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Mother Theodore proclaimed 'blessed'

Pope declares religious foundress worthy of veneration, model to be followed; Church in Indiana rejoices at news

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS,

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind.—Mother Theodore Guérin, who founded the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, has been proclaimed "blessed" by Pope John Paul II.

The pope made the proclamation and read the decree of beatification July 7 at the Vatican during a private meeting with Providence Sister Diane Ris, general superior of the Sisters of Providence, and Dr. Andreae Ambrosi, postulator for the cause of Mother Theodore.

A formal, public beatification teremony will be celebrated in Rome at a later date. Local celebrations will also take place at sites where Sisters of Providence have ministered or continue to minister.

"This is a time of great rejoicing," said Sister Diane. "We give our beloved Mother Theodore to the world. We venerate this holy woman, Mother Theodore Guérin, and trust as she dld in a Provident God who has never failed us."

Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said that "the proclamation of Mother Theodore as blessed is wonderful news for the church in Indiana. Those who have known the story of the life of this valiant woman have been looking forward to this day when her courage, love and wisdom could be shared in an official way with the larger church. Mother Theodore's trust in Divine Providence is especially

wisdom could be shared in an official way with the larger church. Mother Theodore's trust in Divine Providence is especially relevant for all of us today," he said.

Sister Diane called Mother Theodore a "woman for our time" and cited her faith, hope and love as models for all people to adopt. "Mother Theodore was willing to go forth and do things that were built totally on trust in God," she said. "Because of that trust, we Sisters of Providence here at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, in 26 states and the District of Columbia, and in Taiwan and China are engaged in ministries that bring love, mercy and justice to God's people."

Beatification is a step toward the canonization of a saint. In the process, the

candidate's life and writings are investigated, along with evidence that she or he practiced virtue in a "heroic" way. Then one miracle accomplished by God through the intercession of the candidate must be certified. If all these criteria are met, the pope decrees that the "Servant of God" be called blessed. The person can then be honored locally in the liturgy.

Mother Theodore received the title blessed after specialists affiliated with the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome unanimously approved as a miracle the cure of Providence Sister Mary Theodosia Mug through the intercession of Mother Theodore. (See The Criterion. July 4, 1997, page one.) The miracle was unanimously approved by medical consultants in November 1996, by theologians in March 1997, and by cardinals last month. Sister Mary Theodosia, 1860–1943, suffered from breast and abdominal cancer. A radical mastectomy in 1906 left her with an immobile left urm. The large abdominal tumor was inoperable and hampered her movement and impaired her digestion. On Oct. 30, 1908, she prayed at Mother Theodore's tomb in the crypt of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, When she awoke the following morning, the abdominal tumor had disappeared and she was immediately able to use her arm.

The process for the beatification and canonization of Mother Theodore began in 1908, with the permission of Indianapolis Bishop Francis Silas Chatard. In 1956, Pope Pius XII approved the initial investigations and signed a petition to continue the cause. In 1992, cardinals and bishops declared that Mother Theodore had practiced the theological and cardinal virtues to a heroic degree, Pope John Paul II ordered that a decree be issued about her virtues and gave her the title venerable.

Mother Theodore (Anne-Thérèse Guérin) was born in Etable, Brittany, France, in 1798 and entered the Sisters of



essed Theodore (Anne-Thérèse) Guérin

Providence in Ruillé-sur-Loir in 1823, receiving the name Sister Saint Theodore. In 1840, in response to a request from Bishop Simon Bruté, first bishep of Vincennes (now Indianapolis), and renewed by Bishop Célestin de la Hailandière, the second bishop of Vincennes, Sister Saint Theodore and five sister companions—Sisters Basilide Sénéschal, Olympiade Boyer, Mary Xavier Lerée, Saint Vincent Perrer Gagé, and Saint Liguori Tiercin—journeyed to

America to establish a motherhouse and a school for girls in the wilderness of west-central Indiana. The sisters arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Oct. 22, 1840, and opened their academy within a year. With the establishment of a motherhouse in the New World, Bishop Hailandière asked that Sister Saint Theodore be henceforth called Mother Theodore.

Mother Theodore died May 14, 1856, and is buried at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Pope chooses theme for World Peace Day: Personal responsibility for justice

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Personal V responsibility for justice has been chosen by Pope John Paul II as the theme for his 1998 World Peace Day message,

the Vatican announced.
"From the Justice of Each Comes Peace for All" will be the title of the message, which is released in December for the Jan. 1 celebration of World Peace Day. The message will coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

A Vatican statement said the pope wanted to explore the present-day relationship between justice and human rights, both of which are seen as essential conditions for lasting peace.

The theme will focus in particular on the "personal responsibility of every man and woman in the construction of a human society according to justice," the statement said. The message will emphasize that jus-

tice is to be given, not just taken.

"Alongside the justice to be demanded of others is the justice to offer to others; alongside the right of justice, there is the duty of justice," it said. The Vatican statement said the message

will highlight several specific areas where justice is needed in modern society":

• In economics, where rapid changes

are providing opportunities but are also creating "dramatic imbalances."

 In culture, where a "techno-scientific emancipation" runs the risk of creating new ideologies and forms of manipulation.

 In politics, where greater global par-ticipation has been matched with the rebirth of nationalism and ethnic rivalries

The papal message will be based in part on the teachings of Popes John XXIII and Paul VI, the Vatican statement said.

Both popes developed in various doc-uments the idea that justice is a basic condition of peace and that justice requires the recognition of certain fundamental rights regarding the human person and human dignity

Black Expo to feature Catholic presence

Colorful displays, massive signs, videos, a clown and Bible Bears will draw those who attend Indiana Black Expo to check out the Catholic exhibits.

The Catholic Church will make its presence known with a large display at the July 17-20 event at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

The exhibit will show the strength of

the church in the areas covered by the 1997 Black Expo theme: "Strengthening Our Communities: Mind, Body and Soul" Sixteen parishes and agencies will participate in an eight-table display cov-ering both sides of one aisle. Four other

Brochures on "The Catholic Church:
Strengthening our Communities" will
be distributed to those who go through the area. Scripture readings are used under the headings "Mind: Christ—the Wisdom of God"; "Body: Christ—Come in the flesh"; and "Soul: Christ—Lifegiving spirit."

The brochure invites those who are "looking for a church family" to "come

share our journey of hope."

Visitors to Black Expo will find larger signs and images marking the Catholic

Church area than in previous years.

St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis will have a display of Bible Bears—cartoon bears representing various Bible charac-ters. Maybelle the Clownwill make animal balloons for the children on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. And Catholic school and parish choirs will be part of the Saturday afternoon entertainment.

The committee planning archdiocesan participation wanted to have a large uni-fied presentation, with additional scaled-down displays by individual

churches, schools and agencies.

An archdiocesan map will highlight locations of participating schools. All schools will be listed. Information will be available on teaching positions that

A large display of black Catholic bishops will be the centerpiece of the pastoral/social service side of the aisle.

Participating parishes are Holy Trinity, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. Rita, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Monica, all of Indianapolis. Schools include All Saints, Holy Angels, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Michael, Roncalli High and Marian College, all of Indianapolis.

Archdiocesan agencies working on the presentation are the Office of Catholic Education, Catholic Social Services, the Archdiocesan Evangelization
Commission, the Mission Office, and the Archdiocesan Multicultural Commission.

Each unit will have handouts demon-strating different aspects of the work of the church. Those who walk through will be given large plastic bags with the archdioce-san logo and the words "The Catholic -Archdiocese of Indianapolis" with the telephone number for the Evangelization coordinator.

The Catholic Church display will follow this year's official Black Expo col-ors: black, red, yellow and green. Jesuit Father Joseph Folzenlogen, archdiocesan coordinator of evangeliza-

tion; David Bethuram, director of the Office for Youth and Family Ministries; and Father Kenneth Taylor, director of the Multicultural Ministry, have coordinated the planning for the event.

The hours of the exhibits are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 18; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday; and noon to 8

St. Jude School takes the national Blue Ribbon

St. Jude School in Indianapolis is one of 21 schools in the country to receive the Excellence in Education Award, the nation's highest honor presented to schools

"A state and national school of excellence," is the way the phone message at St. Jude School announces the honor.

The principal, Providence Sister James Michael Kesterson said that she believes one of the reasons the school is so successful is that, "we do try to stress the community spirit we have here." Sister James Michael said that the

school has strong support from the par-ents, that the PTO works well with the teachers, and that there is a great spirit of cooperation between teachers and stu-

"Of course, we stress discipline, acad-

emics and spiritual life," she said.

Also called the Blue Ribbon Schools award, the citation by the U.S. Depart-ment of Education will be presented at a ceremony scheduled later this year.

Twenty-one Catholic elementary schools are among 262 to receive the exemplary school designation. St. Jude is the only Catholic school in the state that was selected.

"We are proud of the recognition given to St. Jude School and Principal Sister James Michael Kesterton," said Dr. Robert J. Kealey, executive director of the Department of Elementary Schools at the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington. "St. Jude serves as an example of the excellence

the Catholic schools contribute to our nation's educational system.'

The School Recognition Program identifies private and public schools that are exceptionally effective at educating students. The 12-year-old program calls attention to the success of these schools as a way of encouraging other schools and communities to learn from their ideas and examples.

Criteria employed by those evaluating award entries include several "condi-tions of effective schooling": students focus and support, challenging standards and curriculum, teaching and active learning and learning-centered contexts. Some "indicators of success" include

students' performance on measures of achievement, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff and student awards.

Kealey noted that studies show three major reasons that parents choose Catholic elementary schools for their children: superior academic achievement, secure and disciplined learning environments, and a total education that includes growth in religious awareness and a critical evaluation of the world in light of basic moral principles. Father Gerald Kirkhoff, pastor of

St. Jude Parish said the honor was the result of a great cooperative effort "from Sister James Michael, the staff, the teachers, parents and students.

'It is a tribute to the parish as a whole to sponsor a school as successful as ours," said Father Kirkhoff.

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St. Joseph of Carondelet Sister Gerry O'Laughlin, Holy Angels School principal, chats with Mary Pat Sharpe, principal at All Saints School in Indianapolis, at the combined Catholic exhibit at 1996 Black Expo. Sixteen Catholic schools, parishes and agencies will have displays in the July 17-20 event this year.

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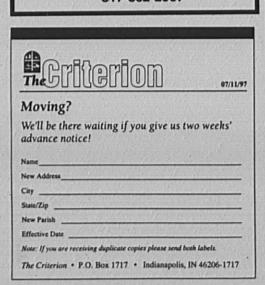
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evaluation of archdiocesan agencies by parish staffs. The changes were announced to employees of archdiocesan secretariats and vicariates at a June 27 luncheon at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

Father Schaedel said that the various reorganizations, including name changes, will help refine and improve the work each secretariat performs for parishes and

agency staffs.

The Vicariate for Ministry Personnel has been renamed the Vicariate for Priests' Personnel. Father William Stumpf will become the new vicar Aug. 1, when the former vicar, Father Paul Koetter, begins his new assignment as pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

The Secretariat for Spiritual and Sacramental Life has been renamed the Secretariat for Spiritual Life and Worship. The secretary is Charles Gardner.

The Secretariat for Catholic Education has been renamed the Secretariat for

rienced numerous changes. (See story above.) The secretariat has been renamed the Secretariat for Lay Ministry and Pastoral Services. Chancellor Suzanne Magnant is secretary.

The Secretariat for Catholic Charities has been renamed the Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministry. The secretary is Thomas Gaybrick, and the new associate secretary is David Bethuram.

The former Secretariat for Planning, Communications and Development is now titled the Secretariat for Stewardship and Communications. The secretary is Daniel Conway, who also serves as associate publisher of *The Criterion*.

The Secretariat for Finance and Administrative Services and the Vicariate Judicial retain the same names. Joseph Hornett is secretary for finance and administrative services. Rev. Frederick Easton is vicar judicial

Eather Jose

Father Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese and moderator of the curia, said the reorganization illustrates the archdiocese's efforts to increase its overall service to parishes clearer explanation would have noted that hostilities during the 1920s were a result of an anti-Irish Catholic movement led by the Ku Klux Klan.

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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods president plans retirement

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind.—On July 1, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College President Providence Sister Barbara Doherty announced that she will retire as the college's 13th president on June 30, 1998.

The college's board of trustees has chosen a Washington, D.C., executive search



Sr. Barbara Dohert

firm to coordinate the search for the next

president.

In 1984, Sister Barbara assumed the presidency of the nation's oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women. A 1953 graduate of the college, she will be 66 this December.

"Sister Barbara has certainly been a strong leader for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College," said Carmen Piasecki, chair of the board. "She has admirably ensured the continuing strength of the college's mission while also moving the college with the times."

Under Sister Barbara's leadership, the college has implemented numerous programs, including the Student Mothers' Program, the Master of Arts in Earth Literacy program, an exchange program with Providence University in Taiwain, and a scholarship-status athletic program. A Chicago native, Sister Barbara

A Chicago native, Sister Barbara holds a doctorate in theology from Fordham University with a specialization in Asian religions. She has conducted retreats, workshops and lectures throughout the world.

Prior to returning to Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods College in 1984, Sister Barbara was co-provincial of the St. Joseph Providence of the Sisters of Providence in Park Ridge, Ill., and served as a member of the college's board of trustees. From 1963-67 and 1971-75, she was an associate professor in the department of religion

at the college.

