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'Walking with holy people' in Italy

Archdiocesan pilgrims continue Journey to the Shrines of Italy through Assisi and Rome

By Peter Agostinelli

ROME—For Michael "Rocky" Bova, the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Italy was much more than a visit to the land of his Italian heritage.

For the Our Lady of the Greenwood parishioner, it was a trip to some of the spiritual roots of his Catholic faith.

Bova, whose father emigrated from Sicily in the 1890s to establish an Indianapolis fruit dealership, reaffirmed his faith earlier this month on the Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy. The trip included visits to shrines and holy places in Florence, Siena, Assisi and Rome.

(Last week *The Criterion* reported on the pilgrims' stops in Florence and Siena.)

Pilgrims from central and southern Indiana journeyed to Italy Oct. 2-11. Led by Father Joseph F. Schaedel, archdiocesan vicar general, the trip was one of a series of annual archdiocesan pilgrimages to holy shrines as part of the archdiocesan Journey of Hope 2001 celebration. Last year, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein led a group of pilgrims to shrines throughout southern Europe.

In Assisi

Despite the Sept. 26 earthquake and continued tremors in Assisi on the morning of Oct. 6, Bova and 50 other pilgrims journeyed in prayer to the quiet mountain town of La Verna near Assisi.

On this year's journey, many parts of



Pilgrims tour a Franciscan friary in La Verna near Assisi (above, left), the site of St. Francis's struggle with the devil. Above, they pass by Rome's Trevi Fountain during a tour of the city's center.

Assisi—including the Basilica of St. Francis, which was severely damaged by the earthquake 10 days before—were closed to visitors as Italian government officials and Franciscans began unraveling the damage. The change in itinerary offered the pilgrims the opportunity to visit La Verna, the town where Francis received the *stigmata*, the wounds to the hands, feet and side that replicate the

wounds of the crucified Christ.

Bova said he enjoyed the visit to La Verna. Back in Assisi, where the pilgrims lodged, he also enjoyed from simple walks through the town.

"When I was there, I felt like I was walking with holy people," he said.

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Clinton's second veto of partial-birth ban decried

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Clinton's second veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act has not resolved the issue and will spark an intensified effort to override it, according to the U.S. bishops' pro-life spokeswoman.

In a statement issued following the Oct. 10 veto, Helen Alvare said the president's action "will only ensure a renewed grassroots effort by Catholics and other people of good will to win the congressional support needed to override his veto."

Alvare, who is director of planning and information for the bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, said the president "ignored an overwhelming consensus of legislators, religious leaders, medical professionals and the American people: the violent killing of children in the very process of

being born disgraces our nation.

"We will not rest until everything possible has been done to end the horror of partial-birth abortion," she said.

In a 296-132 vote Oct. 8, the House approved the Senate's slightly amended version of a bill that would ban the controversial procedure except to save the mother's life. The House had passed its version of the ban in March.

The latest House vote is more than the two-thirds necessary to override a veto, but the Senate vote of 64-36 in May was three votes short. Clinton vetoed an earlier version of the bill in 1996.

Responding to the veto, Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., chief sponsor of the bill, said Clinton "will go down in history as the president whose veto had to be over-

ridden in order to protect innocent babies from a brutal, heinous death."

He predicted the House will override the veto, adding, "We will work tirelessly to get the last few votes needed in the Senate." Earlier, Canady had said he did not expect a vote to override the anticipated veto until 1998.

In a separate statement Oct. 10, Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia said he was "saddened and appalled" by the veto.

"It is even more disturbing that the president continues to permit a procedure that the majority of Americans find despicable," he said.

Recalling that October is Respect Life Month, the cardinal urged prayers for

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The the and the for the the the Gospel and much of the Liturgy of the Word to be read in English. The presider prays the Eucharistic Prayer in Latin.

Many pilgrims took advantage of the afternoon of Oct. 7 to purchase religious articles that could be blessed by Pope John Paul II at the following day's general audience.

Papal audience

Front-row seats in St. Peter's Square and threatening overcast skies were the setting for the Oct. 8 audience. The rain never fell, and the pope arrived to the cheers of the pilgrims and about 15,000 faithful jammed into the square. The Holy Father appeared frail following his recent visit to Brazil, but he greeted visitors to St. Peter's with his usual charm and a spiritual message.

At Mass that afternoon at the church of *Santa Maria della Fornaccia* (St. Mary of the Furnace, a parish named



Benedictine Father Noah Casey distributes Communion at a Mass in a chapel of St. Peter's Basilica.

Major) and continued tours of Rome the rest of the day.

Faith deeply touched

Franciscan Sister Rita Vukovic, a teacher at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis, appeared to be among the most awestruck pilgrims throughout the trip. She said her faith was touched deeply during the pilgrimage—in quiet places such as Siena and Assisi as well as in the bustling cities of Florence and Rome.

The experience was especially profound for the follower of Francis, who is anticipating her 50th anniversary as a Franciscan sister. As someone who cherishes living the simple life and living

joyfully, she saw firsthand the roots of the tradition.

"It was so overwhelming," Sister Rita said. "I was in awe. I didn't know what to feel, but I felt something almost mystical."

"When I got to Assisi, that was one thing. But when I got to the top of the mountain at La Verna . . . to see where Francis walked and to see where he slept, that was special. Reading about these places is one thing. Being there is just

St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church in Indianapolis died on Oct. 8. He would have been 71 on Nov. 1.



Fr. Robert McElaney, O.S.B.

A prayer service was held on Oct. 12 and an Eastern rite service was held on Oct. 13. His body was in a place of honor in the church from Sunday afternoon until the time of the funeral.

A Byzantine funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Athanasius on Oct. 14. Bishop Basil Schott, O.S.F., of the Parma (Ohio) Diocese, presided.

Father Robert, a native of Boston, became a Benedictine monk in 1979 and was ordained a priest in 1982. He lived at St. Maur Benedictine Priory in Indianapolis before suffering a stroke on Oct. 5.

Father Robert was a bi-ritual priest, meaning he could celebrate Mass in both the Byzantine and Latin rites. St. Athanasius Church, located in the former Assumption Church since 1995, is the only Byzantine-rite Catholic parish in central and southern Indiana. Others in the state include parishes in Munster and Merrillville.

Father Robert is survived by sisters Ellen Murphy and Inez Murdock and brother Francis McElaney, as well as two nephews. †

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Giving means sacrificing at Holy Angels

By Margaret Nelson

The people of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis are doing a lot of soul-searching about giving to their church.

The new \$3 million school and parish building at Holy Angels will reflect a change in stewardship attitudes among many parishioners.

They know they must match \$740,000 of the costs. Last month, the parish received permission to purchase additional land for the building. That means another \$72,000 is added.

Father Clarence Waldon, pastor of the near westside parish, has called for a Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign.

People like Amanda Strong, Anthony Chapman, and Mary and Reggie Ash have changed their lifestyles to help the effort. And they've gained from it.

Amanda Strong said, "When we started the stewardship campaign, I really had to pray over it."

"I live a certain way," she said. "I

wrote down the things that I could live without." She realized that her season tickets to Indianapolis Colts games cost her more than \$900.

"I thought I really couldn't afford them if I was going to give what I should to the parish campaign," said Strong. "I found two friends who will purchase the tickets for three years."

She told them that she was sacrificing for her church and they agreed to help with that, too.

Strong also decided to say no to some of her children's requests for financial help. "I told them I planned to retire, but still want to be faithful to my campaign pledge, so I wouldn't have extra money."

"They have found new ways to handle their finances," she said. "I think they're doing a better job. I needed to cut them loose to let them grow."

Several things happened later that she had not planned in her budget that could have tempted her not to meet her pledge. She had car trouble. "In the midst of all this, I had to replace my furnace and my roof started leaking."

But she found someone to replace her furnace at a reasonable price. When she told him of her commitment to her church, he allowed her to take four months to pay and charged her no interest.

She did have to borrow money for the roof. But—all the time sharing with others how strongly she felt about the school—she found someone who would do the

same work for less than the other estimates. And a lady at the bank responded by finding her a loan at a lower interest.

"God's blessings helped me turn some of the problems around," said Strong.

She learned something about shopping, too. She returned the two dresses she thought she needed for a vacation with her sisters. That taught her something that will help in her retirement. "I can shop now and not buy things I really don't need."

Strong has already made a commitment of her time and talents by serving on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council since it was started by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara. And she is on the Catholic Community Foundation Board of Trustees and the Archdiocesan Multicultural Commission.

She's always been busy at the parish. At the Parish Feast Day dinner last Sunday, she was the one who announced that Wisdom Award winners were Bernice and Robert Kent, Mary Knox, Leon Taylor and Odella Wynn. From her description, all of them were outstanding

stewards, as well.

Strong said that she agrees with the parish's idea of sacrifice. "I will not offer to God something that will cost me nothing." She added, "Sacrifice makes giving much more meaningful."

"The whole thing really changed my life," said Strong. "It got me ready for

the Journey of Hope 2001. People in the archdiocese are going to really have to think about changing their lives."

Anthony Chapman is 33. When he arrived at Holy Angels Parish in 1994, he was already tithing. But he answered the parish lifestyle stewardship campaign by making a sacrificial commitment in addition to his tithing.

"I committed a certain amount to building the parish hall and school," said Chapman. "But it's also a matter of people helping people."

At a recent Mass, he challenged members of the parish to help tutor the children. And he could speak from experience.

For two years, Chapman has helped with the Sunday religious education. Last year, Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Gerry O'Laughlin, the principal, asked him to help tutor in Holy Angels School. Since he works nights, he spends three and one-half hours each Monday working with the students there.

He does not have children in the school and does not remember much about being that age.

"I work with a variety of kids, but concentrate on one or two every week," he said. The students need one-on-one assistance with their reading, math and language skills, he's found.

"It opened my eyes to the fact that, when a kid has problems reading, it affects everything else," said Chapman. At first, he wondered why some students, who seemed to have some ability in math and science, weren't doing well.

The teacher explained that the children can't read well enough to follow directions on their assignments. "I would not have recognized that if I had not been there in the classroom," said Chapman.

"Out of the 21 or 22 students, most of the kids will go along at a regular pace," he said. "But one kid I work with has some degree of disabilities in reading, speech and a slight attention deficit. He works better with one-on-one instruction."

"Now he reads aloud and pays attention when the stories are being read in class," said Chapman with a hint of pride in his voice.

"I wanted to give a certain amount of money to the building project," he said. Chapman reads at Sunday liturgies and volunteers for parish activities, such as the festival. Last Sunday, he read the prayer that began the annual Parish Feast Day.

"The more I give, the more I still have left over," said Chapman. "I have just as much. Unless you are a believer, you don't know that."

He believes that giving to the church is like subtracting five from 10 and still having 10. "You still have plenty," he said.

"You can do so much for yourself, your friends and family," Chapman said. "But I try to find ways to give when I won't receive something back."

Commenting on what he does for God, he says, "I don't miss my time. I don't miss my money. It's given from the heart. It's given from love."

Providence Sister Mary Margaret Quinn, pastoral associate at Holy Angels, said the campaign is really a family affair.

Mary and Reggie Ash wanted to commit \$10,000 to the parish campaign. "That's \$65 a week and we're doing OK," said Mary Ash.

"But once you start that, you still have bills to pay," she said. "The car broke down, the refrigerator broke down, our son's tuition went up. But we were still able to meet the demands."

"People sometimes think of the things that go wrong," she said. "I tried to think of the things that were going right."

One Sunday, she "witnessed" to the Holy Angels assembly about one of the family's special gifts. For about five years, the couple had been trying to have another child. The doctor had told them it probably wouldn't happen. After making the stewardship pledge, Mary learned she was pregnant. Her announcement to her parish family was the



Anthony Chapman

first they knew of the baby they expected—"one of the good things that come from God."

Reggie Ash has already been involved in the parish, especially on the board of education. "We want to be totally committed, doing something for God. We are blessed to be at Holy Angels. We are blessed to have Father Waldon and Sister Mary." He remembered the way the parish was there for them, especially when several close family members died.

