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## Liturgy, Hispanics, global justice on bishops' agenda

WASHINGTON (CNS)—When the U.S. bishops meet in November, their agenda concerns will include liturgy, Hispanics, global solidarity, communications, catechetical aid to Eastern Europe.

They will be asked to approve a brief statement assessing the impact of legalized abortion on the nation over the past quarter-century.

The Nov. 10-13 meeting in Washington is expected to draw about 285 bishops from across the country. Preceding the general meeting will be two half-day workshops for the bishops Nov. 9: one on science and religion on the theme of evolution, the other on lay ministry in the church.

The meeting itself is to open the morning of Nov. 10 with a presidential address by Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC).

The bishops are slated to debate and vote on two public statements on the church and the world.

One, introduced by the USCC International Policy Committee and titled *Called to Global Solidarity*, describes a renewed, living Catholic commitment to social justice as "a central task for the next century."

The second statement, introduced by the NCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities, is a five-page reflection on the 25 years since the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion on demand the law of the land.

Titled *Light and Shadows: Our Nation 25 Years After Roe vs. Wade*, it calls that 1973 high court decision "a sign of failure so monumental that to speak of it even as 'tragedy' is pitifully inadequate."

In a related matter, the pro-life committee will ask the bishops to initiate a study on a possible pastoral plan to revitalize observance of Friday abstinence from meat among U.S. Catholics as a penitential practice aimed at counteracting the "culture of death."

With the third millennium of Christianity just around the corner, the Committee on Hispanic Affairs will be asking the bishops to approve the convening of the Fourth National *Encuentro* of Hispanic Catholics in 2000.

Also of interest to Hispanic Catholics will be a decision by the bishops on the proposed text of the first official Spanish-language Sacramentary for the United States.

The Sacramentary is the book of prayers used at Mass. Until now, because there was no U.S. Sacramentary in Spanish, U.S. parishes have been able to choose from among several Spanish Sacramentaries approved by other bishops' conferences.

In the field of liturgy, the bishops are also scheduled to debate and vote on a proposal to transfer observance of the feast of the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday after Easter, as is done in a number of other countries.

Most U.S. bishops

favored transferring the observance of Ascension to Sunday when the issue came to a vote in 1991, but the proposal did not achieve the two-thirds approval needed for passage.

Subsequently the bishops of five Western ecclesiastical provinces—covering the states of Alaska, California,

Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington—sought and received permission from the Holy See to transfer the observance to Sunday for five years on an experimental basis. After that, the Vatican started turning down province requests, saying such petitions should come as an action of the NCCB, not from individual provinces. It suggested timing such a request to coincide with the end of the temporary permission in the Western provinces.

On another liturgical matter, the bishops will be asked to approve English Mass prayers for the observance of the feast of St. Louis Mary de Montfort, following up on a 1996 Vatican decision to add his feast, as an optional memorial, to the church's general liturgical calendar.

A proposed second volume of a new English-language Lectionary for U.S. use, originally slated to come to a vote this November, has been delayed until the bishops meet again next June because the final editorial work on the proposed text was not completed in time for the fall meeting.

The Lectionary contains the

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### Saints day preparation

A Filipino boy polishes a statue on his sister's tomb Oct. 30 in preparation for All Saints Day at a public cemetery in Manila. Many Filipinos gather at grave sites to pay homage to deceased family and friends on the Nov. 1 feast day.

texts of Scripture readings used at Mass. Last June the bishops approved a first volume of it, including all the readings for Sundays and certain major feasts.

The bishops' Ad Hoc Committee to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is asking the bishops to approve a three-year extension of their special yearly collection in U.S. parishes to help the church rebuild in areas of former communist oppression. If the bishops approve the proposal, the collection will continue until 2001 instead of ending in 1998.

The bishops' Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism is asking for a five-year extension of its national staff office for the catechism. The office coordinates a wide range of projects dealing with implementation of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The Committee on Communications will ask the bishops to approve a Strategic Plan for Communications that would restructure their Catholic Communications Campaign and expand their national communications planning and activities over the next five years.

The bishops will be asked to vote on the continuation of 15 current ad hoc committees, in accord with a "sunset" clause under which such committees must be reviewed for value and effectiveness at least once every three years.

They will be asked to approve a budget of nearly \$44.4 million for NCCB operations

and activities in 1998, \$1 million more than the 1997 budget. About one-fourth of the 1998 budget, just over \$10 million, is to come from diocesan assessments.

During the meeting the bishops are to discuss a detailed report from their Committee on Education on issues they should be addressing as a conference in support of Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the nation. †



### Pope greets pilgrims

Pope John Paul II addresses pilgrims from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square on All Souls' Day Nov. 2. The pope recalled those who were killed in the Auschwitz death camp in his native Poland during the Holocaust.

Chris Jones

# Catholic, Muslim leaders meet at Fatima

By Margaret Nelson

*As we come to worship you, the one who created us, empower us to bring down walls that divide us. Empower us to bring openness where there is narrowness; healing where there is brokenness, hope where there is despair and love where there is hatred.*

Invocation, Islamic-Catholic Dialogue

Fatima Retreat House hosted a group of 12 Catholic and 14 Muslim leaders Oct. 14 and 15.

Mutual understanding and respect were the goals of the second interfaith dialogue of religious leaders in the Midwest region of the nation. It was promoted by the Catholic bishops of the United States.

Father Thomas Murphy, ecumenical officer for the archdiocese and pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, served as the Catholic host.

Dr. Shahid Athar, an Indianapolis physician who has been active in Catholic and Islamic discussions, helped moderate the sessions.

Father Murphy said Pope John Paul II has strongly encouraged interreligious dialogue between Catholics and Muslim prayer leaders of the mosques (*imams*) and other religious leaders. These meetings are the bishops' response to his call for understanding and reconciliation.

The group discussed how they consider the Word of God as they find it in Sacred Scripture and in the Koran (*Qur'an*). They stressed the things they hold in common: belief in the one God, and the call to hear the Word of God and live according to God's will.

In the first session, Atonement Father Elias Mallon talked about "The Word of God in Christian Scriptures." And Dr. Irfan A Khan discussed "The Word of God in the *Qur'an*."

In the second Tuesday session, Sheikh Hassan Habhab presented the Islam view. Jesuit Father Thomas Michel of the Jesuit Secretariat for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome, presented a paper on "Christians and the Word of God."

Father Michel noted that his Christian understanding of the Word of God contains three elements: the Word of God in Scripture; Jesus Christ, in whom God's word took flesh and dwelt; and God's Word that continues to form and live on in the Christian community.

He explained that the Old Testament of the Bible is almost identical with the Jewish Bible (its first five books form the Torah), while the New Testament is unique to Christians.

The type of Scripture in the Bible is quite different from the Koran, Father Michel said. The Bible is a collection of sacred books in different literary forms written over a

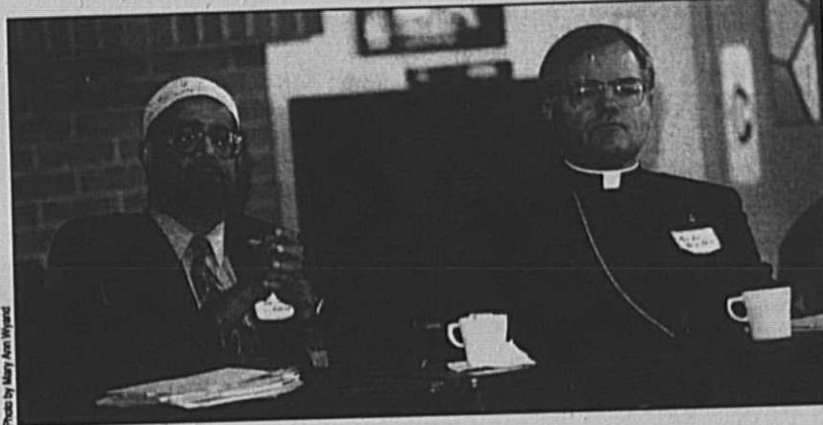


Photo by Mary Ann Wynn

At an Islamic-Catholic dialogue at Fatima Retreat House in mid-October, Dr. Shahid Athar (left), an Indianapolis physician who helped moderate the discussions, listens alongside Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Kevin M. Britt, who represented the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

period of centuries. The Koran is one book in one language (Arabic) by one messenger of God who received the Islamic beliefs, practices and laws over a period of 22 years.

Christians believe God composed the Scriptures through human authors, while Muslims believe God revealed the Koran through Muhammad, his messenger.

Khan noted that Jesus is called the Word of God in the Koran. Muslims consider Jesus one of the early prophets, along with Abraham and Moses.

The most significant use of Words of God in the Koran is for Revealed Guidance in Divine Word, Khan said.

About 30 people attended the public forum about Islam and Catholicism on Tuesday evening.

Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Kevin M. Britt represented the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Dr. John

Borelli of Washington, D.C., the NCCB's Interreligious Relations Committee.

Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed represented the Islamic Society of North America organization headquartered in Plainfield.

Participants, ranging from local leaders to regional and national officers came from Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Louisville, and cities in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

Dominican Sister Joan McGuire represented the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

"We concluded that education of our peoples is essential," said Father Murphy.

Dr. Athar said, "We are working toward religious harmony and peace in our nation." He said that the meeting did help foster understanding. "People became friends," he said. †

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## Lay Ministry Endowment Needs

# Lay ministers play critical role

By Sue Hetzler

The church in central and southern Indiana is growing. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein calls it our "happy challenge," yet it is one that stretches local priests and other pastoral leaders to capacity.

More and more, parishes are depending on lay ministers to help carry out the mission of the church. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, lay ministers—who now outnumber ordained ministers—play a critical role in the education and spiritual direction of parishioners, and sometimes the daily operation of parishes.

Who are the new lay ministers? They are people who serve in both paid and unpaid positions within parishes or diocesan offices in the areas of pastoral ministry, religious education, liturgy, music, youth ministry, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, fiscal management/administration or social concerns.

What began in Catholic schools has expanded into the areas of parish ministry. Many lay ministers started their parish ministry in Catholic schools or religious education ministries. Their roles and responsibilities are seen as so important that the archdiocese established a Lay Ministry Education Endowment Fund in 1992. The endowment is designed to provide financial assistance to the lay ministers who are pursuing degree or certificate programs in theology, pastoral studies, pastoral administration or pastoral leadership development.

The endowment was established by the late Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara five years ago with an initial investment \$100,000. It has grown to more than \$177,000 since then with donations, bequests and second collections.

"The endowment was established in recognition that there are more and more lay ministers working in the church but limited funds to support their formation and education," said Suzanne Magnant, chancellor of the archdiocese and head of lay ministry and pastoral services. "Although the endowment started with some seed money from the archdiocese, we are seeing the number of lay ministers grow every year. So now we are in a position of trying to make more funds available for the ongoing education and development of those ministers we have come to rely on."

Magnant said it is difficult to be exact about the number of lay ministers in the archdiocese. But she estimates that of the more than 5,000 employees, the majority are lay people—at least 400 are in full-time ministry positions and should be supported by regular academic updating and spiritual formation, she said.

A lay ministry study released last month by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Dioceses of Evansville, Gary and Lafayette-in-Indiana noted that there is a shared perception that many lay ministers lack formation and training for their ministry positions. Less than 25 percent were found to hold advanced degrees, and of that number, only 9.2 percent and 6.4 percent hold advanced degrees in theology and religious education respectively.

This is a clear indication, said Magnant, that the archdiocese needs to support lay ministers in all aspects of development—spiritual, personal and academic. People in the pews are growing to expect more from their parishes in the way of basic pastoral care, prayer and retreat experiences, lifelong religious education, support groups, and enrichment classes, she added, and that means a need for more trained



Franciscan Sister Shirley Gerth, parish life coordinator of St. Anne Parish in New Castle, brings Communion to Catholics who cannot celebrate Mass at their parishes. Parish life coordinators are one group of lay ministers who benefit from the Lay Ministry Endowment Fund.

lay people in every parish.

"Being effective in ministry requires more than just what you know in your head," Magnant said. "Very often, it's who you are, not just what you know. Lay ministers need to take care of their own spiritual lives and prayer lives, too. Personal growth is important because we all need help in enhancing our gifts and working on our deficits. All these things will help us to be more effective ministers."

(Sue Hetzler is director of communications for the archdiocese.) †



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## Editorial

### Why America needs religion

A funny thing happened to Guenter Lewy when he set out to write a book.

The professor emeritus of political science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst is a confirmed agnostic who described himself as a secular humanist who thought that relativism was a safeguard against intolerance and moral arrogance. He wanted his book to refute the idea that the absence of morality from fixed values and standards has created a situation of moral anarchy in which everything is permitted.

As he did his research, though, he found no choice but to change his mind. "Positions that I had always supported and taken for granted turned out to be, on new reflection, far less convincing than I had assumed," he wrote. The result was that his book's title turned out to be *Why America Needs Religion* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids). His extensive research (his 146-page book includes 389 footnotes plus an eight-page bibliography) led to this conclusion: "I am convinced that the moral regeneration and repair of a frayed social fabric that this country so badly needs will not take place unless more people take their religion seriously."

We are all too familiar with the decline of the American family. Traditional values such as commitment, fidelity and sacrifice for the sake of others have been replaced by a new stress on personal autonomy, self-expression and sexual freedom. The result has been an explosion in the number of babies born to unmarried women: from 11 to 28 percent between 1970 and 1990; in the black community it's about 80 percent of births. This has led to an increase in the number of single-parent (almost always female) families that has, in turn, led to greater poverty, crime, drug abuse and more sexual promiscuity.

