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## Foundation board hears consultation results

*Trustees also approve communications plan for Journey of Hope 2001 at quarterly meeting*

At the January 29 quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Community Foundation, Inc., Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein told board members that consultation meetings on Journey of Hope 2001 and the capital and endowment campaign

surfaced four main things that need to be done to ensure success. The more than 300 archdiocesan and parish leaders who were surveyed said that: 1) the archdiocese needs an intensive "communications campaign" to raise awareness of the three

Journey of Hope 2001 themes—spiritual renewal, evangelization and stewardship—and to communicate why a capital campaign is needed and how the funds will be used, 2) the archdiocese should emphasize spirituality and evangelization rather than finances when communicating about Journey of Hope 2001 and the campaign, 3) the archdiocese must be very clear about how nonparish funds raised in the campaign, that is, the 40 percent of the funds that will be allocated to archdiocesan-wide needs, will be used, and 4) parish capital campaigns should be flexible and grow out of local efforts to promote Journey of Hope 2001.

"As you can imagine," the archbishop told the trustees, "when we reported these consultation results to our priests and parish life coordinators [at one of their regular meetings on January 28], these four primary recommendations stimulated much interesting and productive discussion. The challenge, of course, is to implement these recommendations in ways that are responsive to people's concerns but which are also realistic enough to recognize our limits."

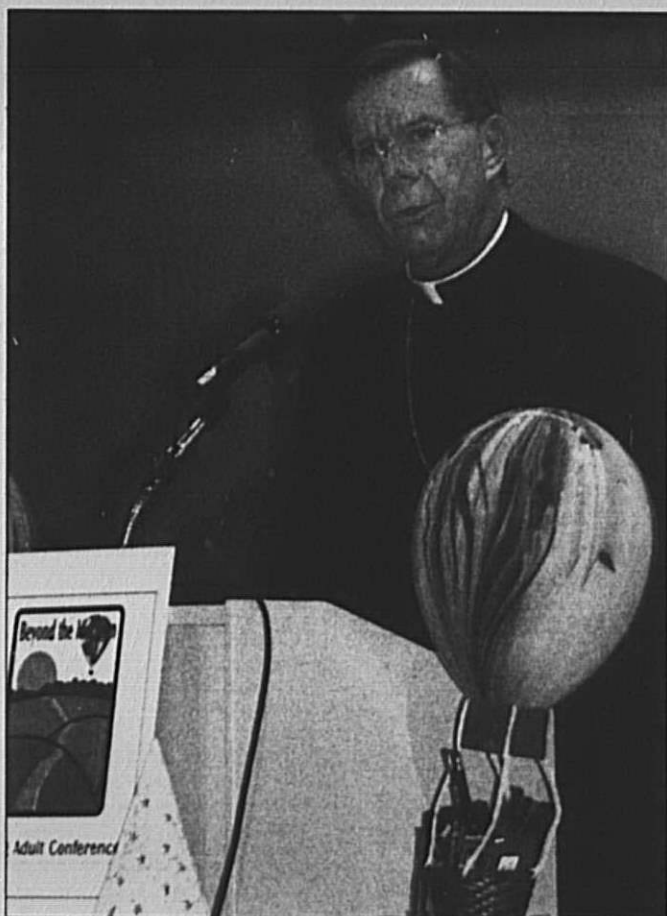
In other business, Paul Corsaro, chair of the board's planned giving committee, reported that since November 1996, 10 new endowments totaling nearly \$92,000 had been established and two endowments representing \$30,000 are pending.

Jerry Semler, investment committee chair, reported that last year more than \$2.8 million had been distributed to endow-

ment holders and that the foundation's investments had realized an 18.5 percent return, outpacing the inflation index by 9.6 percent. In fiscal year 1995-1996, total assets of the foundation reached \$23.1 million, up \$5 million from the previous year.

The communications committee, chaired by Robert Golobish, recommended an archdiocesan communications plan to the board. The plan outlines four goals: to strengthen internal communications, to integrate Journey of Hope 2001 themes into all archdiocesan communications, to implement proactive strategies for media relations and external communications and to develop and communicate the "case" for an archdiocesan-wide capital and endowment campaign.

The board accepted the plan and recommended it unanimously to the archbishop for approval.



## 'Beyond the Horizon'

*Young Adult Conference draws more than 200 to Indianapolis*

Some 200 young adults from the archdiocese and surrounding areas gathered last Saturday for the Young Adult Conference at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The event was sponsored by the Office for Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries.

Themed "Beyond the Horizon," the annual event addressed the needs, interests, and concerns of Catholic singles and couples in their 20s and 30s.

The day featured an assembly with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, and Indianapolis news anchor Anne Ryder, from WTHR Channel 13, led the keynote address. Several workshops also were offered.

Inside this week's edition of *The Criterion*, keynote speaker Anne Ryder shares her personal faith journey on page 13. The Feb. 14 edition of *The Criterion* will feature Archbishop Buechlein's assembly with the young adults, in which he discusses "Sons and Daughters of the Light," a pastoral plan for ministry with young adults. The plan was approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on Nov. 12, 1996.

Photo by Susan Bierman

## Pope: abortion a symptom of society's selfishness

Vatican City (CNS)—Pope John Paul II, marking Italy's pro-life day, said abortion is a symptom of selfishness in modern society.

Respect for human life, he said Feb. 2, is a value that "absolutely must be regained, if we want to keep from falling into an abyss."

The pope, who has repeatedly condemned abortion, euthanasia and other sins against life, spoke from his apartment window overlooking St. Peter's Square. He said human life "cannot be disposed of at will" because it belongs to the Creator, the "author of life." When the church speaks of protecting life, he said, it means from its first beginnings in the mother's womb to natural death.

His words touched on a controversial topic in Italy, where legislators recently introduced a proposal that would stipulate juridical rights for the human embryo. The proposed law begins with the premise that "human life is such from the moment of conception."

Designed in part as a measure to protect against the experimental abuse of human embryos, the proposal, if passed, would raise serious questions about abortion, which is legal under certain conditions in Italy.

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# Richmond man earns education award

By Margaret Nelson

On Jan. 25, 116 Richmond residents gathered at the Seton Star Spectacular dinner to honor Catholic schools. And they recognized Charles G. Mosey, as a Distinguished Catholic School Graduate. Comboni Father Todd Riebe, administrator of St. Andrew, St. Mary and Holy Family parishes in Richmond, gave the invocation. The keynote speaker was Daniel J. Elsener, executive director of Catholic Education for the archdiocese. Elsener talked about the 71 Catholic schools in the archdiocese, which serve 24,000 children. He said that enrollment has increased by 21 percent in the last six years and that two-thirds of the

schools have waiting lists. The Holy Family School site in Richmond is expanding, he said, noting that this is typical throughout the nation where Catholic schools are experiencing their largest growth since the 1950s. "Thanks for the support in the community," Elsener told the Richmond supporters. "It is a real endorsement of the work of Catholic schools. It is a great time to think about expanding. We hope to do more in this community." "Catholic education has been a beacon in this country," said Elsener. He noted that, in general, the results of education in this country have been frustrating—especially as more money is poured into the public schools. He said that public educators have offered solutions like making classes

smaller and spending more money. But Elsener said that the basic principles that are present in Catholic education have brought success, according to major national elementary school studies. At first, critics said that the success resulted from taking superior children into the schools. He said that later research proved that Catholic education does have an effect on children and that the poorer and more difficult the child, the greater the effect was. A later study of Catholic high schools examined the reasons for this. "People want to imitate the uniforms, but it runs a little deeper," Elsener said. "Some say it's discipline," school prayer, tougher curriculum, the Bible, neighborhoods, smaller schools and more technology (which he believes is important). He gave five basic "principles on how we educate a child." To begin with: "God is the beginning and end of our existence. When you start out with that as the basis of your relationship—the gifts they have and what they're going to do with them changes the whole nature of their education." Elsener's second principle: "Education, we believe, is essentially a moral endeavor. Catholic education is unique today because of how we're organized . . . We teach right and wrong, not only in religion classes. It's not something we do a couple of hours a day. "Parents bear primary responsibility to educate their children," Elsener gave as his third principle. He said that, though they should not assume that the schools are the primary educators, the parents do choose Catholic schools and

they should have an investment in them—not only in money, but in time. Fourth, Elsener said that, in Catholic schools, "the subject of education is the student, it's not the adults. It all goes back to the student and how they use the knowledge they receive." Elsener said that something you can only do in a religious school is teach about prayer—the relationship with God. "We want to nurture that," he said. Kathryn Schlichte, principal of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton elementary school, explained the origin of the Distinguished Catholic School Graduate award and presented it to Steve Mosey, son of the distinguished graduate. Before he learned of the honor, Charles G. Mosey had made previous plans to be out of town. Charles Mosey attended St. Andrew for eight years. He credits the skills he learned there for his ability to found Mosey Manufacturing Company in Richmond. Schlichte said Charles Mosey was blessed with six children, all of whom attended Catholic schools. She explained that the sons have turned the business into a service that benefits the community, employing more than 100 people. In accepting the award, son Steve said it gave him an opportunity to talk on behalf of the Catholic schools, to talk about education, and "it gives me a chance to praise the wonderful teaching staff that graces the halls of Seton." He asked the teachers to stand for recognition. The distinguished graduate award, suggested by the National Catholic Education Association, highlights "people who, as adults put into practice the values and ideals they learned in their Catholic elementary schools."



Photo by Margaret Nelson

Daniel J. Elsener, secretary for Catholic education, speaks at the Jan. 25 Seton Star Spectacular dinner in Richmond.