"In times of real need, having God in our lives as a focus has strengthened us," said Reggie Ash. "We have a child on the way. When we sacrifice, we need each other to make this happen."

"There are single parents here who sacrifice to send their children to the school," he said. "God is working with them to show how they can do this with one income."

"The whole family of Holy Angels can't just attend church on Sunday and expect to get anything out of life," said Reggie. "We must make a total commitment—a total lifelong commitment."

"This is not easy. It is a total change of life—a total sacrifice," he said.

He used one example. "We don't go out to dinner."

Mary smiled and said, "I am cooking more."

She observed, "For some people, it's a stumbling block that they don't have kids who will benefit from the school."

Reggie Ash said, "It's more than putting your own child through; we're building a whole future generation. It's made us think differently. And that's a positive thing."

Mary said, "Without this, we would have never thought we could save \$10,000 in three years."

Reggie, who works seven days a week as a supervisor, has his own 10-year goal. "I love working with kids. I want to get a degree in education so I can help people."

"The focus is for life—for eternity, really," said Reggie Ash. †



Mary and Reggie Ash

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Editorial

Thérèse of Lisieux is new doctor of the church

It might seem strange that the pope is going to name St. Thérèse of Lisieux a doctor of the church this Sunday. The other 32 doctors of the church were very learned people known for their writing — men like Sts. Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, Jerome and Alphonsus Liguori. Even the other two women who have been declared doctors — St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa of Avila — were known for their writing, *The Dialogue* for Catherine and *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection* for Teresa. Thérèse never published anything in her lifetime, although her notebooks, compiled as *The Story of a Soul* after her death, sold millions of copies in more than 40 languages.

(It's common, by the way, to identify many saints by where they lived. St. Thérèse was known as Thérèse of the Child Jesus but is known as St. Thérèse of Lisieux, just as St. Teresa of Jesus is known as St. Teresa of Avila and as we refer to St. Francis of Assisi, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Frances of Rome, etc. All three of the female doctors of the church will undoubtedly be identified by where they lived, just as one day there will be a St. Teresa of Calcutta.)

It's interesting that Mother Teresa of Calcutta took St. Thérèse of Lisieux as her patron when she changed her name from Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. It's because she was affected by St. Thérèse's life and the manner in which she lived her "Little Way." And it's for this same reason that Pope John Paul II is naming her a

doctor of the church.

St. Thérèse was the inspiration for another woman who worked among the poor — Dorothy Day. She wrote a book about her, titled simply *Therese*.

St. Thérèse was by far the most popular saint after her death in 1897, especially after *The Story of a Soul* was published the following year. This young girl, who lived a cloistered life in a Carmelite monastery for nine years and died when she was 24, was canonized in 1925, 28 years after her death, after reports of numerous miracles attributed to her during World War I. In 1927, she was named co-patron, with St. Francis Xavier, of foreign missions.

Her theology, for which she is being named a doctor of the church, might be summed up in Jesus' words, "Unless you become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3-4).

She stressed finding holiness in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life — in whatever we are doing. She saw the power of love that could turn even weakness and illness, including the tuberculosis that killed her, into service for others. Her strongest desire was to serve others, even after her death, for she said, "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

St. Thérèse died 100 years ago this past Sept. 30. She has been called a modern saint and a model for our times. In declaring her a doctor of the church, Pope John Paul gives his blessing to her "Little Way," a way of living that every single one of us can emulate. †

—John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Wit, wisdom from the children

Off and on I receive notes from children in our Catholic schools and parish religious education classes. They are uplifting, challenging and sometimes amusing. I wish I could find the time to answer all of them individually. I thought it would be fun to share some of their messages and questions.

One young fellow created a "welcome to our school" card entitled "Jesus is Risen." He drew a cross with only a purple shroud draped on it, but, interestingly, the nails with blood dripping from them were still attached to the cross. At the bottom of the card, Jesus is walking away and a caption has him saying, "Boy, am I glad that's over, being persecuted was very hard."

That young fellow will have little difficulty relating to Jesus in prayer. He sympathizes with Christ's suffering, yet with a child's vision, he knows the meaning of Christ's victory over death and suffering.

Other notes were more personal. A girl wrote, "Thank you very much for helping are (sic) school. I think that you are the best archbishop so far. Please live for a long time."

I guess she thought it is better to have the archbishop you know than the one you don't know! I figure she also reflects the gratitude of her parents and teachers for our support of Catholic education.

A boy wrote, "I love your job. It is so cool. You can do anything you want. I would love to do your job. But you have a lot of papers. All the work is hard. When you were a kid did you work hard? When I grow up I will be just like you."

I don't know where the boy got the idea that I can do whatever I want, but he also heard that it's hard work being an archbishop. Yes, my mom and dad taught me to work hard as a kid. I pray that the young fellow will become an archbishop. He is full of life and that's what we need!

A little girl in a religious education class wrote, "I have some questions to ask you. You do not have to answer them, but it would be nice. 1) Do you do the same things we do? 2) Do you live the same way we do? 3) Do you ever watch sports on TV? I hope you can answer the questions. Write me back!!" (I will see that she gets a copy of this column.)

An archbishop is a human per-

son like anyone else. I grew up in a family, and I have lots of relatives. Since I am not married, and I am an archbishop, I live a little differently than a lot of people. I probably spend more time in prayer and in church. But I also do a lot of the same things as most folks, like grocery shopping and cooking (when I am not at a church dinner or reception), and I make my own bed in the morning. I try to jog and get exercise most days, but like most people also, I have to fight to get the time in my schedule. I have friends and enjoy visiting with them. And, yes, I try to find time to watch football, basketball, soccer and golf on TV.

One boy asked, "Did they name the Arch-deluxe from McDonald's after you?"

I hope not!

"Do you eat it?"

No.

A girl asked, "Do you ever eat at McDonald's?"

Yes, once in a while when I'm in a hurry!

She also asked "What is your favorite football team?"

The Colts, of course, but I'm having a hard time staying loyal this season.

In a serious mode, another child asked, "Do you care about people who do not have a home?"

Yes, I do, very much. It is why I try to give leadership and support for our Catholic Charities agencies that try to help poor people in all kinds of ways.

Several children asked about my vocation. One asked, "Why, in the first place, did you become a priest?"

I became a priest because I wanted to serve God and the church in a special way. I thought a priest's life and work makes a lot of difference for a lot of people and that's how I could be saved.

Another asked, "Do you think you would want to become the pope?"

No, because that takes a much better person than I am.

A final question was intriguing. "Do you ever wish you had not become an archbishop?"

Am I disappointed and worried sometimes? Yes. Do I ever wish I weren't archbishop? No. I promised obedience to the Holy Father and my faith, and my parents and my teachers taught me to keep my promises.

God does the rest. †

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To the Editor

Catholic senators and the partial-birth abortion ban

The article "Partial-birth abortion is 'brutal infanticide'" (*The Criterion*, Oct. 3), graphic though it was, may have held more force had Mrs. Susan Wells [the author] listed the allegedly Catholic members of Congress who voted to uphold President Clinton's veto of the partial-birth abortion ban.

In the Senate alone, of the 33 or 34 members who support partial-birth abortion, at least nine or 10 list themselves as Catholics. This fact may be of interest to Catholic voters. At least then if they wish to vote for pagans, they can vote for honest ones.

Joseph L. Hanley
Indianapolis

Applauds 'Nothing Sacred'

I am very disappointed in Father Joseph F. Schaedel's column asking us to boycott the new show "Nothing Sacred" (*The Criterion*, Oct. 3). What would he have us watch — "Men Behaving Badly," "Veronica's Closet," or others just as bad? There is very little that is good on television today.

"Touched by an Angel" is a very popular show with a religious theme where good always triumphs over evil. Many people find it interesting and enjoyable. The producers of "Nothing Sacred" probably decided to cash in by using a similar theme. That was done previously with "ER" and other "doctor" shows.

Depicting the overbearing priest with "too much" homily, the pastor who is there but not doing much and the "workaholic" nun is par for the course. Remember *The Bells of St. Mary's* and movies of that kind. Then we have the young "hero" priest who is trying to be everything to everyone — that's a very uplifting idea! Many of the problems he encounters are very real in today's society.

T. Bell
Indianapolis

(The writer enclosed an article from USA Today that was written by a non-Catholic North Carolina pastor "who applauds the show as I do.")

Not surprised by NCCB's 'Nothing Sacred' decision

Why am I not surprised by the NCCB [National Conference of Catholic Bishops] decision that the "faithful" should remain silent regarding the TV show "Nothing Sacred"? A show that weekly maligns all our basic Catholic doctrines and teachings and distorts the role of a priest and his sacred vows is offensive and degrading to me as a Catholic. The NCCB's decision is just as offensive.

In my confirmation class, I was taught that I was a "soldier of Christ and defender of my faith." Maybe the Catholic Church needs to go "toe to toe" with Michael Eisner at Disney. After all, he was also responsible for the lewd movie titled *Priest*. I am sick and tired of the "entertainment industry" attacking our religion. Our church needs to speak out. You never see Jewish and Protestant religions maligned. Why is that?

The NCCB is noted for writing letters on social and political issues. I'm sure their "flock" would appreciate their writing one defining our faith. Perhaps they should reacquaint themselves with 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

Kathleen K. Steuer
Greenwood

Come to St. Rita Church

I would like to invite everyone to the services at St. Rita Church in Indianapolis. Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II have asked that African-American Catholics share our gifts overtly with the church. Each culture has gifts, but we African-Americans have sometimes silently celebrated our faith

without sharing our talents.

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Lillian Stevenson
Indianapolis

Radio ads uplifting, joyful

I really like the series of radio ads for the archdiocese that I have heard in the past month or two on WIBC in particular. They are so uplifting and joyful. Keep up the good work in this endeavor.

Stephenie Paquette
Indianapolis

Agrees with writer about morality; disagrees with scientific conclusions

While I agree with Dr. John T. Bruchalski that the contraceptive mentality and the resulting sexual revolution are responsible for an incalculable amount of harm to family life in general and to the institution of marriage in particular, there are two statements in his article that I feel need correction. ("The 'Sexual Revolution' Leaves Disease, Heartache in its Wake," *The Criterion*, Oct. 3)

As a board-certified specialist in gynecologic oncology since the mid-1960s, I want to address two points that Dr. Bruchalski made. In his article he implied that "users of the pill for a number of years" are "far more likely to develop breast cancer at a younger age and ... a more aggressive variety than ... nonusers of the pill." The fact is that the women in today's society who do not choose to become pregnant for one reason or another are more likely to develop breast cancer at a younger age than women who have children while they are young, especially if they breast-feed those children. This lifestyle, which in many instances, makes self-gratification a higher priority than raising a family, is abetted by the use of the pill but is not a result of the chemicals in the pill. The other statement of Dr. Bruchalski, which is in error, is that there is an increased incidence of cervical cancer in the United States. As a matter of fact, the incidence of invasive cervical cancer in the United States has declined precipitously since the introduction of the PAP smear and has not increased due to the chemical makeup of the pill.

I wish to emphasize that I agree with Dr. Bruchalski about the terrible moral effects let loose by the promiscuity fostered in our "me first" society that is so interested in itself that other concerns such as marital fidelity, the family and adherence to the dictates of God and the church become secondary. I only write this letter to clear up these two points because I feel it is extremely important in addressing the causes and consequences of today's immorality that any statements made are able to withstand scientific scrutiny.

Hans E. Geisler, M.D.
Indianapolis

(Dr. Geisler is director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology of St. Vincent Hospitals & Health Centers and is clinical professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Indiana University Medical Center.)

A View from the Center/Dan Conway

A Practical Spirituality

Stewardship is a new term in the vocabulary of American Catholics. Of course, the concept of stewardship is older than Christianity itself — dating back to the time of the Old Testament.



The Book of Genesis describes God's creative activity in vivid terms. God is the source of all things, and we human beings are made in God's image. But we are not meant to be passive recipients merely consuming the bountiful results of God's goodness. We have very specific responsibilities in relationship to the earth and to each other, and we will be asked to "render an account" of our use of the gifts we have received from a good and loving God.