Sister Barbara is the author of numerous books and articles, including I Am What I Do: Contemplation and Human Experience, published in 1981; and Make Yourself an Ark: Beyond the Memorized Responses of our Corporate Adolescence, published in 1984.

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Supreme Court decision is good news for Catholic schools

the decision last month by the United States Supreme Court to reverse itself on a 12-year-old ruling concerning remedial education for poor children was good news for Catholic schools.

And while the decision may not please

separation-of-church-and-state purists, it certainly will be welcomed by public school administrators who have been forced to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to comply with the earlier decision. That 1985 decision ruled that it was

unconstitutional for public school teachers to enter religious schools to provide reme-dial instructions to children who qualify under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

As a result, public schools had to use their Title I funds to buy trailers, vans,

mobile homes and buses. Some even had to lease space to provide neutral ground for instructing the children. In many places, it was costing more to comply with the ruling than what was being spent on cting

New York City, which originated the challenge with the backing of the Clinton administration, has spent more than \$100 million in federal aid alone to

comply.

The 5-4 ruling "will have a dramatic effect" in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, as well as in Catholic schools nationally, the executive director of Catholic education in the archdiocese predicts.

the executive director of Catholic education for the archdiocese predicts.

Daniel J. Elsener said the previous ruling had created "one huge hassle" for both
parochial and public schools.

Title I was established to provide supplemental programs and services to educationally disadvantaged students, most of them residing in areas of high poverty, to enable them to learn core subjects and meet high standards in reading and math. The law held that services to students in private and religious schools must be

equitable to those in public schools.

Nationally, 6.7 million children are eligible for Title I help. Of that total, 173,000 private-school students receive remedial instruction from 83,500 public school teachers and 77,800 teacher aides.

In the Indianapolis Archdiocese, some 4,000 students qualify for the help but only 75 to 80 percent receive it, according to

75 to 80 percent receive it, according to Elsener. Forcing children to leave their school buildings, especially in cold weather, has been disruptive, he says.

Further, he says, many parents resent having their children stigmatized by having the leave their classrooms for the

ing to leave their classrooms for the instruction outside the school, Some par-

ents simply have refused the instruction.

Elsener thinks the ruling was so tightly written that he doesn't see it directly opening the way for the government to issue taxpayer-funded vouchers for par-ents of religious school students, but he does believe it opens the way for other

forms of public support.

The next step possible, he believes, would be to allow public school teachers to provide special education for handicapped children in parochial school buildings.

Opposition to school youghers is

Opposition to school vouchers is expected to intensify from those parties who view last month's ruling as a breach

in the wall separating church and state.

Whether the decision turns out to be the first step toward school vouchers or not, it is encouraging to find the court, or at least five members of it, willing to admit that its earlier decision didn't make much sense fiscally or otherwise.

-Lawrence S. Connor

(Lawrence S. Connor, of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, is a member of the editori-al committee of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc.)

Blessed Theodore Guérin

ith great joy, the church in central and southern Indiana has received word that Pope John Paul II has proclaimed as blessed one of our own, Venerable Mother Theodore Guérin. The proclamation marks the second stage in the three-stage process lead-

ing to sainthood.

Mother Theodore (Anne-Thérèse)
Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of
Providence of Saint Mary-of-theWoods, was a 42-year-old French religious from Brittany when she first set
foot in the deep woods at Thrall's
Station in western Indiana across the
Wabash River. In her short lifetime (she
died in 1856 at the age of 57), this pioneer woman had been named superior of
her convent at Rennes, France, at the
age of 26; was awarded a medallion by
the French government for her work as
an educator; led a band of five other
French Sisters of Providence to the
wilderness of frontier Indiana; estab-

lished the first Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States; and guided a rapidly growing congrega-tion of religious women as their superior general. And all was accomplished through a consistent, steadfast faith in

through a consistent, steadfast faith in Divine Providence, which she handed on to her sisters through her teaching, her letters and, especially, her life.

Those whom the church singles out as worthy of veneration (be they called venerable, blessed or saint) are meant to venerable, blessed or saint) are meant to serve as our models and heroes. And those who know the history of this holy woman also know that we in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have an outstanding model and hero in Blessed Theodore Guérin. She listened for and answered God's unique call to her; placed herself, her companions and her endeavors in the hands of Providence; and, despite numerous hardships, knew in her heart that all would be well. in her heart that all would be well. May we all follow her example.

- William R. Bruns

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

All called to holiness, lives of generous service

ewer youth are becoming priests and religious in our country for a variety of reasons. For one thing, the notion of vocation in the church is confused and confusing these days. For sure, God hasn't taken a break from calling people to priesthood and religious life! Why, then, has there been such a decline in responding to these special callings? One reason is that the sense that there is more than a career path to be chosen in life has been lost. Besides our tendency to forget that every baptized person is called to a "state" in the church, a variety of other reasons complicate the vocational scene.

Too often no one extends to our youth the personal invitation to consider priesthood or religious life. Too often materialistic values and the noise of secular preoccupations drown out God's voice to our youth. Too often a notion exists that it doesn't make any difference what one does in life. Too often choices are made on the basis of superficial desires or passing feelings.

A basic complication since the Second Vatican Council has been a confusion about the distinction of ministries and roles in the church. Unfortunately, this confusion has also been politicized in that distinctive roles are viewed through the lens of power and control. It is this latter complication that preoccupies my thoughts this week.

It might be useful to draw a distinction between vocation and ministry. Without getting too technical, we might say that vocation can be defined as a call to be (a lay person, a religious or a priest), while ministry can be defined as a call to do (God's work) in the church. Vocation is God's call to the lay or religious or clerical state in the church. Ordained priests are called both to the clerical state and to ministry. In this case, vocation and min-istry are united. A lay person or religious is called to the lay or religious state and may also be called to do some ministry in the church. The use of the word ministry has been greatly expanded since the Second Vatican Council. We speak of lay ministry and ordained ministry. We speak of music ministry and youth ministry and the ministry of education, sometimes even the ministry of hospitality. The word ministry describes various things we do in order carry out the mission Christ gave our church. There is a certain validity to the widespread use of the word ministry, although we need to be careful lest we call virtually

everything ministry and the term loses meaning.

When folks begin to look at the distinctive ministries in the church primarily through the lens of a "power base," inappropriate comparisons are made about worth. Using St. Paul's analogy of the mystical body of Christ, all members play an important role in the body of the church. Pope John Paul II reminds us that the distinctive roles of ministry and service in the church are complementary and all are important to do Christ's work. Because Christ established a hierarchical order in the ministry and governance of the church does not have to mean that an archbishop is better than, say, a lay youth minister. The ministry of authority is a service, not a title to domination. Christ established Peter as the rock and also instructed him to follow his example of washing feet. It can also be said that the authority of a youth minister does not make him or her better than the youth being served. Unfortunately, it is characteristic of our Western culture to measure worth according to perceived positions of power or according to career success or according to material wealth. That's the world Jesus tried to turn upside down! Despite the human struggle, we can do no less. The lens under which we value the distinctive roles in the church is the lens of generous service rooted in the love of Christ.

All Christians are called to lead holy lives, and genuine holiness includes a personal desire of generous service. With that perspective we can speak clearly about the distinctiveness and the hierarchy of ministries in the church without political intimidation. Ordained ministry is not the same as nonordained ministries. Without the ministerial priesthood, there would be no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, the church would not exist. It is incorrect to say that all ministries are the same and that it makes no difference whether I am ordained or not. Incorrect thinking of this kind can and does cause our youth to disregard a possible vocation to priesthood. It also causes parents and teachers to overlook the importance of speaking to our youth about the relative necessity of essentially different ministries in the church. After all, if priesthood and religious life flourish in the church, so will lay ministry.

Pope quoted out of context

In the June 13 edition of The Criterion, Father Dietzen [nationally syndicated columnist John Dietzen of the "Question Corner"] admits, after some discussion, that for some sinners, hell is at least "theoretically possible." It would seem that the fear of hell is not one of his favorite pastoral incentives.

Later in the article, he attributes this same posture to the Holy Father. Referring the pope's book, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, Father Dietzen offers, in part, the fol-lowing quote: "Can God, who has loved man so much, permit the man who rejects him to be condemned to eternal torment?

Unfortunately, he omits the most telling passage that comes in the very next senpassage that comes in the very field self-tence. It reads: "And yet, the words of Christ are unequivocal. In Matthew's Gospel he speaks clearly of those who will go to eternal punishment" (cf. Mt 25:46). As a tribute to *The Criterion*'s new edito-

rial policy, I will try for the judicious understatement. This attempt to portray the pope as being soft on hell by quoting him out of context is most unfortunate.

Stephen L. Bussell Indianapolis

We have been taught!

A thought in response to *The Criterion*, Friday, June 27, 1997, "Seeking the Face of the Lord" by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.:

The archbishop says that "most members of our community of faith do not think of themselves even vaguely as having been called by God."

How often within an "ordinary" celebration of the Eucharist is there a petition for religious and priestly vocations—prayers for our Holy Father—our bishop? At these same our Holy Father—our dishop? At these same celebrations, have you heard a petition or prayer for those living within the vocation of marriage or in the vocation of the single life? We have been taught! We have been

carefully taught!

When a money-making career is the answer given by the "young church" when asked about their "call," perhaps this is how the "young church" sees itself and the "old church" valued. The "call" seems to be a call for money, not a call for the God-given self.

Yes, we have been taught! Now, we are beginning to teach ourselves to listen for the call, to live the image of God, in which we are created-single, married, or as professed religious.

Suzanne K. Leonard Indianapolis

Disagrees with death stand

I would like to respond to Joseph Hanley's June 6 letter to the editor. Mr. Hanley advocates capital punishment for Timothy McVeigh, based on the argument that "it was God's will that Jesus suffer capital punishment for the sins of others," so it must be God's will that Timothy McVeigh suffer capital punishment for his own sins. He also implies that McVeigh should receive the death penalty as a form of penance in order to receive absolution.

Mr. Hanley appears to miss the whole point of Jesus' death on the cross. He died for our sins so that (provided we repent) we don't have to. By Hanley's standard we should all

receive the death penalty for our sins.

In order to receive absolution, one must repent of his sins and then accept willingly his penance. Killing the unrepentant sinner only removes all hope that he may eventually repent, thus ensuring he will spend eternity in hell. It is an act of mercy to imprison a sinner for life, praying and hoping he may one day be absolved.

Lynne O'Brien Whiteland

Opinion or judgment?

I'm glad Mr. [James R.] Sehr is so unen-cumbered with his thoughts about annul-ments in the church. ["To the Editor,"

May 30 issue]
It's one thing to have an opinion and

another to be judgmental—that is just as scandalous as is gossip, but then who condemns whom!

I've had an annulment in the church for over 30 years. Thank God for the wonderful priests and people who gave me friendship, compassion and understanding—because there were enough people who think the way you do. That is only my opinion! Also I want to thank Archbishop Buechlein and John Fink for their articles

on said subject.
Finally, not all annulments are for changing partners as Mr. Sehr insinuated.

Rita Kinley Richmond

Never will be 'true peace'

After reading John Fink's article on beace between the Israelis and the Palestinians, I came away wondering what John would have to say if the roles were reversed in the situation concerning Jerusalem and an independent state of the Palestinians?

independent state of the Palestmans.

The same day, an article appeared in the American Legion magazine about religious persecution of (Catholic) Christians in Saudi Arabia. According to Foreign Service Office Timothy Hunter. "To please the Saudis," Hunter says, "U.S. officials sink so low as to seize and destroy Christmas decorations which come through the mail and allow Saudi censor to rip U.S. religious stamps off Saudi censor to rip U.S. rengious stamps of foreign mail. For those Americans caught by Saudi police holding religious services on Saudi territory, they can get whipped, imprisoned or tortured for 'offending Islam,' "he says.

How can there be a legitimate peace

"Western style" in Jerusalem between the Jews and the Palestinians who have the same beliefs as the Saudis?

Although I am not a pessimist in all things, my belief is that there will never be a "true peace" between anyone in this world where everyone sees all others as equals. It's just not in the books. Only the rich and/or the powerful prevail. And the United States and the rest of the Western world is giving away the farm, while hopelessly believing in a nonexistent, totally utopian world were egalitarianism and diversity are the watchwords. Religion itself is a barrier.

Howard F. Kuhn Shelbyville

(A correction of fact: Mr. Kuhn says that the Palestinians "have the same beliefs as the Saudis." That is not true. The Saudi government is strictly Islamic while many Palestinians are Christians, especially in East Jerusalem and the Christian towns of Bethlehem, Beit Sahur and Gilo. Christians are among the leaders of the Palestinian National Authority—Hanan Ashwari, for example and Yasser Arafat's wife are Christians. In Nazareth, 50,000 of the Arabs who live there are Christians. John F. Fink)

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A View from the Center/Dan Conway

Sharing the church's best-kept secrets

Ten years ago, the Catholic church's best-kept secret was the remarkable suc-



cess of its schools. In spite of an impressive record of academic achievement, character formation and religious education, people in the 1970s and 1980s were either blind to (or took for granted) the substan-

tial contributions that Catholic schools make to the church and to society.

