick-Wilson, Houston, Texas)

"We need to teach children from an early age that truthfulness will be rewarded. As adults we need to encourage them to be truthful and open by modeling those qualities ourselves." (Armond Seishas, Castro Valley, Calif.)

"A good, regular structure in the home is necessary, including unconditional love and a prayer life. For me, unconditional love means, 'You are always my son or daughter and I love you, but understand there are consequences when you make bad choices.' A child's greatest teacher is the example of his or her parents." (Caren Otis, Eureka Springs, Ark.)

"Children have to know from early on that they will be taken seriously, that you will value their opinions and beliefs." (Teresa Luby, Arlington, Texas)

"When the child has had a previous experience of not being immediately condemned when he or she makes a mistake, the child develops a sense of trust in the parents that encourages truth telling." (Franciscan Father Hilarion Kistner, Cincinnati, Ohio)

"Always being honest with your children when they ask you a question—whether it's on a difficult subject like sex or ... AIDS." (Robin Bandi, Mentor on the Lake, Ohio)

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# Entertainment

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## 'Lamerica' examines the plight of immigrants

Italian writer-director Gianni Amelio is still under the impression that movies



were meant to be moving and to deal imaginatively with the huge human issues—no dragons or dinosaurs, no strippers or special effects, just compelling characters, power, insight, compassion.

His last, "The Stolen Children" (1992), won the best film prize in Europe but sort of disappeared in North America, despite the kind of reviews Hollywood would die for.

It was about an anguishing problem—abused and abandoned children—revealed through the funny/sad, unpretentious story of a sensitive young Italian cop. Instead of taking a troubled girl and her little brother to an orphanage, he almost succeeds in guiding them on a surprise-filled journey down the boot of Italy to their home in Sicily.

Now Amelio is back, with "Lamerica," which has also won the best film prize in Europe. It's about a genuine "mission impossible"—the plight of immigrants, displaced persons looking for a better life. It hardly seems to register for most of us, who typically just want to "keep them out." A current hot topic in Congress, immigration may be the most pressing social problem (and "story") of this tormented century.

In "Lamerica," the setting is 1991 Albania, newly cut loose from 45 years of harsh communist rule and in chaos. The smallest and poorest Balkan country, Albania has ties with Italy, just across the Adriatic, which actually invaded Albania at the start of World War II.

Now the invasion goes the other way, as thousands of young Albanians, seeing for the first time the previously forbidden "luxuries" of the West on Italian television, pile while they can onto ships for Italy as if it were the promised land. (Italy is for them as America is for Italians, an irony central to Amelio's story.) When you're at rock bottom, the next rung on the ladder looks pretty good. "In Italy," one young man asks, "is it true that everyone has water and a telephone?"

In Amelio's story, two Italian scam artists, Fiore and Gino, arrive to set up a shoe factory. (The real money will come from government grants.) They need a "front man," and Albanian dupe who will be "chairman" and get paid just to sign the necessary papers.

Tooling around in their cool Jeep-style Suzuki, they're big shots, surrounded by kids and beggars. At a grim former political prison of the Hoxha regime, now a warehouse for sick homeless men, they find an ideal patsy—Spiro, dignified but silent and bedraggled. (He's played by a non-professional ex-fisherman, 80-year-old Carmelo Di Mazzarelli, who turns out to be the joy and wonder of the film.)



CNS photo from 20th Century Fox

Actor Denzel Washington (right), as a U.S. Army tank commander, confronts another soldier, actor Lou Diamond Phillips, in a scene from "Courage Under Fire." The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film A-III for adults.

Identified as a long-time captive, an anti-communist "hero," he claims he's only 20 years old and seems far out of touch with reality. When Fiore is suddenly called home, the younger Gino (played by Enrico Lo Verso, the cop-hero of "Stolen Children") is left in charge. Spiro disappears, and Gino is forced to pursue him deep into the hostile countryside, and then take him back to the port city.

Partly the film, documentary-like, exposes us to the wretched dog-eat-dog poverty of the Albanians and the children and youth struggling to survive. Amelio provides a gallery of characters and faces that are both beautiful and unforgettably sad.

The narrative has two parts. The first is the education of Gino, who is stripped slowly of his possessions (from his car to his expensive sunglasses) by the wily Albanian poor on the road and in the desolate villages. He and Spiro scramble for space in a crowded truck creeping through the wasteland with hopeful emigrants heading for the sea.

As an Italian, he is the focus of their questions and dreams and envy. At first he's immune from brutal police attacks, but then his crooked deal is exposed and his humiliation is complete. Freed but stripped of his passport, his only choice is to join the other refugees. Morally he's redeemed by his kindness to Spiro, who eventually becomes his mentor.

The second story element is the mystery of who Spiro actually is. As he becomes more lucid, he claims to be an Italian, a deserter from the invading army

of 1939 who hid his identity to survive. He thinks they're in Italy, and wants Gino to take him home to the wife and infant son he yearns for.

As Spiro confuses past and present miseries and wars with even the escape of his own "lucky" parents to America ("It's a different story over there!"), it becomes clear he's not so much a man as a symbol—of all the 20th century displaced, brutalized, lied to people, those who doggedly hope for freedom and some semblance of a fully human life.

As they huddle on the boat to Italy, amid a thousand others, Spiro rambles on to Gino: "You have to keep heart. . . I don't think all of us will get in, but America's a big place. . . Do you think we'll find a job? . . . I'm tired, but I need to be awake when we reach New York. . ."

(Cinematic realism, touched with poetry and compassion; in Italian with English subtitles; highly recommended for mature audiences.)