According to the Genesis view of things, we are meant to be stewards — ambassadors of God who exercise special care for the world and its riches, including the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that gives us food and shelter, and all the creatures (great and small) who co-inhabit our world. Because we are made in God's image and share in the responsibility for creation, we are challenged to treat material goods not as disposable things to be used up and thrown away, but as precious resources to be nurtured and developed for the glory of God and for the good of the human family.

This old idea — that we are stewards of

all creation — is also powerfully expressed in the New Testament. The parables of Jesus and the writings of St. Paul speak eloquently of the responsibility that all Christians have to respect the things of the world as gifts from God that must be treated with great care. To abuse our material resources, or even to take them for granted, is a profound misunderstanding of our distinctive role as agents of God called to cultivate and enrich our environment.

But we are stewards of more than just the physical environment. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, we are also "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1), responsible for spiritual realities as well. Along with our concern for the earth and its resources, we serve as guardians of a way of life. Indeed, the mysteries of God, which we are asked to nurture and defend, reveal all things as coming from and belonging to a loving and personal God. All that we believe — our principles, our values, and our deepest hopes and aspirations — flows from the heart of God. As ambassadors of God's love and goodness, we bring light into darkness and hope to a despairing world.

The challenge of good stewardship is to reconcile our responsibility for the things of this world with God's call to cultivate the inner world of faith, hope and love. That's why good stewards are considered to be "spiritual persons" who treat material things with profound respect and much loving care. That attitude makes the spirituality of stewardship something very down-to-earth and practical. †

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Filling in details about the early church in the Holy Land

Catholics seldom get a chance to learn a great deal about the early church in the Holy Land. They hear part of the Acts of the Apostles at Mass between Easter and Pentecost, but that's about it. So let me devote a couple columns to filling in the details.



The first Christian community developed on what is today known as Mt. Zion. This is not the original Mt. Zion of the Old Testament. For King David, Zion was the fortress he conquered, the place to which he brought the Ark of the Covenant. Today David's city is located south of the present Old City walls, an area seldom visited by tourists but where there are fascinating excavations—and a magnificent view over the Kidron Valley.

Later, for the people of Israel, Zion became the Temple on Mt. Moriah. Still later, all of Jerusalem became Zion and eventually the word Zion became a concept that included all of the Land of Israel.

The present Mt. Zion is a hill in the southwestern corner of Jerusalem. Here is where the Last Supper took place, where the apostles hid after Jesus' crucifixion, and where they still were when the Holy Spirit descended on them on Pentecost. It was natural, therefore, that this is where the first Christian community would develop. Here, where the Benedictine Abbey and Church of the Dormition is located, is where Mary died about the year 50.

The leaders of the church then (St. Paul calls them "pillars" in his letter to the Galatians) were James, Peter and John. This was not James the apostle but "James the brother of the Lord" (Gal 1:19). He was known as the Tzaddik, the Righteous Man. The earliest tradition of the church is that he was the oldest son

of Joseph, thus Jesus' half-brother legally (though not biologically). He had not been one of Jesus' followers—in fact, there were strained relations between Jesus' family and his apostles—but he was one of those Jesus appeared to after his resurrection (1 Cor 15:7).

After Peter left Jerusalem, James the Tzaddik was in charge of the Christian church on Mt. Zion. He was known to live an austere and ascetic life. He also considered himself to be a Jew. Although he was a layman, he was scrupulous about following the Jewish laws of ritual purity and was allowed to wear the priestly robes and to pray in the Court of the Priests in the Temple.

So far as James was concerned, those who followed Jesus had to fulfill every commandment of the Jewish law, the Torah. In fact, they were to go beyond what was expected. They must live as exemplary Jews. So they could be found worshipping daily in the temple.

But in about the year 36, some Greek-speaking followers of Christ, members of the Christian community, felt discriminated against. Their leader was Stephen, who was stoned to death after he enraged the members of the Sanhedrin for pointing out that Israel had consistently rejected God's chosen leaders and that Jews could worship God outside the temple. The stoning of Stephen began a persecution against the Christians, but apparently not against the original Palestinian followers of Jesus. Acts says that, as a result of the persecution, all the Christians were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria, "except for apostles" (8:1). However, most of the apostles left Jerusalem to take the Good News to other countries.

The Greek-speaking Jewish Christians fled Jerusalem and eventually founded Christian churches in Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch. James continued to lead the church in Jerusalem and is considered its first bishop.

Continued next week. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

How to be young again

Money is one of the gifts that grandparents, aunts and uncles are most fond of presenting to their "grands," nieces and nephews on birthdays, first Communions, Christmas, etc. This is entirely appropriate, since saving for college or the first car or a pair of Bose speakers is well beyond the ability of most kids or even their parents.

At age 3, however, most sprouts would display greater excitement over Bert and Ernie stuff than over money. And even at 8 or 10 they might prefer a new pound puppy or whatever the toy of the hour is, to a personal check. But that's OK, they'll appreciate it later.

Teen-agers are another matter. They will gladly take cash, and the larger the amount of cash, the gladder they'll take it. It's a kind of natural law. If doting relatives want to feel loved and appreciated, this is definitely the way to go.

Nevertheless, some of us continue to take

delight in selecting just the right gift for each younger child. It's a test of how well we know them as individuals, to be sure, but it's also just fun to shop for kid stuff.

This is true especially when Betsy or Timmy or Megan respond with spontaneous hugs and kisses. With gifts of money you tend to get the "thank you very much, Grandpa" routine delivered politely but without much enthusiasm. With actual wrapped presents you get the real genuine item. Very gratifying.

Sometimes adults are pretty thick about their selections. If they're not cool or familiar with the latest toys, they're apt to present Jason with some archaic plaything they loved when they were six but which is a complete mystery to him. As in no batteries, computerized action or other electronic whizbang.

Another hazard is when the kids are past the Barbie and GI Joe stage, no longer interested in plastic dinosaurs or crayons or tiny tea sets, and their adults are unaware of this new maturity. Many a rummage sale has been stocked with the results of such kindly ignorance.

It's a good thing grandparents often are

retired, because this allows them time to select just the right gift. One way is to examine the kid catalogs with their catchy titles: "Biobottoms," "Sensational Beginnings," "Toys to Grow On," "Animal Town," and even "Hearth Song." Besides neat pictures, they offer valuable clues for selecting age-appropriate toys.

But, as delightful as such activity can be, it's cheaper to shop in stores, since shipping and handling charges for catalog shopping send the costs of the gifts into orbit. Besides, in stores you get to touch and smell and listen to all the delights of

juvenile merchandise.

Adults may spend many happy hours pulling strings to hear what the guy from outer space will say next, or pointing laser weapons at the wife's back as she browses among the dolls, or playing racecar with suitable noises. This is definitely one of the perks of grandparent, aunt- and unclehood.

It follows that choosing toys that they like to play with themselves is important for adults to consider when buying presents for Tony and Samantha. If Monopoly and battery-operated cars and paper dolls are your thing, see to it that the kids are supplied with them next time you visit and they beg, "Play with me."

We can relive childhood again and again, thanks to the gifts we select for our kids. Have fun, and a happy 7th birthday to you! †



St. Mary-of-the-Knobs in Floyds Knobs parishioners Catherine Didat (left) and Rosemary Barmore hold the quilt that will be raffled at the annual St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Dessert Card Party on Oct. 22.

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs parishioner donates quilt for the 15th year

FLOYDS KNOBS—Using her time and talent to create a quilt for the good of the parish is something she has done annually for 15 years.

Life-long, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs in Floyds Knobs parishioner Catherine Didat has, for the 15th year, designed and donated a quilt to be raffled at the parish's annual Dessert Card Party on Oct. 22.

According to parishioner Sandy Pinnick, Didat first donated a quilt in 1982 in appreciation when several women in the parish prepared a funeral meal following the death of her husband, Joe Didat. She wanted to give something back to the parish. And now,

for 15 years she has continued to give back to the parish by donating a handmade quilt each year for the parish's major fund-raiser.

Didat, 86, has been quilting for almost 70 years. As a child her mother encouraged Didat to make a quilt each year to donate when the parish held annual picnics. Currently she makes at least five quilts each winter.

She has two children, John Didat and Betty Joe Tucker, both whom are parishioners of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs.

The card party will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4. For more information call the parish office at 812-923-3011. †

Check It Out . . .

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis will host its annual **Family Liturgy and Bishop Chatard Medal Breakfast** at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 26. Tickets for the event are required and can be ordered by calling 317-254-5436. Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children and students.

St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis will commemorate its 40th anniversary with a dinner-dance on Oct. 25 at St. Vincent Marten House Hotel, 1801 W. 86th Street in Indianapolis. All charter members and former members are invited. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to midnight. Music is by The Carl Hines Quartet. Tickets are \$25. Information: 317-293-1691.

Holy Trinity Parish in Indianapolis has **poticas for sale** through Oct. 31. Information: 317-634-2289 or 317-632-1030.

Family Apostolate "Be Not Afraid" family hours will begin a **nine-week pro-life series** Oct. 19 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish in Clarksville. Information: 812-246-2252.

Jon Stemkoski's Celebrant Singers, an internationally-known Christian music ministry, will present a community-wide concert Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at St. Simon Church/School, 8155 Oakland Road, in Indianapolis. The concert is free, but a free-will offering will be collected. The singers will provide music at 12:45 p.m. Mass. †

VIP . . .

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. "Jack" Fischer of Brownsburg will celebrate their 50th anniversary Oct. 18. Their children hosted a reception at I.U. Conference Center last month for family and friends. The couple

was married Oct. 18, 1947 at St. Boniface Parish in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have five children: Jacqueline Hill, Jane Misch, John, Thomas, and Joseph Fischer. The couple also has eight grandchildren. †

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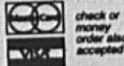
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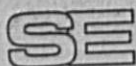
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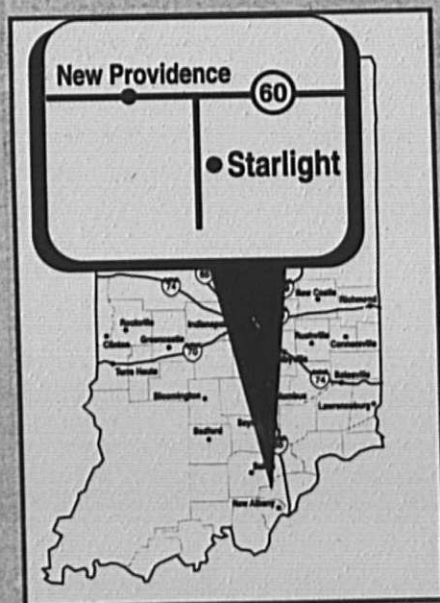
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St. John the Baptist Starlight

Story and photos by Susan Etter

Fast Fact:

St. John the Baptist choir has been invited to perform in an ecumenical choir fest in Jeffersonville on Oct. 26. Only 10 choirs were invited to sing. "It's quite an honor because they only invite the best of the best from our local area," Father John Beitans said.



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Parishioners show ownership of their parish through stewardship at St. John

STARLIGHT—Stewardship is in full force at St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight.

Father John Beitans, who has been the pastor there for eight years, said one of the most visible signs of stewardship is the new concrete sidewalks that have recently been poured by volunteers in the parish.

He said the sidewalks are really just the first step of a program the parish has started that includes a lot of fixing-up around the property.

"The archbishop has talked about deferred maintenance needs being met during the Journey of Hope 2001, and so we have taken that to heart," Father Beitans said.

A maintenance committee has devised a three-year plan that will include all the areas in and around the parish grounds that need to be fixed. Father Beitans said there are many little things that need work around the parish, from door latches to leaks in the gym roof, which will also be taken care of by volunteers.

Several men, along with a few young boys from the parish, will show up for a maintenance workday scheduled this month.

"It gets the young people involved in doing things for the parish," said Benedictine Sister Mary Carol Messmer, who is the pastoral associate at the parish.

