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Above, Teresa Keenan (left) places her arm upon her godchild as Father John F. Geis, pastor of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs, baptizes Chris King on April 3 during the Easter Vigil at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish.



At right, a child holds a candle during the light service of Easter Vigil. (See editorial "Welcome, 'new lights'!" on Page 4 and a list of new catechumens and candidates on Pages 10 and 11.



Above, Father Geis lights the Easter fire during the Service of Light during the Easter Vigil Liturgy at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs. Boy Scouts of America Troop #167 was in charge of the fire preparation.

Photos by Susan M. Bierman

NEW LIGHTS

Caritas, CRS respond to Kosovo emergency

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Church agencies, including Caritas and Catholic Relief Services, are working hard to aid refugees from the crisis in Kosovo, but there is much more to be done, said a Vatican official who visited Kosovo refugee camps in Albania.

"The Church is doing very much, above all Caritas (the Catholic aid agency)," Archbishop Paul Cordes, head of the Vatican's umbrella humanitarian organization, Cor Unum, told Vatican Radio April 3. "They are doing a lot, but it is still too little. And thought must be given to aid in the future, because those (refugees) who are now arriving certainly cannot remain under these conditions."

The archbishop spoke by telephone from a refugee camp in Kukes, Albania, for ethnic Albanians who had fled or had been deported from the Kosovo region of Yugoslavia.

He noted that "the great misery of the people is evident" from the images carried worldwide by the media of a seemingly endless stream of exhausted, sick and dying people massed on the Yugoslav-

Albanian border in muddy fields.

"However, I also saw a strong impulse of solidarity on the part of the Albanians, and this is exemplary and not obvious," Archbishop Cordes said. "All the families are opening themselves to help these refugees—except they do not speak of them as refugees, but call them 'our brothers.' They are like a great family."

While in Albania March 31 and April 1, Archbishop Cordes toured the refugee camps, met relief workers and discussed the situation with Albania's president. He also delivered a personal contribution of \$50,000 from Pope John Paul II, along with a papal message of support.

"To the children, mothers and elderly you meet," the pontiff wrote to the archbishop, "tell them that the pope is with them, and will remain with them until a just and lasting peace reigns in the Balkans."

Archbishop Cordes said, "We brought with us a bit of material help. However ... it is also important to reinforce the people's hope, because 'one does not live on bread alone.'"

He returned to the Vatican with the news that Albania's president had praised the Church for its work on behalf of the refugees and wanted to convey his thanks to the pope.

In a separate interview, Archbishop Cordes said Pope John Paul was concerned about doing "something to bring this crisis to an end" and was therefore concentrating on two areas, diplomacy and humanitarian work.

The archbishop spoke with the Italian Catholic daily *Avenire* April 1, after a Holy Thursday Chrism Mass he had celebrated in the Albanian capital of Tirana.

Archbishop Cordes said the pope had sent him as a representative to the region "to give a sign of his compassion to Albania, and to attract the attention of international public opinion to the need for extraordinary and long-lasting assistance here."

On April 2, Vatican Radio broadcast an interview with Laura Boldrini, spokeswoman for the Italian office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Speaking by telephone from Kukes, Boldrini called the refugee situation in Albania **See KOSOVO, page 2**

Elsener to leave archdiocesan service; Halloran to head stewardship, development

Secretary for stewardship and development to assume national role in educational choice

By William R. Bruns

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has announced that Daniel J. Elsener, secretary for stewardship and development for the archdiocese, has accepted the position of president with the newly formed Fairness Foundation, which has been created by Indianapolis business executive J. Patrick Rooney.

Rooney, retired head of Golden Rule Insurance, also founded the Educational Choice Charitable Trust in 1991, which provides need-based tuition assistance to families, thus enabling them to choose the schools they want their children to attend.

The new foundation is dedicated to empowering parents with the right to select the schools they deem best for their children. It also will identify and fund selected programs of excellence in education.

Elsener's last day with the archdiocese will be June 4.

Archbishop Buechlein has appointed Michael F. Halloran, associate secretary for stewardship and development and director of development, to succeed Elsener as secretary for stewardship and development.

Halloran, a development professional, joined the archdiocese in 1994 as director of stewardship. He was instrumental in developing the archdiocesan parish stewardship program, *A Disciple's Way*. During the last several years, he has successfully directed the United Catholic Appeal. Halloran also coordinated much of the effort of the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign.

Archbishop Buechlein said that Elsener had been "very influential in helping to build up Catholic education" in

his seven years with the archdiocese. "We have seen dramatic increases in enrollment in our schools," the archbishop said, "and our renewed commitment to our center-city schools is receiving national recognition."

"Dan has been deeply involved in fund-raising efforts as he encouraged everyone from parishioners to corporate presidents to invest in our schools," the archbishop said, "because of the excellent work they do in providing quality education and moral training to their students."

"It is of little surprise then," the archbishop continued, "that Dan will be moving on to continue to foster his passion for promoting the availability and accessibility of quality education for all who want it. We are deeply grateful to Dan for sharing his substantial talent and admirable commitment with us. We wish him well in his new endeavor."

Elsener said that while it will be difficult leaving his position with the archdiocese, he believes that he is not just "walking away, but moving on to serve in a different way."

"I believe that I have a lifelong, well-defined mission in my life and that is in



Daniel J. Elsener



Michael F. Halloran

the realm of education. I've been a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent," Elsener said. "This new opportunity seems to me to be the next step in a natural progression in my mission, one that I can exercise in a unique way at the national level."

Elsener said that he will always be grateful to God for "what he has allowed all of us to accomplish here. It all comes down to dedicated leadership—from Archbishop Daniel to the teachers in our schools, to the servants in our social services agencies, and to the wonderfully generous civic and community leaders who have helped us so much. It's been a wonderful seven years here," he said. †

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"critical," and said masses of ethnic Albanians were being forcibly deported by Serb forces in Yugoslavia in organized convoys.

Witnesses told Boldrini they had been herded out of their homes and to bus stations, from which they were transported by bus directly to the Albanian border.

As many as 22,000 ethnic Albanian refugees were arriving from Kosovo per day, Boldrini said, and there was not enough food or shelter to go around.

She said no food was available for purchase in the area anymore, beyond what the local residents needed. In one night, relief workers distributed cheese and

water nonstop until 5 a.m.

Catholic Relief Services reports that relief workers are distributing food and hygiene packs to thousands of refugees crossing into Macedonia.

In Albania, where an estimated 90,000 refugees have fled the fighting in Kosovo, CRS said relief workers are experiencing even more critical needs.

"The influx of refugees has been overwhelming," said Charles Juhn, a CRS representative. †

(Catholic Relief Services is accepting donations for the Kosovo emergency at P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Md. 21203-7090. CRS donations to aid the Kosovo refugees also may be sent in care of the archdiocesan Mission Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.)

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Gary Diocese plans school endowment fund

GARY, Ind. (CNS)—Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary has announced the establishment of a diocesan Catholic school endowment fund to support the 33 schools in the northwest Indiana diocese, effective April 1.

The master fund will have individual accounts for parish grade schools and high schools that wish to participate and an account designed to support Catholic education on a diocesan-wide basis.

"In the long term, all of our schools will find it necessary to rely upon an additional source of funding, such as an endowment, in order to maintain quality programs," he said. "Tuition, reasonable parish subsidies, and small fund raisers will not prove adequate."

Currently, the three diocesan high schools and fewer than six of the 30 diocesan elementary schools have endowments. The bishop said he hopes alumni of the Catholic schools will be among those helping the parishes fund their endowments.

"I anticipate that there are large numbers of people who have benefited from Catholic schools and who wish to ensure the future of our schools," he said. "The endowment is a vehicle for direct contributions to the benefit of the school."

As an incentive for schools to participate in the endowment, the diocese will give matching funds of \$5,000 for each school that begins an endowment fund according to guidelines established by the diocese.

The other part of the plan, which will begin with the 1999-2000 school year, is the first of three 5 percent pay increases for teachers and administrators in Catholic schools. The remaining two increases will

come in subsequent school years.

"We can never match the public school systems in terms of salaries," the bishop told the priests during a meeting to announce the endowment. "But we must strive to compensate teachers and administrators with salaries that make their ongoing service to our youngsters a possibility."

A first-year teacher with a master's degree currently receives an annual salary of \$19,250 in a Gary Catholic school. The same teacher earns \$32,088 in a Gary public school. A teacher with a master's degree and 10 years of experience receives \$22,448 in a Gary Catholic school compared to public school counterparts who earn \$36,125.

"We need to maintain quality teachers," the bishop said. "In the past year, several pastors and principals have indicated that they are losing good teachers who can no longer afford to teach in our schools."

Bishop Melczek said the pay increase will be "a significant sign that we value our schools and we value the administrators and teachers who sacrifice so much to make them possible."

To relieve parishes of the burden the pay increases will put on their budgets, the bishop said the diocese will help.

Subsidies for Catholic schools are deducted from the parish's ordinary income—up to 20 percent of that income—when computing the parish goal for the annual Catholic Services Appeal.

Beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year, the availability of tuition assistance will increase from \$100,000 to \$350,000 to help minimize the impact of tuition increases upon poor families. †

Way of the Cross

A child watches from her vantage point near the cross as Msgr. Harold Knueven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, leads the annual Knights of Columbus observance of the Way of the Cross in downtown Indianapolis on Good Friday, April 2. Indianapolis Police Chief Michael Zunk (at right of Msgr. Knueven) joined the Knights of Columbus in the outdoor ceremony.



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Day 3: Friday, Lisieux/Paris

- Les Buissonnets, the family home where Therese spent the early years of her life
- Travel to Paris and visit the top of Montmartre hill to glimpse the Basilica of Sacre Coeur.

Day 4: Saturday, Paris

- Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, this is where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. There you will see the incorrupt body of St. Catherine and the waxed body of St. Louise de Marillac who, with the help of St. Vincent de Paul, established the Daughters of Charity.
- Church of St. Vincent de Paul

Day 5: Sunday, Paris/Nevers

- Nevers where St. Bernadette spent the last 13 years of her life.
- Visit St. Cyril and St. Judith Cathedral

Day 6: Monday, Nevers/Paray le Monial/Lyon

- Paray le Monial, the site of the apparitions of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673. It is here that she received the 12 promises to increase devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Day 7: Tuesday, Lyon/Ars/Lyon

- See the incorrupt body of a humble saint, St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. We will also have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional where he spent 17 hours a day for over 30 years.

Day 8: Wednesday, Lyon/Avignon

- Avignon, we visit the magnificent Palace of the Popes. From the year 1309 to 1377, seven successive popes ruled the Church from this territory in southern France.

Day 9: Thursday, Avignon/Lourdes

- Lourdes, a small town in the Pyrenees Mountains. Here in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette and identified herself as "The Immaculate Conception."

Day 10: Friday, Lourdes

- Visit the Basilica of Lourdes, and the Cachot, the place where Bernadette lived at the time of the apparitions. We will attend the Blessing of the Sick and have an opportunity to bathe in the miraculous waters of Massabielle.

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Editorials

Welcome, 'new lights'!

Archdiocesan parishes report that nearly 1,000 elect, candidates and confirmands joined the Church as new or fully initiated Catholics last weekend at the celebration of the Great Vigil or at Easter Sunday liturgies. Welcome! We can't tell you how genuinely happy we are to have you as full members of the Church.

In the excitement (and anxiety) of entering the Church—with all the "awe-inspiring" and unfamiliar rites—most new Catholics probably don't realize just how important they are to us "old-timers."

John Chrysostom, a fourth century patriarch of Constantinople, referred to the new Catholics (the "neophytes") of his local Church as "new lights" that caused the Church to glow in the witness of holiness. Others have spoken of new Catholics as the most visible "Easter sacraments," in that they very clearly reflect the image of Jesus Christ to all who have "eyes to see."