You wouldn't think that it would be necessary to have studies to determine

whether or not religion makes a difference with these problems, but such studies have been made. They show, not surprisingly, that the more religious a person is the less likely he or she is to become a juvenile delinquent, engage in premarital sex, or have a baby out of wedlock. There was even a study that showed that religiously active employees were more apt to be honest, and another that showed that religion has "an independent power to deter several kinds of deviant behavior in which harm is done to other persons."

(The only studies that are somewhat surprising are those that consistently show that church members and church attendees are more prejudiced and intolerant of others' views than those not regularly attending church services. It appears that this is an area that requires more work on the part of the churches.)

All these studies demonstrate what should be obvious: America needs religion in order to instill moral values in its youth. This should be done first of all in the home, because the home has the greatest influence on a child's moral development. But it can't be done there if the parent doesn't have good moral values. Churches can be effective only if people attend them—and if they do indeed teach good moral values. Our schools—all schools, public, private and parochial—should be teaching moral values. Even Horace Mann, called "the father of American public education," stressed moral education and said that the foundation of morality was religion. Public schools can, and should, teach common values such as honesty, social responsibility, individual moral integrity and respect for others without teaching the doctrine of a specific religion. We cannot solve America's serious problems without the moral values that come only from religion. That, Guenter Lewy discovered, is why America needs religion. †

—John F. Fink

## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



### Praying for, with deceased is spiritual work of mercy

Once more November brings to mind William Cullen Bryant's poem, *The Death of the Flowers*.

"The melancholy days are come,  
The saddest of the year,  
Of wailing winds and naked  
woods, and meadows brown  
and sere.

Heaped in the hollows of the  
grove, the autumn leaves lie  
dead;

They rustle to the eddying gust,  
and to the rabbit's tread;

The robin and the wren are flown,  
and from the shrubs the jay,  
And from the wood-top calls the  
crow through all the gloomy  
day.

Where are the flowers, the fair  
young flowers, that lately  
sprang and stood

In brighter light and softer airs, a  
beauteous sisterhood?  
Alas! they all are in their graves,  
the gentle race of flowers  
Are lying in their lowly beds, with  
the fair and good of ours.

The rain is falling where they lie,  
but the cold November rain  
Calls not from out the gloomy  
earth the lovely ones again."

Those of you who have followed my column over the years know that this poem is on my mind because my mom used to recite it this time of year. Written in grief for a deceased young woman, the melancholy tone does not reflect our faith in Christ's triumph over sin and death. Yet it fits the November graying of nature.

This past week we celebrated the feast of All Saints and the next day we remembered the Souls of the Faithful Departed. Those liturgical observances should warm the heart even in November. On the feast of All Saints we prayed "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love." In the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer we prayed "Around your throne the saints,

our brothers and sisters, sing your praise forever. Their glory fills us with joy, and their communion with us in your church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith eager to meet them." In another preface for the feasts of Holy Men and Women we pray "In their lives on earth you give us an example. In our communion with them, you give us their friendship. In their prayer for the church you

give us strength and protection."

The saints are our friends, they pray for us, they intercede, begging God's loving mercy for us. And they inspire us to live better lives. All of us can think of loved ones who are unsung saints and it is a joy to know they do this for us and that the saints are part of our church still. We are a far larger church than the eye can see.

When we speak of the "communion" of saints we acknowledge that their presence, though unseen, is as real as real can be. We tend to think that spiritual presence is no less real than physical, visible, touchable presence. The celebration of All Saints is both one of joyful triumph of our friends and it is an occasion for consolation.

All Souls day is a consolation from another point of view. Our church sets aside a special day to pray for those friends and loved ones and all the deceased members of our church who may still need our intercessory prayers. We pray for those souls who may still be in purgatory, in that state where their love is still in need of purification. These souls are part of our church too. I think most of us, while trying hard to purify our love for God and each other, know that we sometimes fail. After we die, we will likely need the prayers of our loved ones and of all the church to intercede for us in our time of purification. After all, while God is merciful, He is also truthful and just.

The point needs to be made that while we set aside days to celebrate all the saints who have gone before us and those who perhaps have not yet arrived at their purification, we should be mindful of these unseen members of our church day in and day out. A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead in our cemeteries. Praying for and with the deceased is an ongoing spiritual work of mercy.

The saints in glory pray for us and continue to be our friends. We do not perish with the flowers, as the poet writes, because almost 2000 years ago Jesus Christ suffered, died and rose again. As we pray in the Preface for the Deceased "The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended." Thanks be to God! †

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## The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

## Dorothy Day, a saint for our times

One hundred years ago, Nov. 8, 1897, a child came into the world in a lower middle-class area of Brooklyn, N.Y. Her name was Dorothy Day.



The centenary of this birth is a day for Catholics to celebrate, for few people have left an imprint on American

Catholicism that can match the legacy of this remarkable woman.

Most remember Dorothy Day as the spirit behind the Catholic Worker movement, a network of houses providing hospitality to all the poor who come to their doors. She founded this service for destitute people in 1933, with a scruffy French peasant named Peter Maurin, who believed the Gospel had to be lived literally.

Together, they worked to help create a society where people would be better, not better-off. They put flesh on Catholic social teaching: helping the poor, the unemployed, the hopeless, the sick, working for peace and justice.

By the time of her death on Nov. 29, 1980, people of all positions recognized the momentous impact Dorothy Day had had on the American conscience. To the end she was faithful to the vision she had been given, which paralleled the one espoused by the saint she found so remarkable, St. Therese of Lisieux. This was to find God in all the "little things," in "the holy sublimity of the everyday," in the persons of the least among us.

Dorothy Day saw Christ in the skid-row bum, the destitute mother, the person suffering from alcoholism, and she spent her life trying to restore their dignity.

One regret I have is that I never met

Dorothy Day in person. Yet, as a newspaper reporter for *The Long Island Catholic* in the 1960s and '70s, I would interview people who were doing good work for others, and was amazed at how often they told me their inspiration had been Dorothy Day. Many of them had been associated with the Catholic Worker hospitality houses.

These people would talk about the incredible woman with the piercing blue eyes who spoke of love for others, who remained totally faithful to serving Christ and who inspired others.

Last year a movie on her life, *Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story*, was produced by Father Ellwood Kieser of Paulist Pictures. The film covers 20 years of Dorothy Day's life, honestly showing her inner spiritual struggles as she coursed the fast lane of the Roaring '20s. She briefly was a communist, had a back-street abortion, lived with an atheist lover, had his baby and then, yearning for "something more," was touched by grace, found God and the Catholic Church.

Hers is certainly a remarkable and powerful story of conversion.

To note the centenary celebration of Dorothy Day's birth, Warner Brothers has released the home video edition of *Entertaining Angels*, with Moira Kelly as Dorothy Day and Martin Sheen as Peter Maurin. (The video is \$29.95 from Paulist Press. To order call 800-218-1903.)

Father Robert Morrissey, pastor of St. Mary Church in Ridgefield, Conn., who first met Dorothy Day when he was a high school student, said this movie "may be just what you need to help you discover Christ and a really dynamic faith. If you want a real taste of the Gospel, see the film." I did, and I agree.

I believe, as many have written, that Dorothy Day, who so truly lived the Gospel, is a contemporary saint. †

## A View from the Center/Dan Conway

## Following in the footsteps of the saints

Father Daniel Mahan's editorial in the Oct. 30 issue of *The Criterion* described



our need for saints (heroes who are also holy). There are lots of celebrities these days, but few genuine heroes.

According to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, all Christians are called to holiness, which is described as "the fullness of Christian life" and "the perfection of charity." We ordinary Christians learn what it means to be holy by following the example of the saints, men and women who are especially close to God because of their union with him in prayer and in loving service to others.

When I was young, one of my heroes was St. Ignatius Loyola. I grew up in a Jesuit parish in Cleveland. And the Jesuits who taught us religion were always talking about their founder the soldier-saint. Something about the way he lived, the way he gave up everything for Christ, and the way he inspired others to follow him really captured my imagination.

My years in college at Saint Meinrad introduced me to a different kind of holy man, St. Benedict. Where Ignatius was bold and decisive (in the best military style), I found Benedict to be wise, prudent and mature. St. Benedict's gift to the world, I believe, is the harmonious way of life described in his "rule."

St. Benedict showed the monks who followed him how to grow in holiness—gradually. And the Benedictine motto *pax* (which means peace) is a goal that beautifully describes both the interior spiritual life of the monk and the external witness

that the monastic community gives to the world at large.

Last month, as part of Father Joseph F. Schaedel's pilgrimage to the shrines of central Italy, I had the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone knows St. Francis. Next to the Virgin Mary, Francis is the most popular Christian saint, and his hometown of Assisi is one of the most-visited pilgrimage sites in the world. (The recent earthquakes in central Italy are vivid reminders of how fragile life can be and how much we depend on God's grace—for the very ground we walk on!)

St. Francis taught us to see the loving presence of God in all of creation. He also showed us how to die to self and live for God and for all our brothers and sisters. Where Benedict was prudent, and Ignatius was bold, Francis was impulsive (even reckless). Throughout his life, St. Francis was constantly giving away everything he possessed—beginning with material things (including things that belonged to his father!) and ending with his earnest desire to give away his health and tranquillity in order share in the sufferings of Christ (the stigmata).

The 20th century, for all of its horrors, has also seen many holy women and men. We are fortunate that Pope John Paul II, who is also one of my heroes, has accelerated the process for canonization of so many modern saints from so many different regions of the world (including Indiana). I wholeheartedly agree with Father Mahan's statement that we need saints, not only as models, but as friends who intercede for us daily. May their friendship inspire us to prudence, boldness and even reckless generosity in our common search for holiness! †

## From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## St. John Lateran and church history

This Sunday the church celebrates the feast of the dedication of the Basilica of



St. John Lateran. The importance of this church is demonstrated by the fact that the commemorations of other Roman churches (St. Mary Major on Aug. 5 and SS. Peter and Paul on Nov. 18) are not ranked as feasts and are not observed when they fall on a Sunday. But St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome—not St. Peter's, as many presume—and is, therefore, where the pope presides.

This is where the popes lived, while they resided in Rome, from around 313 until 1304, when Pope Benedict XI died. The next seven popes lived in Avignon, France, and when Pope Gregory XI returned to Rome in 1377 he found the Lateran Palace and the basilica in ruins. He made his home at the Vatican and that's where the popes have lived, when they were in Rome, since that time. (There were many periods, prior to 1304 and after 1377, when popes were exiled from Rome, often in prison somewhere.)

The Patriarchal Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and St. John the Baptist at the Lateran (the church's full name) and the Lateran Palace have a fascinating history, and a longer history than that of the Vatican. The land for the church was given to Pope Melchior by Constantine around 313. It is on the Caelian Hill on land that was once owned by the wealthy Lateran family.

For almost 1,000 years, this was where some of our greatest popes lived, popes like Leo the Great, Gregory the Great, Innocent III, Gregory VII. But it was also the scene of much of the turmoil that took place occasionally in the church.

In 366, after the death of Pope Liberius,

his followers elected Ursinus to succeed him and had him consecrated in the Julian Basilica. But Damasus had his followers elect him pope. The followers then carried out a three-day massacre in the Julian Basilica, and then Damasus was crowned pope in the Lateran Basilica. Damasus was eventually able to overcome the scandal caused by the way he seized the papacy and he became one of the best and strongest popes—and recognized as a saint.

In 687, after Pope Conon died, two men again sought the papacy, Theodore and Paschal. Both men were elected pope by their separate factions and both men hurried to occupy the Lateran Palace. Theodore arrived first and occupied the inner apartments. When Paschal arrived, he took over the outer apartments. Eventually a third man was elected pope, Sergius I, and both Theodore and Paschal were forced out.

When Pope Leo IV died in 855, Benedict III was elected. However, before he could be consecrated, Anastasius Bibliothecarius tried to take over the papacy. He arrived at the Lateran Palace, ejected and imprisoned Benedict. After three days of anarchy, Anastasius conceded and Benedict was consecrated pope.

The basilica was extensively rebuilt in 1646 by Pope Innocent X. The north facade was constructed in the 16th century and the east facade in the 18th century. Needless to say, it is an imposing church, but not nearly as imposing as St. Peter's.

The church's facade is crowned with 15 massive statues of Christ the Redeemer, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the church.

Popes were crowned in St. John Lateran until 1870, when the Italian government seized the Papal States and popes made themselves prisoners in the Vatican until the Lateran Treaty was signed in 1929. Since then the coronation has taken place in St. Peter's. †

## Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

## Memories of early priesthood

The following story from my early priesthood changed my life.



Right after my ordination in 1960, my bishop sent me off to get a doctorate in canon law. I returned with my degree three years later at age 32. I had been drafted into the army after college and was a late vocation.

In those days, 32 was old.

I was put to work in the marriage tribunal handling the cases of divorced Catholics who had married outside the church and were looking for a declaration of nullity. They had ignored the requirement to marry before a priest and were able to get out of their marriage with relative ease.

This upset me because, at the same time, most Catholics who dutifully had married in the church and suffered the tragedy of a divorce were not able to obtain an annulment because of the rigidity of the 1917 Code of Canon Law, which still applied. Only two such formal cases had been adjudicated in my diocese (Paterson, N.J.) since its founding in 1937.

This was not uncommon. In 1964 only a few hundred annulments were granted annually throughout the world. Reforms did not come until the new code in 1983.

My job was to listen to those who came in for help and let them down as easily as I could. The laws were so strict that it was virtually impossible for the petitioners to prove their cases. This became a heartbreaking duty year after year. I began to feel that I was in danger of losing my immortal soul if I continued to cooperate in this unjust system.