Father Beitans said typically there are three or four workdays scheduled annually to take care of parish maintenance.

"One of the things the parish tries to hold onto is the whole notion of volunteerism," Father Beitans said.

"We just don't have a maintenance person on staff, because enough people feel connected to the parish—it's as if they feel it's a part of their own home," Father Beitans said.

He added that, on a workday, the parishioners will come onto the parish grounds with heavy equipment.

"I have always been proud of that," he said.

Marie Miller, parish secretary, said there are very active business people in the parish who are "always ready to push in the right direction" to get things done.

Father Beitans added that when there is any real need in the parish, "rallied at the cause doesn't even say it."

Stewardship seems to be present in all the activities going on at St. John. Moving the discussion from building maintenance to religious education, Miller, who has been a member of the parish for more than 80 years, said she is seeing more people getting involved.

Patty Rake is the administrator of religious education.



Benedictine Sister Angeline Preske polishes the area behind the altar at St. John the Baptist Church in Starlight.



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Dreyer is versatile 1997 DRE of the year

By Margaret Nelson

Shirley Dreyer calls on her many talents and experiences to minister as director of religious education at St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis.

And she brings her warm smile to the job. It seems like a perfect match for a woman who's been a teacher, musician and liturgist, as well as a wife and mother of six.



Shirley Dreyer

Ironically, it was her late husband Ed—who didn't want his wife to work outside the home—who suggested she take the DRE job 25 years ago.

This year, Shirley Dreyer was recognized with a special archdiocesan award: "Excellence in the Ministry of Catechesis—Parish Administrator of Religious Education," presented by the Office of Catholic Education.

In other words, she was selected as DRE of the year by her peers. The award was presented at a special Mass at St. Jude Church on Aug. 17.

Parish leaders had been asked to submit nominations. The requirements sound simple, but they reflect a person of dedication: model of lifelong faith formation programming; pioneer in the field or responsible for substantial creative programming; worker for the greater good, extending to deanery, diocese and province; and mentor of colleagues in religious education and faith formation.

This is the second year that the religious educators have honored one of their own. Last year, Franciscan Sister Marie Schroeder received the award. In fact, Sister Marie was among those who nominated Dreyer this year.

Besides meeting all the criteria, the Franciscan educator called Dreyer "a pioneer in the field of faith formation." To her colleagues, she is a mentor, "a

nice person to know, easy to meet and talk to—low key and always there."

Those sound like good qualities for someone who has taken her job as director of religious education and expanded it to include 250 grade school and 20 high school students, a summer Bible school, preparation for the sacraments, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, adult education, Moms Morning, Liturgy of the Word and bereavement programs.

Her pastor, Father Gerald Kirkhoff said, "I can't say enough." After naming them, he noted that she has gone beyond all her responsibilities as DRE to be active in ecumenical areas such as the women's World Day of Prayer. She's on the parish liturgy and vocations committees. And she's active in the Association of Parish Administrators of Religious Education and the Serra Club.

When women were added to its membership, Dreyer was the first to join the Indianapolis Serra Club—which promotes the priesthood and religious vocations. And she served as its president.

Charles Gardner, leader of the secretariat for spiritual life and worship in the archdiocese, said, "Shirley is a living symbol of the steadily increasing cooperation between religious educators and liturgists. Through her years of service as a pastoral musician and [seven years] as a member and [three years as] president of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission, she has demonstrated the importance of prayer and worship in building up and forming the Body of Christ."

Dreyer calls her time on the liturgical commission "really interesting." She said, "Those people—Father Rick [Ginther], Father [Stephen] Jarrell and Charlie Gardner—if you ask them to do something, it will be done well."

Dreyer started out teaching music at Holy Name School—a job her husband approved because she was "just helping out in the parish." She taught third grade for six years, as well as classroom music.

When the family moved to St. Jude, she taught at the school there for eight years. The summer she considered retiring from teaching, Ed Dreyer came home from his parish council meeting

with a suggestion.

"They have just the thing for you," he said. "You won't have to work very hard. If you want to do that, go ahead and apply for it." Shirley Dreyer laughs now at his description of the DRE job. But she has added some of her present responsibilities since his death in 1982.

About her religious education award, Dreyer said, "I was very, very excited. It's so nice to hear from your peers—to know your colleagues and friends are there for you."

"There is a real feeling of camaraderie, both in professional and personal matters," said Dreyer of the south deanery DREs. "We share our ideas rather than keeping things to ourselves."

"I was very, very fortunate," said Dreyer. "Two people were my mentors—Benedictine Sister Mary Margaret Funk and Father Jerry Kirkhoff." Dreyer calls Father Kirkhoff "a man of great vision."

"Sister Mary Margaret really built up my self-esteem. She asked me to do difficult things." Once Sister Mary Margaret asked her to give a two and a half-hour workshop for a DRE convention.

This year Dreyer will be presenting a similar talk on the same saintly topic—"Heroes and Sheres"—during the archdiocesan Fall Catechetical Day, Oct. 18. But she'll have to condense it into a one-hour presentation.

Dreyer moved to Indianapolis from Springfield, Ohio, when she was 6 years old. She began playing the organ at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral as a sixth-grader. Dreyer still plays the organ at weekend Masses at St. Jude and for many funerals, as well.

Shirley and Ed Dreyer were high school sweethearts when she was attending St. Agnes Academy. The two would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this year.

"My children have been a tremendous support," she said. Her daughter Donna Myers works with her in the office at St. Jude Parish.

"I can always call on the other children, too," said Dreyer.

Dreyer has 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. "It's 'neat' to have babies around," she said. She keeps in

touch with the older grandchildren on the Internet.

"Every Tuesday, I go to the Southside Work Center to teach music to people who are mentally challenged," she said.

"It is so 'neat,'" said Dreyer. "First of all, they are very loving. They appreciate people and they like doing things with each other. Their ages are 20 to 40."

Dreyer said that receiving the award as catechist made her especially aware of something she already knew: "No one can succeed without other people."

"The catechists I have at St. Jude are tremendous," she said. Most of them have stayed on to help year after year. "They are so dedicated, especially when you consider the fact that they are volunteers. They are there every Monday night."

Religious education classes are held on Monday nights. Students from all the elementary classes gather to close with a short prayer service every week.

"That gives the children a feeling of liturgy and what the church is about," she said. "It's so 'neat' to bring everyone together as a group—from so many different schools." On the first Monday of each month, birthdays are celebrated.

The preschool religious education is held on Sunday mornings and the high school students meet twice a month on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

For several years, the parish has had dozens of people going through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, which began this year on Sept. 4.

For the past four years, the first Thursday of every month has been Moms Morning at St. Jude Parish. The 10 or 12 women who participate choose religious subjects they wish to discuss. Sometimes they discuss parenting issues. "Roncalli [High School] has been very generous in sending baby sitters," she said.

Dreyer has been honored before for her leadership, and not only as president of the Serra Club and the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. In 1995, she was selected as a Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

And earlier this year, the southside Indianapolis Knights of Columbus—Msgr. James M. Downey Council—named Shirley Dreyer 1997 Catholic Lay Person of the Year. †



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defenders of life and supporters of the ban. He also urged people to pray "most of all, for those like President Clinton who feel it is not necessary to protect our nation's most vulnerable children."

In an Oct. 10 statement, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., expressed "deep disappointment" over the veto of a bill that had bipartisan support and the endorsement of the American Medical Association.

Smith, a Catholic, noted that the same day he vetoed the ban, Clinton issued a proclamation declaring Oct. 12 National Children's Day 1997 and calling for the nurturing of the potential "within each new infant."

"This same president OK'd the slaughter of thousands of babies," said Smith. "What about the potential for them, Mr. President?" he asked.

Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, said the veto "means that each year thousands of living babies will be pulled feet-first from the womb and their heads punctured—unless Congress overrides the veto."

He said Oct. 10 that the veto came "despite lopsided, bipartisan majorities" in Congress and "despite enactment of similar bans by 15 states."

Johnson also commented on Clinton's proclamation of National Children's Day. "Why can't he recognize that it is radically inconsistent with that appeal to permit the brutal killing of a mostly-delivered infant in a partial-birth abortion?" he asked in a statement.

Benedictine Father Paul Marx, founder of Human Life International, said Oct. 10 that "partial-birth abortion is infanticide and, like all forms of abortion, it is consummate evil."

In a statement issued at the organization's headquarters in Front Royal, Va., Father Marx said, "Clinton's failure to uphold the congressional ban of this procedure clearly demonstrates his moral depravity and signals the total moral collapse of this nation."

Before the veto, Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland,

president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent Clinton a letter, urging him to sign the ban into law. Similar letters also were sent to the president by Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles and Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

And in an Oct. 9 statement, Bishop Edward J. O'Donnell of Lafayette, La., warned that "pro-life people and others who oppose the veto will gear up for a January campaign to enlist support for an override." †



Photo by Margaret Nelson

Newly anointed

Father Stephen Jarrell, pastor of the new SS. Francis and Clare Parish in Johnson County, watches as Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein anoints the altar of the church during the Oct. 5 dedication Mass. The parish, founded in 1993, is the first new parish established in the archdiocese in 23 years.

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St. Pius, Troy, to mark 150th anniversary

TROY—St. Pius Parish in Troy is preparing to celebrate its 150th anniversary on Nov. 2.

The sesquicentennial celebration will begin with the 10:30 a.m. (EST) Mass, with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presiding.

Parish memorabilia will be displayed in the former school building next to the church. A booklet with a history of the parish will be available.

Following the Mass, a dinner will be served at the nearby Fulton Hill Community Center. (Those wishing to attend should call the Catholic Ministry Center in Tell City, 812-547-7994, as soon as possible.) St. Mary's Choir of Huntingburg will present a concert in the church at 3 p.m.

The day will close with prayer and a procession to the cemetery in honor of All Soul's Day.

The first Mass was celebrated in the autumn of 1837 by Father Julian Benoit for the German-speaking settlement of Troy on the banks of the Ohio River. St. Pius became a mission parish, visited once a month by a priest from Jasper.

As the area became more populated, Father Joseph Kundek, in charge of the mission at Jasper, had plans drawn for a brick church in Troy. The cornerstone was laid on July 28, 1847, and the church was finished by November of that year.

In the following years, the Benedictine Abbey of Our

Lady of Einsiedeln, Switzerland, began to staff the mission field and parishes between Jasper and Troy.

Benedictine Father Conrad Ackerman was pastor during the building of the second church, which still stands as a landmark for Troy and the parish. The foundation was laid on Sept. 18, 1881. Records show that Father Conrad was the architect, contractor, general superintendent,

bricklayer, laborer and paymaster.

Father Conrad also built the present rectory and a special brickyard. The total debt was \$250.

In 1892, a house was built for the sisters who taught school. In 1899, a second school was built. Closed in 1969, the building is now used for parish functions. This past summer, an air-conditioning system was installed in the church. †

Death penalty discussion scheduled for Oct. 26

Organizers of "For Life—A Discussion About the Death Penalty" hope to draw a large crowd at an Oct. 26 program at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 4600 N. Illinois St., in Indianapolis.

The 7 p.m. discussion is free and open to the public. Sponsors are Amnesty International, the Office of Pro-Life Activities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Citizens United for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Marian College, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Topics and speakers include:

- "The Death Penalty in the '90s," presented by criminal defense attorney Robert Hammerle of Indianapolis.
- "The Official Catholic Position on Capital Punishment,"

with some reference to the positions of other churches, discussed by Father Francis Bryan, assistant professor of theology at Marian College in Indianapolis.

- "The Impact on Those Who Complete the Act," presented by St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Joseph L. Smith Sr. of Indianapolis, executive director of the Indiana Commission on Community Service and past chairman of the Indiana State Parole Board.
- "Alternatives to Capital Punishment," reviewed by St. Susanna parishioner Karen Burkhardt of Plainfield, the Indiana Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Amnesty International.
- "Clemency," discussed by attorney and St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Andrew Maternowski of Indianapolis.
- "The Power of Forgiveness," offered by Bill Pelke of Indianapolis, co-founder of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation. †

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God helps us through all the stages of life

By Judy Esway

My husband, who is 59 now, still says, "I don't know what I want to be when I grow up."