As we welcome all of them (a list of

names of our new Catholics can be found on pages 10 and 11), we also want to tell them how much they are appreciated. We've prayed with and for them for some time now—often from the time they first came to us as inquirers. We've celebrated various rites with them in their journeys to the baptismal font or full communion or confirmation. We've rejoiced with them; we've cried with them; at times, we've even shared their doubts. Now we embrace them all as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We ask them to help us live up to the ideal they see for Catholic Christians. And we also ask them for their patience and forgiveness when we fail to embody that ideal.

We're on the journey to the kingdom together in good times and in bad, but we are journeying buoyed up with the strong faith and infectious enthusiasm of our newest Catholics.

Welcome and God bless you! †

— William R. Bruns

Younger women's good sense

Lately some pro-abortion rights activists have been complaining that younger generations of women aren't responding to the pro-abortion movement's message as readily as their mothers did.

One of those doing the complaining is Faye Wattleton, former president of the Planned Parenthood Federation, who now heads something called the Center for Gender Equality. That group took out an ad in the Feb. 3 issue of *The New York Times* in which it reported the results of its latest study:

"Seventy percent of women now favor more restrictions on abortion, including 40 percent who think it should be outlawed except in cases of rape, incest or to save a woman's life." (The study also showed that another 13 percent believe abortion should never be legal.)

The ad also expressed alarm that more women now believe that religious values should influence politics. It reported that "the percentage of women who believe politicians should be guided by religious values has increased by more than 40 percent" (from 32 percent six years ago to 46 percent today)

Another pro-abortion rights activist, Kate Michelman, of the National Abortion Reproductive Rights Action

League (NARRAL), recently told *The New York Times* that the average age of NARRAL members has risen to 55. Younger women aren't joining as they did in years past.

Still another voice in the pro-abortion movement is Frances Kissling, head of what they continue to call Catholics for a Free Choice. She recently complained, according to the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, that "most of the anti-abortion camp is getting younger. The abortion rights movement, she added, is not."

These quotations have been taken from a column by Helen Alvaré, director of Planning and Information for the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. She also reported results of another study, this one by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA:

Support for legalized abortion among college freshmen in the United States has fallen from 65 percent to 51 percent since 1990. And girls are more opposed to legal abortion than boys.

All this says a lot about the good sense of younger women. It also helps explain why the abortion lobby continues to lose ground in state legislatures throughout the country. †

— John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



How we will celebrate the Great Jubilee

It is time to start talking about how our archdiocese will celebrate the Great Millennium Jubilee. It only comes around every 1,000 years!

First, let me respond to concerns I hear once in awhile about the millennium and the jubilee. Some people, correctly I believe, remind us that the new millennium only begins at midnight on December 31, 2000. It begins with 2001 because there was no year 0. For those of you who wondered why I named our Journey of Hope 2001 (rather than 2000), it was because the symbolic journey is our way of preparing to cross over to the new millennium with hope.

Another concern questions whether Jesus was born exactly 2,000 years ago. From the beginning of his remarks about the Great Jubilee 2000, Pope John Paul II has never thought it important to fix on the debate of accounting for the exact date of Christ's birth. For us, the year 2000 is the symbolic time to celebrate the fact of our redemption by Christ two millennia ago. And we celebrate the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which enables our Church to thrive for two millennia in spite of the humanity through which it acts. Even secular organizers study the structure of our Church because it has survived two millennia! The Great Jubilee is a time of extraordinary celebration for a variety of reasons.

In addition to being a time of celebration, which by tradition reaches all the way back into our Jewish roots, a jubilee is also a time for reconciliation, for forgiveness and for amnesty. It is a time of special indulgence granting amnesty from sin and from the punishment our sins merit. At a later time, we will provide more information about special opportunities for reconciliation and the granting of jubilee indulgences.

At this time I want to announce major archdiocesan celebrations of the Great Jubilee, which fall into three genres of celebration. One is a celebration for families and anyone in the Church in our archdiocese; one is for the elderly members of our Church in the archdiocese; and one is for young adult members of the Church in our archdiocese.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, September 16, 2000, a special celebration of the Eucharist will be held in the new Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. This celebration is for all members of the archdiocese,

especially families (understood in a very broad sense). All are welcome! At this Mass, also, all of our youth who are seeking the sacrament of confirmation during the year 2000 will be confirmed. I have already invited a large number of bishops to participate in our jubilee celebration and they will also assist in the anointing with sacred chrism.

I invited other bishops to join us for a special reason. I think it is wholesome for our archdiocese to keep in mind that we are part of a larger, universal Church. The bishops are a symbol of the oneness of our larger Church, and I can't think of a better time to give visible expression to that universality than at a Mass in celebration of a Great Jubilee, which only comes around every thousand years. More details about this great celebration will be forthcoming as the committee in charge proceeds with its planning.

On five separate occasions, there will be a jubilee celebration of the Eucharist for the elderly people of the archdiocese. These five celebrations will be at the cathedral in Indianapolis and at parishes in Terre Haute, Richmond, Bloomington and New Albany. At present, we are thinking these will be scheduled on early afternoons and will be followed by a reception. We want to express gratitude for those of you who have carried our faith through at least a good part of this past century and who will continue to be important leaders of faith into the new century and millennium. Needless to say, other folks are welcome as well. A schedule will be announced in the not-too-distant future.

Beginning with a Midnight Mass on December 31, 1999, we will have the first jubilee observance for young adults of the archdiocese at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul here in Indianapolis. A jubilee celebration of the Eucharist for young adults will also be celebrated in Richmond, Terre Haute, Bloomington and New Albany on the eve of Holy Days through the year 2000. The schedule for the latter four venues will be announced soon. I am told that the age ordinarily understood to qualify as "young adult" is age 18 to 40. The young adult celebrations are for single and married folks.

Now is the time for all of us to begin in earnest to prepare for a truly spiritual celebration of the Great Jubilee of our redemption! †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for April

Priests: that they may joyfully and faithfully live out their priestly promises and encourage other men to embrace God's call to priesthood.



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¿Cómo celebraremos el Gran Jubileo?

Es la hora de empezar a hablar de la manera en la cual nuestra archidiócesis celebrará el Gran Jubileo Milenario. ¡El mismo sólo viene una vez cada 1.000 años!

Primero, yo quisiera responder a las preocupaciones que escuché mencionar en alguna ocasión acerca del milenio y el Jubileo. Algunas personas correctamente nos recuerdan que el nuevo milenio empieza solamente a la medianoche del 31 de diciembre de 2000. El nuevo milenio empieza con el año 2001 porque no hubo año 0. Para quienes que se preguntan el porqué denominé a nuestro Viaje de Esperanza hacia el 2001 (en lugar de 2000), es porque el viaje simbólico es nuestro modo de prepararnos para proseguir al nuevo milenio con esperanza.

Otra preocupación cuestiona si Jesús nació exactamente hace 2.000 años. Desde el principio de sus comentarios sobre el Gran Jubileo 2000, el Papa Juan Pablo II no ha pensado que es importante enfocarse en el debate acerca de la fecha exacta del nacimiento de Cristo. Para nosotros, el año 2000 representa el tiempo simbólico cuando celebramos nuestra redención por Cristo hace dos milenios. Asimismo celebramos la guía del Espíritu Santo que permite a nuestra Iglesia crecer durante dos milenios a pesar de la humanidad en la que obra. ¡Incluso los organizadores seculares estudian la estructura de nuestra Iglesia porque la misma ha sobrevivido dos milenios! El Gran Jubileo es un tiempo de extraordinaria celebración por varios motivos.

Además de ser un período de celebración, es una tradición que se remonta a nuestras raíces judías, un jubileo es también un tiempo de reconciliación, perdón y amnistía. Es un tiempo especial de indulgencia que nos amnistía del pecado y del castigo que merecemos por nuestros pecados. Más tarde, se brindará más información sobre las oportunidades de reconciliación y la concesión de las indulgencias del jubileo.

En este momento quiero anunciar las celebraciones mayores de la archidiócesis para el Gran Jubileo en tres géneros de celebración. La primera es una celebración para las familias y cualquier miembro de la Iglesia en nuestra archidiócesis; la segunda es para los miembros de edad avanzada de nuestra Iglesia en la archidiócesis; y la tercera es para los miembros jóvenes de la Iglesia en nuestra archidiócesis.

El sábado, el 16 de septiembre de 2000, a las 4 de la tarde, se realizará una celebración especial de la Eucaristía en el nuevo *Conseco Fieldhouse* en Indianápolis. Esta cele-

bración es para todos los miembros de la archidiócesis, sobre todo para las familias (invitación general). ¡Todos son bienvenidos! También durante esta Misa, todos nuestros jóvenes que buscan el sacramento de confirmación en el año 2000 se confirmarán. Ya he invitado a un gran número de obispos a participar en nuestra celebración del jubileo y ellos también ayudarán en la unción con el sagrado crisma.

Invité a otros obispos a unirnos por una razón especial. Pienso que es sano que nuestra archidiócesis tenga presente que somos parte de una Iglesia mayor y universal. Los obispos son un símbolo de la unidad en nuestra Iglesia mundial, y no hay mejor oportunidad para expresar esa universalidad que en una Misa al celebrar el Gran Jubileo, el que sólo ocurre cada mil años. Habrá más detalles sobre esta gran celebración en el futuro cuando se proceda a la planificación por parte del comité encargado con la planificación.

En cinco diferentes ocasiones habrá una celebración del jubileo de la Eucaristía para las personas de edad avanzada en la archidiócesis. Estas cinco celebraciones tendrán lugar en la catedral en Indianápolis y en las parroquias de Terre Haute, Richmond, Bloomington y New Albany. En la actualidad, anticipamos que las celebraciones se harán temprano en la tarde y serán seguidas por una recepción. Queremos agradecerles a aquellos quienes han sostenido nuestra fe a lo largo de una gran parte de este siglo y quienes continuarán siendo líderes importantes de fe en el nuevo siglo y milenio. No es necesario decir que todos están invitados. El horario se anunciará en una fecha próxima.

A partir de la misa de gallo el 31 de diciembre de 1999, tendremos la primera observancia del jubileo para los adultos jóvenes de la archidiócesis en la Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo aquí en Indianápolis. Una celebración del jubileo de la Eucaristía para los adultos jóvenes también se celebrará en Richmond, Terre Haute, Bloomington y Nuevo Albany en la víspera de los Días Santos a través del año 2000. El horario para los últimos cuatro sitios se anunciarán pronto. Me dicen que la edad ordinaria para calificar como "un adulto joven" es entre los 18 a 40 años. Las celebraciones de adultos jóvenes son para personas solteras y casadas.

¡Ahora es la hora para todos empezar a preparar con seriedad una celebración verdaderamente espiritual del Gran Jubileo de nuestra redención! †

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The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Why do we need popular devotions?

Can popular devotions play a role in renewing piety and fostering the respect society desperately needs?



Devotions are spiritual exercises meant to draw us closer to God in faith and practice. They primarily are intended to inspire us to model our thoughts, words and actions on those of God.

Unfortunately, devotions often end up as a means of cultivating favorite saints or petitioning them for favors. Although St. Anthony may be our favorite saint, and praying to him for something that is lost is not improper, this is not devotion in its best sense.

St. Anthony is venerated because he was a gifted preacher and because he worked unceasingly with prisoners. In imitation of Christ, he preached to the crowds and moved among the lowly. If devotion to St. Anthony is to be a true focus of devotion, this is the sort of service that should be inspired in us.

This principle of devotion applies to all devotions. No matter what devotion we cherish, it must inspire us to model ourselves on God, not become an end in itself. This is especially true of Marian devotion.

One of the reasons Mary is so revered is that she is the perfect example of how to pray to God. When she was asked to be the mother of God she replied, "Let it be done," thus teaching us the humble disposition with which to approach prayer.