No USCC rating.

### Film Classifications

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Independence Day . . . . . A-III  
Maybe . . . Maybe Not . . . . . O  
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A-I — general patronage; A-II — adults and adolescents; A-III — adults; A-IV — adults, with reservations; O — morally offensive

## Programs feature Muppets, Olympics

The following network and cable programs are among those recommended for family viewing next week by staff members of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

Sunday, July 14, 7-7:30 p.m. (ABC) "Muppets Tonight." In a guest appearance, comedian Martin Short does a spoof on "Flipper" with Kermit and has fun performing a Broadway dance number with Miss Piggy, the beloved Muppets characters created by the late Jim Henson.

Monday, July 15, 10-11 p.m. (HBO) "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel." Focusing entirely on the summer Olympics in

Atlanta this month, this program hosted by Bryant Gumbel features profiles of International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch and American weightlifter Mark Henry. The documentary also examines the U.S. decathlon team's corporate sponsorship by Visa.

Wednesday, July 17, 9:30-10 p.m. (PBS) "Festival of Dreams." This inspiring documentary features two physically handicapped and mentally retarded adults who competed as track athletes in the Special Olympics.

(Check local network and cable listings to verify program dates and times.)



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, July 14, 1996

- Isaiah 55:10-11
- Romans 8:18-23
- Matthew 13:1-23

The Book of Isaiah provides this weekend's liturgy with its first reading. For several generations, a segment of God's people had been held as hostages in Babylon. Their plight there probably was not oppressive, but neither was it delightful. They were an alien group, foreign to Babylonian ways and values.

Babylonian culture was idolatrous, a threat to the future acclamation of the one true God since the hostages' children yielded easily to the thinking of the Babylonian society all around them.

It was a temptation to think that all would be well if the exiles could return home to the Promised Land. This possibility became a reality when Babylonia itself was overcome by the Persians. The Persian king, Cyrus, announced that the exiles from Judah could return home.

The mere arrival of freedom and being located in the Holy Land would not in themselves bring peace and order, the prophet insisted. True contentment and propriety would come only as a product of living in obedience to God's will.

The prophet also said that God would support the people in their efforts for fidelity. But God's will was that the people respond to the covenant by lovingly living in accord with the divine ordinance.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the source of this weekend's second reading. When Paul addressed these words to Rome's Christians, Rome was the center of the world. It was as challenging for the Christian Romans to maintain their spiri-

tual identity in this great city as it was for the children of Abraham to keep their religious heritage in Babylon long before.

Paul's epistle notes the difficulty. He speaks with encouragement and in challenge about how the sufferings of the moment will pass, but until they pass those loyal to God can rely upon the freedom of spirit given them by their faith in Jesus. They also can depend upon the fact that the Spirit of God vivifies them and vests them with the power and insight to live truly as children of God.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the Gospel reading. It recalls the Lord's answer to questions about parables used in his teaching. The Lord employs a parable to remind the Twelve that some hear the Word of God, while others simply receive it but in effect discard it.

The message here is that God speaks to people, leads them, furnishes them with the knowledge of life essential if they are to overcome sin and achieve eternal life. However, God's Word must be received.

## Reflection

This weekend the church again presents Scriptures in which the love and power of God have been revealed in the redemption offered human beings by Jesus, the Son of God, the Redeemer.

An excellent teacher by any standards, Jesus uses parables, examples in real-life circumstances, to convey the revelation of God. Jesus was the perfect teacher, the perfect reflection of God's love, and the perfect bearer of God's love for all.

But God's word can be accepted or ignored. The listener has the power to receive the word in the fertile ground of a humble heart or on the rocky soil of self-interest and sin, where nothing good takes root. St. Paul appeals to us, as to the Christians of Rome long ago, to create of our hearts fertile soil, for life in Christ is everything. Isaiah called us, as he called contemporaries, to receive God's word, for only in loyal attention to God's word do life and peace abide.

## My Journey to God

### Trust

Trust... even when the way seems unclear,  
Trust... even when I don't feel God is near,  
Trust... He will guide me along the way,  
Trust... He will give me strength for each new day,  
Trust... He knows what is best for me,  
Trust... His angels are watching over me,  
Trust... Someday I will clearly see  
Trust... all the plans He has for me.

By Gina Langferman

(Gina Langferman is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.)



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand  
March for Jesus participants pray during the June 1 ecumenical rally in downtown Indianapolis.

## Daily Readings

Monday, July 15  
Bonaventure, bishop, religious,  
doctor of the Church  
Isaiah 1:10-17  
Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21-23  
Matthew 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday, July 16  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Isaiah 7:1-9  
Psalm 48:2-8  
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 17  
Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16  
Psalm 94:5-10, 14-15  
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 18  
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  
Psalm 102:13-21  
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 19  
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  
(Response) Isaiah 38:10-12, 16  
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20  
Micah 2:1-5  
Psalm 10:1-4, 7-8, 14  
Matthew 12:14-21

## The Pope Teaches

### Mary lovingly placed her trust in God's plan of salvation for mankind

By Pope John Paul II  
Remarks at audience July 3

In St. Luke's account of the Visitation, Elizabeth greets Mary with the words, "Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled" (Luke 1:45). This greeting presents Mary as the one whose faith makes her the model of all who live in

### Readers may submit prose or poetry for consideration

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer with general or seasonal themes for possible publication in the "My Journey to God" column on this page.

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accordance with the spirit of the Beatitudes. Luke's Gospel contrasts Mary's acceptance of the message of the angel and the reaction of Elizabeth's husband Zachariah to a similar announcement.