He's been saying that since he was a mechanical draftsman right out of high school. Years later, while he still was trying to decide his career path, he "fell" into computers.

Many of us stumble through the stages of our lives into adulthood in much the same way. We're suddenly there and have no idea how it happened—especially when we hadn't even made up our minds yet that we were ready to go.

Midlife often comes as a surprise. Now what? Children are grown and gone, and we're left with an empty house and our long-forgotten dreams.

Wayne and Vickie's only son is almost finished with college. So Wayne, a college professor, has decided to take early retirement.

When asked what he'll do then, he smiles and says: "Nothing. And after that I plan to rest."

He confessed, however, that he's been doing a lot of thinking, wondering if teaching really had been his best career choice. I asked what else he might have done.

"That's the problem," he said. "Other than playing center field for the New York Yankees, my childhood dream, I don't know."

He thought for a moment, then said quietly, "I guess . . . writing."

I didn't ask, but I got the feeling it may have been the first time he said it aloud. (Don't we all instinctively know the power of words? Words can totally disrupt a life. But now it was out.)

"But because I didn't think I had the discipline, or that I could make a living at it . . ." his voice trailed off. "Maybe I came in the back door. Maybe that's why I taught English and literature."

I don't know whether Wayne will decide to take up writing, but he certainly is well-prepared for it after 25 years immersed in English and literature! That's a perfect apprenticeship for any writer.

It seems God is always one step ahead of us, remembering our dreams, quietly getting things ready for when we finally arrive.

I've always been a lingerer. I especially savored the years when the children were growing up.

In my book *Letting Go, Reflections and Prayers for Midlife*, I wrote: "I'm

trying, God, you know I am, to experience life as a fantastic piece of music. I don't want to stay too long with a note that's meant to be a staccato, even when it jabs my soul and makes me bleed. I need to move on with the music and flow and dance with it. But you know how I tend to linger too long, not trusting that the next measure will touch and embrace me as much as the last."

It is still a challenge for me to keep up with the music, but I'm better at it now. I've learned that I simply cannot grow emotionally or spiritually when I'm stuck in the past.

Now that I'm in my late 50s, I'm amazed at how lovely this time of life is. I don't know why I dreaded it so much. It's peaceful and quiet, and a new creativity has taken me by surprise.

I sense that God has been digging a deep well inside me as I've matured. Exciting new ideas are beginning to surface.

When I ponder the next stage, older adulthood, I think of my friend Irving. He turned 80 this year. I met him several years ago, shortly after he lost his beloved wife of 50 years. He told me of his awful pain and loneliness, and of the times he wanted to die.

Eventually, Irving took a part-time job in a supermarket. One day he offered to carry a woman's groceries out to her car, and the next day they had dinner together.

Irving and his "lady friend" fell in love.

He could have stayed in his empty house, where he might well have become a bitter old man. It took courage to take that job. But because he did, Irving now has many new friends and even has found love again.

We are meant to thrive at every stage of life. If we temporarily forget our dreams, linger too long in one place, or think we'll die from the pain, it's comforting to know that God is still with us.

And even if we don't know what we want to be when we grow up, God knows.

A little stumbling might be good. It could indicate that we're not holding on too tightly to anything that keeps us from moving ahead.

Chances are that we'll be fortunate and will land right in the place that God has prepared for us all along.

(Judy Esway is the author of *Real Life/Real Spirituality* (for Busy People Who Want to Pray) and *Letting Go: Reflections and Prayers for Midlife*, published by Twenty-Third Publications.) †



Even if we don't know what we want to be when we grow up, God knows. A little stumbling might be good. It could indicate we're not holding on too tightly to anything that keeps us from moving ahead. During a youth retreat, the late Catholic author Henri J. M. Nouwen lit a candle for a teen-age boy.

Life stages offer many new growth experiences

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

While talking with a college graduate recently, I asked about his plans.

"I don't really have definite plans," he answered. "I'm just not ready to become an adult yet."

As troubling as this comment might sound, the young man had a clear sense of what the word "adult" means. He knew as an adult he would be expected to take responsibility for his life and contribute something worthwhile to others.

The process of doing this is filled with opportunities, challenges and crises which psychologists have analyzed for years.

One of the best-known theorists of human-life stages is Abraham Maslow. Reacting against the idea that external conditioning determines human behavior, Maslow concentrated on healthy human beings and tried to explain why they were creative, purposeful and happy.

He concluded that they successfully had

met five basic needs of healthy adult living: survival (food, clothing, shelter); safety; belonging and love; esteem; and self-respect; and self-actualization (openness, independence, compassion).

These needs must be taken care of as a constant throughout life. How they are met is a creative challenge.

Another influential life-cycle theorist was the late Erik Erikson. He described eight stages of human development.

At each stage, Erikson saw a struggle centered around a basic conflict. Young adults struggle between intimacy and isolation, he said, while mid-life adults struggle between generativity and stagnation, and mature adults struggle between integrity and despair.

He believed that a corresponding virtue or strength helps people successfully negotiate each stage, which he saw as enabling possibilities for new experiences.

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

Discussion Point

Faith enables acceptance

This Week's Question

What is unique about your current stage of adulthood?

"That so much of my life now is dictated by the needs and demands of parenting my teen-age children. When they were little the demands were more physical, but now they are more spiritual and mental." (Tony Judge, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

"I'm a Catholic priest with cerebral palsy. I'm into middle age, in a state of transition. I will not be as independent as I was, and I must look forward to trusting ever more deeply in God's love to take care of me." (Father Phil Moriarty, New Cambria, Mo.)

"I've reached the point in my life where I've

accepted myself the way I am." (Tina Miller, San Francisco, Calif.)

"The wisdom that comes with age gives you a certain amount of peace. For example, I don't care as much what other people think as when I was younger. That has just fallen away." (Katherine Doubek, Prunedale, Calif.)

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Entertainment

Movie Reviews/Gerri Pare

Seven Years in Tibet is beautiful but bland

On the surface, *Seven Years in Tibet* is visually stunning, but its beauty remains mostly superficial in this new release from TriStar.



The movie is based on the memoirs of octogenarian Heinrich Harrer, only recently revealed to have been a Nazi SS (*Schutzstaffel*, which means "defense echelon") member.

The adventure story relates how Harrer's mountain-climbing expedition set out to conquer the peaks of the Himalayas in 1939, but the group ended up interred in a British prisoner-of-war camp in northern India.

Sporting gleaming golden locks that make him look like a poster boy for the Aryan *übermensch*, Brad Pitt's Harrer callously leaves behind his very pregnant wife in favor of mountaineering, but the expedition is cut short when they are arrested in British-held territory as POWs and are expected to remain there for the duration of the war.

Instead, egotistical Harrer escapes in 1942, reluctantly teaming with fellow escapee Peter Aufschnaiter (David Thewlis) as they trek 1,500 miles to Tibet and ferret themselves into the holy city of Lhasa, normally forbidden to foreigners.

There Aufschnaiter marries a local seamstress (Lhakpa Tsamchoe), while

Harrer is summoned to meet the teen-age Dalai Lama (Jamyang Wangchuk), who calls him "yellowhead" and asks to be tutored about the wide world outside remote Tibet.

Impressed by his student's Buddhist beliefs, Harrer starts losing some of his monumental arrogance and gaining more respect for the peaceful Tibetans while the aggressive Chinese prepare to annex their land by power of might.

The bond of friendship between the mountain climber and Tibet's spiritual leader deepens, and upon leaving the country Harrer makes a concerted effort to build a relationship with the son he has never seen.

Sentimentality triumphs over spirituality in director Jean-Jacques Annaud's scenic but somewhat shallow story.

Handsome Pitt is not terribly moving as Harrer, what with his on-again, off-again accent and a transformation that seems not much more than going from an unpleasant to a pleasant personality. This is hardly compelling.

Any true spiritual conversion is holowly rendered, and tagging on a final father-son bonding comes off as schmaltzy in light of Harrer's strong Nazi ties that he glossed over in his memoirs.

On the other hand, young Wangchuk is captivating as the Dalai Lama, humble and pure, yet still a youngster eager to learn about (to him) the strange exotic world of cinemas and automobiles. The



Jamyang Wangchuk, as the Dalai Lama, and Brad Pitt, as mountain climber Heinrich Harrer, star in *Seven Years in Tibet*. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II for adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture of America rating is PG-13, and parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

youth brings an innate natural charm to his first acting role.

The vistas of the Himalayan foothills (and the Andes stepping in for the peaks) are exquisite, as is the re-creation in Argentina of the forbidden city of Lhasa. Viewers get an intriguing glimpse of the culture of Tibetans and can certainly sympathize with their treatment at the hands of a more powerful neighbor.

But the essential story about Harrer remains oddly bland, and although the movie has its visual compensations, its

lofty story remains basically earthbound.

Because of brief battlefield violence and a gory mountaineering accident, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification of the film is A-II for adults and adolescents. 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.) †

Washington Square is a sad tale of false love

A young woman finds love is elusive when caught between her father and her fiancée in the new screen version of Henry James' novella *Washington Square* from Hollywood Pictures.

Unlike the acclaimed 1949 film *The Heiress*, starring Oscar-winning actress Olivia de Havilland, this adaptation is quite faithful to James' story, if somewhat less dramatic as a result.

In upper-crust 19th century New York, Dr. Sloper (an imposing Albert Finney) has lost his beloved wife in childbirth and inwardly blames his only child, Catherine (Jennifer Jason Leigh), who also lacks her mother's beauty and social graces.

Catherine dotes on her father, not recognizing his scorn nor his certainty that she will never attract a husband. Although he has little regard for her, he enjoys her slavish attentions, sure in the knowledge that they will always continue.

When Catherine meets handsome but penniless Morris (Ben Chaplin), he courts her avidly, encouraged by Catherine's starry-eyed Aunt Lavinia (Maggie Smith), who also assures her niece that she and Morris are a match made in heaven.

Only her father is brutally honest, advising Catherine that Morris is a gold digger and should she marry him, she will be disinherited and they will have to get by on a small trust from her late mother.

Her father's ultimatum is acceptable to Catherine but not so to Morris, prompting her to try to satisfy both men, with sobering results for the devoted daughter and bride-to-be.

Agnieszka Holland directs the film with meticulous care to the period detail, but its slow pace is a considerable drawback.

Leigh's portrayal of the extremely awkward Catherine is full of distracting mannerisms in the first half, but by movie's end she has constructed an admirably mature woman, whose hard-won self-esteem in the face of male rejection is convincing.

Chaplin's performance is intriguing, leaving the audience to wonder for much of the story if he is a fraud or does in fact have deep feelings for the lovestruck heiress.

However, Smith's attempts to render Aunt Lavinia into a comic figure within a very solemnly told story look artificially contrived. In a smaller role as Dr. Sloper's other sister, Judith Ivey gives some dramatic heft to the tale by standing up to her brother and his callous treatment of his fragile daughter.

Largely avoiding melodramatic theatrics, Holland reins in her cast which creates some memorable moments.

In one such scene, the cold light of day finally dawns on Catherine when her father remarks, "How obscene that your mother gave her life so you could inhabit space on this earth."

The movie's last half-hour is muted in tone as Catherine has her climactic showdown with Morris, which movie purists may compare unfavorably to how de Havilland dealt with Montgomery Clift in *The Heiress*.

Nevertheless, *Washington Square* is a well-crafted if emotionally austere rendering of Henry James' classic story.

Due to its theme of false love as well as a brief scene of gore, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II for adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG, with parental guidance suggested. †



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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Oct. 19, 1997

- Isaiah 53:10-11
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Mark 10:35-45

The Book of Isaiah provides this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with the first reading.



The reading is brief. It comes from one of the poems of the Suffering Servant in the second part of the prophecy of Isaiah. Today no one knows to whom Deutero-Isaiah referred when mentioning the Suffering Servant.