During the Visitation, Mary sang God's praises, teaching us that prayer is an act of glorifying God. At Cana Mary petitioned her son, showing us that prayer is also petition. In all these scenes, Mary's example is a means of drawing us closer to God. Through it we have the perfect model for our prayer before God.

Why have so many devotions almost gone out of existence?

One reason is that devotions tend to develop in the first place as a response to a unique problem of the times in which they are created. We really can't imitate the pre-

cise works of St. Anthony because the circumstances of today's lowly are very different from his times. New times may call for new saints and new devotions.

Many people believe that we simply live in an age that is less devotional. But I beg to differ. I don't believe we are less devotional but rather in need of new devotions that speak to our age. We want and need contemporary saints capable of inspiring us to imitate Christ in a post-modern and highly complex era.

This is not to say we don't need old devotions, but rather to assert that they need to be adapted to modern problems if they are to remain in existence.

Many people believe devotions have lost their appeal. I agree, and one of the reasons for this is that many devotions have not stayed true to their intent.

Some have turned into saint worship rather than showing us how a saint exemplifies the worship of God. Some devotions have put the saints and even Mary above God, turning devotion into superstition. Often when this happens, the Eucharist and Christ are left out of the picture.

But if we ever had a renewal of popular devotions and got back to their real purpose, my guess is that this would lead to a surge in the number of modern saints among us and in the works of mercy. †

(Father Eugene Hemrick is a regular columnist with Catholic News Service.)

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Research for the Church/James D. Davidson

Real reason why churches can't endorse political candidates

The Catholic Church cannot endorse or oppose political candidates. It can speak



about political issues such as economic justice and abortion, but dioceses and parishes cannot align themselves with or against particular candidates.

When I ask people why the Church can't endorse or oppose candidates, they usually say it has to do with the First Amendment or, using Thomas Jefferson's phrase, the "wall of separation between Church and state."

They are wrong. There is nothing in the First Amendment that prevents churches from endorsing or opposing political candidates. The courts have never used the separation of Church and state as an argument to block churches' involvement in partisan politics.

Churches have always had a constitutional right to support or campaign against political candidates. And, sometimes, they've done just that. For example, several Protestant organizations actively, and quite legally, opposed the candidacy of Al Smith when he was the first Catholic to

campaign for president in 1929.

What, then, prevents churches from endorsing or opposing political candidates? The ban on electioneering has to do with the fact that churches are tax-exempt organizations. Like all other 501(c)3 organizations, churches must abide by IRS rules. Since 1954, these rules have included a prohibition on electioneering. Tax-exempt groups that publicly support or oppose political candidates can lose their tax-exempt status. They could be taxed on their income, and their benefactors no longer could deduct their contributions from their personal income taxes.

Why did the ban on electioneering suddenly appear in 1954? It was introduced into the 1954 tax-reform package by Lyndon Johnson, who wanted to thwart tax-exempt, anticommunist groups that supported his political adversaries. It had nothing to do with churches or constitutional issues relating to the separation of Church and state. Churches simply shared the same tax-exempt status as the political organizations that Johnson was really after. For more details, see the *Review of Religious Research*, September 1998. †

(James D. Davidson is professor of sociology at Purdue University.)

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"Smart Discipline," a seminar about discipline and self-esteem, will be offered at 7 p.m. April 22 in Zore Hall at St. Susanna School in Plainfield. Sponsored by St. Susanna Parent/Teacher Group, it motivates children to follow rules. The seminar is free. For more information or to register, call 317-839-3713.

St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis will host its ninth annual **5K Walk/Run/Pray-A-Thon** April 18. The opening ceremony begins at 11 a.m. with Mass. Other festivities, including a buffet luncheon, entertainment, awards presentation and closing ceremonies, will be held in the school gymnasium from noon until 4 p.m. For more information, call the St. Philip Neri office at 317-631-8746.

St. Vincent Hospice will host the sixth annual National Hospice Organization Teleconference **"Living with Grief: At Work, at School, at Worship"** April 14. The free teleconference will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cooling Auditorium located on the basement level of St. Vincent Hospital, 2001 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis. For more information, call 317-338-CARE.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will present its third annual Journey Concert at 7 p.m. April 16 and again at 3 p.m. April 18. The concerts will be held in the chapel at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, 2801 W. 86th St., in

Indianapolis. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 317-216-5588.

Alumni of Saint Meinrad who reside in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will gather at Primo Banquet Hall, 2615 E. National Ave., in Indianapolis on April 26. The reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. A short program presented by Benedictine Father Mark O'Keefe, president-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, will follow dinner. For more information, call 812-357-6501 or 800-682-0988.

A free introduction and demonstration to T'ai Chi Chih is being offered by Franciscan Sister Claire Whalen from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 11 at the Batesville Memorial Library in Batesville. Beginning T'ai Chi Chih classes are forming for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings during May and June. The fee is \$60. For more information, call 812-933-0870.

St. Mary's Child Center in Indianapolis will host its **annual St. Mary's Auction and Hoe-down** April 23 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Sweet Charity Pavilion, 1303 W. 116 St., in Carmel. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 in advance or at the door. For more information, call 317-635-1491.

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"Small Business and Changing Technology," a **Mature Living Seminar for older citizens**, will be offered April 13 at Marian College in Indianapolis. The seminar is from 10 a.m. to noon in room 251 of Marian Hall. The fee is \$5. Inability to pay should not hinder participation. For more information, call 317-955-6046.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 1999 Indianapolis Race for the Cure, an event that benefits breast cancer research, will be April 17 at the I.U. Michael A. Carroll Track and Soccer Stadium at IUPUI in downtown Indianapolis. Registration forms are available only at www.tuxbro.com. Registrations must be taken to the IU Natatorium on April 15 or 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., or you can register on the morning of the race. The fee is \$23. The event begins with registration between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., and includes a one-mile family walk, aerobic warm-up, 5K run and walk, Jazzercise and awards ceremony. For more information, call 317-469-CURE (2873) or visit the Race for the Cure web site at www.racefortheCure.com. †



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About God

Holy Cross Central kindergartners and first graders learn how to talk with God on March 30 at a retreat facilitated by Krista Coons of Indianapolis. The religious education program was held at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

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Young adults seek vibrant, welcoming parish

By Mary Ann Wyand

Second of two parts

COLUMBUS—Young adults search for relevance and community in daily life and they need meaningful faith experiences to help them relate to life challenges, two nationally known experts in young adult ministry told participants in an archdiocesan conference on “Becoming a Young Adult Responsive Church” earlier this year.

“Anyone who ministers to young adults should know they are pragmatic,” consultant Joan Weber, of the Center for Ministry Development in Naugatuck, Conn., explained. “Faith has to be relevant to their everyday lives, it has to be real for them, or it will seem disconnected. We need to help young adults with the transitions in their lives—from high school to college, from college to the workplace, from military to family—all the different passages in their lives.”

Parishes need to offer “good religious education” to young adults so they better understand the liturgy and sacraments, Weber said. As part of their ministry to “20-something and 30-something” Catholics, parishes should regularly assess this ministry to make sure it

is “young adult friendly.”

Young adult ministry should include opportunities for faith sharing and service, she said. “You can’t be a Christian without being a person of justice and service.”

Homilies also should be able to be interpreted “through the lens of a 30-year-old,” Weber said, in order to keep young adults focused on spiritual growth.

Eudist Father Ron Bagley, also a consultant for young adult ministry with the Center for Ministry Development, asked conference participants to consider what young adults look for in a parish and what will motivate them to register in the parish and become active members of the community.

“Young adults tell us they are looking for dynamic liturgies in which they are made to feel welcome in the community,” Father Bagley said. “They also look for good music through which they can express themselves and their faith. Young adults appreciate a variety of styles and expressions of music when they worship, but the music must be ‘singable.’

“They also are looking for a high quality of preaching,” he said. “They want relevant sermons—homilies that relate to daily life experiences. They’re looking for the homily to be rooted in the Scriptures

of the day, and they want to see practical applications of the Scriptures to their daily lives. Homilies should challenge listeners to put their faith into practice, and the illustrations, stories, examples and anecdotes also should include life experiences of young adults.”

This effort to be inclusive of young adults might be something as basic as mentioning an apartment in a story as part of the homily rather than discussing a house, he said, because many young adults do not have families and mortgages.

“Young adults also are looking for an assembly that actively participates in the liturgy,” he said. “They want a parish that shows active participation, a community that exhibits lively faith.

“Parishes and campus ministries that already are providing good liturgies have a great start in meeting the needs of young adults,” Father Bagley said. Hospitality is perhaps the most important ministry criteria, he said, in order to help young adults feel a part of parish life.

“Welcoming new people of any age is the responsibility of the entire assembly,” he said, “not simply the task of certain ministries. We need to separate the role of usher from the role of greeter. Young adults will return to a parish if they are greeted

when they enter the church, if members of the assembly take the time to introduce themselves, and if they see other young adults involved in liturgical ministries.”

Parishes also need to arrange opportunities for the congregation to gather for social time after Mass, he said, perhaps by offering donuts and beverages.

“One parish sponsors a group called Holy Grounds so parishioners can drink coffee and discuss catechesis,” Father Bagley said. “We need to offer parish opportunities for religious education and faith sharing.”

The U.S. bishops encourage “parishes to provide educational and service opportunities for young adults so they can practice the Gospel values of justice and peace,” Joan Weber said. “Young adults need opportunities to care for the less fortunate in the community. The Church has always been outstanding in its concern and opportunities for people to serve those in need, and young adults are attracted to the ministry of service.”

By enabling young adults to become active members of parishes, contribute their gifts and talents, and meet other young adult Catholics, Weber said, the Church is developing and encouraging leaders for the present and the future. †

Around the archdiocese

INDIANAPOLIS—Collegiate cyclists from throughout the Midwest will compete in the Marian College Midwest Cycling Classic road race April 10, which will be held for the first time on the Marian campus on Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, teams from Indiana University, Purdue University, Ohio State and other schools will compete against the Marian Knights for points leading to a Midwest Road Conference title and a spot at the nationals in South Carolina this May.

In addition, United States Cycling Federation racers representing Children’s First and Indy Velo will compete in the first two races of the day. Three Marian cyclists compete on the Children’s First team.

The event begins and ends at the Marian College entrance on Cold Spring Road. The race circuits through Marian’s campus onto 30th Street before turning north on Cold Spring for the sprint to the finish.

The schedule for men’s and women’s competitions begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends with the awards ceremony at 5 p.m.

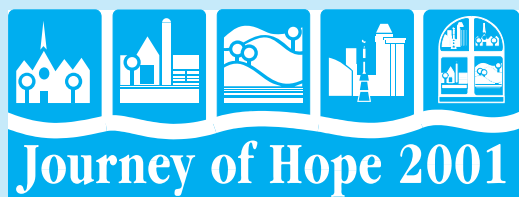
The Marian College Midwest Cycling Classic is free and open to the public. Spectators should access the course from 38th Street since Cold Spring Road and 30th Street will be closed adjacent to the Marian campus. For additional information, telephone the Marian College communications office at 317-955-6212. †

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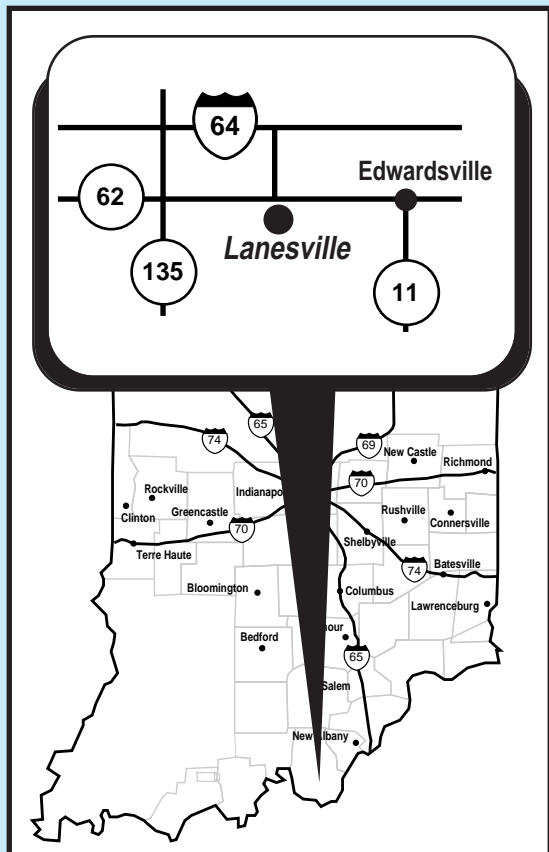
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St. Mary Lanesville

Story by Susan M. Bierman

Fast Fact:

St. Mary Parish in Lanesville exceeded its Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital campaign goal. The parish goal was \$271,400; however, \$340,000 was pledged. Father Harold A. Ripperger, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, said, "There was an awful lot of prayer that went into this."