I volunteered for the missions in South America, but my bishop would hear none of it. As a doctor of canon law I was difficult to replace. Once I knew I had to accept my fate as the will of God, I decided to make the best of it.

To keep my sanity, I wrote an article about the injustice of our marriage tribunal system. I advised the laity to use their own consciences in resolving these matters. Since I didn't want to go behind my bishop's back, I showed him the article and asked for his permission to publish it.

Of course he said no, but I persisted, and persuaded and pleaded. It took me three months to wear him down. Finally he said yes, and *Commonweal* magazine published it April 14, 1967. The article, "The Church and Second Marriage," hit like an electric shock.

It ended any chance I might have had for advancement in the church, but I knew that going in, and my mental health was more important. A few bishops wanted Bishop Lawrence Casey to fire me, but God bless him, he stood behind me.

On the positive side, the very next year I was elected to the board of governors of the Canon Law Society of America by a large majority. Apparently my fellow canon lawyers agreed with me.

It took many years on the part of the Canon Law Society and the American hierarchy to get Rome to agree, but the needed reforms did come. We still have a long way to go. We need a system that is more pastoral and less legalistic.

Pray for those who work in this difficult ministry. They're doing the best they can. †

Cornucopia / Cynthia Dewes

# Always time to pay attention

"Look at me!" hollers Roscoe as he hangs from the jungle gym by one chubby leg. Never missing a stroke, Mom glances up from planting flower bulbs just long enough to murmur, "That's nice, dear."



When Dad appears, it's his turn to admire Roscoe. "I can do cartwheels, Dad, look Dad, look, look!" cries the mini-gymnast, leaping and crashing across the grass in his cowboy boots. Dad smiles, managing to call as he hurries past, "Don't tear up the lawn, guy."

Brother Tommy, age 15, examines himself closely in the bathroom mirror. Any new zits? Hair long enough? Short enough? Is the earring OK? What if the parent gestapo sees it? Will the new girl in algebra class think it's cool?

Grandma's on the phone with Aunt Doris, stretching the conversation to what Mrs. Brooks said to Mr. Brooks in front of the pastor at dinner. She covers the Bible study meeting, cleaning her windows for fall, the book she's put on reserve at the library and how the grandchildren are getting so big.

Meanwhile Aunt Doris cradles the phone to her ear, stirring spaghetti sauce with one hand and making a grocery list with the other as she listens to Grandma's monologue. Then, "Yeah, Ma, yeah. Yeah. Well, I've got to go now. Talk to you later. Love you."

The surgery patient who constantly rings his bell, the kid who summons the babysitter for just one more drink of water after he's put to bed, the class clown who both amuses and aggravates his teacher with disruptive antics: they're all looking for attention. And all too often, our response is impatience or anger.

The fact is, we all need attention. We don't have to be a famous rock star or a celebrity or a politician to want everyone to "Look at me!"

And there's really nothing wrong with wanting attention. Even Jesus, with his parables and healings and speeches in the temple, sought the notice of his peers. Maybe for a more noble reason than most of us, but there it is.

It's actually necessary to get someone's attention if you want to teach them or direct their work. It's necessary if you're trying to help them grow spiritually, to counsel them, or to bring them back to physical or mental health. It's necessary for parents to demand attention from their kids.

So it's not only human, but also a requirement at times for us to claim attention from others. The problem is, sometimes we forget, or are unwilling, to give it back.

Paying full attention to another, for any

reason, is a loving and life-giving act. We all respond to someone who looks us in the eye and listens without interruption to what we say. We're flattered by those who take our advice or repeat our opinions or never appear distracted in our presence.

The sincere gift of time given in response to another's need to talk, or to share a joy or even to rail against fate, is well spent. And the funny thing is, the more time we take to pay attention to someone else, the less time we need to spend on repairing relationships or fighting injustices.

All Roscoe really wants is a few words, hugs or smiles and the assurance that his folks think he's pretty nice. The same with Grandma and Tommy, although naturally he'd rather hear it from the new girl in algebra class.

We need to do what Mother Teresa did so well, to give our full attention to the Jesus in all of us. †

## Check It Out . . .

The Archdiocesan Office of Worship director Charles Gardner is assembling an **Archdiocesan Choir** to sing during three special liturgies in 1998—the Christ Mass and two priesthood ordinations. Monthly rehearsals begin Dec. 2. For more information and to register, call the Archdiocesan Office of Worship by Nov. 21 at 317-236-1483 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1483.

"Same Journey, Different Dreams—

Communication in Marriage," a **married couples retreat**, will be held Nov. 14 through Nov. 16 at the Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. For information call 812-923-8817.

The **Sisters of Providence** will host their **annual bazaar and bake sale** from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EST) Nov. 16 in the lobby of Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. A variety of gift items for Christmas will be available, along with arti-

cles for the home, toys, afghans, pillows and quilts and foods. Brunch will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Dining Room in Providence Center. Visitors for the event are also invited to attend Mass at 10 a.m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

At the annual meeting of the Catholic Community Foundation, Inc. (CCF), a **planned-giving seminar** will be presented from 10 a.m. to noon at Primo Banquet

Hall and Conference Center, 2600 E. National Ave. in Indianapolis. All who are interested are invited. Archdiocesan parishes, schools and agencies are urged to send a representative. Attendees are invited to stay for the CCF annual luncheon following the seminar. The purpose of the seminar is help parishes incorporate planned giving into their capital and endowment campaigns. To register, call Carolyn Noone at 317-236-1428, or 800-382-9836, ext. 1428, no later than Nov. 12. †

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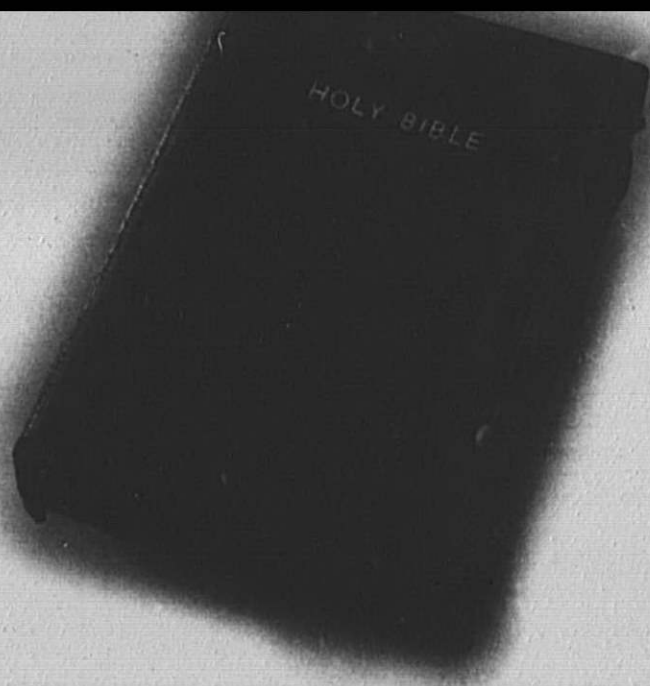
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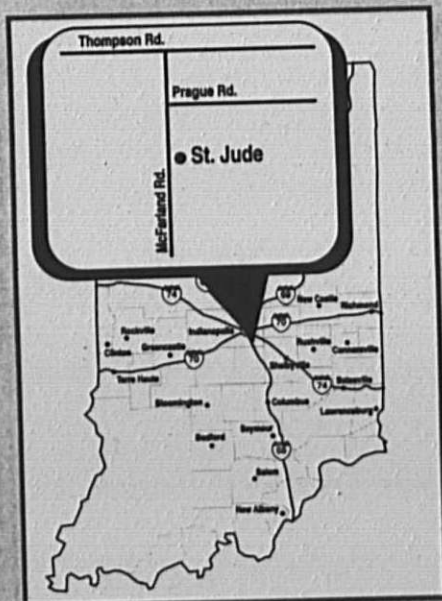
## Journey of Hope 2001

### Indianapolis South Deanery

### St. Jude Indianapolis

Story and photos by Mary Ann Wyand

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# St. Jude ministries respond to growth of southside parish

**S**t. Jude parishioners in Indianapolis face a happy challenge this fall: nurturing parish life with limited space in the midst of a busy construction zone.

Thanks to lots of dedicated lay volunteers and the hard-working parish staff, Father Gerald Kirkhoff said, the Indianapolis South Deanery faith community is moving into a new phase of parish life which will culminate with the dedication of the new St. Jude Church at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21, the Sunday before Christmas.

"There's great excitement in the parish as we get ready for the dedication," the pastor said. "It's been a long time in coming. The parish is 38 years old and had a temporary church all these years, so we're ready for the permanent church. We're now at 1,560 families."

Parish growth is constant, he said, and parish ministries strive to respond to St. Jude's growth by welcoming new parishioners and serving the needs of long-time members with the same personal attention to individuals and families that St. Jude has been known for during the past four decades.

St. Jude School, recently honored by the U.S. Department of Education as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence," has about 511 students now. Enrollment in the religious education program includes 250 students.

Construction underway at the parish and school, as well as at nearby Roncalli High School, has presented a variety of opportunities to build community, he said. St. Mark Parish has shared its worship space with St. Jude parishioners for one Mass every Saturday since early June, and other Indianapolis South Deanery parishes have opened their facilities as well.

"Since the first of June, we've had all of our funerals in other parishes, as well as all of our weddings," Father Kirkhoff said. "The other parishes and priests have been very cooperative in loaning us their facilities, as has Roncalli High School. They have been very cordial to us, and we have appreciated that. But I think we all are getting a little weary of moving around so much. We hope that the dedication will be a real 'coming home for Christmas' celebration in our permanent church."

The occasion also will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful parish response to stewardship requests, the pastor said, and to thank people for their generous gifts.

"During the capital campaign we received pledges of almost \$3.5 million in a little more than two years, so that's been

quite remarkable," Father Kirkhoff said. "Because we tried to do so much—building the new church and the new gymnasium and adding classrooms to the school—we had to go back to the well several times, but people have been pretty patient with us."

Parishioners had an opportunity to view the new church, which is under construction, during an open house Nov. 2 after the Masses.

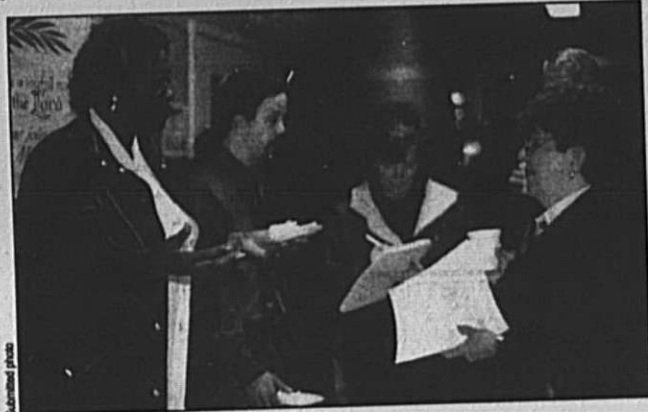
The dedication ceremony during Advent will recognize the life of St. Jude, he said, as well as charter members of the southside parish, which was founded in 1959. It also will symbolize a new beginning.

"We constantly remember our charter members and all those people who have been a part of St. Jude Parish during the past 38 years," the priest said. "At the dedication, we're going to have a floral arrangement in front of the new altar in memory of those who have died in the parish, which is about 700 people in nearly 40 years."

As plans continue for the special Mass next month, parish secretary and liturgy committee co-chair Janice Morris said, the parish calendar is already filling up with requests for parish programs and activities in the new church and gymnasium.

In recent months, liturgy committee members have become quite experienced at preparing for Mass in multiple locations, she said, and parishioners are looking forward to settling into their new spiritual home.

"We've all come to realize that expansion doesn't necessarily mean just building or seeking funds and collecting



St. Jude parishioners had an opportunity to explore various ministries at the Indianapolis South Deanery parish during a Ministry Fair Oct. 25-26 at St. Jude School. Liturgy committee member Ruth Purifoy (from left) and music director Paul Schafer talk with parishioners about the music ministry.

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St. Jude Parish youth ride the rapids of a West Virginia river during a whitewater rafting trip last summer. Youth ministry coordinator Carla Aton (front row, second from right) puts her oar to the water with the teen-agers in a team effort to navigate the currents. Aton plans a variety of youth group programs and activities to build community and keep teens connected with their faith.

"Our youth often help at the Concord Development Center in the Sacred Heart neighborhood (on the near-southside of Indianapolis)," Aton said. "They're a great group of people to work with, and it's been good for our kids to help the children there with homework and plant a community garden."

Every year Aton helps prepare between 50 and 65 teen-agers for confirmation. She also works with junior high and high school youth on a variety of projects, social activities and retreats, so added space on the parish campus will be a major boost to youth ministry programming.

Throughout all the changes during the past two years, St. Jude communications committee members have focused on welcoming new members and keeping parishioners informed about parish life, committee member Marty Agresta said. "We publish *The Parish Press* quarterly, which is mailed to each family. Our main goals as a committee have been to inform parishioners about activities and to encourage

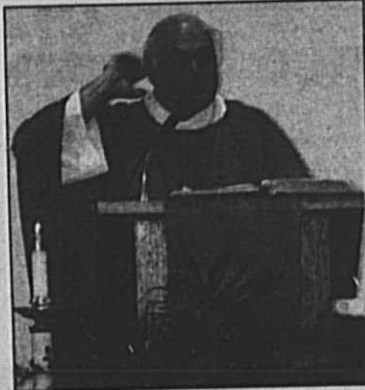
each other in personal faith growth."