## Scouts receive religious awards

By Margaret Nelson

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral was packed Feb. 2 as more than 400 scouts from across the archdiocese received religious awards from Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein. Father Thomas Schliessmann, the arch-

diocesan scout chaplain, gave the homily and announced the names of award winners. He welcomed the scouts and their families, who came from Jeffersonville, Terre Haute and other points around the archdiocese to join members of Indianapolis troops. "Belief in Jesus and obeying God's commands and loving each other go together," said Father Schliessmann. "One of the great things about scouting is that it really gets us into the habit of loving in deed. "The awards all have something to do with learning a little bit more about your faith," he said. Asking the scouts to continue to learn, Father Schliessmann suggested that they "not see awards as an end, but part of continually striving to learn more." Awards were given by parish, in some cases with neighboring parishes that hold meetings together. Adults who have made significant contributions to scouting received medals. Nancy Mead-Nolting of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and Anita Gauer of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute earned the St. Elizabeth Seton Medal. From Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Terre Haute, Julian Seal earned the St. George Medal. Indianapolis leaders earning medals are St. Elizabeth Seton: Barbara Brink of St. Lawrence; Bronze Pelican: Mary McCoy of Nativity; Patricia Abbott, William Abbott and Jane Veling of St. Lawrence; Kerry Blandford of St. Mark; and Joseph Toussaint of St. Matthew; St. George: Bill McGuire of St. Barnabas; and John R. Cook and I. Ron Hartlieb of St. Simon the Apostle. Pack 427 of St. Lawrence earned the Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition. In his remarks, Archbishop Buechlein added his congratulations to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. "What's so very important is that it's a sign to grow in faith," he said. Archbishop Buechlein said that service is a way to live one's faith. An Eagle Scout himself and the recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Award, the archbishop said that he learned about his leadership skills as a scout. "And my vocation found its support," said Archbishop Buechlein. Asking the young people to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life, he said, "We need you to pay attention to what God calls you to in your own life."

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# Educator featured at Feb. 19 catechism workshop

Monika Hellwig, theology professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., will discuss "Celebration of Christian Mystery" at a daylong Feb. 19 program at the Holiday Inn in Columbus.

It will be the second of four archdiocesan workshops on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Last year, James Heft discussed "The Profession of Faith."



Hellwig will explore the sacrament section of the

*Catechism of the Catholic Church* in the lecture presentation beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The lecturer is executive director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. She received both her master's and doctoral degrees from The Catholic University of America and has done graduate work at the universities of Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

Small groups will then discuss the questions provided. Later, the groups will reflect on their discussions and ask Hellwig questions.

At the luncheon, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will promulgate the archdiocesan strategic plan for lifelong faith formation, "Rooted in Jesus Christ."

The afternoon lecture will be on "Sacraments."

The 1998 program (part three) will be "Life In Christ" and in 1999 (part four), "Christian Prayer."

The event is sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education. Those wishing more information should call Ann McGuire at 317-236-1448, or 800-382-9836, as soon as possible.

## Fast and abstinence rules for Lent

Wednesday, Feb. 12, is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. This season is a penitential period that leads to the celebration of Easter, which occurs on March 30 this year.

Parishes throughout the archdiocese will begin the season of Lent with the blessing and distribution of ashes during or following the Ash Wednesday liturgies celebrated in their churches. The faithful are advised to check their parish bulletins to see what is being done in their parishes.

### Fast and abstinence rules

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, and Good Friday, March 28, are days of complete fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

**Fast**—Binds all people over 18 and under 59 years of age. On days of fast,

only one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

**Abstinence**—Binds all over age 14. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed.

**Note:** When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

Easter duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion sometime between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, which is celebrated May 25 this year.

## Archbishop to welcome those to be baptized, received into Church

On three occasions in February, the archdiocese will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion for those adults who will receive all or some of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil or during the year.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will pre-

side at the celebrations. The first two will be held at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the rite will be celebrated at 4 p.m. at the cathedral. Many of the families, sponsors and catechists will also be present.

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## Editorial

### A partner in faith

Through our Journey of Hope 2001, the five-year archdiocesan celebration of the approaching third Christian millennium, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has called us to refocus our lives in the three areas of spiritual renewal, evangelization and stewardship. And he has extended an invitation to the greater community beyond the church to join us on this journey—to work for a renewal of spirit, a new sense of mission, and stewardship of the human, physical and financial resources of our civic communities.

At least one organization in the Indianapolis community has already demonstrated its willingness to enter on the journey with us. Last year on Easter Sunday, the Catholic Communications Center began working with Wabash Valley Broadcasting, a broadcast radio and television corporation headquartered in Indianapolis and headed by G. Christopher Duffy. This partnership has proved to be not only a blessing but a fine example of stewardship that results in spiritual renewal for and outreach to viewers.

The weekly televised Mass is being produced by the Catholic Communications Center at WNDY Channel 23, a Wabash Valley television station located in Indianapolis. This televised Mass for the homebound helps serve the spiritual needs of many elderly or sick Catholics who cannot celebrate Mass with their parish families. Of course, the televised liturgy can never replace worship in a church, but it helps fill the void that illness or aging often bring and maintain a connectedness to the church even when one is unable to be physically present.

Many viewers of the televised Mass have expressed their support through telephone calls, letters, requests for Sunday missals, and even with financial contributions. This positive response

has proved the need for such programming. It also suggests that the ministry of the presiders, lecturers, musicians and members of the studio assembly involved with the program's production is being well received.

(The Mass currently airs on WNDY and on two Indianapolis cable carriers. The Mass is now available to more than 630,000 households in 42 counties throughout Indiana. The archdiocese plans to expand its broadcast coverage in 1997.)

Last fall the archdiocese received another blessing when the Catholic Communications Center worked with Indy Teleproductions, a video production division of Wabash Valley Broadcasting, to produce "Journey of Faith," a video documentary that follows the 1996 archdiocesan pilgrimage led by Archbishop Buechlein to the shrines of southern Europe. Produced for the many viewers who could not themselves be pilgrims, the documentary travels to many beautiful and holy sites, starting in Barcelona and ending in Rome. Throughout the "Journey of Faith" documentary, Archbishop Buechlein shares his reflections on what it means to be a pilgrim as well as his personal knowledge of the pilgrims' many destinations.

The good work of Chris Duffy and many other people at Wabash Valley Broadcasting provides a tremendous gift for thousands of people throughout central and southern Indiana. The greater community is better off for their contributions—a stewardship of the powerful gifts of the broadcast media that brings the possibility of spiritual renewal and the consolation of outreach, especially to the sick, the aged, and the lonely, and to all who can see or hear it.

And that is a wonderful example of stewardship that we can follow on our own Journey of Hope.

—Peter Agostinelli

## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



### Pro-life stand calls for moral courage

Few annual occasions in which I participate are as inspiring as the Pro-Life Prayer Vigil and Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the March for Life the next day, January 22. The gathering prayerfully and peacefully marks the sad occasion of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized the taking of innocent life in the United States. Why am I inspired on an otherwise sad anniversary? Because of the message being sent by the Catholic youth of our country! Before the Eucharist at which Cardinal Law presided, a national reporter asked him what possible message could be given to young people about the controversial abortion issue. The cardinal invited the reporter to enter the basilica packed with more than 6,000 youth and to see for herself the message that our youth are sending to us adults! In his homily, the cardinal noted what I had said earlier in a brief meeting with the nearly 300 youth of our archdiocese who rode seven buses all night to be present: "You, our youth, are the bridge to the new millennium. And you are a wonderful reason for hope as we journey to the millennium!" So are you adults who journeyed with them to D.C.

Of course there is a fundamental sadness that nags at us about the anti-life culture that is so much a part of our society. Also on a sad note, at another gathering in Washington on January 22, an insidious and not very subtle anti-religious bigotry was expressed. Vice President and Mrs. Gore and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attended the national Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) Luncheon. (Earlier in the day, President Clinton spoke out, using the occasion of a false bomb scare to paint pro-life people as terrorists. He did so before there had been an investigation of the falsely reported incident.) While the administration's abortion advocacy is nothing new, it seems the administration is both "reaching out" to Catholics by using the late Cardinal Bernardin's name and dismissing the church at the same time by ridiculing its teaching on contraception.

At the NARAL luncheon, Vice President Gore invoked Cardinal Bernardin's name three times in his talk as he stressed the administration's support for abortion. At the same time, he criticized the church's teaching on contraception. He blamed this teaching of the church for the fact that abortions are not "rare." And he suggested that the church abandon this teaching.

Of course, the search for "common ground" theme taken from Cardinal Bernardin, which calls for an end to bitter rancor is timelessly valid. Yet, the cardinal is not here to speak for himself when his call for reconciliation is used in a manipulative manner. The late cardinal once chaired the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and would never have embraced the administration's position on life issues, nor would he have been silent about the misuse of his words. Neither should we.

Incidences of anti-religious bigotry seem to be increasing. In addition to Vice President Gore's remarks, there are other noteworthy instances. During a December press conference, President Clinton tried to bolster his decision to support partial-birth abortion by citing the Catholicity of several women who say they underwent the procedure. Earlier (last April) the president claimed two of the women who told their stories at his veto ceremony were Catholic (by December they were three). The religious affiliation of other women present for the veto of the partial-birth abortion ban was not noted.

Helen Alvare, a fine lawyer, is our national Catholic spokesperson for pro-life issues. On January 22, she participated in the CNBC program "Hardball" in a debate with the noted feminist, Betty Friedan. On camera, Ms. Friedan referred to seriously disabled newborns as "monsters" and that the church's position was condemning women to have "monsters" for children. Off camera, in a debate about the abortifacient drug RU-486, she attacked the church with an unprintable and sexually explicit slur regarding Catholic priests.

Richard Cohen's column in the *Washington Post* on January 23 stresses that those who frame the abortion debate in "starkly moralistic terms" provide justification for violence, intended or not. He wrote: "You can hear that very justification in the weaselly language of anti-abortion leaders who condemn bombings and abortions in the same breath or in the pronouncements of politicians who call abortion mass murder."

The church's position on pro-life issues (and contraception is a "life issue") is admittedly unpopular. Years ago, Pope Paul VI predicted that if one denies any of the church's teachings in support of the dignity of human life, eventually all will be questioned. Our Journey of Hope is also a journey of moral courage.



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## Be Our Guest/Charles Gardner

## Task force lists suggestions for parish, liturgical renewal

(Last week, Gardner listed suggestions for implementing individual and household spiritual renewal during Journey of Hope 2001, the five-year archdiocesan celebration of the approaching third Christian millennium. This week he gives suggestions for parish and liturgical renewal. The suggestions were drawn up by Gardner; Benedictine Sister Rachel Best, prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove; and a group of 10 other pastoral leaders charged by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein to make recommendations for the spiritual renewal of religious and the laity during Journey of Hope 2001)

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## Parish renewal

We believe that the need for more participation in the sacrament of penance is closely related to the areas of individual and parish renewal, since a person often gains a new appreciation for this sacrament during a retreat. Christ

Renews His Parish is undergoing a "renaissance" in the archdiocese, and it deserves more support and publicity. Other programs such as Cursillo, Marriage Encounter, Focolare, and the Charismatic Renewal Movement have also contributed to the renewal within and among parishes.

