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St. Simon to break ground for new campus

'I can find no other parish in U.S. that has ever done what we have done." -Father Crawford

By Margaret Nelson

"Not only is this a very exciting story, but it's historic!" said Father Larry Crawford.

The five-year pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis discussed the Sunday, Aug. 25, groundbreaking for a new parish center—at 8155 Oaklandon Rd,—six miles north of the church's present location.

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noon Mass to mark the occasion.
"I can find no other Catholic parish in the U.S. that has ever done what we are doing," said Father Crawford, "It is true that Catholic parishes have relocated to a new plant of

true that Catholic parishes have relocated to a new plant of operation when a church burned down or was sold, "St. Simon essentially had to decide if it wanted to stay here and struggle to survive—or chose to move and grow," he said of the 35-year-old parish.

Five of the seven buildings—including an educational facility designed to serve 600 students—should be com-

pleted in time for school to start in the fall of 1997.

The 900-capacity church is expected to be completed for Christmas Mass in 1998.

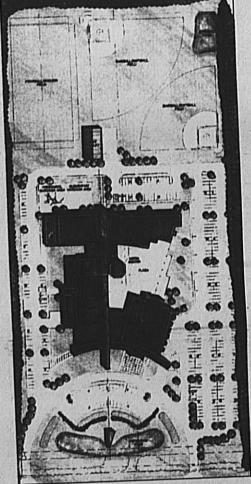
We made the decision we did and are doing it the way we are. Everyone says we're not going to be the last parish to face these issues," said Father Crawford. He recently resigned from his 14-year post as director of the archdion Pro-Life Office to prepare for the increased responsibility

Larry Hembree became the pastoral associate at St.
Simon the first of July. Providence Sister Marie Kevin
Tighe facilitated the decision of parishioners. After plans
were approved, she was appointed to the transition team.

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The new campus will consist of seven buildings on the 20 acres of land. When completed, the faithful who approach the buildings will see a curved narthex, with the ends "reaching" toward Oaklandon Rd. It will be supported by 12 pillars dedicated to the apostles. One—enclosing a bell—will be dedicated to St. Simon. a bell-will be dedicated to St. Simon.

A "spine," considered by the pastor as the "main street of St. Simon" will extend from the narthex and connect the other buildings. The inside walls of this spine will display the heritage of St. Simon: photos of pastors, First Communion and duation classes, as well as sports and academic awards.



hilect's sketch of the site plan for the now SL S o Church and school at 6155 Caktandon Rd. in apolis. Archbishop Buechieln will preside at a ng coromony next Sunday, Aug. 15.

Cardinal Bernardin launches initiative against bickering among Catholics

The Catholic Common Ground Project will sponsor conferences and papers that promote dialogue and unity

By Catholic News Service

CHICAGO (CNS)—Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago has launched a major new initiative by 25 U.S. Catholic leaders to overcome the "distrust, acrimony and deadlock" they see as threatening the future of U.S. Catholicism.

At a press conference Aug. 12, the cardinal released the guiding statement for the new project. It warns that

"ideological litmus tests" of the left and right and intramural bickering have increasingly drained Catholic energies, creating a "dynamic of fear and polarization"

that obstructs candid dialogue.

"Unless we examine our situation with fresh eyes, open minds and changed hearts," it says, "within a few decades a vital Catholic legacy may be squandered, to the loss of both the church and the nation."

American Catholics have to work together from "a common ground centered on faith in Jesus, marked by accountability to the living Catholic tradition and ruled by a renewed spirit of civility, dialogue, generosity and broad and serious consultation," it says.

It adds that even the liturgy, which ought to be "draw-

Conclusions, methodology of new abortion survey disputed

Planned Parenthood's research arm claims that 31 percent of American women who get abortions are Catholics

By Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON—The conclusions and the methodology of a newly published sur-vey of women who get abortions was questioned by a top official in the U.S. bishops' pro-life secretariat.

The survey, released Aug. 8 by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of Planned Parenthood, said that 31 percent

of women who get abortions are Catholics. Guttmacher president Jeannie Rosoff repeated an earlier assertion that half of American women will get an abortion at some point in their lives.

Helen Alvare, director of information for the bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, took issue with those findings.

The number of U.S. women who have

been of childbearing age since the Supreme Court permitted abortion virtu-

ally on demand since 1973 has reached 120 million, she said.

Based on the number of abortions since then, that would be about one-fourth of U.S. women. Also ignored, Alvare said, is the Guttmacher study's finding that for 45 percent of the 9,985 women interviewed at 100 abortion sites in 1994-95, it was at least their second abortion, bringing the least their second abortion, bringing the

percentage down even more.

Alvare also criticized the finding that 31 percent of all women who obtain abortions are Catholic. The Guttmacher study said that in general, among women ages 15-44, the typical childbearing age, 31 percent identify themselves as Catholic, and 54 percent as Protestants. But of the women who responded to the survey, those who identified them-See ABORTION, page 7

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



What is 'the sense of the faithful'?

t. Thomas Aquinas once wrote, "To teach in order to lead others to faith is the task of every preacher and of each believer" (III,71,4 ad 3). In the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," ("Lumen Gentium,") the bishops of the Second Vatican Council wrote:

"The whole company of the faithful, who have an anointing by the Holy Spirit, cannot err in faith. They manifest this dis-tinctive characteristic of theirs in the supertinctive characteristic of theirs in the super-natural instinct of faith (sensus fidei) of the whole people when, from the bishops to the most ordinary lay person among the faith-ful, they display a universal agreement on matters of faith and morals. This instinct of faith is awakened and kept in being by the Spirit of truth. Through it the people of God hold indefectibly to the faith once delivered to the saints, penetrate it more deeply by means of right judgment, and apply it more perfectly in their lives. They do all this under the guidance of the sacred teaching office: by faithful obedience to it they receive not the used of man but it. they receive, not the word of men but in truth the word of God" (nn. 4 and 12).

The whole point about our concern about the teaching mission of the church is that we receive the word of God and not our human inventions. The Second Vatican Council, as does the "Catechism of the Catholic Church," makes a clear statement about the participation of "the faithful" in teaching and even the determination about what are true matters of faith and morals in accord with the teaching of Christ. We Catholics believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit, there is in the community of the church a "supernatural instead of faith."

What does this mean? It is not what many understand it to be. One needs to ask first of all, who are "the faithful"? The faithful are all the members of the church: laity, religious, clergy and bishops. Often enough the faithful are thought to be the laity alone.

Secondly, the "supernatural instinct of faith" does not mean (once again) that maters of faith and procedure at determined by

ters of faith and morals are determined by a vote or a poll taken among all the mem-bers of the church. Nor does it mean that such matters are determined by members apart from the hierarchy. This correct meaning does not play well or easily in a democratic and anti-authoritarian context.

often than not, these days the "sense of the faithful" is cited to indicate that a particular doctrine or practice of the church should be changed. For example, the fact that allegedly the majority of Catholic people use artificial means of contracep-tion to control birth is given as a reason why the church's moral teaching on this matter should be changed (or ignored). It is implied that what the majority of peo-ple (in this case, laity) do in the church indicates the sense of the faithful, and that sense only is correct.

There are several problems with this inaccurate understanding. Here again, "the faithful" are not only lay members of the church but also the religious, clergy and bishops. Secondly, the sense is

An example of this misconception is illustrative. Until well into this century the majority of folks would have defended slavery as a social institution, despite the fact that the official teaching of the church had declared it immoral. The majority of any given society can be mistaken. Note the German people in this century

As I mentioned in an earlier column, when and where there is a significant difference of understanding about the church's teaching on matters of faith and morals among the members of the church, the formally authorized teach-ers, bishops, or their official delegates, would seem to be bound pastorally to seek an opportunity for dialogue on the issue concerned. Generally that happens, but unless one is involved in such dialogues, he or she is likely to be unaware that they even happen. Some-times also, if the dialogue does not result in a change of teaching, some feel they have not been listened to or heard.

In a society that is individualistic to an extreme and puts great stress on individual rights, it is unpopular to draw doctrinal lines. Efforts to provide clarity in moral teaching, for example, are sometimes viewed as judgmental or as attempts to impose one's personal morality on others. It is as if matters of religious doctrine and morality are merely matters of "take it or leave it" personal opinion. The implication is that in religion and morality truth is whatever you want it to be. That's a formula for tragedy.

Sometimes one hears the term sensus fidelium (sense of the faithful) used. More

Encouraging news about the increase in vocations

Two weeks ago we published an encouraging story that the worldwide number of vocations to the priesthood has grown ever since 1975. The story should not have been a complete surprise since I reported that information in my column on page 4 of our May 3 issue when telling about my meeting in Rome with Cardinal Pio Laghi, prefect of the Pontifical Congregation for Catholic Education.

Contrary to the impression most people have, the number of men preparing for the

Editorial Commentary/John F. Fink, Editor

priesthood today is 74 percent more than the number who were in seminaries in 1975. When looked at on a worldwide basis, which is the way the Vatican does, there is no vocation crisis.

The problem comes in the distribution

of those future priests. There has been a decline in the number of seminarians here in the United States and Canada. The North American countries had 60 percent fewer seminarians at the end of 1994 than they did at the end of 1970. Back in 1970, 66 percent of the world's major seminarians were North American or European; now they account for only 33 percent.

Where are all those seminarians?

Many of them are in Africa and South America. In Africa the number of major seminarians has almost quadrupled over the past 25 years, and in South America there were two-and-a-half times as many at the end of 1994 as in 1970. Even in Europe, where the number of tracticing Catholics has fallen drastically, the number of seminarians increased steadily between 1978 and 1994. In Asia and Central America, there has been a continual increase since 1975 and there has been an increase in the Middle East since 1984.

So what's the matter with us? Why are the United States and Canada the only major regions in the world that are still experiencing fewer seminarians in the

experiencing tewer seminarians in the face of larger Catholic populations? Those are some of the questions the U.S. bishops would like to know. There-fore, research is one of the components of their National Strategy for Vocations that started last Jan. 1.

There is evidence that the vocations picture is about ready to be turned around here in the United States. It's already much brighter here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This fall it is expected that we will have 34 men studying for the priesthood for the archdiocese, including

eight men just entering the seminary.

Are you doing your part to encourage young men to discern if they are being called to the priesthood? Are you praying daily for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? That's an obligation we should all take seriously.

Church and community leader John C. O'Connor dies at age 81

John C. O'Connor, a long-time church and civic leader in Indianapolis, died Aug. 7 at age 81. His funeral was at St. Matthew

Church on Aug. 10.
Until his retirement in 1985, he was a senior partner with the law firm Ruckels-haus Roland Hasbrook & O'Connor for 36 years. Prior to that he had been an FBI

special agent for four years.

During his high school days at Cathedral
High School, located where the Catholic Center is today, O'Connor was captain of the 1933 basketball team that won the national Catholic championship. He went on to the University of Notre Dame where he was or the basketball team from 1935 to 1938. After his graduation in 1938, he stayed on to coach the freshman team in 1939 while attending Notre Dame's Law School, from which he graduated in 1940.

O'Connor later received an honorary law degree from Marian College.

He served in the U.S. Navy during
World War II.

O'Connor was the first president of the Notre Dame National Alumni Association, first lay president of Cathedral High School's board of directors, secretary of the Lay Advisory Board of St. Vincent Hospital & Health Centers, and a member of *The* Criterion's board of director for many years

He co-founded, with Joseph Wood and Msgr. Raymond Bosler, the St. Thomas More Society, an organization for Catholic lawyers. He was a past provided to the control of the c lawyers. He was a past president of the Serra Club of Indianapolis.

He was the grandson of Michael J. O'Connor, who donated the land on



John C. O'Connor

which were built SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral, the Catholic Center and the former St. Agnes Academy.
Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Browne O'Connor; children John D., Kevin T., Gerald F., Carolyn O'Connor, Mary Elizabeth "Becky" Chandler, Nancy McCleary, Kathleen Pierce; brothers Michael J. and Richard C. O'Connor; sisters Patricia O'Connor and Elizabeth Gillespie; and 13 grandchildren.
Memorial contributions may be made to Cathedral High School or the Sister Carlos Fund for the Sick and Poor in care of the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation.

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Cardinal Bernardin faces back surgery

CHICAGO (CNS)—Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago has been tenta-

L. Bernardin of Chicago has been tenta-tively scheduled for surgery Sept. 16 to relieve severe leg and lower back pain caused by spinal stenosis.

The Chicago archdiocesan communications office, which announced the planned surgery Aug. 5, said the cardinal "continues to receive weekly maintenance chemotherapy treatments, and he remains cancer-free

He underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer in June 1995.

Spinal stenosis is a narrowing of the spinal canal, which can pinch the nerves. According to the archdiocesan communique, the cardinal has suffered leg pains from it since last summer.

Retreat set for African Americans

Marist Brother Cyprian Rowe will conduct a retreat for African Americans titled "Lord, What Must I Do?" at Fatima Retreat House on Sept. 13-15. The weekend program will examine the wisdom of African Americans

African Americans.

Brother Cyprian is the dean of student services and multicultural affairs for the graduate school of social work at the University of Maryland. He holds a Ph.D. in African studies and a clinical MSW from Catholic University in

Washington. He has been the executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics and the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus.

Catholic Clergy Caucus.

The retreat will provide an opportunity for lectures, discussions, and personal reflection. Participants will explore common questions and share in praise and worship. Brother Cyprian will examine the prophet and the liberator in black culture.

Registration deadline is Sept. 3. For details, call (217) 545-7681

details, call (317) 545-7681.

ST. SIMON

The 600-student educational facility will house the day care, preschool, kindergarten and elementary school. There will be science a music room, and an art room.

Religious education for preschool through high school, adult education, and offices for the school and religious education departments will be housed in the educational facility.

A second building is the activities center, with a gym. But it will be flexible enough to accommodate other activities.

The Cafetorium will be used for the

school cafeteria and as an auditorium. Other events it will accommodate include parish plays, social events, and dances. The kitchen will be equipped to feed up to 1,000 people.

Another building will hold the offices

of the parish staff. The fifth building will be a garage. A rectory will be provided for the pastor.

The church building (only the space is indicated in the architect's drawing) will be planned and built last.

Once the decision was made, the archbishop appointed a transition team, chaired by the vicar general, Father Joseph Schaedel.

That became a brilliant thing to do," said Father Crawford.

He said that the transition team has a broad perspective because it formed five committees, each served by a consultant or professional. In many cases, the consultant is from the archdiocesan staff.

Sister Marie Kevin is the facilitator and consultant to the related parishes committee. This is the only committee that does not deal directly with the life of St. Simon and has people from outside the present or projected parish. The chairperson is Rita Sheridan of Holy Spirit, Indianapolis. It includes members of St. Matthew, St. Michael in Greenfield and St. Lawrence.

Each of the other four committees parish life and worship, education, building, and finance and stewardship—includes people from the current parish and others from the region the parish will include in

"We also tried to get a mix of men and women, and include people who had expertise in the field. They had to be parishioners or potential parisioners," Father Crawford said.

The building committee was charged with two things, building a new plant and selling the old one, he said.

