Archbishop notes wisdom, understanding needed to ‘proclaim the kingdom together’

By Natalie Hoefer

NEW ALBANY—The subject of the first reading on July 30 led to Archbishop Charles C. Thompson preaching about the young King Solomon’s request of God for “an understanding heart...to govern this vast people of yours” (1 Kgs 3:9).

The timing of the subject seemed fitting, given the archbishop’s installation just two days prior as the youngest archbishop in the United States and the new shepherd of more than 221,000 Catholics in central and southern Indiana.

“Wisdom and understanding, two of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit received in the sacrament of confirmation, enabled King Solomon to be unmatched in his rule of service,” the archbishop said.

Throughout the liturgy, and especially when I went up to receive this pallium from his hands, he had the most beautiful, serene smile.

“As I looked at his pallium, and he’s carrying the weight of the Church throughout the world on his shoulders, and he can still smile, it was as if (he was) telling me, ‘You can do it.’ But also as if to say, ‘We’re in this together’. And not just Pope Francis and I, but each and every one of us.”

“This wisdom and understanding that King Solomon received, is something we seek and receive together to bear the weight of the Gospel, the weight of proclaiming the kingdom together, as Pope Francis seemed to intimate to me in that moment.”

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Challenging pilgrimage on ‘Notre Dame Trail’ salutes school’s spirit, founders and Blessed Mother

By John Shaughnessy

At 80, Holy Cross Brother Larry Stewart plans to walk and bike a 320-mile pilgrimage that is close to his heart and his faith—a journey that will honor the spirit of the Holy Cross men who traveled through Indiana during a brutal early winter 175 years ago to establish the University of Notre Dame.

From Aug. 13-26, Brother Larry hopes to participate in the entire pilgrimage that is being called the “Notre Dame Trail”—recalling a journey that began long ago in the Diocese of Vincennes, Ind., where the roots of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis started.

“It’s just a thrill to take part in the history of this,” says Brother Larry, who was looking for a new challenge after completing coast-to-coast bicyclerides across the United States when he was 60 and 70. “I’ve always enjoyed a challenge.”

This one is far more meaningful to him as it salutes Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin and the Holy Cross brothers who traveled with him from France to the United States—and those who forged onward from Vincennes to South Bend on a journey that led to the founding of Notre Dame in 1842.

“That journey was unbelievable,” says Brother Larry, one of 32 people who have signed up to do the entire pilgrimage. “When they were traveling to South Bend in November, it was one of the worst winters in the history of Indiana. And they made it in 11 days. They had horses, oxen and wagons. They traveled one day 11 miles in the snow. And the snow was a foot deep.

“Father Sorin had a great devotion to Our Lady, and he showed it with the golden dome and the statue of the Blessed Mother atop it.”

Notre Dame wants to honor that faith, that spirit and that determination as it celebrates its 175th anniversary. And the pilgrimage is a major part of that effort.

A journey and a mission that continues. We wanted to do something distinct—to focus on our humble beginnings, but to also look to the future,” says Katherine Lane, who is the senior director of the
Iraqi Christians, Amer, center, and his family pose in their house on Aug. 4 in Qaraqosh, Iraq. The family, who fled Islamic State militants, has returned home to rebuild their house and their lives after a year and a half in Beirut, Lebanon.

The family is members of a Catholic aid group, AVSI Foundation, that has worked in Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, as well as more than 20 other countries.

"It's very important for these children to have places created where they feel comfortable," Conte said. "We are rebuilding a preschool/kindergarten in Qaraqosh for this very reason, so the children can feel safe and the adults will feel secure while they reconstruct their homes and organize their lives once again," she said, noting the school should open in September for about 300 children.

AVSI has worked on educational projects in Iraq starting after the First Gulf War in 1991. More recently, it has aided Iraqis displaced by Islamic State with a variety of initiatives, including the Catholic University of Irbil and the Baby Jesus House kindergarten in Irbil, managed by the Dominican Sisters.

So far, 200 houses have been rebuilt in Qaraqosh, with another 111 on the way. Silvestri said 1,400 houses will be reconstructed, but 6,400 need rehabilitation.

ById officials advise the camps for internally displaced Iraqis will be closed by the end of the year. The move will press Christians and other displaced minorities to return to Qaraqosh and other villages liberated from the Islamic State.

Meanwhile, the U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is providing cash assistance to see homes rehabilitated for Christians and Yezidis in Bashkiq, another Nineveh town.

"The Church is dealing with reconstruction in Qaraqosh and Bartella, but we are focusing on needs of youth such as livelihood skills, psycho-social trauma counseling, women's support, and are looking at other components complementing the housing construction," Hani El-Mahdi, CRS Iraq country representative, told CNS via Skype from Baghdad. He said CRS and Caritas Iraq, both members of the larger Caritas network, were working together.

"These people have experienced enormous stress. Most have lost their livelihoods, and they need to re-establish themselves and their lives," El-Mahdi said after a meeting with Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Louis Sako in the Iraqi capital.

El-Mahdi said internally displaced people continue to stream in to Baghdad from Mosul, Anbar province, and other areas where fighting is still ongoing.

CRS is also "aiding the displaced stranded in camps around Mosul, providing food, water, and hygiene kits to help people stay alive in the brutal summer heat," he added.

Fans and material to provide shade outside of tents are provided, El-Mahdi said, as children in warehouses try to cope with sweating temperatures inside the tents and heat outside topping 120 F.†

### TRAIL

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Notre Dame Trail

Even with all the changes that have occurred on the campus in 175 years, "the mission of the place is still the same as it was when Father Sorin founded it," Lane says. "Father Sorin wrote that 'the University would be a means for good in the nation.' The tradition is to bring people out since the beginning, and so has the devotion to Mary." The Notre Dame Trail is being prepared as a pilgrimage that has been painstaking in its detail.

In June of 2016, Lane was among a group of five people who went to Spain to walk the ancient pilgrimage route that is known as the "Camino" in Spanish and "The Way" in English. The journey of 780 kilometers—or about 500 miles—eventually leads to the shrine of St. James at Santiago de Compostela.

Lane and her companions walked 100 kilometers of the Camino, enough to give her a taste of what the journey will be like—a journey and the emphasis they wanted to give to the Notre Dame Trail. "They call the Camino 'the Way of St. James,'" she says. "The Notre Dame Trail will be 'the Way of Mary.'"

Returning to Indiana, Lane began walking the route for the Notre Dame Trail, following a path that begins in Vincennes and weaves north through Terre Haute, Lafayette, Logansport and Plymouth before ending on the Notre Dame campus.

"I walked the whole trail last summer to make sure it could be done," Lane recalls. "I was very encouraged by its landscapes, the water, and there are hills. I found it challenging—a lot of blisters, a lot of tears and a lot of fear on the border." While it will be a physical challenge, it will also be a spiritual journey. There will be a lot of time for reflection and prayer. It's been a beautiful experience so far. I've really fallen in love with the trail." She has also gained a deeper appreciation of Father Sorin and the Holy Cross brothers who made the original journey.

"They had this faith in God and this devotion to Mary that we needed when we went through the Civil War," she says. "They were so determined. No one was going to get in his way.'

Brother Larry embodies that same spirit for her. "He's celebrating his 60th jubilee, and the pilgrimage is how he has chosen to do this," Lane says.

