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## Catholic educators embrace challenges as they look to the future

WASHINGTON (CNS)—When about 250 Catholic educators from around the country met in Washington on Jan. 8-11, they did not seem daunted by the challenges that lie ahead for them.

The group of principals, superintendents, catechetical leaders and diocesan officials, who gathered to attend a symposium marking the 100th year of the National Catholic Educational Association, instead spoke frankly of difficulties they currently face and of ways they could meet these obstacles head on.

A particular challenge, brought up repeatedly during a Jan. 9 panel discussion,

was the urgency of continuing the work of Catholic education while the Church, in the wake of the clergy sexual abuse crisis, has lost some of its credibility.

"We are in a humbled Church. We need to take this moment of grace. If not, we've missed a moment," said Dominican Sister Rose Marie Hennessy, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of San Jose, Calif.

Sister Hennessy urged educators to take this particular time to teach young people the very essence of the Catholic faith.

Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds, author and former editor of *Commonweal* magazine, urged the group to particularly turn their

attention to adult education, saying adult Catholics, more than ever, need the tools for critical analysis.

"We are bravely slogging through a difficult time in Church history," she said, calling the clergy abuse scandals a "crisis and an opportunity."

"It's a challenge for us to carry on and take personal responsibility," she added. "It's absolutely necessary to still be a vital presence in American culture and in Catholic education."

Another panelist, Helen Alvare, a law professor at The Catholic University of

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## Vatican official says U.S. abuse norms are working

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As U.S. dioceses implement stricter sex abuse policies and deal with accused priests, they have a quiet but watchful partner in the Vatican.

The norms for responding to alleged sexual abuse of minors by priests were worked out between U.S. bishops and Vatican officials in a highly publicized series of meetings in 2002. They give bishops a number of options in dealing with accused priests, with the Vatican retaining oversight and final decision-making authority in most cases.

The system is necessarily complex and deliberate but, more importantly, it is working, said Msgr. Charles Scicluna, a Vatican doctrinal official who deals directly with many of the cases.

"Obviously, we're all on a learning curve. These cases are being handled as we speak," Msgr. Scicluna said in an interview in mid-January.

But he said the U.S. norms, in tandem with the Vatican's more universal rules for such cases, are proving fair and workable. Some priests have been permanently removed from ministry, some have been laicized and some have been scheduled for a Church trial, he said.

Along the way, Vatican and U.S. experts have had to jointly confront procedural problems.

"There is a great sense of cooperation, and that is very important," Msgr. Scicluna said.

While the measures against abusive priests are strong, the process has

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The youth and adult members of St. Nicholas Parish in Ripley County, St. John Parish in Enochsburg, St. Anne Parish in Hamburg and St. Maurice Parish in Decatur County, who participated in the 2003 March for Life in Washington, D.C., gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol last January.

## Southeastern Indiana youth display a strong presence at March for Life in Washington, D.C.

By Sean Gallagher

The rolling hills of southeastern Indiana might on the surface seem like a quiet place filled with people who live a slow, relaxed life. But spend some time there and scratch a little under the surface and you'll soon learn that those hills are filled with families who are on fire to be apostles of the Gospel of Life.

This fervor was on display for all to see this week as 300 youth from the area filled three tour buses and made a 13-hour trek to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 31st annual March for Life.

The participants were primarily from the four parishes led by Father Gregory Bramlage—St. Nicholas Parish in Ripley County, St. John Parish in Enochsburg, St. Anne Parish in Hamburg and St. Maurice

Parish in Decatur County.

While in Washington on Jan. 21-22, the group planned to participate in a praise and worship holy hour for the end to abortion, visit the National Holocaust Museum and attend the pro-life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception the night before the march.

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## Priest talks about continuing fight to end racism

By Brandon A. Evans

People gathered at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on Jan. 18 to remember Martin Luther King Jr. and the ideals that he strived for.

Those in attendance heard about how racism is currently being fought in the Diocese of Gary.

The prayer service also featured the music of the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir, readings from the Bible and the reading of a fictional letter of St. Paul written by King, who was killed on April 4, 1968.

The struggle against racism, said Father Kenneth Taylor, director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry, is a battle that is still raging in our world.

"But we know that none of the battles we take up can be accomplished without prayer," Father Taylor said.

Father Charles Mosley, a priest in residence at St. Mary Parish in Griffith, Ind., in the Diocese of Gary, spoke about racism in his diocese.

Gary, he said, has a problem with

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America in Washington, said the abuse crisis makes it all the more imperative for Catholic educators to continue to speak with confidence about the Catholic tradition and the Church's stance on so many moral issues of today.

"We cannot not speak out about what matters, even in the midst of the abuse crisis," she said. "Too much is happening to cease speaking."

Panelists also spoke of other challenges, such as future leadership and how to promote Catholic identity.

Father Andrew Greeley, a Chicago archdiocesan priest who is an author and social scientist at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, urged the educators to always be on the look out for potential leaders.

"This can't be done in the classroom or in a meeting like this," he said, urging participants to "look around and see who has influence and try to get them to help."

John McGreevey, history professor and history department chair at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, told participants that Catholicism has become fragile within America's culture and could be strengthened by educators who continually involve their students in social service and who also urge their students to see their Catholic identity as part of an international scope.

"Fifty years ago, Catholic educators wouldn't even question how to correlate faith with culture," he said, noting that it came more naturally when the Catholic culture was more dominant.

And that's what the nation's youths need to find again, said panelist Thomas Groome, director of the Institute of

Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College.

"There is an urgency in our time of grooming young people in the deep recesses of the faith tradition of ours," he said. "We need to give them access to that so they can make it their own."

The discussion on how to strengthen the sense of Catholic identity, form leaders and also be engaged in today's society were hardly new topics to the symposium participants. For the past year, dioceses and regional organizations have conducted more than 100 meetings to collect comments on the local level about the future direction for Catholic education.

In working sessions at the Washington gathering, participants continued to discuss these topics and came up with a strategic plan for Catholic education that will be announced during the NCEA convention this year in Boston.

The symposium provided an opportunity

for Catholic educators to talk about issues that "all levels of Catholic education wrestle with" all the time on a local level, said Sister Dale McDonald, a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and NCEA's director of public policy and education research who coordinated the symposium.

And the end result was a positive one, according to Sister Edwin Quinn, a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who trains teachers in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

"I wish we could capture the enthusiasm and take it back with us," she told Catholic News Service.

But she also acknowledged there is a fair amount of work ahead.

"It's challenging. We have to persevere," she said. "But there is a message of hope worth fighting for. It's definitely a mission we can't neglect." †

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racism. It's not uncommon for minorities to be regularly chased out of malls or out of certain areas.

"It's a sad thing that people are still judged by the color of their skin," Father Mosley said.

In addition to those difficulties, the diocese lacks priests of differing cultures to represent the diversity of laity.

"Twenty years ago, I was the first African-American ordained in the Diocese of Gary," he said. Twenty years later, he still is the only black priest in the diocese.

The problem of racism has become so bad that Bishop Dale Melczek called together a group of people to decide how to address it.

He didn't want any more limited solutions, and he didn't want to legislate the problem away.

So, in 2002, Bishop Melczek issued his first pastoral letter, titled "The Many Faces of Our Church: A Pastoral Letter on Cultural Diversity."

It has encouraged people in the diocese to begin recognizing the cultural differences that make up the area.

The letter, Father Mosley said, also launched a three-year program for the diocese to take a hard look at the problem of racism.

Like the civil rights movement of the 60s, the ongoing fight to eradicate racism should be Church-based, he said.

It is, after all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that quotes the Second

Vatican Council document *Gaudium et spes*: "Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design."

Also, when looking at the problems across the Gary area, people in the diocese realized that "we were the one institution that goes beyond all lines," he said and the one institution that can try to promote a change of heart by drawing together all under the title of the people of God.