The education committee was charged with moving the total educational ministry of the parish, including the school,

religious education and adult education.
The parish life and worship committee
initially was charged with helping parishiners of the present St. Simon deal, in a
healthy way, with the grief of moving and
to move beyond that grieving

to move beyond that grieving.
"We found, as the whole thing evolved, that there were more issues to be dealt with," said Father Crawford.
"All of these people will come from 'another parish'; they will have to let go of something in their lives. They will something in their lives. They will something on the said of t

experience grieving and letting go."

The new parish will be drawing members from St. Lawrence, a few from St. Matthew, and some from St. Pius X, as well as the present St. Simon. "A sub-stantial number will come from Holy Spirit in Geist (a Lafayette Diocese

parish)," said Father Crawford.
"That means a huge number of people need to be formed into a faith community," he said. "It will not happen automatically."

As they were beginning to make plans for the transition, they received a com puterized list from Strategic Marketing Resource, Inc. of 700 names of people within the new parish boundaries, who at some point in their lives identified themselves as Catholic. But they are not currently attending any church at all.
"When a church is moving, it is a par-

ticularly appropriate moment to do evan-gelizing," said Father Crawford. "The church in flux is developing. It is an ex-

cellent, excellent time for evangelization." He said that the parish life and worship committee went from the beginning challenge to integrating evangelization and reaching out. 'That's a rather huge task

"That's a rather huge task.

The finance and stewardship committee has been charged with three things.
"They all come down to the same," said Father Crawford. "We are going into a new plant. At St. Simon, we are already a stewardship parish and stewardship will continue to be a way of life for us."

"In that context, we will obviously have a capital expense to pay off. Next October (1997), we will begin our first capital campaign," he said. It will be part of an overall archdiocesan effort.

The stewardship committee is also doing some public relations work. "We are clearly going to have to market it," said Father Crawford. Whether it is outreach or education, he said, "We need to identify what people's perceived needs are, and then show how we can best fulfill these med." This same committee will organize the said of the same committee will organize the said. needs." This same committee will organize a three- to five-year budget

This Sunday, consultant Dr. Craig Overmeyer will give comments at the end of Masses to explain the process of moving. A special prayer has been used every

Sunday after communion.

The St. Simon Goldenaires, a group of "veteran" parishioners, has met with the staff to help identify people's feelings about the move, according to Sister Marie Kevin.

The architect's sketch, which was ap-July 10, "changed a lot of people's minds," said Father Crawford. "It was fascinating to watch" the change in some of those who were negative about the changes before.

Sister Marie Kevin said, "The parish-ioners helped to draw the plans" at parish meetings.

The pastor commented that the "real wisdom from the archdiocesan level on down, was that they acknowledged everything the people have to go through." He said they are trying to "deal with people's

emotions in an appropriate way."

Larry Hembree said, "We're adding to our heritage and tradition, not doing away with them.

People from the new areas are invited to St. Simon's church-related events. A number of people from the new area have

already joined the parish. There are people from the future boundaries on all four committees of the transition. One person is on the parish council. Two ran and were elected to St. Simon's board of education.

"We are not assuming it will be auto-matic," said Hembree, "We will do posi-tive things, and do them in the context of faith and Catholic tradition."

Father Crawford said that the education committee is doing a huge amount of work. Since they could not build an education building without knowing what kind of structure they need and how big it should be, the committee worked with G. Joseph Peters in the Office of Catholic Education

Meitler Consultants, Inc. did research to project the future educational ministry of five area parishes. Questionnaires were sent to all parents of children under 12 in five parishes: St. Simon, Holy Spirit, St. Lawrence, and St. Matthew in Indianapolis, and Holy Spirit at Geist.

Pastors and principals of all five parishes helped focus the questions to the needs of their parishes. The study dealt with what people expected and wanted in Catholic schools. Father Crawford said there will be a special education program at the new St. Simon.

The Meitler report gave us a lot of information focusing on St. Simon," he said. "It told us that some of the students will be going to the new St.
Simon, some to St. Lawrence, Holy
Spirit, and a good portion of our school
(281 students) with follow us north."

The study showed that the biggest influx into the new parish will be families with young children from Holy Spirit Parish in Geist area. Father Crawford said that Father Phil Bower, pastor at the parish, has been very cooperative.

New parish boundaries for St.
Simon, Holy Spirit and St. Lawrence
will be in effect Feb. 23, 1997.
In proposing the boundaries, the pastor

In proposing the boundaries, the pastor said that they were drawn very deliberately, to make sure they have a wide diversity of people in the parishes. St. Simon will continue to be part of the Indianapolis East Deanery, with the students feeding into Scecina High School.

Father Crawford said that the

researchers told him, "You will have a lot of kids. When you're finished with those kids, you'll have a lot of kids."

"It is so important. This story has to be shouted," said Father Crawford.

St. Andrew Parish in Richmond to celebrate 150th anniversary

St. Andrew the Apostle in Richmond will be celebrating Sunday, It's been 150 years since the parish was founded.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside at the 1 p.m. eucharistic liturgy, with pastor of the three Richmond parishes, Father Todd Riebe, and associate pastor, Father Greg Bramlage, concele-brating. Former priests associated with St. Andrew will join them at the altar.

On Aug. 9, 1846. Father John Ryan became the first resident pastor and a frame church was built that year. The parish school opened in 1851. By 1862, a larger church was dedicated at the same site. And in 1864, the Sisters of St. Francis began to staff a larger school.

in front of the church.

In 1870, the 270-ft. steeple was built

Lightning struck the church on Aug. 15, 1900, nearly destroying the church. An enlarged, new church (planned before the fire) was completed by the July 7, 1901 dedication. The crucifix now in place in St. Andrew's sanctuary was placed there in 1911. And the present school building was dedicated in 1913.

The silver jubilee of the pastor, Father Francis A. Roell, that year prompted the printing of a souvenir, "A Church Guide." It is nearly 100 pages of interesting reading material, ranging from a "Jubilee"
Ode," to instructions for disciplining the children in the family, to a table of movable feasts (from 1914 to 1926).

The church interior was renovated in 1921 and again in 1936. The present organ was installed when the parish celebrated its centennial.

In the early days of Vatican II, the interior of the church was redecorated; the exterior was restored and protected

In 1976, St. Andrew Parish School consolidated with that of St. Mary, and named St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. Holy Family School joined the group in 1982. The parish school building became the center for all religious education for the three parishes.

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Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara rededicated the church on Nov. 23, 1986, after the interior had been renovated.

High school classes were offered from 1889 until 1936. This spring, Father Riebe asked for a feasibility study for a new

Catholic high school.

Before Father Riebe came, Father Robert Mazzola was pastor from 1983 to 1994. From 1972 until that time, Father Clifford Vogelsang led the parish. The sesquicentennial celebration will

include a brunch before the Mass and a reception afterwards.

Archbishop of Indianapolis cordially invites you to attend

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Mary's Assumption is a sign of hope for us

Most of our readers should receive this issue on the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven, Aug. 15. I thought, there-fore, that I might make a few comments about this feast.

Of all of our feasts, this one is perhaps the hardest to explain to our Protestant friends, especially those who require a biblical source for their beliefs. Our church's Marian devotion is a stumbling block to some Protestants because they believe that we Catholics venerate Mary at the expense of Christ. Actually, our veneration of Mary must lead us to Christ or it is not true Marian devotion. There is such a thing as Mariolatry, giving to Mary the worship due only to God, and it is a violation of the First Commandment as is any other form of idola-try. We Catholics venerate Mary as the greatest woman who ever lived, but we don't adore her.

The doctrine of the Assumption is not in the Bible, but neither are many other dogmas that all Christians believed prior to the Protestant Reformation. The church founded by Christ existed long before the Bible did, and it was the church that determined what should be in the Bible.

It is true that the Assumption is the church's most recent dogma in the sense that it was infallibly defined only in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. It is, in fact, the only doctrine to be infallibly defined by a pope since the doctrine of infallibility was itself defined by the First Vatican Council in 1870. However, belief in the Assumption, and its celebration with a feast, go back

to the earliest days of the church.

This is the doctrine as defined by Pope Pius XII:

"We proclaim, declare and define it to be a dogma
revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God. revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."

The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" explains that "the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singu-

that "the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians."
And the adult catechism "The Teaching of Christ"
explains: "Since Mary had never been subject to sin,

she, like her Son, was not to remain in the grave, subject to the empire of death that sin had brought into the

ject to the empire of death that sin had brought into the world. It was fitting, then, that she who gave bodily birth to Jesus should be with him bodily in heaven as she adores him in the glory of his risen body."

The celebration of the feast of the Assumption on Aug. 15 goes back at least to the sixth century. Even before that, the Eastern church celebrated a feast on that day known variously as the Memory of Mary, or the Passing of Mary, or as the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God. Asleep of the Mother of God.

The church has always been ambivalent about whether Mary died before she was assumed into heav-en. That's obvious from the use of the word "dormition," which connotes sleep rather than death. Pope Pius XII left the issue open, saying only "when the course of her earthly life was finished."

Two shrines in Jerusalem are associated with Mary's Assumption. The first and most prominent is the Basilica of the Dormition, the most imposing building on Mount Zion. It is a Benedictine monastery built on the site where tradition says Mary died (or fell asleep). The first large church there was built by the Crusaders in 1100, but it was destroyed by the Muslims in 1219. The present church was built by the Benedictines in 1910. It has many beautiful mosaics and, in the crypt, a stone effigy of the Virgin Mary asleep on her deathbed.

The other shrine is Mary's tomb, located in the Kidron Valley next to the Garden of Gethsemane. This is the traditional place of Mary's Assumption. (Obviously, bellef in this site presupposes that Mary died rather than just fell asleep.) From the entrance at street level, one walks down a long flight of stairs to the tomb itself. This shrine passed from the hands of the Franciscans to the Greeks and Armenians in 1757. Muslims, who also venerate Mary, also have the right Assumption. The first and most prominent is the Basilica

Muslims, who also venerate Mary, also have the right to pray in this shrine.

to pray in this shrine.

Let me finish these thoughts about the Assumption with this from "The Teaching of Christ": "As Jesus did not abandon us by ascending to heaven but continually sends his Holy Spirit to sustain his church, so Mary, in the Assumption, has not been separated from us but instead remains a sign of sure hope that each one of us is called to share as she has in the fullness of Christ's glovy. As the most faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit. glory. As the most faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit, she is the model of all that the church and humankind hope to become in heaven."

Stories, Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen

Our young people are a generation of hope

"We need to involve our youth and young adults more in the life of the church." Both the south and north

region evangelization advisory com-mittees listed this as a key priority. When we talked about their concern at the evangelization commission meeting, Beth Ann Newton from the Office for Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry had a specific first step to suggest.

The Archdiocesan Youth Council was holding its general assembly at DePauw University in Greencastle

the first weekend in July. One component of the program is an educational piece. Upon consultation, the youth council executive committee agreed that this year the focus would be evangelization.

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For me, it was a gift just to prepare for the session. It gave me the opportunity to read "The Challenge of Catholic Youth Evangelization: Called To Be Witnesses and Storytellers." Quite frankly, this document, prepared by the Youth Outreach and Evangelization Subcommittee of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, is one of the clearest presentations of evangelization that I

of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, is one of the clearest presentations of evangelization that I have encountered so far. I know I will be using its practical wisdom in a number of different contexts.

Even greater gifts were the young people who make up the Archdiocesan Youth Council. Part of their work during the day I spent with them was to pick a theme for next spring's Archdiocesan Youth Conference. What they came up with was "A Generation of Hope." From my perspective, they not only selected it, they also modeled it.

They were a group of high school students who dis-

They were a group of high school students who displayed energy and vitality, humor and sensitivity, commit-ment and courage. They had applied to be deanery liaisons or executive leadership and had completed a selection process that had included both written and interview com-ponents. They were motivated by a desire to serve the

ponents. They were motivated by a desire to serve the church in its ministry to young people.

During the day I was continually impressed with the openness with which they talked about the joys and challenges of their own faith journeys, with their awareness of and care for the pain of their friends, and with their imagination and creativity in realistic planning. They were concerned about the way their generation would be remembered and wanted to be signs of hope.

In our reflecting together on evangelization, we noted that it is a mutual process, a dialogue rather than a monologue. The challenge of Catholic youth evangelization cuts both ways. We need to challenge our young people to commit themselves to Christ in powerful ways. But they also challenge us to see our faith in fresh ways, to make the church personally present in all the places people live, and to continue to witness to the story of hope our world needs.

A View from the Center/Dan Conway

St. Meinrad Seminary in top 10 for fund raising

According to the statistics published each year by the Council for Aid to Education (CFAE) in Voluntary Support of Education, St. Meinrad Seminary has once again ranked in the top 10 of



Protestant and Catholic seminaries who report their fund raising totals each year. In 1994-95, of the 67 schools who reported the results of their fund raising efforts, St. Meinrad ranked 9th in total support and was the only Roman Catholic seminary in the top 25 percent of seminaries reporting. Total funds

of seminaries reporting. Total runos raised by the southern Indiana seminary in 1994-95 were reported at \$4,393,326.

Each year the fund raising information reported by the council for Aid to Education is analyzed by Seminary Development News, a publication of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada ATS). According to Seminary Development News, not all

Precipitation of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada ATS). According to Seminary Development News, not all eminaries report their fund raising data. This is particuarly true of large university-based divinity schools (e.g., larvard or Princeton) whose fund raising totals are necluded in the overall university report.

"Nevertheless, these data provide an important snapshot fund raising in the seminary setting," Seminary Development News reports. "It is our hope than even more eminaries will be encouraged to report their data in future ears." Since Seminary Development News began reporting the results of seminary fund raising in 1985-86, the umber of schools reporting has increased from an initial 0 to the current 67. St. Meinrad, which has consistently een in the top 10 of seminary fund raisers, has reported its anual fund raising results to the Council for Aid to ducation since the early 1970s.

In addition to listing the top seminaries in total fund raising support, Seminary Development News takes the CFAE data and divides them by each school's enrollment. "This provides a second ranking," the ATS publication says. "It may be that a smaller school has raised gift support out of proportion to its size, and this second ranking helps measure that." According to this ranking of total moneys raised per student, St. Meinrad Seminary is 5th with a total of \$16,393 raised per seminary student. Here, too, St. Meinrad is the only Roman Catholic seminary in the top 25. (The Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C., a consortium sponsored by several Catholic religious communities, ranks 3rd in foundation support of \$1,059,781. The Catholic Theological Union of Chicago ranks 13th in "restricted current support" with gifts of \$506,964.)

What is the secret of St. Meinrad's fund raising success? I was a freshman in the college in 1967 when the

What is the secret of St. Meinrad's fund raising success? I was a freshman in the college in 1967 when the
development program was officially begun at St. Meinrad
Archabbey and Seminary. St. Meinrad's first development director, John S. MacCauley, spoke to us during
freshman orientation abut his vision of development. I had no idea at that time how important John's vision
was—for the church, for St. Meinrad or for me personally—but I remember being struck by the fact that John was
a "fund raiser" who refused to talk about money. Instead, he talked about communication values and inviting people of faith to participate in the work of educating priests. In later years, when I worked in the development office as a student, and then as a staff member, I heard John give the student, and then as a staff member, theard John give the same talk over and over again—to anyone who would listen. In fact, he was a passionate believer in the fact that successful development is not the result of clever fund raising techniques but of inviting people to share in your values and in your good works.