Each issue of *The Parish Press* includes stories about St. Jude ministries as well as faith testimonials, Agresta said, and is intended to serve as a tool of spiritual nourishment.

"We have a special column called 'Walk by Faith,' and we ask parishioners to share stories about how they have grown in faith," she said. "People enjoy sharing the stories and reading them. It reinforces the fact that we are a faith family and we support each other. Father Kirkhoff also writes a column called 'Pastor's Ponderings.' Our goal for the newsletter is to affirm the message that we are church."

Communications committee members also published a Parish Handbook, which was distributed during the St. Jude Ministry Fair Oct. 25-26 at the school.

The Ministry Fair was another opportunity to share the good news of St. Jude Parish, she said. "We had a lot of people sign up to help with parish ministries. I think that response shows how much people care and want to be a part of parish life." †



Father Gerald Kirkhoff, pastor, asks religious education students about their heroes during a liturgy marking St. Jude's feast day Oct. 27 in the school cafeteria. The parish church formerly was located in this space. Last summer, St. Jude's worship space was remodeled for use as the school cafeteria as construction continued on the spacious new church.

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Director of Religious Education: Shirley Dreyer,  
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Youth Ministry Coordinator: Carla Aton  
Music Director: Paul Schafer

Parish Council Chair: Paul Looney

Administrative Assistant: Mary Gilmartin

Parish Secretary: Janice Morris

Principal: Sr. James Michael Kesterson, SP  
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# Conference focuses on coping with loss

By Mary Ann Wyand

"When we open our eyes, we see beyond ourselves," Dr. Jackie Morice of Indianapolis explained. "And when we open our ears, we listen beyond ourselves. Today is a day to listen with our third ear and speak from our hearts."

Morice and her husband, Bill, also a marriage and family therapist, were the keynote presenters for the 16th annual archdiocesan Conference on Bereavement Oct. 25 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

The theme of the conference was "Listening with the Third Ear: Speaking with the Heart, Stories for Healing—a Day for Those Who Minister and Those Who Mourn."

Fifty people attended the ecumenical conference spon-

sored by the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries and the Young Widowed Group.

Losses help put people in touch with the important things in life, Jackie Morice said. "Those of us who have experienced grief and those of us who work with people who are grieving need to make sure we are listening and paying close attention to what people are saying to us."

New losses touch old losses and intensify the process of grieving, she said. "When we grieve, we grieve not just for the [recent] death, but for all of the things that we have lost."

The pain of grief can seem intolerable, Dr. Bill Morice said, but love can give people renewed strength to face life in new ways.

Blending excerpts from Greek mythology with personal stories, the Morices helped conference participants

reflect on the grief journey.

"Before my grandfather died," Jackie Morice said, "he told my grandmother, 'If I can come back and see you or be with you, I will come back.' Not long after he died, my grandfather came to her in a dream. 'I'm here,' he said. And she said, 'Are you really here?' And he said, 'Take my hand.' So she took his hand. 'It's true!' she said. 'It's really true! You've come back to me. You've come back. You're here. You're here. You're here . . . ' Then she woke up and discovered she was holding her own hand."

The truth of this story, Jackie Morice said, is that "as much as we want to bring back in our life the person we have lost, we have to bring our own self forward. My grandmother had to bring herself back into the world. That dream was the form it took for her to realize that she was here and he wasn't."

Pain is a very consuming aspect of life, Bill Morice said, but the spiritual aspects of grieving can help heal broken hearts.

"I've worked with cancer patients for almost 20 years," he said. "I recognize that quantity of life is really God. In terms of quality of life, there is more we can do. We can create things, love somebody, play, listen to music. We can pray the Lord's Prayer every day."

The Lord's Prayer contains "about all the messages we need," he said. "In oncology care, we say 'Take one day at a time.' And that's the advice in the Lord's Prayer. It says, 'Give us this day our daily bread.' It says nothing about weekly or monthly or yearly. 'Give us this day our daily bread.' I think there is the way to learn to live through and with our grief." †

## Clavers to mark 50 years in archdiocese

Seven charter members will be honored when the Knights of Peter Claver and its ladies' auxiliary mark the 50th anniversary of Claverism in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will preside at the 10 a.m. Mass on Nov. 16 at St. Rita Church in Indianapolis. African-American bishops and priests, as well as national and district officers of the Clavers have been invited to the Mass.

The Knights of Peter Claver St. Rita Council and Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary Christ the King Court #97 began at St. Rita 50 years ago.

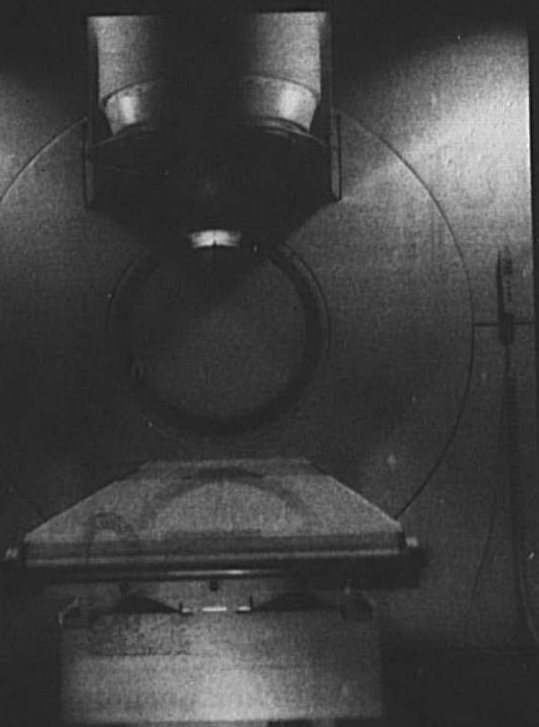
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Guynn, Rita V. Guynn, Evelyn Jones, Alberta Wisdom and Sterling Humphery are the 50-year members who will be honored.

The golden anniversary celebration will begin with a reception, banquet and ball beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 15. Call Anita Guynn at 317-253-6170 for more information.

The Claver councils and courts provide service to their communities and their parishes. Their outreach programs include food pantries, scholarships, day care, and other social justice projects. Members also work with national organizations such as the National Black Catholic Congress. †

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## Indianapolis East Deanery to gather leaders for evangelization assembly

The Indianapolis East Deanery is planning a Nov. 8 leadership assembly at Sececina Memorial High School for representatives of all of its 12 parishes.

Each parish will send about 25 members of its staff, pastoral council and board of education or evangelization team to the day-long conference, which has the theme: "Catch Fire—Spread Fire."

As they focus on the three themes of the Journey of Hope 2001 celebration—spiritual renewal, evangelization and stewardship—the deanery leaders are making an effort to learn about evangelization in the context of the larger church.

"How do we receive, nourish and share the Good News of Jesus Christ?" will be the focus of the discussions.

Since prayer and reflection are key elements of the assembly, those who attend will be asked to take part in individual at-home retreats before the conference.

Planners hope those who attend will spend 20 or 30 minutes in prayer and reflection for each of the seven sets of Scripture passages and questions provided in the retreat booklet. A large group gathering will be held to discern which issues hold the leaders' interest. Then participants can attend a session of their choice.

After lunch, small groups will discuss the themes of interest and determine possible outcomes or actions. There will be time for the leaders of each parish to meet as a group before the closing prayer.

The deanery is planning an evening of prayer in the spring of 1998. †

# Evangelization Supplement

A Supplement to *The Criterion*



## Evangelization: Packaging our gift of faith

By Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.

We often talk about the gift of faith. Faith is one of the most precious of the gifts God has given us. We need to



respond with deep appreciation and gratitude. But faith also calls us to another kind of response. The gift of faith calls and challenges us to share that gift with others. During the Journey of Hope 2001 celebration, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has invited us to concentrate on the three themes of spiritual renewal, evangelization, and stewardship. He describes evangelization as a larger sense of mission, especially in seeing the "home mission" opportunities within the archdiocese, and particularly with the inactive and the unchurched.

When we plan to give a gift to another person, we usually wrap it. We give careful thought to when and how we will present the gift. We also know that sometimes a gift is received only reluctantly or, on occasion, even refused outright.

We take similar steps when we share the gift of faith.

This special evangelization supplement to *The Criterion* highlights the different ways several parishes around the archdiocese are wrapping or packaging the gift of faith. People who are inactive or unchurched are at different places in their lives, and they need to be approached in ways that are sensitive to their unique needs and situations. On the other side, parishes in our archdiocese vary widely in size and resources. These realities mean that our evangelization efforts need to be flexible and diverse.

Some places have opted to begin with an emphasis on personal faith growth. Others have increased their attention to becoming more welcoming and inviting. Some have jumped into various programs to contact and work with inactive Catholics. Still others have taken steps to make the parish a major player in the neighborhood through social action.

None of the evangelization efforts described here are magic answers. But they are the work of good people who take seriously their baptismal call to join Christ in mission. None of them may exactly fit your parish situation, but I hope they will stir your own imagination and energy to design something that would allow you to package the gift of faith in an attractive way to the people who are part of the home mission of your faith community.

(Father Folzenlogen is evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese.) †

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If you're interested in joining the Catholic Church, or if you would like information about evangelization opportunities at your parish, contact the evangelization commission of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

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# Holy Angels School serves as evangelization tool

By Sr. Kathleen Karbowski, CSJ

Are Catholics Christian? Why do Catholics confess their sins to a man? Do you worship Mary? Are you born Catholic?

These are just a sample of the questions non-Catholic school parents ask during the Catholic Faith Classes at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis.

Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Kathleen Karbowski and Reggie Ash team teach the seven Catholic Faith Classes (CFC) that are mandatory for anyone who is new to the school, including all staff members. Because most of the African-American children who attend Holy Angels are not Catholic, Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Gerry O'Laughlin, the principal, and the board of education decided many years ago that parents needed an overview of the Catholic Church and its teachings. Besides giving them this overview, the goal is to welcome them to become members of the Catholic Church, especially if they do not have a church home.

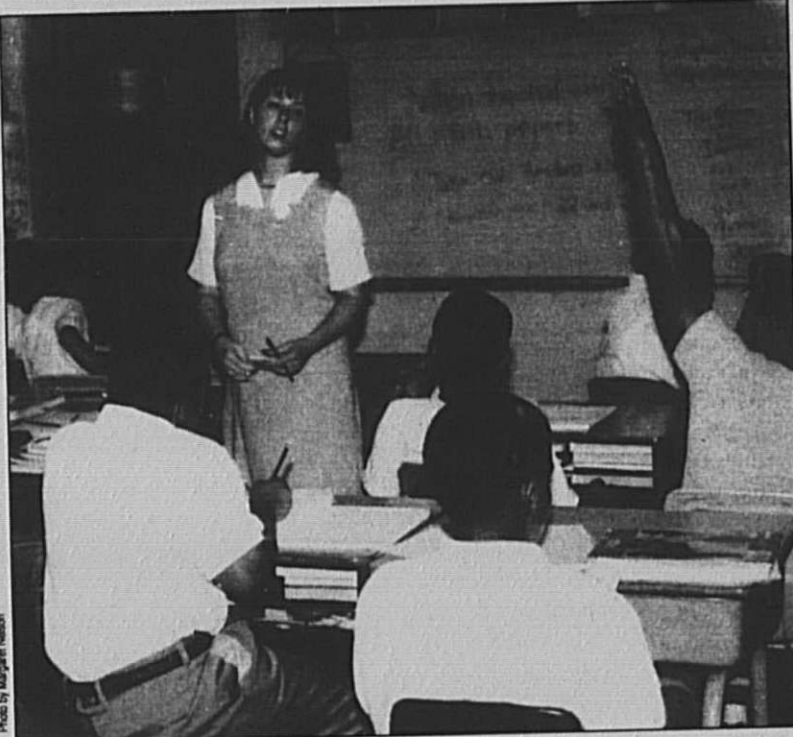
Since 1991, Sister Kathleen has been the "evangelizer" and religion teacher at Holy Angels. Evangelization is a priority at Holy Angels. In the U.S. bishops' document, *Go and Make Disciples*, the bishops state: "Evangelization is what we are all about. Evangelization is the essential mission of the church." Holy Angels School takes such statements very seriously. A new evangelization team has been established this year. It is made up of parishioners and some of the Catholic school parents. They plan to study the bishops' document and to target the new families who have indicated they have no church. Many people say that they have never been invited to a Catholic Church. Holy Angels does invite.

The school staff sees its place in center-city Indianapolis as an opportunity of evangelization. Parents choose the school for many reasons. Some are looking for a safe place for their children; some welcome the strong academic program Catholic schools are known for. Others want the Christian atmosphere and the teaching of family values. These are important to the administration and board of education. However, the parish wants students and their families to learn about the Catholic Church and know they are welcome to join in living out the faith. This is the most important reason for our existence.

The effort helps the school children and their families to know what it means to be a Catholic Christian. The Catholic Faith Classes provide time to share "Who we are and whose we are."

When parents register, they are asked to indicate to what church they belong. Attendance at church services is a requirement at Holy Angels. They are told that it is important that they worship God on a regular basis. Otherwise their children will become confused by attending a school where they are taught that God is first priority and is to be worshiped every weekend. Church attendance cards are to be signed by their pastor, Sunday school coordinator or church representative. Sister Kathleen receives the cards on Monday mornings. The ministers appreciate the support for church attendance offered by the school.

"There is no pressure put upon parents to 'convert' to



Teacher Jennifer Sheehan gets a response from one of her fourth-grade students at Holy Angels School. Most of the students are from non-Catholic families, so the school requires the parents to attend Catholic Faith Classes. All students are asked to attend the church of their choice on Sundays.