Fortunately, during the past decade, daylight (assisted by new research and by fresh approaches to "telling our story") has once again revealed the truth about Catholic schools. The secret is now out, and people from diverse back grounds and areas of interest, including government, business and higher educa-tion, are now joining hands to encourage (and invest in) the exceptional educational efforts of Catholic schools—here in Indiana and throughout the United States. Of course, much work still needs to be done to effectively "tell our story," but at least the secret is out!

Today the church's best-kept secret is the work of Catholic Charities agencies-like St. Elizabeth's in Indianapolis and in New Albany, or Terre Haute Catholic Charities, or the counseling services provided by Catholic Charities agencies in various deaneries. In spite of the wonderful work they do (and the dif-ference they make in people's lives), the many distinctive contributions that Catholic Charities agencies make to the church and to society are often hidden

from public view.

By their very nature, the agencies of Catholic Charities tend to quietly go

about their business-serving the human needs of individuals, families and communities. They do not call attention to themselves unless it is absolutely neces--as when funding cuts forced them to raise more money just to maintain cur-rent services. And, unfortunately, the diverse and often fiercely independent agencies that are loosely grouped under the "umbrella" of archdiocesan Catholic Charities often contribute to their own invisibility. Catholic schools are required by the state and by the demands of accrediting agencies to demonstrate at least a minimum amount of unity and solidarity. With social service agencies, there are fewer incentives to come together. In fact, competitive funding practices sometimes force individual Catholic Charities agencies to vie with one another for shrinking government

and philanthropic dollars!
Under the leadership of Thomas
Gaybrick, secretary for Catholic Charities and family ministries for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, social service agencies in diverse regions of central and southern Indiana have been invited (and challenged) to see them-selves as members of a united Catholic Charities family. According to the mis-sion statement drafted by Gaybrick with help from many others, the work of all Catholic Charities agencies is intended to embody the compassion of Christ by pro-tecting human life, by raising awareness about basic human needs, and by provid-ing human services rooted in Catholic

Catholic Charities agencies fulfill this mission every day in cities, suburbs, small towns and rural communities all over central and southern Indiana. It's time that their secret was shared!

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

The Holy Land does indeed flow with milk and honey

In the Book of Numbers, chapter 13,
Moses sends 12 men into the Promised

Land to see what kind
of land it is. They
return and tell Moses



that "it does indeed flow with milk and

honey" (verse 27). Many people who have visited the Holy Land question that statement, especially

after touring the Judean Wilderness. But properly understood, this is an apt descrip-tion of the geography of the Holy Land because there is a wide difference in climate, fertility and elevation within a land that measures only 150 miles from Dan in the north to Beersheva in the south and only 50 miles from Acco on the west to Amman on the east.

"Milk" means goats' milk. The parts of the Holy Land that flow with milk are the desert areas. In the Land of Milk, mainly in the southeast, the dominant features are a low elevation, desert land, and nomadic shepherds (the Bedouin). Here, in the desert, life is unpredictable, silent, lonely, exhaust-

ing. Olive and fig trees are prevalent.

"Honey," on the other hand, means fruit—citrus trees of all kinds, bananas, grapes. The Land of Honey is in the northwest, along the Mediterranean Sea and in Galilee. Here life is predictable, there is plenty of rainfall during the rainy season (January through April), so there is excellent agriculture. It is noisy and busy, the popula-tion is denser, life is easier and lends itself to class distinctions.

In the land south of Jerusalem, there are actually three types of deserts: 1. The Negev, where there are both shepherds and

farmers (milk and honey); 2. The Wilderness of Zin, where there are shep-herds but farmers only in wadi beds; and 3. The Wilderness of Paran, where even sheep and goats can graze only in wadi beds. (A wadi is a valley or gully that remains dry except during the rainy season.)

During my three months in the Holy Land this year, I frequently traveled from Jerusalem to Jericho, and then either north or south. I could never get used to the fact that, less than five minutes out of Jerusalem, we were in the desert. It could be cold and rainy in Jerusalem (it usually was during those months) but sunny and pleasant in Jericho. That's because of Jerusalem's high elevation while Jericho and the nearby Dead Sea are the lowest places on earth, 1,300 feet below sea level.

Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean, most of Galilee, and Eilat at the southernmost point of Israel were always 15 to 20 degrees warmer than Jerusalem. This was good for those cities during the winter, but bad in the summer. The high humidity of Galilee makes it particularly unpleasant during the summer. Undoubtedly the best time to visit the Holy Land, considering only the weather, is October and November.

It's interesting that, during Old Testament Galilee, and Eilat at the southernmost point

It's interesting that, during Old Testament times, the Israelites were most faithful to God when they were in the Land of Milk.

When they were in the Land of Milk.
When they moved to the Land of Honey
they tended to forget the God of the Land of
Milk and assimilated the gods of others.
The Israelites actually controlled the Land
of Honey only about 150 years—during the
time of David and Solomon and, later, during the time of the Hasmonean kings after the Maccabees achieved independence. For about 1,750 years, others controlled this part of the Holy Land.

Proving the territorial imperative

The territorial imperative takes on new meaning when you live in the country. If you thought a dispute



you thought a dispute in the city over someone's garage being a foot over your property line was bad, you should visit a place where land surveying is listed in the phone book under "arts and crafts."

We once had a neighbor who liked to pound stakes in the middle of the shared driveway and tie orange ribbons on them to show the rest of us his territorial imperative. The point was that unless we all kicked in to help maintain the drive, we'd be edging up to our houses sideways through the ditch.

Keep in mind that this fellow never

Keep in mind that this fellow never dropped by to ask us if we'd share maintenance costs. He was interested only in a display of Rights, Legalities and Creative Property Delineation, a true game of territorial imperative if we ever saw it.

When we told him we had already paid for two truckloads of gravel before he arrived on the scene, he asked, "Do you have the receipts?" and seemed disappointed that we had them. And when he received a letter from our attorney outlining the access rights for off-road properties, he appeared totally deflated.

erties, he appeared totally deflated.

Hunters and fisherpersons also display the territorial imperative. Woe to the unsuspecting gatherer of wildflowers who innocently stumbles upon a "deer blind" in the woods. Accusations of defiling the scene with human scent, scaring off game and other antihunting behaviors are levied upon him/her, backed up by a big shotgun and one or two mean dogs. Impressive.

Fishing also takes precedence over almost any other right you can think of. Owning a lowland near the creek might seem like an idyllic opportunity for peaceful contemplation of nature's beauty. We might think of butterflies hovering around water lilies, or summer light sparkling on the gurgling water.

the gurgling water.

Wrong. Instead, such ownership presents a continuing opportunity for recycling. Apparently fisherpersons are prodigious consumers of food and drink packaged in Styrofoam, cardboard, aluminum cans and brown glass bottles, and they regularly jettison these materials at "their" fishing sites on the creek.

Other territorially-imperious people share this urge to provide recycling materials for their conscientious neighbors. They see to it that at least one six-pack of beer cans or bottles is distributed along the county roads weekly, with Saturday night being a favorite time to do so.

Perhaps living so close to animals produces the strong territorial imperative found in some country people. A baby (BABY!) raccoon recently demonstrated this trait when he strolled through our yard one evening, fearless even in the per-

vasive presence of cat smell.

He puttered down the lane sniffing, and showing disdain when we banged the garage door shut and shook the dinner cloth to demonstrate our territorial imperative. The cats wisely remained within their own territory, just as they had when a bold skunk roamed the meadow searching for moles (whose territorial imperative is the stuff of legends!)

is the stuff of legends!)

Deer also are forever trying in their dimwitted way to claim territory, leaping in front of cars. Wild turkeys show their stuff by gobbling loudly at weird hours of the day and night, and red foxes tease interlopers in their territories by playing peek-a-boo on the edges of cornfields.

Ownership of place is a sense God has given us all. Now if we could just figure out whose is whose . . .

Check It Out . . .

St. Benedict Parish, Terre Haute, will host its Community Fun Fest July 11 and July 12 at 9th and Ohio Streets in Terre Haute. The Fun Fest is open from 4 p.m. to midnight both days. There is no admission charge. Activities include a chicken supper on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a spaghetti supper from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Outdoor food booths will be available from 4 p.m. to midnight. Bingo will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening. There will also be a casino and games for all ages. Eddie and the Motivators will perform both evenings at 8 p.m. For more information call 812-232-8421.

St. Mary School, North Vernon, will hold its second annual golf scramble July 12 at the Muscatatuck Country Club in North Vernon. The tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. The cost per golfer is \$40. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary School, Jessie H. Sprickerhoff Endowment Fund. For more information contact Mary Jo Bender at 812-346-8549 or Frances Walker at 812-346-6613.

"Stories from Spiritual Traditions of the World," a guided retreat for men and women, will be held Aug. 1 through Aug. 3 at the Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. John Shea of Loyola University, Chicago, is the presenter. The cost is \$135 for single and \$230 per married couple payable by July 15. For more information call the retreat house at 317-545-7681.

The new St. Francis Soccer Alliance in Beech Grove is registering youth ages 4 through 19 to participate in its 1997 fall soccer season at the St. Francis South Campus cafeteria, located at Stop 11 Road and Emerson Avenue. A photocopy of the player's birth certificate and registration fee are due at the time of registration. The remaining sign-up dates for recreational teams are July 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The registration fee is \$55. For more information call Dave Guthrie at 317-887-1116 or Karen Herron at 317-786-7123.

"Tears Bring Hope," a national retreat for the bereaved, will be held July 25 through July 27 at Bellarmine College in Louisville, Ky. The retreat is sponsored by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved.



Sisters of St. Benedict prioress installed

Benedictine Sister Rachel Best, left, responds to questions put to her by Sister Ruth Fox, Benedictine Federation president, as she was installed the prioress of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery on June 21. Sister Ruth of Richardton, North Dakota presided over the ceremonies held in the monastery's chapel in Beech Grove. Sister Rachel was reelected by the perpetually professed members of the religious community on March 8. She will serve until 2001.

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VIPs . . .

Bob and Shirley Emerson of New Albany celebrated their 50th anniversary June 14. The couple renewed their wedding vows during the 11:30 a.m. Mass June 15 at Holy Family Church in New Albany. They were married June 14, 1947 at Christ the King Church in Louisville, Ky. The couple have five children: Alice Deich, Bill Emerson, Nina Hitner, Catherine Knable, and Margie Emerson. They also have 10 grandchildren.

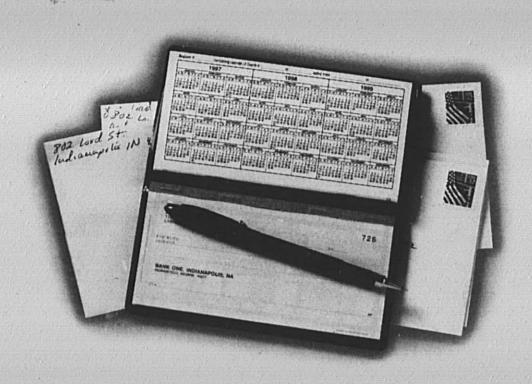
A feature photo of St. Joseph Cemetery in Indianapolis, taken by Margaret Nelson, assistant editor of *The Criterion*, recently earned an honorable mention at the National Federation of Press Women's 1997 Communications Contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hamilton of Greensburg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 19 with their family. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated July 20 at Immaculate Conception Church in



Millhausen.The couple was married June 3, 1947 at St. Denis Church in Jennings County. They have 12 children: Chuck, Jim, Phil, Dale, Joe Hamilton, and Marilyn Peetz, Linda Ortman, Barb Mattox, Helen Schutte, Carol Reed, Ann Stier, and Joyce Ricke.

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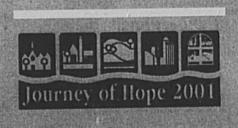


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In fact, there's the Journey of Hope 2001, happening right now in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It invites you to get together with other Catholics to put things in their proper perspective, restart your relationship with God, and get going again on the way to a more joyful life. ? Join us. It won't lighten your debt load, but it will certainly lighten your spirit. P And think of what you'll save.



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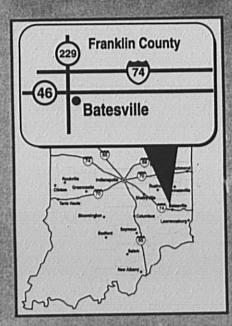
Batesville Deanery

St. Louis Batesville

By Barbara Jachimlak Special to The Criterion

Fast Fact:

St. Louis, Batesville has grown from 70 families when it was first established in 1868 to 1,434 families today.



St. Louis Parish stewardship includes Jamaican parish

BATESVILLE—Though St. Louis Parish in
Batesville is in the process of hiring a new director of
religious education and the new associate pastor has just arrived, its focus remains on the goals of the Journey of Hope 2001.

According to Franciscan Father William Farris, pastor of St. Louis Parish and dean of the Batesville Deanery, parish activity has always included spiritual growth and stewardship. Evangelization has been more

difficult to define to parishioners.
"Within the area of stewardship, two main things are being developed," Father Bill explained. "We are working on establishing a "helping hands" project. A survey is being distributed "People don't realize to parishioners to define"

that the religious

do not happen without a lot of

hard work and

between teachers

cooperation

and parents,'

education programs

to parishioners to define the needs of the parish." He added that this survey will go to a committee of 10 parishioners who will decide which helping hand project should be imple-

"We are starting small," Father Bill said, "but we hope to add more services in the future.