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Future parish participation starts with the children, youth at St. Mary Parish

LANESVILLE—Long-term parish involvement starts with the children and youth at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville.



Fr. Harold A. Ripperger

"They [children and youth] are the future. They are going to be doing our job someday," Connie Walter, youth ministry coordinator at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, said.

Walter said keeping the youth involved now will help maintain their interest in the parish for the future.

Walter assumed her position as youth ministry coordinator last November. Initially, the challenge was getting to know the youth in the 425-household parish.

"I had to build a relationship with the kids in order to get them to want to come with me and do things," Walter said.

Now that a relationship with the youth has been established, Walter said about 20 youth are active in the program. A planning committee has been formed to focus on youth activities. She would like to see the youth group participate in at least one service project a month.

"Whether it be something small or large, just so we can get the people—not only in the area but the other counties also—to notice that the youth are active, that they do care and that they want to help," Walter said.

Several service activities are scheduled for the upcoming months. Walter said in July the youth will go

to Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana to participate in the Faith in Action program sponsored by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries.

They will stay at the retreat center for a week. During this week, a service project will be planned and carried out each day.

Service projects will include going out into the community to help with yardwork, painting, and even some repairing and refurbishing of homes.

Walter believes service project programs, such as Faith in Action, offer the youth not only a sense of responsibility but also "a desire to help other people."

This past Christmas, the youth participated in an Angel Tree at the parish. They packed up all the gifts that St. Mary parishioners had collected and delivered them to a center for the needy in Corydon.

Along with being helpful in the community, the youth group also offers various activities for their parish. They coordinate the annual Easter egg hunt for the children and they host a pancake breakfast and a spaghetti dinner.

Walter believes that if the youth are active now, whether in the community or in the parish, they will continue the behavior.

"They are at the age that, if they get into the habit of doing, or wanting to do something, they are going to continue doing it," she said.

Religious education

Religious education at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville has taken on a new spin this year for children in grades six through 12.

Dana Thompson is the administrator of religious

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education. Thompson said attendance in grades six through 12 wasn't what they wanted it to be. So, she and her catechists decided to try something new at the parish.

"We've had good cooperation with the teachers. Dana is good at getting people to work with her," said Father Harold A. Ripperger, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville.

St. Mary Parish in Lanesville borrowed an idea from another New Albany Deanery Parish—St. Michael Parish in Bradford.

Thompson said there are six four-week religious education ses-

sions offered to the children and youth. She said a program was developed using the 15 religion curriculum standards provided by the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education.

The students are not using a specified text with this program. Instead, the catechists are drawing from a variety of different resources.

Thompson said the catechists use video tapes, daily newspaper and television reports, and a number of different textbooks to prepare their lessons.

Susan Isaacs, a volunteer for the religious education program, said some of the catechists have used meaningful craft and service projects that tie into their lessons. She said this type of teaching is a little more work for the catechists, but it's more exciting for them as well as for the students.

"They [students] are having more fun. They may not even realize they are learning anything, but then later it sticks with them a lot more than if they were just reading page after page in a textbook," Thompson said.

Another side to this new approach of teaching religious education is that the students do not have the same catechists for an entire year. With each rotation comes a different topic as well as a different catechist.

"It gives the kids a better opportunity to relate to the teacher," Isaacs said.

This new process has proven to be popular among the students. Thompson said attendance in the sixth through 12th grade has increased.

"I've heard comments from the parents of the older kids saying they don't have to 'fight' [with] them to come this year," Thompson said. †

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We welcome the 'new' Catholics who have become full participants in the Church since last Easter. Most of the people listed here received initiation sacraments during the Easter Vigil last Saturday. The names listed here were provided by religious education leaders in local parishes.

Those listed as catechumens are people who have never been baptized and—within the past year—were baptized, confirmed and received their first Eucharist.

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Most people are listed in the parishes where they received their religious formation and the sacraments of initiation.

Batesville Deanery

St. John the Baptist, Osgood

Jeanette Wagner, H.B. Carroll, Michael England (catechumens); Mary Gabbard, John Pickett, Jill Wagner (candidates).

St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg

Judy Fette, JoEllen Fultz, Leslie Jo Gentry, Vicki Kimmons, Ed Nelson, Robert Terrill, Vivian Valentine, Josh Bauer, Nicholas Reynolds (catechumens); Jackie Aguirre, Rusty Cromer, Gary Diehl, John Getzendanner, Billy F. Roush (candidates).

St. Mary Parish, Greensburg

Scott Mangels, Richard Russell, Tim Owens, Vanessa Hagerty, Tammy Gauck (catechumens); Paige Chase, Annette Zobel (candidates).

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora

Vivian Beckmeyer, Kevan Coates, Kelly SeEVERS (catechumens); Robin Brown, Michelle Brown, Kendra Aquilera, Joseph Hanselman, Russell Turner, Michelle Schell, Dineen Roeller (candidates).

St. Vincent de Paul, Shelbyville

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St. Agnes, Nashville

Teresa Gartner, Diana Pumo (catechumens); Cindy Fields, Robert Gartner, Denise Kelp, Theresa Ladigo (candidates).

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St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville

Michael Hacker, Dorcas Torre (catechumens); Randy Cox, Earlene Twardoski-Howard, Michael Kelley (candidates).

St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford

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St. Mary, Rushville

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Carla Carter, Pattie Rogester (catechumens); April Gaddie (candidate).

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Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis

Ronald Bell, Emilee Cota, Kelley Cota, Suzanne Corya, Rewa McGinnis, Sally Leonard, Jana Musser, Stacy Popowchak, Marcie Vincel (catechumens); Brent Bolick, Kristy Fredrick, Dawn Hilficker, Christopher Hutson, Rebecca Little, Kevin Lynn, Jeffrey Musser, Lynn Semler, Kelli Beth Smith (candidates).

St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis

Curtis Wells, Lydia Wells, Morgan Morrison, Taylor Morrison, Christopher Morrison (catechumens); Rita Henderson, Veronica Henderson, Kelsey Henderson, Kelli Williams, Rose Wells (candidates).

St. Luke, Indianapolis

Tisha Anspach, Julie Clark, Mark Gugel, Holly Horstmann, Elisabeth Long, Holly Mason, Angel Weiss (catechumens); Jessica Crawford, Anne Dillon, Cindy Dimberio, Susie Gallagher, Andria Gentile, Sandy Kirkwood, Sanford Miller, Mark Mohr, Kim Schmitz, Rob Schick, Greg Arnold, Brian Arnold (candidates).

St. Matthew, Indianapolis

Dana Adams, Sally Bystry, Christopher Hamilton, Dana Thomas, Betty Kosof, Mary Weston, Evan Walsh, Jason Carter (catechumens); Nancy Lewis, Michelle Reed, Dorycea Steiner, Cynthia Weston, Jeffery DiQuattro, Alex DiQuattro (candidates).

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Nativity, Indianapolis

James Haerberle, Christopher Paynter (catechumens); Jennifer Haeche, Trent Seed, Patricia Thein, James Toney, Brenda Tucker (candidates).

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St. Patrick, Indianapolis

Teresa Sparks (catechumen); Julie Anderson (candidate).

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Hershel Harris (catechumen); Gabriel Brooking, Theresa Cook, Rita Holt, Brenda Harris, James Scudder (candidates).

Marian College, Indianapolis

Laura Bergman (candidate).

Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville

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St. Anthony, Indianapolis

Anna Christine Barnes, Gabriel Alexander Frieztsche, Gregory Ernest Frieztsche, Gretchen Josephine Frieztsche, Todd Michael Hillman, Michael Joseph Walden, Sandra Lamon,

Kevin Mathis, Christopher Mathis, Kathryn Bristow, Ralph D. Krause, Megan Reeves, Nelda Clark, Novella Jones, Kathy Pennington, Stephanie Stewart (catechumens); William Eugene Frieztsche, Kimberly Lynn Frieztsche, Candace Ann Verhey, Cindy Williams, Wilma Watson, Gerald Redfern (candidates).

St. Christopher, Speedway

Laura Adkins, Terri Archer, Robert Eaton, Jo Dee Garcia, Melissa Goff, Siming Hummer, Kelly Medaris, Amber Miranda, Nicole Mora, Varonica Shea, Kathleen Waggoner (catechumens); Douglas Collins, Ed Crouch, Sarah Crowe, Janet Curran, John Griffin, Scott Huff, Robert Lupear, Sharon McKinley, Robert Meneghini, Stacey Mitchell, Brooke Naberhaus, Lisa Propes, Dana Rechtzigel, Christopher Wampler, Julie White (candidates).

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Scott Fain, Lindsay Glore, Brittany Glore, Courtney Glore, Steve Ligon, Arec Ligon, Ryan Ligon, Samantha Figg, Khala Ann Figg, (Sandra Walls), LaTonya Adams, Bryan Sevenish, Corinne Sevenish, Ronald Cochran, Jessica Bandy, Ana Marie Echarry (catechumens); Robert Dunn, Coleen Glore, Robert Jones, Stephanie Ligon, Kevin O'Neill, Dawn Pearsey, Pamela Waarvik (candidates).

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St. Monica, Indianapolis

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St. Susanna, Plainfield

Elizabeth Halbert, Jacob Halbert, Kyle Ewig (catechumens); April Bianucci, Brenda Ewig, Karl Ewig, Cindy Franklin, Jenny Lindsey, Rachel Pace, Jim Snow (candidates).

St. Thomas More, Mooresville

Coy Benge, Larry Back, Melinda Dramann, Howard Johnson, Don King, Scott Phillips, Cynthia Ragsdale, John Ragsdale, Will Roberson, Angela Selburg, Sue Willison (catechumens); Linda Callon, Margaret Clark, Debra Davis, Jamie Dramann, Tracy Gorgacz, Michael Haden, Jerry Shields, Matthew Keller (candidates).

New Albany Deanery

St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville

Mark Branham, Jessica Crawford, Martin Freeman, Ryan



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Father Richard Ginther, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, baptizes Brandon Gaither by immersion during the Easter Vigil Mass at the cathedral, with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presiding.

Roach, Bruce Tomlin, Stephanie Voignier (catechumens); Denise Andresen, Martha Clayborn-Millet, Stephen Fuson, Charles Gill, Aaron McIntosh, Julie Schmidt (candidates).

St. Augustine, Jeffersonton

Twayla Blanton, Tiffany Botkins, Amy Brawner, Nahesha Buechler, Brian Chinn, Bonnie Cormican, Christopher Curry, Kristen Curry, Rebecca Gavin, Sarah Gavin, Larry Howard, Bridgette Kahaler, Kathy Kincaid, Tonja Mukes, Sam Pangburn, Donna Prather, Meighan Tully, Raymond Walker (catechumens); Keeley Blossom, Angela Hollis, Sheila Patterson, Jerry Power, Michelle Power, Heather Richey, Roy Willett, Debbie Wright (candidates).