Catholicism," Sister Kathleen said. "Church attendance is important. If a child attends our school for any length of time, we want the parents and the children to know what being a Catholic Christian looks like. If the family does not have a 'home church,' they are invited to investigate Holy Angels where they meet the pastor, Father Clarence Waldon, and experience the liturgy and celebrate with the Holy Angels Gospel choir."

Because evangelization is the major reason for the school, the school makes every effort to teach about the Catholic faith. There is so much misunderstanding about Catholicism in the African-American community. The Catholic Faith Classes are a wonderful opportunity to clear these up.

"We experience some apprehension from some parents about coming to the classes in the beginning, but it does not take long before all are sharing in the discussion," says Reggie Ash. "Having been raised Baptist, I understand where they are coming from."

All the children of Holy Angels attend religion classes where Catholic textbooks are used. Sister Elizabeth Ann Kraus, also a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, teaches the two kindergarten and first grade classes. Sister Kathleen teaches grades two through six and prepares the readers for the weekly celebration of liturgy. The children's Mass on Friday morning at 9 a.m. is a wonderful evangelizing experience. God's Word is proclaimed and celebrated. Everything is sung. Since more of our students are not Catholic, they cannot receive the Eucharist, but all of us experience the presence and

power of God through Scripture, song, and preaching.

Prayer is important and every school day begins with the entire student body and staff joining on the third floor of the school for morning prayer. The students prepare the Scripture readings, petitions, and songs for the day. The feast days of the saints are recognized and observed. This has proven to be a wonderful beginning to the day...every day is dedicated to God, who is number one at Holy Angels! A visitor needs only to quietly observe the daily routine to understand this. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are very active each day at Holy Angels, and it shows.

(Sister Kathleen is school evangelizer for Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis.) ↑

## Evangelization's first year at St. Mary, Aurora, a busy one

By Tom Schweitzer

AURORA—A little more than a year ago, the strategic planning process at St. Mary Parish in Aurora named evangelization as a key priority. The parish pastoral council established a formal evangelization committee to follow through on this important dimension of parish life.

Council liaison Marilyn Faber gathered a small core team that grew over the following several months and named Tom Schweitzer as its chair last January. Right from the start, the team devised a varied strategy that is well integrated with other aspects of parish ministry.

Last Advent and Lent, the team conducted an outreach to inactive Catholics, carefully engaging all parishioners at least on a basic level. Last April a reception was held for the newly confirmed and their sponsors.

St. Mary was well represented at the Batesville March for Jesus in May. The school children made signs for the event. August and September found St. Mary back on the streets again participating in two parades. Three parishioners promoted St. Mary Parish by dressing as sisters in habit.

September included two other events. The parish festival featured an evangelization table. The team gave away about 85 religious items and passed out information about the church. A Healing Mass attracted 125 people. Everyone was invited, and many local churches were represented.

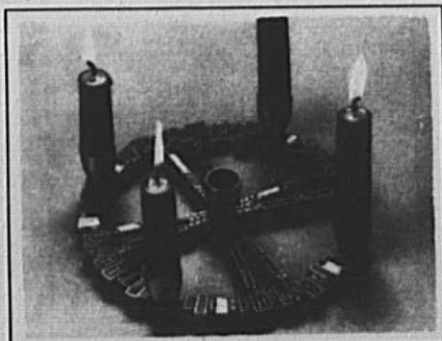
There is a strong conviction on the part of the team that outreach takes many forms. The group leads singing at nursing homes five times a month. There is a weekly evangelization tip in the parish bulletin. These are no more than two or three sentences long, but they remind people of the constant opportunities we have to share, e.g. "If you receive an answer to a prayer, mention it to a friend."

Looking ahead to Advent and Christmas, the team is planning a live Nativity scene, caroling for the home-bound and a caroling sing-along with neighboring churches. They will also repeat the Come Home for Christmas invitations to the inactive in the area.

(Schweitzer is evangelization chairman at St. Mary Parish in Aurora.) ↑

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"I explained our project to Bishop Sheen," Eshelman recalls. "I told him we wanted to produce a full-length motion picture, done by a major Hollywood producer, faithful to the text of the Gospel of St. Luke, that would powerfully portray the life of Christ. And, that we wanted to show the film around the world. I remember him saying to me, 'Sometimes you are in the trough of the wave, while other times you are riding the crest. I encourage you to continue and reach the crest of this project.'"

Prior to the meeting with Bishop Sheen, producer John Heyman spent five years writing, researching and filming the movie. Father Tom Forrest, C.Ss.R., Executive Director of Evangelization 2000, called the film "inspiring and touching." "Jesus," carefully filmed on site where events occurred in the Holy Land 2,000 years ago, has now been seen by more than 578 people worldwide.

The film has also been translated into 300 languages, meaning people around the world can view it in their own language. They can see the story of Jesus' life in a presentation which the Rev. Louis Kihneman, director of Religious Education and Evangelism in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, said "will definitely have a great effect on the lives of all who see it whether they be of Christian churches or not."

In its national theatrical release, more than 200,000 Catholic school children viewed the film at separately scheduled matinee showings.

The movie was produced entirely in Israel over a period of seven months and had the benefit of consultation with 200 Catholic, Protestant and Jewish scholars to ensure its biblical and historical faithfulness. In many instances, film crews worked with village officials to have power lines, television antennas and other 20th-century symbols removed from visibility, so filming could be undertaken at the known locations where the life of Christ unfolded.

Shakespearean actor Brian Deacon played the role of Jesus in the movie. His portrayal of our Lord was termed "sensitive and

engrossing" by *The Southern Cross*, the Catholic newspaper serving four Southern California counties. "This story of Christ is not another 'Superstar' or 'Godspell.' 'JESUS' is a documentary. It is St. Luke's investigative reporting, par excellence, put onto film," the newspaper's reviewer said.

Fr. Stephen Kardegen, O.F.M., while director of the U.S. Center for the Catholic Biblical Apostolate in Washington, D.C., called the film a "singular service to Christians and indeed to all people at home and abroad that they may see and understand that everything written about Jesus in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and

Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Eshelman, who has traveled the world to recruit volunteers to show the film in motion picture theaters, at universities and public schools, behind the Iron Curtain before its collapse, and throughout the often turbulent Far East, still remembers his afternoon spent with Bishop Sheen when the monumental motion picture project was just an idea.

"When I left his apartment that afternoon, I knew he was seriously ill and perhaps I would never see him again. But his words of encouragement were all I needed to hear. Since then, I have traveled the world and seen how God has worked through this film to bring many to a knowledge of

Jesus. And I can still remember Bishop Sheen's words: 'You will be carried forward by God - as if on the crest of a wave.'"

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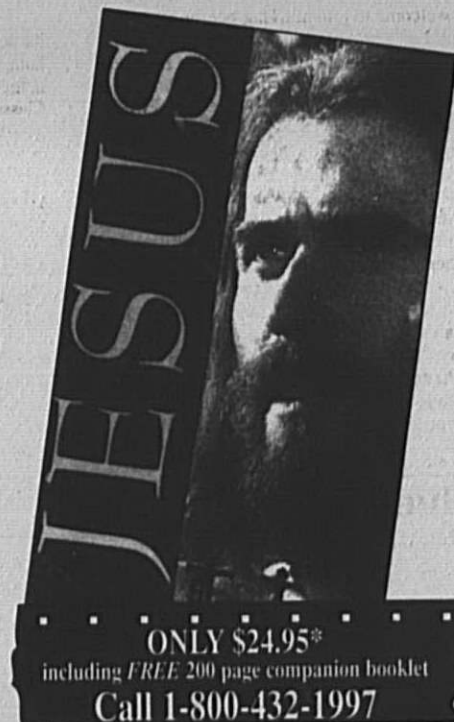
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# Parish uses advertising, outreach identifier

By Judy Koch

**GREENWOOD**—An "Outreach to Inactive Catholics" has always been something very close to my heart. Talks and writings by Father Joe Folzenlogen, archdiocesan evangelization coordinator, gave me the incentive to direct my interest in this area in a more focused manner.

I was initially very excited about having a program to address the concern of inactive Catholics. I soon came to realize that this kind of an outreach is much less a program than a mind-set of the entire parish community.

There are really only two components of what might be classified as a program that we utilize. We run advertisements

during Advent and Lent. We also use an outreach identifier form. This identifier form is available at the entrances to the church, at our ministries fair and at other appropriate gatherings.

I truly believe the success we've had has been a result of how we respond to those who answer our advertisement. They are told to ask for one of only two people (one man, one woman). Each call is then handled very individually by either me or Father Harold Kneueven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood. Everyone's "story" and everyone's "hurt" are unique, so "programmed" responses are impossible. We try very hard to make their encounters with us very personal, non-threatening, and

understanding as possible. We try to ascertain what each person needs. Sometimes it is a program that already exists in the parish. Many times it's a particular person to "walk with" as that person finds his or her place, emotionally and spiritually in the parish community.

I believe, more than anything, that our parish has an outreach mind-set due mostly to Father Kneueven's "open door," "open arms" leadership. He has sown the enthusiasm for outreach in the wide array of parish ministries: catechists, adult catechetical team, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team and welcoming. Father Kneueven is also a very visible part of the local community at large, making him accessible and non-threatening to the people of Greenwood.

Most of the returning Catholics we encounter are brought to us by members of the parish. Along with this one-on-one outreach, our many structured programs serve to be an open door for returning Catholics. Our RCIA process allows the children of inactive Catholics to start their faith formation at any age level without making the child or parent feel "different." Our adult education programs invite update in many areas of adult faith formation.

The bottom line is that outreach to inactive Catholics is a gloriously messy endeavor—not a lot of structure. To me it is ministry of the moment or "front porch" ministry. There are no meeting times and there are no "days off." It is ministry that is on call 24 hours a day.

Here are some examples of people who responded:

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## Terre Haute parish reaches low-income, uninsured through clinic

By Sr. Connie Kramer, S.P.

**TERRE HAUTE**—Through the efforts of members of St. Ann Parish in Terre Haute, the Sisters of Providence and the medical and civic communities of Terre Haute, St. Ann School has become a parish-based clinic for poverty-level uninsured persons. With sponsorship provided by the Sisters of Providence Self Sufficiency Ministries, the clinic has become an important part of the evangelization effort of the parish.

One of the goals for parish evangelization is to mutually seek and find the face of God in the persons in the neighborhood of the parish community. Just being able to tell someone in the neighborhood who calls that there is health care available to the poor is a tangible way to let them seek the face of God through the compassionate

care of those who volunteer their services at the clinic.

For those who serve in the clinic, to watch fearful eyes become trusting eyes, and serious faces become smiling faces, is an experience of finding the face of God in those served by the clinic.

If this clinic can help the poor believe they are special and deserve respectful care, it will have provided the groundwork for belief in the goodness of others, which is always a reflection of God's goodness. Grace always builds on nature.

It is thrilling for the community of St. Ann Parish to collaborate with the Sisters of Providence and the Terre Haute medical and civic communities to meet real needs and give people cause for Christian hope in the providence of God.

(Sister Connie is parish life coordinator of St. Ann Parish in Terre Haute.) †

addressed specifically to her.

An elderly couple had been away from the church for over 30 years as a result of a deep hurt regarding the wedding of one of their children.

A single mother called to say the ad made her realize that she needed to enroll her children in the faith formation process, but felt she herself had been gone so long that there was no coming back for her. She was in tears when she realized how much we wanted her back—with open arms and no accusations.

One of the most amazing and heart-warming responses was from the non-Catholic spouse of an inactive Catholic who called because she knew in her heart her husband's need to be reunited with his faith.

(Koch is pastoral associate of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood.) †

## "We must preserve the family or we will perish."

— Ambassador Alan Keyes

### One Man's Passion for Life

For printer George Johnson, a simple scene in a restaurant challenged his life. Two couples joined hands and with bowed heads offered a thanksgiving prayer for their food. George had always been a man of prayer, but declared, "I never realized the power of that act until I saw other people doing it! When you do this in a restaurant you send everyone a message! We've had servers comment, and have even had other patrons stop at our table and say 'Thank You.'"

Active for the past decade in Pro-Life activities, George and his registered nurse wife Marlys have sought positive ways to encourage people to save and preserve life. Some years ago while on a cruise they saw a dinner guest wearing a "tiny feet" lapel pin. The gen-

tleman explained the pin represented "the size of the feet of a ten-week-old unborn child."

This energized Johnson to create a series of pro-life bank checks with beautiful babies with their families. Gaining permission, he included the "precious feet" image on the checks and sends a lapel pin with each order. He recently reflected, "We have many letters telling us how these checks have started conversations that have led to saving lives of unborn children."

The Johnsons accompanied former Ambassador Alan Keyes on a recent whirlwind speaking tour of Chicago. The Ambassador, an outspoken advocate for pro-life, also shared his concerns about the disintegration of the family stating that "we must preserve

the family or we will perish." That statement sparked an idea.

With Ambassador Keyes' enthusiastic endorsement, George Johnson committed his skills and resources to creating a new series of six bank checks showing families at church, in prayer at meals, and reflecting the importance of loving each other. Johnson says, "This kind of business allows me constant contact with my convictions." Indeed!

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primary mission and goal through the year 2000. Our mission is to promote a true understanding of the concepts of evangelization so that the parish will develop a vision of itself as an evangelizing community.

Our goals are to:

- support and provide on-going suggestions to the board of education programs for increased opportunities for evangelization;
- provide nurturing for members of the evangelization committee;
- establish programs to meet unaddressed needs;
- increase parish awareness of evangelization within the community and outreach to the larger community.