When the angel appeared to Zachariah in the temple to announce that Elizabeth would bear a child in her old age, he found it hard to believe God's promise.

Despite the solemnity surrounding the angel's appearance and the similarity of his message to other divine interventions in the history of Israel, Zachariah hesitated and asked for a sign.

Mary, on the contrary, received the angel's announcement with simplicity and courage. She asked for no sign, but trusted completely that God would make her, a virgin, the mother of his son.

Through her faith in God's word, she freely cooperated in the realization of God's plan of salvation. Mary's faith plays a fundamental part in the redemption of mankind through the saving work of her son, Jesus Christ.

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### July 12

The Alumni Association of Providence High School, 707 W. Highway 131, Clarksville, will hold its annual JulyFest with The Marlins from 8-midnight. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

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.

### July 13

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.

The archdiocesan Family Growth Program of Catholic Social Service will hold a one-day parenting education workshop from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Fee: \$35 per per-

son, \$50 per couple. For more information and registration, call 317-236-1500.

### July 14

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, will have 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 have 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 have two Masses in Spanish at 11 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church, Indianapolis, will have a Mass with a sign language interpreter at 11 a.m.

St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, will have a Mass in Spanish at 1:15 p.m.

The annual liturgy in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be held at 9 a.m. at the Carmelite Monastery, 2500 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis. The celebrant will be Father Al Bischoff.

St. Ann Church, Indianapolis, will have a Newcomers Coffee and Donuts from 9:30-10:45 a.m. All are welcome.

St. Joseph Parish, Corydon, will hold its annual picnic at the Harrison County Fairgrounds from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Chicken dinners, games and homemade quilts will be featured.

St. Anthony, Clarksville and St. John, Starlight, will hold "Be Not Afraid" family holy hour at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### July 15

The Young Widowed Group will hold its monthly meeting from 7-9 p.m. at St. Matthew Church, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis.

### July 16

The prayer group of St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, meets in the chapel each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 317-546-4065.

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.

St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, will hold a country social

starting at 5:30 p.m. in Noll Hall. For more information, call 317-852-3195.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, will hold a Summer Craft Fair in the courtyard from 7-8 p.m. Event is free for all ages. For more information, call 317-638-5551.

### July 17

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 Lohede Clarke at 317-236-1500.

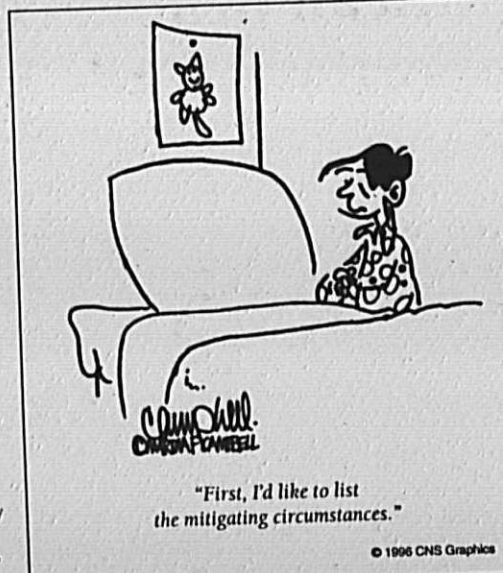
At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church a Marian Cenacle will pray the rosary every Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m. The church is located at 57th and Central Ave., Indianapolis. All are welcome.

Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis, will have a Mass at 2 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.

The Catholic Widowed Group will meet for its monthly organizational meeting from 7-9 p.m. at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. New members are welcome. For more information, call Mary Koors at 317-887-9388.

### July 18

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, will have a family rosary night starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



St. Lawrence Church 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Thursday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will have a family Eucharist holy hour with rosary and Benediction from 7-8 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

The archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Family Growth Programs will hold a parenting program using STEP from 7-9:30 p.m. at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. For more information, call Diana Dass at 317-236-1526.

Health Care Center, will have a free bereavement program called Caterpillar Kids for ages 5-12 at the Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis from 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 317-865-2092.

### July 18-20

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, will have its annual summer festival featuring fish fry, games, and rides. No admission charge.

### July 19

St. Lawrence Church, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Thursday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome.

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# Vatican denounces euthanasia and abortion trends in the Americas

By John Thavis, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican agency called abortion a "primordial evil" in the Americas and said it had reached "new depths of depravity" in the United States.

In a statement released July 2, the Pontifical Council for the Family also blasted trends in euthanasia, sex education, economic discrimination and child exploitation as undermining human rights and family values.

The statement represented the conclusions of a meeting in Mexico City June 6-8 of about 130 politicians and legislators from the Americas. The encounter was sponsored by the pontifical council.

Participants from all countries were "alarmed" at the new level of attacks on human life and the family, the statement said. It recommended the formation of pro-life parliamentary groups in every nation, related through a coordinating body to the Pontifical Council for the Family.

"Abortion is a primordial evil and one of the fundamental problems of our age. In the United States, legalized abortion reaches new depths of depravity and cruelty with such inhuman practices as 'partial-birth abortion,'" it said.

President Clinton in April vetoed a bill that would

have curbed such abortions in the United States.

The statement said that in Latin America, existing laws against abortion are poorly enforced, and there is a growing effort to decriminalize the practice.

Euthanasia "follows abortion in contempt for life," it said. It warned that efforts in North America to legalize euthanasia threaten the lives of millions of defenseless people, especially the aged and the disabled.

Like previous statements from the family council, this one challenged the demographic principles that underlie population control programs in the Americas.