St. Mary, New Albany

Brittany Smith, Erik Test, Kristin Test (catechumens); Holly Anderson, Karen Blessett, Wesley Edwards, Taylor Edwards, Daniel Edwards, Jeff Gladish, Bryan Miller, Brad Miller, Doug Steele, Kathy Steele (candidates).

St. Michael, Bradford

Richard Jones, Renee' Sullivan, Loren Hubbard (catechumens); Dawn Jones, Andrea Book (candidates).

St. Paul, Sellersburg

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St. Bartholomew, Columbus

Craig Barkhimer, Chuck Barr, Phillip Ferguson, Victoria Ferguson, Richard Gordon, Dale Grammer, Devin Gray, Serenity Gray, Chandler Gray, Crystal Gully, Gregory Hertle, Amy Kiel, James Lonaker, Donald Lovins, Clayton Perry, Maggie Perry, Aaron Piper, Danielle Piper, Alisha Pluris, Deborah Smith, Karmyn Smith, Kristy Spurling, Tish Stadtmiller, Kolbe Stoner, Pam Tozzi, Steven Tu, Nu'Gene Wilson (catechumens); Brian Alderfer, Roger Banister, Kim Barker, Vici Bushey, Susette Ferguson, Jason Gray, Stephanie Gray, Larry Griffin, Andra Hirsch, Giuliana Kano, John Kiel, Julia King, Vicki Krause, Susan Larew, Brett Merritt, Deloris Pate, David Rayburn, Jane Riddle, Lesli Shoun, Bill Sider, Dan Stadtmiller, Craig Stinson, Benny Tozzi, Jessica Tozzi, Mario Tozzi (candidates).

Tell City Deanery

St. Paul, Tell City

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Terre Haute Deanery

Holy Rosary, Seelyville

William Schmidt (candidate).

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute

Stacy Brentlinger, Bradley Nutter II, Brandon Nutter, Michael Latta, Madonna Fulford, Chelsea Kelley, Robert Pyle (catechumens); Bev Dunbar, Jerry Chance, Ralph Hewitt, Heather Rusin, Cathy Nutter (candidates).

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute

Stacy Brentlinger, Bradley Nutter II, Brandon Nutter, Michael Latta, Madonna Fulford, Chelsea Kelley, Robert Pyle (catechumens); Bev Dunbar, Jerry Chance, Ralph Hewitt, Heather Rusin, Cathy Nutter (candidates).

St. Ann, Terre Haute

Phyllis Jenkins (catechumen); Jimmy Higgins (candidate).

St. Benedict, Terre Haute

Amy Beard, David Beard, Kelly Beard, Krissi Beard, Kim Beard, Michael Bedwell, Kalie Bedwell, Christina Costello, Tina MacNabb (catechumens); Andy Land (candidate).

St. Joseph University, Terre Haute

William Mattern, Rebecca Smith, Gina St. Hilaire, Annie Digueu, Michael Hild (catechumens); Katherine Black, Cameron Smith (candidates).

St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute

Albert DeLuca III, Christopher Lowry (catechumens); Linda DeLuca, Jeffrey Gamble, Timothy Hall, Susan Hall, Jeffrey Jones, Jennifer Jones (candidates).

St. Mary's Village, St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Marcella Johnson, Ruth Leigh, Danielle Nicole Stewart (catechumens); Mary Alice Culver, Nola Dawson, Mickie Lane Fredericks, Bob Ruddell, Marsha L. Ruddell (candidates).

St. Patrick, Terre Haute

Melissa Hope Reed, Crystal Lynn Pharris, Beth Ann Flack, Robert Allen Bowen, Jennifer Elizabeth Goepfner (catechumens); Lynn Reger, David Lee Logsdon, Charles Walter Lawrence, Laura Sue Gage, Lynn Elizabeth Bowen, Suzanne Morgan, Jackie Lee Morgan, John William Camp, Amy Neidenbach, Angela Perry, Jeffery Kennedy, Quillia Dean Bell, Francisco Preciado, Andrea Preciado (candidates).

Discernment involves prayer and honesty

By Mary Ann Wyand

Second in a series

"Discernment isn't just a prudent decision-making process," Father Paul Etienne told participants March 20 during the archdiocesan Life Awareness Vocation Retreat for Single Adults at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

"Discernment is a long process and must involve prayer as well," he said, "because you are discovering—discerning—the movements of God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, as well as the movements of the counter-spirits that work against what God would have you do" in your lived experience.



Fr. Paul Etienne

"Whatever is discovered as being of God, that's what you want to embrace, that's the course of action you want to take," he said. "But quite often it seems that that's not the prudent choice to make. Discernment is not being irrational, although sometimes it appears as an irrational choice by today's standards and values in society."

The former archdiocesan vocations director now serves the Church in central and southern Indiana as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.

"To be human is to change," Father Etienne said. Discernment allows people opportunities for change through "the freedom to seek God's will and discover what is true and good. Really, the only way we will do that as Christians in the world today is to know the person of Jesus Christ."

Prayer is an intimate part of the discernment process, he said. "What we need to do is look at the mind and the spirit and the teaching of Jesus Christ, 'the truth and the life.' St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians that we want to have the mind of Jesus within us and as the lens through which we view our lived experience.

"St. John says, 'Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.'" Father Etienne said. "That's a very scriptural basis for discernment, which is a sign of a growing, developing, mature Christian life."

Again quoting the Letter to the Philippians, Father Etienne said, "St. Paul states, 'It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more. Never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best.' Sensitivity to God's Spirit helps us choose what is best."

In his Letter to the Romans, Father Etienne said, "St. Paul says, 'I appeal to you to offer your very self. Do not be conformed to this passing world, but be transformed by an inner renewal of your spirit so that you may discern the will of God ... the good, the acceptable, the perfect.' This passage speaks to us of the full process of discerning God's will. It's a matter of giving ourselves unconditionally into God's hands and to that loving embrace of God, giving God a chance to lead us, giving God a chance to break into the reality of our lived experience."

Discernment also is "about being conformed to the person of Jesus, to the Jesus who gave himself fully into God's hands, who gave himself fully on the cross," he said. "This is an interior transformation of heart and mind. It's allowing God to free us at deeper and deeper levels within ourselves so that we are free for what God would have us do and free from whatever is going to restrict us from answering God, from truly following what we discern as God's movement, God's guidance, and God's will for us."

By following God's will, Father Etienne said, we embrace the fruits of the Holy Spirit. "Chapter 5 of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians tells us that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness, self-control, and these are guideposts leading us in the right direction. The real test of discernment is love. Authentic love is self-giving, self-surrendering. It's the key to knowing how to give oneself to God. The cross is really the hallmark for discernment."

Christians "need to learn to discern and reject the

counter-spirits and embrace the Spirit and movement of God," he said. "To do that, we've got to examine our lived experience. Prayer flows out of our lived experience as we relate life experiences to God. No matter what human experience we are undergoing, God is present in the midst of that and wants to give us peace, consolation and love."

Discernment involves growing in self-knowledge, he said, by consciously and honestly accepting personal strengths and weaknesses and recognizing that God created us and loves us despite our imperfections and limitations.

"As we go through each day, there also is that same process of acknowledging the reality of life, of trying to grow deeper in our awareness of lived experiences," Father Etienne said. "That's where we start discovering whether we are on the right path leading to greater faith, hope and love or whether we are so self-centered and self-serving that we are restricting the love in our lives."

Discernment involves focusing on "the truth of your lived experience," he said. "Only you can figure that out, but most of us need another person to talk to in order to come to a deeper understanding of that. We have to make a pact with God and with ourselves that we're going to be honest about the reality of who we are. We've got to know ourselves. That's basic for discernment."

"Prayer is the index of the whole spiritual life," Father Etienne said. "Prayer is opening our hearts to God so that God can give himself to us. Prayer is God's initiative. God is always calling us to prayer. God comes to us always, breaking into the reality of our lives. Teresa of Avila said, 'Pray as you can,' but I think many people spend a lot of their life praying as they can't. 'What is God asking of me?' can be a very frustrating question, but we always have to hang onto that anchor of hope that Jesus gave us in the resurrection." †

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL 9th Annual 5K Walk/Run/Pray-A-Thon Sunday, April 18, 1999

EVENT SCHEDULE

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Brookside Park

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Ages 20 - 29
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Liturgy of the Word gives Mass organic theme

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

In the liturgical renewal's early years, liturgy planners often focused on a specific "theme" for the day.

Sometimes these themes were drawn from the Scripture readings of the day, but often themes were superimposed on the liturgy to make a particular point. Thus we had Masses focused on hope or friendship, peace or racial harmony, marriage renewal or the joys of being single. The assembly heard the theme repeated over and over in the music, prayers, comments, homily and announcements.

Many people complained, especially when a theme was imposed on the liturgy with little regard for the liturgy.

Various experts insisted that the fundamental theme of the Mass is always the same: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In his 1998 apostolic letter, "The Day of the Lord," however, Pope John Paul II said that "the entire celebration—praying, singing, listening, and not just the preaching—should express in some way the theme of the Sunday liturgy, so that all those taking part may be penetrated more powerfully by it."

This comment comes in the section of the letter devoted to the Liturgy of the Word. The pope is speaking of the theme that flows organically from the day's readings and texts, not a theme imposed on the liturgy.

True, every Mass celebrates the Lord's death and resurrection. Also true, however, the readings and prayers of each Mass focus attention on a particular aspect of redemption.

The pope believes people will benefit more fully from the readings and the whole liturgy if they are aware of the underlying theme linking the various readings and texts of the Mass.

It helps to remember that the Mass readings generally are linked to one another. On major feasts and during the seasons of Lent/Easter or Advent/Christmas, all the readings relate to the feast or season being celebrated.

During what is known as Ordinary Time in the Church's year, the first Scripture reading is linked to the Gospel. The Responsorial Psalm generally responds to the first reading and the Gospel Acclamation is linked to the Gospel. But the second reading during Ordinary Time is not chosen for its link to the other texts. It follows a particular book of the New Testament from Sunday to Sunday in a semi-continuous pattern.

The Scripture readings for May 30, 1999, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, all reflect that mystery. On this feast, we might expect the theme simply to be the existence of three persons in one God. But in the readings there is a focus on God's love and kindness.

The Gospel reminds us that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. The first reading speaks only of the Father, describing God as merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and fidelity. The Responsorial Psalm gives praise to God, exalted above all creation. The second reading, the most explicitly Trinitarian, concludes with Paul's blessing: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

We know that God is a Trinity of persons because God manifested this to us in the process of our redemption. But it is God's love that led him to reveal himself to us.



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Pope John Paul II believes people will benefit more fully from the readings and the whole liturgy if they are aware of the underlying theme linking the various readings and texts of the Mass.

On June 27, 1999, the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel recounts Jesus' missionary instructions to the Twelve. Jesus insists that they must love him more than father, mother, son or daughter. He then tells the Twelve that whoever welcomes them welcomes him, and he quotes the adage that whoever welcomes a prophet receives a prophet's reward.

This adage led to the choice of the first reading, which recounts the reward given the Shunemite woman because she had welcomed the prophet Elisha into her home. The prophet promises that she will have a child. The Responsorial Psalm then praises God, who is faithful to his promises.

Because it is Ordinary Time, the second reading is not chosen to relate to the other texts. It is from Paul's letter to the Romans and speaks of our baptism into Christ's death and our share in his resurrection. Though this is not closely linked to the other readings, sharing in Christ's life is the goal of the mission of the Twelve.

Beyond the readings, of course, we also look for echoes of the theme in the homily, some prayer texts and the music chosen for the celebration. Not every element of the celebration needs to be focused on one narrow theme, of course, because the Eucharist has many dimensions. It should be possible, though, to detect a thread that unifies the whole celebration.

