Archbishop Thompson calls faithful during installation to be ‘bridges of unity’

By Sean Gallagher

July 28 was a day of joy for Catholics across central and southern Indiana as Archbishop Charles C. Thompson was installed as the seventh archbishop of Indianapolis during a festive Mass celebrated in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

But ties of the archdiocese to the broader Church and world during the installation of 56-year-old Archbishop Thompson—currently the youngest archbishop in the United States—were unmistakable.

A French archbishop who serves as Pope Francis’ representative in the United States presided over the start of the liturgy.

Leaders of diverse Christian traditions and other faith communities in central and southern Indiana, as well as civic leaders, greeted Archbishop Thompson during the Mass.

And participating in it were scores of clergy and other faithful from the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky., and the Diocese of Evansville, Ind., two local Churches that Archbishop Thompson has called home. These included many of Archbishop Thompson’s family and friends.

This outreach to include more people in an ever widening circle of faith, hope and love was reflected in Archbishop Thompson’s homily in which he explored what he called the “Catholic both/and” as a “conviction” that contributes to his vision of his pastoral leadership of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

“Far too often, we are being confronted with an either/or mentality,” Archbishop Thompson said. “We must dare to counter the growing polarization, division and radical individualism that breed fear, distrust, hatred, indifference, prejudice, selfishness, despair, violence and radical ideology.

“Our role as people of faith—I especially hold myself accountable as...”
Archbishop calls all to ‘keep the end in mind’ during prayer service

By Natalie Hoefner

The sound could be heard even at the front of the nave, not just by the people in the pews, but by the Shepherd of central and southern Indiana, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson. The three solid knocks by a door in the narthex, seeking entrance to the cathedral would officially “possess” the next day.

“I clearly heard the knocks, and we were only about five rows back [from the altar],” said Benedicteine Sister Carol Falkner of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. “It really struck me that we were welcoming our new shepherd, who would faithfully lead the flock of the Church of our archdiocese. It was quite awesome.”

The knocks came at the beginning of the Solemn Evening Prayer service on July 27, the evening before the 56-year-old bishop would be installed as the seventh shepherd of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

“It’s recorded that at my installation, I will become the youngest archbishop in the United States,” he told the congregation of about 500. “It got me thinking. I will turn 75 in April 2036, the canonical retirement age at which a bishop must submit his letter of resignation to the Holy Father—an end saying goes, ‘Always begin with the end in mind’ was a common theme for many of his canon law courses, which ‘began with reference to the last canon of the Code, namely reminding us that all we are doing is a personal encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, ultimately ending not in mind, the salvation of the person.’

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Emotions flow as archbishop offers touching tribute to his dad

By John Shaughnessy

There are times when the emotions of a special moment lead a son or daughter to share their deepest feelings for their father or mother. Sometimes, it happens on a graduation day or during a wedding celebration. For Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, the moment came during his personal remarks near the end of his installation Mass on July 28 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

The emotion began to flow when the new archbishop shared with the people in the packed cathedral how much it meant to him to have his parents, Coleman and Joyce Thompson, there for him.

“It’s a great blessing when a priest can have a parent, even both parents, at his ordination,” Archbishop Thompson said, his voice cracking momentarily.

“Even more so as a bishop and now as an archbishop, to have both my parents here.”

And his emotions swelled when he focused on his father at the end of his tribune to many of the people who have influenced his life and his faith.

“My dad suffered a stroke in October of 2015,” Archbishop Thompson told the congregation, which included a large contingent of cardinals, archbishops and bishops sitting behind the altar. “So to have him here today is especially marvelous for me.

“My dad knows how much I admire so many of the bishops behind me. He knows so many of these other guys. He’s heard me talk about them all the time with such great admiration and respect. But I have to tell you, as great as these men are—men of God—Dad, you are the greatest example of faith, hope and charity of any man I know.

And if I hear your spirit as I bear your name, this Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be blessed.”

Archbishop Thompson’s salute to his parents framed an emotional day for his large extended family—which includes 90 first cousins—that he credits with providing the values and the Catholic faith that have shaped his life.

So many members of that extended family traveled to Indianapolis for his installation Mass, which led the archbishop’s sister Lori Wilson to note, “There are way too many to count. We have aunts, uncles, cousins, second cousins. We’re a close family.”

In his personal remarks, the archbishop acknowledged the presence and the influence of his extended family, saluting the “Thompsons and Thomases all over the Holy Land of Kentucky”—the rural stronghold of the Catholic faith where he grew up.

The archbishop even added a touch of humor to show just how pervasive the Catholic faith and his family were in his childhood.

“I tell the story of how we moved to Louisville when I was 12, and somebody tried to ‘save me’,” he said with a smile. “And my mom had to explain to me that there was something other than Catholics and relatives.

“The story drew great laughter throughout the cathedral, almost matching the overwhelming joy and pride that family members have for Archbishop Thompson.

“It meant the world to me to be here for my brother,” his sister said. “It’s been a wonderful day—family, friends, everything.”

That sentiment was shared by the archbishop’s brother, Kenny Thompson.

“I always like good things to happen to family. I’m honored for him,” said Kenny, who had recently returned from a two-week vacation through the American West with his wife Sue Ann and the archbishop. “He’s always been a good brother. We’ve always been brought up that family is close, that family means a lot.”

That foundation of family and faith is the one that Coleman and Joyce Thompson put foremost for their three children, a foundation that led to another special moment in their family’s history on July 28.

“It was great,” the archbishop’s mother said about the installation Mass before turning her thoughts to the archbishop’s emotional tribute to his father. “He’s always been proud of his dad.”

What made that moment even more special to the archbishop’s father was that it wasn’t the first time he had heard that praise from his oldest child.

“He’s told me that before,” his father said. “We’ve tried to support him in every way we could. We do the same for our other children, too. That’s just the way our family is.”

He paused for a moment before his love for the archbishop led him to share one more thought for the people of the Archdiocese.

“I just hope people realize that he’ll be a real good archbishop to them—and he’ll do his very best. He doesn’t do anything short. He’s genuine. That’s just the way he is.”

Indiana then sprinkled holy water on the entire congregation from the back of the cathedral.

During the service, Archbishop Pierre blesses the episcopal insignia—gifts given to Archbishop Thompson by three Indiana communities: a ring, pectoral cross and mitre (staff) from the clergy of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; three pins representing the nails of the cross for his pectoral cross, a gift from the clergy of the Diocese of Evansville, Ind.; and a miter, made by Benedictine Brother Kim Malloy of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad as a gift from the archabhey and Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, where the archbishop studied and later taught.

“I thank all three communities for embracing me and for all that you’ve given me—for far more than I could ever, ever repay or give back,” Archbishop Thompson said before the close of the evening prayer service. “I am greatly indebted and certainly hold you in the deepest recesses of my heart.”

The archbishop then thanked numerous people and groups. But he reserved a special thank you for religious men and women, calling them a “witness to the Church, to the archdiocese, to the world. You are truly a gift,” he said. “You don’t always hear that, I know. Probably we as priests get more of that than religious men and women.

“But you’re the backbone of ministry and service here for us. We thank you so much for your witness not just here tonight, but day in and day out in so many thankless ways. God bless you.”

He closed the service with a plea for prayers.

“I have to be first and foremost the one listening to the Holy Spirit, not only for my sake but for yours,” Archbishop Thompson said. “Pray that I will listen to that Spirit and embrace it, and if I don’t know how to do that, [pray that I] at the very least know how to get out of the way of the Holy Spirit.

“Please, please, pray for me, and be assured of my prayers for you.”

(For more coverage of the Solemn Evening Prayer, including a video and photos, visit www.archindy.org/archbishop)
Reflection/Daniel Conway

Mentors of new archbishop offered examples of grace, humility and zeal

My wife, Sharon, and I were privileged to attend the installation of our friend and former pastor, Charles C. Thompson, as the seventh Archbishop of Indianapolis on July 28. It was a joy to be with so many of his family members, friends and colleagues from both sides of the Ohio River for this treasured occasion.

News accounts in The Criterion have told the story of Archbishop Thompson’s formation in faith by his loving parents, his extended family and the Church in central Kentucky. The archbishop elaborated on this formation in his installation homily and remarks at the end of the installation Mass, and he made a special point of paying tribute to his father, Coleman Thompson, making it clear that Mr. Thompson was his first and most important teacher and example of faith, hope and charity.