We encourage parishes to rediscover the season of Lent as a yearly parish retreat that centers around those who will be initiated at Easter and during which there is a suspension of much of the parish's "business as usual." During Journey of Hope 2001, we recommend that parishes initiate the practice of beginning all meetings with a substantial period of prayer. We also recommend that there be a strong prayer component included in the process and materials for the archdiocesan capital campaign.

Finally, we challenge parishes to reflect on their stewardship of the spiritual life—on the time, talent and treasure that is devoted to this crucial area. What percentage of the parish budget is devoted to areas such as liturgy, parish renewal, and resources for family prayer? This may well provide a major project for the parish council and its spiritual life commission.

## Liturgical renewal

In a booklet entitled "Spirituality: Christian Life in the World Today," Father Gene Walsh calls the Sunday Eucharist "the greatest program that exists for spiritual life and conversion" and "a powerful means of spiritual growth for the parish as a whole and for individuals." In striving for larger attendance at Sunday Eucharist during Journey of Hope 2001, we are hoping not just for greater numbers of people but also for more conscious and active participation. To use a familiar phrase in a new context, we might say that physical presence plus active participation equals "real presence."

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council calls the liturgy "the fount from which all the Church's power flows." True liturgical renewal does not mean finding ever new and different prayers and techniques, nor is it simply a matter of being "liturgically correct." But it does mean doing the hard work of really "caring for" our common prayer so that we can become more deeply rooted in the power of this liturgical life.

We recommend that homilists take more opportunities to preach about the Mass, especially during the mystagogical season of Eastertide, helping the members of the assembly move beyond attendance to true celebration and from "praying during Mass" to actually "praying the Mass." We also encourage parish liturgy committees, as a part of their own celebration of Journey of Hope 2001, to concentrate on a plan for concrete growth and improvement in at least one area of liturgical leadership, such as music, hospitality, proclamation of the Word or preaching and presiding.

## Conclusion

In all our renewal efforts, we must remember that our spiritual life should never be isolated from the rest of our Christian life. If our renewal of spirit is true and authentic, it will inevitably "bear fruit" in helping us to become more caring and compassionate. Just as Jesus was able to balance and integrate his prayer and contemplation with his action on behalf of God's reign of justice, so we are called to follow his example.

(Charles Gardner is secretary for spiritual and sacramental life for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.)

## A View from the Center/Dan Conway

## Treat yourself to a pilgrimage

Readers of *The Criterion* have heard a lot about pilgrimages recently.



Archbishop Daniel's pilgrimage to the shrines of southern Europe was a major event in the life of our archdiocese, and *The Criterion* has rightly given it lots of coverage. And, of course, now that we have the pilgrimage on video, a

trip that originally involved only 90 people can now reach 200,000 Catholics in central and southern Indiana!

In a recent column, I strongly recommended the video *Journey of Faith*. I'd also like to urge every member of our archdiocesan family to consider making a pilgrimage in 1997. If you are interested in a trip like the one Archbishop Daniel took last year, keep reading *The Criterion*. We hope to announce another archdiocesan pilgrimage (to be led by Father Joseph Schaedel) later this year.

But there are also lots of pilgrimage opportunities that don't require a major expenditure of time and money. From our vantage point here in central and southern Indiana, a number of shrines and other pilgrimage sites can be visited with just a day or two of travel. These include the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Our Lady of the Snows in southern Illinois, and many local holy places like the Monte Cassino shrine at Saint Meinrad or the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Why not plan to visit one of these sites in 1997? A pilgrimage is an excellent way

to begin and continue the spiritual renewal that Archbishop Daniel has called each of us to experience in our celebration of Journey of Hope 2001. By traveling to one of the many holy places here in Indiana or elsewhere, we can share in the experience of pilgrims throughout the ages who have discovered that, while it's true that God is everywhere, in certain places we are able to pay closer attention to him.

It should be no secret to readers that my favorite holy place in Indiana is Saint Meinrad Archabbey. I had the pleasure of visiting there during the Christmas break, and it was a special joy to once again experience the prayerfulness and peace of "the holy hill." It's been many years since I heard the monks sing the Vespers of Christmas, and in spite of the fact that the community is using a makeshift oratory while the Archabbey Church is being renovated, I felt wonderfully renewed by participating in their prayerful song.

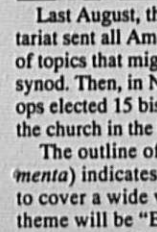
I would especially recommend making a one-day trip to Saint Meinrad as part of a family's observance of Journey of Hope 2001. In addition to the archabbey's prayerful surroundings, Saint Meinrad is an excellent place to learn more about evangelization and stewardship. The monks regularly reach out to others through their apostolic works and their distinctive brand of Benedictine hospitality (which Archabbot Lambert practices with great warmth and enthusiasm). And, of course, Saint Meinrad is internationally known for its stewardship of human, physical and financial resources.

Treat yourself to a pilgrimage in 1997. Whether you stay close to home or travel to far-away places, if the journey is truly a spiritual one, you won't be disappointed.

## From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Special Synod for America has potentially great significance

An event of potentially great significance to the church in this hemisphere has been in the planning stage for a couple years. It's the Special Assembly for America of the Synod of Bishops. It could happen as early as this fall and will certainly occur before the year 2000.



Last August, the synod's general secretariat sent all American bishops an outline of topics that might be covered at the synod. Then, in November, the U.S. bishops elected 15 bishops who will represent the church in the U.S. at the synod.

The outline of topics (called the *lineamenta*) indicates that this synod is meant to cover a wide variety of topics. The theme will be "Encounter with the Living Jesus Christ: The Way to Conversion, Communion and Solidarity in America." It purposely says "in America" and "Assembly for America" instead of "the Americas" to emphasize common interests and problems in this hemisphere, although there are also a great many differences.

The four-part, 60-page *lineamenta* is devoted to a contemporary encounter with Jesus Christ, conversion, communion and solidarity. It ends with a series of 16 questions as a way to solicit comments on such topics as the practice of the faith, unity among members of the church, fidelity to church teaching, evangelization efforts, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, social problems in the various regions, the protection of human life and other concerns.

This *lineamenta* will not be used during the synod. Answers to the questions raised, and comments about the issues, are to be sent to the synod's general secretariat

by April 1. Then a working document (an *instrumentum laboris*) will be prepared on the basis of the responses received.

Examples of some of the topics to be covered by the synod can be seen by some of the questions asked: "In your area, what are the factors causing significant divisions in the church with regard to bishops, priests, men and women religious, ecclesial movements, the faithful in general?" "What is being done concretely in the particular churches or at the interdiocesan level to promote ecumenical dialogue, prayer and cooperation in acts of solidarity with our Christian brethren?"

Problems of justice and international economic relations among nations of the hemisphere are bound to receive emphasis at the synod. Another problem, especially in Latin America, is the inroads into Catholicism being made by various Protestant sects.

The make-up of the U.S. bishops' representatives to the synod is interesting. Five of them are Hispanic, one is Native American and one is African-American. Others are retired Archbishop John Quinn, known for his ideas for reforming relations between bishops and the Vatican; Archbishop Rembert Weakland, long involved in economic justice and ecumenical issues; up-and-coming leaders among the bishops such as Archbishops Theodore McCarrick, Francis George and Justin Rigali and Bishops Donald Wuerl and John Cummins; and former bishops' conference president Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk. Present conference president, Bishop Anthony Pilla, the U.S. cardinal, and the country's two Eastern-rite metropolitans are synod members by virtue of their offices. It's a good line-up of bishops with varying points of view.

It will be interesting to watch as this synod develops.

## To the Editor

## Random acts of kindness week

The National Acts of Kindness Week will be observed February 10-16, 1997.

Random Acts of Kindness started in a Sausalito, California, restaurant in 1982, when Anne Herbert sprawled the words "practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty" on a placemat.

Publishers Conari Press, interested in promoting the cause of kindness, published the book "Random Acts of Kindness" in February 1993.

The concept of random acts of kindness is to do a good deed with no strings attached; it continues to spread, and it is hoped that "it will carry on until the beauty of kindness touches and changes us all".

The following are just a very few of suggested acts of kindness:

- Donate canned goods to a food bank
- Take your old clothes to a shelter or

a thrift store run by a nonprofit organization.

- Make an extra donation in the weekly church collection or send it to your place of worship.

- Make an anonymous donation to some local charity that is actively helping people.

- When someone is trying to merge into your lane of traffic, let him or her in—and why not smile and wave while doing it?

- Have the words *Practice Random Acts of Kindness* printed on checks above the signature line. Everytime a check is written, the words serve as a reminder.

Kindness and thoughtfulness are the truest forms of love, for these are given without expecting anything in return, to say "I want you to be happy."

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless" to quote Mother Teresa.

Mary C. Vinci  
Indianapolis



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# Getting down to business

Procrastination must be the favorite sport of most of the people we know. We admire those who do it well, and for some of us there should be Olympic medals.

There are those who meet work deadlines barely five minutes ahead of being called in by the boss, and students whose term papers are still hot from the printer as they're handed in. Some kids get down to "cleaning" their rooms when they hear mom's footsteps approaching, or do their homework every morning as the schoolbus turns into the school's parking lot.

Fatties put off dieting until absolutely nothing fits, or they've eaten all the

snacks, or the sun shines again. Whatever. People even avoid going to the doctor until the pain becomes too great, the lump too large to ignore, or the nagging of relatives too stringent to bear any longer.

Some procrastination verges on denial. Mothers of criminals hang on defending their bad children until they shall repent or reform, constantly hoping for both. Terminally ill folks sometimes put off dying until their loved ones can get to their bedside for a last goodbye.

People even delay making decisions which will force them to give up sin. They don't answer a conciliatory letter from someone because they want to keep nursing a grudge, or they keep busy to prevent intimacy with their spouses or their kids. They refuse to meet with their employees to redress grievances, or they

rationalize cheating as payment for former slights by management.

At a certain point in our moral development we equate innocence with not getting caught. Somehow Bobby thinks it doesn't count if he rearranges the cookies so that mom won't know a few are missing. And likewise when he's older, if he takes a little nip of dad's scotch and then waters it down, dad will never miss it.

While we may think of this as just a condition of childhood, it just isn't. Procrastination allows grownups also to preserve their "innocence." If they put off admitting to truth, somehow it will eventually go away. They agree with Scarlett O'Hara, who sweetly declared, "I'll think about it tomorrow."

Procrastination is therefore a common trait, totally human and even endearing to

most of us. Which is why we have Lent.

Christmas heralds the birth of our savior while Easter celebrates his final triumph over sin and death. We're promised that God-made-man has set the example for our humanity, and that if we persevere in following it we will share his eternal triumph as well.