It condemned the use of contraception, sterilization and abortion as birth control practices, saying it was part of a "conspiracy against life" by wealthy international institutions. It also called for unbiased demographic studies.

## The Active List, continued from page 14

Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will have a family Eucharist holy hour with rosary and Benediction from 7-8 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will have a Mass and healing service at 7 p.m. at the Marian College Chapel, 3200 Cold Springs Rd., Indianapolis. For more information, call 317-927-6900.

St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, will have a Mass in Spanish at 1:15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church, S.R. 1, Dover, will hold a Festival and Chicken Dinner from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Country store, bingo and games will be featured.

## July 19-20

St. Lawrence Parish, 46th and Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, will have a rummage sale from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday. Proceeds to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul society. For more information, call Ginny Huguenard, 317-849-0757.

## July 20

The Catholic Widowed Organization will have a July social at 5 p.m. at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Bring a salad or dessert. For more information, call Mary Koors at 317-887-9388. New members are welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, will have a golf outing starting at 7:30 a.m. at Pleasant Run Golf Course, followed by a dinner at the church starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information and prices, call Mark Hudson, at 317-353-1210.

## July 21

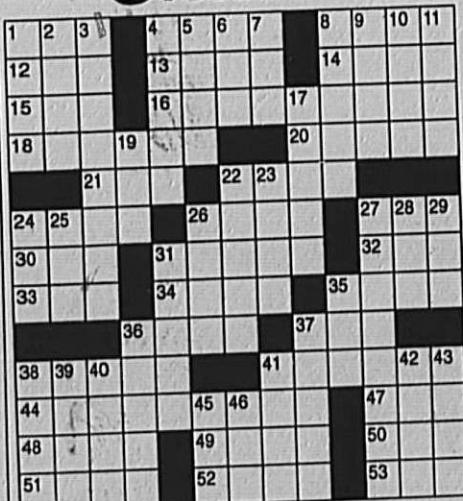
St. Patrick Parish Women's Club, 936 Prospect St., Indianapolis, will hold its monthly euchre and bunco party in the church hall at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1.25. All are welcome.

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, will have prayer and praise from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church. For more information, call 812-246-4555.

St. Patrick Church, Indianapolis, will have two Masses in Spanish at 11 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church, Indianapolis, will have a Mass with a sign language interpreter at 11 a.m.

## Catholic Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 — Moines
- 4 Shower alternative
- 8 Bambl, for one
- 12 Exclamation of surprise
- 13 Term for God (Mark 15:34)
- 14 Tear apart
- 15 Father of Cozbi (Num 25:13)
- 16 "Bright ivory overlaid with —" (Sol 5:14)
- 18 Whirlpools
- 20 Out in the open
- 21 Food morsel
- 22 Chimney channel
- 24 "Thou art Simon the son of —" (John 1:42)
- 26 Meadows
- 27 Sheep's sound
- 30 "If — man thirst, let him come unto me" (John 7:37)
- 31 "Behold a pale —" (Rev 6:8)
- 32 "— thy morsel in the vinegar" (Ruth 2:14)
- 33 Shoe container
- 34 Father's sister
- 35 Actor Richard
- 36 Auction offers
- 37 — Aviv, Israel

- 38 T-bone or porter-house
- 41 Learned society member
- 44 A precious stone
- 47 "— my way, and ye shall seek me" (John 8:21)
- 48 Wheel shaft
- 49 "I smell —"
- 50 Ceremonial vase
- 51 Father's Day gifts
- 52 Legendary story
- 53 "And Jacob went on his way and the angels of God — him" (Gen 32:1)

### DOWN

- 1 Stun
- 2 He killed Eglon (Jud 3:21)
- 3 The fifth foundation stone (Rev 21:20)
- 4 Attack on all sides
- 5 Woe is me
- 6 "The — of Carmel shall wither" (Amos 1:2)
- 7 Pelvic region; haunch
- 8 Control a car
- 9 The Emerald Isle
- 10 "To him be glory both now and for —" (2Pet 3:18)
- 11 "I will give you —" (Mat 11:28)
- 17 "Peace be to this —" (Luke 10:5)
- 19 A Gershwin
- 22 Frodded plants
- 23 "I am the first, and I am the —" (Isa 44:6)
- 24 Poke at
- 25 The valley of craftsmen (Neh 11:35)
- 26 Noisy
- 27 Stone the color of manna (Num 11:7)
- 28 "The way of an eagle in the —" (Prov 30:19)
- 29 Mimic
- 31 Japanese poem
- 35 Hair-styling stuff
- 36 "Out of the mouth of —" (Psa 6:2)
- 37 "They hiss and gnash the —" (Lam 2:16)
- 38 Cat-scaring word
- 39 Cab
- 40 Writer — Stanley Gardner
- 41 Tire problem
- 42 Fairy tale giant
- 43 Accustomed; used to
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## Youth News/Views

# Brebeuf Jesuit graduate earns trip to capital as Presidential Scholar

By Mary Ann Wyand

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School graduate Judy Scott of Indianapolis met President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore last month in Washington, D.C., and toured the capital as one of 141 Presidential Scholars from throughout the United States and Puerto Rico honored for academic excellence, outstanding leadership, and extensive community, school and church service.

Judy also received a letter from the President, which read in part, "I am proud to add your name to our nation's highest honor roll. Your outstanding achievements and leadership exemplify the intellectual determination and civic commitment that have always made America great. The Presidential Scholars Program is a celebration, not only of academic achievement, but also of creative ability and concern for others. Young people like you are our nation's greatest resource, and our future lies in the fulfillment of your dreams. I salute your hard work and send my best wishes for much continued success."