John MacCauley's vision of development was warmly embraced by the monks of St. Meinrad because it truly is consistent with the archabbey and seminary's Benedictine ethos. People of faith give generously to St. Meinrad because they share the community's values—and because they have been given genuine opportunities to participate in the monks' prayer and work. John passed away in 1985, but his vision remains a vital part of the distinctive character of St. Meinrad. And every year, the practical results of his message speak for themselves through the CFAE listing of Voluntary Support of Education. Whether you look at the total dollars raised or the total raised per student, the results are the same: St. Meinrad's emphasis on values and participation consistently brings in dollars—not as ends in themselves but as means to support the educational mission of the seminary.

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Viewpoints

Do we know what to tell. engaged couples about marriage?

Given today's high divorce statistics, most would agree with the Pontifical Council for the Family, which in late May said, "The church's concern has become more urgent with regard to marriage preparation." But once engaged couples assemble for a preparation program, do we know how to communicate with them about marriage? Mary Lou Von Euw, marriage preparation coordinator in the Archdiocese of Boston, responds with a qualified yes. We're not in the dark on communicating with the engaged about marriage, she indicates. But Kathleen and Stephen Beirne say that knowing "how" to communicate with Generation X about old issues in new ways remains a big challenge. He directs the Office of Family Life Ministry in the Diocese of Portland, Maine; she edits Foundations, a newsletter for newly married couples which the couple publishes in partnership with the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers.

There's more homework to do

By Stephen and Kathleen Beirne

Despite the dedication, energy and service of many doing marriage preparation, we believe a significant gap exists between what is



offered and what couples need as they prepare for marriage. We got a letter

from a young woman about her experience with pre-Cana. She and her fiancee had valued the experience and thought the pre-

senting couples were generous with time and effort. But she worked with young adults herself and thought we had a few things we could improve.

First, she felt that the presenters were not comfortable in their roles. They read their talks or did not make eye contact. Second, she felt that there was no chance for the engaged to contribute. All information flowed in one direction. Some couples nding had been married before, some had children, some were from different ethnic or religious traditions and could have shared

from these experiences to enrich the day.

She went on to point out some characteristics of the so-called Generation X. They don't like surprises, she warned. They morbidly fear being bored. They like clear pre sentations of fact—information they can fol-low easily. They value their privacy.

Her reaction seemed to answer the question, Do we know how to talk to engaged couples about marriage? It suggests that maybe this is really two questions: Do we know how to talk about marriage? And, who are the engaged?

Many topics pre-Cana addresses are as pertinent today as 25 or 30 years ago, Couples still need to know how to communicate and how to handle finances. However, what they need to know about handling finances may differ vastly from what their predecessors needed.

What they need to know about sexuality is probably quite different from what we need-ed. Their experience of family likely is also quite different, so what we say about in-laws may not easily translate to their bi-nuclear

family and stepfamily roots.

The biggest area of difference, however may be careers. Handling two careers, plus the demands of a home, plus the demands of children is what most of these couples

have to look forward to. Many of the presenting couples have not had to deal with that lifestyle. There is not a large body of information out about how to handle dual careers, so

there's not a lot to draw on.

It's not that we have little to tell the engaged. But we need to keep doing our homework, making sure what we have to say is pertinent and how we present it is respectful and engaging.

Because we present marriage prepara-

tion under church auspices we are doing the work of evangelization as well as enrichment. We are showing couples how their decisions about everything—jobs, family, sexuality—are intertwined with God's presence in their lives.

Finally, our efforts should not end on the wedding day. We need to continue the conversation into the marriage, letting them know that their church community still cares about them the Saturday after the wedding. Marriage preparation is more than wedding preparation.

A conversation with engaged couples is

more than a one-way contribution to their future. It's a chance to get to know them, to let them know us and become part of a community that grows together to the enrichment of all involved.

We know enough to talk from the heart

By Mary Lou Von Euw

The answer is an unquestionable, yet qualified, yes. We know how to talk with the engaged about marriage.



But before continuing, there are other questions that need to

be posed.

Why do we talk to engaged couples?

Because we care for them and their happiness. And while couples might approach

with less than delight at the outset, an overwhelming number leave both sur-

prised and grateful. How do we talk to engaged couples?
From the heart. We don't tell them how they should live their lives, but how we are learning to live ours. We don't pretend to have perfect marriages, and we tell them (much to their disbelief) that their marriages probably won't be perfect either.

What do we tell them about engage

what do we tell them about engage-ment? That despite what the "marriage merchants" say, engagement is not a time for planning the perfect wedding extrava-ganza. Engagement is a time to look at the relationship to decide if it should become a marriage. Sometimes this is met with a

gasp at first. But, in the long run, it takes some of the pressure off them.

We tell them that their discussions in the car on the way home are more impor tant than what goes on in the sessions. We use questions such as: "What do you absolutely need to have as part of your marriage relationship?" and "What are qualities you could not stand to live with in a partner?" It's amazing how many could a partner?" It's amazing how many couhave not thought in these terms.

ples have not thought in these terms. What do we tell them about marriage? That marriage is for grownups and not selfish people; why we love being mar-ried; why we consider our vocation sacred; that their love dictates what a sexually attractive person is, not what Madison iys one looks like; that the most intimate thing we do together is to pray; that they are not preparing to receive a sacrament, but to administer a sacrament.

We tell them they are the most important group of people in the world because they are founding the families of the future. We tell them that church teaching is an expression of care and protection for them and their families.

We tell them the rules for fair fighting, then tell them there are times we break those rules and need to ask one another for forgiveness.

We tell them how destructive addictions have been to many of our relationships

We try to share our experiences with honesty and humor, try not to preach.
Regarding domestic violence, we speak
unmistakably: There is no place for
physical or emotional threats or violence
in any marriage. When one person tries
to control the other, it is contrary to the Catholic vision of marriage, which is a relationship of mutuality.

Is marriage preparation perfect? No. We are not naive enough to think that a six- to 12-month preparation period makes up for a lifetime if the partners haven't had the emotional or religious education and upbringing they need. The majority of our programs are too short. We could always use more volunteers, more time and more training.

The most important thing we offer is our willingness to listen. Everybody else wants something "from" engaged couples. But married couples and church professionals working with engaged couples don't want anything "from" them, they want something "for" them.

Light One Candle/ Fr. Thomas J. McSweeney

Experience the spirit of receiving

The spirit of giving is a common enough phrase. But rarely do we talk about the spirit of



receiving.

Very few people know how to receive graciously and freely. Quite often our pride and our arrogance get in the way. It's uncomfortable to feel "obligated" to the

person who is giving.

This is a true story about a little boy who lived in the Midwest. He was blind. His family heard about an eye surgeon at a hospital in New England who had developed a new surgical technique that just might give him sight. They decided to take the chance.

The boy took his old teddy bear to the hospital with him. It had seen better days: some of the stuffing was popping out through a broken seam, one ear had been

chewed, and an eye was missing.

He kept his teddy bear tucked under his arm throughout his stay—even in the operating room and throughout his long convalescence.

Finally, the doctor was able to remove the bandages from the boy's eyes. He could see.

eyes. He could see.

The day came for the young patient to be discharged from the hospital. He was sitting on the edge of his bed, clutching his treasured teddy bear, when the eye surgeon who had restored his sight came into the resum for a last when into the room for a last visit.

Before the doctor could speak, the little boy said, "Here, doctor, I want to pay you for helping me," And he handed him the battered old teddy bear. The doctor took it without reservation. For some months after that, if you had gone to the 10th floor of that

hospital you could have seen the teddy bear.

The surgeon had it put in a glass case in the corridor. Under the teddy bear the doctor had placed his professional calling card and below his name had written:

"This is the highest fee I ever received for professional services rendered!'

You know what most of us would have one if we had been the doctor: "Oh, that teddy bear means on much to you, I really couldn't take it from you. Thanks, anyway, but you keep it."

way, but you keep it."

That wise doctor accepted the child's gift with gratitude. He allowed the little boy to experience the joy of giving.

What we learn from one another about receiving affects our relationship with God/He calls us to be peacemakers, healers/reconcilers in a world of broken promises, broken families, broken relapromises, broken families, broken rela-tionships. But to carry out our mission of giving to others, we must first accept the gift of life and love from God.

"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace," said the Beloved Apostle John. So faith is accepting and receiving love following upon love.

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Catholicism and the Republican Party

To the Editor

In the July 19 issue of The Criterion Congressman Henry Hyde, in encouraging Catholics to send him ideas for developing the Republican Party's platform, made the statement, "As a Catholic, I believe the basic Catholic teachings are ideologically, the basic Catholic teachings are ideologically, with philosophically and morally aligned with the Republican Party."

Well, let's take a look

Abortion: The Catholic Church is opposed to all abortions. Mr. Dole is trying to pull the Republican Party to a "not all abortions are bad" stand. The House and the Senate are controlled by the Republican Party. We have had constitutional amendments to stop flag burning, limit terms in Congess, put prayer in pub-lic school and balance the budget. What

about stopping abortion?
In 1967 Gov. Ronald Reagan signed a bill making abortion legal in California. Five of the seven Supreme Court justices who voted for Roe v. Wade were ap-pointed by Republican presidents. The ruling was handed down while Richard

Nixon was in office.

Divorce: The church opposes divorce. It is hard to find a Republican leader in Congress or running for president still married to his first wife. Ronald Reagan was the first ever divorced president. In 1969, when California passed the first "no-fault" divorce law, Ronald Reagan was the governor (elected in 1966 and 1970).

Earned income tax credit: The church

supports this. The Republican Party wants

to cut this program.

Family leave legislation: The church supports this. President George Bush used his power of veto to stop this legislation while he was in office.

Universal health care: The church

supports this. The Republicans won the 1992 election because of their opposition to the legislation.

Cuts in human services: The church is opposed to these cuts. The Republican Party wants to cut here to balance the

Punitive welfare reform: The church is opposed. The Republican Party condemns China for the treatment of its young while at the same time wants to cut aid to the second child of welfare mothers.

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Minimum wage: The church, in the
"Catechism of the Catholic Church,"
states: "A just wage is the legitimate fruit
of work," and, "... should guarantee man
the opportunity to provide a dignified
livelihood for himself and his family." The
Beauthlian Beats did not mark to increase. Republican Party did not want to increase the minimum wage. How can a worker provide a dignified livelihood for his family on the minimum wage?

ly on the minimum wage?

Death penalty: The church is in support of bloodless means to protect public order and the safety of persons. H.R. 729 passed the Republican House. This is a bill to make the death penalty more effective.

I am not making a judgment of right or wrong. I just want to show that Catholic teachings are not always ideologically, philosophically and morally aligned with the Republican Party, as Congressman Hyde claimed.

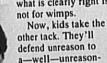
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Witnessing for the defense

Do you ever tire of defending the defensible? I sure do. Sticking up for what is clearly right is



able extent as cool as you please. But Mom, (the other kid) did it too!"

they cry. As if that would make a difference in the adjudication of the crime.

Or, defending their request for a super-

sonic walkman or a \$200 pair of sport shoes, they claim, "Because everyone else has one." Strike another blow for logic.

Sometimes the evidence they present is limited to a mere "Because." But remember, we can't get out of joint over that kind of defense if we're fond of using "Because I said so" as an argument ourselves. Such feeble contradictions would be caught by

any sharp 3-year-old.

Defending the indefensible is not something confined to kids, either. Politicians, womanizers, greedy capital-ists, talk-show hosts and wooly-headed liberals do it every day. It's all too human a phenomenon. Fortunately, most of us

don't waste our time doing that. We're too busy trying to ward off attacks on the good, the true and the beautiful.

Take the U. S. of A., for instance.

Here we are at the end of the 20th century, constantly having to defend the "last best hope of mankind" to each other and

We're made to feel ashamed of an idealwe're made to reet assumed of an ideal-istic political experiment which was unknown before recent history: a country of the people, by the people and for the people. We're also made to feel guilty that we are a country favored with natural riches, and the human resources which come with the diversity, imagination and energy of a heterogeneous society.

Some things done in the name of our country are indefensible: things like covert country are inderensione; interference in the politics of other countries for our own economic gain, or the denial of immigration to certain applicants based on racist or other unjust reasons.

But the friendly generosity and human concern which mark our national character

continue to outweigh our lapses, both in our domestic and foreign relations. Significant participation in the search for peace by the United Nations, and internationally-admired contributions to art and culture are just two of our better efforts.

And, as someone has said, "The U.S. is the only country in which you can ride to the

poorhouse in an automobile."

In these days when seekers of truth seem to embrace every heresy as if it were new and authentic, defending our religion has also become a surprising necessity. Just saying grace at mealtime can be embarrassing in the face of socican be entolassing to the entol try-ing to stick up for all levels of human life in the wider community.

What we know by faith can seem child-ish or irrelevant when sophisticated attacks are mounted against it. Depending upon the natural goodness in us which reflects God's goodness is thought to be naive at best, and criminal when it conflicts with individual "rights" and desires.
Relinquishing control to a higher principle or power is dismissed as a cop-out. What to do?

Persevere. Turn on to hope and tune out what is mean-spirited. And most of all, continue to defend what we know to be true, just because it's true.



The B'nai B'rith Isidore Feibleman Memorial Awards Committee have named Benedictine Father Boniface Hardin the 1996 Man of the Year. The award is given each year to a man and woman who have given outstanding services to the Indianapolis com-munity. Father Boniface founded Martin University in 1977. He serves on the Mayor's Task Force, and the Community Relations Board. He is the founder and director of the Northwest Action Council, and co-lounder of Negro-Jewish Dialogue.

Photo by Margaret Nelson

VIPs ...



Edward S. and Mary L. Bradburn will celebrate their 50th anniversary Aug. 17 with a 6 p.m. Mass at St. Bernadette Church with a 6 p.m. Mass at St. Bernadette Church in Indianapolis. The couple was married Aug. 17, 1946 at St. Anthony Church in Indianapolis. They have seven children: Barbara Harris, Beverly Hull, Cathy Malone, David Bradburn, Carol Wilson, Debbie Cox, and Lyr Kite. They also have 10 creadabil. and Lyn Kite. They also have 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Several awards were given to outstanding graduates during the all-class reunion held recently at Cathedral High School in recently at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Outstanding service to Cathedral awards were presented to Melinda Luckey Bundy; outstanding service to community, Arthur J. Sullivan, class of 1926; distinguished professional achievement, Joseph F. Quill, class of 1939.

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Check It Out ...

A "Women in Youth Ministry Retreat" will be held at Persimmon Tree Bed and Breakfast in Greenwood Sept. 13-14. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 and conclude at 5 p.m. Sept. 14. The cost is \$50 per person. Registration is limited to 10 and will be on a first come first served basis. The deadline to register is Aug. 30. For more information contact the Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries at 317-236-1439.

Marion County Council on Aging and St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' Senior Promise will co-sponsor "Long Term Care Insurance, Who Needs It?" at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 5 at the Glendale Shopping Center's Community Room on the lower level, in Indianapolis. The program will answer questions such as: What is the right age to buy long term care is the right age to buy long term care insurance? Is long term care insurance right for everyone? Who needs a long term care policy? Is a certified policy better than other long term care policies? Reservations are encouraged. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to register call Senior Promise at 317-782-6570.