On the global level, he continued, St. Louis Parish will focus its efforts in the Caribbean, specifically at St. Mary Above the Rocks

Parish in Jamaica.

"For the last 10 years we have always sent our holy day collections to different poor churches. We wanted to develop a permanent relationship with one poor parish, and with the help of the Food for the Poor organization, we made the choice," he explained. "Non-Catholic denominations have done this for some time, but not many Catholic parishes have." He said he hoped the bond between St. Louis and St. Mary Above the Rocks will last a long time.

Father Bill noted that the pastor of St. Mary Above

the Rocks, Jesuit Father Louis Grenier, will visit St. Louis parish the last week in July so the two parishes can establish a personal relationship. He said he was looking forward to developing the friendship with the Jamaican parishioners.

The spiritual growth of St. Louis parishioners will be addressed in a parish-wide retreat now in the planning stages, Father Bill said. "We have not decided on the form yet, but the overall outcome of this retreat, we hope, will be the forma tion of small faith groups, maybe five or six, by December. We also hope the retreat will have an evangelizing emphasis. The faith-sharing groups first and, finally, evange-lization."

He also said St. Louis Parish is emphasizing its Senior Resource Center. During the capital campaign, a committee will

be established to promote planned giving.
"Through the National Catholic Youth movement, we have a weekly teen Mass at 6 o'clock Sunday evening," Father Bill said. He believes this is a spiritual growth experience for the youth of the parish, as the Vacation Bible School has been for the younger children by heavy heavy well strended. dren. Both have been well attended.

Father Bill noted that the changes in administrative

personnel will not disrupt the programs currently in progress, either, such as the Vacation Bible School held June 23-27, or the parish festival in September. He was especially pleased with the attendance of 250 senior

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FLOYD RIGGS Superintendent The children at St. Louis participate in Vacation Bible School activities with enthusiasm. Crafts and outdoor activities were the major activities, followed by a talk by Father Al Hudepohl, new associate pastor at the

with Father Will office at St. Louis Parish





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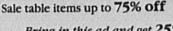
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Sister Kathleen says 'yes' to God's call

Sister Kathleen Yeadon seemed to have trouble holding back the smiles.
On Sunday June 9, she was making her final profession as a Benedictine sister at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove

Sister Rachel Best, the prioress, welcomed the assembly. "What becomes clear here today is that this final profession ceremony is only the beginning. It is a public pronouncement of a commitment that will shape and determine all of Sister Kathleen's future choices.

'She will remember this day for the rest of her life because today she says yes to whatever God is calling her to

be," said Sister Rachel.

"We accept your yes, Sister Kathleen, as we pledge to you our love and affection," Sister Rachel said. "Our prayer for you echoes your own words: May you yearn for more of God, less of you."

Sister Rachel referred to a prayerful.

Sister Rachel referred to a prayerful poem Sister Kathleen wrote for the occasion, which ended: "How I desire to move in your graceful wisdom; circling in your transforming love. Always the longing in my soul; yearning for more of God and less of me."

Benedictine Sister Harriet Woehler wrote music for the words, which she sang during the liturgy.

Sister Kathleen's family-her mother Delores and the families of her 14 brothers and sisters-added an extra liveliness to the spiritual joy of the monastery.

And there were people from the parishes where Kathleen Yeadon had lived and ministered—even before 1991 when she decided to join the Benedictines

Benedictine Father Hilary Ottensmeyer, who presided at the Mass, likened Kathleen's profession to the pledge of a bride.

There were her vows, which she wrote earlier. As part of her final profession, Sister Kathleen read them to the community, signed them and placed them on the altar. And a ring was blessed and placed on her finger as a sign of her total commitment to the Lord

Father Donald Schmidlin, former pastor of Sister Kathleen's home parish, St. Joan of Arc, read John 15:1-8

In her reflections on the Gospel, Benedictine Sister Mary Margaret Funk said that she understood the readings to

say that God's love goes before us.
"Does this mean that we are not seeking God and that we are not making vows?" asked Sister Mary Margaret.
That is the way she understands it.
"We have been found," she said. "Our

vows, promises and resolutions are simply a response to that already-havingbeen-loved experience we have felt deep in our bones, beneath each whisper of a prayer or flicker of a heartbeat."

Sister Mary Margaret said, "But this relationship is worth giving all of your life, the whole of your life."

In the Rite of Religious Profession,

Sister Rachel asked Sister Kathleen if she was willing to lead a life of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life, and stability as expressed by the

community.

Sister Kathleen answered, "I am," when the prioress asked, "Are you will-

ing to unite yourself with the communal search for an authentic Gospel life?" Then Sister Rachel asked, "What

then do you ask of God and of this com-

"By the grace of God, I, Sister Kathleen Yeadon, have come to know the life and dedication of this commu-nity. I know the difficulty and the joy of a life completely dedicated to God," she

"I now ask you, sisters, that I may make profession in this community in order to commit myself to a lifelong search for God as a monastic woman, said Sister Kathleen

After she received her ring, all the Benedictine sisters of the monastery came forward and greeted Sister Kathleen.

The sisters, friends and relatives con-tinued to celebrate the event with a buffet in the monastery dining room.



After making her final profession as a Benedictine sister, Sister Kathleen Yeadon receives her ring from Sister Rachel Best, the prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

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Three Benedictine sisters mark 50 years of vowed life

On July 20, Benedictine Sisters Amelia Banet, Mary Lois Hohl, and Mary Cecile Deken will celebrate their 50th anniversaries of their religious professions at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove

Sister Amelia taught elementary school for 48 years, and is currently teaching at St. Paul School in Tell City. Sister Mary Lois also began her teaching career in 1949. She taught until becoming a parish minister at St. Mark, Perry County in 1981, where she served until her retire-

ment last year.
Sister Mary Cecile is the pastoral asso-

ciate and administrator of religious education at St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg. She served her religious community as its subprioress from 1967-77. Sister Mary Cecile also taught grade school and high school for 19 years and was parish minister at St. Maurice, Napoleon, and Immaculate Conception in Millhousen before being assigned to St.

The three sisters are founding members of Our Lady of Grace, entering the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand in 1945 and making their first vows in 1947.



Sisters Amelia Banet, Mary Lois Hohl, and Mary Cecile Deken will mark 50 years as Benedictine sisters at a celebration at Our Lady of Grace Monastery on July 20.

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Things to do

A supplement to The Criterion

First step to retirement: giving self permission

Process of discernment includes prayer, nurturing relationships with family members, friends and parish community

By Julie Crum

Being financially able to retire and being the proper age to do so are not necessarily the deciding factors in making such a decision.

Deciding to retire may hinge on whether you give yourself permission to do so.

My friend Bart and I have kept in touch for the many years since our high school days. In a recent conversation, I told him of my plans to retire—he was getting close to the time he could retire, too—and of what a difficult decision it had been for me.

I told him I was afraid of missing the camaraderie of the workplace, afraid I would lose touch with some of my valued chums, afraid I would get depressed from the lack of stimulating challenges and, ultimately, afraid retirement would make me feel worthless.

As it turned out, none of these things happened.

Because of that, I was able to encourage Bart to give the prospect of retirement serious consideration. His situation was entirely different from mine, but the need for preliminary discernment was the same

The first step was the need to give himself permission to even think about it.

One way to begin the process of discernment is to pretend that you are going to retire for about two

Whenever your job requires you to do something you don't enjoy, say to yourself, "This is the last time I'll do this." When you make your daily list of things to do, be aware of what you would or would not miss doing. When you hear about a book you'd like to read or an activity in which you'd like to take part, tell your-

self, "I'll have time for that."

In my own case, I was praying for discernment, looking for signs and waiting for divine intervention to guide me to a decision. To my surprise, retirement gradually started to seem right. After I made the decision, the process took on a life of its own.

But remember, don't give notice until you are absolutely required to do so, as "short-timer" situations

can arise that make co-workers resentful.

When the time came to tell my closest friends at work, tears accompanied the announcement. I felt as if I were deserting them, not leaving a job. This was appropriate, however, because these friends were and

As for telling others in the workplace, I made a point of going to each office to tell the news myself.

This made each person in each office feel valued and ensured that conjecture as to my motivation was lim-

The suggestion of a farewell party did not appeal to me at first. But after further consideration, I realized that bringing my career to closure in a visible, public way was psychologically essential if I was going to start a new phase of my life. In fact, I had not only one party, but two

Retirement, though, is much more than the period after one's career is concluded. It is a time to nurture relationships

Start with God. Set aside a time and a place for prayer. Consider cultivating the practice of centering

prayer, or reflect on the readings of the day or upcoming Sunday Mass. It is important to have a set daily time for prayer.

Nurture your relationships with your spouse and/or friends by planning special times. Enjoy a new restaurant, see a movie, drive to a place to see the sunset or

get involved in a volunteer project together.

If children and/or grandchildren are part of your life, think of ways to be of service and to strengthen relationships, especially by staying in close contact.

Your parish is another relationship to be considered.

What can you do to become more a part of the church community? What committees need members? Would you like to be a eucharistic minister or a lector? You may want to choose a project that needs your years or expertise and your talents.

Another life-giving relationship to be nurtured is that of nature. Be aware of seasonal changes in your area. Plant flowers whenever the weather allows. Put up a good squirrel-proof bird feeder where you can easily watch the daily activity. If your situation will accommodate it, a small pet can add a new dimension to your life, bringing much affection and delight.

A friend sent me a card saying, "Retirement has its ups and downs. You can get up whenever you want to and lie down whenever you feel like it." This is certainly true, but there are many other windows of opportunity that will open up to you when you are retired. The first step is to allow yourself to make the decision.

And what happened to my friend Bart? One month after talking with him, I received an envelope from him with an announcement of his retirement.

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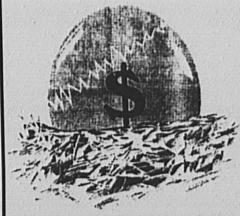
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Retirement opens new possibilities

By Mary T. Carty

The first day of retirement is filled with a whole spectrum of emotions: joy of being rewarded for so many years of work; sadness of leaving a place of productivity and a part of self behind; and excitement at having the free time and the freedom to face new opportunities.

Retirement also may carry with it a sense of loss connected to job, status, prestige, income, work relationships and life patterns. The retiree may feel alien-

ation, isolation and low self-worth.

Like maintaining a job in the workplace, creating new living patterns requires energy, planning, patience, the ability to get along with others, commitment and a positive attitude.

A period of adjustment is necessary after retirement as the senior examines and then chooses how to take best advantage of new opportunities which allow growth on a personal level, a return to long forgotten dreams, and a chance to give back to one's community.

The first step during those first days of retirement is accepting the fact that the transition into making everyday changes is not always easy, and may require an

day changes is not always easy, and may require an even greater amount of energy than one's work sched-

Seek out support of those close to you to make that transition smoother. Talk to family members and friends and to people who are already retired to discuss your feelings and/or to share strategies for meeting the challenges of retirement.

Tap into resources to enable you to make informed

decisions about the future. A trip to the nearest library or book store would provide a great deal of information focused on senior living, as well as information about

focused on senior living, as well as information about special interests. Make contact with organizations serving seniors, such as the American Association of Retired Persons, and other locally based groups.

Actively explore the possibilities before you. Seniors are rediscovering past interests, relocating to retirement communities, volunteering and enjoying recreational activities. In fact, growing numbers are choosing to work part time or full time in their field, or are venturing out into new careers.

Many colleges offer classes and courses of study designed for seniors through which retirees can get degrees in different fields and start new careers.

Community centers offer a wide variety of classes from needlepoint to wood shop to dance lessons, and they needlepoint to wood shop to dance lessons, and they are usually offered at reasonable prices.

Health and fitness clubs now cater to this age group and offer aerobics, swimming, tennis and alternative

exercise programs for seniors

Publications are rich with information about oppor-tunities for travel, advice on financial planning and medical issues and features describing activities of

their peers and opportunities for volunteer service.

A fringe benefit of reaching retirement age is the wide range of discounts available, including restaurants, travel companies and retail establishments. These discounts are quite helpful because most retirees live

on less money than when they were employed.

Volunteering is a way for seniors to give back to the community as well as to receive a sense of worth. Opportunities for volunteering range from reading at a children's story hour at the local library to hospice work or cooking in a homeless shelter.

The church encourages the use of one's special gifts and talents in creative ways to build the body of Christ. Parishes offer such volunteering opportunities as visiting the sick, singing in the choir, serving as a eucharistic minister or lector, and teaching religious education. After working for many years and experiencing a wide variety of situations, retirees are in a position to make new contributions to their families, friends and

communities. Through spending the time to research, reflect and respond to the challenges and opportunities available, seniors can experience retirement as the most exciting, productive time of their lives.

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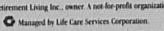
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High blood pressure not normal part of aging

Keeping blood pressure low can reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes

By Barb Fraze

High blood pressure, once thought to be a natural part of the aging process, is now approached by the medical community as something that can be con-

"It's not just part of getting older," said Dr. Scott Massa, director of the geriatrics assessment program at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati.

'It's a disease state. If you treat it, you're reducing

"It's a disease state. It you tear it, you're to the chance of having a heart attack or stroke."

"Nobody completely understands all the changes that take place" as people age, Massa said. "As many people get older, their blood pressure will go up."