"We want to be able to put into action the words of St. Paul, when he says that in Christ there is no Greek, no slave, no free, no Jew, but only one," Father Mosley said.

The bishop issued another pastoral letter last summer titled "Created in God's Image: A Pastoral Letter on the Sin of Racism and a Call to Conversion."

"This letter specifically attacked the sin of racism," Father Mosley said. "[Bishop Melczek] called it for the evil that it is and he also stated that all of us have participated in this evil, including the Church."

As a result of the letter, he said, people have begun to share stories of how racism has affected them and even how some of them have been a conduit for that evil.

There have been gatherings to discuss the letter, and some hearts have even been changing.

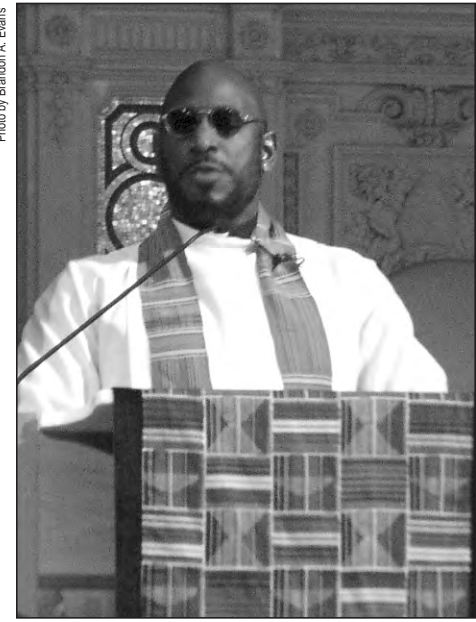
"People began to see that even though we may sometimes live in our own segregated neighborhoods, that we all have the same wants, the same desires, the same hopes," Father Mosley said.

This year, after consulting with many people, Bishop Melczek will issue a final pastoral letter that will deal with healing. This will also be a special Mass of Atonement.

Father Mosley said that it is not just the United States that struggles with racism—dioceses in Europe and Japan have asked for copies of the pastoral letters as well as their accompanying programs for use in their own diocese.

The goal of it all is to remove the evil of racism from every place that it exists.

"It's time," he said, "... to put old sins away, and this is a very old sin, and it's time that we destroyed it forever." †



Father Charles Mosley, a priest in residence at St. Mary Parish in Griffith, Ind., in the Diocese of Gary, spoke at a prayer service for the late Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 18 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. He discussed the Gary Diocese's three-year program to fight toward the end of racism.

## Students from Indianapolis and Lafayette dioceses honor Martin Luther King Jr.

By Margaret Nelson

On Jan. 15, black children and white children marched hand-in-hand down Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street in Indianapolis. It was how students of two Catholic schools began their celebration of the 75th birthday of the slain civil rights leader for whom the thoroughfare is named.

Drivers honked their support as the children sang "We Shall Overcome" during the police-escorted walk. Later, the students of St. Bernard School in Crawfordsville, Ind. in the Lafayette Diocese joined in Mass and lunch at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis.

Benedictine Father Bruce Knox presided at the Jan. 15 liturgy, and the pastor of St. Bernard, Father Melville Bennett, concelebrated.

Students of Holy Angels School proclaimed the readings and read a biography of Dr. King and the recitation of his "I Have a Dream" speech. The assembly joined in singing "Lift Every Voice," "You are My Brother; You are My Sister" and "Glory, Glory Alleluia, Let Us Sing Our Song of Freedom."

In his homily, Father Bruce said he considered King to be a holy man because he followed Christ and did much for humanity. The reaction to King's murder strengthened Father Bruce's desire to

become a priest. He had sent applications to seminaries, but when they asked for photos, "I never heard from them again. That was the way it was back then," he said.

"He spoke hundreds of thousands of words in support of the civil rights of all people," Father Bruce said, adding that King died a young man, a husband and father. He called King a wonderful preacher and philosopher, who loved freedom and wanted justice for all of God's people.

"He could be called the servant leader of servant leaders," said Father Bruce. Because King was able to go to

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## Correction

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove have 81 members at the present time. Sixty-one sisters reside at the monastery and 20 sisters live elsewhere due to ministry assignments. The number 61 was accidentally transposed in a feature story about Benedictine Sister Mary Luke Jones in the Religious Vocations Supplement in the Jan. 9 issue. †

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# Beech Grove parish dedicates new parish life center

By Mary Ann Wyand

BEECH GROVE—The yard signs tell the story.

“Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Welcome. Parish Center blessing and dedication, Sunday, Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m.”

“Parishioners of Holy Name Church give thanks to God, Beech Grove community and all for our new Parish Life Center.”

“C.R. Stafford and Associates, architects. Stenz Construction Corp., general contractor, construction manager.”

“Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School. Support your Giants. First homes games Saturday and Sunday.”

A standing-room-only crowd of parishioners of all ages joined Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, for the Mass and luncheon to celebrate the completion of the long-awaited addition to the parish campus at 89 N. 17th Ave. in Beech Grove.

An elaborate ice sculpture of a cross served as a festive centerpiece in the spacious new multipurpose room and gymnasium, which will house countless parish celebrations, religious education classes, school programs, concerts and sports events in coming years.

The new addition with separate meeting rooms was the final phase of a \$1.8 million expansion project that also included a new parish office building.

“With so many members of your parish, we gather now to bless and dedicate the Holy Name Parish Life Center,” Archbishop Buechlein said during the dedication ceremony last Sunday. “It will be a center for your parish activities and a place where you may come to know one another and give witness to your faith in Jesus Christ.

“Here also the young will learn of their Catholic faith and adults will deepen their commitment to live as Christ taught us,” the archbishop said. “For those desiring to join us in our Catholic journey of faith, this center will be a place of Christian formation. We pray that the Word of God may always echo from these walls. We ask God, from whom all things are accomplished, to bless this new parish life center.

“It’s wonderful to be here on this really great occasion for the dedication and blessing of your new parish life center,” Archbishop Buechlein said before the Mass. “And now we come together to offer thanks to God for all the blessings that God has given to your community of faith [and to remember] all those who have gone before us, who brought the [Catholic] faith to Beech Grove.

“... To accomplish the building of a new parish life center, it takes everybody pulling together to do that,” the archbishop said. “I commend you and [offer] a special congratulations to those of you who provided the leadership to accomplish that task. And you know, it could never have happened without the leadership of a good pastor, so I think we should thank Father [Gerald] Burkert.”

Holy Name Parish was the only Indianapolis South Deanery faith community that did not have a school gymnasium for physical education classes and Catholic Youth Organization sports competitions. In recent years, the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery let the parish use their gymnasium in the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center in Beech Grove for CYO “home” games.

Beech Grove Mayor Joseph Wright was among the guests attending the dedication Mass.

“What a wonderful investment that this church has made,” Wright said, “in not only their own hospitality and property, but also for the community of Beech Grove.”

The city of Beech Grove was established in 1906 and Holy Name Parish was founded in 1908. The limestone church was completed 50 years ago.

“The city is going to be 100 years old in 2006,” Wright said, “and [Holy Name Parish] is a part of the [city’s] heritage that goes back a long time together.”

Kent Schwartz, principal of Holy Name School, said the students are excited about the completion of the new parish life center,

which includes a large electronic scoreboard for games hosted by the Holy Name Giants.

“It definitely means an enhancement to our physical education program,” Schwartz said, “but it also is going to serve as our performing arts center. Holy Name School has always been known for its excellence in music, and we’re very excited about the new center. We see this facility enhancing that program as well as improving our physical fitness program and providing needed space for school gatherings.”

Benedictine Sister Carol Falkner, prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery, said the 81-member women’s religious community has enjoyed sharing the Benedict Inn gymnasium with Holy Name parishioners and Holy Name School students.