"This has definitely deepened my faith" Brother Larry has been preparing for the Notre Dame Trail since last October, doing training sessions of eight miles of walking and 21 miles on a bike.

"With all my walking and training, I use my fingers for direction during the route," says Brother Larry, who has a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine and a master's degree from Notre Dame. "All of us in the Holy Cross congregation have a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother. She was an inspiration for Father Sorin and all the brothers who came. So I'm pleased to be involved in this."

He's also thrilled that Notre Dame will be honoring all the local Holy Cross brothers, sisters and priests at a special dinner on Aug. 24 as part of the celebration of the Notre Dame Trail.

For the last day of the trail, Aug. 26—Notre Dame is inviting its students, alumni, parents and other supporters to join the pilgrimage for the last three miles to campus. After the pilgrimage reaches Notre Dame that morning, a Mass will be celebrated to mark the 175th anniversary. A picnic celebration will follow.

"The reason we chose August to do this is because we wanted the students to be back and to join in the celebration," says Lane, who will be joined by her husband, her two daughters, her parents and other relatives on the last day of the pilgrimage. "Well over 2,000 have registered for that final day, and we're hoping for thousands more. I'm hoping the whole community will come out.

Brother Larry plans to make his own special pilgrimage on the last day of the pilgrimage. He will visit the graveyards of Father Sorin and the six Holy Cross brothers who came with him from France to America—Brothers Vincent Pleau, Joseph Andre, Lawrence Menage, Anselm Cadlott, Gatan Monisman and Francois Xavier Patey. He will place images of each of them by their graves at the congregation's cemetery on the Notre Dame campus.

"I'm pushing for the brothers getting equal billing," says Brother Larry, who works as the archivist for the Midwest Province of the Holy Cross congregation. "They need the same degree of honor that Father Sorin is getting."

Lan also wants to give recognition and thanks to Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross who sent Father Sorin and the six Holy Cross brothers from France to Indiana. "I got to go to Le Mans, France, to see where the congregation first started," says Lane, who earned a master's degree from Notre Dame. "He's getting his degree at nearly Saint Mary's College. "I love a quote from him, and it reflects what he is doing here," she says. "This is the quote: 'If I'm alone in my ministry, I shall make a miasma of whatever task is entrusted to me. But if the Blessed Virgin has a hand in it, I can hope for everything.'"

Her 18 months of leading the effort of the Notre Dame Trail have led her to a place where all pilgrims hope to reach.

"This has definitely deepened my faith," she says. "I definitely pray more."
Example of founder of Knights ‘etched in our hearts,’ says archbishop

ST LOUIS (CNS)—Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori paid tribute on Aug. 3 to deceased members of the Knights of Columbus for their lives and example of charity, and also recalled the founder of the fraternal order, Father Michael J. McGivney, for his life of devotion and service.

The archbishop was the main celebrant and homilist of the Aug. 3 memorial Mass on the final day of the 135th annual international convention of the Knights of Columbus held in St. Louis.

“With joy and thanksgiving, we remember the life and example of the saints and indeed all the holy ones who were members of the fraternal order or friends of the order,” said the archbishop, who is supreme chaplain of the Knights.

He noted the closeness that St. John Paul II felt to the Knights during his pontificate, and also recalled the Knights of Columbus among the priests and their companions martyred during the Mexican Cristero Rebellion from 1926-29. Most of the martyrs were executed for carrying out their ministry despite Mexico’s anti-clerical laws.

“Just as they offered the sacrifice of Christ daily on the altar, so too we reproduce in our own lives a sacrifice like unto that of the Savior,” the archbishop said. “We honor them today. We cherish their memory. We ask their sacrifice like unto that of the Savior,” the archbishop said.

The archbishop continued, “we reached out to persecuted Christians halfway across the world, and to those suffering disease and hunger on a scale that is hard to imagine … and all because Father McGivney taught us the capital importance of seeing Christ in the widow, the orphan, the outcast, the vulnerable.”

The archbishop said the day’s readings spelled out hope. In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul “tells us hope does not disappoint—that is to say, the genuine Christian virtue of hope does not let us down,” he said.

“The hope on which St. Paul staked his life and ministry in a deep-seated confidence that God loves us deeply, more deeply than we could ever imagine, and that he wills our salvation—not because he gets anything out of it but merely because he does indeed love us in a deep and incomprehensible way,” the archbishop explained.

“Jesus did not come into the world merely to make us objects of his pity,” Archbishop Lori said. “Rather, he desired that we would be truly reconciled to him and to the Father, and that we become his friends … and his co-workers.”

“The saints and holy ones associated with our order staked their lives on this truth,” Archbishop Lori added.

At the end of Mass, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, longtime personal secretary to St. John Paul II, blessed the congregation with a relic, consisting of a vial of St. John Paul II’s blood.

The elaborate relic that holds the relic is normally housed at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, founded by the Knights in 2011.

Knights of Columbus to send $2 million to restore Christian town in Iraq

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In 2014, the Islamic State removed hundreds of families of religious minorities from their homes in Karamdes, a mostly Christian town on the Ninevah Plain in Iraq. Just over two years later, the town, also known as Karakmelash, was liberated.

The Knights of Columbus will raise $2 million to assist these families in returning to their homes, according to Knights CEO Carl Anderson, who announced their pledge at the Knights’ 135th annual Supreme Convention held on Aug. 1-3 in St. Louis.

“Out of love for God’s people, he created the Knights of Columbus as an organization designed to strengthen the faith of husbands and fathers while providing for their families in time of death and bereavement,” he added.

The Knights are following the example of returning families to their homes. The example of the Hungarian government, whose new spending bill allowed for $2 million to be sent to the Archdiocese of Irbil in Iraq, assisting with the rebuilding of a Christian community near Mosul, Iraq.

Families who were previously displaced from their homes were able to return to their homeland because of the government of Hungary. This example served as proof to the Knights of the impact of returning families to their homes.

The cost of resetting one family is around $2,000, so the amount the Knights are encouraging councils, parishes and individuals to donate.

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Going beyond administration in our service to others

While preparing for the Convocation of Catholic Leaders in early July, I paused on a statement describing a design principle for the event. In calling for missionary discipleship, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in the participant guidebook cites Pope Francis’s caution that “mere administration” can no longer be enough. As I had held administrative posts for almost a quarter of a century with 20 years in Catholic ministries, I took this as one of those learning moments to stop and think.

Simplified, administration is the coordination of people and their efforts to fulfill the purpose of an entity through the management of roles, activities, resources and processes. The goal of administration is to enable ministry while the purpose for any faith-based ministry is to help people know, love and serve God.

I would be the last person to cast administration as the polar opposite of ministry. The word “administration” embeds the concept of minimization. Few ministries can flourish without able administration. I think about the cases where necessary services and outreach are held back by inefficient or incoherent processes, poorly trained or guided personnel, as well as insufficient or suboptimal use of resources. The Acts of the Apostles makes clear that the good works of charity and care for community require dedicated and organized administration.

While both are necessary, administration and ministry can pull in different directions that call for different actions and behaviors. Minimally, pressures for attending to tasks, deadlines, crises of one sort or another can hijack the time, energies, sensitivities and patience needed to attend to the feelings, needs and personal circumstances of the people involved.