Thus Lent is a thoughtful interlude provided by the church in which we are encouraged to renew our resolve. It's a time set aside to reassess our past lives, initiate change where it's needed and bolster our hopes for the end time.

Lent urges us to be truthful with ourselves. It reminds us that innocence is not negotiable and that our time is limited.

In past years, this process was rather rigidly laid out by the church. There were little formulas for reflection, prayer, self-denial and reparation by way of giving alms. Lent was actually a kind of relief from the stresses of secular life because it "forced" us to purge our emotional, spiritual and physical selves.

Nowadays we're on our own. And, although it's tempting, we can't allow procrastination to keep us from our Easter.

## Check It Out . . .

"It's the Roaring 20th!" is the theme for Cathedral High School's annual Shamrauction social and fund raiser on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 5225 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. For ticket information, call the school at 317-542-1481.

St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis will host a **Sweetheart Dinner/Dance** Feb. 15 at Primo Banquet Hall, 2600 E. National Ave., Indianapolis. Anticipation Mass, Liturgy for Lovers, will be at 6:30 p.m., cash bar at 7:30 p.m., and buffet dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing will follow dinner. Music of The Third Generation Band with Jimmy "Mad Dog" Matis as M.C. Tickets are \$45 per couple and \$22.50 for singles. For tickets and more information, contact Nina Watt at 317-783-3654 or Martha Buckel at 317-786-9503. All proceeds will benefit the parish's building fund.

**National Marquette Day is Feb. 15.** The day will be honored in Indianapolis at 4 p.m. Feb. 15 at BW3's restaurant and bar in Castleton. Local Indiana alumni will gather to watch the Marquette University men's basketball team take on the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. For more information contact Christ Brantman at 317-843-7957 or 317-573-2486.

Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt Center will host **Schoenstatt Pilgrimage** Aug. 15 through Aug. 18. The cost for the event is \$150. Reservations are being taken now with partial payment. The balance due date is Aug. 1. For more information contact Father Elmer J. Burwinkel at 812-689-3551.

"Love is More Than Cupid's Arrows," a retreat for married couples, will be offered Feb. 14 through

Feb. 16 at the Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. The cost is \$225 per couple. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due with registration. For more information contact the Benedict Inn at 317-788-7581.

A **Centering Prayer Lenten Retreat** will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. The program is for those who have attended an introductory workshop on centering prayer, practice this method regularly and would like to be more deeply immersed in silence and prayer. The fee is \$45 per person. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is due with registration. For more information call 317-788-7581.

"The Forgotten Gift: Preparation for a Fruitful Lent," a day of guided reflection, will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove. The fee is \$45 per person. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is due with registration. For more information call 317-788-7581.

"Jesus-The Never Ending Story," a day of reflection, will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 18 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Father Al Ajamie, a retired priest of the archdiocese and former St. Thomas Parish, Fortville, pastor, is the presenter. The day includes talks, lunch, and liturgy. Child care is available. For more information call the retreat house at 317-545-7681.

## VIPs . . .



Mr. and Mrs. Merrill A. Bowman of Indianapolis will celebrate their 50th anniversary Feb. 8. The couple was married Feb. 8, 1947, at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. They are parishioners of Christ the King Church in Indianapolis.

They have five children: Alice Countryman, Joyce Nitchman, Linda Haislip, Marcia Shields, and Anthony Bowman. They also have 10 grandchildren.

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville has appointed Marian College History professor **James J. Divita** to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Old Cathedral Library and Museum in Vincennes. The function of the board is to manage the business and other affairs of the library/museum which houses the books and artifacts collection of Bishop Simon Brute (1834-1839) and other historically significant religious records and photographs.



Shirley Vargas, co-chairperson of Christ the King Parish's Adult Catechetical Team (ACT), sets up for the Family Video Weekends program at the Indianapolis parish. Parish families are invited to take home two movies and a bag of unpopped popcorn. Movie selections range in topics from theology, Mother Teresa and many saints. The videos are borrowed from the parish's resource center and the archdiocesan resource center.

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# Faith Alive!

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## Lent inspires people to focus on God's presence

By Fr. Robert Kinast

A friend of mine refuses to drive on interstate highways for fear of an accident.

Another friend worries incessantly about his retirement income, though he works for a secure company and has invested consistently for years.

An elderly neighbor confided to me recently that she is increasingly concerned that no one will come to her funeral.

All three of these people experience anxiety. They feel that some important value in their lives, or their very existence, is threatened, but the source of the threat is rather vague and distant.

In this respect, anxiety differs from fear. For a fearful person can pinpoint the cause of the threat.

- Fear—a worker in a company which is about to downsize its work force fears for his job.

- Anxiety—the same worker may be anxious about ever finding secure employment.

Most people experience anxiety at one time or another. A bride or groom before marriage, a performer before a debut, or a patient before serious surgery all feel some degree of anxiety.

Anxiety is a natural reaction to the psychosomatic system signaling that something important is happening and the outcome is uncertain.

This kind of periodic anxiety is actually helpful. It heightens people's awareness and prompts them to make special preparations, put forth extra effort, or deepen their commitment in order to attain a good outcome.

In contrast, persistent anxiety can prompt behavior which most people would consider unusual or excessive. In this case, the feelings of being threatened are so dominant that a person turns inward, becoming highly self-protective and inhibited without resolving the conflict.

I once knew a woman who taught in a parochial school who concluded, at age 26, that she was never going to be married because no man had shown any interest in marrying her. This seemed strange since she was attractive, intelligent, and loved children. It did not occur to her that her anxiety made her so guarded around men that they were hesitant to relate to her.

Some forms of anxiety are a byproduct of an affluent and self-conscious culture. Parents who experienced anxiety this past

Christmas because the most popular toy was out of stock and they didn't know how to explain it to their children are victims of consumer anxiety.

After President Clinton was re-elected, commentators began speculating about his place in history—a typical concern for a self-conscious age.

Anxious people seem to realize that others don't feel the same way they do, and this only makes their predicament worse. They wonder what's wrong with them that causes them to worry.

Well-meaning and caring friends don't help matters by telling them there's really no reason to be anxious. Neither does it help to urge them simply to act contrary to their anxiety. I would never tell my friend, for example, just to get on the interstate and drive.

Anxious people need patient listeners. Sometimes this requires a professional counselor, but friends and caring people are also helpful if they allow the person to describe his or her anxiety and invite the person to think of more effective ways of responding to it.

Instead of worrying that no one will come to her funeral, my elderly neighbor made a list of all the people she knows and has begun sending them an update of her current activities.

Some people experience spiritual anxiety. This refers to a persistent concern that the person is not pleasing God or doing God's will. This concern is often accompanied by a further anxiety that God might withhold divine favor or even punish the person.

In extreme cases, a spiritually anxious person can become scrupulous, carrying out religious practices in the most exact detail and then second-guessing his performance.

Spiritual anxiety actually reflects a preoccupation with oneself instead of with God. It may stem from a perceived failure at some point in one's life to please authority figures (parents, teachers, clergy) or from a lack of affirmation from important people.

But spiritual anxiety overlooks the fact that God is pleased when people creatively respond to grace. This doesn't eliminate the worries and anxieties of life, but it puts them in the context of a loving and trustworthy relationship with God.

For anxious people, this requires a conversion away from feeling that they are on their own in life in order to move toward the confidence that God is always with them.

Lent is the primary season for cultivat-

ing this kind of conversion.

My friend who is anxious about his retirement might think back to when this concern began and reflect on how it has developed into a persistent anxiety. Then he might meditate, preferably with others, on Jesus' proclamation of trust in God's concern for us (Matthew 6:25-34).

Finally, this friend might consider how to temper his excessive worrying by vol-

unteering to work with the poor or by increasing his contributions to charity.

Conversion from anxiety does not happen within a prescribed time frame. But the six weeks of Lent provide an excellent opportunity to begin managing anxiety more effectively and more spiritually.

(Father Robert Kinast is the director of the Center for Theological Reflection at Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.)



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## Anxiety is part of human nature

By David Gibson

You know you're anxious when you can't take time out from your worries to pray. Anxiety can be that consuming!

Which is why Lent is good for people who worry. (That's almost everyone.)

Lent exerts a big push toward taking time out from whatever overconsumes us in order to refocus our attention and to gain a new perspective on our complicated lives.

It's amazing how taking time away from our worries—for a half-hour or a day—often allows us to see life challenges and problems in a new light afterward.

What is the root of anxiety?

Sometimes people imagine that things will go wrong and the results will prove catastrophic. Or people fear they won't be able to cope with things that go wrong.

During Lent, they may want to meditate on all the times when, with God's help, they coped quite well with difficulties or how often they lived with a fear of developments that, in the end, didn't materialize.

They also may want to recognize that God isn't solely dependent on them to reach a troubled person, and that it may be time to allow God to be God in troubling situations.

(David Gibson edits "Faith Alive!")

## Discussion Point

### Prayer relieves fear and anxiety

#### This Week's Question

Do you have a slogan or special "attitude" you call into play in times of anxiety?

"Usually I think, 'It ain't going to get worse, and it can always get better.'" (Thomas Alter, Fort Wayne, Ind.)

"Sometimes I'm frustrated because (God) says 'no' when I want a 'yes,' but I need to always remember that God alone knows what's best for me." (Laurie Brosseau, Port Reading, N.J.)

"I usually say to myself, 'Yes, things are bad right now, but they can't get any worse. They can only get better.' And they always do." (Pat Streim, Appleton, Wis.)

"Usually the first thing that comes to mind when I'm anxious is 'Oh God'—and I finish it off with—"our help in ages past." That beginning to prayer helps me deal with the situation." (Bill Flynn, Oswego, N.Y.)

"I put whatever's bothering me in the hands of the Lord." (Debbie Rusbarsky, Altoona, Pa.)

#### Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: "Complete this sentence: It is more harmful than family members may suspect when they don't \_\_\_\_\_."

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## Entertainment

Viewing with Arnold/James W. Arnold

# John Travolta's angel is unorthodox 'Michael'

Whether you approve of Hollywood angels depends mostly on whether your point of view is high angle or low angle.



If you look at a movie like "Michael" (currently a top box-office movie in America) from above—

from a sober, educated, theological perspective—it's pure pop fantasy, pure junk, and full of misinformation and dopey disrespect.

On the other hand, if you look at it from below—from the perspective that hardly anybody knows anything about angels and seldom even thinks about them—then it's not that bad that millions of movie patrons are required to become aware of and deal with even a thoroughly absurd concept of the archangel Michael.