Was it a collective figure for the people of God? Was it a redeemer who one day would come decisively to repair the breach between God and humanity? Was it a servant of God severely tested at the time? Was it the prophet himself?

Christian piety traditionally has associated the Suffering Servant with Jesus. The similarities are many. As was Jesus at Calvary, the Servant endures great hardship virtually abandoned. The Servant never pauses in his obedience to God. Most importantly, the Servant willingly undergoes his trials to save others from doom.

Supplying the second reading this weekend is the Epistle to the Hebrews. This selection is a direct continuation of the text proclaimed last week.

In this reading, Jesus is identified as the "high priest" who is with God. This high priest is the "Son of God," according to the epistle.

This epistle was written for Jews, so Jewish imagery is strong. Few images in ancient Jewry were as compelling for Jews of the time as was the thought of the high priest.

The high priest, in office descended from Aaron, the brother of Moses, occupied a position created by God. Of all the people, including the kings when they reigned over Israel, the high priest held a unique position of nearness to God and of being effective in bringing God and the people together.

To salute Jesus as high priest and as Son of God was a marvelously profound statement. Jesus was unique. Furthermore, as attested by Hebrews, Jesus lives forever. He "has passed through the heavens."

St. Mark's Gospel once again gives a weekend liturgy its Gospel reading.

Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels, but it hardly is without its memorable sections. One such section is the passage read today.

In this passage, two of the Twelve, James and John, whom the Gospel identi-

fies as the sons of Zebedee, approach Jesus with the request that when the kingdom of God comes to be they will be seated in positions of honor and privilege.

In replying, Jesus is direct and blunt. He asks if they too can endure the pain awaiting the Messiah. Only if they also walk the path of suffering can they hope to achieve future glory.

The meaning of the Gospel in this sense is unmistakable.

Another more subtle, but still very real, meaning is present. Even the Twelve, despite the distinction of having been so called by the Lord, regardless of the special counsel given them by the Lord, still are obtuse and slow to understand the meaning of redemption and the person of the Redeemer.

Finally, the Lord speaks again quite bluntly, although the meaning may be lost in the translation from Greek, the original language of Mark, to English.

Jesus tells James and John that they "must serve" others. The Lord uses a word indicating the service a waiter provides to diners. The meaning is clear. Service to others is their call, service that is both fundamental and humble.

Reflection

Recently a young man of Catholic background wrote in a daily newspaper that as he planned his life he would keep in mind the commandments and the moral teachings of the church, but that in the end he would pursue only that which would give him satisfaction because "God wants me to be happy."

God indeed wants all people to be happy. For this reason, the Son of God came to earth as a human and endured all that Jesus ominously suggests in the reading this weekend from St. Mark's Gospel.

The short-sightedness and preoccupation with self on the part of James and John in the same reading give us a key to ourselves. We are no brighter than they were, no more secure in ourselves than they were, which is a very human dullness affecting even the brightest of people. This leads us all to confusion about what makes us happy.

The ancient, still vital faith long ago proclaimed in Isaiah reminds us of the eternity of God and of God's law. It reminds us further that those who build their lives on God's Holy Word find peace in this life, regardless of the stones lying in their paths, and they in their union with the unfailingly obedient Savior find joy in the next life.

Indeed, God wants us to be happy. But God provides the happiness. We cannot create it for ourselves. We must find it in God, and in everyday testimony to the divine law of love and justice.†

Daily Readings

Monday, Oct. 20
Paul of the Cross, presbyter
and religious founder
Romans 4:20-25
(Response) Luke 1:69-75
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, Oct. 21
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19,
20b-21
Psalm 40:7-10, 17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, Oct. 22
Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, Oct. 23
John of Capestrano, presbyter,
religious and missionary
Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday, Oct. 24
Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
and religious founder
Romans 7:18-25a
Psalm 119:60, 68, 76-77
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, Oct. 25
Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, Oct. 26
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126:1-6
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

Church sets guidelines for interfaith marriage

Our daughter is marrying a non-Catholic in December. He is a fine man, and goes to Mass with us whenever he visits. They are mid-20s, bright young people. We thought there would be no complications, but we were so wrong.



Our daughter wanted a Catholic marriage, and her fiancé agreed. The problems began when they met with the deacon to begin their marriage preparation.

None of us knew our daughter would be required to sign a statement that she would raise their children as Catholics and that he must acknowledge this. He could not agree to that at the present time.

If this had not happened they would have married in the church, and possibly the children would have been raised Catholic. Now neither of these possibilities appears likely. Who won in this situation? It looks like we all lost. (Florida)

Assuming your letter reflects the details accurately, it's clear that serious misinformation and misunderstanding occurred somewhere.

According to present Catholic policy, Catholic partners in a mixed-religion marriage affirm two statements:

They will continue living out their faith in Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church, and they will "do all in (their) power" to share their faith with the children by having them baptized and raised as Catholics.

First of all, it is worth noting that this adds nothing whatsoever to what any committed Catholic, who is knowledgeable about the sacramental and prayer life of the church, already believes.

To do all in one's power to raise the children Catholic is surely a sincere commitment, but it acknowledges that other critical factors may enter the picture.

Among the most obvious of these is the commitment and obligations the non-Catholic partner may feel because of his or her own Christian faith, and which must be respected as well.

Thus, the spouse who is not Catholic signs or promises nothing on this subject.

The priest or deacon assisting the couple affirms only that the non-Catholic is aware of the beliefs of the Catholic.

Obviously, this is quite different from what your daughter says she experienced.

The Catholic Church knows that differences in religious beliefs often cause unfortunate, sometimes tragic, tensions and divisions.

It, therefore, wants to be sure these potential problem areas are faced and dealt with before any marriage involving two religious backgrounds.

As the official Catholic guidelines for ecumenism put it, the couple should "be invited and encouraged to discuss the Catholic baptism and education of the children they will have, and where possible come to a decision on this question before the marriage" (*Directory on Ecumenism*, 1993; No. 150).

Those words "where possible" recognize that agreement may not be possible until later.

The same guidelines point to certain major concerns the Catholic will need to consider in all this.

In carrying out the duty to transmit the Catholic faith, the Catholic parent "will do so with respect for the religious freedom and conscience of the other parent and with due regard for the unity and permanence of the marriage, and for the maintenance of the communion of the family" (No. 151).

In other words, the church believes the stability and health of the marriage are among the major values to protect when working out these decisions.

I believe all this puts quite another perspective on what happened, or should have happened, with your daughter and her partner.

Of course, if the non-Catholic refuses even to consider raising the children Catholic, a different element arises which the local bishop must weigh in judging whether a "just and reasonable cause" exists for permitting a mixed, or other interfaith, marriage.

These Catholic policies may be found in the Code of Canon Law and, more extensively, in the Vatican's *Directory on Ecumenism* quoted above.

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

My Journey to God

The Gift

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and changed it,
for I could see
the wisdom
deep within your hope,
and love
that came from
somewhere
far beyond
my own capacity.
It circled me, somehow,
with God's renewing grace
and filled my soul
with knowing
that we're never
left alone.



I stand in humble awe
and wonder if
you feel it, too—
this Presence,
living now as breath
from out our sacred selves.

By Helen Fritz Welter

(Helen Welter is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.)

The Active List

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October 17

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles & Friends will have Friday movie night. Information: 317-240-4764.

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

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather in the chapel at St. Francis Hall, Marian College 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Teaching at 7 p.m. followed by praise worship and Mass. Father David Newton will be the cele-

brant. Information: 317-927-6900

St. Simon Parish, Indianapolis, will host the Celebrant Singers at St. Simon School, 8155 Oaklondon Rd., Indianapolis, at 7 p.m. The singers will participate in Mass at 12:45 p.m.

October 17 - 19

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will hold a Tobit weekend for engaged couples. Information, registration, 317-545-7681.

October 18

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will host the 1997 Race

for the Cure at 10 a.m. Information: 812-535-5104.

St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, will host a Journey of Hope parish retreat led by Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the St. Columba campus parish hall. Child care will be available. Information, registration: 812-372-2207.

St. Martin of Tours Parish, 1720 E. Harrison St., Martinsville, will host the annual Holiday Bazaar, with 28 vendor booths, baked goods, door prizes, raffle, food and drink, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-831-7293.

The Catholic Widowed Organization will meet at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. To welcome new members at 7 p.m.

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will hold a

spaghetti supper to benefit Woods Day Care/Preschool from 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Dining Room in the Providence Center. Tickets: adults-\$5; children-\$2.50. Information, tickets: 812-535-4610.

October 19

Cardinal Ritter High School, 3360 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, will hold an information open house from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: 317-924-4333.

St. Isidore Parish, Bristow, will host the annual Fall Festival and Shooting Match, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Ham and turkey shoot at 11 a.m.; beef and pork shoot at 2:30 p.m. Chili, hamburgers, pies, cake stand, pull tabs, bingo, splatter boards, country

store, and grand raffle will be featured.

The archdiocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its annual meeting at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis beginning at 9 a.m.

Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of St. Augustine's Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, will hold a holy hour to pray for vocations, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, evening prayer followed by Benediction in the chapel at 4:15 p.m.

Secena Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis, will hold an eighth grade open house. Session A, 4-

6 p.m.; Session B, 6-8 p.m. Information: 317-351-5976.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey pilgrimage to honor Our Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine, "Mary Queen of Families" by Benedictine Father Pius Klein, followed by a rosary procession and litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey College, St. Meinrad, will host a concert of renaissance choral music by the vocal group Time Change in the archabbey church at 2:30 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

At Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt & Hermitage, Eucharistic Schoenstatt Holy Hour and Benediction at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. Information: Father Elmer Burwinkel 812-689-3551. On the web at <http://www.seidata.com/~eburwink>; e-mail eburwink@seidata.com. Directions: .8 mile E. of 421 on 925-S, 10 south of Versailles.

October 19-25

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Office of Continuing Education, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will host an elderhostel entitled "Austria—A Land of Enchantment." Information, registration: 812-535-5148.

October 21

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will hold a Mass and healing service at St. Louis deMontfort Church, 11441 Hague Rd., Fishers at 7 p.m.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, Mature Living Seminar "Trends in Alzheimer Research" with Dr. Mary G. Austrom, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Information, registration: 317-955-6000.

October 22

St. Mary of the Knobs Parish, Floyds Knobs, will host a dessert and card party in the parish gym, 3033 Martin Rd., Floyds Knobs. Information: 812-923-3011.

October 23

Christ the King Church, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., Indianapolis, will host an evening with Anne Ryder who

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October 24

Prince of Peace Parish, Madison, ladies organization will hold a salad luncheon at Pope John XXIII School Cafeteria, 201 W. State St., from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets: \$4.

October 25

Magr. Downey Council 3660 Knights of Columbus will hold a German Polish Dinner, 511 E. Thompson Rd., Greenwood, 6-9 p.m. Music by Fritz Martin. Adults: \$6; children: \$2.

Secena Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis is hosting the first Father Tom Festival, 2 p.m.-midnight featuring games, entertainment, rides and a cash raffle. Information: 317-351-5976.

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will host a Fall/Christmas Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the gym. Information: 317-788-7581.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Choral and Madrigals, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will host a pops concert "In the Mood," in the Cecilian Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults; \$2 for students and senior citizens. Information: 812-534-5212.

October 26

The sacrament of Anointing the Sick will be administered at St. Lawrence Church, 542 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg, during a special Mass at 2 p.m. Information: 812-537-0899; 812-537-3992.

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At Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt & Hermitage, "Christ the Miracle Worker in the Eucharist" at 2:30 p.m., with Jesuit Father John Hardon, followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. Information: Father Elmer Burwinkel 812-689-3551. On the web at <http://www.seidata.com/~eburwink/>; e-mail eburwink@seidata.com. Directions: .8 mile E. of 421 on 925-S, 10 south of Versailles.

October 27

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will begin a six-week yoga program, from 7-8:30 p.m. Fees: \$36. For all sessions; \$8. each. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

Registration deadline for archdiocesan Office of Worship Cantor Workshop series to be held Nov. 1 and Nov. 15, presented by Charles Gardner. Information, registration: 317-236-1483.