In his concluding remarks, the archbishop acknowledged his role played by the clergy, religious and faithful people of the Diocese of Evansville, Ind., in his formation as a bishop. He also referenced the many bishops (many present behind the altar for the installation Mass) who have influenced him and impressed on him—over the years by their wisdom and pastoral leadership.

Two important mentors in Archbishop Thompson’s life were not present: the late Archbishop Emeritus of Indianapolis, Daniel M. Buechlein, who was unable to attend due to injury. I had the great privilege of working for both of these men, and I know how highly they regarded Archbishop Thompson and how very proud they are of his service to the Church in Kentucky and Indiana.

Archbishop Kelly was a compassionate man, a great friend. He rarely spoke or preached without telling a funny story that immediately put his listeners at ease. Archbishop Thompson’s self-deprecating humor reminds me of his friend and mentor Archbishop Kelly. So does his deep concern for the needs of all the people he serves.

As the installation Mass proceeded, I thought about prayer in this new archbishop’s home state of Indiana, and the many gifts he gave to all of us who knew and loved him. His friend (and former roommate in his retirement years) certainly does Archbishop Kelly proud as he takes on the role as shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

Archbishop Daniel is a man of prayer who is spending his finals at his monastic home, Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. From many conversations with him, I know how much he treasures Archbishop Thompson. He once said to me, “People think he’s a pushover because he’s a kindly man. He is always doing what is right.”

Archbishop Thompson acknowledged his deep disappointment that Archbishop Daniel’s declining health made it impossible for him to travel to Indianapolis for the installation Mass. He watched it in the monastic infirmary streamed live or televised on EWTN. And I have no doubt that immediately put his listeners at ease.

Reflection/Sean Gallagher

Young professional golfer keeps his priorities straight, achieves success

In my years of watching professional golf, I have seen such an amazing finish to a major.

And this was pulled off by a young man who is only 23. After having won the Masters and the U.S. Open in 2015, Spieth joined the limited club of men who have won four majors.

“Here we go again,” he thought as he walked through my mind on July 23 as I watched final round coverage of The Open Championship (The Open known as the British Open).

When the final group reached the 18th hole at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England, Jordan Spieth was tied for the lead with Matt Kuchar at 8 under par.

Spith had led the tournament from start to finish, and had a three-shot lead going into the final round. That lead disappeared early on as Spieth bogeyed three of the first four holes.

At 13, Spieth hit a horrible tee shot. It looked like Kuchar might have a two-shot lead going into the 14th hole.

The situation was much like what the golfing world saw Spieth do in the famed Masters Tournament in April 2016. He had a five-stroke lead going into the nine holes of the tournament. But after a disastrous three-hole stretch, Spieth finished tied for second.

I thought that Spieth might be putting on a repeat performance of “choking away” another victory at one of golf’s four major tournaments.

But he scrambled at 13, and lost the lead by only one stroke.

Now down one stroke to Kuchar, Spieth birdied the 14th hole, eagled the 15th hole and scored birdies on the 16th and 17th holes. In a four-hole stretch, he went an amazing 5 under par and led Kuchar by two shots. He ended up winning the tournament by three strokes.

The golfing world saw Spieth do in the famed Masters Tournament in April 2016, which will be played on Aug. 10-13 at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., he will be the youngest player ever to win all four majors.

One might understand that a golfer who has reached such heights at such a young age might be filled with a lot of pride, but the focus on himself and see himself as so much better than others. Even if it wouldn’t be praiseworthy, it would be a natural human reaction.

But that’s not the way Spieth has approached the greatness he has achieved.

In remarks on the 18th green after winning The Open Championship, Spieth spoke about just everybody by himself, thanking his caddie, the fans, tournament organizers, groundskeepers and Kuchar.

When he was asked about what was more important to him than golf, Spieth answered without hesitation, “Well obviously, my faith and my family, and then after that, this [golf] is what I love to do.”

Family, Career

This young man, who is Catholic and was a student at a Catholic grade school and high school, grew up in Dallas, has his priorities straight.

How many of us have the timeliness to lure us like Spieth does can say the same?
Nuestra arquidiócesis está llamada a la conversión misionera

"Cada Iglesia particular, porción de la Iglesia católica bajo la guía de su obispo, también está llamada a la conversión misionera. Ella es el sujeto primario de la evangelización, ya que es la manifestación concreta de la única Iglesia en un lugar del mundo, y en ella “verdaderamente está y obra la salvación dada por Cristo, pero con los mismos poderes y en la misma esencia, en ella ‘verdaderamente está y obra la salvación dada por Cristo’. Durante casi cuatro años más, jamás dejó de escribir su columna semanal. Eso es un ejemplo de mis predecesores —lo que entre todos, en su conjunto, somos capaces de ofrecer—. Alexan
dro V. Tobin continuó con esta tradición a través de su columna semanal “Adéanten en el Señor”. Durante casi cuatro años el arzobispo, y hoy en día cardenal, compartió con todos nosotros sus reflexiones sobre distintos temas. Durante el tiempo que me desempeñé como pastor en Louisville y posteriormente como obispo de Evansville, esperaba con ansias recibir mi ejemplar del The Criterion por correo y leer la columna semanal del arzobispo. Jamás imaginé que algún día yo sería el responsable de este importante instrumento de enseñanza y evangelización.

El obispo que sigue debe ser propicio en su Iglesia diocesana lo que el papa Francisco denominó “la conversión misionera.” A semejanza del ideal de las primeras comunidades cristianas en las que los creyentes compartían un mismo espíritu, en nuestras comunidades de hoy también el pueblo debe dar muestras de un espíritu de caridad, compromiso y cooperación que avanza en comunión y presencia de Dios en el mundo. De esta forma, el obispo debe ser el modelo de lo que nos espera. En otras ocasiones, sencillamente debe mezclarse con su pueblo con una actitud y una presencia modesta y misericordiosa. Y sin embargo, en otras circunstancias, debe situarse hacia el final del grupo y ayudar a aquellos que se encuentran rezagados y, por encima de todo, dejar libre a su rebaño para que descubra nuevos caminos.

La comunicación periódica entre el obispo, sus sacerdotes y su pueblo es esencial para el éxito de esta misión de fomentar una conversión dinámica, abierta y misericordiosa. Es por ello, que siguiendo el ejemplo de mis predecesores, me entusiasmaban estas columnas semanales. La fecha de publicación de la primera columna es el 4 de agosto de 2017, el memorial de San Juan Vianney, el Cura de Ars, conocido como el santo patrono de los párrrocos. Éste gran santo y un hombre sencillo, una vez observó a un anciano que se sentó a soñar durante horas en su iglesia parroquial. Cuando el cura le preguntó: “¿Qué tanto hablas con Dios durante todas estas horas?” el hombre le respondió: “Nada. Yo solo miro a Él y Él me mira a mí.” Esta forma de comunicación piadosa en la que no medien palabras, en donde la atención de Dios es lo principal, es un acontecimiento inusual pero que nos enseña algo muy importante: la presencia de la Iglesia es la fuerza y el instrumento de una misión. Cristo también vive en su santidad y más poderosa. Estar con Dios y en su compañía dice mucho más de lo que las palabras jamás podrán expresar. San Juan Vianney manifestó este tipo de presencia amorosa cuando rezó por la conversión de su parroquia y dijo que se sometiera a cualquier sufrimiento que Dios le enviara. Esto es lo que el papa Francisco llama “acompañar”, el ministerio de estar presente: junto a nuestros fieles que tienen necesidades y heridos, a nuestras parroquias y comunidades y, especialmente, junto a nuestros hermanos pobres y vulnerables que se encuentran en la “periferia”, los márgenes de la sociedad.

En esta festividad del santo patrono de los párrrocos considero importante resaltar que, como obispo, he hecho el compromiso de comunicarme y estar presente para nuestros sacerdotes. También es importante que los sacerdotes se reúnan entre sí, con su obispo, como presbiterio. Cuando un obispo y sus sacerdotes creen juntos en la santidad, se encuentran en la mejor posición para predicar eficazmente el Evangelio, celebrar los sacramentos y atender las necesidades pastorales del pueblo confiado a sus cuidados como guías espirituales.

“Qué por la intercesión de San Juan Vianney y nuestros santos patronos, San Francisco Xavier y San Teodora Guérin, Cristo, la piedra angular continúe a bendecir la Iglesia en el sur y el centro de Indiana, ahora y durante muchos años!”
August 8
St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Indianapolis, Life in the Spirit Seminar, session three of eight, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-7328, mkeyes@indy.org. 