During this past year, our committee has been involved in the following efforts:

- We have provided ongoing support to faith formation efforts of the parish by writing letters of encouragement to RCIA candidates and

parish exhibit at Black Expo.

- We developed the parish informational brochure.
- We assisted in promoting the recent parish revival, "Let Christ Stretch you beyond."
- We attended the Evangelization Congress sponsored by the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.
- We are working with the stewardship and communication committees in developing a means of recognizing parishioner time and talent year round.
- We will, for the first time be participating in the city wide Celebration of Hope.

We are a small (seven members) but energetic group who are fully invested in our mission of seeing that evangelization is a part of every fiber of our parish life!

(Dee Janik is a member of the evangelization committee at St. Thomas Aquinas in Indianapolis). †



Janik, participated in the expo as part of the church's outreach to the unchurched and inactive Catholics.

## Richmond parishes sustain, expand evangelization efforts

By Kathy Cabigas

RICHMOND—In the context of the Richmond Catholic Community, the initials ET do conjure up images of warm, loving creatures, but they definitely do not come from outer space. Instead they are the members of the parish's evangelization team and its companion ministry, the Welcome Home Committee.

The team has a long history, but it continues to find fresh ways of making people feel, not only at home, but also deeply cherished. Recently the team established a formal Welcome Home Committee which includes several members from each Richmond parish—St. Mary, St. Andrew and Holy Family. They call new parish members to welcome them and to try to find out how they would like to be active members of their church.

The evangelization team provided a ministry program after Easter to let those welcomed through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) know what organizations are available to them. The heads of each group offered welcomes and short talks about their organizations.

The team carefully reflects on each of its ministry efforts and tries to make adjustments that will make future work more effective. A few years ago several

people expressed interest in joining the church around Easter time. The RCIA did not begin until the fall so they were asked to wait. When September came, none of them could be found.

The team resolved not to let that happen again. Since then they have held monthly events during the summer for prospective RCIA candidates. This year's agenda included a pizza party, picnic and breakfast. There is always some prayer, but the important thing is to let people know that there is a caring community that is eager to welcome them and companion them on their journey into the church.

The team helped coordinate the mission held during the summer of 1996, and is currently planning for the next one in the fall of 1998.

One of the team's major efforts is the Welcome Home Program which the team initiated and now has put in the hands of its own committee. This will be the fifth year of special outreach to inactive Catholics. The dedication of the team is evident from that fact that an off year after two highly successful ones did not lead to abandoning the ministry, but to an intensified effort to make the program effective again. The outreach now includes Lent as well as Advent and Christmas, and plans are

under way to make it a year-round ministry. There are specially designed cards, handwritten notes to precede phone invitations, and the absolutely

essential warm, personal attention. (Cabigas is the evangelization team leader for the Richmond Catholic Community) †

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# St. Matthew parishioners share commitments

## Members of Indianapolis parish offered pledges during recent mission

(People sometimes wonder how to get started with evangelization. During the final session of the St. Matthew parish mission, participants wrote down what they committed themselves to do by way of sharing the light of faith. These samples can help others get ideas of what they could do.—Editor)

My friend took me to Bible study and I can do the same for another friend. I love to sing and share that gift with others.

My personal commitment to Jesus is to try to make my dad want to be a Christian or at least believe in God. One way I might do this is to show how happy God has made me.

I will share my faith with at least one person outside my church within the next six months.

I will talk positively among my groups of friends

about the Catholic Church and the things I cherish about it.

When my friend comes here next week from out of town, I will try to bring him to Sunday Mass with us. He is not Catholic and does not attend a church.

Mention at least weekly, that Jesus is a integral part of my life and tell this to someone I might not know well.

I will try to bring harmony to a group of people who are having a difficult time getting along together. I will try to do this by loving them and showing them we must be Christ for one another.

Spread the news at work by:

Example  
Leading prayer at opening of meetings  
Contributing to social action task force  
By praying with my spouse and children other than grace at meals and bedtime prayers.

Try to speak about Jesus at least one time a day and how He affects my life.

To share the Good News with others by answering questions, following through on requests, being open about our faith, being a friend, being there, listening.

I will try to talk to a friend about returning to Christ. Send a note to a friend who has been through a rough few months and let her know I am praying for her and that she is very special and God is with her.

To be more responsible to my family as husband and father.

Talk more openly about my faith in the larger community beyond St. Matthew.

I am going to work at bringing my sister back to church.



Participants in the St. Matthew parish mission face away from the parish buildings and out toward the world to which they commit themselves to bring the light of Christ, the true reason for celebrating hope.

To take more time to become a better listener. Often times I am so caught up in my day that I forget to enjoy sharing myself with others and to let others share with me.

Commit to 15 minutes of daily prayer and Scripture focusing on seeing the presence of Christ in others and exhibiting to others the presence of Christ in me.

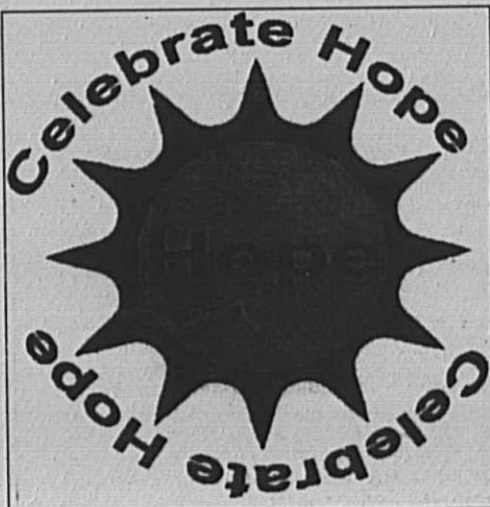
To handle my illness in a faith-centered way and show to others, thereby, my trust in the Lord.

My personal commitment is to make all those around me feel welcomed and loved. To let them know and show them that through God's love there is joy and happiness.

I will share the news on how fun the church Mass was tonight. And I will always be a follower of Jesus.

Begin a weekly faith sharing with a non-Catholic Christian who had asked me to do this.

To study the Bible more so that when friends come to me with life crises I can point out the specific promises God has given us in His Word. †



## St. Mary, Greensburg, draws on 15-year effort

GREENSBURG—When Bernie Hagerty, chairperson of the evangelization team at St. Mary in Greensburg, looks back on more than 15 years of evangelization ministry in the parish, he notes that there have been periods of high energy and activity, and times when the ministry has operated more in the background.

The parish launched its evangelization efforts in 1981, when a group of parishioners participated in the Lay Celebration of Evangelization in St. Louis.

That group returned home and formed a committee that began to study evangelization itself and educate the parish at large through articles in the parish paper and through programs such as "Go Forth Among the People."

The parish jumped into the archdiocesan process, led by Father Clarence Waldon and Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Julia Wagner, which involved studying Pope Paul VI's *Evangelization in the Modern World* and then teaching it to other groups in the parish.

By 1985 the parish hosted a National Council for Catholic Evangelization Day, initiated a formal outreach to inactive Catholics that received the names of 50 people to contact, and formally commissioned its evangelization team. The parish has sustained its efforts to minister to the inactive with a variety of formats over the years—an Easter outreach with advertisements, letters and phone calls; a "Come Home for Christmas" campaign with mailed personal invitations and advertising in all media; the Paulist "Another Look at the Catholic Church" program; the "Called by Name" program; and the "Welcome Back Night."

The parish evangelization team has also been very active in archdiocesan, regional, and national efforts. These included an outreach leadership meeting, participating in a National Council for Catholic Evangelization convention, engaging in the Renew process, contributing to the consultation that led to the bishops' evangelization plan *Go and Make Disciples*, and assisting in the archdiocesan evangelization planning process that resulted in the formation of the evangelization commission.

Bernie Hagerty said one of the most important things he has learned over the years is that it is critical to work on evangelization through St. Mary's pastoral council, which can involve the whole parish. The evangelization team can suggest initiatives and help carry out projects.

So it is no wonder that most recently the evangelization team is working in conjunction with other parish leadership groups to explore and implement ways the parish can become more welcoming, both for current members and for former and new members.

All indications are that the evangelization ministry at

St. Mary is moving into one of the high energy and activity parts of the cycle. †



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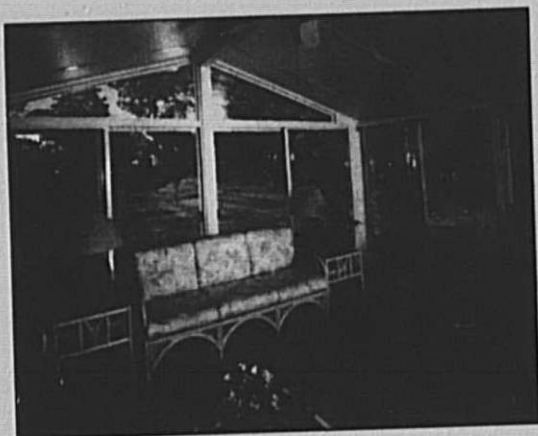
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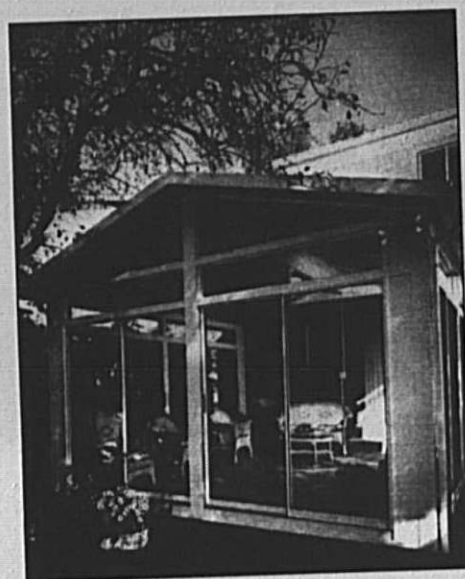
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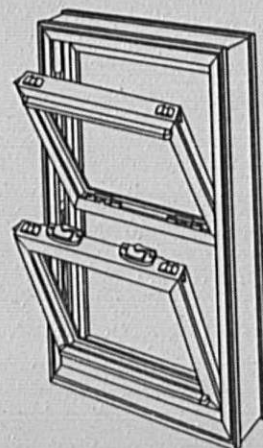
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## Crises test a family's love and commitment

By Mary Miller Pedersen

Every spring in Nebraska there is a predictable seasonal crisis. Tornado season begins, and radio and television announcers start informing residents about established procedures to follow in the event of a twister.

When a tornado is sighted by weather experts, storm sirens alert the commu-

nity. A half dozen directives are immediately flashed on TV screens and airways.

These simple crisis directives have saved thousands of lives over the years.

The safety directives don't eliminate the tornado, but they prevent a great deal of serious loss.

Family crises are not as predictable as the weather. But in the seasons of a family's life, crises do happen, and

there are some helpful directives to follow that can limit the serious damage to family relationships.

The following directives are suggested by families who have survived—and even thrived—in a crisis.

- Name the problem, then articulate your feelings about the problem and separate the two.

If the family crisis is a spouse's unemployment, focus on helping him or her in a job search or retooling for another career.

Lots of energy is lost on acting out feelings of fear, panic and guilt. This energy is needed for the tasks at hand.

It is important to name your feelings and acknowledge how draining they are for family members. As one does that, energy can be redirected toward addressing the crisis at hand.

- Avoid negative, catastrophic thinking!

A situation may be really awful, but "ain't-it-awful" thinking magnifies the problem, blocks creative solutions and makes us part of the problem instead of part of the solution.

Look for what is good in the situation, and build on that.

Positive thinkers tap their own inner resources and the help of others when they are in crisis.

- Refrain from criticism and from blaming family members involved in the crisis.

Even when someone is at fault, finger-pointing isn't a helpful crisis procedure.

A Florida family whose home was ravaged by a flood shared the story of the family crisis with me. In looking back, they admitted that they never felt closer as a family than when they pulled together to undertake the tedious clean-up of their home after the flood.

- Ask for help.

Most crises leave families feeling helpless and vulnerable. Whether it is a parent's heart attack or a child who becomes drug addicted, there are crisis phone lines, support groups, helpful written materials and agency services for many family crises.

Pain is unavoidable, but misery is optional! When you are hurting, seek whatever help is available.

- Accept help from family and friends.

When my mother was dying of cancer, one of the most difficult adjustments for me was to be on the receiving end of meals, rides for my kids and other favors.

I am much more comfortable being the giver than the receiver, but our family would not have made it through the difficult last months of Mom's life with-

out the many kindnesses done for all the members of our family. I discovered that it's just as important to learn to receive graciously as it is to help others.

- Get on your knees.

Crises remind us that we are not in control in this life. Recognizing our helplessness puts us in the best position to ask God for help.

Our Christian tradition teaches us that God loves us beyond our imagining and is always near, no matter what.

Drawing the family together for a simple prayer may feel awkward for those who aren't in the habit, but it helps put a crisis situation in perspective.

Jesus' invitation to "come to me all who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest" is directed to all of us, especially when a crisis hits.

Some crises can be avoided with preventive care and planning. But there are no crisis-free families!

In major studies of healthy families, results show that it's not whether or not you have a crisis that makes you a healthy functioning family, but how you deal with the almost predictable crises in every family.

There will always be sickness and death, accidents, job changes and hurricanes. Because no one is perfect, family members will make very disappointing, even life-threatening mistakes.

When that happens, it's a chance for families to show what they're made of.

A crisis is a test of a family's love and commitment for one another. A crisis also is an opportunity to learn and grow from adversity.