The difference in viewpoint is the difference between considering this comedy

as outrageous, even blasphemous nonsense, or as a case where God shows up anyway, stretching a bit to provide an opportunity for grace.

"Michael" comes to us from writer-director Nora Ephron, a witty former star journalist whose big hits have all wryly considered male-female relationships ("Heartburn," "When Harry Met Sally" and "Sleepless in Seattle").

In this case, the key characters are two skeptical reporters (William Hurt and Robert Pastorelli) and an "angel expert" (Andie MacDowell) from a Chicago-based trash tabloid. They venture into the wilds of Iowa to check out an angel sighting at an all-but-deserted motel called the Milk Bottle Inn.

Part of the joke is that the angel is "real." One reason we know that, in this scientific age—tortured logic aside—is that he has real wings. The bigger part of the joke is that he's not the sort of angel you expect.



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Actress Whoopi Goldberg (center) stars as Myrtle Evers in "Ghosts of Mississippi." The United States Catholic Conference classifies the film A-II for adults and adolescents.

Michael (played by the ubiquitous John Travolta) is essentially a regular guy—an unkempt bachelor, in Ephron's probable perspective. He chain smokes, snores (while sleeping standing up), eats ugly (dumping tons of sugar on his cereal), and lives according to the words of John and Paul (the Beatles), who recommend that "Love is all you need."

This turns out to be "love" in the usual pop Hollywood sense. Michael is a "nice" womanizer (only implicit sex in this PG film), and all the women in Iowa are attracted to him. (In one roadhouse, all the ladies in the place dance with him, and the jealous guys start a brawl.)

His mission is to bring together Hurt, a one-time ace reporter who has fallen on bad times, and MacDowell, who is zany but likeable.

This is mostly bearable because Michael is benign, laidback and otherwise "good." ("You gotta learn to laugh," he says. "It's the way to true love.")

Like most movie angels, he enjoys his sojourns in human form, and jokes about the "small things" he has done. (He claims to have written Psalm 85, and to have invented standing-in-line. "Before then," he explains, "it was chaos.")

His one "miracle," in the old-fashioned sense, is to restore the life of a doggie who is hit by a truck; this gesture alone, and the kindness and hope it implies, may be enough to redeem the rest. Plus the fact that Psalm 85 essentially extols God's kindness and mercy: "Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss."

Mostly, "Michael" is structured as a road movie, with the little group driving back to Chicago in hopes of showing the angel to their slightly nutty publisher (Bob Hoskins). They stop in cafes and motels along the way, and to see "jokey" sights, like the world's largest ball of twine. (Michael, obviously, enjoys life.)

This angel dodges most of the heavy

questions. Thus, after the Iowa motel operator (Jean Stapleton) who has really "prayed" him to earth, has died and gone to heaven, he is asked if she's happier up there. "That's not my area," he responds.

But the story seems barely thought out. No rules are set up, for example, about what Michael must do or how long he has to do it. When he must go "back," as it were, he just sort of poops out in downtown Chicago in a pile of feathers.

He does return, in a sort of epilogue, to help the lovers find each other again. It's odd that in the final shot, Michael and the Stapleton character (now presumably deceased) dance in celebration down the middle of a Chicago street.

Dancing in the streets seems to be happening in every other movie, which possibly tells us something about popular yearnings.

Angels, of course, are much in vogue in the popular culture these days. As can be expected, we tend to fantasize them in our own image.

"Michael," at least in its visual representation, seems an especially vapid and unsatisfying offspring of Wim Wenders' "Wings of Desire," with its deeply compassionate male guardian angels in long overcoats "on duty" on various missions in the city, from the trivial to the tragic.

(Flawed, fluffy angel comedy; not generally recommended.)

USCC classification: A-III, adults.

## Film Classifications

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Gridlock'd ..... O  
Shadow Conspiracy ..... A-III  
Waiting for Guffman ..... A-III

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

# Southern drama 'Old Man' is a compelling teleplay

By Gerri Pare, Catholic News Service

A convict and a very pregnant woman are thrown together when the Mississippi River floods its banks in a period drama entitled "William Faulkner's 'Old Man,'" airing Sunday, Feb. 9, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on CBS. (Check local listings to verify the program date and time.)

The "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation is based on a Faulkner short story, with a screenplay by Horton Foote. It is 1927, the bayous are flooded by the "Old Man," and people need help.

The warden (Jerry Leggio) sends a sly convict (Leo Burmester) and a taciturn one named J.J. (Arliss Howard) in a rowboat to rescue a woman stranded high up on a cypress tree, ordering them to return when the mission is accomplished.

The first man is only interested in escaping, but J.J. proceeds until he finds Addie (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and discovers she is due to give birth any day.

A strong current washes them downstream. Hopelessly lost, they drift south. Addie, whose husband abandoned her, delivers a baby boy by the shore while J.J.

hunts for food. Learning to trust each other, the pair comes upon a friendly Cajun (Daro Latiolais), who speaks no English but shares his shack on the bayou.

When an unexpected chance at a fresh start presents itself, Addie declares her feelings for J.J., and he must decide the best course of action.

Shot on location and hauntingly capturing the languid beauty of the bayous, the drama is stark and the dialogue is spare between the wronged woman with nowhere to go and the failed thief with only his honor to hold onto—until he saves her and starts caring for her infant. The performances are models of understatement and unsentimentality, with just a flicker of changed facial expressions to convey what a torrent of words are expected to do in the usual teleplay.

The unusual tale unfolds in a highly atmospheric way, and the Cajun-inspired music adds emotion to the bittersweet story. With its themes of doing the right thing and being compassionate, the drama stands nicely apart from routine TV fare.

(Gerri Pare is on the staff of the United States Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.)

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\*April 4 and 5 - Youth Night and Day of Prayer and Reflection with Ivan Dragicevic, visionary from Medjugorje; Msgr. Bernard Powers, powerful and challenging retreat director; Jim Cowan, music ministry from Franciscan University. Each event may include a healing service. All are welcome, bring a youth.

\*April 6 - Luncheon to benefit Orphanage in Bosnia with Ivan Dragicevic, Jim Cowan.

May 17-26 - Pilgrimage to Holy Land with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. of EWTN.

June 5-14 - Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

June 25 - 16th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady the Queen of Peace, 7:00 PM. Healing Mass, music ministry provided by Kristin Taylor, St. Margaret Mary Church.

August 7-17 - Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

October 18 - Fire Rally with the Fire Team, including Fr. Michael Scanlon, TOR, Fr. John Bertolucci, Ralph Martin and Ann Shields. WOW! Truly a "don't miss" event.

Oct., Nov., or Dec. - Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

\*These April dates are a change.



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

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997

- Job 7:1-4, 6-7
- 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
- Mark 1:29-39

The book of Job furnishes this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first Scriptural reading.



Job is a familiar figure from the Old Testament, but few know little about him. He is described as patient, while in reality his life was filled with wondering rather than with silent stoicism in the face of adversity.

Always returning to the central focus of faith in God, Job's experiences are useful lessons in confronting human disappointments, troubles, and worries. Questions raised by many people faced with perplexing difficulties echo the words of Job.

This book is a literary masterpiece. Debates between God and Satan, between Job and his friends, and between Job and God all come alive in its pages, so descriptive and eloquent is the book's language.

This is all the more remarkable since the subject is so profound. Job considers such questions as "Why does evil exist?" and "Why do the good suffer?"

The selection read this weekend presents an unfortunate figure besieged by troubles all around. This figure asks why so much bad luck should be his plight in life.

Important to an understanding of Job is that he represents not just an individual who has been unlucky, but every person.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading this weekend. It is a magnificent testament to the apostle Paul's strong image of his role as follower and as servant of Christ.

Preaching the Gospel, he insists, is his obligation, not only his vocation. God's gracious gift of salvation in Christ Jesus has imposed upon Paul the obligation of responding in kind. His devotion to the apostolic mission is deep and profound. It is a gift of self in every sense, offered without reservation.

Just as the Lord's gift of self to redeem the world, including Paul, was complete

and unqualified, so is Paul's response to the call to be an apostle.

St. Mark's Gospel is the source of the Gospel reading.

The apostles left precious few personal details. So any detail about the Twelve is valued greatly. This passage is best remembered because it mentions Peter's mother-in-law.

In itself, this reference reveals that Peter at least at some point in his life was married. Some believe that he was married when he followed Jesus across Palestine. This is because of this text, and because of a text in the Pauline epistles (1 Corinthians 9:5), which some think is proof of the fact that Peter's wife accompanied him on his own apostolic journey.

Ultimately, however, the great worth of this passage is not that it informs us that Peter was married. Rather, the message is that Jesus possessed the very power of God. Peter and Andrew, as well as James and John, saw this power in Jesus. Aware of the mother-in-law's illness, their faith in Jesus prompted their appeal to him for a cure.

The reading proceeds to mention other miracles, including the Lord's subjugation of devils.

## Reflection

Job stands in the place of every man and woman, of all places, of all times. For everyone, life at some moments does not proceed as would be preferred. For many, life at times can be very daunting.

No one welcomes misfortune. The power of evil as expressed in the lives and activities of some persons seems to suggest that indeed the world is the site of two opposing forces—one good, the other evil.

These readings reveal that evil is a part of human experience. Evil may manifest itself in great problems, illnesses, griefs, or reversals. It may come from the immortal or unkind actions of another. In any event, evil is real.

The church's great message today is that Jesus is Lord over all. He is greater than any power, than any evil intention.

His power awaits our call. It will be beside us to protect us, heal us, and guide us, if simply we request it in faith, as the apostles asked Jesus in faith for a cure for Peter's mother-in-law.

## Daily Readings

Monday, Feb. 10  
Scholastica, virgin and religious foundress  
Genesis 1:1-19  
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35  
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, Feb. 11  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Genesis 1:20 - 2:4a  
Psalm 8:4-9  
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, Feb. 12  
Ash Wednesday  
Joel 2:12-18  
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17  
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, Feb. 13  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1:1-4, 6  
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, Feb. 14  
Cyril, religious and missionary  
Methodius, bishop and missionary  
Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19  
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, Feb. 15  
Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 86:1-6  
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, Feb. 16  
Genesis 9:8-15  
Psalm 25:4-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

## Real presence is in both consecrated host and wine



I have been a Eucharistic minister in our parish and local hospital for 10 years, and have never before run into the following situation. Last week a patient informed me that she is allergic to the host and could not receive Communion.