I learned this during my last month at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) when I opened my calendar to anyone who wanted to have lunch. These conversations, unlike routine meetings, were not tethered to the usual organizational menus of problem-solving or brainstorming. People shared stories of their backgrounds, why they chose to go into international development, their personal triumphs and losses, what was difficult about change for them, how they have grown, their hopes for CRS and how we could make more room for the ideas of our colleagues. My colleagues asked about me. What was difficult for me, what did I see in the organization, what did I hope for, what did I think we achieved together and what advice would I like them to hold in their hearts?

These conversations reveal the essence of people: who they are in the ways that matter to them; their joys and sometimes their struggles; what gives them meaning and joy; how they want to contribute and what holds them back. People were seeking to be known, not in resume entries that denote qualifications, but in human terms that foster understanding—the first building blocks for engagement, acceptance and friendship.

These tight brain kicks in to seek expressions toward bondedness and relationships without which we would not be fully human nor could we have the hunger for God and his people implicit to ministry.

A professional hazard to administrative roles is that these are based on power entangled with evaluative thinking that doesn’t shut itself off. These inhibit conversations. Not only will people refrain from telling you their concerns; they also hold back positive feedback and empathy for those in authority for fear that these may be misconstrued. It is hard to imagine how someone would find the extra time and the appropriate space that allows for both emotional bonding and professional objectivity. I would venture to say that had I appreciated the significance of these needs, I would have worked hard to make time and find ways to accommodate these.

It has to be done when we recognize that this is not really a choice: that our colleagues deserve nothing less, that empathy would wither or become brittle in their absence, and that we are not really supporting God’s ministry without channeling his eyes, ears and heart for the other.

(Carolyn Woo is distinguished president’s fellow for global development at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and served as the CEO and president of Catholic Relief Services from 2012 to 2016.)
María, madre de Dios y madre nuestra

“María, madre de la Iglesia y madre de nuestra fe, enseñanos a mirar con los ojos de Jesús, para que el suyo luz, en nuestro camino. Y que esta luz de la fe crezca continuamente en nosotros, hasta que llegue el día sin ocaso, que es el día que viene de la bendición de Dios y del surgimiento de la vida divina de Cristo, como su aspecto divino, como en su aspecto humano. La Santa Virgen María, madre de Dios y nuestra madre, es el modelo del discípulo cristiano auténtico. El papa Francisco nos dice que “la Madre del Señor es el ícono perfecto de la fe, como dice santa Isabel: ‘Bienaventurada la que ha creído’” (LE 1:45) (“Lumen Fidei,” #58). El Sumo Pontífice llama a María un ‘ícono de la fe’ puesto que su vida entera logra plasmar de una forma concreta y visible para nosotros la virtud teológica abstracta de la fe: María es bienaventurada porque creyó; es bienaventurada porque aceptó la voluntad de Dios para ella (aunque no la entendiera por completo); y es bienaventurada porque dijo ‘sí’ cuando le pidieron que sacrificara toda su vida para el plan misterioso de Dios (“Lumen Fidei,” #58). Como virgen y como madre, María nos ofrece una señal clara, tanto de la condición divina de Cristo como de su aspecto humano. El papa Francisco nos recuerda que María representó la culminación de una tradición de fe. De hecho, el Santo Padre nos dice que “en María, hija de Sión, se cumple la larga historia de fe del Antiguo Testamento, que incluye la historia de tantas mujeres fieles, comenzando por Sara, mujeres que, junto a los patriarcas, fueron testigos del cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios y del surgimiento de la vida nueva” (“Lumen Fidei,” #58). “Bendita eres entre todas las mujeres, rezo, imitando las palabras de santa Isabel, ‘y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.” Los cristianos depositamos toda nuestra fe, esperanza y amor en Jesucristo. No creemos en María, sino que creemos junto con ella y en la comunión de los santos, vivos y difuntos. “En el centro de la fe—nos enseña el papa Francisco—se encuentra la confesión de Jesús,” Hijo de Dios, nacido de mujer, que nos introduce, mediante el don del Espíritu santo, en la filiación adoptiva ([cfr. Gal 4:4]) (“Lumen Fidei,” #59). María señala el camino hacia Él. Tanto su vida terrenal como su constante intercesión desde el cielo nos demuestra cómo creer y cómo poner en práctica nuestra fe. Desde hace 2,000 años, los cristianos hemos acudido a María, la primera discípula de Jesucristo, para recibir ayuda para creer y fortalecer nuestra fe. Su testimonio y su intercesión “aviva en nosotros el deseo de seguir sus pasos, saliendo de nuestra tierra y confiando en su promesa” (“Lumen Fidei,” #60). María, ayudámonos a sentir el amor de Cristo y, en consecuencia, a amarlo, mediante nuestra fidelidad a su palabra y a su ejemplo. María, ayudámonos a entregarnos por completo a Jesús a través de un encuentro personal con Él que nueva nuestros corazones y nos llene de fervor piadoso para seguirlo como discípulos misioneros, sin tomar en cuenta las implicaciones. La solemidad que festejamos el 15 de agosto es una celebración tanto de la vida de María en la tierra como de su entrada a la vida eterna junto con su hijo, Jesús. Esta cláusula “tanto y como” implica que María no tenía pecado y, por consiguiente, no pasó por el trance de la muerte como lo hacemos el resto de nosotros, pero además que su ascensión hizo posible que se convirtiera en abogada activa de todos sus hijos en la Tierra. Hemos acudido a María que nos muestre el camino hacia su hijo totalmente divino y totalmente humano. Podamos la gracia de seguir su ejemplo y de ser testigos tanto de la humanidad como de la divinidad de su hijo, Jesús.”
Events Calendar

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

August 14
St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 7875 Holliday Dr. Indianapolis. Catholic Radio Indy Mass and Lunch, celebrating the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, 11:30 a.m. Reservations: 317-870-8400 or jim@archindy.org.

August 15
St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Indianapolis, Life in the Spirit Seminar, session four of eight, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-7328, mkeyes@indy.com.

August 17
Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Mausoleum, 9001 Havensick Road, Indianapolis. Monthly Mass, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

VIPs

Ralph and Alberta (Matern) Biehle, members of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17.

The couple was married at St. Ann Church in Jennings County on Aug. 17, 1957.

They have seven children: Donny Bailey, Marie Bauer, Donna Gerringer, Ed, Marvin, Tom and the late Judy Biehle.

The couple also has 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Richard and Kathryn (Stoligrosz) McNutt, members of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24.

The couple was married at St. Michael Church in Brooklynville on Aug. 24, 1967.

They have six children: Shannon Lake, Lisa Walusek, James, Michael, Scott and Steven McNutt.

The couple also has 16 grandchildren.

Eritrean and Ethiopian Catholic communal meeting set for Aug. 27 regarding Ethiopian Rite

A meeting for the Eritrean and Ethiopian Catholic communities in the archdiocese will take place in the St. John Room of the Parish Life Center at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis, from 2-4 p.m. on Aug. 27.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibility of a monthly Mass in the Ethiopian Rite at St. Michael the Archangel Church.

For more information, contact Sammy at 317-869-5230 or by e-mail at akbe_g@icloud.com.

August 18-19
St. Joseph Church, 1401 S. Mckiey Ave., Indianapolis. Third Thursday Adoration, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m. -7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m.