August 10

August 12
Immaculate Conception Parish, 2981 E. Cty. Road 820 S., Greensburg. Community Consignment Auction, begins at 9:30 a.m. and will last 5-6 hours (items accepted Aug. 11 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.), pulled pork sandwiches available at lunch, raffles. Information: 317-891-2362.

August 12-13
All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. Paul Campus, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, Guiford. Parish Festival, Sat. 5-9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., chicken dinner, turtle soup, bunt stand, music, kiddy land, big money and grand raffle, country store and beer garden. Information: 812-576-4302.

August 13
St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 7577 Holliday Dr., E., Indianapolis. 100th Anniversary Fatima Holy Hour, after 11:30 a.m. Mass, prayer and rosary. Information: 317-293-4773.

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary’s Dr. NE, Lakeville. Annual Picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken and ham dinner served country style in air-conditioned dining room, $60 in cash prizes, quiet games, furniture, baby clothes, Granny’s Attic, games, silent auction. Mass schedule: 8 and 10:30 a.m. Information: 812-952-2283.

Aug. 1
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 6525 N. Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis. Mass in French. 12:30 p.m. Information: 317-627-7729 or info@frtdh2014.com.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, 4720 E. 136th St., Indianapolis. Class of ’63 monthly gathering, 6 p.m. Mass, optional dinner afterward. Information: 317-408-6396. 

St. John Paul II Parish, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., Sellersburg. 100th Anniversary of Fatima, confirmation events vary per month, 6 p.m. Information: Phyllis Burkholder, 812-246-2252.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis. Recitation of the Rosary (outside Fatima shrine, corner of E. 57th St. and Washington Blvd.), in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fatima Apparitions, 6 p.m., reciting each one of the 15 decades. Information: mhdouguth@gmail.com.

August 14
St. Luke the Evangelist, 7577 Holliday Dr., Indianapolis. Catholic Radio Indy Mass and Lunch, celebrating the feast day of St. Maximillian Kolbe, 11:30 a.m. Reservations: 317-870-8400 or jimie@crindy.org.

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August 18
Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Third Thursday Adoration, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m.


August 19

August 18-19
Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. Augustavaganza, 4 p.m.-nighttime, kicked-off (Fri. fried chicken, Sat., prime rib) and bingo included in air conditioned hall, kids games, raffle, Monte Carlo, 5K or 1 mile walk/run Sat., mini-strawberry candy, live music, beer garden, alumni boom. Pre-festival activities on Thurs. night, Cookers and Crafters for kids and beer tasting for adults 21 and over. Reservations www.nativityindy.org. augustavaganza1, 317-357-1200.

Event Calendar

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/events.

VIPS

James and Joanna (Strothman) Huber, members of St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 7. The couple were married at St. Gabriel Church in Connersville on Jan. 7, 1967. They have two children: Jennifer Cronenwett and James Huber, Jr. The couple also has six grandchildren.

50-year reunion of Indianapolis North Deen grade schools set for Aug. 19

A 50-year reunion for graduates of Indianapolis North Deen grade schools will be held at Trouly Hall at Christ the King Parish, 3536 Critten Ave., in Indianapolis, from 7-11 p.m., on Aug. 19. An RSVP and a $20 donation are requested in advance. Checks can be made payable to Deborah Mitchell – 50 Year Reunion, and mailed to her at 445 S. Valley Lane, Greenwood, IN 46142. For more information, contact Rita Welsh at 317-909-3659, or join the Facebook Group page “Indy North Deen Grade School 50th Reunion.”

Marian images to be displayed at St. Paul campus of All Saints Parish on Aug. 12-13

All Saints Parish’s St. Paul Church, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, in Guiford, is hosting a display incorporating images of the Blessed Virgin Mary during its festival on Aug. 12-13. Several of the images are on loan from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and the University of Dayton. The exhibit will be open from 9-5 p.m. on Aug. 12, and from 1-6 p.m. on Aug. 13. Entrance to the exhibit is free. Please note the exhibit is not handicap accessible. To learn more, call 317-576-4302. 

Six Divorce and Beyond sessions to be offered in Indianapolis on Aug. 8-Sept. 12

Divorce and Beyond, a program made available through the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life, will be offered at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Independence Blvd., from 7-9 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays from Aug. 8 through Sept. 12. Each meeting builds on the prior week’s session. The topics for discussion are the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness and forgiveness. The cost of the six-week session is $30, which includes a book. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life Office at 317-236-1586, or email dymeare@archindy.org.

Registration forms may be obtained online www.archindy.org/pplf/ministries-divorce.html.
An unloved heart often causes hated and violence

By Daniel Conway

The problems of pain and evil have perplexed humanity from the beginning. Why did Adam and Eve turn away from God? Why did their sin Cain brutally murder his brother Abel? Why do their descendants suffer pain and illness? Why do successive generations face violence, inhumanity and unpeachable evil?

Pope Francis believes that one cause (among many) is a serious deprivation of love that causes intense loneliness and hopelessness. Speaking of youth, the pope says, "When an adolescent does not feel love, violence can arise. Behind so many forms of social hate and hooliganism, there is often a heart that is unloved."

The absence of love causes men and women of all ages to risk succumbing to the "awful slavery" of believing that they must earn love based on their appearance or their actions. "Imagine a world where everyone begs for reasons to attract the attention of others, and no one is willing to love another person freely. It may seem like a human world, but in reality it is hell." The pope refers to the Heart of Jesus that once was marked by a place of violence against one’s self and others.

It hardens the heart and causes the individual to care about nothing or no one else. "Man’s many narcissisms," the pope says, can only be overcome by an "experience of love that has been given and received." Real love, unconditionally given, overcomes all evil. "God, who never needs a reason to love his children, has that kind of unconditional love for each person. God does not even need his benevolence to our conversion; if anything, that is a consequence of God’s love."

But isn’t it naïve to think that love can change a hardened criminal, or transform the thoughts and actions of a narcissist who cares only for himself or herself? Pope Francis says no. He has seen with his own eyes the transformation of convicted criminals in his native Buenos Aires by God’s unconditional love reflected on the faces of mothers who went to the local prisons to visit their children. Evil can be overcome by good, the pope insists. Love can conquer hatred and despair.

I remember so many mothers in my diocese who would get in line to enter the prison. So many mothers who were not ashamed. Their child was in prison, but it was their child, and they suffered so many humiliations."

This is a reflection of the unconditional love of God. It is a love that doesn’t require repentance or conversion, but is given freely—even if it is scorned or rejected by the loved one. A change of heart may result from the gift of God’s mercy, but it is not a prerequisite. God loves his children as they are—sin and all—and his mercy is freely and fully given to all.

As Pope Francis explains, only the unconditional love of a parent can illustrate for us the depth of God’s love. "No sin, no wrong choice can ever erase it."

"What is the medicine that can change an unhappy person?" the pope asks. "Love!"

Christian hope comes from knowing "God the Father who loves us as we are," Pope Francis teaches. "He always loves us, everyone, good and bad."

Mercy continues to be a predominant theme of the teaching of Pope Francis. God is love, and Jesus is the "Face of Mercy," the concrete manifestation of divine love in the face of human pain and death. By following Jesus, by loving as he loved, we can transform our own hardened hearts and be signs of hope and mercy for all who struggle with loneliness, depression and anger.

Wouldn’t our world be a different place if more of us reflected God’s unconditional love? Wouldn’t there be substantially less violence, terrorism and crime?

Love is stronger than evil. It is a power that cannot be overcome by the dark principalities and powers of this world. If we truly believe this, as Pope Francis also says, we can be beacons of hope for people who are unloved.

Let’s pray for the grace to heed Pope Francis’s advice and to be the face of mercy for everyone we meet day in and day out. Let’s pray that God’s unconditional love will be reflected on our faces and in our hearts!

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bishops—to be willing to stand in the breach of the divide, drawing people back from the ledges of extremism in self-indulgence and self-righteousness by serving as bridges of unity, ambassadors of hope and instruments of peace.”

At the beginning of the installation Mass, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, quoting Pope Francis, encouraged Archbishop Thompson to reach out broadly to people in need through his leadership of the archdiocese.