“We’ve had a nice partnership for years,” Sister Carol said. “We consider ourselves part of the parish, and we’re very happy to celebrate with them. Father Burkert serves on our board of advisers, and he’s very faithful to us, so we have a very nice partnership between the parish and the monastery.

“The parish needed a gymnasium for their teams,” she said, “and they’ve been using the Benedict Inn gymnasium through the years. Now they will be having many more events in their new facility. It’s just beautiful. But their overflow activities will still come to the Benedict Inn.”

Father Burkert said the completion of the parish life center shows the focus on family life that is so important to members of the 1,182-household parish.

“We’re also celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church this year,” he said. “The church was built in 1954. We’ll probably celebrate that in November.”

Parish council chairman Joseph Grant said parishioner Robert Storey, the volunteer construction manager, spent many hours helping coordinate both phases of the expansion project. The new parish office building was completed in 2002.

Grant said the new facility is a tribute to tradition in the family-oriented parish.

“There are marvelous traditions here that have been passed on from generation to generation and just keep on going,” he said. “Beech Grove is a strong Catholic community. We’ve got St. Francis Hospital and the Benedictine sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, so we’ve got a great relationship with all the sisters.”

Therese Brandon, vice president of the school commission, coordinated the celebration, which also honored Father Burkert’s leadership and Gerald Craney’s four decades of service as the director of music and music teacher.

Msgr. Schaedel, who grew up in Holy Name Parish, recalled the parish’s history and said the new parish life center is “a dream come true” for parishioners.

“I’m delighted to come back to my home, to Holy Name Parish, for this wonderful occasion,” he said. “In four years, our parish will be celebrating our 100th anniversary. We began in 1908 under the leadership of Father [Peter] Killian.

“The original name of our parish was Blessed Sacrament Parish,” the vicar general said, and it was called that for the first 10 years of the parish’s existence.

“In 1918, Bishop [Joseph] Chartrand wanted to build and did build the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the cathedral,” Msgr. Schaedel said. “The story goes that he had the vicar general at the time call the pastor and tell him that he needed to change the parish’s name.

“The school began in 1922 with 53 children taught by three Sisters of St. Francis,” he said. “The original building that faces 17th Avenue was once the church, the school and the convent, all in one building.”

The new parish life center will serve parishioners of all ages, Msgr. Schaedel said, “and will honor and glorify our patron, whom we serve under the patronage of the Holy Name of Jesus. May the name of Jesus Christ be praised now and forever.” †



Above, Holy Name parishioner Joseph Grant, from left, president of the pastoral council, and Father Gerald Burkert, pastor, present a plaque designating part of the new parish life center as the Jerry Craney Performance Center to the longtime music teacher. Therese Brandon, vice president of the school commission, helps with the presentation.

Left, the main entrance of the new Holy Name Parish Life Center is located on the south side of the church on 17th Avenue in Beech Grove.

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## Editorial



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Justina Osborne and Renee Poirer of St. Mary Parish in New Ulm, Minn., applaud during a Lifeline program presentation sponsored by National Evangelization Teams, also known as NET, in St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 6. The international youth ministry challenges teens to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church.

## Evangelization means sharing our faith gently but firmly

Most Catholics are reluctant to “evangelize.” We confuse evangelization with *evangelism*, a style of preaching, and a fervent call to personal conversion to Christ, normally associated with evangelical Protestant Churches. Evangelism often strikes us as too aggressive or too intolerant of other people’s sacred space.

And yet, recent popes have made evangelization the Church’s No. 1 priority. Pope Paul VI, in *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, declares that evangelization is “the essential mission of the Church,” and Pope John Paul II sees evangelization as the primary challenge facing the Church in the new millennium. How do we reconcile our traditional reluctance to evangelize with the growing importance (and urgency) of Catholic evangelization?

Pope Paul VI defines evangelization as a lifelong process of conversion that expresses itself in a genuine sharing of faith with others. A true evangelist is one who commits to grow in holiness and to give witness (through words and example) to the person of Jesus Christ. According to Pope Paul, the purpose of evangelization is to *renew humanity in Christ*. This provides a significant social and cultural dimension to the work of evangelization.

An evangelist is not simply someone who has experienced a personal conversion to Christ. An evangelist is also a missionary—one who carries the good news of salvation to other individuals and to the entire human family.

How do ordinary Catholics in Indiana (or anywhere else) become missionaries? Pope John Paul II has repeatedly taught that every baptized Christian is called to be a missionary—even if he or she never leaves home. We are called to give witness to those closest to us (family, friends and neighbors) as well as to those who reside in “mission territory” within our diocese or in the far corners of the Earth.

As expressed by the Catholic bishops of America in their pastoral letter, *Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States*, the major goals of evangelization are 1) to awaken Catholics’ enthusiasm for their faith so

that they are willing to share it with others, 2) to invite all Americans to salvation in and through the Church, and 3) to promote the dignity of the human person, the welfare of the family, and the common good so that the United States may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

It’s no wonder that evangelization is regarded as the Church’s top priority! It’s also clear that the work of evangelization—to renew humanity in Christ—needs to be embraced by all baptized Catholics rather than just a few zealous converts. As Pope John Paul II says in his teaching on the new millennium, evangelization “takes place in the heart of each person, extends to the believing community, and then reaches the whole of humanity.” The call to evangelize is given to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ and who commits to following him on a lifelong journey of conversion and witness to the truth.

But what about our aversion to “in-your-face-evangelism?” The witness we are called to give to our faith can be described as gentle-but-firm. It is gentle because it respects the dignity of every person and the integrity of their religious or philosophical convictions.

Catholic evangelists do not intrude on others’ sacred space. But our witness is also firm. We do not apologize for our beliefs or for our Catholic way of life. We also do not “water down” the truths of our faith simply because others may disagree. As Pope Paul VI teaches, “There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, are not proclaimed.”

Catholics are called to proclaim (by our words and by our example) the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ. We must accept this call—and put it into action—knowing that we can be gentle evangelists as long as we remain firm in our faith.

— Daniel Conway

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## Letters to the Editor

### Christmas is more than just one day

Isn’t it wonderful how we Catholics celebrate Christmas? Most of the country has taken down all the glitz and glamour of the “season” by the day I am writing this, Jan. 7, but we Catholics are still singing Christmas carols because it’s still Christmas! Unfortunately, many Catholics have missed this major part of the celebration and have followed the world in “getting all that ‘stuff’ put away for another year and getting back to normal.”

But for those of us who have decided that normal is what the Church teaches, we still have our Christmas decorations glowing. And we are not tired of them because we did not put them up during Advent—a totally different season.

Christmas decorations during Advent should be as foreign to Catholics as winter coats in July. Rushing the season of Christmas into Advent with Christmas decorations has the effect of deadening us to the “reason for the season.” Jumping into the Christmas season by decorating our houses while it is still Advent is like those elaborate weddings in which there are lots of preparations for the wedding, but few preparations for the marriage. When the wedding is over, family members are often at odds with each other and the marriage is surely in great jeopardy. Unfortunately, on Dec. 26 many families mirror that sad scenario.

We say that we want to keep “Christ in Christmas,” but our actions belie any real lack of concern for this sentiment. For most Catholics, this is not a malicious neglect, it is more that we have just no thought about it. After all, it is difficult to think about being countercultural after “the holiday season” begins—the day after Thanksgiving. As in any battle with the culture, by then it is often too late.

Christmas is in jeopardy in this country, not because it has become so commercialized, but because Catholics, the largest identified religious group in the country, have capitulated to the culture and abandoned the season of Advent. Those who do make some effort to include Advent preparations often mix decorations for Advent with Christmas decorations. Not only that, we have also shortened the Christmas season to end when the rest of the world ends the celebration of “the holidays.”

Christmas does not end the day after Christmas Day or on New Year’s Day. It ends with the Baptism of the Lord toward the middle of January.