Reservation deadline for St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles and Friends Halloween Comedy Club event. Information, reservations: 317-875-5834.

Catholic Charismatic Mass will be held at St. Louis De Montfort Church, 11441 Hague Rd., Fishers. Father Don Elder will be the celebrant. Information: 317-842-7151

October 28

St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis, Singles and Friends will have a Peer Faith Sharing Evening in the church basement at 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-299-9818.

Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, will host a Reflection Day "Journey to Freedom: Journey to God," presented by Father Tom Clegg. Child care available. Information, registration: 317-545-7681.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, Mature Living Seminar "Reading across the Generations," with Dr. Kimberly Tyson, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Information, registration: 317-955-6000.

October 28-30

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, will host "The Spiritual Journey Part II: Guidelines for Christian Growth" centering prayer expe-

rience. Information, registration: 317-788-7581.

Recurring

Daily

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Art Gallery, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will present an exhibition of Jan Tenenbaum's primitive print-making techniques entitled "Sources." Information: 812-535-5212.

Weekly

Sundays

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

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

St. John the Apostle Parish, Bloomington, will host the series "St. John of the Cross: An introduction to His Thought and Writings," presented by Father Dan Donohoo from 7-9 p.m. Information, registration: 812-339-6006.

Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis, will host the series "Rosary as a Walk with Jesus and Mary" presented by Sister Mary Slattery, SP, 4 p.m.

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

The Shepherds of Christ Associates of St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Hill, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, 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 following 7 p.m. Mass.

Wednesdays

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 57th & Central Ave., Indianapolis, a Marian Cenacle will meet to pray the rosary from 1-2:15 p.m.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center bereavement support group, 438 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, 3-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

"Wednesdays at the Woods" for prospective students at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary-of-the-

Woods. Information: 812-535-5106, 800-926-SMWC.

Thursdays

Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, "Follow-Up to Centering Prayer," seminar 7-9 p.m.

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

St. Mary Church, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates gathers at 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

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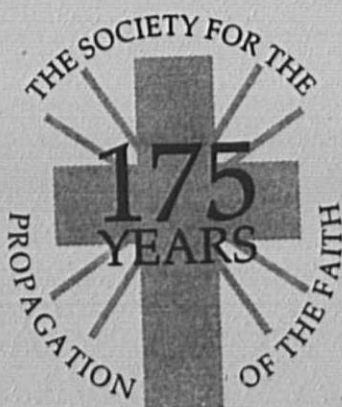
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Youth News/Views

Sister tells Sccecina students about mission work in Africa

By Debbie Cunningham and Sr. Lavonne Long, O.S.F.
Special to The Criterion

Sccecina Memorial High School students met an extraordinary woman last month when a former faculty member returned to the Indianapolis East Deanery interparochial high school to share stories of her religious vocation.

Many members of the Sccecina family remember their recent guest speaker as Franciscan Sister Maribeth Riedeman because she taught Christian studies at the school from 1979 until 1983.

Since that time, she changed religious orders and now is Sister Sefapano, a Missionaries of Charity sister and member of the late Mother Teresa's international community based in Calcutta, India. She currently ministers to the poor in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Greensburg native told the students she received a Franciscan education at Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg and Marian College in Indianapolis.

After joining the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, she began her teaching career at Sccecina 18 years ago. In 1983, she transferred schools and taught briefly at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

Her interest in missionary work led her to become a lay missionary on assignment in Botswana, Africa. Three years later, she changed religious orders and affiliated with Mother Teresa's community in Africa.

Sister Sefapano served the church and her order for two years in Rwanda and Burundi and six years in Nairobi.

Sccecina students and faculty members enjoyed her inspirational talk, which reflected her love of God and her joy in the work she is doing with other Missionaries of Charity sisters in Africa.

Students noticed her modest, yet confident, attitude as she spoke of God, her community, the late Mother Teresa, her lifestyle and the people she works with in her daily ministry, which is strict and defined.

Sister Sefapano said the majority of the Missionaries of Charity's service in Africa is devoted to feeding the poor and extremely malnourished children and adults there.

The nuns begin their day with prayer at 4:45 a.m., followed by liturgy and breakfast, she said. All of the sisters' food is prepared by 7:30 a.m., then they begin their ministry to the poor.

A fence surrounds the sisters' residence in Nairobi. By midday, hundreds of children and their mothers are waiting for the sisters to open the gates so they can receive food. Corn and beans, the traditional food of the people, are provided for their meals.

Many of the people are too weak to raise their heads or speak and must be carried to the compound for care, Sister Sefapano said. Others die before the sisters can help them.

The Missionaries of Charity lead a very simple life without personal possessions, money, vehicles or other material objects. Sister Sefapano told the students she owns a notebook, a pair of sandals, three sets of the traditional garb the sisters wear, and her eyeglasses.

The sisters are not permitted to accept any personal items or gifts for their use, she said. They live a life of service to God and do not receive personal money. Donations are used to purchase food and medicine for the poor and necessities for the religious community.

She said the 4,000 members of the Missionaries of Charity are encouraged to write to their parents once a month and correspond with other relatives and friends at Christmas and Easter. They are only permitted to visit their families for one month every 10 years.

Missionaries of Charity find happiness following the teachings of God, Sister Sefapano said. When Mother Teresa established the religious community, she intended for it to be strict and well-defined so the sisters remain focused on God's work and God's people, "the poorest of the poor."

Although they own few personal possessions, Sister Sefapano said the nuns enjoy fun times with the people



Missionaries of Charity Sister Sefapano, formerly Franciscan Sister Maribeth Riedeman of Greensburg, talks with Sccecina Memorial High School students about her service to the poor in Africa.

they serve and among themselves.

By sharing stories of her religious life in a world of overwhelming poverty and illness, Sister Sefapano gave the students new insights into the realities of living in a Third World country.

The majority of people in Africa face a constant struggle to remain healthy, she said, and death is very much a part of daily life. A new shirt or pair of shoes are not options for the people she serves in Nairobi, who survive by searching for food for their families or die when they cannot find enough nourishment.

Her realistic portrait of Third World poverty shed a new and harsh light for the students on what the phrase "doing God's work" means in life.

After visiting with family and friends, Sister Sefapano returned to Nairobi. In December, she will journey to Calcutta and spend a year there in preparation for her final vows in December 1998.

(Debbie Cunningham is the director of enrollment management and Franciscan Sister Lavonne Long is an administrative assistant at Sccecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis.) †

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Campus/Young Adult News

Speaker says abortion is a societal wound

By Mary Ann Wyand

Pregnant women who abort their unborn babies are also victims of abortion, a nationally-known abortion reconciliation provider noted in a recent talk about the inhumane medical procedure's devastating effect on people's lives.

"Abortion has more implications than people perceive," Project Rachel founder Victoria Thorn of Milwaukee, Wis., told *The Criterion* before the start of a one-day abortion reconciliation training seminar last month at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

Thorn also founded and directs the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing in Milwaukee. Her ministry is based on concern for the unmet emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of women, men and children affected by abortion.

"There is long-term fallout [from abortion] not only for the mother, but for the father, for grandparents, for siblings, other family members, and friends," Thorn said before the seminar sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities.

"Abortion is a societal wound that needs to be addressed," she said. "It can impact a person in every environment—at home, work or school—because the person has to devote a great deal of emotional energy to keeping this distressful thing that happened under wraps until she or he is strong enough to deal with it."

Abortion is a form of disenfranchised grief, Thorn said, which becomes a part of daily life for people affected by it.

"As a society, we give no permission to mourn an abortion loss," she said, "so it often turns into complicated mourning. Abortion loss is tucked away by the grieving person, then suddenly resurfaces at times of other losses. The teen-age girl or young woman might look like she is coping well, but in fact may really be struggling with a sense of loss and grief that goes to the depths of her soul."

The archdiocesan training seminar was organized to train pastoral leaders and lay volunteers on how to respond and minister to persons involved in an abortion.

Thorn said she believes "it is our role as Christians to be about that" because "the purpose of the church is to be a hospital for sinners, not a hotel for saints."

Project Rachel was created in 1984 to "call people affected by abortion to healing and wholeness within the purview of God's love and mercy," she said.

"Women agonize over this decision, and many are driven to it by abandonment."

Ultimatums from the boyfriend or parents leave a young pregnant woman without necessary emotional or economic support to choose life for her child, Thorn said. "As a society, we often don't affirm life. We encourage death. Society approves of abortion, but not grief from abortion."

Thorn said she believes "as many as 35 million women are hurting from abortion" and "as Christians, we need to begin loving people to wholeness because that's what God would do."

Motherhood is a powerful passage in a woman's life, regardless of her age or marital status, Thorn said. "It is a passage



Project Rachel founder Victoria Thorn of Milwaukee, Wis., discusses the devastating impact of abortion on millions of people during a recent abortion reconciliation training seminar at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

moment spiritually, biologically, emotionally and psychologically. It is a life force. A woman's body is designed to go from conception to weaning, and when that process is cut off, the mother struggles with a damaged sense of who she is or a damaged sense of her motherhood."

Abortion often is a panic reaction on the part of the woman, Thorn said. "One study reported that 55 percent of women who decide on abortion do so within four days of finding out about the pregnancy. That's not adequate time for consideration because it's a highly emotional time."

Returning to a faith community is an important part of abortion reconciliation, she said. "I tell women who have had an abortion that it is safe to come home, that the church is waiting, that people will help, that it is a journey grieving women

will never regret in terms of healing."

Thorn said she believes God is using abortion reconciliation to heal women from the pain of infant loss and restore them to wholeness.

Because abortion takes away a woman's identity, she said, abortion reconciliation is essential to restore her self-esteem and recreate her sense of self.

"Abortion causes a great deal of suffering and brokenness," Thorn said, "but abortion reconciliation is God's quiet revolution. In the process of a woman's reconciliation after an abortion, God restores her mother's heart and brings about healing."

(To inquire about opportunities for abortion reconciliation, call the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities at 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1569. Calls are confidential.) †

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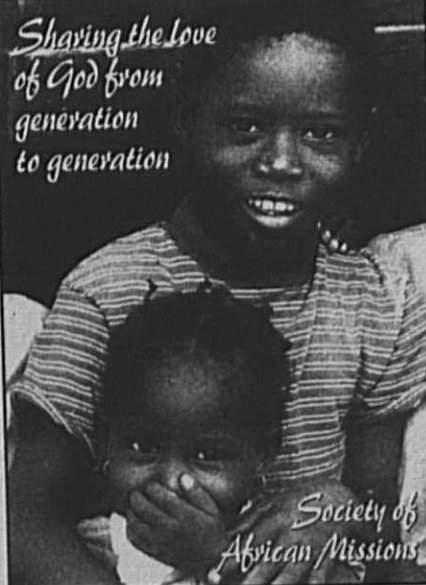
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News briefs

U.S.

Church leader lauds Nobel Prize for campaign to ban land mines

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A church leader said he hoped to see greater international involvement in the campaign to ban land mines following the announcement of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize. John Carr, secretary of Department of Social Development and World Peace for the U.S. Catholic Conference, said the award "is a way to shine a light on these hidden killers." On Oct. 10, the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced its decision to award the peace prize "in equal parts" to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and to Jody Williams, a U.S. citizen who coordinates the campaign, which began in 1991. The international campaign is a grouping of more than 1,000 nongovernmental organizations in nearly 60 countries united to ban antipersonnel land mines.

Domestic violence campaign called NCCW's most successful

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (CNS)—A campaign to increase awareness of domestic violence has been "one of the most successful initiatives ever undertaken" by the National Council of Catholic Women, according to the chairwoman of the NCCW Community Concerns Commission. Diane Falash, an NCCW member from the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, told Catholic News Service in an telephone interview that the domestic violence campaign arose from a resolution approved at the NCCW's 75th anniversary convention in San Francisco two years ago. Since then, Falash said, more than 80,000 copies of "Women Healing the Wounds," NCCW's 16-page brochure on the physical and emotional symptoms of domestic violence, have been given out.