“As you minister to the priests, clergy and laity being entrusted to your pastoral care and reach out to the community beyond, especially the poor and marginalized, may you keep ever in your heart the sentiments you yourself heard expressed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, during his homily on the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul,” said Archbishop Pierre. “The Lord answers our prayers. He is faithful to the love we have professed for him and he stands beside us at times of trial.”

Archbishop Pierre also read from a letter of Pope Francis in which the pontiff appointed Archbishop Thompson to lead the Church in central and southern Indiana.

“… We implore for you the choicest gifts of the Petrine Spirit so that, aided by them, and with the prayerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you can so nurture the faithful entrusted to you that what you preach with your words, you may be able to confirm by your deeds and especially by the witness of your life.”

After the letter from the pope was ritually shown to the congregation, Archbishop Thompson expressed his acceptance of the pope’s appointment. Archbishop Pierre then placed on Archbishop Thompson’s shoulders a pallium blessed by the pope. A pallium is a woolen band that symbolizes an archbishop’s pastoral care of his faithful and his communion with the pope.

The nuncio then walked with Archbishop Thompson to the cathedra, the chair in the cathedral reserved for the archbishop alone which, from the earliest days of the Church, has symbolized a bishop’s duty as the principal teacher of the faith in his diocese.

Archbishop Thompson then sat in the cathedra and was given the pastoral staff, traditionally known as a crosier, that the archbishop alone which, from the earliest times of the Church, has symbolized a bishop’s authority to lead the Church, and the pastoral staff, which is a symbol of the archbishop’s pastoral care of his faithful and his communion with the pope.

Archbishop Thompson also reminded his listeners that one person in particular spurs this work and is its goal.

“Our task is not so much to resolve the world’s problems as to lead persons and peoples to personal encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,” he said. “We ourselves must first, however, if we are to be credible and effective, be engaged in such a personal encounter with him.”

Finding strength for the Church’s diverse ministries through prayer, Archbishop Thompson said, allows the faithful to see Christ in all they serve. “We must leave no one behind, especially being attentive to the unborn, the poor, the young, the elderly, the migrant, the immigrant, the refugee, the sick, the dying, the addicted, the abused, the disenfranchised, the lonely, the hopeless, the imprisoned and all who suffer,” he said. “We must be concerned about the well-being of each and every person as well as creation itself if we are to be truly Christ-centered.

“What do we or fail to do for the least of his brothers and sisters, our brothers and sisters, we do or fail to do for Jesus Christ. It is simple. I’m the first to admit it, but it’s a place to start—the Catholic both/and.”

(For more coverage of the installation of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, including videos and photo galleries, visit www.CriterionOnline.com.)
Youths lead the chorus of support for new archbishop

By Sean Gallagher, Natalie Hoefer, Mike Krokos and John Shaughnessy

At 15, Logan Struewing had a wonderfully-youthful reaction to being the youngest person chosen to welcome Archbishop Charles C. Thompson during his installation Mass at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on July 28.

“It’s especially cool to have this honor,” said Logan, a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis. His enthusiasm was even higher after he had a short conversation with the new archbishop.

“It was amazing,” said Logan, a member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council who was part of a group of civic leaders, religious leaders and members of the archdiocese who greeted the archbishop during the liturgy. “He seemed really kind, really interested. I just got confirmed, and I’m excited to be doing more in the Church. I feel like the youth are ready to be a bigger part of the Church.”

At 17, Emma Lashley had the same hope as she welcomed Archbishop Thompson.

“The youth are all really willing to work with him,” said Emma, a member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. “We want to help spread the Catholic mission to people.”

The experiences of the two teenagers reflected the positive reactions that people shared about Archbishop Thompson on the day he became the seventh archbishop of Indianapolis.

A commitment to collaboration

Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Hogsett made a point of noting that he was “still mourning the loss” of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin to the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., but he was comforted by the exchange he had with Archbishop Thompson in Bloomington. “He was incredibly engaging,” the mayor said. “We both committed ourselves to collaboration for the people of Indianapolis and all the people he will serve throughout the archdiocese.

“I’m profoundly optimistic that the City of Indianapolis and the Church will continue its very close working relationship, particularly on issues of poverty and those most vulnerable in our society. I look forward to sitting down with him and talking about how we can collaborate—not only as leaders but as a faith community to make Indianapolis an even better place than it already is.”

A ‘wonderful guy’

Byron and Kay Corbett traveled from their home in Bardstown, Ky., to be there for Archbishop Thompson, their longtime friend from his first assignment as a newly ordained priest in 1987 as associate pastor of the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral.

“I felt so thrilled that he was recognized for such an honor,” said Byron, who recalled the times the couple had him over to their house for pizza and beer. “He was always very concerned about young people when he was in Bardstown. He would always spend a lot of time at the high school. He’s very humble.”

Kay Corbett added, “Indy is so blessed. He’s a wonderful guy. He’s one of those people of God. He’s a teacher of us all. He has a wonderful sense of humor, but is very serious at times—a God-gifted man.”

A ‘blessed experience’

For Joe Paul Hayden, the installation Mass of Archbishop Thompson was a “bittersweet” moment. After all, the former bishop of Evansville, Ind., served as a role model for Hayden as he prepares to be a priest in that diocese.

“It’s been a blessed experience getting to know him over the last several years,” said Hayden, a senior in formation at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and Marian University, both in Indianapolis.

“It’s a bittersweet thing to see him leave because my experience of getting to know him has been such a great one. He’s a really humble man, a good model of the faith. As I’m studying to be a priest, he’s somebody I would like to model after for sure.”

He knows he’s far from perfect

For Annette “Mickey” Lentz, the defining moment of the “beautiful, very moving” installation Mass came when Archbishop Thompson paid tribute to his father Coleman.

“That moment reflects the closeness that Lentz has already witnessed between Archbishop Thompson and his family.”

“I’m impressed with him always, but just the support behind him, and his humility,” Lentz said. “He knows he’s far from perfect, and he has the need for prayer at all times.”

A family’s pride

As one of Archbishop Thompson’s 90 first cousins, Denise Mutter traveled from Rochester, Minn., to be there for him. “I loved every minute of the Mass from start to finish,” Mutter said. “I never thought it was a possibility [to have an archbishop in the family], but we couldn’t be more proud of him.”

A vision to embrace

For Msgr. William F. Stumpf, one of the highlights of the installation Mass was Archbishop Thompson’s homily in which he shared the theme of how the Catholic faith should be inclusive, welcoming and supportive.

“I think he’s helping us already to start thinking about vision,” said Msgr. Stumpf, vicar general of the archdiocese. “We’re really blessed in his humility and throughout his remarks at the end, you sensed his humility and his being very down-to-earth—and Cardinal Tobin was too—and it’s just nice to have another shepherd like that, that has that same quality.”

A ‘sense of all the people’

Benedictine Sister Jennifer Mechtild Horner considered it “a real gift” to be among the people who greeted Archbishop Thompson during his installation Mass.

“He has a sense of all the people, and that we need to take care of all of them, not just one or the other,” said Sister Jennifer, prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. “If we can be that bridge for the people of God, we’ll do wonderful things for Christ.”

An answer to a prayer

As a priest in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Father Eric Johnsson views Archbishop Thompson as an answer to a prayer that has been shared by Catholics in southern and central Indiana.

“We’ve been waiting and praying for the Holy Spirit and the Holy Father to send us a shepherd that would lead us and kind of help us move forward,” said Father Johnsson, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany. “As an archdiocese, we’re very much at a place where we’re excited for that.”

“He has a humility about him in a lot of what he says, and in the ways he speaks about himself. Yet, I do think he’s also able to kind of articulate where it is that we need to be as the people of God—to be a people that stands in the middle and tries to hold people together in hope, unity and faith, but to do that with a humble spirit, in a way that is inviting.”