If we really want to change the culture surrounding Christmas, we must begin now to prepare for the onslaught of “the holiday season” for this coming year. We must decide now that our home decorations will reflect the Catholic meaning of both of these wonderful seasons fully.

Or we could wait until Thanksgiving and just not think about it—once more.

Darlene Davis, Greenfield

### Has anything really changed in the Church?

Has anything really changed in the Catholic Church in the United States? Are bishops looking outward (“policy changes, audits, new procedures”) rather than inward (the spiritual state of their soul) for solutions to problems in today’s Church?

Is the setting up of “committees,” made up of laypeople, to investigate sexual abuse claims good for the priesthood? Can we no longer trust other priests to investigate these matters? Does not this cast a dark shadow on all priests—even the good priests who truly love the Church?

The very fact that policy changes became necessary, and audits are necessary to see that these policies are being followed in each diocese, shows that something is very wrong with the spirituality of bishops in the United States (and

elsewhere). Is it therefore truthful to call them “good Shepherds”?

How many good priests have already been falsely accused, and taken from the community they served and loved, while awaiting the completion of an investigation that may or may not prove their innocence?

Is it not also a great scandal, and another sign that something is seriously wrong in the priesthood when investigative committees within a diocese, made up of laypeople, become a necessity? Have not they become necessary because bishops have not followed God’s holy will in the past, and they are not trusted to follow his holy will in the future in these type of matters?

If bishops are unable to discern the state of the soul of an innocent or guilty priest, how can they be trusted to discern the state of the souls of others in their care? Is not spiritual lukewarmness in the priesthood, which has contaminated many bishops (and priests), the greatest scandal in today’s Church?

Vincent Bemowski, Menasha, Wis.

### Science and faith are not mutually exclusive

Crafting a letter that is “temperate in tone” will be difficult in light of the insults Father John Catoir flung at scientists in his column “Christ in the New Year” (*The Criterion*, Jan. 9, 2004).

Why do people like Father Catoir assume that scientists hate God?

I cannot recall reading anything that is more uninformed than this statement in his column: “Many scientists and intellectuals reject the entire mystery of Christ’s incarnation because they have no inner disposition to make the leap of faith. They do not have nor do they want the gift of faith.”

Not true! Did St. Augustine refuse the gift of faith? Did St. Anselm reject the Incarnation? Was St. Thomas Aquinas incapable of faith? These “intellectuals” and doctors of the Church are revered not just for their faith, but also for their intellectual contribution to that little-known science called theology—the study of God and all things of God.

Why does Father Catoir assume that a scientist must be the antithesis of a person of faith? He has a doctorate in canon law. Does that not make him an “intellectual” as well?

Father Catoir assumes that scientists are incapable of faith. I have been surrounded by scientists for nearly 20 years and have been a scientist for over 10 years (I have a doctorate in molecular genetics), and I do not know an atheist scientist. I am also a cradle Catholic. I have never considered my faith and my career to be in opposition. On the contrary, I have often found comfort and direction in St. Anselm’s idea of “faith seeking understanding,” which is one reason why I am also pursuing a degree in theology.

To me, scientific discoveries are little glimpses into the awesome mystery of God’s creation. Science and faith are not mutually exclusive, and I am fed up with people trying to convince us they are, especially people in the Church!

Sigma Xi, the international honor society for scientific and engineering research, found that 41 percent of their scientist members attend church on a typical Sunday. I wonder what the percentage is for all those non-scientists (i.e. “people with faith”) out there?

Jesus was a teacher. If God wanted all of us to have faith without any understanding, then why did Jesus teach? Father Catoir got one thing right when he said that “unaided reason” cannot bring about an understanding of the Incarnation. I would argue that neither can unaided faith. God gave me this brain, Father, and unlike the man in Matthew 25, who hid his one talent in the ground, I intend to use it!

Diane R. Stothard, Indianapolis



ARCHBISHOP/ARZOBISPO DANIEL M. BUECHLEIN, O.S.B.



# SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

## BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

### Catholic school students' letters provide food for thought

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I'd like to let our students speak for themselves! I offer a sampling of letters received in the last year or two. They should make our administrators, teachers, parents and pastors proud.

From St. Nicholas School in Sunman: "Dear Archbishop Buechlein, Hey! My name is Justin. I attend school at St. Nicholas. I am 12 years old and have been writing to you since the 4th grade. I want to thank you for installing the five Sisters and the Rev. Gregory Bramlage. They are very helpful around the parish. Father plays football, soccer, basketball and other games with us. He also says Mass and all of the small and big tasks around the church. The Sisters help teach five classes, say the rosary at the nursing home, clean three churches, visit the sick, and go to all the Masses and pray. The Sisters are fun and teach us a lot about their home country and their language. Both Father and the Sisters are a big help. I just want to thank you again. Your Pal, Justin. P.S. Please write back."

*Justin, thank you for your note and the kind words about your pastor and the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart. Saying "thank you"*

*is an important Christian virtue, which you must have learned at home and in school. I invite you to think about becoming a priest like your pastor.*

From St. Jude School in Indianapolis (last spring): "Dear Archbishop Daniel, My name is Michelle ... I am 10 years old. I play sports for St. Jude. Can you pray for my aunt? She is going to have a baby and I want the baby safe. I want to give you the Guardian Angel prayer. 'Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; in the paths of life direct me.' ... I will pray for you. Your friend, Michelle."

*Michelle, thank you for writing to me and for giving me the Guardian Angel prayer. I did pray for your aunt as you asked. It is thoughtful of you to think of her and her baby. Thank you for praying for me. I will pray for you. Would you like to be a teacher or maybe a religious sister?*

From St. Roch School in Indianapolis (two years ago): "Dear Archbishop Buechlein, Happy Anniversary. You've been an Archbishop for ten years. I hope you can make it twenty. I hope you can be the Pope one day, or a Cardinal. Either would be great. If you are still in charge please keep Fr.

Wilmoth at St. Roch. Thanks!! Sincerely, Nicholas."

*Nicholas, this response comes a little late, but I thank you for your good wishes for my 10th anniversary. Now it is 11 and, by the grace of God, I hope to "make it 20." You have great hopes for me, but like your pastor, my plan is to do the best I can to serve God and people like you where I am. I am still in charge and Father Wilmoth is still at St. Roch Parish!*

From St. Pius X School, Indianapolis: "Dear Archbishop Buechlein, I go to St. Pius School. I'm in eighth grade and am getting confirmed this year. Over the years there have been many priests I've liked, but one in particular really got me to listen. I actually wanted to hear what he had to say. I remember on one Christmas he got to talking about how much love God had for everybody. He said how your parents love you so much, but you can't imagine how much God loves you ... I think so many times people take God's love for granted. So

many times we say God loves us but act like we don't have to do anything for His love. Can we say we're Christians and not go to church, pray or teach about Him? Can we say we believe in God, but not learn anything about Him? The answer is No, we can't say these kind of things. We must live for God and truly mean it. You spread God's word and you live for God. You don't just say you believe in Him when you have to. You always do. I thank you for setting such a good example for me and others. Thank you for your leadership and persistence to always be there. God bless you. Sincerely, Claire."

*Claire, your letter is humbling, but I share it with folks because it expresses how valuable education and religious formation is in our Catholic schools. You not only write well, your Christian insight and convictions are a gift you will always have in whatever plan God has for you.*

Thank you parents, teachers, administrators and pastors! †

#### Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for January

**Parents:** that they may remain faithful to their vocations and encourage their children to consider God's call to service in the Church, especially as priests and religious.

### Cartas de estudiantes de la escuela católica nos hacen reflexionar

Para celebrar la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, ¡me gustaría que nuestros estudiantes hablaran por sí mismos! Les ofrezco una recopilación de cartas recibidas en los últimos dos años. Estas cartas deberían enorgullecer a nuestros directores, maestros, padres y pastores.