August 18

August 19
Northeast Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 51st St., Indianapolis. Catholic Business Exchange, Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Hogsett presenting, Mass, breakfast and program, 7:45 a.m., $15 members, $20 non-members, breakfast included. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org

August 19-20
St. Mary’s-of-the-Woods College, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, at 10 a.m. on Sept. 6 and Sept. 13), Deacon Monte Carlo, 5K or Hunger Bust Fun Run/Walk for Providence Food Pantry set for Sep. 9, register by Aug. 22 for T-shirt

The 6th Annual Hunger Bust Fun Run/Walk, sponsored by St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish, will take place on the grounds of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, 1 St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, at 10 a.m. on Sept. 9, with registration between 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. All proceeds from this event go directly to the West Terre Haute Providence Food Pantry to purchase food for those in need. The pantry, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Providence, has served low-income families since 1994. Last year, more than 3,000 families were provided food by the pantry. The walk/run is on a paved path, so wheelchairs and strollers are welcome. The entry fee is $15.

For registration information, email mlj986@gmail.com; call 812-623-2964, download a registration form at Facebook: Hunger Bust Fun Run/Walk or register the day of the event.

Those whose registration is received by Aug. 22 will receive a free T-shirt at the event.

Cantor workshop scheduled for Aug. 22

A retreat for archdiocesan cantors co-sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Worship and the Voice Clinic of Indiana will be held at Knights of Columbus McGowen Hall, 1015 N. Delaware St., in Indianapolis, from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. on Aug. 26.

The event, which will be led in part by Andrew Motyka, director of archdiocesan and cathedral liturgical music, will include morning prayer and sessions on learning music, vocal health and medical information, warm-ups and exercises, the cantor as psalmist, the cantor as song leader and animator, and review of Mass parts and proper postures and protocol, computer work and general sound and mic technological information, Gregorian chant (plainsong) and solfege, and Q & A time.

The cost for the event, which includes lunch, is $40 per person or $20 per couple plus $10 per person. The deadline for payment is Aug. 21.

For information on registration, contact 919-618-3100.

Heart of Gold

Father John McCaslin, administrator of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, receives the Order of William of Orange, the highest honor given by the Dutch government to those who have made significant contributions to the U.S. and Dutch-Indonesian relations, at a fundraising event in Indianapolis on Aug. 5, 2009, while pastor of St. Anthony and the former Holy Trinity parishes on the near-west side of Indianapolis. Father McCaslin helped found the non-profit organization that purchases, refurbishes and resells homes in the Haughville and Hawthorne neighborhoods to help families and individuals attain affordable, long-term housing. He received the award for his service and dedication to the organization. (Photo by Natalie Hofer)

Retreat for separated and divorced Catholics will be held on Oct. 6-8

“Being and Belonging...A Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics” will take place at the Lady of the Ways Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th Street, in Indianapolis, on Oct. 6-8.

Retreat attendees are invited to relax as they journey with others, listening to their stories and exploring a common loss. The program will help deepen an understanding of the healing process, increase a sense of belonging, and help participants discover and affirm that God is with them in their struggles and hope. The Lady of the Ways Center, one of all faiths.

The cost for the weekend is $168 for a shared room or $185 for a private room. For additional information, contact the Pro-Life Family Life Office at 317-236-1586 or e-mail evanvarel@archindy.org.

To register, call Fatima Retreat House at 317-545-7681.
Organization helps business leaders grow, integrate faith values

By Katie Rutter

Special to The Criterion

Ken Konesco’s eyes sparkled with pride. He explained that, as president and CEO of the Indianapolis-based Heritage College, he rejected the modern standard of “work before family,” and always encouraged his employees to think of their loved ones first.

“If there is a birthday party or if there is a graduation for your son or your daughter, that is a priority! Forget about work, you need to be there,” Konesco repeated.

Before Konesco retired five years ago, he set the standards for about 7,000 employees.

Konesco was seated in a room with dozens of other people who also led businesses, their collective membership numbering in the tens of thousands. These leaders were well aware that their daily decisions could ripple out to influence these employees, their families and their community.

“If the chief executive officer is one that has a sense of values, it creates a whole atmosphere of that type in the company,” said George Malery, who, when he retired from being president of National Underwriters Inc., employed 25,000 people.

“The other hand, if he’s a free-spending, free-wheeling guy, the tone of the business will produce the same type of company,” he told The Criterion.

For 28 years, business leaders have gathered for monthly meetings in Indianapolis. They comprise the Indianapolis chapter of Legatus, an organization founded to help Catholic business leaders grow in their faith and integrate the values of Catholicism into everyday decisions.

“You just constantly see people doing things the right way,” said Jerry Jones, the pastor of Ann Arbor’s Immaculate Conception, and the Legatus chapter’s “It’s a room full of people that you just admire, just good people doing the right things.”

Tom Monaghan, a well-known Catholic businessman and founder of Domino’s Pizza, created Legatus 30 years ago. He wanted to influence those who had the greatest ability to impact the world.

“Legatus takes people who are already leaders and helps them to be better Catholic leaders,” Monaghan said in a recent interview with the National Catholic Register.

Monaghan was one of the first to join the newly-formed organization in 1987, and remains the second-oldest surviving member of Legatus. Monaghan asked him to help found the Indianapolis chapter in 1989.

Today, with 130 members, the Indianapolis chapter is the fourth-largest of 185 charter chapters, and is considered by Monaghan to be a “vibrant” example for his organization.

“We have an incredibly good reputation,” Jones said. “We have some very strong civic leaders that are part of our organization.”

Legatus uses a very specific set of criteria to bring together leaders with a similar ability to influence. Members must have a title such as CEO, president, chairman or owner and employ at least 49 people with $6.5 million annual revenue, or, for a financial service company, at least 10 people and $275 million in assets under their care.

“Leaders who fit into this category have many of the same concerns, the same problems, the same pressures that they’re under so that’s what I’m looking for,” said Mgr. Joseph Schaedel, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, who has spiritually guided the Indianapolis chapter as chaplain for 23 years.

Once a leader qualifies, the membership is also extended to his or her spouse. Longtime attendees say that all those belonging to the Indianapolis chapter feel like a family. Some even say that being part of the organization has strengthened their marriages.

“It gives you a basis for communication and discussion of things that you may not have discussed before,” said Mary Ellen Konesco, who has been married to Ken for 48 years.

“It’s hard, like your business and faith, sometimes they don’t seem on the same level, but in this group, you’re doing the same thing,” and one is afraid to talk about it, which is good,” she said.

Monthly meetings follow a format established by Monaghan. The evening starts with a group rosary, the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, and the celebration of Mass. Dinner and fellowship follow, then a speaker will present on a topic related to faith, family or business.

The Indianapolis chapter meeting on July 20 began with a Mass celebrated by Mgr. Schaedel at St. Luke. Then the group moved to the Meridian Hills Country Club, where the room buzzed with lively conversation and camaraderie. Visitors were welcomed with small boxes of handmade cookies and friendly conversation.

Tom Monaghan himself was scheduled to address the Indianapolis chapter meeting, but had to stay in his hometown of Ann Arbor, Mich., due to an illness. Instead, the organization sent Stephen Henley, its executive director, who read a greeting from Monaghan and congratulated Indianapolis on the success of their group.