Nancy and Robert Irsay's Sweet Charity Farm in Carmel will host the First Annual Summer Classic Charity Horse Show Summer Classic Charity Horse Show Aug. 28 through Sept. 1 to benefit the St. Vincent Hospital Foundation through the St. Vincent Hospital Guild. Two events, a Luncheon and Style Show on Aug. 30 and a Grand Prix Brunch on Sept. 1. For lun-cheon information call Julie McLaughlin at 317-581-8801. For information on the Grand Prix call 317-769-4698. For indi-viduals wishing to watch the Summer viduals wishing to watch the Summer Classic Charity Horse Show, the times are

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily Aug. 28 through Sept. 1. General admission is \$3 per day Aug. 28-31 and \$5 on Sept. 1. Children 12 and under are free. Sweet Charity Farm is located at 2000 W. 136th St. in Carmel.

The Saint Mary of the Woods College Mari Hulman George School of Equine Studies is accepting entries for its fifth annual Fall Classic riding competition during Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31-Sept. 1. The Pre-Classic competition begins at 1 p.m. Aug. 31 with riders competing in p.m. Aug. 31 with riders competing in p.m. Aug. 31 with riders competing in walk-trot for age 10 and under, open English pleasure, horseman open, western pleasure for age 16 and under and open western pleasure. Two unmounted races include shoe races for children age 10 and under and youths age 11-16. The Classic events will begin at noon Sept. 1 with open flag and plug races. An entry fee of \$35 is required for all classes in the Classic events. Entry fees for individual Pre-Classic events range from \$2 to \$15. For more information contact Cindy Durham at 812-535-5239.

The Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond will celebrate its 75th anniversary with several events throughout the year. A golf outing is scheduled Aug. 24 at the Monastery Golf Course in Cedar Lake. Tickets are \$50 and includes golf cart, two tickets for 9th hole refreshments, and dinner. For more information on the tournament contact Andord hole refreshments, and dinner. For more information on the tournament contact Andy Juscik at Bishop Noll at 219-932-9058 or 312-768-1778. A "75th Anniversary Celebration" will be held Sept. 7 beginning with a 5:30 p.m. Mass in the school field house. A dinner and dance will follow at the school. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more information call Shirley Scanlon at 219-932-4717. The deadline is Aug. 27.

ABORTION

selves as Protestant accounted for only 37 percent of all

women getting an abortion.

Alvare said a similar study in the 1980s asked a follow-up question of Catholic women getting abortions as to whether they considered themselves practicing Catholics. In that study, 57 percent of the Catholic women said they did not.

If that number remains consistent today, then their incidence of abortion is "half the rate of their presence in the population," not 29 percent greater than that of Protestants, Alvare said.

The bad news is that there are those who are ostensibly part of a faith community who would consider abortion and get one. That's not good," she said. Correcting the situation, she added, requires "a renewed commitment to our evangelization." ment to our evangelization.

The Guttmacher survey said Hispanic women, most of whom are Catholic, are twice as likely to get abortions than the general population. Alvare attributed this to enor-

Pro-life candidates in 'clean sweep' in primaries

There were five key victories of GOP pro-life candidates over those who favor keeping abortion legal

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON-Pro-life victories in Republican primary races in Kansas, Georgia and Michigan Aug. 6 show that the GOP was right to keep its solidly pro-life platform stance, according to an official of the National Right to

Life Political Action Committee.

"Although Republican supporters of abortion claim to have majority support in the party, their repeated failures prove otherwise," said Carol Long, director of the political action committee, which funds pro-life campaigns at various levels.

Long said Republican pro-life candidates had a
"clean sweep" in primary races Aug. 6 that pitted them against candidates who favor keeping abortion legal. She cited five key victories:

• In a race for the U.S. Senate seat once held by Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole of Kansas, pro-life Rep. Sam Brownback defeated Sen. Sheila Frahm, who supports legal abortion. Frahm had been named by Kansas Gov. Bill Groves to complete Dole's

• Vying for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate from Georgia, pro-life candidate Guy Millner beat Johnny Isakson, who wants to keep abortion legal.

• In Michigan, Ronna Romney, who opposes abortion except to save a woman's life, defeated Jim Nicholson, who expected the same and the same abortion.

who supports legal abortion.

• In the race to represent Kansas' 3rd district, pro-life Vincent Snowbarger beat pro-abortion candidate Ed Eilert. They were competing for a House seat vacated by retiring Rep. Jan Meyers, who favors keeping abor-

tion legal.
• In Kansas' 2nd district, pro-life candidate Jim Ryun

defeated two candidates who favored legal abortion.

"Our clean sweep proves once again that being pro-life is a winner," Long said. "Republicans have made the right choice—both politically and morally—by standing in defense of life."

mous pressure put on Hispanic women to get an abortion if

they want to succeed in America.

Alvare said there is "direct marketing of abortion to

Hispanic women, especially new immigrants and the poor."
As an example, Alvare cited TV Guide magazine,
which publishes separate editions in English and which publishes separate editions in English and Spanish for the Los Angeles area. In the Spanish edition, she noted, "there are invariably eight or 10 abortion clinic ads" featuring photos of women in "very handsome, expensive clothes" and bearing clinic names like "La Mujer Feminista" ("The Feminist Woman"). "You never see an ad (like that) in the English-language TV Guide out there," Alvare said.

Other significant survey results included findings such as women who indicate no religious preference are four times

women who indicate no religious preference are four times likelier to have abortions; two-thirds of women having abortions intend to have children in the future; and 20 percent of women having abortions identify themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians—well below half the rate of women identifying themselves as such in a 1987 Gallup Poll.

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Alvare criticized the timing of the survey's release, coming out as the Republican Party's platform committee conducted its deliberations on the abortion plank.

She also scored the use of the survey to "make abortion seem (like) a fait accompli, that abortion is . . . part of the unstoppable juggernaut that is part of the fabric of American women's lives."

Alvare noted that the Guttmacher survey revealed that of the women getting abortions, overall 58 percent acknowledged contraceptive failure—up from 51 percent in a 1987 survey.

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Among the 58 percent of women having abortions who had been practicing contraception during the month they became pregnant, the condom was the method most commonly used. She said she found the number astounding in an era when governments have "put literally billions of dollars behind contraceptives," yet along with availability and use, contraceptive failure has also risen.

Reliance on condoms along is "the most inadequate."

Reliance on condoms alone is "the most inadequate response to bringing the abortion rate down," Alvare said.
"As a matter of social policy, it doesn't work."

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'Rachel Mourning' memorial to be dedicated

By Mary Ann Wyand

"Rachel Mourning," a memorial to all deceased children "Rachel Mourning," a meniorian to an declased and their grieving mothers, will be blessed and dedicated by Father Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, at 2 p.m. on Aug. 22 at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis.

"The statue is dedicated to all children who have died and especially to their mothers," said Catholic Cemeteries director Gene Harris.

Cemeteries director Gene Harris.

It is meant to preserve the memory of babies who have died through natural causes, he said, and also will be a place where people can pray for unborn babies who lost their lives in abortion.

The public is invited to attend the blessing and dedication of the statue located in the Infants' Circle at Calvary Cemetery on Troy Ave. at Bluff Rd. A reception will follow in the mausoleum.

"The Catholic Cemeteries Association is happy to provide this memorial," Harris said. "We thank John and Catherine Brown. Timothy and Jenny Herron, Kevin and

Catherine Brown, Timothy and Jenny Herron, Kevin and Stephanie McCalley, and Tim and Kim Monger for their generous assistance in helping us provide this memorial."

Harris said a number of Catholic cemeteries throughout the U.S. now have "Rachel Mourning" statues.

"Rachel is someone that mothers who have lost children in the past have prayed to," he said. "They seem to gain strength from it."

A Scripture passage imprinted at the base of the said.

A Scripture passage imprinted at the base of the memorial is taken from Jeremiah 31:45, and reads, "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamenting and weeping bitter-ly. It is Rachel weeping for her children because they

A new "Rachel Mourning" statue at Calvary Cometery in Indianapolis was made possible by the Catholic Cometeries Association and the generosity of four couples.

are no more."

In this Bible verse, the prophet Jeremiah envisions
Rachel, the wife of Jacob, weeping over her "children"—
the descendants of her grandson Ephraim. These descendents were among those who were killed or taken into slavery and exile by the Babylonian armies of
Nebuchadnezzar II between the years 597 and 586 B.C.
The archeliogesan Office of Pro-Life Activities is assist-

The archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities is assisting Catholic Cemeteries with arrangements for the blessing and dedication of the "Rachel Mourning" statue.

The Pro-Life Office coordinates educational, pastoral

care, and advocacy services that foster the "Consistent Ethic of Life" and serve the dignity of all people. In addition to its programs dealing with abortion prevention and reconciliation, it also supports and sponsors an AIDS ministry and programs which raise awareness of Catholic teachings on capital punishment and other life issues.

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Father Catoir tells seniors to live joyfully by cherishing the present

'We must learn to trust the past to God's mercy and the future to God's divine providence,' he said

By Mary Ann Wyand

"Happiness is a byproduct of a meaningful life," Father John Catoir told participants in a senior adult

Father John Catoir told participants in a senior adult enrichment program at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis last week.

"I often ask people, 'What is your purpose in life?' "he said. "'What would happen with your life if you decided to be happy?' I ask them to consider how their lives would change if they wrote a five-year plan."

The Aug. 5-8 retreat for seniors centered on rest, renewal and reflection and was based on the theme "That Your Joy May Be Full: Enjoying the Aging Process." However, Father Catoir's recommendation to cherish the present moment in order to live joyfully is helpful advice for people of any age,

cherish the present moment in order to live joyiully is helpful advice for people of any age.

"Fidelity to God's will as it is manifested in the duties of the present moment is an important spiritual principle," he explained. "Living in the present moment has inspired Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists, but it's not easy to achieve" because of

fears, anxieties, and regrets.

"We must learn to trust the past to God's mercy and the future to God's divine providence," he said. "We're imperfect beings, and we're also very limited. There are many things that we are not able to do just yet, but Jesus living in us can do them for us if we learn how to

turn them over to the Lord."

The director emeritus of The Christophers and director of evangelization and communications for the Diocese of Paterson, N.J., established the St. Jude Media Ministry this year and broadcasts on 586 radio stations throughout the U.S. He also is an author and will be a nationally syndicated columnist for Catholic News Service beginning in September.

Father Catoir said he was inspired by Julian of Norwich, the 15th century mystic, who believed that "the highest honor a person can give to God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love."

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the knowledge of his love."

To do that, Father Catoir said, "it is necessary to put aside past mistakes and hurts as well as fears and anxiety about the future. I think we have the duty to be joyful here and now. Dorothy Day, the founder of *The Catholic Worker*, called it the 'duty of delight.'"

Father Catoir based two books, "Enjoy the Lord" and

"God Delights in You," on the premise that God wants people to live joyfully because he created humankind to be happy.

In order to forgive others and overcome needless anxieties about past mistakes, he said, it is first neces-

sary to forgive yourself.
"You can call on Christ the Savior to help you," he said. "That is part of the humility of accepting the fact that we are limited human beings. We cannot be responsible for the happiness of others. That's something they have to do for themselves. We can try to help them, but they must learn how to help themselves as well."

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God is unchanging love, the priest emphasized. "He gives you love with an unconditional spirit, and he loves gives you love with an unconditional spirit, and he loves you totally. To know that is to experience a great relief that the Lord who loves you has all the power and is going to take care of you, and that somehow or other in divine providence all will be well. When you get that straight, you can begin to understand that he wants you to be happy because he created you to be happy. At the end of his life, Jesus told his disciples, 'I have told you everything that your joy may be full.'"

To be faithful means to be hopeful, courageous and enthusiastic, Father Catoir said. "Faith, courage and enthusiasm' is my translation of 'faith, hope and chari-

enthusiastic, Father Catoir said. "'Faith, courage and enthusiasm' is my translation of 'faith, hope and charity.' You know that God loves you, but you need hope. However, hope isn't just an expectation. Hope has to do with the courage to trust that God's power will be there for you. Having the faith and courage to trust God's love will involve risks. Once you have courage and try to be a person of hope, then there's a certain. and try to be a person of hope, then there's a certain bounce, an enthusiasm, that comes into your life."

Acknowledging that "loneliness is tough," Father Catoir quoted the late actress Betty Davis, who said,

Old age is not for sissies."

"When you get old, you lose your husband or wife, your best friend, your parents, your brothers and sisters, and the loneliness is terrible," he said. "You lose lifelong friendships, and it's easy to become isolated. I ask people, 'What are you doing about your loneliness?

ask people, 'What are you doing about your loneliness? Can you decide to be happy?' "

In his new radio ministry which reaches 1.5 million listeners, Father Catoir urges people to "get back to God" in order to experience spiritual and personal growth.

"The Holy Spirit encourages me to continue working in the media," he said. "My message is simple. I say, "If you're down and out and spiritually dry and feeling lonely, don't be discouraged. You're a good person, and the Lord loves you very much. Maybe it's time to get back to the Lord and let him minister to you, to get back to church.' And then I give my address, Box 172, Clifton, N.J., 07011, and tell them to write to me if I



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Father John Catoir at Fatima Retreat House.

can be of any help. I get letters from all kinds of peo-

can be of any help. I get letters from all kinds of peo-ple—widows, teen-agers, prisoners—and the bulk of my work each day is in answering pastoral mail."

Once a person decides to be happy, Father Catoir said, it is easier to discern ways to improve life situations.

"The lesson here is that happiness is a choice," he said. "God helps those who help themselves. To do that, it's important to cling to God in prayer, think of others, and never put yourself down."

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Father Catoir said his favorite Bible passage is Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and all things will be added to you."

"The Kingdom of God is the kingdom of joy and peace," he said. "In 2 Thessalonians 5:16-18, St. Paul said, 'Rejoice and be glad in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Lesus." The greatest. said, 'Rejoice and be giad in an circumstances, for this is
the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.' The greatest
honor you can give to God is to be joyful and grateful in
all circumstances. This is the great test of our faith."

(Father Catoir wrote a column for The Criterion

while he was director of The Christophers, a column now being written by Father Thomas McSweeney. Father Catoir plans to resume his column every other week beginning in September and The Criterion will publish it.-Editor)



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ing the Christian community into its mystery and power," has become a parti-

"No effort to assess the state of wor-ship or develop new translations or refresh liturgical skills escapes suspicion

refresh liturgical skills escapes suspicion of moving to one extreme or the other or pressure to move in the opposite direction as a safeguard," it says.

The 3,000-word statement is titled "Called to be Catholic: Church in a Time of Peril." It was prepared by the National Pastoral Life Center in New York in consultation with Cardinal Bernardin and the leaders who have Bernardin and the leaders who have joined him in the initiative.

The initiative itself, called the Catholic Common Ground Project, will be staffed by the National Pastoral Life Center, a research and consultation center devoted to improving Catholic leadership and parish life. Msgr. Philip J. Murnion, direc-tor of the center, is a member of Cardinal

Bernardin's project group.

The project is to sponsor conferences and papers which deal with critical issues in the church in a way that exem-

plifies and promotes the kind of dialogue called for in the statement.