Established by former President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, the United States Presidential Scholars Program recognizes and honors America's most distinguished graduating high school seniors who have excelled in academics or fine arts, leadership and service during secondary school.

The program is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Only 141 scholars were selected from 2,600 semifinalists, who were invited to apply based on their Scholastic Aptitude Test scores.

Judy is the second Brebeuf graduate selected as a Presidential Scholar. Sophia Tzeng was honored with that national award in 1991.

"As part of the application process, I was asked to write about a book I read recently and how it affected my life, and how I show my leadership qualities in the community in service," she said. "I wrote about the

book 'There Are No Children Here' by Alex Kotlowitz, which was an intimate portrait of two boys growing up in one of Chicago's housing projects."

At Brebeuf, Judy was a member of the National Honor Society, served as editor of the school newspaper, and was active in the Math Club, Model United Nations, the National Forensic League, the Kairos Retreat Program, and peer tutoring. She also helped organize an AIDS Awareness Week.

She was chosen as an ambassador to the HOBY Leadership Conference her sophomore year and during high school also volunteered at Riley Hospital for Children and the Family Support Center. Judy also served as an advisory committee member for Project Safe Place for the City of Indianapolis, provided child care for homeless families staying at city shelters, and helped with political campaigns as a student volunteer.

Judy and Hugh Hooper from Pendleton represented Indiana as Presidential Scholars this year during National Recognition Week from June 19-23 in Washington, D.C.

The trip was a dream come true for Judy, who will attend Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., this fall to study political science.

"We got to go to the Olympic Torch Ceremony with President Clinton on the South Lawn at the White House," she said. "That was really fun. We got to stand behind him when he was giving his speech, then we got to shake his hand. We also heard President Clinton speak at Constitution Hall. He talked about the importance of education, tax credits for college education, and some of the accomplishments from his administration."

The Presidential Scholars also heard Vice President Gore affirm their academic accomplishments and dedicated community service during the medallion ceremony at the Washington Hilton, she said. "He talked about how the media reports lots of negative news about kids and how we (as Presidential Scholars) really represent the best of America."



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School graduate Judy Scott of Indianapolis earned a medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C. in June to study government as a Presidential Scholar.

NASA astronaut Charles D. Walker, a Purdue University graduate from Bedford, Ind., discussed America's space program, and Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, talked about the government's war against drugs during other scheduled speeches.

"It was a fun week," Judy said. "It was really exciting to shake the President's hand and talk with him. I feel really lucky to have been a Presidential Scholar. A lot of kids never get opportunities like that, and it was a really good feeling to earn this scholarship. I feel like I have proved myself. It was a really big honor."

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## New Albany teen-agers will practice 'Faith in Action'

"Faith in Action" is the theme for a service week being sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries for teen-agers in southern Indiana.

Over 35 high school youth will give up five days of their summer to volunteer their time in community service from July 14-18. Teens will serve in a number of capacities around southern Indiana.

This week of service was made possible by a grant from the State of Indiana's Commission on Community Service and through donations made by Sherwin-Williams in New Albany.

During this week of community service, New Albany Deanery youth will tackle a variety of good works, including:

- painting and repairing the home of an elderly woman in Harrison County,
- fixing playground equipment for a park in Jeffersonville,
- clearing trails and doing other environmental tasks at the Wildlife Sanctuary at Mount St. Francis Monastery and Retreat Center,
- working on the grounds at Silver Crest Children's Hospital,
- visiting shut-ins at nursing homes in New Albany,
- and organizing games and activities for children in day care centers.

"I am so excited about the fact that over 35 teen-agers are willing to put jobs, friends, and everything else in their lives on hold for a week to give back to their community," said Ray Lucas, director of New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries, the sponsoring agency.

"This is a great example of the positive difference today's teens are making in our communities by volunteering their time," Lucas said. "Faith in Action" provides

teen-agers with an outlet to do something positive in a hands-on way. They are getting involved in areas of service where they can see the faces of the people they are serving and learn from them as well."

In addition to working on a variety of service projects, the week-long program will focus on educating teens about poverty and environmental issues in the communities located within the deanery.

"Faith in Action" participants also will enjoy social events in the evenings and opportunities to meet new people from throughout southern Indiana.

St. Anthony of Padua parishioner J.R. Montoya from Jeffersonville is excited about the week of volunteer service and the many opportunities to help others while spending time with peers.

A two-year member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council, J.R. also serves his parish and deanery in a variety of ways as a youth leader and service volunteer.

"This week will give me a hands-on opportunity to give back to the community in a way that is rewarding to me," J.R. said. "I think it's important to serve those less fortunate and share the gifts I can."

Three outstanding student-athletes who are 1996 graduates of Catholic high schools in the Indianapolis area have been honored by The Indianapolis Star as "Metro Athletes of the Year."

Honored for excellence in athletics were Secunia Memorial High School graduate Donald Winston for football, basketball and track, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School graduate Courtney Adams for cross country and track, and Cathedral High School graduate Tamika Johnson for volleyball and basketball. Both Donald and Courtney earned Indiana High School Athletic Association state titles.



## Young Adult Scene

## Recording star teams with priest to cut album

By Catholic News Service

BATON ROUGE, La.— Recording artist Aaron Neville has teamed up with a priest from the Diocese of Baton Rouge to produce a new album of religious music that has been selling well in south Louisiana.

"Doing It Their Own Way," a contemporary medita-

tion on the Way of the Cross, has sold nearly 10,000 copies in a month's time.