The pope recommends reading the Sunday texts at home. Reading them before coming to church makes it more likely that we will notice that our liturgy planners have chosen various items to express the theme they discovered in the readings for the day. †

(Father Lawrence Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio.)

Pope encourages reading the Scripture before Sunday Mass

By David Gibson

Some parishes bring a group together during the week "to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed," Pope John Paul II observed in his summer 1998 apostolic letter, "The Day of the Lord."

The objective of such groups—made up of "priest, ministers and faithful"—Pope John Paul said, "is that the entire (Sunday) celebration—praying, singing, listening, and not just the preaching—should express in some way the theme of the Sunday liturgy so that all those taking part may be penetrated more powerfully by it."

The pope recalled that Vatican Council II "urged that 'the table of the word of God be more lavishly prepared for the faithful, opening to them more abundantly the treasures of the Bible.'"

And he said, "The fact that (Vatican II) made it possible to proclaim the word of God in the language of the community taking part in the (Sunday) celebration must awaken a new sense of responsibility toward the word, allowing the distinctive character of the sacred text to shine forth 'even in the mode of reading or singing'" during the liturgy. †

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Discussion Point

Homily should be relevant to life

This Week's Question

What question would you most like to ask an expert about the Mass?

"Why are the sermons, when they're good, too often cut short? What makes a great homily is when the priest makes connections between daily life and the readings, and leaves you thinking and asking questions." (Monique Barzana, Miami, Fla.)

"How is our understanding of the Eucharist different than that of, say, the Lutherans?" (Judy Saraka, Mountainside, N.J.)

"When the priest is saying the Eucharistic prayer, how can you tell which Eucharistic prayer he will

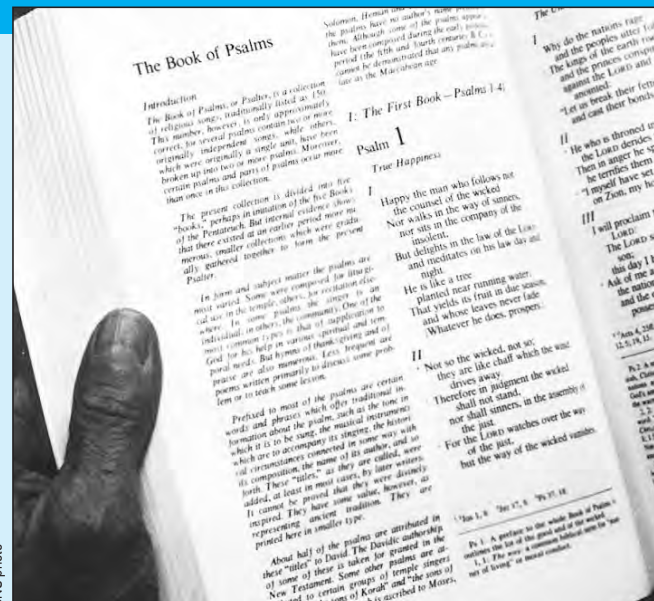
pick? I know there are four forms, but is there a reason for picking one over the other?" (Adam LaSota, Painesville, Ohio)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: How do you think families might give the Bible a larger role at home?

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

The first Christian church

The Gospel for Sunday's Mass is the one that earned Thomas the Apostle the nickname "doubting Thomas"



because he didn't believe the other apostles when they told him that Jesus had appeared to them the evening of his resurrection. A week later Jesus appeared again and showed himself to Thomas.

Although John's Gospel, in which this story appears, doesn't specifically say where the apostles were assembled, it has always been believed that it was in the same room where the Last Supper took place and, later, where the Holy Spirit came upon them on Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles refers to "the upper room where they were staying" (1:13).

This room is called the Cenacle, from the Latin word *cenaculum*, which means dining room. Because of its significance at the end of Jesus' life and the beginning of the Church, this room became the first Christian church. The apostles continued to stay there and the first bishop of Jerusalem, James, made his headquarters on Mount Zion, where the Cenacle is located. Eventually, a church was built there.

When the Romans destroyed most of Jerusalem in the year 70, and again in 135, this church was spared because it was outside the area of military operations. The church was enlarged during the Byzantine era of the fourth and fifth centuries and included in the basilica called "Holy Sion." But in 614 the

Persians destroyed it along with every other church in the Holy Land except the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

In the 12th century the Crusaders built the chapel that is there today. After the Crusaders were defeated, the Franciscans started negotiations with the Muslims to return to the Holy Land and the first thing they recovered was the Cenacle, in 1335. But in 1551 the Turks expelled the Franciscans from the site and converted the upper chapel into a mosque, as it is today.

Christian pilgrims today still venerate the site but are often disappointed when they see it because it doesn't resemble an upper room. They are also disappointed that they are forbidden to say Mass on this site where the Mass was instituted. Today the Muslims, who own the mosque, allow the Patriarch of Jerusalem to celebrate Mass there once a year, on Holy Thursday.

If Catholics cannot celebrate Mass there everyday, they do the next best thing. The Franciscans own property right next to the Cenacle and the altar of their chapel is as near the Cenacle as possible. While I was in Jerusalem for three months two years ago, our class at the Ecumenical Institute of Tantor was able to say Mass in that chapel.

A good snapshot of the three monotheistic religions in the Holy Land is seen in that small area. Besides the Islamic mosque and the Franciscan chapel, there is a Jewish synagogue below the mosque, venerated as the Tomb of David. David wasn't really buried there, though, because that part of Jerusalem didn't exist at the time of David. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Speculating on Easter's promise

"When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there." That's what Easter promises.



Assuming we go "up yonder" rather than to the other place, I wonder who *else* will be "up" there.

It's a big assumption to believe that we will go to heaven, but let's speculate just for fun. Naturally we hope to see our parents, children, spouses, friends, old neighbors, everyone we ever knew or liked. *Liked* is the operative word here, because imagine how ghastly it would be if all the folks we didn't like became our celestial roommates!

For example, it might be hard to maintain the saintliness required for being in the presence of God if we're standing on the cloud next to the one holding our fifth-grade teacher. You know, the lady we all thought was a Nazi. If she's there she was obviously judged to be heaven material, so who are we to say she's not? But it's still hard to figure.

Which brings us obliquely to sinners. And aren't we glad that it's God who does the judging, and not us? Because that's what might cause us discomfort in the heavenly regions, the thought that those we've humanly judged to be sinners may not be so in God's opinion.

The Hitlers and Stalins and guys like that may be written off. Surely they will not be eating at the same heavenly table with us righteous. But how about the gray sinners, the ones who sinned in less dramatic or extensive ways?

How about that kid who grabbed your favorite matchbox car at school, claimed it was his when the teacher broke up the fight, and then grinned when she took it away for good? Or how about the girl in chemistry class who copied off your paper, got an "A" and then accused you of cheating from her?

If you don't think that's bad enough, how about the colleague who took credit for your idea and got a raise? Or the dad who promised to help you chaperon the Boy Scout campout, didn't show up and left you alone to referee 30 kids in the dark with bad food and wet matches?

How about your fellow liturgy committee member who insisted on donating chartreuse rayon scraps from his decorating business rather than give money for new altar cloths? Or the neighbor who built a garage two feet over your property line and then sued for rights?

And what of the husband or wife who cheated on the other, the priest who opted to play golf while his new assistant spent the afternoon in the reconciliation room, or the guy who cut you off on the interstate? Aren't these sins, I ask you?

We tend to think that sin is sin, no matter how small, and that's correct when we apply it to ourselves. But when we try to judge others by those same events, we need to back off and remember who's doing the real judging here (and "up" there).

We believe in Easter. Now we need to believe in ourselves and the saints we may become as Easter people. †

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel

Outrageously happy

"How far can we go?" "Should I put my aging father in a nursing home?" "Should I discontinue my radiation treatments?" "Should we get a divorce?"

These are but a few of the questions that are sometimes forced upon us. "What would Jesus do? What is the will of God for me in a given situation?"

The only time one hears about God's will is on those occasions when one encounters suffering, tragedy and/or death. One rarely, if ever, hears of the will of God in connection with happy occasions, such as one's birthday, wedding, ordination or anniversary.

"God's will be done," a woman cries out when she realizes she has cancer. People often talk as if God likes to see people suffer. Nothing could be further from the truth.

God's will for humanity is that we be outrageously happy in this world and the world to come. He desires that we live life to the fullest. As loving parents want only the best for their children, so, too, does God. Yet God has given us a free will, and he allows us the freedom to choose otherwise.

I suggest the following decision-making process in seeking God's will for a specific situation.

We should ask ourselves: "What are my options?" "What do I hope to accomplish?" "Am I acting out of selfish reasons?" "What will be the results of a particular decision tomorrow and in the years to come?"

"Will a particular course of action cause scandal?" "Who will be affected by my

decision?" "Will there be undesirable effects from my particular decision? If so, will they outweigh the good effects?"

Do I know other individuals who had to make a similar decision? What decision did they make? What were the consequences of that decision? Would they now have acted otherwise?

Our family and friends might provide some valuable insight into our situation. Likewise, advice from a priest and/or doctor, lawyer, social worker, and so forth might be helpful.

What advice does the Church offer? The Church has some very strong teachings regarding the sacredness of life.

One should not look for specific answers to one's problems in the Bible. Rather, one should look for guidance by reflecting upon general principles and teachings of sacred Scripture. Will my decision conform with the type of conduct that Jesus demands of his followers?

Thomas Aquinas stressed the importance of following one's own conscience. However, one must remember that one's conscience is not infallible and one can be guilty of having an uninformed conscience.

In our human condition, it is not always possible to establish with absolute certainty whether a particular decision will conform to the will of God. Nevertheless, the desire to do God's will is fundamentally important. Prayer should always be an integral part of the decision-making process.

Christian living is not easy. Sometimes great sacrifice is necessary. Whenever we are called to make an important decision, let us make it in view of our commitment to Christ.

God's will is that we find true happiness. May God's "will be done ... on earth as it is in heaven." †

Stories, Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.

You only feel old when you stop changing

During Lent I had the opportunity to lead a parish mission for St. John in Osgood and St. Magdalen in New Marion. Part of the program involved visiting the shut-ins of the parish to administer the Eucharist. One of the people we visited had a number of framed letters on the wall of her room in the nursing home. They were from various state leaders congratulating her on her 100th birthday this March 3.

Later I was talking with one of her grandsons who told me that on the day she reached the century mark, one thing she said was, "You only start to feel old when you stop changing." That

remark came back to me as I sat down to write this column as our Church celebrates the Easter season. We believe that in Jesus our God continually gifts us with new life. Our faith journey is filled with change. Our relationship with Jesus transforms us again, and again, and again.

Over this recent Lent and Easter season I experienced a number of reminders that the changes we experience often come through the exercise of the gift of the people of God themselves. One of the most powerful gifts is the wisdom that comes from faithful living. In fact, the awareness of this reality grows out of the reclaiming of the power and mission that is included in our sharing in the priesthood of Christ that comes with our baptism.

As God's people, we are blessed by what someone 100 years old says to us. But we can also be inspired by our young people. During the parish mission at Sacred Heart in Jeffersonville, one of the highlights was the evening planned and led by the parish youth group. There was the energy that we often associate with the young, but there were also three witness talks by young people who shared the depth and sensitivity of their faith. Over Palm Sunday weekend, some members of the youth group from St. Mark's in Indianapolis powerfully proclaimed the Passion in narration and mime at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Conference.

At this time of the Church year we focus on the Paschal Mystery, the changes Jesus went through in his suffering, death, and resurrection. This is the most profound

of the changes our faith teaches us. As the first preface for Christian Death puts it, "In him, who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended."