“They’re a phenomenal chapter,” he told The Criterion.

Henley remarked that Catholic business leaders have a large role to play in the new evangelization, which calls on every person of faith, not just the clergy, to bring the Gospel to others.

“You’re a role model,” said Jones, who drove to demonstrate Catholic values while interacting with his employers as president of the printer-distributor company Cannon IV in Indianapolis. “I want them to understand that I’m willing to walk the walk, and practice my faith on a daily basis.”

Henley relayed that, by providing Catholic business leaders with extra formation and challenging them to live out their faith, Legatus is following an example set by Jesus himself. The Gospeles show that Jesus often spent extra time teaching those who would eventually lead his Church, the 12 Apostles.

“Henry has the same vision, the same vision,” said Monaghan. “He’s always wanted to be a leader in Catholicism, in our faith.”

The Indianapolis chapter has already added six members to its ranks this year. The group aims to continue growing their influence and challenging Catholic business leaders to live out their faith.

The message from Monaghan congratulated Indianapolis on a 96 percent renewal rate and an 11 percent growth rate.

“This is truly commendable,” Monaghan wrote.

(Katie Rutter is a freelance writer and member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. For more information on the Indianapolis chapter of Legatus, visit legatus.org/chapter/indianapolis/)

By Carrie Deihl

USCCB president urges Trump to quickly act to ease contraceptive mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called on President Donald J. Trump to ease contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs because it violates religious freedom.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, who penned an op-ed piece in The Hill on Aug. 3 that the mandate, which requires most employer-offered health insurance plans to cover contraceptive and aborting-inducing drugs and devices, “has tested this country’s commitment to a healing pluralism.”

Citing Trump’s pledge to ease the mandate during a White House signing ceremony on May 31, the USCCB president wrote: “The threat to religious freedom is a fundamental right, not a political football. Freedom belongs to us by human nature, not by government dictate. A government that serves its citizens is one that respects the right to religious freedom,” the cardinal added.

The column follows recent failed efforts by Congress to pass a law to repeal the Affordable Care Act. It also comes two months after the May 31 leak of a draft rule from HHS exempting religious groups from the mandate. The draft was welcomed at the time by Church officials and attorneys representing the Little Sisters of the Poor, one of the groups that challenged the mandate in the courts.

The 125-page document remains under review by the White House Office of Management and Budget. It details objections to the Affordable Care Act’s requirement that employers cover contraceptives, abortions and sterilization in their employee health plans despite their moral objections to such care.

It would leave in place the religious accommodation created by President Barack Obama’s administration for nonprofit religious entities such as Church-run colleges and social service agencies that are morally opposed to contraceptive coverage and can file a form or notify HHS that they will not provide it. The draft rule also would broaden this exemption to cover employers with religious or moral objections to providing for some abortifacients. The new rule also makes it clear that insurers may offer separate policies to women whose employers are exempt from the mandate.

The HHS mandate has undergone numerous legal challenges from religious organizations including the Little Sisters of the Poor and Priests for Life. A combined lawsuit, Zubik v. Burwell, made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the justices in May 2016 unanimously returned the case to the lower courts with instructions to determine if the contraceptive and sterilization insurance coverage could be obtained by employees through their insurance companies without directly involving religious employers who object to paying for such coverage.

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To do this, he said, “We must dare to go beyond our comfort zones, our facades of security, surrendering ourselves to the wisdom and understanding of God.”

Before the close of the Mass, Archbishop Thompson relayed words of thanks to concelebrants retired Father William Ernst and Father Eric Johnson, Our Lady of Perpetual Help’s pastor, as well as Deacon Jeffrey Powell, who assisted with the Mass, and the choir.

“I was humbled to hear [his compliment],” said parish music director Katelyn Stumler at a reception following the Mass. “It’s always wonderful to know when someone appreciates what you do, and for all those hard-working choir members, I know that meant so much to them.”

Stumler also sang in the archdiocesan choir for the installation Mass, and led practices for other archdiocesan choir members who live in the New Albany area.

“No matter how far away parts of the archdiocese are, we are all connected,” she said. “I feel like we’re all part of the body of Christ together, and that’s pretty incredible.

“And the fact that he was able to come down here was just such a privilege.”

Father Johnson agreed, saying that “we feel very blessed for him to come to this part of the archdiocese to celebrate. I think the community feels very honored by it.”

Among those greeting Archbishop Thompson at the reception were people who knew him and people meeting him for the first time.

“He seems very down-to-earth, and I’m looking forward to his leadership,” said Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioner Mary Zahler, who had just met the archbishop.

“I was very surprised and flattered [that he chose New Albany for his first Mass]. Sometimes southern Indiana feels left out of the circle, and it’s nice for him to start down here. I was very thrilled.”

Greeting the archbishop was a bit of a reunion for Jack Richards. Although a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Richards serves as principal of Holy Trinity School, a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade parochial school in Louisville.

“He took a chance on me as a young principal,” said Richards, who was hired by then-Holy Trinity pastor Father Charles Thompson 12 years ago. “I’ve been blessed he’s been a mentor of mine for many years. We have stayed in contact throughout the years when he was bishop of Evansville and now archbishop of Indianapolis. I continue to admire his holiness, his intelligence and the way he interacts with people on a really personal level.”

He noted the archbishop is “really good with kids,” greeting them each day in the cafeteria when he was pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, and “making sure they knew he was praying for them.”

Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioner Ann Steiner said the archbishop will have her prayers.

“We’re looking forward to his ministry, and whatever we can do to help him and pray for him, we’ll do that,” she said.

And that is precisely what Archbishop Thompson requested.

“Please, please pray for me,” he asked of the congregation at the end of the Mass. “If you like me, pray for me, and if you don’t like me, pray even harder for me.”

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He was an amazing man. You couldn’t talk to him and ever forget it,” George J. Phillips told Catholic News Service. “When Father Capodanno served as a Navy Corps Captain, he was the chaplain’s unit captain and “on the knob when Father Capodanno was killed.”

He is the chairman of the Father Vincent Capodanno Guild, an association established in 2013 to promote the chaplain’s cause for canonization.

Vincent Capodanno was born in New York in 1929, the 10th child of Italian immigrants. He was ordained a Maryknoll missionary in 1959, and served in Taiwan and Hong Kong before asking permission from his religious superiors to join the Navy Nurse Corps. He was ordained a priest in the spring of 1966 and went to Vietnam.

“He always referred to us as ‘my Marines’,” he said, “and he loved, ate and slept the same conditions as the men, Phillips said.

He was the end of his tour of Father Capodanno still saw the need for his work with ‘his Marines’ and asked for an extension through the Christmas holidays,” Phillips said.

In 2002, Father Capodanno’s sainthood cause was officially opened, with the new candidate being named the title of “servant of God.” In 2004, initial documentation was submitted to Vatican Congregation for Saints’ Causes.

In 2013, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services presided over the formal renewal of the opening of the cause and announced at that time that the newly established Father Vincent Capodanno Guild would serve diocesan and religious education.”

The archdiocesan phase of the cause was celebrated May at an annual memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The findings of the local tribunal were sent to the Congregation for Saints’ Causes at the Vatican for review.