The recording features Neville singing variations of the spiritual "Were You There" while Father Jeff Bayhi, vocations director for the diocese, reads an interpretation of each of the 14 stations of the cross.

Neville, a Catholic, donated his time and expertise free of charge, as did Father Bayhi.

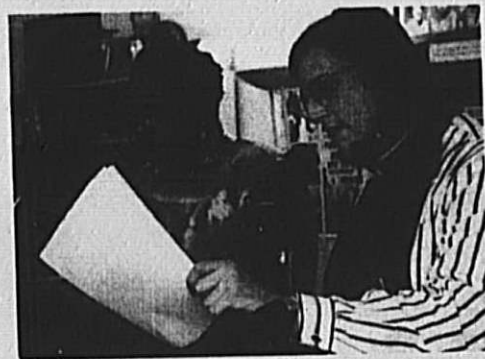
"Our goal was to put together a presentation that would have meaning for the widest range of people in today's world," Father Bayhi said. "The message is about life, on life's terms, but filled with hope."

Neville's hit-making career has spanned four decades, from the 1960s single "Tell It Like It Is" to his 1990 duet with Linda Ronstadt "Don't Know Much."

He also regularly performs with his three brothers as the Neville Brothers. They are touring to support the release of a new album, "Mitakuye Oyasmin Oyasmin/All My Relations."

Proceeds from "Doing It Their Own Way" go to Metanoia, a tax-free corporation dedicated to building a facility that will be made available to promote the welfare of youth in the Baton Rouge area.

Cassettes of the recording can be purchased at \$10,



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At left is recording artist Aaron Neville and Father Jeff Bayhi from the Diocese of Baton Rouge record an album of religious music.

and CDs for \$15. Checks made out to Metanoia can be sent to Metanoia Inc., P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

## Young Adult View/Susan Bierman

### Reflections beyond Independence Day

Last week I made two trips from Indianapolis to southern Indiana. One trip was on the Fourth of July to celebrate my independence. And the other trip, two days before, was to a memorial Mass for someone who died so I can live in an independent country.



Last Tuesday, July 2, I traveled to St. Anthony of Padua Church in Clarksville to attend a memorial Mass for Senior Airman Earl Frederick "JR" Cartrette, Jr. He was one of the 19 Americans killed in the bombing of an apartment building at

an Air Force complex in Saudi Arabia on June 25.

Lamp posts lining the sidewalk leading up to the church were decorated with red, white, and blue ribbons. Inside the church, family and friends gathered to remember the 22-year-old who grew up in Sellersburg.

Throughout the Mass, it seemed as though everyone inside the church had tears falling from their eyes. That includes this reporter, who had never been graced with knowing this young man who apparently had touched so many lives. I felt privileged to have been among those mourning the young soldier. A great sense of pride swept through me as I participated in this Mass.

After the liturgy, the assembly moved outside for a military salute and taps. Among the sound of the trumpet and the snap of rifles, here again, I felt honored to be with those who knew JR Cartrette, Jr.

Just two days later, Thursday, July 4, again, I was back on the road to southern Indiana. As I got in my car that morning and began to drive through the town of Carmel, I saw families, carrying small United States flags walking toward the center of town. They were walking to an annual parade to celebrate their independence.

Two hours later, I was again in southern Indiana. I celebrated this Independence Day with my family. Throughout the day I heard loud booms of firecrackers and bottle rockets. In the early evening I headed back home to Carmel. As I approached downtown Indianapolis, I saw fireworks light up the central Indiana skies in every direction. In my rear view mirror I could see the flashes from the fireworks behind me as well as those clearly in front of me. And a glance to my left and to my right caught further bursts of light. People from all sides of the city were celebrating their independence! Cars had pulled off the interstate in both directions to watch the spectacle in the sky. Other drivers, like myself, continued to drive at a slower pace.

I drove many miles rubber-necking my way through town as the fireworks continued to illuminate the sky and to remind me that I live in a country where I received my independence by simply being born— independence to drive and be where I want at any time— independence to choose my beliefs, career, and religion. As I traveled through the city, I felt that same pride that I had felt just two days before at the memorial Mass.

As I neared my home the beams from the car headlights appeared to be fighting their way through fog. The haze wasn't fog, it was the settling smoke from the firework displays that were starting to come to a halt. As I parked my car in the driveway I opened my door to the smell of independence. The smell of the aftermath of thousands of firecrackers and bottle rockets being ignited.

Nearly one week later, I still find it rather ironic that I would travel south twice in the same week— making two trips: the first, to honor a young soldier at a memorial Mass; the second, to celebrate my independence in a free country.

Through my travels, I was reminded of two things: Christ suffered and died on the cross so I can have eternal life, as JR Cartrette, and many other military men and women before him, died while protecting my freedom, so I can continue to celebrate Independence Day each year.

## Cathedral grad to play baseball at Florida college

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis graduate Reid Bowling recently signed a national letter of intent to play baseball next year for Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla. Last season Bowling hit .400 for the 14-9 Irish. He was named to the City Coaches Association first team and to the Indianapolis Star All-Metro first team.

"The Gospel on Campus: Handbook of Campus Ministry Programs and Resources (second edition)," is available from the United States Catholic Conference

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Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

# Should her fiance have his vasectomy reversed?



**Q** I am engaged to a man who, prior to our engagement, had a vasectomy.

Even though I am post-menopausal, my fiance has offered to have the operation reversed—at his own expense, since medical insurance will not pay for the reversal.

However, is that necessary? I need advice before I put him to an operation that may not be required morally. (New York)

**A** I don't believe either of you are morally obligated to pursue this surgery.

First, neither his sterility nor yours is an impediment to your marriage. Lots of people marry validly who, for one reason or another, are sterile.