Right before Holy Week, two families I know experienced the death of a loved one through cancer. I was deeply moved by what they shared about the way the faith and the word of God in Scripture supported both the dying person and other members of the family. The witness of that journey makes the change from death to new life real. It is how we proclaim Jesus until he comes again. †

'One of the most powerful gifts is the wisdom that comes from faithful living.'

Second Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 11, 1999

- Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

The Acts of the Apostles gives us the first reading for this glorious weekend of Easter time. Acts is a fascinating source of knowing about life in the early Church.



Scholars believe that the same author as that of St. Luke's Gospel wrote it. It is a pity that the Gospel and Acts now stand in Bibles separated from

each other by St. John's Gospel. If this editorial decision had not been made, the link between Christ and the first Christians would be much more evident.

In this reading, Acts tells of the young Christian community in Jerusalem. Several aspects are particularly important. First, a great sense of community pertained. Second, the constant activity was prayer and the "breaking of the bread." ("Breaking of the bread," incidentally, is a favorite New Testament expression for the Eucharist.)

They were united with and in the apostles. The apostles guided them, taught them, and reinforced their faith. These early Christians were not on their own, each pursuing solely an individual pipeline to God. They turned fully to the apostles.

The First Epistle to Peter supplies the second reading.

This passage is a great statement of belief and trust in Jesus. It has been used many times for liturgical expressions, hymns and formal prayers.

Jesus is the source of all life. He is God's gift. He is God's gift in love.

God wills that we live, that we possess eternal life. Redemption allows us access to these great possibilities.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the third reading. It is one of the most familiar stories in the Christian Scriptures. It is the story of Thomas.

Important to note here is that the Lord has fulfilled the promises. He has not left the apostles orphans. Despite the turmoil outside their place, the Lord comes to the apostles. With Jesus, and in community with each other, they are secure.

Earlier, some wondered where others had taken the Lord's body. No one took Jesus anywhere. No one controlled Jesus. He is Lord!

The Lord does not greet the apostles with an assertion of divinity; rather Jesus bids them "Peace."

Reconciliation, hope, joy and peace are the gifts of faith. Jesus then empowers the apostles to bring this reconciliation to those whom they meet.

Thomas enters the story. The report seems extraordinary. It follows the path that John's Gospel always sees as occurring in discipleship. Jesus invites belief. Thomas responds in faith. Jesus blesses the faith.

This passage is mighty in its revelation. Thomas is the instrument by which believers know, and publish, the fact that Jesus is indeed God. The faith of the once doubting Thomas has brought to him this overwhelming understanding of the Lord and of reality.

Reflection

The Church again this weekend literally sings its belief in, and love for, the Lord Jesus. He is the Redeemer. He is Lord. He is God.

The second reading magnificently manifests this belief. The Church even uses the eloquence of this particular Scripture to convey its belief in Jesus in all its loveliness and power.

Altogether, these readings are very immediate and relevant. Acts, First Peter and John all remind us that we do not look back across many centuries at an event long ago. Rather, we are part of the event.

Highly practical lessons are given us. We are not individual agents in redemption, although our place in redemption depends upon our personal willingness to follow Jesus. We are part of, and vivified by, the community of Christ. It was a community formed by Jesus upon the apostles. They achieved their places in the plan of salvation surely by the Lord's calling, but also by their faith.

Faith enabled them not just to witness but to understand the saving acts of God achieved in Jesus. It is a faith we can possess, too. With this faith, with Thomas, we can understand the meaning and the majesty of God and of life forever in the Son of God, our own Lord and God, the risen Jesus. †

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the "My Journey to God" column. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions. Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206 or by e-mail at criterion@archindy.org. †

Daily Readings

Monday, April 12

Acts 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 13

Martin I, pope and martyr
Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 14

Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15

Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday, April 16

Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 17

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Baptismal guidelines explain godparent's role

Q A friend is due to have her first child next month and has asked if I am



willing to be the godmother. I was delighted, but there is a dilemma. She is not married, is Catholic but not practicing her faith, and the father is a non-practicing Buddhist.

Her family wants the baby baptized, but the father wants to

take the baby to the Thai temple for some sort of dedication. My friend is still undecided.

If they go to the Catholic Church, do I say no because the baby will probably not be raised Catholic, or do I say yes and try to have a Catholic influence on the child? (California)

A You do have a dilemma. Your problem may be solved for you, however, by the pastor of that family's parish. Apart from a serious medical emergency, it is not likely he will allow the baptism to take place in the circumstances you describe.

True, the Church insists, in both its laws and baptism ritual, on parents' obligation to have their children baptized shortly after birth (Canon 867).

This policy assumes, however, that the parents are practicing Catholics who are prepared, by their teaching and example, to bring their children up as good Catholic men and women.

Thus, the same law requires that, before or immediately after birth, parents approach their parish priest to be properly prepared for this sacrament. Most parishes today, of course, provide formal classes for this purpose.

Further, the Church also insists that a priest or other qualified person may not lawfully baptize a child unless there exists a solidly founded hope that the baby will be raised properly as a member of the Catholic religion.

If evidence for this hope is lacking, the priest must delay the baptism and explain to the parents why this is being done (Canon 868).

The Introduction to the Rite of Baptism emphasizes the point. At least twice during the baptism liturgy, Catholic parents are asked to openly declare that they accept and embrace the faith in which the child is being baptized, and that they intend to give the example and

teaching necessary for their child to grow in that faith.

This promise cannot normally be made, of course, by supposedly Catholic parents unless they themselves faithfully practice their faith as conscientiously as possible and are not simply bringing their baby for baptism out of a sense of family tradition or pressure, or a vague feeling that it's the right thing to do.

Unfortunately, situations like this are much more frequent today than formerly. We are understandably concerned that parents not be placed in the position of making statements and a profession of faith that they do not honestly and fully believe.

There is no room here to expand further, but if we stop to reflect we should be able to realize how this policy is not only fair to the parents and child, for whom baptism has major implications for the future, but also faithful to the meaning of baptism for us as a Christian community.

Finally, even if you are not the godmother, that is not the end. You can still do everything the parents will allow to influence the child in a good way, guided by your own Christian faith.

If their plans move ahead further, I suggest you talk with your priest and ask his advice.

Q Your column about donating bodily organs after death pushed us to do something about it ourselves. Who do we contact to obtain information and make arrangements? (New York)

A The national center for organ donations, and the source of much information, is Living Bank, Box 6725, Houston, Texas 77265. The telephone number is 713-528-2971. They also are in contact with all medical schools in the United States to arrange for donation of bodies after death.

Funeral directors usually have helpful information. Most states now have a process by which individuals may indicate on drivers' licenses their desire to donate organs. Call your secretary of state office. †

(A free brochure outlining basic Catholic prayers, beliefs and moral precepts is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

My Journey to God

Not Made of Starlight

I was not made of starlight,
just earth.
It's not in me to be an angel,
my worth
is that I am nothingness
made into the beloved,
living in God's providence,
spending my days
in praise, pleasing him
when I care for others
like myself,
broken, weak and frightened,
who still have worth,
not angels,
and not made of starlight either,
just earth.

By Sandra Marek Behringer

(Sandra Behringer is a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis.)



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The Active List

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

April 9

Little Flower Parish Ladies Club, Indianapolis, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., spring dessert and card party beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the social hall. Cost: \$6. Information: 317-357-5757.

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St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers charity basketball game at Roncalli High School, Docs vs. Jocks vs. Drugs, against Roncalli High School at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Cost: \$3 per person. Information: 317-782-7997.

April 9-11

The Conventual Franciscans vocations retreat for single men, 18-40, interested in finding out about religious life at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center near New Albany will begin Friday evening and conclude at 1 p.m. Sunday. Cost: Free. Information: 800-424-9955.

April 10

A benefit walk for prostate cancer, Don "Ski" the Clown Day, to begin 10 a.m. Meadowood Park, Speedway. Registration: \$15 adults; children under 18 walk free. Information: 317-475-9927.

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St. Mark PTG, Indianapolis, 535 E. Edgewood, spaghetti dinner by Chef Joe Schembra, parish hall from 5-8 p.m. Cost: \$7, adults; \$3.50, children; 5 and under, free. Information: 317-787-2058.

April 11

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast 7:30 a.m.-noon. Freewill offering. Sponsored by

St. Nicholas Transportation Fund.

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St. Francis Xavier, Henryville, buffet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Craft booth and quilt raffle.

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The Catholic Widowed Organization birthday dinner, 2 p.m., Steak and Ale, Southern Plaza. Information: 317-784-1102, Betty Dolan.

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St. John the Baptist, Starlight, 8310 St. John Rd., devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday welcome 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. adoration; 2:45 p.m. rosary and 3 p.m. devotion. Information: 812-923-5785.

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St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus, 1302 27th St., Divine Mercy Sunday from 3-4 p.m. Information: 812-372-9152.

April 13

The Ave Maria Guild at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove, business meeting and dessert and coffee at 12:30 p.m.

April 14

St. Mary-of-the-Woods College "Winter at the Woods," a program inviting prospective students to tour campus 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information: 812-535-5106.

April 16

St. Philip Neri School, Indianapolis, 550 N. Rural St., Monte Carlo night from 7 p.m.-midnight. Cost: \$3 includes food and drink. Proceeds benefit the school.

April 16, 18

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis annual Journey Concert at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Indianapolis, 2801 W. 86th St., in the chapel, 7 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Cost: \$10. Information: 317-216-5588.

April 16-18

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Signature Inn in Southport (just south of Indianapolis) open to all married couples who desire a richer, fuller life together. Catholic in orientation, but open to all. Information: 317-581-0807 Cathy Thoman.

April 17

Marian Heights Academy, Ferdinand, open house, lunch, tour for prospective students and families. Reservations: 800-467-4MHA by April 14.

Recurring

Daily

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, perpetual adoration 24 hours a day in the parish center.

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Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Tridentine (Latin) Mass. Times: Information: 317-636-4478.

Weekly

Sundays

Holy Rosary Church, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., Tridentine (Latin) Mass, 10 a.m. (formerly held at St. Patrick Parish).

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St. Anthony of Padua Church, Clarksville, "Be Not Afraid" holy hour 6 p.m.

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St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman, Indianapolis, rosary and Benediction for vocations, 2 p.m.

Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., prayer group, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Tuesdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group at Our Lady of the Greenwood chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, 7 p.m. for rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg,

2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Shepherds of Christ Associates, rosary and other prayers following 7 p.m. Mass.

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St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., adult religious education classes from 7-9:30 p.m. with minimal fee. Information: 317-842-5869.

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Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., prayer group from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group from 3-4 p.m. at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis (behind St. Michael Church). Information: 317-271-8016.

Thursdays

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

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St. Mary Church, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates 7 p.m. prayer for lay and religious vocations.

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St. Patrick Church, Salem, Shelby St., prayer service, 7 p.m.

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St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg, Liturgy of the Hours, evening prayer at 7 p.m. 317-852-3195.

Fridays

St. Susanna Church, Plainfield, 1210 E. Main, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

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

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Third Sundays

Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt has holy hour at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. (Located on 925 South., .8 mile east of 421 South., 12 miles south of Versailles.) Information: 812-689-3551.

Third Mondays

Young Widowed Group, sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries, St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-236-1586.

Third Wednesdays

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

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Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, support group for widowed persons at 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2524.

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Calvary Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 435 W. Troy Ave., Mass at 2 p.m.

Third Thursdays

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., family rosary night, 7 p.m.

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Our Lady of Peace Chapel/Mausoleum,

Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass at 2 p.m.

Third Fridays

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, 7 p.m. Mass and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis.

Third Saturdays

The archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Andrew Church, 3922 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, Mass for Life, 8:30 a.m.; walk to 2951 E. 38th St. abortion clinic for rosary, return to St. Andrew for Benediction.