Not knowing what else to do, I said a prayer with her and left. How can one handle a situation like this, when the person wishes very much to receive our Lord in the Eucharist? (New York)

**A** I am told your patient sounds like one of many who suffer from a disease called celiac sprue. A person with this disease has a digestive system that is unable to absorb the gluten in several cereals, one of them wheat.

The disease usually begins to appear in early childhood, but continues pretty much through adulthood. An otherwise quite normal life is possible, however, if the individual avoids wheat, barley, rye and oats, basically all cereal grains except rice and corn.

The condition is relatively rare, but I have known, and today am acquainted with, a good number who have it. They usually identify themselves in connection with receiving Communion, as this woman did with you.

Two possible avenues lie open for receiving the Eucharist.

Some with the disease can receive at least a small part of the host without ill effects.

I'm sure you know it is perfectly permissible to minister Communion this way. Probably you have encountered people with other physical problems who could not swallow or digest a whole host, but could manage a small piece.

At Mass, the individual can simply ask the priest or whoever is ministering the Eucharist to give only a small part of the host. From my experience, this works satisfactorily with many celiac sprue victims. Obviously they should consult their physician before taking even this tiny portion of wheat.

The other option is to receive Communion only under the form of wine. This manner of receiving is often the only one

possible for patients who, for one reason or another, cannot swallow the host. Since we believe that Christ's entire eucharistic presence is contained equally under the form of bread and wine, this alternative is in no way a lesser or imperfect way to receive.

The priest places some of the consecrated wine at Mass into a small vial or bottle, which is then taken and ministered to the patient. If one having the illness attends a Mass at which Communion is distributed under both forms, he or she may pass up the bread and receive only from the cup.

More information about this disease and how it may relate to receiving Communion is available from the Celiac Disease Foundation by writing to 13251 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, Calif. 91604-1838, or by calling 818-990-2354.

**Q** A discussion at our prayer meeting recently was alarming for some of us who only weakly practiced our faith as young adults.

Our lifestyles were not good; premarital sex was part of it. We were married in the church, but the sacramental aspects meant little to us.

All of us have changed powerfully and are now devoted to the faith and the sacraments, including confession.

One thing worries us: Is it possible that our marriages are not valid because of our attitudes and actions? Where does that leave us? (Missouri)

**A** Don't worry, your marriages are valid. To receive the sacrament of marriage in a seriously sinful state (if that's what happened) would be wrong, but does not invalidate the marriage.

I'm sure, from your description, that you're really married, and that everything necessary has been dealt with in the sacrament of penance and the Eucharist.

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

### In Thanks for Winter

Thank you God for winter.  
Cold, bare, eternal, darkness.  
Still, lonesome, silence.  
Searching, waiting, watching.  
White, pure, virgin,  
Untouched snow  
Blowing, showing traces  
Of the wind, the Holy Spirit.  
Moon and stars illuminate  
The blanket of snow  
Like millions of precious diamonds  
Outlining the land,  
Turning night into day.

God's beauty is surrounding me,  
Forever embracing the creation  
Of his love.  
Warm, safe, radiant, comfort.  
Peaceful, secure, silence.  
Longing, knowing, believing.  
Like a burning flame in my heart.  
I have him to hold me, to see me through,  
Until the first sign of spring,  
And always.

By Linda Beatty

(Linda Beatty is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville.)



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## The Active List

The Criterion welcomes announcements for "The Active List" of parish and church-related activities open to the public. Please keep them brief, listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No announcements can be taken by telephone. No pictures, please. Notices must be in our offices by 10 a.m. on Monday of the week of publication. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, "The Active List," 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

### February 7

The Couple to Couple League will hold a natural family planning class at 7 p.m. at Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th, Beech Grove. Information: 317-862-3848.

Cardinal Ritter Nightwatch, 5:30-11:30 p.m. for 8th grade students considering attending Cardinal Ritter High school.

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., Indianapolis. Everyone is welcome.

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Friday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be held before Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 203 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove, will have Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Holy Guardian Angels Church, Cedar Grove, will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. All welcome.

St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will hold First Friday Vigil Adoration from 7-8 p.m. All welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, will hold a Sacred Heart devotion from 7-8 p.m. All welcome.

St. Thomas Parish, Fortville, will hold Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion of the Eucharist. Information: 317-485-5102.

St. Peter and Paul Cathedral Council and Count #191 of

the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver will sponsor the First Friday Rosary at 5:15 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. All welcome.

Apostolate of Fatima will hold holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th & Bosart, Indianapolis. Information: 317-784-9757.

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis, will hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m.-noon. All welcome.

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Rd., West Sellersburg, will hold First Friday Eucharistic Adoration following 8 a.m. Mass and closing with 3 p.m. Benediction.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will hold Mass, healing service and teaching at Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th, Indianapolis. Teaching 7 p.m.; Worship 7:30 p.m., followed by Mass & healing. Information: 317-927-6900.

St. Christopher Parish Singles & Friends, Indianapolis, will attend Cinedome Theater "The Living Sea," at the Children's Museum. Meet at Museum entrance at 7 p.m. Information: 317-328-8186; 317-879-8018.

### February 7-9

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, presents TOBIT Retreat for engaged couples. Fee: \$195. Information/Registrar: 317-545-7681.

### February 8

St. Christopher Parish Singles & Friends, Indianapolis, Volleyball with St. Lawrence Singles at 4650 N. Shadeland, Indianapolis, 7 p.m. Information: 317-328-8186; 317-879-8018; 317-543-0796.

Christ the King, Indianapolis, King's Singles will attend 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast and St. Vincent de Paul Warehouse volunteer day.

### February 9

St. Christopher Parish Singles & Friends, Indianapolis, will attend Arms & the Man at CTS, 1000 W. 42nd, 2:30 p.m. Tickets: 317-481-9349.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman, Indianapolis, Alter Society will hold a Eudhure Party starting at 1 p.m. in Ryan Hall. Fee: \$3.

St. Paul Elementary, 105 St. Paul St., Sellersburg, will hold annual Sausage Social, 4 p.m. Adults \$4., children \$2. Bingo, cake booth and special raffles will be featured. Information: 812-246-3266.

Holy Guardian Angels Church 203 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove, will hold Eucharistic Adorations 6-8 p.m. All are welcome.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, presents Indiana University Singing Hoosiers 2:30 p.m. in St. Bede Theater. Information: 812-357-6501.

St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman, will hold a Valentine Breakfast, 7:30-12 noon; a freewill donation will be taken.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold monthly Family Gathering, 2-6 p.m. Fee: Adult, \$10. 12 and under, \$5.

St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis, will hold a Tridentine (Latin) Mass at 1:30 p.m.

### February 10

St. Francis Hospital and the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Family Growth Program will hold six weekly STEP parenting classes at St. Francis Education Center, 8111 S. Emerson, Indianapolis, 7-9:30 p.m. Fee: \$35 individual; \$50 couple. Information/Registrar: 317-236-1526.

Benedict Inn, Beech Grove, will hold Yoga classes from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$8. Information: 317-788-3142.

### February 11

Our Lady of Greenwood Marian Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

St. Vincent Stress Center, Community Education Series, 8401 Harcourt Rd., 7:30-9:30 p.m. will present "Burnout: How to Put Out the Fire," a seminar by Don Bare, ACSW. Information/Registrar: 317-338-2273.

### February 11-13

Holy Spirit Parish, Indianapolis, will host a 50th Anniversary Retreat presented by Father Keith Hoesy and Sister Maureen Manganen. Retreat Theme is "A Deepening Experience." 6 p.m. Tuesday - 9 p.m. Thursday. Information: 317-357-6691.

### February 12

Roncalli High School Parents Organization will hold a Fish Fry 4:30-6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Benefits Senior Christian Awakening Retreat.

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.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold an Introduction to Centering Prayer workshop, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$45. Information/Registrar: 317-788-7581.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a Centering Prayer Lenten Retreat, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45. Information/Registrar: 317-788-7581.

St. Christopher Parish Singles & Friends, Indianapolis, will attend 6:30 p.m. Mass fol-

lowed by dinner. Information: 317-879-8018.

The National Council Catholic Women, Archdiocesan Board will hold their Archdiocesan Meeting, at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-235-2561.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' Hospice Office, 438 South Emerson Ave., Greenwood will offer a Bereavement Support Group from 3-4 p.m. and from 6:30-8 p.m. Sessions are free. Register/Information: 317-865-2092.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Social Services will hold a group session on "Survivors of Sexual Abuse" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information/location: Linda Loheide Clarke, 317-236-1500.

### February 13

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Thursday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be held before Mass. Everyone is welcome.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers will sponsor Caterpillar Kids, a bereavement support group for children, ages 5 to 12, at Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis (1 mile north of the Greenwood Park Mall, U.S. 31 & Stop 12 Road) Information/Registrar: 317-865-2092.

### February 14

St. Lawrence Church, Indianapolis, will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Friday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction

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will be held 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.

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., Indianapolis. Everyone is welcome.

The K of C 1808, 1-1/2 mile West of Lanesville on Hwy. 62 will hold a Valentine Dance, starting at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Gibault Home for Boys. Information and ticket prices: 812-952-2229; 812-738-6335.

### February 15

St. Jude Church, Indianapolis, will sponsor a Sweetheart Dinner Dance starting with Mass followed by dance at Primo Banquet Hall, 2600 E. National Ave. \$45/couple; \$22.50/singles. Information: 317-783-3654; 317-786-9503.

St. Christopher Parish Singles & Friends, Indianapolis, will attend Indianapolis ICE vs. Ft. Wayne Komets Hockey game. Information/time: 317-879-8018.

### February 14-16

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a retreat for married couples, "Love is More Than Cupid's Arrows," from 6:30 p.m. Friday - 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Fee: \$225 per couple.

Information/Register: 317-788-7581.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold a men's retreat "Fear & Grace: God's Work of Redemption." Fee: \$105. Information/Register: 317-545-7681.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold a women & men's guided retreat "Blessed Grieving: When a Loved One Dies." Fee: \$105/single; \$175/couple. Information/Register: 317-545-7681.

### February 15

Christ the King, Indianapolis, King's Singles will hold Video Night at the Youth House behind the Church at 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-475-2538.

### February 16

The Archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Family Growth Program is offering PEES parenting classes for the Spanish speaking community at the Marian Center, 311 N. New Jersey, on six consecutive Sundays; 3-5 p.m. Information: 317-237-9719; 317-236-1526.

A Schoenstatt Holy Hour and Mass beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt. Information: Fr. Elmer Burwinkel 812-689-3551. Directions: .8 mile E. of 421 on 925-S, 10 south of Versailles.