Franciscan Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Merita Mary receives the Precious Blood during the installation Mass. (Photo by Mike Krokos)
During a July 28 installation Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson sits for the first time in the cathedra, a seat reserved in the cathedral for the archbishop alone, as shepherd of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. (Photo by Rob Banayote)

Maria Solis, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, leads the congregation during the installation Mass in singing the responsorial psalm. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson blesses transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne during the installation Mass before Deacon Dufresne, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, proclaims the Gospel. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

Leaders of Christian communities and other faith traditions in central and southern Indiana as well as civic leaders participate in the July 28 installation Mass. (Photo by Natalie Hoefer)

Annette “Mickey” Lentz, archdiocesan chancellor, receives the apostolic letter in which Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Charles C. Thompson as the shepherd of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis from Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States. (Photo by Rob Banayote)

Sister Loretto Emenogu, a superior of the Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy living in Indianapolis, greets Archbishop Charles C. Thompson at a reception at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on July 28. (Photo by Natalie Hoefer)

Charles and Joyce Thompson, the parents of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, bring forward the offertory gifts during the July 28 installation Mass. Also pictured is Archbishop Thompson’s brother, Kenny. (Photo by Rob Banayote)

Deacon Wayne Davis of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield on July 28 processes into SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis with the pallium designated for Archbishop Charles C. Thompson. (Photo by Rob Banayote)

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, left, and Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, archbishop of Newark, N.J., process into SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on July 28. (Photo by Rob Banayote)

Priests pray during the July 28 installation Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. (Photo by Mike Krokos)

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, center, places a pallium on Archbishop Charles C. Thompson during the July 28 Mass. Looking on is Father Patrick Baldaire, rector of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. (Photo by Rob Banayote)

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‘Bridges of unity’
The enduring love that Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the great respect he has for Archbishop Charles C. Thompson shined through in the moments before the installation Mass for his successor on July 28.

Explaining why he wanted to be at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis to see Archbishop Thompson become the seventh archbishop of the archdiocese, Cardinal Tobin said, “It was two great loves.

“One is the friendship I have with Archbishop Thompson, and the great respect I have, and the incredible hope that he gives that he— and that he also gives the archdiocese,” said Cardinal Tobin, who became the archbishop of Newark, N.J., in early January after serving four years as the spiritual leader of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

“The second reason, of course, is this archdiocese which I love so much. I think that people like me, who don’t have children, you find the life in what you do with the people of God. And when you have to leave that, it’s almost like you’re handing over your children. Not that the people are children, but it’s these wonderful projects you do with them. And you hope the next person is going to love them as much as you do.

“And I have every confidence that Archbishop Thompson—with his many gifts and his great energy and his humanity—is going to be a great gift here. He has always been a friend and supportive of me—someone with whom I can confide. I feel I know him, and I’m so grateful to God and to Pope Francis for bringing him here.”

A similar sentiment was shared by Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Anchorage, who made the long journey from Alaska to be at the installation Mass for Archbishop Thompson.

A former priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Archbishop Etienne has become friends with Archbishop Thompson as members of a small group of bishops and archbishops who meet and talk regularly to support each other.

“This archdiocese means a lot to me,” Archbishop Etienne said shortly before the installation Mass. “This is my family here. And I’ve had a relationship with Archbishop Thompson for the years that he’s been a bishop, and I want to be here to support him. And I want to be here to show my love for this archdiocese and its priests, its religious and its people. So I would have moved heaven and earth to be here for this celebration.”

Being part of that same support group has created a special bond among those archbishops and bishops, Archbishop Etienne noted. It’s also given him an insight into Archbishop Thompson as a person and a spiritual leader.

“We all know how much we need the support of each other,” Archbishop Etienne said. “And that’s why it’s important for us to make that extra effort to be there at significant moments in each of our lives.”

“I wish Archbishop Thompson the best, and I think the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be in very good hands. He’s a great pastor. He has a lot of talents, gifts and energy. The archdiocese will be under great leadership under his pastoral care.”

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Burlington, Vt., is also part of that small support group with Archbishop Thompson and Archbishop Etienne. His respect and fondness for Archbishop Thompson began when Bishop Coyne first served as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Archbishop Thompson was in his early years as the bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, Ind.

Their ensuing friendship also led Bishop Coyne to return for the installation Mass of the new archbishop.

“When I first got to Indianapolis, I had the chance to meet Bishop Thompson and Bishop [Timothy J.] Doherty [of the Lafayette Diocese]. They both reached out to me in friendship, and I really appreciate that,” Bishop Coyne recalled.

“He was wonderful to work with, and he has a great sense of humor—someone who makes boring meetings less so. He is a friend, someone with whom I can share the ups and downs of being a bishop.”

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New archbishop is ‘humble, holy’ shepherd who will love his flock

By Mike Krokos

The smile on Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz’s face spoke volumes. The joy was palpable too as he talked about his former priest and vicar general who was moments away from being installed as the new shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

“Well, I can tell you how proud we are in the local Church of Louisville that one of our sons has been raised to this level of service to Christ and his people,” Archbishop Kurtz said of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson of Indianapolis.

“We’re thrilled that Pope Francis has appointed him as archbishop. It seems like yesterday—it was just a few years ago—that he was plucked out of the Archdiocese of Louisville to become the bishop in Evansville, and he is just the right person as a pastoral way, so we’re really proud of him.

“He’s other-directed. I believe he’s a very spiritual man, he’s someone who listens, and I think he’s someone who’s not afraid to make a decision. And those are the recipes for really a good leader. So I think the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is going to be blessed.”

“The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is a neighbor of mine, and we’re all part of one Church,” Bishop Kurtz said. “I have only happy reasons for being here today, and consider it a privilege, and I’m so happy for the archdiocese as well. They’ve got a real good pastor coming in, and they’ll be very happy.”

Bishop Kurtz credited the new archbishop “a good listener” who will be capable of continuing long-range planning in the archdiocese. He also cited Archbishop Thompson’s background in Church law.

“One of the gifts that he brings—also not only to the archdiocese but to all bishops in the state—is he’s a very competent canon lawyer,” he said. “For people who deal in Church administration like I do, while we have our own consultants inside, it’s great to have a man of his wide experience. I think people will be very pleased to find out that he’s got an established reputation as a canonist, which is very valuable to the whole Church, not just to Indiana.”

Retired Bishop William L. Higgis of Lafayette said he felt “privileged” to attend the installation liturgy, and added it was “a special, special moment in the life of the Church in Indiana.”

The retired Lafayette bishop said he had gotten to know Archbishop Thompson through meetings of the bishops of the state, and added, “I’ve been impressed. I think he’s an excellent choice.”

By John Shaughnessy

Church leaders make the journey to support a friend

Bishops listen as Archbishop Charles C. Thompson delivers a homily during his installation Mass on July 28 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. (Photo by Natalia Harker)
Family's memorable day connects them to Archbishop Thompson

By Natalie Hofer

It was one of his few periods of quiet in four days, but Archbishop Charles C. Thompson still took time on July 30 to share his reflections on his installation as shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

“IT’S BEEN a whirlwind,” he admitted, shortly after he celebrated Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany. “Actually, the last four weeks have been a whirlwind.”

But in the center of the whirlwind were abundant blessings.

“The whole thing was moments of grace,” he said. “Just the beauty of the liturgy; all that people put into this; connecting with people I haven’t seen in a while, some since prior to my ordination [as bishop] in Evansville. Then to meet all the different young people, older people, the various religious in the archdiocese—it was all grace.”

In the midst of all the activities from July 27-July 30 that marked his installation and first weekend of official duties, Archbishop Thompson said he still found “quiet moments in the chapel” in his new Indianapolis home, “moments where I could be quiet and in prayer, reminiscing about it all, going back through the events. It’s all been very profound.”

“I want to learn the life of the archdiocese and the rhythm of the archdiocese, and hopefully get into a routine myself.”

He looks forward to meeting the Catholics of central and southern Indiana “as soon as I can,” he said.

“One thing I did in Evansville was go to the deaneries and meet the leadership early on. I hope to do that soon as well,” he added.

Meanwhile, he hopes to find time in his new routine for running, his preferred method of stress release.

He was happy to note that Indianapolis is predominantly flat.

“I like to run—but I don’t like to hurt,” he quipped.

(Full coverage of the July 30 Mass that Archbishop Charles C. Thompson celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany will appear in the Aug. 11 issue of The Criterion.)

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson raises the Eucharist during Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany on July 30. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson pauses to pray after Communion at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany on July 30. He has enjoyed a few quiet moments of reflection in the “whirlwind” of events leading up to his installation as archbishop of the Church in central and southern Indiana, and is looking forward to establishing a routine. (Photo by Natalie Hofer)

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson raises the Eucharist during Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany on July 30. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

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Family’s memorable day connects them to Archbishop Thompson

By John Shaughnessy

For Hector and Erika Salcedo, sharing their musical gifts at the installation Mass of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson highlighted a memorable day for their family that just arrived in the United States five months ago.

The couple and their two young daughters moved from Guadalajara, Mexico, during the late winter so Hector could accept a position as the director of music at St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.