The Japanese character for crisis is translated as "danger and opportunity." A crisis is an opportunity to exercise patience, fortitude, compassion and forgiveness.

Families who successfully maneuver through a crisis are closer and stronger. When they stick together like that, they are a sign to others of what we are all called to in the vocation of family life.

When married couples pledge themselves to family living, they take into consideration every possible crisis when they say "for better or worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health."

There are no storm sirens or posted procedures for these crises, but there are ways to approach them that lessen the damage and often actually strengthen the bonds of family.

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



Family crises are not as predictable as the weather, but in the seasons of a family's life crises do happen. During these stressful and emotional times, family members need to stay calm and focus on helping solve the problem together. Working as a team strengthens family relationships.

## A crisis is a turning point in life

By Fr. David K. O'Rourke, OP

"Crisis" is a word we usually associate with the emergency room and counselor's office. Yet what it really refers to is a necessary turning point.

We all reach places in life where we know that things can't keep going the way they have been going. A standard reaction at times like these is to panic and become immobilized. But panic doesn't help.

Instead, we have to calm down, think about it, and look at the way we make

our choices. Then we have to ask if our preferred way will work this time. If it won't, what will? We also need to be clear about the issue in order to deal with it. This usually requires some discipline.

Most of us deal with crises—decisions and turning points—all the time. We just don't recognize them as crises. But when we do face them, we have to remember that we have the ability to handle it.

(Dominican Father David O'Rourke resides in Oakland, Calif.) †

## Discussion Point

### Seek help in times of crisis

#### This Week's Question

What is your advice for families facing a crisis?

"Have faith in God. Have faith in your physicians or counselors, and be supportive of each other." (Alona Fuller, David City, Neb.)

"Seek help. Turn to your loved ones, close friends, pastoral counselors. Don't isolate yourself. You'll be amazed at how kind, helpful and nonjudgmental others will be. You'll discover you're not alone." (Kathleen Tiews, St. Augustine, Fla.)

"Seek advice from someone knowledgeable about the kind of crisis you're having. If it's a marital crisis, find a good counselor; if it's a spiritual crisis, find a priest.

Most of all, pray for God's guidance." (Gertrude Hess, Los Angeles, Calif.)

"Seek counseling, depending on the nature of the crisis they're in. Check the phone book or the library or a crisis hotline as a starting point." (Gladys Jurado, Midland, Mich.)

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## Entertainment

Movie Review/Gerri Pare

### Grizzly Mountain crumbles as family film due to weak plot

Dan Haggerty of *Grizzly Adams* fame stars himself and his family in a time-traveling family film appropriately named *Grizzly Mountain*, a new release from Legacy.

Sad to say, the film looks amateurish in every way. The vanity production offers little more than the magnificent outdoor scenery of the Pacific Northwest to marvel at as the weak story unfolds on the big screen.

When it comes to the narrative, dialogue, direction, acting and pacing, the audience might have more fun taking a hike, even in less scenic surroundings.

The plot involves a current-day Oregon family who set out on a camping trip on Grizzly Mountain.

Youngsters Dylan and Nicole (Dylan Haggerty and Nicole Lund) leave behind little sister Megan (Megan Haggerty) while exploring a cave which magically

transports them back to 1870, where they encounter kindly mountain man Jeremiah (Dan Haggerty).

Jeremiah is trying to save the pristine area from a greedy developer (Perry Stephens) and his vampy girlfriend (Kim Morgan Green) who have bribed the ineffectual mayor (E.E. Bell) to be allowed to dynamite the mountain for a railroad tunnel through the cave, a site that the peaceful Native Americans consider sacred ground.

Inserted for what becomes very lame comic relief is a trio of moronic assistants to the developer, who mug and pratfall their way through the movie.

Director Jeremy Haft would have been better off to switch their excessive screen time with the far superior appearances of

Jack the bear and Thor the eagle, who briefly add interest to the hammy and predictable proceedings.

Dan Haggerty's performance seems accomplished compared to the rest of the cast. He does project a loving, fatherly figure in the film as he helps the children return to their parents and, of course, reminds the audience of our responsibility to preserve the environment.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I for general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G for viewing by general audiences.

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



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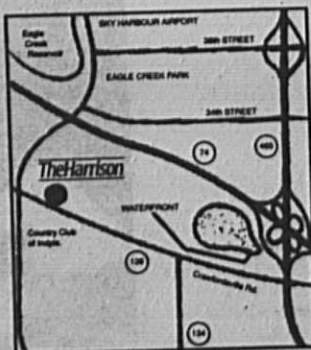
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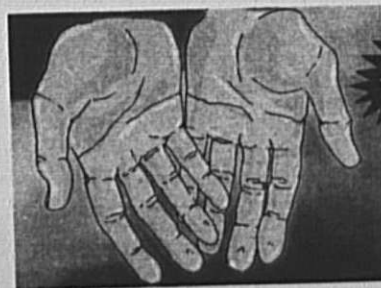
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## Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Nov. 9, 1997

- Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
- 1 Corinthians 3, 9c-11, 16-17
- John 2:13-22

This weekend the church celebrates the feast of the dedication of the Basilica of St. John on the Lateran hill in Rome.



While St. Peter's Basilica certainly is Rome's most renowned church, and indeed arguably the most famous church in the world, it is not a cathedral. It is a shrine, built to house the tomb of St. Peter.

Rome's cathedral, the actual liturgical seat of the pope, the bishop of Rome, is St. John Lateran, as the basilica popularly is known.

Because of their symbolic standing in each diocese, the church allows dioceses everywhere to celebrate as feasts the anniversaries of their respective cathedrals' dedications.

Since Rome is the center of the church worldwide, and since the pope, the chief pastor of the world, officially presides from St. John Lateran, this feast is observed in all places.

In itself, this testifies to the importance of the papacy, and the integrity and unity of the church. Further evidencing this importance is the fact that the feast supersedes a Sunday liturgy, if Nov. 9 occurs on a Sunday, as it does this year.

The first reading is from the Book of Ezekiel. This prophet, distinguished by his powerful language, lived in very dark times. He rallied the people nonetheless to

be of strong heart and faith.

Very important in Jewish belief and religious practice was the temple in Jerusalem. It was the house of God, in which were placed the tablets bearing the Ten Commandments. God's word was in the law.

This reading speaks of the temple, and of the fact that water which flowed out of the temple ultimately refreshed not only the land but the Dead Sea itself.

In the epistle, from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians, Paul compares himself to a builder, and each person to a building.

We all rest upon the foundation which is faith in Jesus.

Supplying the third reading this feast day is St. John's Gospel.

It is a familiar story. Jesus visits the temple and finds there is a virtual marketplace, so he drives the money-changers and dealers away.

His disciples remembered the passage from Psalm 69 that devotion to God's house must come first.

Much has been written, and surmised, over the centuries about this section of John's Gospel. Did Jesus become angry? If so, how does such a low emotion coincide with divinity?

Rather than moving onto that tangent, the message in this reading for this feast is clear. Jesus revered the temple. It was God's house.

### Reflection

The church calls us today, via the symbolism of the dedication of the Lateran cathedral basilica, to realize that we are part of the church. This brings forth the image of institution.

Magnificent theological writings, many

## Daily Readings

Monday, Nov. 10  
Leo the Great, pope and  
doctor of the church  
Wisdom 1:1-7  
Psalm 139:1-10  
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, Nov. 11  
Martin of Tours, bishop  
Wisdom 2:23 - 3:9  
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-19  
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, Nov. 12  
Josaphat, bishop, religious  
and martyr  
Wisdom 6:1-11  
Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7  
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, Nov. 13  
Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin,  
religious foundress and  
missionary  
Wisdom 7:22 - 8:1

Psalm 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175  
Luke 17:20-25

Friday, Nov. 14  
Wisdom 13:1-9  
Psalm 19:2-5  
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, Nov. 15  
Albert the Great, bishop,  
religious and doctor of  
the church  
Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9  
Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43  
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, Nov. 16  
Thirty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16:5, 8-11  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
Mark 13:24-32

produced in this center, offer another image for the church. It indeed is visible. Indeed it is institutional and structured. But, ultimately, as Paul insisted long ago, it is the Mystical Body of Christ, and its structures, offices, Holy Orders, and institution all exist to serve as Jesus served. If therefore we are part of the Mystical Body of Christ, then we are unlimited by time or by place.

This is one lesson for this feast. The

other is that the church is God's gift to us and to our faith. The reading from Ezekiel is important. The Word of God flows from the church to refresh us and all the world. The church is the source of God's word in this life.

Zeal for God's house fills us, so we honor the dedication of the church that symbolizes the center of the church, which is the bishop of Rome, who is the "Servant of the servants of God." †

### Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

## Column about divorce prompts lots of letters

I want to comment on your answer some weeks ago concerning two divorced Catholics who decided to remarry each other. At one point you said they should "get their life back on track with God."

Father, after 27 years of marriage, my husband left me for another woman he met 30 years ago. We have three wonderful daughters in their 20s.

I resent that you infer that my life situation is not on track with God. My Catholic faith is the only thing that sustains me. I am and will always be in God's good graces.

It took me three months to prepare my papers seeking an annulment. I await the church's decision. (Maryland)

A Judging from you and others who wrote, somewhere I missed the boat on that answer.

The question dealt with a Catholic couple who had encountered difficulties so serious they obtained a divorce. Now, after much reflection and counseling, they planned to remarry.

Could they be remarried at Mass? Does the remarriage negate the divorce? May they receive the sacraments?

I tried to guide them through some of those concerns, including advice to receive the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist.

They had hurt each other badly, and clearly there were serious spiritual wounds that needed, and would continue

to need, healing.

In that context, including the words you quote, I wanted to suggest that getting back to the best possible relationship with God was part of their return to each other.

I'm sorry if my words seemed to imply that all divorced individuals, Catholic or otherwise, have distanced themselves from God. I know very well that is not true.

In fact, some of the most faithful, generous men and women I've come to know have experienced a divorce, through no discernible fault of their own, and continued to live heroically good lives alone or as single parents caring for and nurturing their families and others.

I'm happy your faith has helped you through the devastation of your divorce and enabled you to remain as spiritually and emotionally healthy as you sound.

Q Don't we have six holy days of obligation? Now we hear it is less in some places, and only two in Canada. Bring us up to date. Who decides these changes? (North Carolina)

A The Solemnity of the Mother of God (Jan. 1), the Assumption (Aug. 15), All Saints (Nov. 1), Christmas, the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and the Ascension are normally holy days in the United States.

The first three are not holy days if they fall on a Saturday or Monday, which may account for some of your confusion.

Canon law lists other holy days, including Epiphany and Corpus Christi, but national conferences of bishops may abolish them or transfer them to a Sunday.

The Catholic Church in Canada celebrates two feasts as holy days, Christmas and Jan. 1. †

### My Journey to God

## Zacchaeus

Red dust rose in panting puffs to hang as haze in shimmering heat as sunlight baked late summer's earth, parching brown the weed-laced turf. Market morning disappeared, along with baskets, carts and jars, along with sellers' sing-song chants, loud bargaining and bickering, along with beggars' lonely rasps and traders' raucous dickering.

A routine day of daily bread, of working, sighing lay ahead, until the mirth of children's cries caused laborers to raise their eyes from toiling in the fields of grain. A gathering crowd blocked the gate to Jericho there to await the cause of such disruption.

Some clambered onto stony walls or squatted by the dusty road. A stir, a murmur, rose and fell like ringing from some distant bell. "Jesus of Nazareth passes by!" The crowd picked up the rippling cry. They pushed and shoved to better see this Jesus come from Galilee, who preached of peace and brotherhood.

He stopped and for a moment stood beneath a graceful broad-leaved tree, a sycamore, whose dappling shade touched all below. Its sturdy-grown boughs offered up a stout-limbed seat; as Zacchaeus dangled grimy feet



above the heads of those proceeding. The tax collector peered around, looking such a curious clown.

Jesus laughed and reached his hand up to the eager, little man. "Zacchaeus, you must come down! I'll stay with you, now that you're found."

Zacchaeus grinned and jiggled with joy; he welcomed Jesus to his home. A transformation brightly shown in his dark eyes; Zacchaeus' greed had surely flown; the seeds of love by Christ were sown.

Salvation comes to those accepting the gift of Christ's love and redemption.

The young, the old, the poor, the meek, the sinner, the saint, the strong, the weak, the outcast lost of humankind, need only seek and they shall find.

By Patricia Chang

(Patricia Chang is a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)

## The Active List

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

### November 7

St. Vincent Hospital Guild will hold the annual holiday bazaar to benefit Hope Lodge in the St. Vincent Hospital Atrium, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafts, candy, and baked goods will be featured.

St. Mary, New Albany will hold Eucharistic Adoration in repara-

tion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The ramp to the church will be open.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather for a Mass and healing service at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7575 Holiday Dr. E., Indianapolis. Teaching will begin

at 7 p.m. followed by prayer service and Mass. Fr. Dan Mahan will preside. For information, call 317-927-6900.

St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Singles and Friends will hold a movie night at the Hollywood Bar and Filmworks. For time and information, please call Will at 317-875-5834.

### November 7 - 8

The Drama Club of Cardinal Ritter High School, 3360 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, will present "Faith County II: An Evening of Culture." Dinner theater performance on Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cabaret

performance at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: adult dinner \$12; student dinner \$8; adult cabaret \$5; student cabaret \$3. Information: 317-924-4333.

### November 7-9

St. Francis Retreat Center will host a retreat weekend presented by the Office of HIV/AIDS Ministry for those infected or affected by HIV. Focus of weekend will be loss, separation, and grief. For more information, 317-631-4006.