Sometimes, the muscle in the walls of the blood vessels loses its elasticity, Massa said. He added that the state of chelesterol or calcium deposits in the

deposits of cholesterol or calcium deposits in the blood-vessel walls also can affect pressure. He noted that calcium deposits are unrelated to a person's calcium intake.

A newsletter published by the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest reports that

while fewer than 5 percent of Americans, ages 18-29, have high blood pressure, more than 80 percent of Americans over age 60 have high blood pressure.

High blood pressure is the biggest risk factor for strokes and it's one of the top three risk factors—w smoking and high cholesterol—for heart disease.

Traditionally, in young people, blood pressure of up to 140 over 90 is considered acceptable, Massa said.

The first number is the systolic pressure, or the pressure on the blood-vessel walls when the heart beats.

The lower number is the diastolic pressure, or the pres-

In the past, doctors would expect to see a systolic pressure of 170-180 over a diastolic pressure of 90-100 for seniors. "That was considered OK, because a lot of

people ran blood pressure like that," Massa said.

But in the late 1980s and early 1990s, medical studies of people over age 65 revealed a correlation between people with high blood pressure and those who had heart attacks and strokes, he said. As a result doctors began trying to lower the acceptable rate of blood

pressure in people over 65 to be more in line with acceptable pressure for younger people.

In an effort to reduce blood pressure, doctors first look at a person's life style, including eating habits, salt intake and how sedentary a person is, said Massa.

Excessive drinking—more than a couple of drinks a

day—seems to help pump up blood pressure, he said, adding, "It makes no difference the form of alcohol."

In some people, being overweight is related to high blood pressure, Massa said.

If blood pressure cannot be controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees might prescribe and include the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees might prescribe and include the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees might prescribe and include the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees might prescribe and include the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with a change in lifestyle decrees with the controlled with the contr

in blood pressure cannot be controlled with a change in lifestyle, doctors might prescribe medication, Massa said. Fortunately, he added, there are more than 30 choices of blood pressure medicine available so that doctors can find the medication that best suits a patient. Changes in lifestyle and/or in medication regimen should be done in concert with one's physician.

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Retirees answer the call to volunteerism

Volunteerism has become a new buzz word across America, with everyone from President Clinton to local mayors calling for the investment of people in their communi-

Many of those volunteers will come from the ranks of the retired, who often put in enough manpower hours in their annual vol-unteer efforts to qualify them for entering

second professions.
Until 1974, there was no volunteer orga nization in the Marion County area that focused on the needs and volunteer interests of retirees and senior citizens. Today, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), an agency of Catholic Social Services in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. connects more than 500 volunteers annually with local nonprofit agencies, hospitals, nursing homes and community organizations located within the county

There are also RSVP offices sponsored by Catholic Charities located in Auburn, Gary and Michigan City-23 throughout

Not only does the RSVP depend solely on retirees and those over 55 to complete jobs like stuffing envelopes, answering tele-phones, filing, delivering books and maga zines to hospital patients, sewing crafts, or crocheting mittens and hats for the homeless shelters, but so do the agencies these volunteers go to work for. Every year, RSVP members in Indianapolis contribute more than 100,000 hours of volunteer service to

"Our volunteer force would be cut by 80 percent if we didn't have people who contributed their time freely just like it was a second profession for them," explained Rhesa Marshall, director of the local RSVP. "Some of our people literally go every day to volunteer their time. Others go one time a week. It all depends on how involved they want to be.

James and Anna Marie Mileato of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis have been involved in RSVP since it began more than 20 years ago. They look at volunteering as a responsi-bility and said, for them, it fills a void.

It's like the president says, it's important to take ownership of your community," said 75-year-old Anna Marie, who retired from

Indianapolis Public Schools. She added that it's fulfilling to share stories with other people, to see them smile and laugh The Mileatos' volunteer efforts reach out in a variety of direc-

and coordinate tours for the St. Simon Goldenaires group and also help with church mailings and Knights of

tions. They chair

Columbus activities.

One of their biggest volunteer projects began in 1948 when they started making rosaries for Catholics living behind the Iron Curtain. They say they've probably sent more than 1,000 rosaries over to the Eastern

At 83, James also volunteers with church financial records. After more than 31 years in the Army Finance Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison (and another 10 years as the security director at St. Francis Hospital), he said it seemed natural for him to put his money management expertise to work after

with professional experience is not uncom-mon for people entering the volunteer force for the first time. Marshall said people often begin volunteering in areas that are most familiar to them. Many others, though, seek

Anna Marie Mileato

out opportunities to do work that has always interested them, but they never had the time to do.

"There's a volunteer service for everybody, and it doesn't have to be time-consuming or take you away from home," said Marshall. "Once you start volunteering, you get bit by the bug, and you get all those

warm feelings. You realize you're doing just a small part of the work that needs to be done, but you're still making a big difference."

farshall believes that volunteerism is Marshall believes that volunteerism is good for the spirit, and studies support that theory. Statistics show that people who volunteer are happier and live longer, she noted. "It's good for the mind, body and soul."

Seventy-nine-year-old Maxine Sharp said it's good to the state of the stat

said it's easy to just slow down when you retire, but staying active can make a big difference in the quality of life people experience after they've been working for 30 years. She retired from the Indiana Girls' School as a correction officer and said without volunteer activities to be an experience.

said without volunteer activities to keep her busy now, she would be lost.

Sharp spends countless hours each week at hospitals and nursing homes visiting patients and giving Communion to the sick through the Our Lady of Hope program. She also

helps the city's needy as the RSVP station supervisor for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish. She is also active in the social and bereave-

ment committees at the parish.
"I would just die if I didn't volunteer,"
Sharp said. "I'm not a person who can just sharp said. I in life a pesson wine especially when you know there are people out there who need your help."

Over the years, Sharp has also found time

to make rosaries for hospital patients. Volun-teering has become a way of life for her.

"I have seen people just sit with their heads down all the time," Sharp said. "But when you volunteer, you have something to look forward to, you feel good and it gives

you a lot of pep." Hearing all the different **RSVP** activities can sound tiring, said director Marshall, "They keep reminding me they are just retired, not tired.'

Marshall often recites a favorite saying when trying to explain the

importance of volunteerism in the quality of life it can offer retirees and senior citizens:

Maxine Sharp

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose."
"People who live that [motto] are happier because they give of themselves," she said.
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Exercise is a key to good health for seniors

By Patricia Zapor Catholic News Service

Motivation to exercise, a problem for people of all ages and physical conditions, can be especially challenging for the elderly.

Even for people who have never particularly exerted themselves, doctors say beginning workout regimens can slow the aging process, improve longevity and ease symp-toms of arthritis and other ailments that come with aging.

The Center for Science and the Public Interest notes that beginning exercise even after the age of 60 or 70 can increase life expectancy by lowering blood pressure, increasing levels of good cholesterol, decreasing the risk of heart disease and slowing the rate of bone loss.

But the first hurdle is to get the elderly to start, said physical therapist Larry J. Nosse, an associate professor at

Marquette University in Milwaukee.

"I start with getting people to determine what their per-sonal goals are," Nosse said. "It might be as simple as being able to walk out of the nursing home to go with the family for Thanksgiving. So I break it into steps, set functional goals for how to reach that point."

goals for how to reach that point.

People even more confined by symptoms of aging may set goals like having the upper body strength to be able to hold an infant grandchild unassisted, he said.

Dr. John Morley of the St. Louis University Medical

School said the biggest exercise benefit on which he focuses is helping prevent falls, a major threat for the elderly.

'It also can make diabetes or arthritis easier to control,"

the geriatrician said. Exercise won't make either go away, but it can keep a diabetic from needing insulin and tend to allow arthritic joints to hurt less, he said.

"As we get older, we all start to face our morbidity,"

Morley said. "Moderate exercise is likely to keep someone going more than anything else they can do."

going more than anything else they can do."

Seniors who are living on their own can start at senior centers and other community centers. Morley recommended that seniors consider swimming, "which is a less stressful way for many people to exercise."

In the 40 to 50 group presentations Nosse gives each year, he concentrates on persuading his audiences to commit to doing something to improve their strength.

"Even talking about good posture. I can get 100 people to

"Even talking about good posture, I can get 100 people to improve the way they're sitting or show them how to increase their motion," he said.

"People have to acquire the frame of mind that exercise is good for the elderly," Nosse said. "One-quarter to one-third of the strength loss the elderly have is from disuse. I can almost guarantee if they will work on it, they can get a 25 to 30 percent increase of strength."



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By Carol Zimmermann

Catholic News Service

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It's all a matter of thinking ahead and
taking money matters into one's own

It's all a matter of thinking ahead and taking money matters into one's own hands, they say. Having the funds to enjoy after years of sending children to school, clothing them and paying their medical expenses doesn't just happen.

school, clothing them and paying their medical expenses doesn't just happen. "Most people don't plan to fail, they simply fail to plan," said John Martino, a financial broker with Dean Witter and a parishioner at St. Bartholomew Church in Bethesda, Md.

Financial planning is even more crucial today than it once was because of a weakened Social Security system, decreased employee benefits, low savings rates, longer life spans and higher retirement and medical costs.

Martino said more people are starting

Martino said more people are starting to realize that "no one is going to take care of retirement for you."

One change in Social Security is the age that people can begin to collect their benefits. Previously, 65 was the starting age, but now, those born after 1960 cannot collect payments until they're 67.

Traditional pension plans have also

Traditional pension plans have also changed. Long gone are the majority of retirement plans that asked no contributions of employees, yet guaranteed them a fixed income upon retirement.

Today, many employers are switching to the 401(k) plan, which usually requires workers to contribute some of their own money.

Despite such changes, the future need not look bleak to those who hope to one day settle down near a golf course or see the world on a cruise ship.

The key is to start saving right away. U.S. Department of Commerce figures show average Americans save less than 5 percent of their incomes. Yet experts say that about three times that amount should be saved to maintain a comfortable retirement.

"You have to look at the future," said Martino. "The length of time you invest allows you to accumulate so much more, (and) it's so much easier if you do it while you're younger."

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For example, if a 25-year-old saved \$2,000 a year for 10 years at 8 percent, the investment would be worth \$335,000 when turning 65.

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But if the investor had waited until age 35 to start saving the same amount at 8 percent, the investment would only yield about \$250,000.

The first step in saving for retirement would be to look into what your employer provides and take full advantage of it. Employers using 401(k) plans usually match the employee's contributions with a specific amount.

Most employers allow workers to contribute a percentage of their salary up to a federally set annual limit. The invested money grows tax free, that is, taxes are not paid on the money until it is withdrawn.

If you are self employed or your

employer doesn't have a retirement plan, you can start your own with the Individual Retirement Account at a bank or mutual-fund company. These accounts also grow tax-free and, in some cases, yearly contributions can be deducted from annual income taxes.

Other means of savings are not solely for retirement purposes, but because they are long term, they can help provide that necessary cushion when the weekly paychecks stop coming.

Martino urges people to invest

Martino urges people to invest aggressively in stocks or annuities, particularly when they are thinking about long-term savings.

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"You get paid for patiently waiting" on your investments, he added. And as most retirees would probably agree, extra money during the final third of their lives is nothing to regret.

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Be vigilant in protecting your investments

Organizations warn that some—especially senior citizens—face unnecessary threats to their financial stability

By Catholic News Service

Three out of four Americans over age 65 rely on investment income to make ends meet

According to the Census Bureau, more than 28 million seniors derive 25 percent of their income from invest-

Though older Americans once relied almost exclusively on federally insured products, such as bank savings accounts and certificates of deposit, a growing number of seniors have moved into riskier and potentially more lucrative investments

Yet a 1995 joint report, issued by the American Association of Retired Persons, the Consumer Federation of America and the North American Securities Administrators Association, warns that seniors face unnecessary threats on their financial stability

The report points to five problem areas in the "legitimate" investment industry as being of greatest concern to older investors: misleading titles that portray commissioned salespeople as impartial advisers; bank sales of uninsured products; the poor quality of oral

and written disclosure; hidden derivatives in investment products portrayed as "safe"; and unclear and incomplete account statements.

While these issues pose difficulties

for investors of all ages, the report notes that older Americans are particularly at risk due to a generally higher level of trust in financial institutions, a generally lower resistance to sales pitches, limited understanding of financial matters (particularly among older women who are surviving spouses) and deteriorating eyesight. As well, wealth is not as easily a renewable resource for older Americans, who have less opportunity and less time to recover from investment problems.

The three groups issued a Bulletin for Older Investors to provide tips on how older Americans can protect their investments and financial security Among the recommendations are:

Define your financial objectives. Make sure you understand your current financial condition and your goals for

Investigate the financial professional with whom you are working. Call your state securities agency and avoid doing

business with financial advisers who have a track record of state, federal and self-regulatory disciplinary actions, negative arbitration decisions and civil liti-

gation judgments.
Understand your investments. Never assume that your investment is federally insured, low risk or guaranteed to deliver a certain return. Always check out the investment by getting and read-ing the prospectus or similar document before investing. Since you may not be able to fully understand the prospectus, insist that your financial professional explain the highlights of it.

Determine how your financial pro-

fessional is going to make money off of your money. Always remember that most financial professionals are actually salespeople who rely on commissions for their income. Even if your invest-ment professional refers to himself or herself as an "investment consultant" or "financial adviser," he or she may still be relying on commission income.