The move lets Hector spend more time with his wife and their children, 5-year-old Clara and 3-year-old Sophia. The move also led Hector and Erika to share their reflections on his installation and first weekend of official duties.

“IT WAS moments of grace,” she said. “For me, singing is the thing I love to do most in the world. I love to sing for God. It’s the way I can express my love and gratitude to God.”

Erika added, “I love that he has time to be with us. And I love the community here. People are very friendly here. To live in this country is very beautiful for us.”

For me, this is very important. This is a great opportunity,” Hector said. “I used to play in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican. I’ve played in the cathedral in Mexico. I like the celebrations. And my wife has the opportunity to sing on her birthday at this important Mass. So she is very happy.

Another highlight of the day involved Hector’s brother from Mexico, Father Eduardo Salcedo. Arriving in central Indiana for a visit with Hector’s family, Father Salcedo also had the joy of concelebrating the installation Mass.

“It’s all part of what has been a special transition to Indiana for the family,” Hector said. “In Mexico, I worked all day every day, and I didn’t have any days off.”

Morehead to run—and I don’t like to hurt,” he quipped.

(Pope Francis’ prayer intentions for August — That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation. (To see Pope Francis’ monthly intentions, go to www.cwtn.com/faith/papalPrayer.htm )

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Nine Sisters of Providence celebrate Golden Jubilees

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish and
human services counseling from DePaul
in religious education and a master's of
professed perpetual vows on Oct. 4, 1980.
She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in
art. She earned a master's degree in
art. She earned a master's degree in
library science from the Rosary College in
River Forest, Ill.

In the archdiocese, Sister Barbara served as a librarian at Holy Angels School (2002-06).
She also ministered in Ohio and Canada. Currently, Sister Barbara is the rector of the Providence
Spirituality & Conference Center, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Barbara (formerly Mary Barbara) McClelland, a native of Indianapolis, entered the congregation on Aug. 30, 1967, from Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove. She professed final vows on Oct. 25, 1980.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and also earned a master's degree in education from Indiana University in Bloomington.

In the archdiocese, Sister Barbara served in Indianapolis as a teacher at St. Simon the Apostle School (1971-76); in Washington, D.C. as a student teacher at the Catholic Theological Union/Catholic Graduate School of Theology in Chicago. In the archdiocese, Sister Mary served in Indianapolis as a student teacher at St. Philip Parish in Longwood, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese. She professed final vows on Oct. 15, 1977.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education, and also earned a master's degree in pastoral theology from the Catholic Theological Union/Catholic Graduate School of Theology in Chicago. Currently, she ministers as the vocation director/volunteer at Providence Spirituality & Conference Center and Ministry of Care at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

FCC approves merger of Relevant Radio, Immaculate Heart Radio
WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved the merger of Relevant Radio and Immaculate Heart Radio.

Both are nonprofit, listener-supported Catholic radio chains. Relevant’s stations are principally in the Midwest and East, while Immaculate Heart’s are in the West and the Plains states.

The combined company is known as Relevant Radio. Off the air, the corporate entity will be known as Immaculate Heart Media, a nonprofit, nonstock entity with its headquarters in Green Bay, Wis., which had been Relevant’s home base. Combined, the two stations have about 120 AM and FM stations and “repeater” towers, putting the signals into smaller cities.

Immaculate Heart Radio’s most popular programs are The Divine Mercy Show and “Heart to Heart With Mother Miriam,” according to Immaculate Heart Media spokesman Brian Comeau. Relevant’s most popular shows are “The Drew Maran Show,” which airs on Immaculate Heart Morning Air” and “Father Simon Says.”

It’s a “very small community in Catholic radio,” said Karen Moran, who got her start writing news releases for pro

bono and now produces two Immaculate Heart shows. “There’s a lot of sharing. Immaculate Heart got its start about 20 years ago, and Relevant was established about 15 years ago. Moran said there had been conversations about merging the two operations from time to time, as the two chains had little geographical overlap and did not directly compete with each other in any city.

“We had been having informal conversations for years. We recognized we have very similar missions,” said Father Francis Hoffman—better known to listeners as “Father Rocky”—an Opus Dei priest living in Chicago who has been associated with Relevant Radio since 2003 and is now its executive director.

The earliest conversations began in January 2016, we reached an agreement in principle in January 2016, we reached an agreement in May 2016,” he told Catholic News Service in a July 25 telephone interview. “Once we had reached two-thirds of what we set out for our [capital] campaign”—he credited St. Joseph, “our consultant,” for its success—“we announced it to the public [on] Oct. 3, 2016.”
Recently, one woman made a lifelong commitment to living as a Sister of Providence and two others took a step to deepen their commitment to this path. On June 25, Sisters Tracey Horan and Anna Fan professed first vows, and Sister Dina Bato professed perpetual vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. For nine years, Sister Dina has engaged in spiritual formation, study and ministry as a temporary professed sister in preparation for her lifelong commitment. Sisters Tracey and Anna, this journey is only three years in the making, as they will continue to discern their call to religious life as Sisters of Providence, and the path to perpetual vows.

Sister Dina currently ministers as a staff accountant for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Sisters Anna and Tracey both professed vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for the first time as part of the congregation. Currently, Sister Tracey ministers as a bilingual community organizer for the Indianapolis Congregation Action Network, and Sister Anna is currently studying English with the sisters.

During the ceremony, Sisters Anna and Tracey were presented the symbol of the Sisters of Providence to be worn as a sign of religious profession, their love of God and commitment to the mission and community of the Sisters of Providence.

Sister Dina also received a ring to wear as a sign of her perpetual consecration to God and as a sign of her faith.

(For more information on the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, visit spmw.org.)

Pope leads prayers for victims of ‘pervasive plague’ of trafficking

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Both parables involve “searching and sacrifice,” the pope said. Neither the person who found the treasure in the field nor the merchant who found the pearl would have made their discoveries if they were not looking for something, and both of them sold all they have to purchase their treasure.

The point of the parables, he said, is that “the kingdom of God is offered to all—it is a gift, a grace—but it is not given on a silver platter. It requires dynamism, it involves seeking, walking, getting busy.”

Jesus is the hidden treasure, the pope said, and once people discover him they are called to put following him before all else.

“If we are not a matter of despising all else, but of subordinating it to Jesus, giving him first place,” the pope said. “A disciple of Christ is not one who is deprived of something essential, but one who has found much more, has found the full joy that only the Lord can give.”

Most of all, as active archbishops Tom Kelly and Daniel Buechlein placed their priests and people first, ahead of their own interests and ambitions, in order to serve as Jesus did. To the extent that Archbishop Thompson has learned from them, and follows their example, he will be a great shepherd for the Church in southern and central Indiana!" Archdiocese Thompson’s tribute to so many great witnesses—beginning with his parents, Joyce and Coleman—spoke volumes about the man who is the new archbishop of Indianapolis. He is not full of himself. He is filled with the spirit of women and men who formed him in faith and who still point him in the right direction—toward “Christ the Cornerstone.”

(Daniel Conway is a member of The Criterion’s editorial committee.)
From the Editor Emeritus/John E Fink

Dear God, what’s in a name? Plenty

The Lord’s voice is typically subtle, but he’s always there — even in the small stuff. Every detail matters. Nothing is insignificant for him.

I was reminded of that recently when, on an unwelcoming weekday morning, I found myself pondering our youngest son’s name.

Surprisingly, I don’t know what made me wonder about Dominic’s name that particular day, but I kept thinking about it as I got ready for Mass. And I couldn’t quit.

After all, there’s a definite pattern to his siblings’ names, but his name, Dominic, is clearly out-of-sync.

Let me explain. There are the girls, named Ave, Angelina, Abigail (who was stillborn) and Ayla. All their names begin with an “A.” It’s a nice, tight package.

And there are the boys, Matthew, James, and Jordan, named much more soulful like Gospel writers, right? Then we have Dominic — definitely not a Gospel writer. Wouldn’t Mark or John or Paul have been a better match? What about Luke or Paul?

Actually, this wasn’t the first time I realized Dominic’s name didn’t follow suit. However, that particular day, I couldn’t shake the thought. I wondered was it even a holy name?

Washing my face, I laughed at my silly ideas. After all, even my own name, Dominic, was already a toddler. There was no changing his name.

But, brushing my hair, I continued to speculate, mouthing his name: Dominic. That name is so different. I thought. It didn’t even sound religious. Really, does anyone call his name? Dom or Pan? Where was the holiness? Grabbing my keys, I drove along a shady, tree-lined street to church. Parking the car, I headed inside, forgetting about my earlier obsession with Dominic’s name.