The idea for a movie about Father Capodanno’s life came from the guild, according to Phillips. “We wanted to tell his whole story, from growing up as a child of dedicated, practicing Catholics, through his high school and college years, to his priesthood and Vietnam experience,” Phillips said. The guild partnered with EWTN to produce and distribute the film, which Phillips said cost approximately $750,000.

James Kelly was chosen to produce, write, direct and edit the movie. Since 2010, Kelly has produced docudramas for EWTN about Sts. Isaac Jogues, Junipero Serra and Kateri Tekakwitha, among others.

Kelly said he started with a lot of archival photos and a few minutes of Marines video, and determined the most compelling way to tell the story was to intersperse interviews with family members and former Marines with dramatizations of key events in Father Capodanno’s life.

This included re-creating battle scenes from Vietnam at the Sanna Ranch in Santa Clara, Calif., and filming parishioners at St. Bridget Chinese Parish in Los Angeles.

Actor James Hutson portrays Father Capodanno as an adult. Kelly identified him through a traditional audition process. Daniel Junipero Serra, a young boy, Kelly discovered him while leading a pilgrimage tour along the Father Junipero Serra Trail.

“It’s important that the actors look somewhat like the people they play. While I was giving the talk, I noticed a boy in the crowd looked like picture I had seen of the young Capodanno,” Kelly said. He had no previous acting experience.

At St. Adalbert School on Staten Island, Father Capodanno is part of the daily life of the student body. “We pray to him every morning, and there’s a picture of him in each classroom,” Diane Hesterhagen, who is beginning her 21st year as principal of the school, said. “We consider him a true hometown hero. He’s such an impressive role model of Christ-like sacrifice,” she said.

Father Capodanno’s late brother James helped the students make a documentary on his life for Instructional Television of the New York Archdiocese, Hesterhagen told CNS. “Jim let them see the Medal of Honor and touch the chalice he used in Vietnam, and the memorial for the children and strengthened their faith,” she explained.

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Friar’s remains exhumed, relics collected ahead of beatification Mass

DETROIT (CNS)—The remains of Father Solanus Casey were exhumed on Aug. 1 as part of the canonical process that precedes the saintly Capuchin Franciscan friar’s beatification Mass in November.

The purpose of the exhumation, according to the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Detroit, was to both officially identify the body and to collect relics that will be used to venerate Father Casey after he is beatified on Nov. 18.

Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron presided over the private exhumation service, which was limited to a handful of individuals, including three medical professionals who were on hand to examine the remains and report on the condition of the body.

“Presiding at the process for opening the tomb of Father Solanus and confirming the identity of his earthly remains was a time of significant personal prayer for me,” Archbishop Vigneron said afterward. “I especially give the Lord Jesus thanks for the gift of Father’s service to our community, above all to the least among us, and for his example of loving our neighbor with nothing less than the sacrificial charity of Christ himself.”

“This day is a clear milestone on our path to Nov. 18 and Father Solanus’ beatification at the Mass to be offered in Ford Field,” he said. “The stadium in downtown Detroit will be configured to accommodate 60,000 people for the ceremony.”

“God is sure to give great blessings to all of us through this confirmation of Father Solanus’ holiness. For this, ‘let us thank God ahead of time,’ “ the archbishop said, repeating Father Casey’s oft-quoted refrain.

Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Sullivan, provincial minister for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, was among the few Capuchins present for the solemn occasion.

“It was an honor and a joy for me to be prayerfully present,” Father Sullivan said. “For me, it was an occasion to pray for all the friars, especially the sick and those who minister here in Detroit as well as for their ministry as a spiritual family.”

St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel.

Vigneron led a closing prayer.

Document signed by those present, before Archbishop Vigneron led a closing prayer.

The exhumation also took place one day after the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Father Casey’s death on July 31, 1957.

A priest known for his great faith, humility and compassion and for his ministry as a spiritual counselor, Father Casey worked for two decades in the Harlem section of New York City.

In 1924, he was transferred back to Detroit, where he joined the Capuchin order, and began working as the porter—or doorkeeper—of St. Bonaventure Monastery. He also helped establish the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929 to feed the hungry during the Great Depression, a work that continues in Detroit today.

He was declared venerable in 1995.

Exhumation of the body of a saint candidate is part of the formalities of the beatification process and includes very strict guidelines, said Capuchin Franciscan Father Larry Webber, who along with Brother Richard Merling, also a Capuchin Franciscan, has served as vice postulator of Father Casey’s sainthood cause since 2012.

After permission was received from the Vatican Congregation for Saints’ Causes—as well as local civic officials—to exhume the metal casket in which Father Casey was buried, it was raised from its resting place on the evening of July 31, but remained unopened until the next morning.

Leading a prayer, Archbishop Vigneron broke the wax seal that was left on Father Casey’s casket when it was last opened under then-Archbishop Edmund C. Stoak, and two witnesses who were present at the 1987 exhumation helped verify the body. Medical examiners were then asked to witness the opening.

Church officials then oversaw the collection of the first- and second-class relics—including pieces of bone, hair or clothing—which were secured inside vials to be sent to Rome, where they will be cataloged, authenticated and prepared for distribution. The body was then reinterred in a new casket, along with an authentication document signed by those present, before Archbishop Vigneron led a closing prayer.

Father Webber called it a “very powerful spiritual experience” to be able to see and venerate the remains of Father Casey.

“Many mixed feelings filled the hearts of our Capuchin community today,” Father Webber said.

“We are well aware that Father Solanus is now part of something greater than just our Capuchin community. He belongs to the whole Church, and we pray that his eventual canonization might make him another model of holiness in following Jesus Christ in the universal Church.”

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Parish celebrates unity as a ‘sign’ of the times

By Cynthia Dewes

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The pastor is also encouraged that

similar signs have appeared in other areas

of Indianapolis. He believes the message

on the sign is an important one at this
time in American society. He’s also proud

that St. Mary Parish is trying to live that

message. “It really shows hope for the world—that

people can accept each other and worship

together with each other. We’re open to

anyone who wishes to be here, and we’re

trying to share that sense with others.”

As the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, Father Carlton Beever has led his parish in displaying signs of “acceptance, tolerance and welcome” throughout the downtown area. (photo by John Shaughnessy)

Ladies’ clubs continue to share their gifts at parishes

By John Shaughnessy

GREENCASTLE—We often hear

that ladies’ clubs are the backbone of a parish. That’s because they tirelessly raise funds, sponsor events, keep up the church and generally serve the members of their spiritual family and the wider community.

In earlier times, when women did not

often work outside the home, they had more
time to volunteer for such work. And there is more competition today from social media and recreational activities, so that social and service groups like ladies’ clubs and the Lions clubs, Elks and others are losing membership.

But the Ladies’ Guild of St. Paul the

Apostle Parish in Greencastle proves that it can still be done, and done well. Although it’s the only Catholic parish in Putnam County and not the largest one in the Terre Haute Deanery, it provides continuous support to both. At monthly meetings, members hear speakers on current subjects, socialize and plan their many activities.

St. Paul Parish was established in 1853, and with it the St. Ann Ladies Altar Society, as it was then known. Its purpose was to procure necessary things for the altar and the altar of the church. They purchased a monstrance and Thurible, as well as altar linens, caskets and surplises, candles, incense, altar wine and so on. They cleaned the church regularly, and also contributed money to maintaining the church building with new lighting, fixtures and other renovations.