Bingos

TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; St. Roch Parish, St. Roch School, 3603 S. Meridian, 6 p.m. THURSDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m.; Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Cardinal Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday of each month, 1:15 p.m.

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Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Mon. the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests and religious sisters serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it.

ADAMS, Luella C., 79, St. John, Osgood, March 20. Mother of Betty Bushart. Grandmother of two.

ARMSTRONG, Betty L. (Woody), 69, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, March 23. Mother of Woody Jr., Robert E. and Trudy L. Armstrong. Sister of Leah Montrose. Grandmother of five.

CECIL, Clarence C. Sr., 74, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, March 18. Husband of Carolyn (Wulf) Cecil. Father of Christopher C. and Sharon Lyn Cecil, Carol Ann Stevens, Cheri Lynn Hatcher. Brother of James V. and Edward T. Cecil. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of nine.

CHRISTIANSSEN Sr., Raymond H., 83, St. Mary, New Albany, March 22. Husband of Virginia L. (Garrett) Christiansen. Father of Raymond H. "Bo" Christiansen Jr. Brother of Tom, Marilyn and Emily Christiansen, Esther Bennet. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather six.

DALTON, James J. Sr., 77, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, March 19. Father of James J. Dalton Jr. Brother of Robert and Jack Dalton, Betty J. Becker. Grandfather of two.

DIERCKMAN, Annamarie, 91, St. Nicholas, Sunman, March 20. Mother of Thelma Schornick, Evelyn Hornberger, Annamae Callahan, Myrtle Gunter, Alma Herbert, Arnold, Ronald and Roger Dierckman, Carol Knue. Sister of Edwin, Roman and Francis Federle. Grandmother of 33. Great-grandmother of 45. Great-great-grandmother of one.

FERRY, Walter, 85, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, March 18. Husband of Alberta Fulks. Father of Stephen Ferry, Colleen Sullivan, Stephanie Carr. Brother of John Ferry. Grandfather of two.

FISCHER, Thomas E., 64, St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County, March 22. Husband of Bess Fischer. Father of Melinda Hammitte, Karen Harter, Lesa Brinson. Stepfather of three. Son of Dorothy Fischer. Brother of Nick, Jim and Mark Fischer, Libby Long. Grandfather of three.

FRAIZER, Dorothea J., 75, St. Pius, Troy, March 16. Mother of David Fraizer, Christine Mathews. Sister of E.H., Norbert and Harry Lindauer, Marcy Wood, Catherine Adams. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

GESWEIN, Anna Mae, 85, St. Mary, Lanesville, March 17. Sister of Maurice, Clem and Elmer Geswein, Marina Schellenberger, Hilda Voelker.

GOHMANN, Louis Edward, 59, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, March 21. Father of Debra Toon, Kim Jones, Angie Ressler, Gina Delovio. Brother of Bud Gohmann, Rita Weber. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of one.

GUFFEY, Jessie Marian (Dixon) Maze, 78, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, March 18. Mother of Shirley Tharp, Carol Risk, Rosie and Anthony R. Maze. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother of several.

HALL, Betty, 69, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, March 16. Wife of Miles Hall. Sister of Pam Glotzbach.

HARRELL, Ella Mae, 71, St. Vincent, Bedford, March 22. Mother of Joe D. and Greg P. Harrell. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of three.

HERMAN, Charles E., 80, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, March 22. Husband of Betty H. Herman. Father of Donna J. Carter, Dianne L. Gardner, M. Charlene McAndrews. Brother of Catherine L. Hunter, Mary B. Herman. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of 12.

JOHNSON, Dorothy M., 83, St. Mary, New Albany, March 23. Mother of L. Dick III and Michael C. Johnson, Lucia C. Applegate. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of three.

JOHNSTON, Mary A. Stretch, 73, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, March 5. Wife of Robert K. Johnston. Mother of Ronald

and Barbara Johnston, Nancy Ashley, Kim Fox. Sister of Thomas, Patricia and Helen Stretch. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of nine.

MARTINEZ, Charles, 82, St. Roch, Indianapolis, March 21. Husband of Maria Martinez. Father of Carlos, Armando, David and Lydia Martinez. Brother of Francisco, Santos, Antonio, Guadalupe and Florencia Martinez, Lenor Mora. Grandfather of three.

MATTINGLY, Eva F., 91, St. Michael, Cannelton, March 12. Mother of MaryLou Aldridge, Larry and Charles Mattingly. Sister of Donald Anderson. Great-grandmother of 27. Great-great-grandmother of three.

McANDREWS, Edna Evelyn (Boring), 94, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Feb. 28. Mother of Wanda Plahitko, John J. Jr., Robert L. and Thomas F. McAndrews. Grandmother of 19. Great-grandmother of 29. Great-great-grandmother of two.

McGLYNN, Anna M., 92, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, March 13. Sister of Gertrude Motsinger. Aunt of several.

MERKEL, Nicholas Frank, 84, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, March 17. Husband of Clara Merkel. Father of Andrew, Angela and Pauline Merkel, Doris Harmeyer. Brother of Franciscan Sister Romana Merkel. Grandfather of four.

MOSER, Robert, 51, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, March 18. Husband of Eleanor S. Moser. Father of Robin Knabel. Son of Clarence and Wauneta Moser. Brother of William and David Moser, Anita Isgrigg.

PEDLOW, Harry J., 87, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, March 10. Husband of Edna Scherer Pedlow. Father of Carolyn Lakin, Barbara Dale. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of five.

PRATT, Rex L., 67, St. Mary, Greensburg, March 17. Husband of Lucille M. Pratt. Father of Michael, Tom, John and Jim Pratt, Susan Clark. Brother of B.J. and Don Pratt.

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PRICE, Evelyn J. Clarke, 93, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 17. Mother of Mary E. Kijovsky, Elizabeth Besse, Bernard C. Price. Sister of Msgr. Thomas J., William R., Francis E. and Paul Clarke, Daughters of Charity Sisters Marillac and Mary Joseph Clarke, Patricia DeVault. Grandmother of 23. Great-grandmother of 26.

RAUCH, Michael G., 77, St. Michael, Brookville, March 17. Husband of Marjorie Rauch. Father of Brenda Reister, Linda Prifogle, Patty Riebsomer, Michael Rauch Jr. Brother of Georgianna Suding. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of three. Step-great-grandfather of one.

REGAN, Ethel M., 91, St. Paul, Sellersburg, March 10. Mother of Dan Regan, Mary P. Johnson, Ruth Regan-Voigner, Norma Regan-Bizzell, Nancy Regan-O'Connor. Sister of Alice Murley, Mary Leach. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 10.

RIDENOUR, Minnie, 92, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, March 22. Wife of William T. Ridenour. Mother of Wanita Clark, Cathleen Hobbs, Beverly Emberson, Camilla London, LaDema Gallagher. Sister of George Reasen. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 19. Great-great-grandmother of four.

ROSS, Edythe K., 100, St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute, March 12. Sister of Margaret M. Bray.

ROSSMAN, Edward R., 84, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, March 21. Husband of Margaret J. Rossman. Father of David, Lanny, Eddie, Steve, Jack and John Rossman, John Wirtz. Grandfather of 19. Great-grandfather of eight.

SEXTON, Amy K., 92, St. Roch, Indianapolis, March 9. Mother of Betty L. Schmaltz, Phyllis K. Sexton. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of five. Great-great-grandmother of six.

SHEETS, Sebastian T. "Ben," 90, Prince of Peace, Madison, March 23. Uncle of several.

SULLIVAN, Gene, 85, St. Agnes, Nashville, March 23. Mother of Jerry and Kate Sullivan.

SULLIVAN, Katherine (Quinn), 85, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Feb. 24. Mother of James, John and Mary C. Sullivan, Kathleen Hammerle, Peg Fillenwarth, Susan Sark. Grandmother of 28. Great-grandmother of 21.

SWEET, Lucille Reinhardt, 94, St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, March 13. Mother of James Sweet Jr., Carole Ann Market, Mary Ellen Grossman. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 33.

TEIPEN, Henry I., 72, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, March 1. Husband of Doris Teipen. Father of Kelly Manning, Tracy Teipen. Brother of Paul Teipen. Grandfather of four.

THALHEIMER, Marce C., 84, St. Louis, Batesville, March 21. Husband of Frieda Thalheimer. Father of Marcia Eckstein, Linda Harlow, Lou Thalheimer, Sue Kelly. Brother of Harold and Jim Thalheimer, Tillie Wintz. Grandfather of eight.

THATCHER, Richard "Dick," 69, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, Feb. 21. Husband of Bertha Thatcher. Father of Theresa Seyfried, Steven Thatcher, Connie Griffin. Brother of Robert Thatcher, Ruby Norman, Betty Greer. Grandfather of seven.

WATT, Flora Marie Altmeyer, 92, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 1. Mother of John and James Watt. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of six.

WICKENS, Velma M., 80, St. Mary, North Vernon, March 22. Wife of Barth Wickens. Mother of Joann Anglin, Jack Wickens, Linda Vawter. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of seven.

WILLIAMS, Richard E., 76, St. Rita, Indianapolis, March 3. Father of Richard E. Williams. Brother of Charlie Williams, Gertrude Newman. Grandfather of two.

WILLIAN, Irene V. Weigel, 77, St. Matthew, Indianapolis,

March 21. Mother of Mary Kaye and Robert William. Sister of William Weigel. Grandmother of one.

WINOT, Linnie W., 80, St. Roch, Indianapolis, March 12. Mother of Robert W. and Hank Leary, Mary Elizabeth Immel, Ruth Coffin, Annette May, Sue Hand. Sister of Ruby White. Grandmother of 23. Great-grandmother of 20.

WYMAN, Raymond H., 90, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Feb. 21. Husband of Frances M. Zakrazsek Wyman. Father of Harold E. Wyman, Mollie Stanfield, Pauline Taylor. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of seven.

YOUNG, Virginia M. 76, St. Mary, Greensburg, March 23. Wife of Robert W. Young. Mother of Sarah Jane Mattingly, Patricia Ann Young. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.

Franciscan Sister Ann de Sales Pieper taught at Batesville and Indianapolis

Franciscan Sister Ann de Sales died at Oldenburg on March 30 at the age of 84.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on April 1 at the motherhouse chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg.

Born in Hamilton, Ohio, she entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1929 and professed her final vows in 1936.

Sister Ann de Sales taught at St. Louis School in Batesville and at St. Michael in Indianapolis. She also taught at schools in Ohio.

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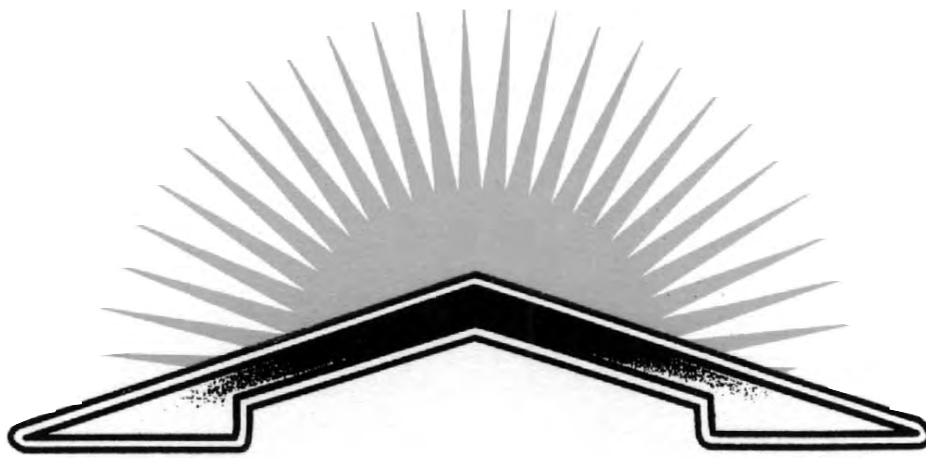
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