Little did I know, but God didn’t forget. He had already prepared a message for me.

The priest approached the altar, stood at the ambo, and welcomed the congregation. Then, he announced that today was the Feast of St. Dominic.

My thoughts spun, remembering how, on that morning in particular, I’d been obsessed with my little grandson’s name. I’d wondered why he didn’t have a Gospel writers’ name like his brothers. I’d even questioned if his was a holy name.

Amazing, isn’t it? What are the odds I would be wrestling with Dominic’s name on the day that, unknowingly to me, happened to be the Feast of St. Dominic?

The priest’s homily was about St. Dominic, and his sermon seemed tailor-made for me. I learned the saint was a special person. Clearly God was happy with Dominic’s name. It didn’t have to be a Gospel writer. It didn’t have to be a family name. Rest assured, Dominic is a holy name. I’d even questioned if his was a holy name.

The priest’s writing this column, I felt reluctant to share something as trivial as my grandson’s name. But this story packs in other powerful messages.

It reminds us that our God is with us. He cares, he leads, he speaks, he guides. He knows our lives. He knows when we sit, and when we stand.

And, he’s interested in the smallest details of our lives.

After all, what’s in a name? (Debra Tomaselli writes from Altamonte Springs, Fla. She can be reached at dtomaselli@cfl.rr.com)
The Sunday Readings

Sunday, August 6, 2017

- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
- 2 Peter 1:16-19
- Matthew 17:1-9

This weekend, the Church invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

The first reading is from the Book of Daniel. Daniel more terrible for the Jews when this book was written. Seldom had they been worse. When Alexander the Great died in 332 B.C., his vast empire disintegrated and powerful generals took parts for themselves. The part seized by Seleucus was centered in Antioch and included the Holy Land. Drew passed. Seleucus himself died to be succeeded by his descendants, one of whom, Antiochus IV, saw himself as divine. Not only did Antiochus imagine that he was a god, but he brutally forced his subjects to worship him. Pious Jews refused. The Book of Daniel is about other Hebrew heroes who resisted idolatry, but the purpose of the book is clear. It was to rally Jews living under Antiochus IV to refuse to yield to the royal demands that they salute the king as a god.

In this reading, the prophet Daniel dreams of the world in which Almighty God is supreme, and all proclaim the greatness of God. The Book of Daniel was written in part in code. This was done partly to veil the criticism of the authorities of the day.

The same method was used in the Second Epistle of St. Peter, which provides the second reading. This epistle appeared when times were bad, indeed fearful, for Christians. The Roman Emperor Nero fell before the Lord. The Transfiguration profoundly placed Jesus, with a human nature and divine nature, before human vision.

Reflection

Throughout the history of God’s interaction with the Hebrew people, a variety of physical conditions indicated the divine presence: searing light, clouds from which God spoke, the devotion of the prophets, and again and again the people tried to climb as high as they could on mountains to be nearer to God. All these conditions come together in the Transfiguration as Jesus appeared in resplendent, dazzling divine glory before these three Apostles. Peter, James and John saw Jesus as God.

The lesson was clear. Jesus was everything. Everything in creation, all the glories and hardships of the human condition, fell before the Lord. For Christians through the long centuries, this story of the Transfiguration has been an anticipation of the ultimate glory of the resurrection, proof that Jesus is everything, and none is his equal. None equals the Lord in divine power. None equals Jesus in mercy, love, perfection and goodness. Yes! He is the Savior.

Question Corner

Fr. Kenneth Doyle

Church’s just-war doctrine can guide secular leaders in using military force

How does a Christian react to a terrorist group like the Islamic State group? Paying for their success is important, but it may not be sufficient.

Negotiating with them seems impossible, since the Islamic State is evidently determined to kill innocent people who oppose their ideology.

We have seen this done by headings, bombings and other barbaric acts of violence.

President Donald J. Trump has vowed to defeat the Islamic State through military means. Can a Christian support such a policy? (New Jersey)

The Church’s just-war doctrine may be able to help you approach this difficult question.

That teaching, first developed by the fourth-century theologian St. Augustine, is detailed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The four conditions that would allow a military response to an unjust aggressor are these as they appear in the catechism:

1. The damage inflicted by the aggressor is evident and proportionate to the injury suffered by the just cause.
2. The defense of the aggressor is only common defense, in that which is for the common good of the nation or community.
3. The chance of success; and the use of arms must not be lasting, grave and certain; all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective; there must be serious prospects of success; and the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.” (#2309).

This last statement from the catechism invites the faithful to understand the just-war theory today in light of the high capability of destructiveness in contemporary weaponry.

The Church has traditionally understood that secular leaders and not those of the Church are the competent authorities to judge whether or not the conditions for a just war have been met. In an in-air press conference on his flight back to Washington from the Korea in 2014, Pope Francis suggested that the United Nations or a coalition of nations as the competent authority to determine the legitimacy of military action, saying, “A single nation cannot judge how to stop this, how to stop an unjust aggressor.”

Daily Readings

Monday, August 7
St. Sixtus II, pope, and companions
St. Cajetan, priest
Numbers 11:4b-15
Psalm 81:12-17
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 8
St. Dominic, priest
Numbers 12:1-3
Psalm 51:3-6, 8-10
Matthew 14:22-26 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 9
St. Teresa Benedetta of the Cross, virgin and martyr
Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14, 26-29a, 34-35
Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 10
St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-2, 5-9
John 12:24-26

Friday, August 11
St. Clare, virgin
Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Psalm 77:12-16, 21
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 12
St. Jane Francis de Chantal, virgin
Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, August 13
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 85:5-9a
Romans 9:1-2
Matthew 14:22-33

My Journey to God

Be Still

By Natalie Hoefner

Cook clean mow rake Chores and chase upon the plate Rush to work and rush to meetings Time for quick ever- fleeting Working late, home even later Pressure feeling ever greater Need a clone to follow through To do these things I have to …

“Stop. Be still. And know that I am God.”

Alarm clock blares, up late again To spin the plates that I must spin Hustle here and hustle there Not a moment left to spare Soccer practice music lessons Baseball games and tryout sessions Classroom Mom and Mass are just A few more things I feel I must …

“Stop. Be still. And know that I am God.”

(Saint Louis Review photographer Lila Johnstonpray as others attest of the 2016 Cathedral Basilica of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in Quebec City attend a June 21 Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame of Quebec in Quebec City. (CNS photo/Chuck Math)

For so just ten minutes I try. I stop. I am still. —And I rediscover God.

(For questions may be sent to Father Doyle at askfrdoyle@email.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203 6)

The Criterion Friday, August 4, 2017
Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in this section.

Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.


Pilgrims in canoes—Jesus and Indian—are seen in a church in Mid-India. The group is paddling 540 miles, following a route used by 17th-century missionaries, in an effort to promote reconciliation. (CNS/bp Photography Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage)

**Pilgrims of reconciliation**

Providence Sister Mary Imelda Cupoil served in Catholic schools for 53 years

Providence Sister Mary Imelda Cupoil died on July 12 at Mother Theodore Hall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 98. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Aug. 7 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse in St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial will follow in the sisters’ cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth Coulup was born on Aug. 28, 1918, in Vincennes, Ind. She entered the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master’s degree in education at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

During her 78 years as a member of the Sisters of Providence, Sister Mary Imelda ministered in education for 53 years in schools in Illinois, Indiana and Maryland. In 1996, she moved to the motherhouse where, for 10 years, she served as a driver and then in clerical assistance in two offices. Beginning in 2015, she dedicated herself entirely to prayer.


She is survived by her sister, Catherine Zeigler, and a brother, John Cupoil, both of Vincennes.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of Providence, 1 Sisters of Providence Road, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876.

French priests’ martyrdom a life-changing event, archbishop says

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)—**The martyrdom of a French priest killed a year ago while celebrating Mass was an “even event that has transformed me as a bishop,” Archbishop Daniel Lebrun of Rouen said.

“Father Jacques Hamel’s life—simple and exemplary—questions me as a pastor and shepherd on how to consider the life of priests, on what I expect from them in terms of efficiency. I must tirelessly convert, to pass from this request for efficiency to admiration for their fruitfulness,” the archbishop said in an interview with the Vatican newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano.

Father Hamel was murdered on July 26, 2016, when two men claiming allegiance to the Islamic State stormed his parish church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray near Rouen.