Now, more than 160 years later, the Ladies Guild still does all those things, as well as prepare food baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and decorate the church for Christmas and Easter liturgies. They provide gifts for first Communions and confirmation candidates and for the parish staff at Christmastime.

The guild manages Lenten soup suppers and offers support to community groups such as the Family Support Services, Care Net and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Their scholarship committee each year awards a $1,000 scholarship and two $500 scholarships to high school seniors. At Christmastime, the Guild helps the Terre Haute Deanery with Catholic Charities efforts and the deanery’s Christmas Store. They provide the Christmas Store with items for each child, including new outfits, new socks and underwear donated largely by St. Paul parishioners, and a toy.

Twice a year, the Ladies Guild holds rummage/bake sales to help support its activities. They also have an annual Christmas Bazaar which features handcrafted items and baked goods, as well as gently used toys and clothing.

St. Paul Ladies Guild proves that even smaller parishes with dedicated volunteers can provide impressive support for enriched worship, service to the community and personal satisfaction.

(Cynthia Dewes is a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle.)

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Study some of Indiana’s early history in Vincennes

If you’re a history buff, August is a good time to visit Vincennes, Ind. This was by far the most important time to study early Indiana history. You can do it in one day, but I have a feeling there’s so much to see. We spent a whole day, and I did it last summer. We drove straight to the Old Vincennes Statehouse of St. Francis Xavier. This is the oldest church in Indiana, built in 1736. It was the first cathedral for the Diocese of Vincennes, which became the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 1944. It was Bishop Simon Bruté’s cathedral. It’s an attractive little church, 60 feet wide, 115 feet long. There are several large murals. We walked down to the crypt where Bishop Bruté and his three successors are buried.

The Old Cathedral Library and Museum is behind the church. It contains more than 5,000 books from Bishop Bruté’s personal library, but only a few of them are on display. It’s sort of amazing that he was able to ship that many books across the ocean.

We then went to the crypt and saw the remains of Vincennes. He accomplished a great deal in those five years, though.

Old Vincennes is not far from the magnificent George Rogers Clark Memorial, high above the Wabash River. It’s the largest national monument outside of Washington. It’s where Fort Sackville once stood. Before visiting it, though, I think everyone should see the movie that tells about Rogers’ capture of the fort during the Revolutionary War. It resulted in the United States adding the Old Northwest.

In another part of town is Grouseland, the home that William Henry Harrison built after he was named the first governor of the Indiana Territory, created on July 4, 1800. It is one of the oldest survivors of the Old Northwest, the future states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio. Harrison practiced law in the territory and was elected governor over governed such a vast area of the country. Harrison later became the eighteenth president of the United States, but died after only a month in office, the first president to die in office.

A historical feature is that the bugs have been moved to an area beside Grouseland: Indiana’s first capitol building, the first Puritan meeting place, a newspaper that published the first newspaper. All stretch back to the early 19th century. It was Bishop Simon Bruté who started the first newspaper.

This Church Survive?

A quote sometimes attributed to the Greek philosopher Aristotle reads: “It is thoughts that matter.” How many of us have done more good of all those who have

That’s a lot of “stuff,” and we certainly can’t spend thought thinking about all of it. But what does our analysis, its behavior and responses that count in the long run. Whether they’re overly religious or not, I believe that most people are innately good and will try to do the right thing. After all, we have been created to be a reflection of God, that’s our real identity. We should act like it.

Instead of spending so much time, money and effort to “find ourselves,” maybe we should just pray for understanding and settle for the person we really know ourselves to be.

Eugene Hemrick’s recent series of columns on Catholic News Service (CNS) illustrates this maxim, of course, in a way that is fitting for the times.

The American essayist and poet Henry David Thoreau was an introspective man who perhaps could be described as a Stoic. He lived alone, walked to the pond and sat in the sun, under the apple trees, fishing. He refused to go to war because he did not like the idea of losing his life for the sake of a larger cause. He was not a pacifist, but he believed that war was a means to an end and that the end did not justify the means.

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The The Sunday Readings
Sunday, August 13, 2017

**Matthew 14:22-33**

The Books of Books highlight the kings of the united kingdom of Israel and Solomon, but neither book is a political history, although both are religious works. The chief purpose of these writings is not to please the people to be loyal to God. Elijah, along with the kings, and often more emphatically and extensively than the kings, these books tell the stories of prophets, who spoke for God.

For example, this weekend’s reading comes from the prophetic line. Elijah faced imposing situations. He had to identify himself. He faced forms least expected, such as in not human ways. Not acting in human ways would specifically teach, God’s ways are in ways that they cannot perceive.

Elijah looked for God in places, Elijah expects to hear the Almighty sound. It is the voice of God. That is a far cry from orthodox Christian doctrine, which grew out of Hindu mysticism; it seeks enlightenment through a series of exercises designed to align the body, mind and spirit.

Simply because it has its origin outside the Christian tradition doesn’t necessarily mean that it conflicts with Catholic teaching.

The issue is a bit complex and has been the subject of a fair amount of controversy. Classic yoga is a discipline that grew out of Hindu mysticism; it seeks enlightenment through a series of exercises designed to align the body, mind and spirit.

Aspects of Christian Mediation,” stating: “Genuine practices of meditation that come from the Christian East and from the great non-Christian religions, which prove attractive to the man of today who is divided and disoriented, [can] constitute a suitable means of helping the person who prays to come before God with an interior peace” (828).

The bodily postures assumed during yoga as well as the breathing techniques are themselves morally neutral.

The real issue lies in what these techniques are designed to accomplish—what they are supposed to connect you to—and herein lies the difficulty with certain forms of yoga, which is a basic pantheism, the goal being for the person to become “one with the divine.” A classic yoga practice that makes the user is encouraged to repeat, is “So ham,” which can be translated “I am the universal self.”

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In this passage, Paul verified his principles conflict with Church teaching.

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I feel lost, pray for guidance and seek some closure. Can you help me understand how the Church looks upon my situation? (City of origin withheld)

**Fr. Kenneth Doyle**

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Honoring Mary

Pilgrims enter the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels after walking on their knees during a traditional pilgrimage in Cartago, Costa Rica, on Aug. 1. Thousands of worshippers make pilgrimages across the country annually to pay their respects and seek blessings from Our Lady of the Angels, Costa Rica’s patron saint.

(CNS photo/Juan Carlos Ulate, Reuters)
Serra Club Vocations Essay
Sister helps student connect with God through prayer, study

By Catherine Jasper
Special to The Criterion

Anyone who knows of Holy Name School in Beech Grove has probably heard of a very important person with the school: Benedictine Sister Nicolette Etienne.

I had the wonderful opportunity to have Sister Nicolette as my theology teacher from the fourth through the eighth grades. To me, she exemplified a disciple in everything she did.

First and foremost, great disciples are teachers. They spread the word of God and work to evangelize others. In each theology class, Sister Nicolette taught us something new about God’s message. She tried her hardest to appeal to middle schoolers who were more concerned about their game after school than what God’s teachings were. She used everything from entertaining videos to hosting class discussions. Some of her phrases used to memorize vocabulary words still stick with me to this day: an amazing testimony to Sister Nicolette’s knowledge of God and willingness to share it with others.

Sister truly cared about every student who walked through her classroom door. She even made an effort to connect with younger students, who eagerly awaited the year she could share her class with them.