De la Escuela San Nicolás en Sunman: "Estimado Arzobispo Buechlein, ¡hola! Me llamo Justin. Voy a la escuela San Nicolás. Tengo doce años y he estado escribiéndole cartas desde 4to grado. Quiero agradecerle por colocar a las cinco Hermanas y al Reverendo Gregory Bramlage. Son muy útiles para la parroquia. El padre juega al fútbol americano, fútbol, basketball y otros juegos con nosotros. También da la misa y hace otras tareas grandes y pequeñas en la iglesia. Las Hermanas ayudan a enseñar cinco clases, rezan el rosario en el asilo de ancianos, limpian tres iglesias, visitan a los enfermos y van a todas las misas y rezan. Las Hermanas son divertidas y nos enseñan mucho sobre los países de donde vienen y su idioma. Tanto el Padre como las Hermanas son de gran ayuda. Solamente quería darle otra vez las gracias. Su amigo, Justin. P.D.: Por favor escríbame."

*Justin, gracias por tu nota y las palabras tan amables sobre tu pastor y las Hermanas franciscanas del Corazón Inmaculado. Dar las gracias es una virtud cristiana muy importante que*

*seguramente aprendiste en la casa y en la escuela. Te invito a que pienses en convertirte en sacerdote como tu pastor.*

De la escuela San Judas en Indianápolis (primavera pasada): "Querido arzobispo Daniel, mi nombre es Michelle... Tengo diez años. Practico deportes para la escuela San Judas. ¿Podría rezar por mi tía? Ella va a tener un bebé y quiero que el bebé esté a salvo. Quiero compartir con usted la oración del Ángel de la Guarda. 'Ángel enviado por Dios para guiarme, sé mi luz y camina a mi lado; sé mi guardián y protégeme; en los caminos de la vida, guíame'... Rezaré por usted. Su amiga, Michelle."

*Michelle, gracias por escribirme y darme la oración del Ángel de la Guarda. Recé por tu tía como me lo pediste. Es muy considerado de tu parte pensar en ella y en su bebé. Gracias por rezar por mí. Yo rezaré por ti. ¿Te gustaría ser maestra, o tal vez una Hermana religiosa?*

De la escuela San Roche en Indianápolis (hace dos años): "Querido arzobispo Buechlein, feliz aniversario. Ha sido arzobispo por diez años. Espero que llegue a los veinte. Espero que pueda ser Papa algún día o Cardenal. Cualquiera de los dos sería fantástico. Si todavía está encargado, por favor deje al Padre Wilmoth en San Roche. ¡¡Gracias!! Atentamente, Nicholas."

*Nicholas, esta respuesta va un poco tarde, pero gracias por tus buenas intenciones para mi décimo aniversario. Ahora son once y, con la gracia de Dios, espero 'llegar a veinte'. Tienes grandes deseos para mí, pero como tu pastor, mi plan es servir a Dios y a las personas como tú lo mejor que pueda, donde esté. Todavía estoy encargado ¡y el Padre Wilmoth todavía sigue en la Parroquia San Roche!*

De la Escuela San Pío, Indianápolis: "Estimado arzobispo Buechlein, voy a la Escuela San Pío. Estoy en octavo grado y voy a recibir la confirmación este año. En todos estos años ha habido muchos sacerdotes que me han gustado, pero hubo uno en particular que me llamó la atención. De veras quería escuchar lo que él decía. Recuerdo una Navidad en la que habló de cuánto Dios nos ama a todos. Dijo que nuestros padres nos quieren mucho, pero no nos podemos imaginar cuánto nos quiere Dios... Pienso muchas veces que la gente no aprecia verdaderamente el amor de Dios. Muchas veces decimos que Dios nos ama pero actuamos como si no tuviéramos que hacer nada por Su amor. ¿Podemos decir que somos

cristianos y no ir a la iglesia, rezar o predicar sobre Él? ¿Podemos decir que creemos en Dios, pero no aprender nada sobre Él? La respuesta es no. No podemos decir esas cosas. Debemos vivir por y para Dios y demostrarlo. Usted imparte la palabra de Dios y vive por y para Dios. Usted no dice simplemente que cree en Él, cuando tiene que decirlo. Usted siempre lo hace. Quiero agradecerle por ser un buen ejemplo a seguir para mí y para otros. Gracias por su liderazgo y su persistencia de estar allí siempre. Que Dios lo bendiga. Atentamente, Claire."

*Claire, tu carta llama a la modestia y quise compartirla con todos porque demuestra lo valiosa que es la educación y la formación religiosa en nuestras escuelas católicas. No solamente escribes muy bien, tu perspectiva y tus convicciones cristianas son dones que siempre tendrás en cualquiera que sea el plan que Dios tiene reservado para ti.*

¡Gracias a todos los padres, maestros, directores y pastores! †

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#### La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en enero

**Padres:** Que ellos puedan permanecer fieles a su vocación y puedan alentar a sus hijos a considerar la llamada de Dios para servir en la iglesia, especialmente como sacerdotes y gente religiosa.



## Check It Out . . .

The **Mass schedule has changed** for St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, in Fulda; St. Meinrad Parish, 19630 N. Fourth St., in St. Meinrad; and St. Martin of Tours Parish, 27246 Perry St., in Siberia. Saturday evening Mass will now be at 5:30 p.m. at St. Meinrad Parish. On Sunday mornings, Mass will be at 7 a.m. at St. Boniface Parish, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Meinrad Parish and at 10:15 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish. For more information, call 812-357-5533 or e-mail [churches3@psci.net](mailto:churches3@psci.net).

A workshop titled **"Forming a Sacramental Life for Service in the Church: The Sacraments of Initiation"** will be offered by Saint Meinrad School of Theology from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Feb. 14, 21 and 28 at Christ the King Parish, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., in Indianapolis. Sheri Berg will present the course. Anyone involved with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or other sacramental preparation will benefit from attending. The cost is \$60 per per-

## U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting movie ratings

**Along Came Polly** (Universal) Rated **L (Limited Adult Audience)** because of a few sexual encounters, much crass humor, some rear nudity, recurring crude language and profanity. Rated **PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.)** by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

**My Baby's Daddy** (Miramax) Rated **L (Limited Adult Audience)** because of a few sexual encounters, much crass humor and language, a minor lesbian subplot including a same-sex kiss, some drug references and ethnic stereotyping. Rated **PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.)** by the MPAA.

**Torque** (Warner Bros.) Rated **A-III (Adults)** because of several scenes of stylized violence, some sexual references and sensuality, drug content, sporadic crass language and profanity. Rated **PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.)** by the MPAA. †

son, less for seniors. For more information, call the Indianapolis Office of Saint Meinrad School of Theology at 317-955-6451 or e-mail [indyprogs@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:indyprogs@saintmeinrad.edu).

St. Francis Hospitals and Health Centers will host a cancer workshop titled **"Look Good ... Feel Better"** for women undergoing radiation and/or chemotherapy from noon to 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the hospital's Indianapolis campus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. The workshop is designed to help women in cancer treatment to cope with appearance-related side effects, including hair loss and changes in complexion. Each woman, with the help of cosmetologists and other professionals, will learn to perform her own makeover using complimentary cosmetics and skin care products. The event is a free national public service program. For more information or to register, call Janice Leak at 317-782-6704.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in Floyd County is offering a **"Married Couples Retreat"** on Feb. 13-15. The theme of the retreat is "We Are God's Chosen People." The suggested offering is \$170. The retreat center will also offer a **"Lenten Retreat for Men and Women"** on Feb. 27-29. The theme is also "We Are God's Chosen People." The suggested offering is \$95 per person. For more information or to register, call 812-923-8817 or e-mail [mtstfran@cris.com](mailto:mtstfran@cris.com)

Saint Meinrad School of Theology will present a program titled **"Thinking of Priesthood"** on Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at the School of Theology in St. Meinrad. There will be prayer, Mass, presentations and time for personal reflection. Benedictine Father Jonathan Fassero will be the presenter. For more information or to register, call Father Joseph Moriarty, archdiocesan vocations director, at 317-236-1496 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1496.