Just to keep things straight, impotence is another matter. Physical or emotional inability to have sexual relations with one's partner invalidates a marriage union between them.

As far as moral obligation is concerned, even were you still able to have children his obligation to attempt a reversal of the vasectomy would be at least doubtful.

Since you cannot have children anyway, the old moral axiom applies, "*Nemo ad inutile tenetur*" (No one is obligated to an action that is useless).

In other words, even were the reversal successful, your marriage would be no more fertile, as far as children are concerned, than it would be in his present condition.

You don't mention your friend's religious background. Whatever it is, since a vasectomy is objectively a serious violation of one's body, it is important for both of you that he deal with this fact spiritually and prayerfully before God, if he has not already done so.

**Q** On the facade of our parish church building is a stone with the inscription "D.O.M. in Honorem St. Joseph A.D. 1894." What does the D.O.M. stand for? (Ohio)

**A** The inscription isn't too common in our country, but is found on many churches, especially older ones, in parts of Europe. It is an abbreviation for *Deo Optimo Maximo* (to the most great and good God).

Among other things, it stands as a reminder that, while places of worship may be dedicated "in honor" of St. Peter, or the mother of Jesus, or any other saint, it is God to whom the glory and praise is directed.

I have a suspicion you missed a letter or two, but it's clear the inscription means: Consecrated to the most good and greatest God, in honor of St. Joseph.

One may also see the three letters occasionally on tombstones. Probably for that reason some have said

they mean "*Datur Omnis Mori*" (everyone is destined to die).

Even in cemeteries, however, it seems likely that the primary meaning is the first one I mentioned.

**Q** Some astronomers tell us today that in our own part of the universe there are hundreds of stars which, like our sun, have planetary systems which could support life.

Assuming that some of them have life forms capable of rational thought, what would be their relationship to salvation as we know it?

Did the death and resurrection of Jesus save them too? I can't imagine Jesus having to die 1,000 times, once on each planet. (Missouri)

**A** I can't either. On the other hand, if I didn't know otherwise from faith, I couldn't imagine God coming to this planet, taking a human form and dying even once.

About the only claim we can make for sure in such matters is that nothing in our Catholic and Christian faith would deny the possibility of rational "human-like" creatures existing in other parts of the cosmos.

God's creative imagination and power is certainly not exhausted by the human realities we experience on this earth.

There could be countless other life forms having the faculties necessary to know and love and relate to the Creator in a conscious way. What "salvation" might mean for these creatures we have no clue.

Considering the exuberant generosity with which God seems to shower life of all kinds so lavishly on the world around us, one might be excused for strongly suspecting that this divine extravagance isn't limited to here.

Beyond that, any theory about whether or how that might happen is pure speculation.

Some people claim it is typical human arrogance even to question the existence of other humanly conscious life. We cannot be, they say, the only fish in such a big pond.

That's not a strongly imposing argument. It pretends to know much more about what God expects and receives from his creation, including ourselves, than we will probably ever know this side of eternity.

Again, conjectures are fun, but it's good to remember that that's all they are.

**Q** A priest was ordained 25 years ago and left the priesthood to get married. His wife divorced him after about five years.

Can he return to the priesthood if he so chooses? (New York)

**A** It is not impossible. Obviously, many factors will need to be evaluated, and several steps would be required, depending on the circumstances.

If it is decided that this option should be pursued, specific procedures would be worked out between the man and the bishop or bishops involved.

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regularities and customs is available by sending a self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701. Questions for this column should be sent to the same address.)

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## Rest in peace

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**BARNHART, David H.**, 81, St. Mary, Rushville, June 30. Husband of Mildred K. Barnhart; father of Clovis, James,

David, Thomas Barnhart, Margaret Manes, Patricia Morris, Sherry McCabe, Mary Dotsen; stepfather of Carla Hutton; grandfather of 16.

**CLEMENTS, John R., JR.**, 65, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, June 26. Husband of Colette M. Clements; father of Theresa A. Drescher, Diana B. Smith; brother of Donald, Kenneth Clements, Gladys Ehrhardt, Jeanette Bates, Connie Bosse, Mary Gail Bender; grandfather of six; great-grandfather of four.

**CURREN, Florence "Mae,"** 96, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, June 7. Mother of John, Everett, Tom, Robert Curren, Frances Wilson, Colleen Smith, Jane Atchison, Maxine Scherschel; grandmother of 20; great-grandmother of 39; great-great-grandmother of two.

**ETIENNE, Helen Kathryn**, 81, St. Paul, Tell City, March 1. Wife of Edgar Etienne; mother of Joseph Etienne, Mary Ann Blandford, Rose Marie McBryer, Bonnie Jean Litherland; sister of Doris Baughn, Clarice Kinzer.

**HARMON, Thomas E.**, 68, St. Mary, Greensburg, June 26. Father of Timothy J. Harmon; brother of Charles R., William M., Richard J., Francis Harmon, Mary Burlew.

**HAMILTON, Ann L.**, 66, St. Andrew, Richmond, June 21. Mother of Edward F. Jr., Paul Hamilton, Connie Weiss, Mary Kay Beutum, Janet Schnieder; sister of James L. Haley, Eileen Dean, Patricia Simkin; grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of one.

**KELLER, Margaret L.**, 90, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, June 22. Mother of Betty Risley; sister of Irma Roster.