Before you invest in a product make sure that you understand how much of a commission your broker will earn and how much you will pay in fees now and later. Ask if your broker will receive extra commission income or other incentives by selling you a particular

Monitor your account statements closely. Your account statement should reflect only the pattern of investing that you have authorized. If you note a dis-crepancy, raise the problem immedi-ately with your broker and, if necessary, the branch manager who oversees the

Never be afraid to ask questions.
You are the person in control of your money, even if you hire an expert to manage it. Don't assign discretion over your account to your broker.

Remember, you have a right and a responsibility to ask financial profes-sionals why they are making certain recommendations for you, what the alternatives are, what the risks are and what they will be paid for the transaction. If you are uncertain about a prod-uct or what is being told to you, ask questions until you are comfortable with the recommendation.
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Life in the family home might end for a person who has become too old or infirm to live alone. But, as many residents in retirement and long-term care homes have discovered, faith life goes on and can flourish. Many residences for the elderly and

infirm provide for religious services and pastoral care for residents. The larger ones have chaplains on the staff. Others make arrangements with Catholic priests Protestant ministers, rabbis and Muslim clerics to provide care, counseling and

prayer for residents on a regular basis. In Ellicott City, Md., a resident of the Heartlands retirement community said the atmosphere among the people living there, who average about 80 years of age, is ecumenical.

"The emphasis here is interfaith," said

Dr. Kenneth Horvath, a Catholic who has

lived at the community for eight years.
"We had a focus group" and the community's owner asked what kind of services peole wanted, Horvath said. "We all said interfaith," he said, adding, "We wanted a chapel here" and wanted it to be ecumenical."

It has been done and we have kept that

spirit here," he said.

The Heartlands has Catholic, Jewish and Protestant residents, with Catholics making up about 60 percent of the 185 people living in the community.

St. John of God Retirement and Care Center in Los Angeles, owned and operated by the ancient Catholic order, the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, also provides a variety of services for residents, of whom about 70 percent are Catholic.

The center includes housing for those who are able to live independently and residents

who require long-term skilled care. Although the center is "right in the heart of downtown," Brother Gabriel Monarch, a staff member of the center and a member of the order, said the property, with its gardens and areas to walk, "is very conducive to meditation" for the residents who are able to get out and around.

Daily Mass is available to the Catholic residents and an ecumenical service is held once every two weeks, he said.
"For those who are unable to attend

Mass, we have Communion rounds, Brother Gabriel said.

Residents have also taken active roles in various ministries, he said. One man was a permanent deacon until his death, and some of the women residents are lectors.

The brother said the pastoral work could be considered to extend to the health and other types of care that any resident of a

home for the aged might expect.

"If you have good care, it's almost like a healing balm," he said.

At the New York Archdiocese's

Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, Sister Joan Gannon provides a unique kind of pastoral ministry.

She calls herself a "general use" type of staffer and her particular focus is on those who have no faith or who are "finding God in other ways" than through

traditional organized religion.
"Because people know I'm a sister, they will bring up the religious element to me," she said. "Most people have a very real relationship with God" even if they may be "turned off by organized religion," she added. There are nearly 400 residents of the facility. Many of them are aged, but there are a

large number who are younger and in the center for serious ailments.



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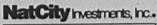
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Travel with grandchildren becoming common

Your children are grown and have children of their own. You're planning a vacation. What do you do?

A growing number of seniors are

including their grandchildren as travel companions. This trend is large enough that several travel agencies have picked

For six of the last eight years, Noretta D'Albora of Rockledge, Fla., has taken six of her 11 grandchildren on organized tours to see such sights as the Grand Tetons in Wyoming, the Grand Canyon in Arizona, and the museums and canals of Holland and Belgium.

"It's my legacy to my grandchil-dren," she explained, "and it results in a

marvelous bonding."

She said she finds that travel with one grandchild at a time works best for her. "They never get tired, and they're so fascinated by everything that is going on," she added. "They have an absolutely marvelous time."

D'Albora said the experience isn't taxing, because of extensive travel arrange-ments provided by Grandtravel of Chevy

Chase, Md. The agency, which sponsors about 15-20 grandparent-grandchildren trips a year, provides a teacher and a tour guide on each excursion.

Youngsters are divided into age groups – and separate activities, planned by educators and psychologists, are scheduled every day. There is even a pre-departure counseling session to help grandchildren and grandparents understand each other's needs.

"We were the first to originate those tours 10 years ago," said Grandtravel president Helena Koenig, who said that she developed the concept of "grandtrav-eling" after she became a grandmother. The trips, each of which is limited to

20 people, are a unique form of cultural and family enrichment, she said, which allows grandparents an opportunity to

transmit culture to their grandchildren.
Jim and Delores Wilson often share their motor home for short vacation trips with six of their grandchildren, ranging in age from 2 to 12 years. Within three hours' drive of their Hillsboro, Ore., home are some of the spectacular sights of the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon's picturesque beaches, Mount Hood, the Columbia Gorge and Seattle. But, according to Mrs. Wilson, "It

really doesn't matter where we go.

"They regard the motor home like an escape to a treehouse," she said, adding that if the youngsters have any behavior problems, they leave them at home. "They behave around us in ways that

En route, the children play games and sing the ABCs "operatic style." Since two of their parents are deaf, the children also

sign as they sing, she said.

Mrs. Wilson, who is president of the
Oregon Gerontological Association, said research data indicate that grandparents who have a close relationship with their grandchildren are "happy people" and, in turn, the youngsters "love to visit them." Separated from their children and their

families by as much as 600 miles, the Wilsons' vacations with grandchildren help bring them closer together. "It's pure pleasure to take them," she said. "It's fun to watch them develop their own personalities and they learn that our

way of doing things might be different from that of their parents," she said. "It's a fun way to pass on the history of the family to our grandchildren."

Gloria George, president of Bon Tours, in Beverly Hills, Calif., said seniors

sometimes mark special occasions by

traveling with family.

"Instead of spending money on a party to celebrate their 40th or 50th wedding anniversaries, grandparents are taking grandchildren, and sometimes their own grandchildren, and sometimes their own children as well, on cruise-ship vacations," said George. She said some packages, for example, allow grandparents to take one-week sea/land excursions in Florida and the Caribbean with families, while others offer cruises to Alaska.

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Cruise lines also provide events for children and round-the-clock baby-sitting.

Such trips are not inexpensive, but she noted that there are considerable discounts for third, fourth and fifth passengers occupying the same staterooms as their grandpying the same staterooms as their grand-parents. The grandchildren like swimming with the dolphins, going on treasure hunts, fishing, using sleeping bags shaped like teddy bears, and getting to know their grandparents in a way that is impossible for many who live miles apart, she added.

They have fun and their grandparents are on "cloud nine" when they return, she said.
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Scripture is a key to the kingdom of God

By Fr. Paul J. Schmidt

The church is made up of sinners Some of these sinners are trying to live a sinless life. Others are trying, but have not succeeded. Still others have not set sin aside. And some do not even know what a sin is.

The fact that good and evil coexist in the church is not surprising. But is it surprising that the owner of the field allows the situation to continue?

There are those in the church today who express disappointment about matters related to church leadership and parish life. Each parish seems to have a group of conservatives, moderates and liberals who squabble with each other. The human weaknesses of church leaders and members become public scandals dissected by the media. Some stop going to church because of what Father So-and-So did or what Mrs. Such-and-Such said.

A couple of Jesus' agricultural para-bles can help us deal with this situation. In Matthew 13:24-30, Jesus tells of

weeds growing in a wheat field. "An enemy has done this," the owner of the field says. The servants sowed good seed, but the enemy added weeds.

Jesus says this is how God's reign

comes to the earth. The kingdom of God comes in a world mixed with good and

In the parable, the servants want to pull up the weeds. The owner refuses to do so. He gives a strange reason: "In gathering the weeds, you would uproot

the wheat with them." Somehow, the mystery of evil is to accompany the kingdom until the harvest.

It is strange to propose that a risk exists of destroying what we are trying to save. Surely we are not to give up on our efforts. We must continue to struggle with sin in our lives and our struc-

But we need patience. Don't think that good cannot be done until evil is totally eliminated. We must do the good we can and not get fixated on the evil. We must succeed even while we fail.

Witnessing evil means that we have to cherish the good all the more and work to promote it. Seeing evil in the world does not mean that we give up hope. We must recognize the Spirit at work alongside it, bringing about the

kingdom in many surprising ways. Recognizing this ambiguity gives us humility. The work of the kingdom is not ours alone. Here another parable, from Mark 4:26-29, can give us insight. The seed planted in the earth grows in a

mysterious way.

We know more about biology than people did in Christ's time and can explain the process of germination in considerable detail. But Jesus' description captures the essential wonder of the development of a stalk of grain. A hid-den power guides the process.

So, too, the kingdom of God grows in a manner not totally explainable. It grows "we know not how" in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We may think that allowing weeds



Jesus calls his followers to an unselfishness that makes discipleship a real challenge. His parables teach us much about the kingdom of God on earth. In Matthew 13:24-30, Jesus tells of weeds growing in a wheat field and compares this analogy to working for the kingdom of God in a world mixed with good and evil.

and wheat to grow side-by-side is no way to run a kingdom or a church. But how much of someone's anger at the church could be diffused by acknowl-edging that God's ways are not our

The other thing demanded by this strange manner of running things is forgiveness. If God's kingdom is going to come in this way, we will have to forgive a lot.

For parables on forgiveness, see Chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke. (Father Paul Schmidt is director of Clergy Personnel for the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.)

Biblical parables relate to human experience

By Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS

I spend a lot of time with the Bible, especially with the New Testament. You would think I would know some of its stories extremely well. As a younger man, I thought I knew them. Today, I am

more circumspect.

Each time I reread a story I discover something new that makes a big difference in understanding it and what Christian life today is all about. But for that I have to approach New Testament stories with an open mind, ready to be surprised. Stories in the Bible are bigger

I continually rediscover parables told by Jesus. One story, in Luke's Gospel, is in a little commentary (11:5-13) provided by Jesus on the Lord's Prayer (11:2-4). One time, when Jesus was praying,

one of the disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. His response includes the Lord's Prayer. That is only the beginning. Teaching someone to pray requires more than a formula.

The parable is about someone who went to a friend and asked him for three loaves of bread (11:5-8). From the theme, we know right away that Jesus is commenting on the petition, "Give us each day our daily bread." From his application, we also know that it is about persevering in prayer. But the parable also holds a few surprises, especially for people who think they know what "our daily bread" is all about.

The parable begins: "Suppose one of you has a friend." Jesus is speaking to the disciples. When we read the parable today, Jesus speaks to us. That "you" is plural. From the start, Jesus introduces us into the parable.

The parable is about a friend-a friend of ours. In the parable, we go to our friend at midnight with a request. Another friend has arrived at our home from a journey, and we have nothing to

In the New Testament world, hospitality requires offering something to eat. It is not so different in our modern world. So we go to our friend, asking for three loaves of bread. The rest of the story focuses on the need to persevere. Our friend is already in bed. He does not

want to wake up his children.

Jesus assures us: "I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence" (11:8).

Jesus' parable on perseverance in prayer explains "Give us each day our daily bread." The expression in the original Greek refers to the bread that is distinctive of a Christian community. Some say this refers to what we need to sustain us as human beings, which ultimately comes from God. Others say it refers to the eucharistic bread we need as Christians. What do you think?

(Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and editor of Emmanuel magazine.)

Discussion Point

Bible is a guidebook for life

Why do you think the Bible, which is ancient, can still connect with your modern life?

"It seems that everything that was written is still relevant. For example, when I pray, the Bible says 'Ask and you shall receive,' and that has worked in my life many times." (Ramona Giromini, Armarillo, Texas)

"Biblical characters demonstrate to us the benefit of prayer, the power of forgiveness and the value of charity, either through their ability or through their failure perform certain deeds." (Arden J. Love, South Hadley, Mass.)

"Because most of the things that are in the Bibleguidelines for marriage, children, morals and everyday living-apply to me as well as to the people of ancient times." (Henrietta L. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.)

"Scripture tells us to love one another, and that is the groundwork for every Christian's everyday life and decisions. We don't have to like everyone and their choices, but we are directed to love them." (Margaret McDonald, Atlanta, Ga.)

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Entertainment

Movie Review/Gerri Pare

Men in Black go after aliens in sci-fi comedy

Smith and Jones may sound like aliases, but it's aliens that concern the two Men in

Black in a new film from Columbia.



Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones suc-cessfully play off each other in this sci-fi comedy whose premise is that 1,500 aliens—as in extraterrestrial, not illegal-live on Earth dis-

guised as humans.

Most of them call the Big Apple their home away from home. It's the job of veteran government secret agent K (Jones) to monitor their activities and

keep them in line.
Other New Yorkers are blissfully unaware of their generally law-abiding alien neighbors, including New York cop James Edwards (Smith). His speedy reflexes attract the attention of K, who is in need of a new partner, especially since a particularly nasty alien subspecies of the insect variety is about to wreak havoc on the city.

K recruits James, whose identity is short-ened to J when he agrees to join the Men in Black team after discovering that pesky

aliens dwell among us.

Anyone else who happens to stumble onto the truth, such as the comely city morgue attendant (Linda Fiorentino) who opens two bodies with inhuman interiors, is simply zapped with a memory eraser by the Men in Black so they can carry on more or less carefree lives.