The seventh annual **West Deanery Recognition Awards** will take place on

## Grants . . .

The **Floyd County Historical Society** has received a \$25,000 grant from the Efrogmson Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation for the Phase I restoration of the Cardinal Ritter House at 1218 E. Oak St., in New Albany. The house is where Indianapolis' first archbishop, Joseph Ritter, was raised. He would later become the Cardinal Archbishop of St. Louis. The restoration project is a partnership involving the Historical Society, the newly formed Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation and the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. The latter bought the circa 1888 vernacular Queen Anne home to save it from demolition. †

Jan. 29 at Cardinal Ritter High School, 3360 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis. The Cardinal Ritter Values Award is given to those individuals who embody the principles of Cardinal Ritter and of the Catholic spirit every day. For more information, call the school Office of Advancement at 317-927-7825.

Right to Life of Indianapolis is hosting a **memorial service for the unborn** from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the Indiana War Memorial, 431 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis (enter on Michigan Street). The interdenominational gathering of pro-life supporters will commemorate the lives of those who have been denied life through abortion since January 1973. After the service, there will be a prayerful walk around Monument Circle. For more information, call 317-582-1526.

The **"Fruit of the Spirit Wine and Cheese Party"** will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the Allison Mansion at Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis. There will be more than 20 wines to sample, a variety of domestic and imported cheese, and piano music. The proceeds will benefit the work of Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis.

Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information, call Valerie Sperka at 317-592-4072 or e-mail Mary Chasteen at [marychasteen@hotmail.com](mailto:marychasteen@hotmail.com).

There will be an **Indianapolis Marriage Encounter Weekend** on March 5-7. For more information, call Steve and Judi Willem at 317-576-9785 or [willem.157@cs.com](mailto:willem.157@cs.com).

The Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove, will present two **Ash Wednesday Mini-Retreats** from 9 a.m. to noon or from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 25. It will be a chance to reflect on the symbols and rituals of Christianity, as well as to renew the commitment to conversion and faith. Benedictine Sister Joan Marie Massura will present the mini-retreats. The registration deadline is Feb. 11. There will also be a retreat titled **"Introduction to Centering Prayer"** from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 28. Benedictine Sisters Carol Falkner and Juliann Babcock will introduce this form of meditative prayer that will increase availability and openness to God's presence in each of us. The registration deadline is Feb. 14. For more information, call 317-788-7581. †

## Two Franciscan sisters celebrate golden jubilees of profession

Two Franciscan Sisters of the Poor from the archdiocese celebrated their



Sr. Mary Louise Sahn, S.F.P.

50th jubilee last year with family members and friends at the order's St. Clare Convent in Cincinnati.

Sister Mary Louise Sahn grew up in St. Mary Parish in Greensburg and entered the order on Sept. 15, 1953. She earned a mas-

ter's degree in social work from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

She ministered in social work, specializing in adoption and marriage counseling, in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Washington, D.C. She currently serves as archivist for the order at St. Clare Convent in Cincinnati.

Sister Mary Virginia Schreiner grew up in St. Michael Parish in Brookville and entered the order on Sept. 15, 1953. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Our Lady of Cincinnati College in Cincinnati and a master's degree in education from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

She ministered at the order's generalate in Italy from 1966-68 during Vatican Council II then served one term as general secretary of the congregation in

Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1968-72.

Sister Mary Virginia also served as an assistant at the Resurrection House of Prayer in Cincinnati from 1972-81, then was called to Warwick, N.Y., to serve at Mount Alverno Convent, assisting elderly sisters, from 1981-91. From 1992-97, she served as activities assistant



Sr. Mary Virginia Schreiner, S.F.P.

at Schroder Manor in Hamilton, Ohio, ministering in the Alzheimer's care unit.

She ministered at the Pinecroft House of Peace in Cincinnati from 1998-2003 and also assisted the elderly sisters at St. Clare Convent in Cincinnati during that time. She moved to St. Clare Convent in 2003 and continues her ministry to the sick and elderly sisters living at Mercy Franciscan Terrace in Cincinnati.

The U.S.-based Franciscan Sisters of the Poor are a branch of the congregation founded in Germany by the now Blessed Frances Schervier to "heal the wounds of Christ" in poor suffering humanity.

Members of the order also minister in Italy, Brazil and Africa, while the original German branch has sisters in Belgium and Russia in addition to Germany. †



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On the day of the march, they were scheduled to attend Mass with the Little Sisters of the Poor, in whose facilities the group is staying. While at the march, the youth have been advised to walk tightly arm-in-arm. With so many thousands of other people participating, it is easy for individuals to get lost from the group.

"Last year, we lost some and didn't find them until two hours afterward," Father Bramlage said.

But he isn't too worried about such difficulties, having led large groups of parishioners to the march in each of the seven years that he has ministered there. Despite this long track record, he still remains amazed at the dedication shown by his parishers' families.

"The family life here is so very strong. The parents all get behind [the march] and support it," said Father Bramlage. "It's consistent with who they are and what they're about. It's an opportunity for them to act out what they believe in their heart."

The fact that so many of the parishes' youth participate in the March for Life gives them a real opportunity to enliven the faith of their parents and the rest of the adult parishioners as well.

"You reach the parish through the

children," said Father Bramlage. "If the children are on fire for the faith and are willing to make the sacrifice to stand up for what is right it gives the parents the reason to do the same."

At the same time, many of the parents in the parish have taken advantage of the march as an opportunity to form the faith of the children.

Claire Lattire, a seventh-grader at St. Nicholas School, described how her parents encouraged her to participate in the march.

"They think it's really good. My mom is actually going with me," Claire said. "They want me to stand up for my beliefs as a Catholic."

The entire seventh- and eighth-grade classes at St. Nicholas participate in the march. It is a part of the students' curriculum, a way for them to continue to be formed in the Catholic faith.

"The thing that sets St. Nicholas apart is the Catholic formation that goes with their education," said Father Bramlage. "[The students] see a consistent message taught and lived by the faculty, priest and parents, especially the parents who volunteer, and their classmates. And so the trip to Washington is a way to put into action what they've learned."

On the other hand, many of the youth of St. John, St. Anne and St. Maurice parishes attend public schools, where participating in the march is not part of the curriculum.

Nevertheless, they choose, with their parents' consent and encouragement, to miss school and travel to Washington.

Edith Lecher, a member of St. John Parish, is one such parent. Six of her 11 children have joined in the march over the years. She sees their absence from the public schools for this occasion to be a good thing.

"If it was for something else, I wouldn't let them out," Lecher said. "But they have to know that life is precious. They've got to set an example."

Families who homeschool their children represent another aspect of these diverse parishes. Many of them also participate in the March for Life.

Lisa Weisbrod, who along with her husband, Dan, homeschools their children, planned to take part in the march along with her sons, Patrick, Paul and Peter.

"It's a great dignity for our children to be able to stand up for the unborn," Weisbrod said. "It's more important than any lesson they could learn at home."

Although the parishes do much fundraising and other work to prepare for the march, this important event is only a part of their broader pro-life ministry. Every second Saturday, some 30 to 45 parishioners, the majority of whom are children and youth, travel in a school bus to Cincinnati.

At Holy Name Parish there, they attend a pro-life Mass then process in prayer to a Planned Parenthood clinic. Once they

arrive, they continue to pray the rosary.

"When we get to the fifth sorrowful mystery, all the people kneel down on the sidewalk," said Father Bramlage. "The kids see the reality of the killing fields as they see eight to 12 cars go in during their prayers. They know that quite possibly one baby is being killed for every car. It helps them persevere."