The statement urges Catholics to refocus on the central, common ground they

"Jesus Christ, present in Scripture and sacrament, is central to all that we do; he must always be the measure and not what is measured," it says. "Around this central conviction," it

says, "the church's leadership, both cleri-cal and lay, must reaffirm and promote the full range and demands of authentic unity, acceptable diversity and respectful dia-logue, not just to dampen conflict but as a way to make our conflicts constructive."

But it warns that a hardening of party lines within the church has made such constructive dialogue difficult.

"Candid discussion is inhibited. Across the whole spectrum of views within the church, proposals are subject to ideological litmus tests," it says. "Ideas, journals and leaders are pressed to align themselves with pre-existing camps and are viewed warily when they depart from those expectation

Among "urgent questions" to be addressed it cites:

. "The changing roles of women."

"The organization and effectiveness of religious education."

The eucharistic liturgy as most Catholics experience it.

"The meaning of human sexuality and the gap between church teachings and the convictions of many faithful in this and several other areas of morality."

 "The image and morale of priests and the declining ratios of priests and vowed

religious to people in the pews."

"The succession of lay people to positions of leadership . . . (and) an adequate formation for ministers, both ordained and lay."

"The ways in which the church is pre-

sent in political life. . . ."

• "The capacity of the church to embrace African-American, Latino and Asian populations, their cultural heritages and their social concerns."

"The survival of Catholic school sys-

tems, colleges and universities, health care facilities and social services" with their distinct mission and identity.

 "The dwindling financial support from parishioners.

The manner of decision-making and

consultation in church governance."

• "The responsibility of theology to authoritative church teachings."

• "The place of collegiality and sub-

sidiarity in the relations between Rome and the American episcopacy."

The statement cites the widely reported

The statement cites the widely reported religious illiteracy of young adult Catholics as a key example of the challenges facing the church and the debilitating impact of ideological wars.

"The practical realities of our young people's needs are quickly lost amid accusations of infidelity to church teachings, reflexive defenses against criticism, or promotion of pet educational cism, or promotion of pet educational approaches," it says. "It is an atmosphere unlikely to generate the massive and creative effort required to meet today's crisis of religious illiteracy or link it with young people's search for a sense of participation and belonging." On liturgy, it says, "An informal or 'horizontal' liturgy, demystified and

stressing the participation of the congregation, is pitted against a solemn or vertical' liturgy, unchangeable and focused on the sacerdotal action of the

Neither extreme captures the fullness of the liturgy, it says, but "again polar-ization blocks a candid and constructive response to the situation," hindering the needed liturgical renewal.

"The same dynamic of fear and polari-zation afflicts the church's discussions of other topics, from efforts to accommodate language or practice to the changing consciousness of women to efforts to define theology's relationship to the hierarchy," the statement says.

Among seven other bishops joining the project are Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles and Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati, who like Cardinal Bernardin is a former president of the

National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The priests, nuns and lay people joining the cardinal's initiative include such the cardinal's initiative include such diverse public figures as former Gov. Robert P. Casey of Pennsylvania, 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge John T. Noonan Jr., AFL-CIO President John J. Sweeney, American Enterprise Institute scholar Michael Novak, Commonweal Editor Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, Harvard Divinity School professor Father I. Bryan Hehir, and Fordham University J. Bryan Hehir, and Fordham University

J. Bryan Hehir, and Fordham University theology professor Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson, a Sister of St. Joseph.

The text of "Called to be Catholic" can be ordered for \$2 from National Pastoral Life Center, 18 Bleecker St., New York, NY 10012. Telephone (212) 431-7825; fax (212) 274-9786. Bulk rates are available for orders of 50 or more.

'Common Ground' sets ground rules it urges Catholics to be guided by

CHICAGO (CNS)-If Catholics want to re-establish a common ground, they to re-establish a common ground, they need to follow some ground rules, says "Called to be Catholic," a framework statement for a new Catholic unity initiative announced Aug. 12 by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago.

The initiative, called the Catholic Common Ground Project, is an attempt to get II.S. Catholics to and factional hicker.

get U.S. Catholics to end factional bicker-ing and work together on the deeper challenges facing the church as it approaches the third millennium. Here are some of the ground rules or

"working principles" the statement urges
Catholics to be guided by:

"We should recognize that no sin-

gle group or viewpoint in the church has a complete monopoly on the truth."
While bishops and the pope have a special God-given role, "they too exercise their office by taking counsel with one another and with the experience of the

• "We should presume that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith. whom we differ are acting in good tall.

They deserve civility, charity and a good-faith effort to understand their concerns," not dismissive labels.

"We should put the best possible construction on differing positions"

looking for good points instead of just

attacking weak ones.

"We should be cautious in ascribing motives. We should not impugn another's love of the church and loyalty to it."

"We should bring the church to

engage the realities of contemporary cul-ture," critically addressing both its "valid achievements and real dangers."

The 'Common Ground' committee includes eight bishops, 16 others

CHICAGO (CNS)—Here is the list of the committee of bishops and other Catholic leaders established by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago to work on the Catholic Common Ground Project

announced in Chicago Aug. 12.

The project is an initiative to revitalize the church in the United States by getting beyond polarizations that have divided it in recent decades.

The National Pastoral Life Center in New York is to staff the project, with James R. Kelly, a sociology professor at Fordham University, assisting as project secretary.

BISHOPS:

· Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of

Chicago.
• Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los

Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile; Ala.

• Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of

Cincinnati. Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee

· Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Bishop Edward J. O'Donnell of Lafayette, La.

Retired Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, Ohio.

OTHERS:

· Former Gov. Robert P. Casey of

Jesuit Father Brian E. Daley, a patristics professor formerly at Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., now at

the University of Notre Dame.

· Thomas J. Donnelly, a Pittsburgh attorney and philanthropist.

• Father Virgilio Elizondo, founder of

the Mexican American Cultural Center

in San Antonio.

• Mary Ann Glendon, a law professor at Harvard University.

• Sister Doris Gottemoeller, president of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

• Father J. Bryan Hehir, counselor for Catholic Relief Services and a professor in this law and society at Harvard

in religion and society at Harvard Divinity School.

· Father Robert Imbelli, a theology pro-

fessor at Boston College.

• St. Joseph Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson, a

theology professor at Fordham University.

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Knights urged to press on in preserving family

Four cardinals, archbishops speak to K of C members on pornography, media violence, abortion, assisted suicide

By Catholic News Service

CHICAGO—The 2,000 people attending the Knights of Columbus international convention Aug. 6-8 were praised and encouraged in their work to fight today's

many "threats to marriage and family life."
At Mass Aug. 5 marking the opening
of the sainthood cause of Father Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knights in 1882 with a group of lay associates in New Haven, Conn., Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell said the fraternal organization today reflects the goals of its founder.

Father McGivney's faith was evident in his struggles to help his family and his concern for the poor even as his own health was failing, said Father
O'Donnell, official promoter of the

o'Donnell, official profiles of the priest's sainthood cause.

"We see the miracle of his faith in his determination to do something for Catholic men and their families in founding the fraternal order of the Knights of Columbus," he added. "We celebrate his work in the fee the care of widows and providing for the care of widows and orphans, in foreseeing the need of Catholic men for fraternal support, companionship and the obligation to share their gifts and

talents with those in need."

A native of Waterbury, Conn., and the A native of Waterbury, Conn., and the oldest of 13 children, Father McGivney died of tuberculosis in 1890 at age 38. The organization he founded now has 1.6 million members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico and other countries.

and other countries.

Among the speakers who encouraged the Knights in their efforts were four of the U.S. cardinals.

Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago at the opening Mass Aug. 6 praised the Knights' "extraordinary leadership to the critical ecclesial and societal issues of today and tomorrow" and their efforts to build "a better world for generations to come." generations to come.

By trusting in God, remaining faithful to the church's magisterium, and working in collaboration with priests, religious, deacons and lay ministers, you have greatly impacted the church in the United States and beyond," he said.

and beyond," he said.

"Your organization has constantly refused to listen to the naysayers of society, the bearers of gloom and doom, those who say some things can never happen, can never be done," the cardinal added. "Rather, you have invested your time, talents and treasure in whatever promotes God's kingdom." promotes God's kingdom.

At the opening night dinner, Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida outlined "a spirituality for families for the third mil-lennium," including appreciation that

"Christian marriage is a vocation." He also emphasized the importance of par-

ent-child relationships.

Baltimore Cardinal William H. Keeler encouraged the Knights to participate in a growing interfaith movement to teach values in public schools and to foster "real character formation" in the classroom. He also spoke at the opening dinner.

Other speakers said pornography, media violence, partial-birth abortion and assisted suicide require the attention and action of the Knights of Columbus and other Catholics.

Archbishop John P. Foley, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications; Gail Quinn, director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pontifications of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pontifications of Cardinal Pro-Life Activities; and Cardinal
Bernard F. Law of Boston, chairman of
the bishops' pro-life committee.

Cardinal Law focused on two recent

Cardinal Law focused on two recent federal appeals court decisions finding a constitutional right to assisted suicide. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to review those cases during its 1996-97 term.

The cardinal said he had no doubt that some people "mistakenly support physician assisted suicide in the name of

cian-assisted suicide in the name of compassion.'

Quite the contrary, such acts are the refusal of compassion, a refusal to suffer with another," Cardinal Law said. "Once we decide, as a nation, that physician-as-sisted suicide is allowable, then there will be no stopping those who would determine who shall and who shall not be allowed to live."

In her remarks Quinn said, "We must decide, now, what kind of people we are and want to be or we will wake up one morning and have to ask ourselves-what

kind of people have we become?"
Archbishop Foley urged the Knights to support media education to combat pornography and excessive violence in

Such programming becomes popular not only because of our fallen human nature but because people have not been trained to become discriminating and constructively critical consumers of the media," he said.

He encouraged the conferees to sponsor and encourage media education pro-grams in schools. "Sometimes we fear that the media tell us what to think," he said. "Even more troublesome is that the media tell us what to think about—and unless we are aware of this, we will not

be the informed citizens of our nation that we should be."

In business meetings, delegates urged receiting assisted suicide, abortion and indecency in media.

In a series of resolutions approved Aug.



Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin of Hartford, Conn., (right) and Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J., concelebrate a Mass at the annual Knights of Columbus convention in Chicago Aug. 5. The Mass marked the Inauguration of the sainthood cause of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Catholic fraternal organization.

the 464 voting delegates also called on public officials to "adopt laws and policies that address the conditions of poverty and deprivation that cause some persons to turn to abortion in desperation, and to seek viable alternatives to abortion, for example, through the appropriate updating and streamlining of adoption laws." In a resolution called "Crusade for

Life," the Knights warned of "grave violations of the right to life . . . through such intrinsically evil practices . . . as abortion, partial-birth abortion, infanticide, assisted

suicide, euthanasia, and unnecessary resort to the death penalty."

The delegates asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review and reject "horrendous" decisions by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco and the 2nd Appeals in San Francisco and the 2nd Circuit Court in New York, which would allow assisted suicide in Washington state

and New York state, respectively.

In his report to the convention Aug. 6,
Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant said "the list of threats to marriage and family life is all too familiar," including divorce, abortion, child abuse, undermining of parental rights and demands that same-sex

unions be recognized as marriages.

But the Knights' purpose "is not simply to deplore and oppose," he added. "Rather, we wish to celebrate and affirm the model

we wish to celebrate and artiff the model of marriage and family held out to us by Pope John Paul and our church."

A Maryland family that exemplifies "the spirit of Christian family life" was honored as international family of the year. Martin and Christine Luchansky year. Martin and Christine Luchansky of Mount Airy, Md., along with daugh-ters Anne Marie, Andrea and Susan were honored for work including parish and community volunteer work.

Abstain from meat for partial-birth abortions, Cardinal O'Connor asks

By Catholic News Service

NEW YORK—Cardinal John J.
O'Connor of New York has asked
Catholics to wage a spiritual struggle
against partial-birth abortions by committing themselves to abstain from meat on

Fridays for the next year.

He also urged Catholics and others to write to President Clinton and to their members of Congress urging that

partial-birth abortions be outlawed.

He made the requests in his weekly column, "From My Viewpoint," in the Aug. 8 issue of Catholic New York, his archdiocesan newspaper.

Cardinal O'Connor described the "barbaric procedure" of partial-birth abortion as "infanticide."

Partial-birth abortion is the direct killing of an innocent human person. No subtleties here. No room for maneuver,"

"A baby can be all but delivered from its mother's womb, its feet, legs and entire body out of the womb, with only the head inside," he said. "In some cases the doctor has to hold the baby by the neck so that the head doesn't slip out before he can puncture it with a knife

and suck the brain out.

"If the baby should slip to the floor
before he can do this, and he then kills
it, he is charged with murder. If he kills
it with the head in the womb, he is with-

This spring Congress passed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, prohibiting the procedure unless the mother's life was at stake. President Clinton vetoed the legislation April 8.

A veto override effort is expected shortly after Congress reconvenes from

its August recess.
"Why a year (of abstinence) if the partial-birth abortion vote is taken in early September?" Cardinal O'Connor asked. "One, if the presidential veto is not overridden we will continue to abstain while continuing our efforts to

change minds and hearts.

"Even more we will abstain as compensation for the sins of a nation that has permitted this horror. If the veto is overridden, we will abstain in gratitude to God." to God.'

Abstinence from meat, a traditional form of penance for Catholics on Fridays throughout the year, was once

required under church law.

After Pope Paul VI revised the laws on penitential practices in 1968 to make room for adaptations based on local culture and conditions, many bishops' conferences including the U.S. conference adopted policies permitting Catholics to substitute an alternative form of penance on Fridays.

Since then, church leaders have often

expressed regrets that many Catholics who quit abstaining from meat did not replace it with any other form of penance as they

were supposed to do.

Pope Paul's reform and subsequent church law have continued to emphasize the triple Christian duty of prayer, the triple Christian duty of prayer, penance and acts of charity, with the Fridays of the year and the season of Lent as special times of penance.

The 1983 Code of Canon Law says that "abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to

tions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays.'



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Indian Mission Director Pleads for Help

Special to The Criterion

THOREAU, NM - As Catholics around the world celebrate the season of Pentecost, the director, priest, sisters, lay missionaries and staff of a New Mexico Mission school are concerned about urgentlyneeded help. They work daily to make quality Catholic education a reality for American Indian children in their care.

These children "do without" as a way of life ... will you help them?

Trusting in God, everyone at the Mission prays for urgently-needed help. We struggle to pay our bills month to month and the added expenses of books, workbooks and supplies as we prepare for a new schoolyear have us praying and pleading for more people who care about these boys and girls.

St. Bonaventure Mission started a school more than a decade ago when the founder

international family of the

realized the Indian children in the Mission's CCD classes didn't have even the most basic reading and writing skills. Today over 300 children, most of them Native American, join in prayer to keep their school from closing.

The Indian boys and girls attending St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School live with the following realities:

- . 55% of the Navajo population cannot read or write;
- · McKinley County (where the Mission is located) has the highest poverty rate (43%) in the state:
- . The suicide rate among Navajo teenagers is ten times higher than for their age group in the U.S. population at large.
- · McKinley County has the highest alcoholism rate in the United States.