Latin American Catholic leaders meet with evangelicals

NEW YORK (CNS)—Joined by the Vatican's Cardinal Edward I. Cassidy and a few U.S. Catholics, Latin American church leaders held a pioneering dialogue with U.S. Protestant evangelicals Oct. 7-8 in New York. Their meeting was sponsored by the Institute on Religion and Public Life. It immediately followed an Oct. 6-7 session of the ongoing U.S. Catholic-evangelical dialogue organized by Father Richard J. Neuhaus, the institute's president, and Charles Colson of the Prison Fellowship. In a telephone interview Oct. 9 with Catholic News Service, Cardinal Cassidy, who heads the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, said he found the dialogue "very useful" and planned to help CELAM set up something similar in Latin America.

Catholic hospital's sale to for-profit firm draws opposition

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—The announced sale of Jesuit-run St. Louis University Hospital to a for-profit firm has drawn opposition from Archbishop Justin F. Rigali of St. Louis, Boston Cardinal Bernard F. Law and the Catholic Health Association. The St. Louis University board of trustees had voted unanimously Oct. 4 to approve the sale to Tenet Healthcare Corp., the second-largest for-profit hospital chain in the United States, with 131 hospitals in 22 states. Tenet's reported \$300 million bid was more than \$100 million over a joint bid by two Catholic groups, SSM Healthcare and Unity Health System, a bid Archbishop Rigali favored. In making the sale decision, Jesuit Father Lawrence Biondi, St. Louis University's president, "has acted without my support, and, to this point, without the approval of the Holy See," Archbishop Rigali said in a statement.

World

Seafarers apostolate to look at maritime industry's focus

DAVAO CITY, Philippines (CNS)—The maritime industry's major shift in focus to Asia and the Pacific Rim is of major concern for the church's apostolate to seafarers, said the Philippine national coordinator of the Apostleship of the Sea. The paradigm shift will be the focus of discussions at the 20th Apostleship of the Sea World Congress Oct. 19-25 in Davao City, said the Philippine coordinator, Maryknoll Father John Walsh. "There is increasing competition among Asian countries to supply the personnel for the maritime fleets, and competition often means lowering the wage scale to meet the demands of ship owners," Father Walsh explained to UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

People

Boggs confirmed as U.S. ambassador to Holy See

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Senate Oct. 9 confirmed without objection the nomination of former con-

gresswoman Corinne "Lindy" Boggs as U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. Boggs, 81, was nominated by President Clinton to replace former Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn as ambassador. Flynn left the post Sept. 20. During her confirmation hearing Sept. 23 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, she was praised by Republican as well as Democratic members of Congress, including committee chairman Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Vatican newspaper criticizes award of Nobel Prize to playwright

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican newspaper criticized the awarding of the Nobel Prize for Literature to an Italian playwright whose works have disparaged the church. In an editorial printed within hours of the Oct. 9 announcement, *L'Osservatore Romano* said the selection of Dario Fo for the prestigious annual prize had "surpassed the limits of any imagination." Among his more than 70 works, the writer is best known outside of Italy for his play *The Accidental Death of an Anarchist* concerning right-wing bomb attacks in 1969 Italy, and his one-man show *Mistero Buffo* (Comic Mystery), which satirizes religion and politics. When it was first broadcast in Italy in 1977, the Vatican called *Mistero Buffo* "the most blasphemous show in the history of television."

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BOTTORFF, Agnes E., 84, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Oct. 3. Wife of Raymond L. Bottorff, Sr. Mother of Jeanne Waterman, Patricia Franks, Marilyn Wilson, Raymond L. Bottorff, Jr. Sister of William Leach, Marie Wilkinson. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 20. Great-great-grandmother of three.

CONTI, Anna (Marsio), 77, Holy Family, Richmond, Oct. 10. Sister of Michael Marsio, Mary Fowl, Ruth Kurtz, Delia DeNoma, Catherine Donovan. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of one. Memorial contributions may be made to

the American Diabetes Association.

COULSON, Geraldine A., 61, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Oct. 2. Wife of James "Sid" B. Coulson. Mother of Carla Elkins, Bernadine Smith, Linda Huggert. Sister of Michael, Eldred Giefer, Constance Alvarez. Grandmother of seven. Memorial contributions may be made to Little Red Door Cancer Agency.

CROSSEN, Helen May Pulse, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Oct. 5. Wife of William J. Crossen. Mother of Patricia Ann Davison. Sister of Georgia F. Matthews. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.

DREYLING, Mary Catherine, 77, St. Jude, Spencer, Oct. 2. Wife of Edward C. Dreyling. Mother of Karen Epperson, Victoria Hoskins, Rita Reskevich, Edward N. Dreyling. Sister of Mildred Yocum.

FEENEY, Patricia Kay (Yates), 49, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Oct. 2. Wife of Miles J. Feeney. Mother of Pamela K. Feeney, Tammy M. (Feeney) Perry, Dawn Kane, Diana Ebling. Stepmother of Denise Carson. Foster mother of Clint Gibson, Donna Shaw. Daughter of Leerie V. (Smith) Yates. Sister of Richard E., George J., Michael W., Judith Ann, Sandra M. Yates. Grandmother of six.

FENTON, John C., 67, St. Louis Batesville, Holy Cross, Indianapolis, Oct. 10. Husband of Rosalyn F. (O'Brien) Fenton. Father of Mary M. Rogier, John J., Michael T., Daniel J. Fenton. Brother of Catherine Fenton. Grandfather of seven.

GALLAGHER, Mary Louise, 65, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, Oct. 1. Wife of Joseph P. Gallagher. Mother of J. Patrick, Martin A., Michael F., Kevin J. Gallagher, Mary Ennis. Sister of Albert, Maurice Vogel, Esther Geers, Ruth Barter, Janet Scholl. Grandmother of 10.

GIOSCIO, Martha Margaret, 82, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Oct. 2.

Mother of Angie Hauck. Sister of Duane Lee, Marcille Koontz, Irene Lovell. Grandmother of two.

GRILLO, Mary Jane, 89, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Oct. 4.

HARPEAU, Ernest B., 87, St. Paul, Tell City, Oct. 2. Father of Robert Leo, Roy Lee Harpeau, Alberta M. Shelby, Marjorie A. Scherzer. Brother Casper Harpeau. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of 10.

HEITGER, Ruby G., 78, St. Paul, Tell City, Oct. 5. Mother of Ronald, Randall, Finis Jr., Powers, Judith Hagedorn, Mary Kent. Stepmother of Mark Heitger, Diane Williams, Ruth Otero. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 16.

KRACHENFELS, Mark A., 43, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Sept. 15. Father of Paula Mello, Christie Gill. Son of Eugene and Margaret Krachenfels.

LUDWIG, Frances J., 82, St. Paul, Tell City, Oct. 1. Mother of Elizabeth Sullivan, Vernon A. Ludwig. Sister of Walter, George Cyril, Louis, James Hagedorn, Marcella Cobler, Ruth Weber, Anna Mildred Casey, Jeanette Schaefer. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of five.

LYONS, Lorenda, 57, St. Vincent, Bedford, Oct. 5. Sister of Noel, Jack, David Lyons, Shirley (Lyons) Harris.

MESSANG, Cecelia J., 86, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, Oct. 7. Aunt of nieces and nephews.

PICOU, Kenneth C., 80, St. Michael, Cannelton, Sept. 22. Father of Annette M. Hubert, Marilyn L. Mogan, Norma Sprinkle, Charlie E. Picou. Brother of Arietta P. Hardesty. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of nine.

RUOFF, Christine (Weberpals), 92, Holy

Family, New Albany, Oct. 2. Aunt of nieces and nephews.

SCHALK, Dr. J. Warren, 72, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Oct. 2. Husband of Pauline M. Schalk. Father of Diane Humphrey, Mary Anne Simpson, Kathy Sloan, Karen Sigman, Nancy, John B., James W. Jr., Schalk. Brother of Raymond J. Schalk, Marie Harvey. Grandfather of 13.

TURK, Marie E. (Brewer), 91, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Sept. 27. Mother of Joyce Schoonover, Betty Dicus, Wanda Sedgwick, Rita Beauregard, Clifford, William II, Donald, Jerry Turk. Grandmother of 35. Great-grandmother of 49.

WELLS, Michelle, 27, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Sept. 22. Wife of Christopher Wells. Mother of Andrew, Samantha Wells. Daughter of Louise Craig. Sister of Michael Craig. Granddaughter of Theresa Gwinn.

WIRTHWEIN, Ann Catherine, 59, St. Paul, Tell City, Sept. 17. Wife of Michael A. Wirthwein. Mother of Lee Michael Wirthwein. Sister of Henry, Paul Strobel, Frances O'Brian, Carol Dauby, Mary Rose Birchler, Dorothy Ferrando, Rita Brockman. Grandmother of one.

Providence Sister Marie Clarice was teacher, leader

Providence Sister Marie Clarice Toomey died on Oct. 4 in Karcher Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 87.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 7 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The former Agnes Clarice Toomey was born in Chicago. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1929. She professed first vows in 1931 and final vows in 1936.

Sister Marie Clarice taught in the archdiocese at Holy Cross and St. Agnes schools in Indianapolis, as well as schools in the other Indiana dioceses and in Illinois and California.

She was regional superior in Washington, D.C. for four years and provincial in California for three years. Sister Marie Clarice ministered at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College for five years.

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and lives centered in consecration to Jesus and Mary.

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St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main, Plainfield, will hold adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. every Friday.

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

A pro-life rosary will be prayed every Friday morning at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis.

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.

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Members of St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, Prayer Group will meet in the church from 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555; 812-246-9735.

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

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Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 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, First Friday vigil adoration from 7-8 p.m.

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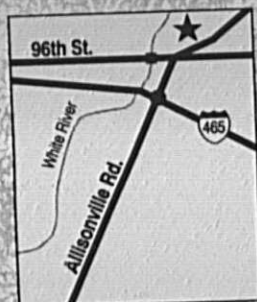
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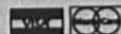
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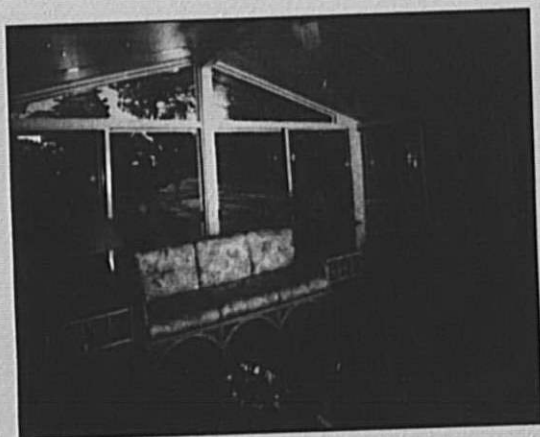
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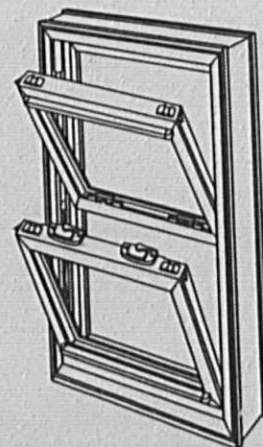
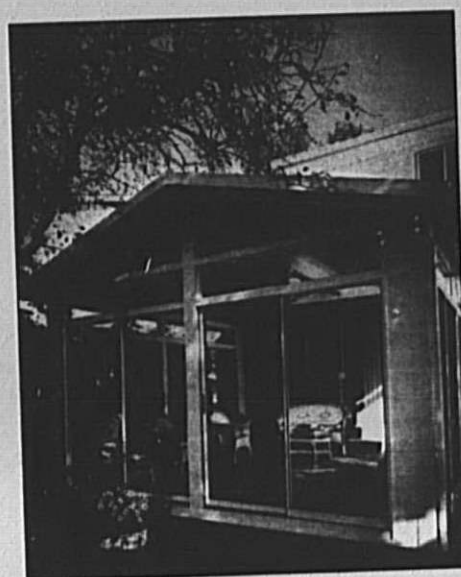
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