Fiorentinio's character proves indispensable when a ferocious bug-man (Vincent D'Onfrio) nearly destroys the planet with



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only K and J equipped to save humankind.

Based on an obscure Marvel comic book by Lowell Cunningham, the movie is a goofy blend of understatement by deadpan and humorous sass from a hip Smith.

Jones' matter-of-fact revelation that we are not alone contrasts nicely with Smith's broad comic range of facial expressions as he meets undisguised aliens tiny and huge, wittily designed by Rick Baker.

e plot is a bit convoluted as to why the killer bug-man, disguised as a farmer whose skin can barely accommodate the oversized insect stuffed inside, must destroy the Earth, but it really doesn't much matter.

The computer-generated special effects of gooey aliens bursting forth from their human coverings are usually shown amusingly. The violence both sides visit on each other is too cartoonish to be taken seriously in a movie that is, after all, sheer fantasy.

Were it not for a couple of wholly unnecessary opening profanities, it would be an innocuously entertaining movie for adolescents as well as adults.

Smith gets the biggest comic moments when shown in jeopardy attending a grip-ping alien birth or careening upside down

Out to Sea

Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon pair up as Charile and Herb, two cranky elders who find unexpected romance with Gloria DeHaven and Dyan Cannon aboard a cruise liner in the formula comedy Out to Sea. The U.S. Catholic Conference classifies the film A-III for adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rates the film PG-13.



through an underground tunnel, but Jones struts his stuff in a close encounter with a cunning canine.

We also learn, offhandedly, as everything is treated in this flick, that Elvis is alive-if currently alien to our shores.

Due to some cartoon-like comic violence and a few instances of profanity, the U.S.

Catholic Conference classifies the film A-III for adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13, and parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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

Movie Review/Gerri Pare

Wild America relates a true story

Three young brothers share an adventurous summer on their own in the bush in Wild America, a new Warner Bros. release.

This family-oriented summer movie, set in 1967, is about the real-life Stouffer brothers, who went on to make the nature documentary TV series also known as Wild America.

Opening on the family farm in Fort Smith, Ark., the movie establishes that older brothers Marty Jr. (Scott Bairstow) and Mark (Devon Sawa) enjoy making 8 mm home-movie adventure films in which they subject their 12-year-old brother, Marshall (Jonathan Taylor Thomas), to mildly dangerous pranks like tying him up and dropping him into a pool.

Dour dad (Jamie Sheridan), however, has

his heart set on having his sons join him in the carburetor sales business he has worked so hard to build. However, Marty is serious about making movies and Mark is equally uninterested in the family business.

When Mom (Frances Farmer) persuades Dad to loan the boys money to buy a sec-ond-hand 16 mm movie camera, Marty and Mark next get them to agree to let them hit the road to shoot footage of endangered wildlife that they will try to sell to televi-

Not one to sit home alone on the farm, Marshall secrets himself in their rundown station wagon and, by the time he is discovered, his folks reluctantly agree to let him remain in the dubious care of his older

The high-spirited boys want to film dangerous prey and are soon in the thick of a gator-filled swamp, where one reptilian occupant welcomes them with, if not open arms, a wide open-and-shut jaw

In other adventures, Marshall has a close encounter with a mad moose and eventually all three find themselves in a cave encircled by hibernating bears who do not take kindly to being awakened.

This is the kind of wholesomely intended family film one wants to applaud, but it looks so staged and its forced earnestness is

not endearing.

Most scenes with menacing animals, which should be a little throat-tightening, employ a bouncy music track that blunts any sense of peril the audience would ordinarily feel for the boys. As a result, the danger looks manufactured and the suspense is minimal

When Marshall does appear in real jeopardy and is swept away by rapids, a stranger (Danny Glover) in fur skins conveniently appears to rescue him and lecture the boys on respecting nature before he simply vanishes into the wilderness.

The movie continues its less-than-credible narrative when the lads return home and 12-year-old Marshall is able to fly a small plane perfectly without the benefit of any

airborne experience.

Add to this how Marshall is seen as allwise, lecturing his hospitalized dad that he must allow his sons more freedom to mature into independent adults, and you have a movie that is labeled "a true story," but which isn't totally rooted in reality.

Due to scenes with menacing animals, very mild sexual innuendo and a fleeting profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II for adults and adoles-cents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG, with parental guidance suggested.



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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, July 13, 1997

- · Ephesians 1:3-14
- · Mark 6:7-13

The Book of Amos is the source of this weekend's first reading.



Amos was from Tekoa, a village about 10 miles south of Jerusalem. This placed his birthplace in the Kingdom of Judah, which was separate from the Kingdom of Israel. (The Kingdom of Israel roughly occu-pied what today's news

reports about the Middle East call the

"West Bank.")
Under David and Solomon, Judah and Israel were one nation. After Solomon's death, dynastic differences led to the divi-sion of the nation into two parts known as Judah and Israel.

For the most part, the prophets whose writings survive in the Bible had little good to say about the Kingdom of Israel. After all, Jerusalem was in Judah, and Jerusalem was God's own city. The temple was there. In the temple was the authentic worship of God as prescribed by Moses and required

Barred from the temple by the border separating Israel from Judah, the people of the Kingdom of Israel were compelled to worship as best they could. Many chose hilltops, a practice annoyingly suggestive to the prophets of pagan rituals.

Amos preached to Israel, warning its people to return to faithfulness to God in

all respects or suffer the unhappy conse-

As the kings of Israel were seen as usurpers, it is no wonder that in this section read this weekend is the king's prophet rebukes Amos, telling him to leave Israel and go to Judah.

Amos refuses. He is a prophet in Israel because God commanded him to prophesy

St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians is the source of the second reading.

By his own word, Paul was thoroughly Jewish. Educated at the feet of the most renowned rabbi of the time, Paul knew Judaism through and through. It was with authority, and for cause, that he included himself among the Jews as he wrote this passage. He proclaims Christ to be God's gift to the Jewish people-but also to all

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the Gospel reading this weekend.

The Lord's instructions to the Twelve in this reading were very practical. In a time of poor and slow communication, the words of the Gospel could best be conveyed in most circumstances by the testi-

weyed in most circumstances by the testi-mony of living, speaking persons. Redemption was so marvelous, and so critically needed, no individual preference or wish should supersede an apostle's obligation to relay onward the message of

The reading also notes two realities. The first, certainly a condition Jesus and the apostles often saw, was that not everyone would follow the Lord. Faith is a gift. Response to faith demands strong conviction. The second is that, as representatives of Jesus, the apostles exercised divine

Daily Readings

Monday, July 14 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Exodus 1:8-14, 22 Psalm 124:1-8 Matthew 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday, July 15 Bonaventure, bishop, religious and doctor of the church Exodus 2:1-15a Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7 Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 17 Exodus 3:13-20 Psalm 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 18 Exodus 11:10 - 12:14 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18 Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 19 Exodus 12:37-42 Psalm 136:1, 10-15, 23-24 Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, July 20 Sixteenth Sunday in **Ordinary Time** Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

power. As the Gospel testifies, they expelled demons and worked many cures.

Through very visible processes, Catholics today hear the Word of God through the church, through its Scriptures, in its institu-tions, in its ministry and loving care, through the called and ordained bishops who teach and lead it.

These leaders act upon God's command, and with God's authority, as did the apostles, as did Amos.

In response, Christians must put nothing ahead of their religious dedication. Jesus is

the model. His unwavering devotion is the

Figuratively, followers of Christ must limit themselves to nothing more than a walking stick if such is required to be faithful to the Lord. Nothing else matters. Why? As the Epistle to the Ephesians

movingly says, in Jesus is salvation. In Christ, all believers are heirs of eternal life, becoming the brothers and sisters of Jesus, the most cherished children of God. Nothing in human life is greater than to possess this remarkable spiritual distinc-tion. Possessing this place before God is worth every sacrifice.

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Divorced couple who remarries can renew vows

Osome friends of ours, both practicing Catholics, were divorced. Neither has remarried. After much

reflection and help, they are considering remarrying each other.

We are delighted, but wonder about their status in the church. Do they need an annulment to be remarried at Mass? Does the remarriage negate the

divorce? Will they be able to receive the sacraments? (New York)

A Your questions reflect some misun-derstandings of Catholic law concerning marriage, but they are not uncommon

Civil law differs much from church law in these matters. If they are legally divorced, they are no longer legally mar-ried. If they wish to remarry, the state will require a marriage license and a ceremony

require a marriage factors and a ceremony before an authorized person, a judge, for example, or perhaps a Catholic priest.

On the other hand, according to church law, they are still validly married to each other, even though they have a civil divorce.

If they wish to remarry each other, tech-nically they need only the civil marriage ceremony I mentioned. No new Catholic wedding is needed or, strictly speaking, even possible.

Obviously, however, considering the hardships their relationship has experienced and their need for every possible spiritual help to successfully go on with their lives together, a Catholic ceremony of some kind

They should receive the sacrament of penance. They could attend Mass, or they might ask their parish priest if a special Mass is possible to renew their marriage vows, receive the Eucharist together, and

get their life back on track with God.

To summarize, a new civil marriage is required. No new Catholic marriage is necessary for them to return to full practice of their faith as husband and wife.

The pope's recent positive statements The pope's recent positive about evolution have caused consternation among some Catholics. My question might be equally disturbing.

The book of Genesis (6:4) says "there

were Nephilim on the earth in those days, after the sons of heaven had intercours with the daughters of man, who bore them sons. They were the heroes of old."

Are there physical beings elsewhere of some higher development? How do we explain such statements? (Hawaii)

A For a long time, scholars suspected that a variety of myths and legends popular in the cultures surrounding the Hebrew people had greatly influenced the Genesis prehistory stories one way or

During the past 50 years or so, discover-ies of large ancient Middle East libraries and a multitude of other documents and artifacts have proven the truth of this

Storytellers and writers who handed down those early parts of Scripture incorporated references to such myths to help make their points about creation and the relation of our world to God.

In fact, the stories in Genesis 1 and 2 contain what is almost a point-by-point refutation of elements in some early pagan

creation myths.

The tradition of "giants" (nephilim in Hebrew), sometimes claimed to result from marriages of gods with human beings, sur-faces frequently elsewhere in the Old Testament (Numbers 13:33 and Joshua 15:14, for example).

It would stretch the point greatly to

view these mythological figures as evi-dence of higher physical beings some-

QIs it permissible for a Catholic to join the YMCA? I am nearing retirement and am considering taking out a member-ship, mainly for the use of the swimming pool. I remember some opposition to the YMCA many years ago. What is the present position? (Illinois)

Membership in the YMCA was for-Amerly discouraged for Catholics because membership was much more

closely identified with the religious aspects of that organization than it is today. Th organization was founded by a group of Protestant men for religious as well as recreational purposes. Members were encouraged and sometimes expected to share in Protestant religious activities and worship provided by the YMCA.

In few places, to my knowledge, is this still true of YMCA centers. Under these

still true of YMCA centers. Under these conditions, many American Catholics, including priests, are YMCA members.

(Send questions for this column to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.)

My Journey to God

The Joys of Summer

The arrival of summer heightens anticipation of pleasures to come:
The sun's warm touch lifts the spirit.
Gentle raindrops cool our hot brows.
Soft breezes enfold us in their embrace.
Fluffy white clouds change shape as they float on.
The grass tickles the toes of the young at heart.
Beautiful flowers are the colors of the rainbow; their sweet perfume wafts all round.
The owl's eternal question "Who?"
floats on the night air.
Moonbeams dance through the treetops, seeking out dark corners. The arrival of summer heightens seeking out dark corners.
Shimmering stars light up the sky.
Crickets and frogs serenade the long night.
These treasures can enrich our lives beyond compare.
Summer is the season of happiness!

By RoseMarie Jackson



(RoseMarie Jackson is a member of St. Rose Parish in Knightstown.)

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Sellersburg, prays for priests and religious, the rosary, the litanies to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and

the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy fol-

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 57th & Central Ave., Indianapolis, a Marian Cenacle

will meet to pray the rosary

St. Lawrence Church, Indian-

apolis, will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the

chapel from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main, Plainfield, will hold adora-

tion of the Blessed Sacrament from 8-a.m.-7 p.m. every Friday.

St. Lawrence Church, Indian-

apolis, will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel every Friday from

A pro-life rosary will be prayed

7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass. Benediction before Mass.

lowing 7 p.m. Mass. Information: 812-944-5304.

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Sundays

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

Mondays

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, yoga class, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Information,: 317-788-7581

The archdiocesan Catholic Social Services Family Growth Program and St. Francis Hospital STEP parenting class, 8111 S. Emerson, 7-9:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1526.

Tuesdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group will meet from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

St. Luke Church, Indianapolis, Single Adults Group will meet in the church reception room, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-299-9545

The archdiocesan Family Life Office Divorce and Beyond program for separated and divorced Catholics. in the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 7-9 p.m.

every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's-Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis.

Saturdays

A pro-life rosary will be prayed every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., Indianapolis.

Monthly

First Fridays

Holy Guardian Angel Church, 203 U. S. 52, Cedar Grove, will have eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m.

St. Roch Parish, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, will hold First Friday vigil adoration from 7-8 p.m.

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

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

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Council and Court #191 of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver will sponsor the First Friday rosary at 5:15 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis, will hold exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m. to noon.