A nearly 40-member strong corps of dedicated lay missionaries

teach and carry out the other work of the Mission. This "other work" includes maintaining the buses and vans which travel the remote mesas to bring the children to school; preparing two nourishing meals daily for the children; and bringing both food and water to aging Navajos living in poverty in remote areas of the barren Reservation.

New lay missionaries often ask, "Can this be America?"

For many of our students, the school at St. Bonaventure Mission is their "last hope." They've experienced failure in other schools or inability to get to school from great distances.

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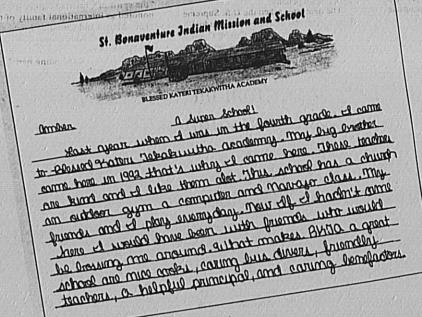
I'm turning to you for help. I pray you will join me in a partnership of prayer, love and concern.

My concern is for the children at St. Bonaventure Mission School. Without caring friends like you we can't exist.

Many of the 300 children coming to us from the eastern Navajo Reservation live in near Third-World conditionssome have no electricity or running water; despair bred by poverty; and poverty of spirit due to neglect, dysfunctional family life and alcoholism. In our school we provide education which gives hope for the future to these children, two meals a day, and a nurturing environment.

This fall our needs are especially great. The high costs for books, workbooks and supplies for each classroom and for each child have me asking God how we'll meet these expenses. I pray you will join in our love for these children through your financial help and your prayers.

Bob O'Connell, Director



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Entertainment

Viewing with Arnold/James W. Arnold

'Courage Under Fire' examines combat heroism

"Courage Under Fire" grapples with huge moral issues, like the importance of truth. It

also belongs in the rather proud tradition of movies exploring the nature of heroism.

That's a subject we learn more about from pop culture than any other source. Consider how the Olympics, celebrity, and wealth confer "heroism." Consider

the term "action hero" and how easily we toss it around. Despite it all, we really do have significantly symbolic movie heroes in our culture, from "Rocky" to "Forrest Gump." By our icons they will know us.

'Courage" is about the ambiguities of heroism in war. Although the setting is the Gulf War, writer Patrick Duncan and director Edward Zwick ("Glory" and "Legends of the Fall") are of the Vietnam generation and essentially working the same territory as such Vietnam movies as "Hair," "The Deer "Platoon" and "Born on the Fourth

of July." Are heroes real or do we create them because we need them?
Unfortunately, this new film is a bit

too cool-headed and eventually makes some compromises. It lacks the creative passion that results from an intense opinion on the matter.

As the protagonist, Lt. Col. Nat Serling, Denzel Washington is a man honored as a hero in combat who knows that his medal is a sham. As a tank commander in Desert Storm, in the confusion of a night attack, he mistakenly gave the order to fire that destroyed another U.S. tank commanded by his best friend. In Duncan's screenplay, the Army can see no practical value to anyone

involved in telling the real truth.

Ironically, Nat is assigned by his
Pentagon boss (Michael Moriarty) to investigate the case of a posthumous Medal of Honor candidate. She is Capt. Karen Walden, a medevac chopper pilot whose actions presumably saved the lives

of nearly a dozen trapped men.
Since she would be the first female winner of that highest combat honor, it would be a huge politically correct media

event. Everybody wants it to happen.
"This is gold," as a White House aide
puts it. As the medal is put around the neck of her young daughter, "there won't be a dry eye from Nashua to Sacramento."

Military medal investigations don't quite work with the rigor of a canonization case. Nat doesn't have to function as a devil's advocate. But racked by his own guilt, he's determined to pass off no more lies for the sake of PR. He wants to "get it right."

So the story is a detective story. This very tough judge makes his agonized odyssey toward truth as he interviews the survivors of Karen's mission to see if she has earned her medal. As the men talk



CNS photo from Reuters

Young actress Thera Birch and teen-age actor Vincent Karthelser star as bickering siblings searching for their dad in the wilderness of "Alaska." The U.S. Catholic Conference classities the adventure film A-II for adults and adolescents.

ions on both sides, and Nat fears another

cover-up is in the making.

But the outcome is foreordained. No way in this decade is the version of the most macho witness (Lou Diamond Phillips)-that she's a coward who broke down in the crunch-going to be true. No way is this young single mom going to be revealed as unworthy or inade

The deck is slightly stacked because Karen, who appears only in flashback, is played by Meg Ryan (with gusto and down-home drawl). She's proven she can play negative roles, but that never seems likely here. (As one magazine nicely caught the movie's pitch, "The Homecoming Queen's got a gun in . . .")

In unhappy fact, Ryan's casting cre-ates needless credibility problems. She's dicey enough in the combat scenes to raise some unwanted doubts about women in this situation, and the emotions of both genders when thrown together under life-and-death stress.

Phillips is outstanding in a role that offers him few chances for subtlety, and young Matt Damon steals several scenes as a young medic who admires Walden but fails her in the crisis. Scott Glenn is

helpful as a Washington Post reporter, one of the few characters who wants the public to know all the dirty secrets.

An issue somewhat dodged is whether the public wants the media to tell the truth or prefers (to paraphrase the famous remark about John Ford's westerns) the emotionally uplifting legend.

In essence, the movie is about con-science, and the inability of individuals to live with lies even if institutions (like the Army) decide that is the most prag-matic course. Dishonesty, or lack of integrity, brings its own punishment, often worse when self-inflicted. Overall, "Courage" is tough and sin-

cere, a moderately heavy movie in a season of lightweights. When it shows Walden's battle for a third time, in the true" version, it aims for decent ambiguity. But it wants too badly to have something like the big White House ending—with the honest, redeemed hero honoring the dead heroine as the jets fly over in salute.

(Probing drama of conscience; GI language; satisfactory for mature youth and adults.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults.

Film Classifications

Recently reviewed by the USCC

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A-I — general patronage; A-II — adults and adolescents; A-III — adults; A-IV — adults, with reservations; O — morally offensive

(and avoid talking), there are strong opinexplores remote islands 'Galapagos: Beyond Darwin'

By Henry Herx and Gerri Pare Cathelic News Service

Journeying to the birthplace of the theory of evolution is the science docu-mentary "Galapagos: Beyond Darwin," airing Sunday, Aug. 18, from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. on cable's Discovery Channel. (Check local cable listings to

verify the program date and time.)
Located on the equator some 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, the

Galapagos Islands were visited by Charles Darwin in 1835, and the strange species he found there were to lead him years later to postulate the theory of evolution.

Formed some 3 million years ago from lava erupting from seabed volcanoes, the Galapagos archipelago remained free of human inhabitants until recent times.

It is precisely that lack of human interference with the process of nature which has made these islands of special interest to biologists.

The documentary is the result of a month-long scientific expedition to the Galapagos sponsored by the Discovery

Staffed primarily by marine biologists, much of the program is devoted to the strange sea life found in depths as low as 3,000 feet.

Using the latest equipment, including a two-man submersible equipped with suction tubes to gather specimens for later study aboard their ship, the scientists found more than two dozen new

species. The visuals show that the lower the depth, the brighter the coloring of marine life, including strange forms related to batfish, jellyfish and sea anemones.

Discoveries were also made on land by a paleontologist who spent much of his time excavating for fossils in levels of sediment dating back to the Ice Age.
The value of these discoveries may

elude those who are not scientists, but the natural habitat of the islands and the creatures living on them are visually

fascinating.
Produced and directed by David Clark and Al Giddings, the program also shows how this once-pristine environment is changing with daily jet flights that bring more than 50,000 tourists a year to the islands.

Though the Ecuadorean authorities are trying hard to preserve this once-iso-lated habitat, the mounds of garbage and other evidence of human disruption indicate that it is a losing battle.

This visit to the Galapagos is a

record of a beautiful natural paradise which is in danger of becoming another tourist park.

TV Programs of Note
Sunday, Aug. 18, 8-10 p.m. (A&E
cable) "Jerry Lewis: The Last American
Clown." This special two-hour "Biography" series episode chronicles the life of the charitable 70-year-old comedian.

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 10-11:05 p.m. (PBS) "Dr. Laura Schlessinger on Character, Courage and Conscience." Morality and the quest for happiness are scrutinized by Dr. Laura Schlessinger in this lecture taped before a live audience. The psychotherapist, author and syndicated radio talk show host makes a strong case for rejecting the egoism of the times that stresses self-fulfillment over all else.

Thursday, Aug. 22, 8-10 p.m. (CBS)
"Family Film Awards." This awards special broadcast live honors quality family fare in 15 categories, including motion pictures, television series, and perform ers. The awards program presenters also recognize comedian Bob Hope with a

lifetime achievement award.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 9-11 p.m. (NBC)

"Moment of Truth: Broken Pledges." A
college freshman's needless death motivates his mother to get anti-hazing legislation passed in this rebroadcast of a fact-based drama about a fraternity's "Hell Week" activities and inhumane treatment of pledges.

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



CNS photo by David Clark for Discovery Channel

land iguana is one of many creatures featured in the Discovery Channel's "Galapages; Beyond vin" airing Aug. 18 on the cable station. The nature special showcases the diversity, beauty scientific wonder of the isolated islands off the coast of Ecuador.

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 18, 1996

- Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
 Romans 11:13-15, 22-32
- · Matthew 15:21-28

The first reading this weekend is from the prophecy of Isaiah.



Some nations and ethnic groups have ancient legacies of per-secution. One such group is the Armenians. While Armenia—the first national society to embrace Christianitymissionized, it is said by one of the apostles, it once was a mighty

empire, however its fortunes fell. For centuries the Armenians lived under the heel of outsiders, first Turkey, then Russia under the czars, and finally the Russian Communists. Early in this century, Turkey attempted to annihilate the

Armenians altogether. Only since 1991 has
Armenia had control of its own destiny.
Another people persecuted for centuries
have been the Jews. Persecution has come in a thousand places, in a thousand forms. For example, 2,500 years ago, the Jewish survivors of Babylonia's conquest of the Holy Land lived as hostages in Babylon. At last they were allowed to return home. But after this return they discovered that life was no paradise.

Not only persecution and poverty test the human spirit. But God's mercy and peace refresh people whatever their difficulty.

This weekend's reading reminds listeners that God will rescue them from their them.

woes. He will save them from death. But to win God's favor, people must love God and obey the divine will.

The second reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. This passage is addressed to Gentiles, those who were not Jews. Interestingly, Paul is called the "Apostle to the Gentiles." It is interesting because by his own identification, Paul was the most observant of Jews. Nevertheless, his great missionary energy was spent on behalf of Gentiles. He went

far and wide through the Gentile world of

his time to preach the Gospel and to bring to Gentiles the mercy of God revealed and present in the Lord Jesus.

St. Matthew's Gospel, the source of the third reading, provides the story of the Lord's meeting with the Canaanite woman. Mark's Gospel has the same story.

Very often when people today read this story, they miss much of its impact. Why? Chance encounters are as usual today as they were then. However, an important difference pertains to this story.

Now men speak to women, women to men, persons of one background to another. In the Lord's case, this was by no means the situation. Three aspects of this encounter would have been revolutionary among the contemporaries of Jesus.

First, the Lord spoke to a pagan. No

devout Jew would have thought of such

Secondly, Jesus spoke to a woman. Jewish men did not speak to women. Even public conversations between husbands and wives were rare.

Thirdly, the Lord promised God's healing for the woman's daughter. In strictly religious Jewish eyes, God did bless pagans.

The story, of course, reveals that faith dismisses all these accidental differences. All stand in God's light if they have faith. To those of faith, God's favor extends indiscriminately.

Reflection

The Gospel refines a point clearly made by the first reading from Isaiah. God alone is the source of mercy and hope in human life. God is above all and, in this almighty presence, God rescues us from all evil.

However, again as the first reading implied, evil varies from one life to another. The ultimate evil is to reject God. Tempting such rejection may be physical trouble or problems of the spirit.
Regardless, God is the answer.
God is available to all. But the love of

God is all-inclusive. Indeed, in God's eyes each person is treasured, unique, and a the world. No one, therefore, should allow guilt or doubt or fear to lead him or her away from God.

Daily Readings

Monday, Aug. 19 John Eudes, presbyter, religious founder, educator Ezekiel 24:15-24 (Response) Deuteronomy 32:18-21 Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, Aug. 20 Bernard, abbot, presbyter, doctor of the Church Ezekiel 28:1-10 (Response) Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36 Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, Aug. 21 Pius X, pope Ezekiel 34:1-11 Psalm 23:1-6 Matthew 20:1-16a

Thursday, Aug. 22 The Queenship of Mary Ezekiel 36:23-28 Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19 Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, Aug. 23 Rose of Lima, virgin Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 107:2-9 Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, Aug. 24 Bartholomew, apostle Revelation 21:9b-14 Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18 John 1:45-51

The Pope Teaches

Vocation to virginity motivated by desire to follow Christ with an undivided heart

By Pope John Paul II Remarks at audience Aug. 7

In our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we have seen that Mary desired to remain a virgin throughout her life.

Her intention to commit herself completely to the Lord in this way has tradi-tionally been considered the beginning and the inspiration of consecrated vir-

ginity in the church.

Certainly Mary's choice of virginity
was the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace,
which prepared her for her vocation as

the mother of Christ.

Today God's grace continues to inspire many young men and women, inviting them to devote themselves to him and to the service of their brothers and sisters.

More than a renunciation of human values, the vocation to virginity is a choice for higher values, motivated by a desire to follow Christ with an undivided heart.

In the history of the church, how many young women, inspired by Mary's example, have embraced the ideal of virginity! Their virginity has been a source of immense spiritual fruitfulness, a source of motherhood in the Holy Spirit (cf. "Redemptoris Mater," 43), witness to God's primacy over all things, and a prophetic anticipation of the life of heaven.

Through Mary's intercession, let us ask God to awaken in the church a renewed esteem for the gift of virginity and a great flowering of vocations to the

My Journey to God

The Buckeye

The Good Lord made it. Man named

The Good Lord made it. Man named it. And just as surely as God created it—the buckeye—he created me.

I hold the buckeye in my hand. My Creator holds me in his hand. I feel the buckeye in my pocket, where it resides during my waking hours. (It's been there for a long time now, but then our Creator has had us on his mind for quite awhile too.) God keeps sight of me, his child, just as surely as I keep track of the buckeye.

I move the buckeye between my fingers in a kind of meditation, in communion with our Creator. Sometimes I move it about aimlessly. I touch the buckeye whenever. God never loses touch with me. The buckeye is a visible reminder to me of God wherever I am.

The buckeye has, like me, a rough

reminder to me of God wherever I am.

The buckeye has, like me, a rough
texture. Yet like me in God's hand, my
pocket imparts a smoothness on the
buckeye, even produces a luster. God
does that as he indwells people, me
specifically. He puts a certain radiant
countenance on my facial skin. He smoothes out my rough spots wherever they are. The buckeye has an uneven symmetry, not quite round. Same here. God is rounding me into his image. But let me not get ahead of God; My new shape and my new body is fully perfected only at heaven-time. But the shaping is underway now.