Sacred Heart Church, Indianapolis, will hold Marian Prayer, 2-3 p.m. All are invited.

### February 18

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, Reflection Tuesday, "Jesus - The Never Ending Story." Childcare available. Fee: \$20. Information/Register: 317-545-7681.

St. Christopher Parish Singles & Friends, Indianapolis, IU vs. Purdue Basketball. Information: 317-329-8203; 317-879-8018.

### February 19

Catholic Widowed Organization will meet at Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-887-9388.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' Hospice Office, 438 South Emerson Ave., Greenwood will offer a Bereavement Support Group from 3-4 p.m. and from 6:30-8 p.m. Sessions are free. Registration & Information: 317-865-2092.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology offers "Eucharist: Symbol and Reality" workshop

from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fees: advance \$35; at door \$45. Information: 812-357-6599.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop, four weekly sessions from 7-9 p.m. Fee: \$50. Information/Register: 317-788-7581.

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

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery & Mausoleum, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Indianapolis, will hold a Mass at 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898.

### February 20

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a Women in Healthcare Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m. Fee: \$5. Information: 317-788-7581.

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will hold a Women in Ministry

Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m. Fee: \$5. Information: 317-788-7581.

### Bingos

MONDAY: Our Lady of Lourdes, 6:30 p.m.; TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; St. Malachy, Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m. THURSDAY: Msgr. Downey K of C Council 3660, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday each of month, 1:15 p.m.

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## National institute to instruct RCIA educators

"The Initiating Community: Developing the Ministries" will be the topic during an April 17-19 Indianapolis meeting of international religious educators—The North American Forum of the Catechumenate.

The institute will help participants build skills in particular ministries in the area of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The program will include daily prayer and a closing eucharistic liturgy.

In the general sessions, and in the four different focus groups, those who attend will explore the foundations of the initiation ministry. They will receive training in the skills for their RCIA focus ministries: catechist for adults, catechist for children, liturgist/musician and RCIA coordinator.

The local coordinator is Karen Oddi, associate director of religious education for sacramental catechesis for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education (OCE).

Besides the presenters, the planning committee includes: Franciscan Sister Michael Marie Burns, Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen, Charles Gardner, Beth Luking, Providence Sister Cordelia Moran, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sister Corine Murray, Rita Rogers, Carol Schreiner, Father Thomas Schliessman, Benedictine Sister Mildred Wannemuehler and Tom Yost.

Members of the Catechumenate Institute Team of the North American Forum will facilitate the institute. They include: Emily Filippi, Gael Gensler, David Haas, Diane Lampitt and Richard Moudry.

Teams are comprised of pastoral ministers, liturgists, catechists, and theologians from the United States and Canada.

The North American Forum is an international network of initiation ministers that provides support and resources for those involved in Christian initiation.

The local Christian Initiation Committee of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission will sponsor the event at the Benedict Inn and Conference Center in Beech Grove.

The deadline for regular registration is March 6. For more information call the Office of Catholic Education at 317-236-1448, or the Office of Worship at 317-236-1483. Both offices can be called toll-free at 800-382-9836.

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## Youth News/Views

# Kaczmarek, Patrick earn Preludes

By Mary Ann Wyand

"A dream is a wish your heart makes..."  
Fans of Walt Disney's animated version of the fairy tale "Cinderella" know she liked to sing this song and that her dream of living "happily ever after" came true after years of hard work because she never quit believing.  
Fortunately, dreams come true in real life too.  
Two Catholic high school student artists from Indianapolis realized their lifelong dreams last weekend



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School senior Theresa Patrick performs her award-winning monologue in the 1997 Prelude Awards theater competition last Friday.

when they earned Prelude Awards for excellence in dance and theater during the 13th annual fine arts competition on Jan. 31 at The Children's Museum's Lilly Theater in Indianapolis.

Years of hard work and perseverance paid off for Bishop Chatard High School senior Lisa Kaczmarek from St. Pius X Parish and Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School senior Theresa Patrick from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

They were among seven central Indiana high school students who earned individual scholarships of \$2,000 for collegiate study and a \$500 grant for each of their schools to benefit arts curriculum and cultural programming. The awards were presented during the Prelude Academy's annual recognition banquet on Feb. 1 at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis.

The student competition is sponsored by The Children's Museum, The Children's Museum Guild, and The Penrod Society. This year, 39 finalists in seven fine arts categories were selected from among 386 Marion County students who competed in the preliminary competitions.

Other 1997 Prelude Awards finalists from Catholic schools were Bishop Chatard High School senior Miriam Kienle of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, whose pottery earned recognition in the visual arts competition; Cathedral High School sophomore Jennifer Canada, a St. Lawrence School graduate, in vocal music; and Roncalli High School senior Nick Shannon, a St. Jude parishioner, in vocal music.

A four-time finalist in the dance competition, Lisa Kaczmarek choreographed her own interpretation of the theme song from the movie "The Mission" after she watched the film in her high school Spanish class.

"The movie had such a big impact on the way I look at things," she recalled. "When I first heard the music, I knew I had to dance to it. I decided to choreograph this piece because I wanted to challenge myself. I worked really hard on it. It was exciting to win the award this year. It meant a lot to me personally because it was something I had created on my own."

Music and dance are important forms of expression, Lisa said, which have led her to pursue years of rigorous ballet lessons and a career as a professional dancer.



File photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Bishop Chatard High School senior Lisa Kaczmarek has been named a Prelude Awards dance finalist four times. She performed this ballet her sophomore year.

"Music is what I love the most about dancing because it's so beautiful," she explained. "It has taught me a lot about determination and dedication. The love and support from my family and friends have been amazing factors in the reason I've been able to follow my dream."

Lisa has studied dance at Butler University's Jordan Academy of Dance as well as the Academy of Indianapolis Ballet Theater. She also studies with the American Ballet Theater in New York City on a scholarship, and will join the professional ballet company for further training and employment after graduating from Bishop Chatard in June.

The stage is also a second home for Theresa Patrick, an experienced community theater actress who fell in love with acting as a child and thrives on the challenge of memorizing and interpreting difficult scenes and dialogues. She earned a Prelude Award in theater during her first year of competition.

Theresa performed the part of Beatrice in a scene from William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* with Brebeuf senior Zachary Hoover, and also the part of Tanya in a monologue from the play *The Talented Tenth*.

"The Prelude competition wasn't hard at all because I loved the pieces so much," she said. "My monologue was so much like me that I related so well to it, and it came naturally for me."

Theresa said she believes her vocal and acting talents are a gift from God. She plans to pursue a double major in music and theater during college.

"There are a lot of very talented youth in this city," Theresa said. "I thought it was so wonderful that they would allow me to get up on the stage in front of all those people to show them what I love to do. That was the most wonderful gift they could give me."

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## Young Adult Scene

## Some 200 hear news anchor's faith journey at conference

By Susan Bierman

Some 200 young adults from the archdiocese and surrounding areas listened as one woman shared her faith journey.

"This is my journey, this is my path," said, Anne Ryder, who was the keynote speaker at the archdiocesan Young Adult Conference last Saturday at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The archdiocesan Office for Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries sponsored the event.

Ryder is an Indianapolis news anchor from WTHR Channel 13, who co-anchors the 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 11 p.m. news. She also produces "Hope to Tell," a weekly series about hope, faith, and human spirit.

Ryder, who is a parishioner at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, told her listeners the story of her own faith journey. She said it wasn't until she was in the Catholic Church that her faith became alive and real to her. Ryder, a native of Indianapolis, was raised Presbyterian. She believes a few things happened early in life that caused her to stray from God.

"The most notable thing was the death of my mother," she said.

Her mother was diagnosed with a brain tumor when Ryder was 10 years old and passed away when she was 15 years old.

"I saw what this brain tumor and terminal illness did to our happy family," Ryder said.

She said her mother's illness and death threatened to tear the family apart.

"And being at the tender, rebellious age of 15, I turned my anger upwards . . . and I was angry for a long time," she said.

Ryder said at that time she really didn't care about going to church or having a personal relationship with God.

"It's not that I went around bad-mouthing religion, it just didn't mean anything to me," she said.

Now, Ryder can look back and see that she was a little girl who felt out of control and tried to control everything she could.

"The farther I go in my faith journey, the more I see we are not in control at all. Control is only an illusion," she said.

Ryder told the young adults her Catholic religion means a lot to her now. In 1989, she married a "cradle Catholic." Two years later, she herself joined the church.

"I'll tell you, I have had nothing but blessings in my life since making that decision," Ryder said.

Ryder told her listeners she is convinced most good things in both her personal life and in her career come through prayer. She said her weekly series "Hope to Tell," came through the vehicles of prayer and frustration.

"I was feeling that I wasn't making a difference. We were going on the air four times a day and were telling people about drive-by

shootings, and all the bad news," she said.

Ryder said this was getting depressing. And she questioned, "Why can't we bring inspiration to the news?"

She wanted to offer news that would allow viewers to walk away inspired. "Hope to Tell" was the solution. The series officially kicked off featuring a story about a group of 24 pilgrims from Indiana who traveled to a small village in Bosnia known as Medjugorje. Ryder said these people, because of their faith, were heading into a war zone. And she couldn't believe it.

"They were going because they believed the Virgin Mary was appearing there."

Ryder admitted that, after arriving in Medjugorje, she was a little frustrated because she was not seeing or feeling the things the pilgrims were experiencing. Her attitude changed when an Irish nun approached her.

"I told her, 'I am not feeling anything. I don't know how to report this story,'" Ryder said.

The nun replied, "Don't worry about what you are feeling. You are here to work. You are doing Mary's work."

After this advice from the nun, Ryder changed her attitude.

"I quit looking for a miracle for me," she said.

Ryder was then able to tell the story through the eyes of the pilgrims.

Most of the stories in the "Hope to Tell" series feature local people and local stories. Ryder puts the Bosnia story in a category with two others, in what she calls the "Hope to Tell" trilogy. The two other stories in the trilogy feature the U.S. Air Force pilot Captain Scott O'Grady, and Mother Teresa.

Captain O'Grady is the pilot whose plane was shot down over Bosnia. He spent five days on the ground fighting for his life. Ryder was granted one of only three interviews the pilot granted soon after he arrived back in the United States. She said he gave her the interview because she wanted to get the spiritual side of his story.

"Nobody else asked, and it was the one thing he wanted to tell," Ryder said.

The third in the trilogy is Ryder's visit to Calcutta, India, and featured the work of Mother Teresa.