After taking several hostages, the attackers slit Father Hamel’s throat and seriously injured another parishioner. Witnesses say that in his final moments, the beloved 85-year-old parish priest tried to push away his attackers with his feet, seriously injured another parishioner. The attacker slit Father Hamel’s throat and seriously injured another parishioner.

Following a standoff, police killed the attackers, ending the hostage situation.

Despite the violent nature of Father Hamel’s death at the hands of terrorists claiming to be Muslims, his martyrdom instead has drawn the Catholic and Muslim communities in the diocese closer together, Archbishop Lebrun said.

“Such tragic event shared by others has brought me closer to the local society in its diverse components, naturally to the town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, and then to the other municipalities in the area,” the archbishop said. “And now from on, I am bound to the Muslim community and to the other communities of believers in the territory of my diocese.”

Father Hamel’s martyrdom drew the attention of Pope Francis who celebrated a memorial Mass for him on Sept. 14, 2016, with Archbishop Lebrun, Roselyne Hamel, Father Hamel’s sister, and 80 pilgrims from the diocese.

When Archbishop Lebrun presented the pope with a photo of Father Hamel, the pope asked him to place it on the altar and after the Mass told the archbishop, “You can put this photo in the church because he is blessed now, and if anyone says he isn’t allowed, tell them the pope gave your permission.”
Serra Club Vocations Essay

Priest-uncle remained faithful disciple in the midst of illness

By Katie Kelley

Special to The Criterion

Life is unfair sometimes. We may expect to grow up, get rich, get married, have kids, and then die when we are like 100 years old after living a good long life. But life doesn’t work like that. Just ask my great Uncle Barry. He had gotten the opportunity to live a great life, but it wasn’t always easy. My Uncle Barry was only 78 when he left home to join the seminary. He has been a priest for nearly 50 years. For the first 10 years of my life and the five prior, he lived in Kenya. After my uncle left to go to Kenya, it was very hard for him and our family. The whole time he lived there, he never got the chance to come home. It wasn’t until six years ago when my uncle was forced to leave that he finally came back.

While in Kenya, Uncle Barry was diagnosed with cancer. The doctors there told him to go back to America and get treatment, but he wouldn’t. He knew he was to stay in Kenya. It was his calling from God, so he didn’t leave until the cancer almost killed him.

When his cancer got worse, he was forced to go back to America to get the treatment he needed to survive. This would be the first time in 15 years he would be back home.

The doctors in the United States told Uncle Barry that there was a slim chance he would survive. Instead of becoming depressed like most, my Uncle Barry was happy. He said that he had fulfilled God’s plan for him, and that he had completed what he was created for.

After many grueling weeks, to the doctors’ surprise, he got better. Slowly, he got stronger and the cancer started getting smaller and smaller until it went away completely. After his recovery, my family started to call him our very own miracle.

Once Uncle Barry got better, he never went back to Kenya. Instead, he retired and joined DePaul University in Chicago. He believed helping the people of DePaul was his new mission in life, and he faithfully followed this new path.

My Uncle Barry was completely faithful to God and his plan. Sadly, my Uncle Barry’s cancer came back, and he passed away on March 2, 2017. What I know, though, is that throughout his entire life, through all his struggles, my uncle remained a faithful disciple of God, and he remains faithful today with God in his kingdom.

I never worried about the future, until my Uncle Barry. I always thought I would grow up, get rich, get married, have kids and die old. I never imagined a life full of hardships, but life stinks sometimes. What I’ve learned from my uncle is that it’s what a person does with struggles that makes him a true disciple of God.

(Katie and her mother, Mary, Kelley, are members of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis. She completed the 10th grade at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis last spring, and is the 10th-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club’s 2017 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.)

At WYD Unite event, young adults urged to recognize, share God’s love

WASHINGTON (CNS)—More than 1,300 young adults from across the country gathered at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington on July 22 for World Youth Day Unite, an event designed to bring together young people to celebrate their faith in years when the global World Youth Day does not take place.

Jose Rodriguez, a recent college graduate from the Archdiocese of Houston, is a representative of a group from the Diocese of Camden, N.J., said he felt it was important to go to an event where he could be surrounded by other young adults, and see “it is OK to say you’re Catholic and OK to be proud to be Catholic.”

Vicente Garcia, a recent college graduate from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, traveled to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, last year and was excited to attend World Youth Day Unite in Washington.

During World Youth Day, Garcia said he got to experience “the beauty of the Church and the universality of it” through being united with people of different cultures, and “people I don’t even know, yet we’re united in Christ.” He hoped the daylong event would be a continuation of that experience.

The event’s theme was: “The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

Bishop Nelson J. Perez, soon to be installed as the bishop of Bridgeport, Conn., gave keynote addresses about these words.

Noting that people had come from 52 dioceses across the country and also from different places along life’s journey, Bishop Perez said, “we each had a burden of theirs and tie it around their wrists for the walk. When they arrived at the St. John Paul II Shrine, they were called to be the ‘good seed’ planted in the world.

“You are to be that leaven in the world; that mustard seed that can grow and bloom into so much more,” he said.

The purpose of the World Youth Day Unite gathering, he added, was to “focus on the specific witness that World Youth Day brings to the world,” and to invite their generation “into the ongoing mission of the Church in the world.”

In the Gospel, Cardinal Wuerl noted, the good seed finds itself surrounded by “many weeds that don’t find inspiration from the Gospel,” which he likened to modern day secularism and individualism, which says faith is something that needs to be kept to yourself. The real threat of such secularism, he said, “is that we begin to believe it is true.”

“Instead, all of us are called to offer explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord who desires, despite our imperfections, that we simply be close to him,” the cardinal said, adding that the power to do so comes from anointing in the Holy Spirit at baptism.

After Mass, the young adults gathered for a pilgrimage unity walk, led by Bishop Brennan, under the patronage of Mary, Undoer of Knots. The pilgrims each received a ribbon on which they could write a burden of theirs and tie it around their wrists for the walk. When they arrived at St. John Paul II National Shrine, they were asked to unite them and place them in a basket. Then, they enjoyed dinner and a concert by Tony Melendez.

In the evening, Bishop Caggiano gave his keynote address and led the young adults in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by the music of Audrey Assad.

He encouraged everyone to reflect on the phrase “God’s love,” saying, “Life will give you a thousand reasons and doubts about God’s love,” but in order to be missionary disciples, they must “say yes to the fact that Jesus is extending his hand to us in friendship.”

Following this, he posed a question to the young adults: “Are you and I ready to dare to believe that what you are seeing in modern-day events, is worth-everything to Jesus?”

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华盛顿（CNS）—在参议院共和党人未能在7月28日的凌晨获得足够票数通过一项“瘦弱”法案后，美国天主教会的主要发言人对废除《平价医疗法》（ACA）的任务表示，这项改革任务“仍然存在”。

美国的医疗体系“不具有财务可持续性”，《天主教全国委员会》（USCCB）国内正义发展委员会主席弗兰克·J·德文博士（Venice, Fla.）说，“缺乏全希德保护和道德权利”，他在一份声明中说。“无动于衷将导致数以百万计的人受害。”德文补充说。

该投票结果为51票反对，49票赞成。所有民主党人投票反对。

亚利桑那州共和党参议员约翰·麦凯恩与怀俄明州共和党参议员丽莎·穆克维奇和缅因州共和党参议员苏珊·柯林斯一起投票反对。

多数党领袖迈克·麦康奈尔（肯塔基州）曾推动最新版本的法案，希望该法案能被通过，并与5月4日通过的《美国医疗保健法》进行大会。该法案被期待能与众议院通过的《美国医疗保健法》进行大会，从而制定出一个妥协方案。

众议院投票将结束，但改革医疗保健的需要仍然存在，德文说，他敦促两个政党超越分歧，为国家和人民的共同利益而努力。

德文列出了未来任何法案都必须包含的四项行动项目：

• “保护医疗保险计划免受伤害那些挣扎的美国人”

• “保护安全网免受伤害那些最需要的人”

• “解决可能崩溃的保险市场以及相应的有限手段”

• “提供全面的希德修正案以及急需的道德权利”

“我们国家的辉煌不在于强大的人，而在于我们如何关心那些最弱小的人，”德文说。“国会可以并且应该通过符合我们国家精神的医疗保健法案。”

在废除法案失败后，德文敦促将任务继续下去，改革医疗保健。