I never expected a teacher to allow us to take time for ourselves in class. Almost every Thursday, classes were lucky enough to experience adoration. Before her class, I had never had time to sit gazing on God, thinking about his impact in my life. For those 45 minutes, I tried not to think about anything other than him.

This was my first time experiencing total submersion in him. The minutes spent within the church taught me more about my relationship with God than any other class. Through this reflection, I was able to discern God’s presence and rule in my everyday life.

The two greatest factors in Sister Nicolette’s life were love and God. She understood the power of love and allowed it to fill her up and spread it to others. God was a major part of her love. She allowed him to guide her and shape her life.

After my time in Sister Nicolette’s class, I felt my faith was solidified. I learned how to spread God’s message through my daily life, mainly by emulating Jesus’ actions and his love.

I try my best to embody Sister Nicolette and allow my kindness to shine. Her class inspired me to love theology. It is just as important as any math, science or English class. She introduced me to my faith, and showed me new ways to connect with God.

Sister Nicolette is a wonderful teacher. She is Holy Name’s own personal sun, shining with positivity and love. I consider myself lucky to have been able to be her student and experience her gifts.

She taught one of the greatest qualities I ever learned: to have eternal faith in God. For this, I will forever be grateful toward Sister Nicolette.

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Archbishop Broglio backs transgender ban, but says human dignity must prevail

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services offered support for President Donald J. Trump’s reinstatement of a ban on transgender people serving in any branch of the military.

In a July 28 statement, the archbishop said that “sexual orientation and gender identity issues reflect a rapidly increasing and incorrect moral and mental attitude that individual behaviors in life should be pursued independently of personal choices rather than eternal truth.”

He said that “personal choices in life, whether regarding the protection of the unborn, the sanctity of marriage and the family or the acceptance of a person’s God-created biological sex, should be made not solely for a penultimate reality on this Earth but in anticipation of the ultimate reality of sharing in the very life of God in heaven.

While supporting the ban, Archbishop Broglio said that Trump’s emphasis on military readiness and the cost associated with gender reassignment surgeries and therapies as reasons for the ban failed “to address the essence of the issue—the dignity of the human person.”

Citing St. John Paul II, Archbishop Broglio said that in upholding human dignity the Church offers “materal care” to each person.

“This care extends from the time an individual is conceived, until natural death, and every point of life in between. It is offered regardless of personal choices or conditions because Christ offers salvation to all people,” the statement said.

The archbishop’s statement explained Church teaching that human dignity is rooted in the fact that people are created in the image and likeness of God, and that the Church “honors human dignity by drawing near in order to accompany people.”

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESIDENT SEARCH

Providence Cristo Rey High School, a Roman Catholic, coeducational secondary school located in Indianapolis, Indiana, is currently accepting applications for the position of president.

The school is sponsored by Sisters of Providence of SAINT-MARY-OF-THE-WOODS and is a member of the Cristo Rey Network, a national association of high schools providing rigorous college-preparatory education to urban young people with economic need.

All students participate in a work-study program that substantially underwrites the cost of tuition, provides practical employment experience, and enhances their high school education into a transformational experience. The school celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017 and to date 100% of our graduates have been accepted to college.

The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic and leader who can effectively articulate the school’s mission to its various constituencies. Preference will be given to candidates with a mission orientation that incorporates Catholic education and Cristo Rey identity into a strategic plan for all aspects of the school and students—mission, academics, work-study, finance, administrations, and other areas.” A comprehensive salary and benefits package is offered. Application deadline: September 1, 2017.

A full job description & application information is available online at: www.cristoreyindy.org/employment.
Pope tells Belgian Brothers of Charity no more euthanasia for patients

MANCHESTER, England (CNS)—

Pope Francis has given a Belgian religious order until the end of August to stop offering euthanasia to psychiatric patients.

Brother René Stockman, superior general of the order, told Catholic News Service (CNS) the pope gave his personal approval to a Vatican demand that the Brothers of Charity, which operates 15 centers for psychiatric patients across Belgium, reverse its policy by the end of August.

Brothers who serve on the board of the Brothers of Charity Group, the organization that operates the centers, also must sign each a joint letter to their superior general declaring that they “fully support the vision of the magisterium of the Catholic Church, which has always maintained that human life must be respected and protected in absolute terms, from the moment of conception until its natural end.”

Brothers who refuse to sign will face sanctions under canon law, while group can expect to face legal action and even expulsion from the Church if it fails to change its policy.

The group, he added, must no longer consider euthanasia as a solution to human suffering under any circumstances.

The order, issued at the beginning of August, follows repeated requests for the group to drop its new policy of permitting doctors to perform the euthanasia of “nonterminal” mentally ill patients on its premises.

It also follows a joint petition by the Vatican’s congregations for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Secular Vocations.

Brother René, who had opposed the group’s euthanasia policy, told CNS the ultimatum was devised by the two congregations and has the support of the pope.

“Life is sacred and of infinite value,” he said in an Aug. 8 e-mail.

The ultimatum, he said, meant the group’s policies must be underpinned by a belief that “respect for human life is absolute.”

Brother René told CNS that if the group refused to bow to the ultimatum “then we will take juridical steps in order to force them to amend the text [of the new policy] and, if that is not possible, then we have to start the procedure to exclude the hospitals from the Brothers of Charity family and take away their Catholic identity.”

He said if any of the brothers refused to sign the letter upholding Catholic teaching against euthanasia, “then also we will start the correct procedure foresee in canon law.”

The Belgian bishops and the nuncio to Belgium have been informed about the ultimatum, he added.

Brother René, a psychiatric care specialist, had turned to the Vatican in the spring after the Brothers of Charity group rejected a formal request from him to reverse the new policy.

The group abandoned the Belgian bishops by formally implementing its euthanasia policy in June, just weeks after the bishops declared they would not accept euthanasia in Catholic institutions.

The group has also ignored a statement from Church teaching against euthanasia. The statement, written and signed by Cardinal Gerhard Muller, former head of the doctrinal congregation, was sent to the Brothers of Charity Group members.

A copy of the document has been obtained by CNS.

The Brothers of Charity was founded in 1807 in Ghent, Belgium, by Father Joseph Triest, whose cause for beatification was opened in 2001. Their charism is to serve the elderly and the mentally ill.

Today, the group is considered the most important provider of mental health care services in the Flanders region of Belgium, where they serve 5,000 patients a year.

About 12 psychiatric patients in the care of the Brothers of Charity, are believed to have asked for euthanasia over the past two years, with two transferred elsewhere to receive the injections to end their lives.

The group first announced its euthanasia policy in March, saying it wished to harmonize the practices of the centers with the Belgian law on euthanasia passed in 2003, the year after the Netherlands became the first country to permit the practice since Nazi Germany.

Technically, euthanasia in Belgium remains an offense, with the law protecting doctors from prosecution only if they abide by specific criteria, but increasingly lethal injections are given to the disabled and mentally ill. Since 2014, “emancipated children” have also qualified for euthanasia.

The group’s change in policy came about after a year private a Catholic rest home in Diest, Belgium, was fined $6,600 for refusing the euthanasia of a 74-year-old woman suffering from lung cancer.

CNS has approached the Brothers of Charity Group for a comment.