The buckeye is named for its center core. God has given me a center core too. He has also given me a pair of every

too. He has also given me a center core too. He has also given me a pair of eyes. God is writing on my center core, my heart, as surely as I write this on a computer. All I need to do is issue to him the langest that the surely surely all the surely sure heart, as surely as I write this on a computer. All I need to do is issue to him the invitation to imprint and seal me with his mark. Like a beavenly optometrist, God checks and improves my spiritual vision. All I need to do is make the appointment with him.

The buckeye represents vast potential. Me too. From this seed will grow a huge tree. Its growth above the ground will nearly be equaled in size by its root network under the soil.

I represent vast potential. As I sink my roots deeper into God's presence (or is that the other way around?), he produces in me a strong fruit-bearing person to walk on this earth and do his will.

The developing buckeye needs water. He waters me with his Holy Spirit.

I will continue to carry the buckeye. It reminds me of my Creator and all his creation. Same with God. He'll continue to hold me in his band.

By Walter Glover

(Walter Glover is a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus.

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August 16

A pro-life rosary will be prayed every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr. 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. Bene-diction will be before Mass. Everyone is welcome.

St. Susanna Church, Main St., Plainfield, will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. every Friday. All

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

Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis, will hold Team Picture Day from 6:30-9:30 a.m. For more information, call 317-927-7828.

August 16-17

St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, will

hold "Festival of August Moon" from 5 p.m.-midnight on Friday and from 11 a.m.-midnight on Saturday. Festival will feature a great diversity of ethnic foods.

August 17

St. Christopher Parish, Indiana-polis, Singles and Friends will meet for movie night at the Clermont Drive-In. For time and more information, call Barb at 317-481-9349.

August 18

St. Anthony Parish, Clarksville, and St. John Parish, Starlight, will hold the "Be Not Afraid Family Holy Hour" each Sunday at 6 p.m.

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, Indianaon Fatrick Church, Indiana-polis, will have two Masses in Spanish at 11 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church, Indiana-polis, 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.

St. Pius Church, Sunman, will hold its parish picnic from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. featuring quilt raf-fle, chicken dinners, games,

The regular monthly euchre and bunco party, sponsored by the Women's Club of St. Patrick's Church, Indianapolis, will be held at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$1.25.

Little Sister of the Poor and St. Augustine's Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, will hold a holy hour starting at 4:15 p.m. and includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, evening prayer and Benediction.

August 20

day at 7:30 p.m. For more infor-mation, 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.

The "Be Not Afraid Holy Hour" vill be held at the Waiz's home in Jeffersonville at 7 p.m.

St. Malachy Parish, Browns-burg, will hold a Country Social

Bingo starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Brenda King at 317-852-3195.

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles and Friends will hold a Peer Faith Sharing evening at 7:30 p.m. in the annex of the church. For more information, call Luise at 317-297-8008 or Andrew at 317-241-7172.

August 21

Cardinal Ritter High School, 3360 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, will hold a Booster Club social meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information, call Alan MacDonald at 317-927-7828.

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

The "Be Not Afraid Family Holy Hour" will be held at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Church, New Albany. All are welcome.

The Catholic Widowed Organization will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Mary Koors at 317-887-9388.

Calvary Cemetery Chapel, Indianapolis, will hold Mass at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

August 22

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August 23

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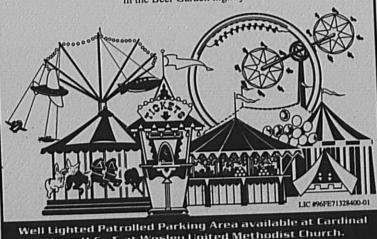
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Abortion of one of twin fetuses raises ethical questions in Britain

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Even pro-choice newspapers called the idea of destroying one fetus while leaving the other to live 'repugnant'

By Paulinus Barnes, Catholic News Service

MANCHESTER, England-Little was known about the woman. She was 28, a single mother in dire economic straits and pregnant with twins.

What catapulted her into the center of a national debate was her plea to doctors to abort only one of the fetuses she was carrying. She said she was unable to cope financially with the burden of two extra children.

August is a traditionally quiet time for the British media, and the twin abortion story surfaced after weeks of debate on the frozen embryos, thousands of which were destroyed by clinics on Aug. 1.

It dominated newspaper front pages and led radio

and TV news bulletins.

A report of the medical and ethical dilemma faced by the doctors at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, first appeared in a national newspaper, The Sunday Express, Aug. 4. The report indicated that the abortion was

The doctor at the center of the case, Dr. Philip Bennett, told the paper: "Killing one healthy twin sounds unethical. But my colleagues and I concluded this week that it would be better to terminate one pregnancy as soon as possible and leave one alive than to lose two babies." lose two babies.

The report was picked up by other newspapers—prompting a rush of offers from pro-life offering the unknown woman cash to keep both groups, offer her children.

By Aug. 6, the total was reported to be in excess of

One pro-life group, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, went to court when the hospital said it was unable to pass on offers of help to the woman, because it needed to protect her confidentiality.

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a psychiatrist, or psychologist, who understands twins and bereavements," she said in an article in *The* Independent newspaper Aug. 7.
"When you have got twins and one is aborted, you have the live twin in front of you as a constant reminder," she said in the article. "We don't have the evidence to tell whether there will be damage to the other twin, but there could be trauma.'

The society won a court injunction to prevent the abor-

That was when the truth about the case emerged—the abortion had already occurred. The hospital declined to

give details of exactly when, but most newspapers indi-cated that it happened in early July.

Abortion has been legal in Britain since 1967, and

a healthy, naturally conceived twin being selectively

more than 3 million pregnancies have been terminated since then. But it is believed that this is the first case of

The British Medical Association said the abortion raised no new issues. Dr. Vivienne Nathanson, head of

science and ethics at the association, said the abortion was the same as any other abortion at 16 weeks.

But the way the case caught the imagination of the

British media suggested that, whatever else it may be, the abortion of one twin while leaving the other to live was

not the same as any other abortion.

The London-based newspaper The Guardian, which usually is a bastion of a woman's right to choose, said

in an Aug. 6 editorial that "the idea of destroying one

Dr. Wendy Savage, spokeswoman for Doctors for a Woman's Choice in Abortion, said she found the

unknown woman's request strange.
"If I was faced with it, I would want the woman to see

fetus while leaving the other to live (was) inexplicably

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

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Savage said the case was being used by anti-abortion

groups as part of their campaign to abolish abortion.

The cash offers from pro-life groups prompted other questions: Why this woman? Why this abortion? The campaigning group Life already offers support to pregnant women who would not otherwise be able to continue their pregnancies, but no group has ever offered the sort of money made available to this woman.

The pro-life groups have faced accusations of publicity seeking and opportunism. But as Jack Scarisbrick, chairman of Life, said: "Selective terminations are entirely lawful. What is interesting is that people are still shocked. People don't realize the extent to which gynecology has got so callous."

Life announced Aug. 6 that any money promised to the charity to help the anonymous woman would now be used to fund other women facing abortion because of financial pressures.

Babies are priceless," said Scarisbrick. "Nobody should have to consider abortion because they cannot afford to keep them.

He said the surviving twin could experience feelings of guilt at having survived when his twin did not and perhaps difficulty in relating to "a mother who had fatally 'betrayed' one of her children."

Phyllis Bowman, national director of Society for the

Protection of Unborn Children, said her group would continue to battle for a change in Britain's abortion law, under which "3,500 unborn infants are systematically killed each week."

"Tragically, this scenario is all too typical of a society where abortion is seen as the answer to problems arising in pregnancy, with little or no effort made to provide a human alternative," she added.

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Youth News/Views

CYO camp experiences form lifetime memories

By Mary Ann Wyand Second of two parts

Did you ever hear the story of "Thump Thump, Drag" while sitting around a blaz-ing campfire in the middle of a Brown woods at night?

If you did, then you must have spent at least one summer week during the past five decades as a Catholic Youth Organization camper at either Camp Rancho Framasa or

the former Camp Christina near Nashville.
CYO campers have been hearing that exciting tale and other scary ghost stories for 50 years. And depending on the storytelling skills of the camp counselors, the gruesome narrative has made more than a few young campers cautiously look over their shoul-

ders into the dark night.

It's all part of the fun at CYO camp,
where cherished memories are made with where cherished memories are made will newfound friends during warm summer days spent hiking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, and learning other outdoor sports and living skills. Perhaps that's why CYO campers come home from Brown County and

share childhood stories of treasured

camp adventures for years.
Former camper Georgie Kelly from
Prince of Peace Parish in Madison and former camp counselor Sally Maloney Happel
of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis recently shared stories of their long-ago camp adventures.

As a teen-ager, Kelly won the boot race in a camp horse show with a pony formerly owned by her family.

"We flew down to the other end of the field," she recalled, "and I got my boot on and was back before the other riders were even able to get their shoes on. Everyone was stunned. That was my proudest camp moment!"

Happel remembers being chosen to shoot a kerosene-soaked, rag-tipped arrow into the sky over the lake during the Indian pageant. "Luckily," she said, "the arrow was extinguished in the lake!"

Now horseback riders wear safety helmets during trail rides, and counselors don't shoot

fire arrows into the lake anymore.

Edward Tinder, executive director of the archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization, describes CYO camp as "a living classroom or church because it involves

hands-on experiences in a beautiful setting created by God."
Part of the beauty of CYO camping is that "there are very few things that stay with a child longer or are more effective in developing a child's moral character," Tinder "CYO camp involves getting back to the basics of young people learning about themselves and how to cooperate with each other to achieve a goal, live in harmony, and develop spiritually, socially and physically. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis owes a huge debt of gratitude to all the camp direc-tors and counselors who have labored out of love for these past 50 years at CYO camp.

Tinder visits Camp Rancho Framasa often to meet with camp director Kevin Sullivan of Nashville to discuss facilities improvements and camping programs. Tinder and his wife, Kathy, also have driven their children to camp many times.

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As the camp director, Kevin Sullivan frequently talks about how Catholic camping makes a difference in the lives of children because of the faith programming.

A eucharistic liturgy celebrated every
Thursday afternoon and daily prayer time are

important parts of the Catholic camping experience, Sullivan said. In recent year counselors also have taught campers how to earn St. John Bosco faith beads for leadership, service, spirituality, appreciation of nature, and other attributes.

"CYO Camp Rancho Framasa commits its resources to promoting the spiritual, emotional, and physical development of youth through high-quality programs and interactive learning in an outdoor setting," he said. "Each morning and evening the campers gather for Scripture and chapel. This is a time when the camper has the opportunity to reflect on God's word and a thought for the day."



Kids have been shooting arrows into the woods at Camp Rancho Framasa near Mashville for half a century. The Catholic Youth Organization's camping program in Brown County celebrates its 50th nniversary this sum

Sullivan also promotes "the special world of CYO Camp Rancho Framasa," which is accredited by the American Camping Association, as a place where counselors "strive to teach youth how to cooperate with each other to achieve a common goal, appreciate the gifts and talents of other human beings, and learn about themselves.

Both Camp Rancho Framasa and the former Camp Christina were built by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis during the 1940s on 280 acres of wooded land in Brown County which was given to the

church by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dingley.

Camp Rancho Framasa opened in the summer of 1946, Tinder said. To recognize the generosity of the Dingley family, it was named in honor of their three daughters,

Frances, Martha and Samuella.

Frances, Martha and Samuella.

"The 1946 camping season consisted of two sessions, one for the Junior Catholic Daughters of America and the other for the St. Philip Neri Boy Scout Troop," Tinder said. "To prepare for future developments, a camp committee was formed with Monsignor Albert Busald, former pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, as St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, as chairman.

The new camp received a grant from the Lilly Endowment for a water filtration sys-tem, funds authorized by Archbishop Paul Schulte for the construction of a dam for

the present reservoir lake, and additional funding, publicity and recruitment of campers from a Children's Camp Drive organized by Mrs. Fred Haunss.

Gifts from the Knights of Columbus Council No. 437 made possible the construction of a showerhouse and bunkhouse in 1948, Tinder said. CYO was able to construct a second bunkhouse at Camp Rancho Framasa in 1950 with funds

donated by St. Philip Neri Parish.

In recent years, CYO has received financial assistance for camp improvements from the Community Chest, now called United Way, as well as Lilly Endowment, the former Catholic Salvage Bureau, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, and the generosity of many other individuals. Donations designated for the CYO Camp Scholarship Fund help pay camping fees for center-city children.

Today the CYO camping program has grown to include the traditional camp for youth aged 7 to 17, Adventure Camp for teens aged 13 to 15, Adventure Plus for campers 15 to 17, Skemota Village for 12through 15-year-olds, Mustang Camp for horse lovers aged 13 to 15, and the Coun-

selor-in-Training Program for teen-agers entering the 10th through 12th grades.

And camp counselors still tell the tragic story of "Thump, Thump, Drag"!

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Catholic school students sweep Law Day contest

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The first place and a \$100 savings bond was earned by Janelle Knapik, an eighth grader at St. Pius X School in Indianapolis, for her essay on "Woman's Voting Rights: A Change for the Better." Amy Yacko, an eighth-grade student at St.

Matthew School in Indianapolis, took the second place award with her essay on "Who Put the 'Dream' into the Constitution?"

Nola Akiwowo of St. Luke School in Indianapolis got third prize for "The U.S. Constitution—The Original American Dream," the formal theme of the contest, and St. Luke student Katie Wales earned the fourth place award.

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Honorable mention awards went to B.
Kelly Bedwell, Emily Kelly and Stephanie
Kennedy, all from St. Jude School in
Indianapolis, as well as Andy Grau of St.
Pius X School and Kathryn Hanna of St.

Pius X School and Kathryn Hainia of St.
Matthew School.
Others selected as finalists were Sean
Lamb and Jill McGlinchey of St. Matthew
School, Courtney Wooton of St. Michael
School in Indianapolis, and Kathleen
Martin, David Moore, Joe Thompson and
Katherine Weber, all of St. Pius X School.

Of the 20 students who won prizes or honorable mention recognition, 16 were from Catholic schools.

Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh has proclaimed Sept. 7 as "YouthFest" Day in Indiana.

Sept. 7 as "YouthFest" Day in Indiana.
The third annual youth celebration of
Christian values begins at 9 a.m. on Sept.
7 at the Bloomington Speedway.
Eight contemporary Christian bands,
celebrity guest speakers, and a variety of
fun activities for youth and young adults
will be featured throughout the day.
"YouthFest" promotes sexual purity
before and during marriage. For ticket
information, call 800-775-9395.

"Godstock," an outdoor Christian concert scheduled Aug. 17 at the ABSA Camp at Bonar Lake near Syracuse, will feature a full day of music and fellowship and is open to the public.

The annual event dates back to 1994, when several members of St. Martin Parish in Syracuse decided to sponsor a Christian music concert. The concert is designed to "bring youth to Christ

designed to "bring youth to Christ through the celebration of the Christian arts for the glory of God."

Notre Dame student plays minister's wife on TV

By Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service

HOLLYWOOD - Catherine Hicks' past college studies may help in her new role for television.

At the University of Notre Dame, she majored in theology. On television, she'll be playing a minister's wife in the new WB Network family drama "7th Heaven." The series gets a sneak preview Monday, Aug. 26, 8-9 p.m. EDT, before starting its regular-season run in the same time slot effective Sept. 16. In college Hicks, a Catholic, even

considered joining the convent, but felt the work of sisters was too rigorous a challenge for her to meet.