St. Joseph Hill, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Sellersburg, will hold First Friday eucharistic adora-tion following 8 a.m. Mass and closing with 3 p.m. Benediction.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, will Onion St., Indianapois, will hold exposition of Blessed Sacrament following 8 a.m. Mass in the chapel, closing with Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

First Sundays St. Paul Church, Sellersburg, St. Paul Church, Sellersburg, Prayer Group will meet in the Church from 7 - 8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555; 812-246-9735.

First Saturdays

St. Nicholas, Sunman, will have 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music followed by the Fatima Rosary. Monthly S.A.C.R.E.D. Gathering will follow in the Parish School.

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

Second Sundays

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

Fourth Sundays

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of Secular Franciscans will gather in the Sacred Heart Parish chapel, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, at 3 p.m. Benediction and Franciscan service followed by business meeting and social.



"The next time the priest asks if you know what the homily was about, the answer is not, 'about three hours!' "

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First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, next to Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianatolis, will hold Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession is at 6:45 p.m.

Second Wednesdays

The archdiocesan Family Life Office Natural Family Planning Classes, will meet at the Arch-bishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1596, or 1-800-382-9836

Third Mondays

Young Widowed Group, spon-sored by the archdiocesan Family Life Office will meet at

56th St., Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-236-1586.

Third Wednesdays

Catholic Widowed Organization will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

Calvary Cemetery Chapel, Indianapolis, Mass, 2 p.m.

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July 11 - 12

Holy Spirit Church, Indianapolis, parish festival, 5 - 11 p.m. Infor-mation: 317-353-0474.

July 11

St. Christopher Church,

Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will attend Symphony on the Prairie, "Great Concertos," at Conner Prairie. Information: 317-299-9818.

July 11 - 12

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St. Benedict Parish, Terre Haute, will hold a community fun fest and street festival, 4 p.m. - midnight. Information: 812-232-7279; 812-232-8421.

July 11 - 13

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold a Tobit week-end for engaged couples. Information, registra-tion: 317-545-7681.

July 12 - 13

St. Lawrence Parish, Lawrence-burg, will hold a church festival featuring food booths, Italian and featuring rood booths, trainar and chicken dinners, raffles, crafts, games, bid & buy, big money count down and a beer garden beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

July 13

St. Christopher Church, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will attend the Indianapolis Indians vs. New Orleans Zephyrs baseball game at Victory Field. Information: 317-299-9818.

St. Anthony Church, Clarksville, Apostolate for Family Consecration holy hour, week two, "Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph," 6 - 7 p.m., followed by confession and Benediction.

St. Joseph Parish, Corydon, Church picnic will be held at the Harrison County Fairgrounds, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. EDST.

St. Augustine's Home will host an evening of prayer and repa-ration in the chapel, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, begin-ning at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Mariamante-Lambs of Christ Chapter of Shepherds of Christ Associates, St. Malachy.

St. Christopher Church, Singles & Friends will attend the James Taylor concert at Deer Creek. Information: 317-879-8018.

July 16

The archdiocesan Family Life Office and Prince of Peace Office and Prince of Peace Church, Madison, will hold a seminar, "Annulment...What Is It?" presented by Jean Galanti of the Metropolitan Tribunal in the Catholic Community Center, 305

W. State St., Madison, 7 - 9 p.m. Information, registration: 812-265-4166; 800-382-9836, ext. 1586; 317-236-1586, ext. 1586.

July 17 - 19

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, will have a sum-mer festival featuring food, games and rides. Carry-out beginning at 4:30 p.m.

July 18 - 19

St. Lawrence Church, 4650 Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, will hold a rummage sale for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday; 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday

The Catholic Widowed Orga-nization meets at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis, for a pitch in, cold cuts, dessert party with entertainment, beginning at 4 p.m.

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St. Rita Drill Team promotes Scriptures

By Mary Ann Wyand

Drill teams usually march and carry flags, but members of the St. Rita Drill Team march and recite Bible verses

Fifteen youth from St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis and several other neareastside neighborhood churches spend hours each week memorizing Scripture passages and rehearsing march routines for Christian drill team performances

and competitions.

Their hard work has paid off with recognition at a national Baptist Church competition last year and several trophies, but drill team members said that's not

why they participate in the group.
"We're stepping for the Lord," veteran
drill team member Cameron Beatty

explained during a recent rehearsal.

"God is my role model," he said.

"The drill team helps me appreciate life and understand that I can be a leader in

something I do in life."

A four-year member of the community drill team sponsored by St. Rita Parish, Cameron leads the junior group in marching drills and recitation of

Scripture passages.
"I like to learn the Scriptures and call the routines," he said. "It means a lot to me to see people's faces when we do a good job. It makes me feel good because I represent St. Rita Parish."

During the summer, the ecumenical group meets twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, for rehearsals. They will per-form drills at St. Anselm Parish on the Chicago southside next month.

"Most of our friends have been in the drill team," Cameron said. "We also have members from other churches."

Markeshia Taylor also joined the drill team four years ago. "I like to be with my friends," she said, "and I like to drill." Audrea Perry joined the group this year, and said she quickly discovered

how much work is required to prepare

how much work is required to prepare for performances.

"If you join the drill team, you have to put a lot of time in practicing the drills and the Scriptures," Audrea said, "because when it comes time to perform, if you don't know the Scriptures, you might have to sit out and watch the others perform."

The group performed a Sminute drill

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The group performed a 5-minute drill at the Holy Angels Parish summer festival in Indianapolis on June 22, Audrea said, and was pleased by the attentive audience and the applause.

"It made me feel glad because they were really listening to what we were saying," she said, "and were hearing the Word of God through the drills."

Divine Word Father Chester Smith

Divine Word Father Chester Smith, who is in residence at St. Rita, said the drill team has been an important part of

the parish since 1993.
"What the drill team represents, in terms of evangelization in this church community, is that it fosters and evange lizes other young people to be interested in St. Rita's Catholic Church and the Catholic Church in general," Father Chester said. "The second thing it fosters is self-esteem and self-confidence, not only in themselves, but in a community that needs hope and affirmation. I think our drill team offers our people hope and affirmation that the future is going to be a better place.

better place."

Adult volunteers Julia Guynn, Ernestine Taylor, Christine Tucker and Carolyn Hall-Dillard direct the junior and senior drill teams with help from Michelle Walton, Rose Herbert and Norma Freeman. Divine Word Father Anthony Clark, St. Rita's pastor, is the group's commander-in-chief and Father Chester is the team chanlain.

the team chaplain.
"The St. Rita Drill Team was organized on Jan. 6, 1993 as an additional youth program for the parish," Guynn said. "Our goals of the organization are



St. Rita Drill Team member Cameron Beatty of Indianapolis calls a drill during a recent rehearsal for the junior members of the parish group. St. Rita youth earned a national drill team award last year.

to teach the four Rs of self-esteem: religion and the importance of God and church in their lives, respect for self and others, a resourceful attitude toward the challenges of life, and a willingness to accept responsibility for their own social behavior and tasks assigned to them by

Drill team members also volunteer in the community, Guynn said. "They have performed at nursing homes and retire-ment homes, donated bears to the WIBC Bears on Patrol project that helps children in stressful situations, and baked cookies for nursing home residents."

The drill teams also enjoy skating parties, hayrides and cookouts.

Drill team members like to study and

memorize Scripture passages, she said, and their dedication has resulted in a

variety of awards.

In 1994, they earned first place in the Anderson Black Expo drill team competition and fourth place in the Circle City Classic drill team competition in Indianapolis.

Last year, the junior group earned a third-place "Little People" trophy for placing in the top five drill teams at the National Bartist Congress and Drill Team.

National Baptist Congress and Drill Team Competition at Nashville, Tenn. It was the only Catholic drill team competing in the

national contest.

Studying Scripture helps the youth memorize Bible verses, junior co-director Carolyn Hall-Dillard said, and rehearsals teach them the importance of hard work.

"I think the drill team has taught all of them a lot of discipline," she said, "because you have to have a lot of disci-pline to hang with the group."

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Southern Indiana youth plan service

CLARKSVILLE—About 50 high school youth from southern Indiana will give up five days of their summer vacation next week to volunteer their time and talents in community service.

"Faith in Action" is the theme for a service week July 13-17 sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries for teen-agers in southern Indiana.

The service week was made possible by grants from the state of Indiana's Commission on Community Service and the Indiana Campus Compact. Local donors are Sherwin-Williams in New Albany and Walnut Ridge Landscaping.

During this week of community service, youth will paint and repair the home of a Clarksville family, clean flood-damaged homes in Utica, assist the Red Cross with disaster-relief efforts, build a leadership "teams course" and help with environmental tasks at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, and visit shut-ins at area nursing homes.

"It's exciting to see that teen-agers today are hungry for chances to get involved in community service," said Ray Lucas, director of New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. "They seem to place a high value on volunteer work. I think that teens like those who will participate in the 'Faith in Action' service week are real signs of hope

for the future of our communities."

The "Faith in Action" service week provides teens with "an outlet to do something positive in a hands-on way," he said, and the experience enables youth to get involved in "areas of service where they can see the faces of the peo-

ple they are serving and learn from them as well."

In addition to working on a variety of service projects, the week-long program will focus on educating teens

the week-long program will focus on educating teens about poverty and environmental issues.

"I think it's wonderful that these young people have chosen to spend a week giving back to their community," said Teresa Shafer, a Clarksville resident whose family will work with the youth volunteers to paint and repair their home. "It's a wonderful thing these youth are involved in, and we feel privileged to be a part of it."

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—James Stewart leaves an enduring legacy on film and fond memories for Americans of how they would like to see themselves, two Catholic film critics said after the actor's death July 2 at age 89 from cardiac arrest.

"I remember liking him very much when I was a kid," said James Arnold, movie critic for St. Anthony Messenger magazine.

"He was a character who appealed very much to kids," Arnold said. "He was one of my favorites early on" because he played so many characters who evoked the audience's sympathy

"I don't think he ever played the bad guy," Arnold added. "He was always able to convey this naivete and idealism."

'He had that boyish stammer," recalled Henry Herx, director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

"His character was that of a simple but honest man who was able to decide what he had to do despite the difficulties that got in his way-the opposite of the John Wayne character, who was the macho strong man."

Herx called Stewart "a screen icon of the average man, an idealization of the average who conveyed "American virtues love of family, love of country. He was the icon of American know-how—getting things done without calling attention to himself."

Stewart had an extensive film history dating back to the 1930s.

A lifelong Episcopalian, he achieved directed by two Catholics: Frank Capra and Alfred Hitchcock. ome of his greatest successes when

Among the Capra films bracketing World War II were the timeless Christmas classic It's a Wonderful Life and the wellknown Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.
"If he made no more films than (Mr.

Smith Goes to Washington) he would have had his place in film history," Arnold said of Stewart. "His work with Capra was something else. Those guys were on the

In the 1950s, Stewart shifted from comedy to straight drama and starred in two of Hitchcock's best-remembered films,

Vertigo and Rear Window.

Arnold and Herx also cited The Philadelphia Story, a 1940s release, as another classic in Stewart's career. He won an Oscar for best supporting actor in the

role.
"His romance scenes with Katharine Hepburn were fantastic," Arnold said.

Stewart also mined success from a series of Westerns. Herx's favorite is Two Rode Together, a 1961 film which also starred Richard Widmark.

Arnold said Stewart, a highly decorated World War II veteran, turned off many peo-ple with his support of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

"For some people, his stand on Vietnam was a parting of the ways with him," Arnold said. By then, Stewart was accepting fewer roles.

But a new generation of fans became reacquainted with the actor when he was a guest on *The Tonight* Show with host Johnny Carson. "It sort of healed some of the wounds," Arnold said.

Arnold recalls attending a film festival in

Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1987 honoring Stewart's career, which the actor attended.

'He was pretty old at the time, even then," Arnold said. "But he was pretty able, even then, to maintain his dignity."

Paulist Father Ellwood Kieser, who gave the invocation at a testimonial dinner for Stewart in the 1980s, said Stewart "really was the Good American, feeling his way but very well intentioned, always seeking the common good, always being there for

other people, never being arrogant."
While some actors are "chameleons"
who can play many roles, Father Kieser "Jimmy was Jimmy" on screen.

"He was a man who personified and had innocence, sincerity to other people, humil-ity in the real sense of the word," he said. "He was well-mannered and had a love for the common good. He was a loving man, a humble man, and a God-centered man.'

With the deaths of Stewart and Robert Mitchum, who died July 1 at age 79, "it's the passing of an era," Herx said. One solace fans have is that, thanks to home video, "all these films are available."

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BRAUN, Janet J., 80, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, July 2. Wife of Lester Braun, Mother of James Cloud, Jane Newton, Mary Johnson. Grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of seven.

CALABRESE, Helen (Summers), 90, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, June 28. Sister-in-law of Randall B. Waltz. Friend of Steve Summers

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LATTIRE, Larry, 59, St.
Anthony of Padua, Morris, June
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Mackey. Grandmother of 12, great-grandmother of 16.

RAMSEY, James H., 93, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, June 28. Father of James H. Ramsey, Jr. Brother of Ann Brown, Mary Francis. Grandfather of two

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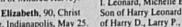
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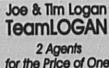
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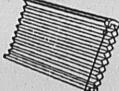
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