The sisters of Mother Teresa's community invited Ryder to visit Calcutta. But it was not an easy journey, and the timing was not good. Just two days before she was to get her last vaccinations, Ryder found out, after years of trying, that she was pregnant. She consulted three doctors, who were honest in telling her she would be taking a big risk going to a country with such illnesses as malaria and tuberculosis. She said that because of her age and another medical condition, she was considered a high-risk pregnancy already.

"This was the most critical decision of my life," she said.



Indianapolis news anchor Anne Ryder, from WTHR Channel 13, shares her faith journey with some 200 young adults during the archdiocesan Young Adult Conference last Saturday at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The annual event is sponsored by the Office for Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries.

Photo by Susan Bierman

Ryder and her husband prayed, looking for answers. Again, she felt angry.

"I thought, God why are you presenting this. This inner voice kept asking me 'Do you trust me?'"

Ryder wanted to make sure she was going to Calcutta for the right reasons.

"Was I going because I was expecting to get the interview with Mother Teresa and win all these awards, or was I going because I really wanted to tell the story of love?"

Ryder said going to Calcutta was an act of faith on her part.

"I trusted God to guide me. And we (she and her husband) came to the conclusion

that we were going for the right reasons. We felt peace in our hearts and made the decision to go," she said.

Ryder, who is now the mother of an infant daughter, believes this project was meant to be. And if she hadn't gone on the trip last April, the opportunity would not have been offered again. Since her visit to Calcutta, Mother Teresa has been near death twice and has recently announced that she is stepping down as superior general of the Missionaries of Charity.

"As much as I wondered about God's timing, I now see that his timing was perfect," Ryder said.



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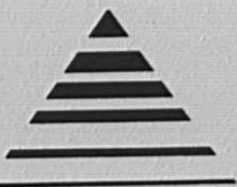
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**BAILEY, Joan S. (Welton)** 89, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Jan. 15. Sister of, A. J., Garlan, Margaret Welton.

**BRUNNER, Selma V.**, 83 St. Andrew, Richmond, Jan. 26. Sister of Louis D. Brunner.

**COLLET, Elizabeth H.**, 78, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Jan. 20. Wife of Leslie Collet; mother of Charles J., Malachy J., Christopher G., Mary Catherine Collet.

**COLLET, Leslie G.**, 82, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Jan. 28. Husband of Elizabeth (Betty) H.; father of Charles J., Malachy J., Christopher G., Mary Catherine Collet.

**EATON, Gertrude C. Dunlea**, 98, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Jan. 21. Mother of David R., Jim R. Eaton; grandmother of 10; great-grandmother of 15.

**ERNSTES, Anthony L. "Tony"**, 79, St. Mary, Greensburg, Feb. 2. Brother of Clarence A. Ernestes, Elizabeth Dilkes.

**GIPP, Bruno**, 101, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, Jan. 21. Uncle of Thelma Ivie.

**GRANGER, Michael**, 53, St. Vincent, Bedford, Jan. 24. Husband of Marylee Granger;

father of Jeanette, Nicole, Kim; Marty, Todd, Paul Granger; brother of Gilbert, Dan, Vivian, Madeline, Gertrude, Lucette, Granger; grandfather of 12.

**GUILLAUME, Stella M.**, 82, St. Augustine, Leopold, Jan. 24. Wife of Hubert A. Guillaume; mother of Bill H., Eddie Guillaume, Mildred Kelly; grandmother of 16; great-grandmother of 24.

**HUCK, Margaret A.**, 90, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Jan. 26. Mother of Edward, Ronald, Veronica Huck, Dorothy Kiser, Marcella Miceli, Ruth Holzer, Mary Anna Leeds, Rosemund Comley; grandmother of 31; great-grandmother of 36; great-great grandmother of 1.

**LaPINTA, Anthony Salvatore**, 76, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 23. Husband of Martha LaPinta; father of Charles LaPinta, Judith Wirtz; brother of Angela Hartman; grandfather of one.

**MARKEY, Dorothy Ann (Cain)**, 67, St. Susanna, Plainfield, Jan. 20. Wife of John J. Markey; mother of William J., John J., Patty A. Markey, Mary A. Leggett, Barbara L. Robison, Diane L. Anderson, Elizabeth A. Warrior; sister of Mary Helen Courtney, Marjorie F. Knapp, Michael H. Cain; grandmother of 10.

**MOSTER, Richard "Mose"**, 72, St. Michael, Brookville, Jan. 26. Husband of June (Riedman) Moster, father of Paul, Tom Moster, Allison Wolber, Janet Tebbe, Bette Osborn; brother of Kathleen

Johnson Pope, Marjorie Naylor; grandfather of 12.

**MAURER, Ellen M.**, 86, St. Andrew, Richmond, Jan. 27. Wife of Francis Maurer; mother of Barbara Norris, Jane Marlatt; sister of Elizabeth Oler, Agnes Kline, Frances Dooley; grandmother of six; great-grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of two.

**ROMINGER, Helen Marjorie**, 87, Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick, Jan. 23. Step-sister of Gaithel Friedman, Anna Lee Shields; aunt of Mary Lou Cahill, Francis Jean Sayles.

**SCHMIDT, William H.**, 84, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, Jan. 20. Father of Bill, Jr., Lester, Joseph, Richard Schmidt, Lou Miller, Linda Fryer; brother of Bob, Fred,

## Providence Sister Trinita O'Brien was teacher, councilor

Providence Sister Trinita O'Brien died in Quincy, Mass. on Jan. 21. She was 76.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Jan. 25. A wake and Mass were also held in Malden, Mass.

The former Rita Evelyn O'Brien entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1939, professed first vows in 1941 and final vows in 1947.

Sister Trinita taught in a school in the Ft. Wayne Diocese, as well as schools in Illinois, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. She also taught in England and was provincial councilor in the St. Raphael Province.

She is survived by brothers Donald, Robert, Stephen and Herbert O'Brien and a sister, Eleanor Grace.

Henry, Tony Schmidt, Martha Castle; grandfather of 20; great-grandfather of 30.

**SMITH, Wilma Louise Swain Schubert Smith**, 80, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Dec. 31. Wife of Truman Smith, mother of Patricia Rains, Barbara Barger, Phyllis Boucher, Beverly Dotts, Charlotte Glenn, Marilyn Dye, Sharon Harris, Pamela Ford, Charles C. Jr., John Clark Schubert; sister of Mary Smith, Vera Woodruff, Juanita Reed; grandmother of 29; great-grandmother of 47.

**TODD, Helen May**, 68, St. Mary, Richmond, Jan. 22. Wife of Joseph Todd; mother of Michael, Linda Todd; sister of John B., Edgar M. Dunn; Betty J. Winn, Margaret L. Newton, Mildred Yowler, Maxine Virgilio.

**TOZER, William "Bill"**, 80, Annunciation, Brazil, Jan. 20. Father of William F., Mary Ellen, Marcia Tozer, Linda Smiley; grandfather of seven.

**TUCS, Konstantins**, 91, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Jan. 21. Husband of Veronika Tucs.

## Providence Sr. Mary Teresa Miller taught in archdiocese

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A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Jan. 28.

The former Lucile Catherine Miller entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1926, professed first vows in 1929 and final vows in 1934.

Sister Mary Teresa taught at St. Mary, Richmond, and at Holy Cross and St. Simon, Indianapolis, as well other schools in Indiana, Illinois and California.

**WHITE, Richard E.**, 76, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Jan. 20. Husband of Rita Anne (Hughes) White; father of Richard P., Timothy M., Elizabeth A., Jennifer C., Susan G. White, Mary C. McFarren; brother of Eileen

White; grandfather of one.

**WISMAN, Hazel**, 73, St. Mary, Lanesville, Jan. 18. Wife of Joseph Wisman; father of Donald, Eugene Wisman, Diane Walther; grandmother of three; great-grandmother of two.

## Lawmakers in several states consider abortion bills

**HARTFORD, Conn. (CNS)**—Pro-life advocates in Connecticut will be keeping a close eye on their state's General Assembly this year as bills come before the Legislature on partial-birth abortion and fetal homicide.

The controversial abortion procedure, which has been in the national spotlight for many months and is being debated in statehouses across the country, is the subject of a bill proposed by Democratic Rep. Michael Jarjura of Waterbury. Jarjura said he hoped to join with pro-life advocacy groups to make partial-birth abortions illegal in Connecticut.

The procedure is used in mid- to late-term abortions in which the unborn child is partially delivered, feet first, before surgical scissors are stabbed into the base of the infant's head. The child's brain is then removed by suction, allowing for easier delivery of the collapsed head.

He said his proposal is modeled after the federal legislation that was vetoed by President Clinton last year after it passed in the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

The partial-birth abortion issue is also the focus of new legislative proposals in Maryland. Lawmakers in both chambers of the General Assembly have introduced proposals to ban the procedure.

In Iowa, Republican Gov. Terry E. Branstad, who is a Catholic, has indicated he will propose a ban there on partial-birth abortions. He also said he wanted to make it a requirement that any abortions be reported to the state's Department of Public Health for statistical purposes.

Also coming before the Connecticut Legislature is a proposed fetal homicide bill that would protect unborn babies who are victims in crimes perpetrated against their mothers.

"The concept of this legislation is to recognize the fact that the unborn child is a person for purposes of the homicide laws," said William O'Brien, president of the Connecticut Right to Life Corp., the pro-life group that has been promoting the passage of a fetal homicide bill for several years.

The law would target anyone who assaults or kills a pregnant woman. In such cases, the aggressor could be charged with crimes against the mother and the unborn baby.

Similar laws are in effect in Texas and Ohio. Last October in Texas, Frank Cuellar was found guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to 16 to 21 years in prison for the death of a baby who was delivered prematurely after an auto accident and died about two days later. The baby had suffered extensive brain damage.

Cuellar's blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when he drove his truck into a car driven by a woman who was seven-and-a-half months pregnant.

In Ohio in January, a Pennsylvania man named Thomas Sherwood was charged with vehicular homicide for the death of an unborn child hours after a traffic accident. Sherwood is among the first to be charged under new Ohio laws on causing death to a fetus. If convicted of vehicular homicide, a first-degree misdemeanor, he could face up to six months in jail.

In other action on the abortion issue, Virginia state senators gave preliminary approval Jan. 31 to a measure that would require girls 17 and younger to tell a parent or guardian before they have an abortion. It would not require a minor to obtain parental consent.

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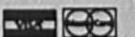
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