**McDANIELS, Phyllis C.**, 58, Our Lady of Greenwood, June 19. Mother of Michael D., David D. McDaniels; sister of Willie, Michael Colclough, Brigid Campbell, Kay Quinn, Dina Morris, Mollie Brodnicka, Margaret McDonnell, Lily Varney; grandmother of one.

**NEAD, Thomas**, 83, St. John the Baptist, Guilford, June 25. Mother-in-law of Barbara Nead; grandmother of two; great-grandmother of three.

**NOTTE, Robert H.**, 79, Christ the King, Paoli, June 4. Husband of Janice Notte; brother of Margaret Cummings, Ann Kathryn Hamilton, Dorothy Bischoff, Geneva Anderson.

**REGAN, Marian Delores**, 65, Our Lady of Greenwood, June 22. Wife of James E. Regan; mother of Joseph P., Michael K. Regan, Deanna Regan-Moore; sister of Red, Gordon, Kern Monaghan,

Dorothy Herring, Doris Melerer, Darlene Haug; grandmother of six.

**SAUTER, Dolores "Dee,"** 67, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, June 25. Wife of Walter Sauter; mother of Judith Smith, John, Mark, Keith, Brian Sauter.

**SMITH, Martha Elizabeth**, 76, St. John the Apostle, Bloomington, June 26. Mother of James F., Ralf H., Gary E. Smith; sister of Mary C. Weaver, Kathleen Bibby; grandmother of four; great-grandmother of seven.

**WOLFGANG, Alberta C.**, 74, St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, June 29. Mother of Marc, Alan Wolfgang; sister of Frances McKee, Mary Butler; grandmother of four.

**ZIMMERMAN, Elizabeth Louise**, 98, St. Louis, Batesville, July 6. Mother of Harry, Joseph Zimmerman, Louise Wells, Jean Goodwin, Betty Reisinger, Rosemary Fisher; grandmother of 15; great-grandmother of 18.

## Sister Marie Denise was principal at St. Agnes School

Providence Sister Marie Denise Sullivan, retired educator died on July 2 at the age of 84. She was principal of St. Agnes School in Indianapolis for 10 years.

A funeral Mass was held on July 6 at Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary of the Woods.

Born Hannah Marie Sullivan, she entered the Sisters of Providence in 1932 and made her final vows in 1940.

Sister Marie Denise was a graduate of St. Mary of the Woods College and earned master's degrees from Indiana and Indiana State universities, as well as a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame.

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Send applications to: Newark Catholic High School Position, Diocese of Columbus, 197 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

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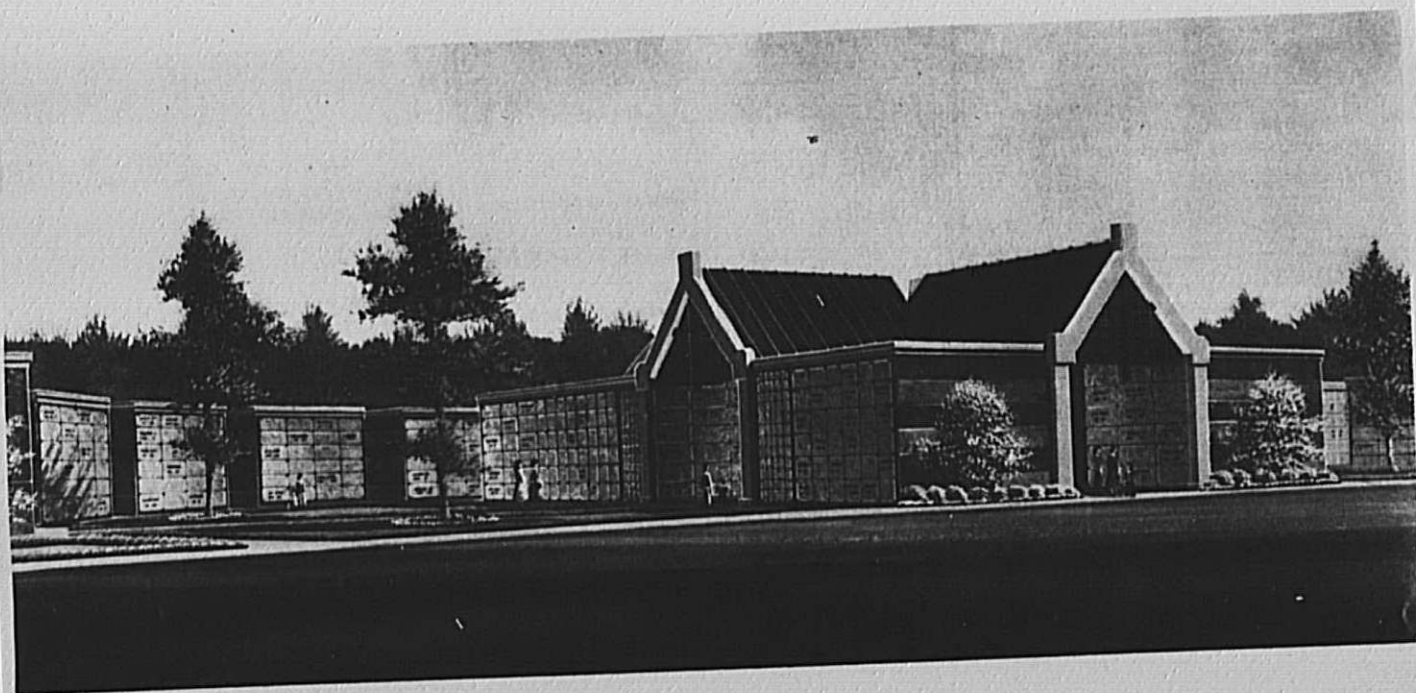




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