Through their participation in the March for Life as well as other pro-life activities throughout the year, the members of St. Nicholas, St. John, St. Anne and St. Maurice parishes, especially the youth, enkindle within their hearts a deep desire to nurture a sense of the sanctity of life in the midst of our culture of death.

"[The youth] acquire a gentle boldness to speak out in a public way when the love and teachings of Jesus are being grossly violated," said Father Bramlage. "You don't do this for small things. They're not afraid or embarrassed for having attention drawn to them for doing what is right."

And so after traveling to Washington, participating in the march and returning to their homes in the hills of southeastern Indiana, the youth of these parishes are like the Apostles of old returning from a journey of evangelization. These young people have proclaimed the Gospel of Life in our nation's capitol. Now they will announce it through the quiet lives they live in their homes. †

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adequately protected the rights of the accused and offered him a chance to appeal the decision of bishops and the Vatican, he said.

As the "promoter of justice" at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Msgr. Scicluna acts as a type of prosecutor in the sex abuse cases. He said that under the new rules there are five basic options for dealing with sex abuse accusations against priests:

- The priest, penitent for his behavior and recognizing that it is incompatible with his ministry, requests laicization from the pope.
- Even when not requested by the priest, the pope can decide to dismiss the priest from the clerical state. This is done only in grave and clear cases, a "process of last resort," Msgr. Scicluna said.

Typically, the doctrinal congregation makes the request for forced laicization on the recommendation of the local bishop, he said. It is anything but *pro forma*. Pope John Paul II, for example, asks questions and studies the facts of the case before making his decision, Msgr. Scicluna said. The pope's decision is not subject to appeal or review.

• A bishop or the Vatican can impose a penalty on the priest using an administrative penal process (described in canon 1720 of the Code of Canon Law) without going through a Church trial. If the bishop decides that the penalty is permanent dismissal from the clerical state, he needs approval from the Vatican's doctrinal congregation; if he decides on a lesser penalty, he can decree it

on his own authority.

This solution is used in cases where the facts are so apparently clear as to make a Church trial unnecessary. But a priest does have recourse, by presenting an appeal before the full membership—cardinals and bishops—of the doctrinal congregation.

• A trial of the accused priest can be conducted, typically by diocesan tribunals. These are Church trials and the penalties are spiritual, as opposed to civil trials that may carry jail terms or other penalties. The decisions and penalties of the diocesan court can be appealed by the priest to the Vatican's doctrinal congregation, which reviews all diocesan trials. As promoter of justice, Msgr. Scicluna can also appeal the local decision, for example, if he believes a conviction was warranted for a priest who was absolved.

• In cases where a priest known to have been abusive cannot be prosecuted under Church law for technical reasons, a disciplinary action can still be imposed on him—such as limiting or removing him from direct ministry or, after consulting with psychological experts, declaring him impeded from the exercise of ministry.

The priest can appeal these disciplinary measures to officials of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation or to the full membership of the congregation.

The process of investigating and reviewing sex abuse cases is a burdensome task for the doctrinal congregation. The cases present some problems well-known to U.S. Church officials, Msgr. Scicluna said.

A basic issue for the Vatican is defining in greater detail what kind of sexual abuse constitutes a *delictum gravius*, or "more grave

crime," over which the doctrinal congregation has been given specific authority. The doctrinal congregation has determined that since Church law refers to "a sin against the Sixth Commandment with a minor" such abuse does not necessarily involve physical contact. For example, it can involve exposing minors to pornography or, even less directly, the downloading of pedophile pornography on the Internet.

There are more general problems processing sex abuse cases: Allegations often are made many years after the abuse occurred, making it difficult to gather evidence and interview witnesses, and the allegations sometimes are denied—by an accused priest or, more rarely, by a victim.

Many times, the Church court must base its judgment on "moral certainty" of the crime, as opposed to the discovery of incontestable evidence, Msgr. Scicluna said.

The relationship of Church investigations to civil law is a delicate and important issue, he said. In many cases, civil proceedings against an abusive priest give the Vatican and local bishops the kind of clear evidence needed to take steps against the priest and often remove the need for a lengthy Church trial.

"It weighs heavily. It's not the only criterion, but it's a very strong argument," said Msgr. Scicluna.

One sign of the importance given to civil trials is that Church officials are ready to suspend a canonical investigation in order not to disturb a civil investigation, he said.

The care taken in reviewing cases of clerical sexual abuse, combined with the relatively small number of experts available to

the doctrinal congregation, means that many cases are taking months to resolve. In the case of a trial, the time is even longer.

But Msgr. Scicluna said that is a necessary price to pay.

"It would be a grave injustice to hurry up a case and not study it properly. We owe it to everyone concerned..." he said.

Msgr. Scicluna said that despite concerns when the norms were adopted the rights of priests have been guaranteed at every step of the process. Even if there is an administrative process against a priest in lieu of a Church trial, he said, three key elements are present: The accused knows the allegations, he has the right to respond and he has the right to appeal.

In working on sex abuse cases, Msgr. Scicluna said, the Vatican has followed two main principles: "If a person is a risk to minors, he should not be in ministry, and if his ministry is a scandal to the community, he should not be in ministry."

That policy stems from the pope's statement in 2002 that "there is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would harm the young."

Sometimes removal from ministry is not enough, and the priest is also removed from the priesthood. It is the gravity of the offense—something measured case by case—that takes it to this second step, Msgr. Scicluna said.

He said that in implementing the new policies the Vatican and U.S. bishops have the health of the whole Church in mind.

"Some say we're trying to protect the institution. No—the procedures are there to protect the people of God," he said. †

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school, he learned about people like Mahatma Gandhi, whose Buddhist philosophy of love taught him, "If something is not worth dying for, it is not worth living for."

Father Bruce said, "During this liturgy, think of what makes us what we are. Every one of us is special and beautiful."

"I want you to remember what he said about discipline," he told the students. "He did not want his children judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Father Bruce told the students to use the four tools of discipline that Martin Luther King applied. The first is to delay gratification. "He knew how to go without sleep, food and money." The priest told the children to order their lives, sometimes

being willing to read, study and comprehend instead of having a good time.

He said they must also be willing to accept responsibility, be dedicated to the truth and maintain balance in their lives.

"Prayer will help you balance your life," said Father Bruce.

"Give Martin Luther King a birthday present by improving the content of your character," he said. "Our Lord is our greatest example. He has chosen every one of us to return our love to him."

During the offertory procession, the children sang, "We are blessed; we don't deserve it, but yes, we are blessed." Sixth-grader Rachel Emrayona and the Holy Angels School choir offered their talents by singing "If I Can Help Somebody as I Pass Along."

(Margaret Nelson is a member of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.) †

Father Melville Bennett, pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Crawfordsville, Ind., and Benedictine Father Bruce Knox begin the school Mass at Holy Angels Church in Indianapolis honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Photo by Margaret Nelson



Mel Gibson directs Jim Caviezel as Jesus in the movie *The Passion of the Christ* during filming in Italy. While the film was still being made last summer, Gibson and his production company, Icon, had given screenings of parts of the movie to select viewers.

## Pope never commented on Mel Gibson's *Passion* film

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II never said "It is as it was" after watching Mel Gibson's film on the passion of Jesus, said the pope's longtime personal secretary, Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz.

"The Holy Father told no one his opinion of this film," the archbishop told Catholic News Service on Jan. 18.

Archbishop Dziwisz watched the film in the pope's apartment with Pope John Paul and with the pope's second secretary in early December.

The film, *The Passion of the Christ*, is Gibson's interpretation of the last 12 hours of Christ's life and is set for release in the United States on Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday.

The alleged papal quote has appeared in hundreds of newspapers around the world as an unequivocal endorsement of Gibson's controversial film even though papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls refused to confirm the pope said it.

The film drew widespread attention even before it was finished, particularly because of concerns over how it would portray the Jews and its potential for

promoting anti-Semitism.