The nuns I know are hip, dedicated women. I couldn't come close to that. I was fascinated with the idea. I wouldn't

have the courage to go to Africa and feed sick people," she said.

Acting just sort of "tapped me on the shoulder," she said, and she has enjoyed it. When asked if her portrayal several years ago of Marilyn Monroe had ever prompted her to consider racier roles, Hicks said, "I didn't go into the busi-ness to strip. I love to act."

Her movie credits include "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home," "Garbo Talks," "She's Outta Control" and the upcoming "Turbulence." On TV, she had regular

roles in the series "Winnetka Road" and Tucker's Witch," plus a string of guest earances and made-for-TV movies.

Hicks added she grew up in "a household that prayed regularly. I loved going to church — you know, holy places, quiet places."

She confessed to being surprised at how little religion is treated on prime

"I'm surprised there aren't more exciting articles battling existentialism vs. atheism vs. faith, because to me, the biggest question a human being would ask is why are we here, is there a God? . . . Let's study history, how is it revealed," she said. "Comparative religions. I think it's just a fascinating topic.

"As human beings I really feel we need another dimension," she added.

7th Heaven" features the Camden family. Dad (Stephen Collins) is a minister of a church whose denomination is not disclosed. Hicks plays Annie, his wife, a well-educated woman who chooses to stay at home with their five children, ages 3 to 16.

The show has "a certain innocence to it," Hicks said, adding that she thinks its creators are "just hoping to have a nice

show that people watch."

Hicks said she also believes in miracles. "I love this little miracle in our show," she added.



Catherine Hicks stars with Stephen Collins in a new WB Television Network program "7th Heaven." Hicks studied theology at the University of Notre Dame before becoming an actress.

In the sneak preview, 10-year-old Simon (David Gallagher) wants a dog so much he goes over his parents' heads and prays to God at the dinner table for one. Dad says the boy can have one if a dog would happen to wander into the back yard without any prompting on Simon's part.

prompting on Simon's part.

The dog appears — thanks to Annie (Hicks), who went to the pound.

"7th Heaven" is part of WB's strategy to install a "family viewing hour" from 8 to 9 p.m. EDT each of the three nights the fledgling network broadcasts.

College president wants to hire David Letterman as a stand-in

By Catholic News Service

LATROBE, Pa. — If David Letterman ever gets fired by CBS, the priest who heads St. Vincent College in Latrobe has

Why Letterman? Whenever Benedictine Father Martin R. Bartel meets people, he's always asked if he knows he looks like the nighttime talk show host.

So, Father Bartel has decided that because his presidential responsibilities are keeping him on the go constantly, maybe he could use Letterman as a stand-in.

"Maybe if CBS ever fires Dave, I could hire him to be my stand-in," said Father Bartel, "but I'm not sure how good a spokesman he would be for St. Vincent."

The boyish-looking Father Bartel said he "looged pearly 25 000 miles in the signal."

"logged nearly 75,000 miles in the air and on the ground last year and met hundreds of alumni, friends, corporate and foundation executives and others.

executives and others.

And "their first question is always the same: Did anyone ever tell you you look like David Letterman? The answer is yes, although I always add that I think that I'm better looking," he said.

"The story of St. Vincent as the hidden jewel is out there," Father Bartel continued, "and one of my top priorities is to accept virtually any invitation to talk about it, unless it requires me to be in two places it, unless it requires me to be in two places

As he begins his second year as head

of one of the nation's top-ranked Catholic liberal arts colleges, Father Bartel said that he wants St. Vincent to be known for its academic excellence, not for a president who also happens to look like Letterman.

St. Vincent has received national recognition by U.S. News and World Report, Money magazine and Barron's in those publications' annual college ratings.

But if he ever could be a guest on "The Late Show with David Letterman," he'd give its national TV audience "the top 10 reasons why our college offers a top 10 reasons why our college offers a
fine educational experience," said Father
Bartel, referring to a staple of the show,
Letterman's Top Ten lists.

The priest noted that he's written to the
show's producers, and "they seemed interested in having me on sometime, perhaps
with same others who look like Daye."

with some others who look like Dave."

Father Bartel believes that the key to success for St. Vincent, a coeducational liberal arts school with an enrollment of 1,260, is public visibility. He writes essays for publications as newspaper op-ed pieces and letters to the editors on a variety of topics.

Fund raising is another part of his job, he said, and it is a humbling one.

"I'm not comfortable with it because I grew up in a family of 10, and my father worked hard every day as a carpet installer. He taught us to work hard and earn our keep and not to rely on charity," he explained. "But at St. Vincent, I have found that many of those whom I solicit are gracious givers who want to become a partner in what we are accomplishing."

When Father Bartel isn't in the air or at the

wheel of his four-wheel drive utility vehicle, wheel of his four-wheel drive uniny ventuce he enjoys interacting with students over a euchre card game, walking on the college's fitness trail or reading just for pleasure. "The common life as a monk of the St.

Vincent Benedictine Community provides me peace, stability and a good perspective on life," he added.

Before he was president - he's also a certified public accountant and attorney—
he spent six years as a full-time professor of
business administration and was a dormitory moderator. Father Bartel said that he misses the frequent contact with students.

"I love our students because they are so honest and creative. They give me ener-gy," he said.

He still lives among the students in the college's newest dormitory, Rooney Hall, named in honor of the late founder of the Pittsburgh Steelers football team, which has held its annual summer training camp at St.

Vincent for 30 seasons.

"There are certainly many problems with higher education today," Father Bartel said, "but I never pass up an opportunity to tell people that St. Vincent is an exception. We remain committed to providing a high quality education with a traditional core curricu-lum in a wholesome environment where every person is valued."

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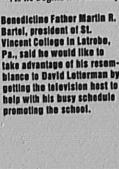
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Is the Eucharist also sign and symbol?



A speaker at a recent religion conference made, I think, some strange remarks about the Eucharist.

Insisting on the real presence of our Lord, she went on to shout quite vehemently that the Eucharist is not a symbol, it is the real body of Christ. It doesn't "stand for" anything.

In high school and later, we learned that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, but the sacrament is

also a sign of many things, including the promise of life in heaven. That has stayed with me and has always been special in my life.

I know the church hasn't changed on this. Do you have any explanation for what she was talking about?

A You seem to remember your theology very well. The centuries are loaded with references to the Eucharist as a symbol, a sign in which what is visible and touchable points to another reality that cannot be seen.

We would expect this, in fact, since the Eucharist is We would expect this, in fact, since the Eucharist is by its very nature a symbol. As St. Thomas puts it in the hymn "Adoro Te Devote," by faith we believe the true God is hidden ("latens Deitas") under the external forms ("figuras") of the bread and wine. What we see and touch indicates a reality that is invisible.

I cannot imagine someone even a little versed in theology not being aware that this way of speaking is

ology not being aware that this way of speaking is common in our tradition.

In the very celebration of the Eucharist, the consecrated wine is called "the blood of the new and every leading and every contract of the sec lasting covenant," a visible symbol of the new bond

created by Jesus between us and the Father.

Eucharistic prayers call the celebration of the sacrifice and sacrament a memorial, a sign which causes us to remember what the Lord has done, as the words of Jesus command us in the consecration.

And our liturgy continually refers to what you remember learning: The Eucharist is a sign and promise of life with God. As the prayer after Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi says, Jesus gives us his eucharistic body and blood "as a sign that even now we share your life."

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The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" contains numerous references to the symbolisms in the Eucharist. One of them points out that the first Christians already

One of them points out that the first Christians already saw the Breaking of the Bread as a symbol, a sign, by which they "signified" their oneness in Christ (1329).

All this in no way denies or diminishes our belief in the "true, real and substantial" presence (Council of Trent's words) of Jesus Christ under the appearance (another "sign" word) of bread and wine.

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The woman you speak of seems to have fallen into a trap that has caused the church enormous grief through its 2,000 years, the tendency to deal with mysteries with an either-or rather than a both-and approach.

Since in any genuine mysteries we're speaking ultimately of The Mystery, the Supreme Being who will never be totally comprehensible to us, when we attempt to tie all the loose ends neatly we end up in a

Many early Christians, for example, got way off track by emphasizing the humanity of Christ in such a way that they

denied his divinity; others so focused on the fact that he is

truly God that they ended up denying he is also truly human.

It took the church centuries to work its way through that maze. One of the lessons learned was that we should never

try to explain one mystery by explaining away another.

We do well to remember that when dealing with the mysteries connected to the Eucharist.

(Questions for this column should be sent to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

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Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure state date of death.

Obituaries of archdiocesan priests and religious sisters serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Cri* terion. Order priests and brothers are included here unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.

ACREE, Marion, 75, St. Paul, Sellersburg, July 26. Husband of Anna (Ehringer) Acree; father of Kathy Yeager; stepfather of Gary, Russ Hostettler, Gail Loveall; brother of Charlene Gilbert; grandfather of six.

BRUNS, Larry J., 37, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, August 4. Husband of Kelly L. (Fuller) Bruns; father of Andrew Joseph Bruns; son of Robert J. and Delores Bruns; brother of Michael R., Steven , Marjorie S., Kathy A.

DODGE, William W., 77, Prince of Peace, Madison, August 2. Husband of Pauline (Long) Dodge; father of Alice Loaiza, Cynthia Canfield, Catherine Dodge; grandfather

ELSROD, Joann, 73, St. lary, Richmond, August 1 Mother of Mike, Karl Elsrod, Patricia Mullins, Linda Jennings; sister of Betty Mull; grandmother of 13; greatgrandmother of seven.

FITZGIBBONS, Richard, 65, St. Andrew, Richmond,

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August 4. Husband of Lorraine Fitzgibbons; father of Katherine, Richard Fitzgibbons; brother of Thomas Fitzgibbons, Jean Ann Tegeler.

HALLER, Jack N., 83, St. Mary, New Albany, August 3. Father of Richard Haller, Kathryn Haller Botkins, Patricia Bowes, Jacqueline Strange; brother of Louise Christian; grandfather of four; great-grandfather of three.

HATHERLEY, Mary Celeste, 87, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 28. Mother of Charlene Steckbeck, Joan Erickson; sister of Howard Mills, Catherine Bjurstrom; grandmother of six; great-grandmother of five.

HICKS, Jessie M., 75, St. Paul, Tell City, July 30. Mother of Avis Patrick, Lorna Ford, Shelly Wolf; grandmother of six; great-grand-

MAKOWSKY, Minnie M. (Appell), 88, St. Paul, Sellersburg, July 23. Father of Paul, Dale Makowsky; sister of Russell Appell; grand-mother of eight; great-grandmother of eight; great-great-grandmother of two.

McCLANAHAN, Betty Marie, 70, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, August 6. Wife of Meyerlyn McClanahan;

mother of Kim Woock, Marc McClanahan; sister of William, Edward Hoffer; grandmother of two.

McKENNA, James Patrick, McKenna, James Fatter,
23, Little Flower,
Indianapolis, August 3, Son of
James B, and Sally (Capp)
McKenna; grandson of Frank
and Margaret McKenna,
Thomas and Betty Capp,
Alvies Summitt Alvira Summitt.

McKINZIE, Mary E., 77, SS. Peter and Paul, Indianapolis, July 30. Sister of Elizabeth Hally. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

MILLER, Margaret N., 86, Holy Family, New Albany, August 1. Mother of Margie Davis; grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of 13.

MOELLER, Walter A., 70, St. Mary, Greensburg, August 8. Husband of Mildred Moeller; father of Ruth Vincent W., Mark A., Dan L. Moeller, Martha Fisher, Mary Beth Wenning, Teresa Bayender, brother of Norbert, Maurice, John, Robert Moeller, Henrietta Carroll, Marita Cherry; grandfather of 15.

MOOS, Angela J., 75, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, July 31. Wife of Bernard Moos; moth of Debra A. Champ, Sandra S. Steffl; sister of Olga Simonton, Toncka Madley, Mary Ber-kopes; grandmother of three.

MURRAY, Catherine
"Kate," 89, St. Vincent,
Bedford, August 1. Mother of
Henry S. "Mike" Murray, Jr.;
sister of Frances Schwartz;

grandmother of five; great-

NANCE, George L. Jr., 71. St. Mary, New Albany, August 1. Husband of Betty (Spatig) Nance; father of Steve Nance, Dottie Kraft, Carol Mayberry; brother of Carol Mayberry; brother of Richard Nance, Georotha Allen, Ruth Hancock, Maryann Birdsell; grandfather

RICHARDS, Theodore Jack, 74, Our Lady of the Green-wood, July 28. Husband of Florence Richards; father of David, Randall Richards, Deborah Zachman, Lana New man, Diana James; stepfather of R. Donald Murray; brother of James Richards, Ruth Bush; grandfather of seven; great-grandfather of two.

SCHUSTER, Mary E "Betty," 79, Christ the King, Indianapolis, August 1. Mother of Cathy Lynn Schuster.

SEMICH, Adolph, 71, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, August 5 Husband of Charlotte Semich; father of Matthew Semich, Debra Govan, Kris Faires; brother of Joseph Semich; grandfather of seven; great-grandfather of one.

SWARTZ, Norma J. (Williams), 64, Holy Name, Beech Grove, August 5. Wife of Roy M. Swartz; mother of Roy M. Swartz; mother of Steven R., Pete Swartz, Mary Ann Hubbs, Sandra Clark; sister of Mary Oaks, Faye Reeves, Thelma Norman, Virginia Church, Hazel Savage, Donald Williams; grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of one.

Cardinal Satowaki of Nagasaki, Japan, dies at age 92

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-Car dinal Joseph Asajiro Satowaki, retired archbishop of Nagasaki, Japan, died Aug. 8 at age 92.

In a telegram of condolence to the current archbishop, Pope John Paul II said he remembered "with deep gratitude the profound spirituality, the generous pastoral commitment and the evangelizing efforts which distinguished his episcopal ministry.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1932 after studies in Rome, the future cardinal was named the first apostolic administrator of Taiwan. Taking up the office in 1941, he spent all of

World War II on the island, then known as Formosa which the Japanese had occupied since 1895.

He returned to Nagasaki shortly after the war ended fol-lowing the bombing of the city on Aug. 9, 1945.

For the four years before his assignment in Taiwan, he was pastor of the Nagasaki cathe-dral. The building was destroyed by the atomic bomb.

After the war, he served as director of Nagasaki's minor seminary, vicar general of the archdiocese and director of the Catholic newspaper.

He left Japan in 1949 to study sociology for two years at The Catholic University of America, Washington.

He was named the first bishop of Kagoshima in 1955, and it was as head of that diocese that he attended all of the sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

In 1968 he was named archbishop of Nagasaki, Japan's oldest and—at that time—nu merically largest diocese. Pope John Paul named him to the College of Cardinals in 1979.

Cardinal Satowaki retired in 1990.

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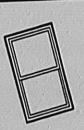
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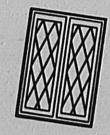


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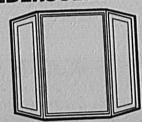
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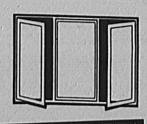
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