### November 8

St. Monica, Indianapolis, will hold their annual Craft Show from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Hosted by the Women's Club.

St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Singles and Friends will meet with the St. Lawrence Singles to play Volleyball at 7 p.m. For more information, 317-879-8018.

The Family Growth Program of Catholic Social Services in cooperation with St. Paul Episcopal Church, 10 W. 61st St., Indianapolis, will STEP Parenting Workshop from

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information, 317-236-1526.

Holy Trinity Parish Altar Society, Indianapolis, will hold a Craft Bazaar from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Food, crafts, raffle, and poticas will be featured.

St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg will hold a craft bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. U.S. 50 to Haden Corner Market one mile south on Country Road 700 W. Sponsored by the Rosary Society.

St. Maurice Church, Napoleon, will hold its Fall Smorgasbord from 4:30-8 p.m. Tickets: adults, \$6; children 6-12, \$3; and children 0-6, 20¢ per year. All are welcome.

St. Agnes, Nashville, will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Gift items and raffle will be featured.

St. Rose, Knightstown, will hold a Holiday Craft Bazaar and luncheon from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Homemade soup, sandwiches and desserts will also be available.

Bishop Chatard High School, Indianapolis, will host an Open House for interested junior high students and their families from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, 317-254-5435/6.

Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, will hold eucharistic adoration following the noon Mass until Benediction and closing prayers at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### November 8 and 9

St. John, State Road 1, Dover, will hold a Craft Show from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Craft Show/Chicken Dinner on Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Crafts, baked goods, and raffle will be featured.

### November 9

St. Rose, Knightstown, will hold a turkey or ham dinner from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets: adults, \$6; children \$3.

At Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt, 2:30 p.m. "The Eucharistic Cursade in the U.S." Mass at

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### November 11

St. Paul Ladies Club, Sellersburg, will hold their annual Christmas Auction with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., auction at 7 p.m. Handmade crafts and baked goods will be featured.

St. Elizabeth's Home will hold Grandparents Support Group from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. For information, 317-787-3412.

### November 13

St. Augustine's Chapel and Little Sisters of the Poor, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, will hold a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

### November 14

Little Flower, Indianapolis, will hold a Chili Dinner and Western Dance in the Social Hall from 7-11:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12 at the door.

### November 14-16

Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, will "God Around the Clock: Young Adult Spirituality for Daily Life" presented by Joe Connolly and Jennifer Kelly of Holy Spirit Parish. Fatima will also hold a guided retreat for women and men. "On the Job: Spirit and Freedom" presented by Mr. Joseph Foley. Fee for each: \$110 for single, \$180 married couple. For more information, 317-545-7681.

### November 15

Marian Heights Academy, 812 E. 10th St., Ferdinand, will host an Open House for girls and their families starting at 11 a.m. For more information call 1-800-467-4642.

The archdiocesan Office of Worship will hold a Cantor Workshop from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Mark Parish, Indianapolis. For more information, 317-236-1483.

St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center will host "Camelot in the Country" a dinner and auction at 6:30 p.m. at Joe Huber's Family Farm and Restaurant in Starlight. Tickets: \$25. For more information, 812-949-7305.

St. Michael, Greenfield, will hold their annual Holiday Bazaar in the Activity Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, raffles, and gift ideas will be featured. Food will be available.

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

St. John the Apostle, 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, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis, will host the series "Rosary as a walk with Jesus and Mary" presented by Providence Sister Mary Slattery, 4 p.m.

### Mondays

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, Beech Grove will hold Yoga classes from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

### 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, 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.

Benedict Inn and Retreat Conference Center, Beech Grove will hold Follow Up to Centering Prayer from 7-9 p.m. Registration: \$75. For more information, call 317-788-7581.

### Thursdays

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 and lives centered in consecration to Jesus and Mary.

### Fridays

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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# Catholic high schools set open house dates

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Oldenburg Academy officials invite parents of junior high girls who would like to visit the Franciscan girls' school to call 812-934-4440 soon to schedule a campus visit on Nov. 13, Nov. 20 or Dec. 4.

Cardinal Ritter High School officials are promoting the interparochial high school located at 3360 W. 30th St. with preview nights at four Indianapolis

West Deanery locations.

Presentations are planned at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 at St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, Nov. 13 at St. Michael Parish in Indianapolis, Nov. 18 at St. Gabriel Parish in Indianapolis, and Nov. 25 at All Saints School in Indianapolis.

For information about student visits to the school or preview night presentations, telephone Ritter at 317-924-4333.

Administrators at Secena Memorial High School, located at 5000 Nowland Ave., are continuing student recruitment efforts with campus visits by appointment.

For information on dates and times, telephone the Indianapolis East Deanery high school at 317-356-6377.

Roncalli High School has scheduled an open house from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Nov. 20 so prospective students can view the newly remodeled school located at 3300 Prague Road in Indianapolis.

For more information, call the Indianapolis South Deanery interparochial high school at 317-787-8277.

Bishop Chatard High School officials also will show off recent renovations at the Indianapolis North Deanery interparochial high school during an open house from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Nov. 9.

For more information or to schedule a campus visit, call the Bishop Chatard school office at 317-251-1451.

Shawe Memorial High School, located at 201 W. State St. in Madison, invites eighth-grade students and their parents to visit the school by appointment.

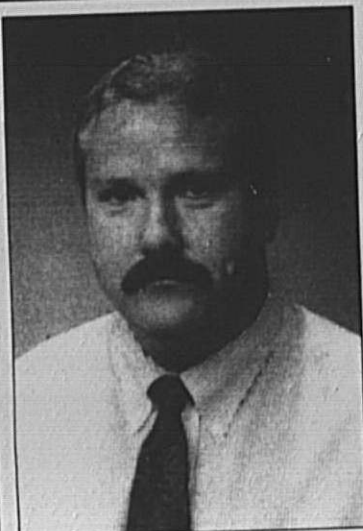
To schedule a visit, call the Shawe school office at 812-273-2150.

Our Lady of Providence High School, located at 707 W. Highway 131 in Clarksville, has scheduled its annual open house from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 9.

For more information, contact the Providence school office at 812-945-2538.

Cathedral High School will welcome eighth-grade students and parents at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 for a complimentary dinner, presentations, and tours of the school and student activity center located at 5225 E. 56th St. in Indianapolis.

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**November 8 - Saturday**  
• Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis  
1 p.m. - Talk, Rosary

**November 9 - Sunday**  
• Saint Patrick, Indianapolis  
1:30 p.m. - Procession, Tridentine (Latin) Mass, Guardian Talk

**November 11 - Tuesday**  
• Channel 27, WALV-TV Interview (See Nov. 14 and 16 schedule)

**November 12 - Wednesday**  
• Saint Charles Borromeo, Bloomington  
6:30 p.m. - Mass, Exposition, Talk

**November 13 - Thursday**  
• Holy Name, Beech Grove  
5:30 p.m. - Mass, Talk, Holy Hour

**November 14 - Friday**  
• SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood  
6-9 p.m. - Rosary, Talk, Veneration  
• Channel 27, WALV-TV  
8 p.m.

**November 15 - Saturday**  
• Saint Andrew, Indianapolis  
8:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Mass, Peaceful Walk to Clinic, Rosary, Benediction, Talk  
• SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood  
3-8 p.m. (5:30 p.m. Mass) Talk

**November 16 - Sunday**  
• Channel 27, WALV-TV  
8 a.m.  
• Saint Martin of Tours, Martinsville  
9:45 a.m. - Talk  
10 a.m. - Rosary  
10:30 a.m. - Mass, Knights of Columbus

**November 17 - Monday**  
• Saint Mary's, Frankfort  
7 p.m. - Rosary, Mass, Talk  
Knights of Columbus

**November 18 - Tuesday**  
• Saint Gabriel, Indianapolis  
8 a.m. - Procession, 8:15 a.m. - Mass  
1 p.m. - talk, 2 p.m. - Procession  
• Saint Lawrence, Indianapolis  
5:30 p.m. (Mass) - 7:30 p.m.

**November 19 - Wednesday**  
• Saint Luke, Indianapolis  
8:15 a.m. Mass, (Call)  
• Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville  
7 p.m. - Procession, Rosary, Talk, Benediction

**November 20 - Thursday**  
• Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove  
7 p.m. - Rosary, Talk

**November 21 - Friday**  
(Presentation of the Virgin Mary)  
• Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Indianapolis  
6:45 p.m. - Candelight Procession  
7:00 p.m. - Mass, Talk, Rosary

**November 22 - Saturday**  
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**ADAMS, Margaret**, 78, Prince of Peace, Madison, Oct. 24. Wife of Ernest Adams. Mother of Lois Tandy, Sharon Caswell, Brian Adams. Sister of Flora Thacker, Nadine Wilson. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of six.

**BEZY, Clara M.**, 80, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Oct. 26. Mother of Anna Marie Klein, Alfred Jr., Richard Bezy. Sister of Dorothy Becht, Katherine Sortet, Theresa Bezy. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of nine.

**BLOEMKE, Gregory**, 86, St. Andrew, Richmond, Oct. 12. Father of Lois Huddleston. Step-grandfather of six.

**BOWLING, Sheila D.**, 49,

St. Mary, New Albany, Oct. 27. Wife of Jerry Bowling. Mother of Shawn Bowling. Daughter of Shelia Workman. Sister of Wilson A., Donald B., Richard D. Workman, Sharon D. Hill.

**BRIGHT, Raymond D.**, 68, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Oct. 24. Husband of Eileen A. (Entwistle) Bright. Father of James, Jeffrey, Christine Bright, Cynthia Pokana, Carole Shannon. Brother of Zelma Rardin. Grandfather of 16.

**CANGANY, Joseph**, 73, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Oct. 26. Husband of Mary M. Cangany. Father of Arthur, James, Angie Cangany, Jane Humphries, Diane Baur, Judith Ricketts.

**CASSIDY, Margaret**, 86, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Oct. 19. Sister of Charles Cassidy. Aunt of Kathleen A. Noone.

**CLARK, Levi**, 2, St. Joseph at St. Leon, West Harrison, Oct. 24. Son of Theresa Jacob. Brother of Ethan and Eric

Clark. Grandson of Leo and Bertie Jacob. Great-grandson of Margaret Weldishofer. Nephew of Gary Jacob.

**CONTI, Anna**, 77, Holy Family, Richmond, Oct. 10. Sister of Michael Marsio, Ruth Kurtz, Mary Fowl, Delia DeNoma, Catherine Donovan. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of one.

**DISBOROUGH, Angeline**, 83, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Oct. 24. Mother of Stephen, Barbara Disborough. Sister of Helen Glass, Rancho Cordoba, Joseph Lemanski. Grandmother of three.

**FLINN, Anna**, 94, St. Vincent, Bedford, Oct. 27. Mother of Robert Flinn, Madeline. Sister of Edith Dowdek. Grandmother of several grandchildren.

**FLYNN, Joseph L.**, 76, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, July 30. Father of Patricia Hughes, Kelly, JoEllen Flynn. Grandfather of five.

**FOSTER, Donald**, 54, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Oct.

24. Husband of Roberta G. Foster. Father of Corey, Tobey Foster. Brother of Larry, Gerald Foster, Sharon Benefiel, Vivian Walsh, Gilda Snow, Carolyn Bennett. Grandfather of four.

**GRISSMER, John**, 89, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Oct. 25. Father of Thomas W., David W., Jane Ann Grissmer. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of three.

**HAMM, Virginia (Voytech)**, 60, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Oct. 20. Wife of Thomas W. Hamm. Mother of Joseph W., Jessica C., Jennifer H. Hamm. Sister of Carol Deibel.

**HEDGE, Mary R.**, 64, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Oct. 23. Mother of Timothy, James Patrick, Thomas, John Hedge. Sister of James Cornwall, Martha Welch. Grandmother of four.

**HERBERTZ, Elizabeth A. "Betty"**, 69, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Oct. 18. Wife of Victor Herbertz. Mother of Philip J., Glen J., Scott J. Herbertz, Julie Ann Shaffstall. Sister of Robert Godfrey, Jean Walsh. Grandmother of five.

**MAKOWSKY, Paul D.**, 69, St. Paul, Sellersburg, Sept. 29. Husband of Carolyn Popp. Father of David, Martin, Sarah Makowsky, Mindy Howe, Jane White. Brother of Dale K. Makowsky. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of two.

**SMITH, Charles "Andy"** Smith, 67, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Sept. 1. Husband of Ramona Smith. Father of Lisa Briner, Julie Winship, Karen, Michael Smith. Stepfather of Debra Legendre, Lisa Zigler. Grandfather of seven.

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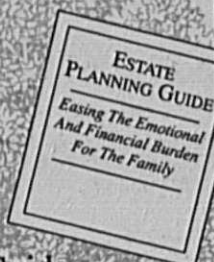
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You may send us a picture of the bride-to-be or a picture of the couple. Please do not cut photograph. The picture must be wallet-size and will be used as space permits. Black & white picture preferred; we cannot guarantee the reproduction

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All announcements with photos must be received by Tuesday, January 13, 1998, 10 a.m. (No photos can be accepted after this date). All announcements without photos must be received by the same date.

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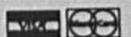
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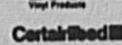
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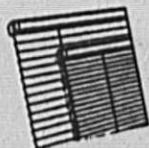
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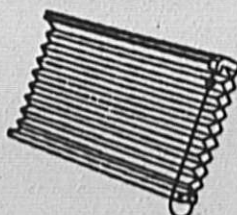
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