The co-producer of the film, Steve McEveety, was in Rome in early December to host private screenings of a rough cut of the film for Vatican and other Catholic officials.

After the pope and Archbishop Dziwisz watched the film, the archbishop met with McEveety and with Jan Michelini, an assistant director of the film.

According to published reports, McEveety and Michelini said Archbishop Dziwisz told them the pope reacted positively to the film and said, "It is as it was."

But, Archbishop Dziwisz told CNS, "That is not true."

"I said clearly to McEveety and Michelini that the Holy Father made no declaration," the archbishop said.

"I said the Holy Father saw the film privately in his apartment, but gave no declaration to anyone," he said. "He does not make judgments on art of this kind; he leaves that to others, to experts."

"Clearly, the Holy Father made no judgment of the film," he said. †

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# Our Catholic schools are creating a faith-filled future

By Annette "Mickey" Lentz  
Executive director of Catholic education  
and faith formation



Annette "Mickey" Lentz

I have been mentally writing this article for Catholic Schools Week for quite a while, trying to decide what to say to you about "Catholic Schools: A Faith-Filled Future." An awesome experience I had last week certainly helped to shape my final message.

I was privileged to be a delegate to the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Centennial Symposium on Jan. 8-11 in Washington, D.C. The assembly was held to celebrate the past 100 years in Catholic education and to set the mission for the next era. There were 250 representatives of Total Catholic Education (Catholic schools, faith formation, Catholic colleges, seminaries, etc.) in attendance from all the dioceses across the nation. I proudly represented the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

At this assembly, the participants explored many facets of education today and drafted some new belief statements.

Although these statements responded to Total Catholic Education, which I believe they should, I have chosen some thoughts from my respected colleagues, as well as some of my own, specifically on our Catholic schools and how they prepare our youth for a faith-filled future. I would like to share a few of these thoughts with you.

Catholic schools:

- create an atmosphere which prepares students for a faith-filled future;
- are an "A+" for America in serving the community, the Church and the nation;
- evangelize along with the Church—bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to our students who, in turn, will bring the Good News to the world;
- are the best investment that parents can make for their children;
- offer a faith-filled environment in a blend of diversity;
- provide a prophetic voice for our Church and our world, and strive to educate our youth to integrate Gospel values into their lives;
- expect the best and give the best in a ministry that proclaims the Gospel message of love and hope.

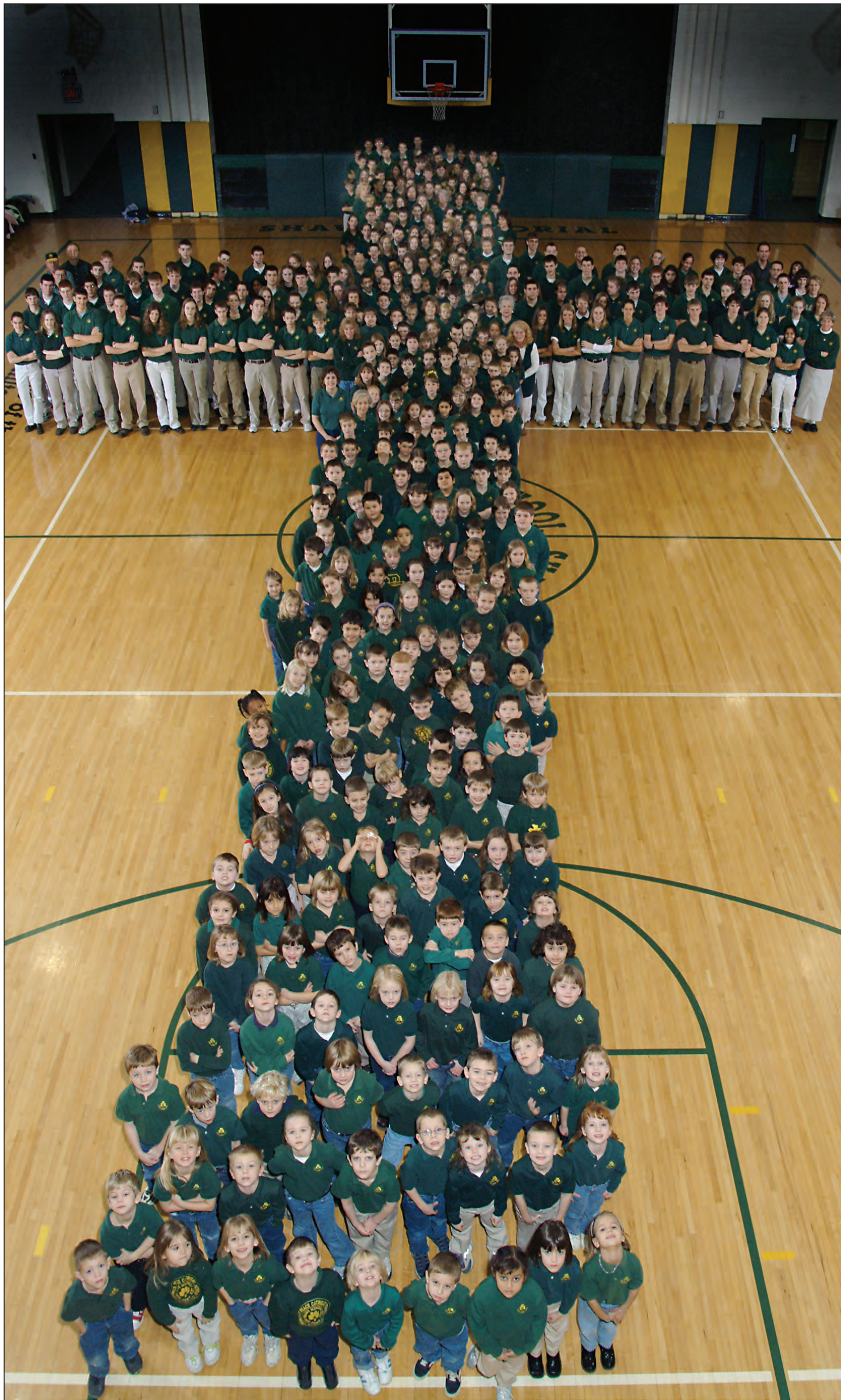
Today, more than ever, we need to uncover the presence of God in all of life. This is the real value of a Catholic education, where faith and knowledge meet. People need to know that this is what we do. A good balanced Catholic education recognizes that all ministries of the Church are essential to its future.

Celebrating 100 years of the NCEA calls to mind our past as Catholic educators. We are privileged to find our roots deep in holiness, recognizing those like St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann, who were instrumental in creating an educational foundation in America grounded in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the reason for our work and continues to call us each day to this ministry.

May God continue to bless those who educate our youth and have dedicated their lives to the ministry of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. You make a faith-filled future real today and ensure its promise for tomorrow. †

Photo by Michael Heitz courtesy Prince of Peace Catholic Schools



To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, more than 400 students at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School and Pope John XXIII School in Madison gathered for a photograph on Jan. 13 in the Father Hilary Meny Gymnasium at the high school. Michael Heitz, a 1975 graduate of Shawe Memorial High School, took the photograph of the kindergartners through seniors at the suggestion of Carole Williams, an art teacher at Shawe. Father John Meyer, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison and Most Sorrowful Mother of God Parish in Vevay, and some faculty and staff members at the schools joined the students for the commemorative photograph.



# National Catholic Educational Association celebrates centennial

By Mary Ann Wyand

There's a crucifix on the wall in every Catholic school classroom.

At Nativity School in Indianapolis, middle school science teacher Bill Strange also displays inspirational posters in his classroom to motivate students.

"Go for good grades" and "Knowledge is power" remind students to study hard.

"You are accountable for your actions" reinforces the code of exemplary behavior expected of Catholic school students.

This daily focus on faith, excellence in education and respect for others are the cornerstones of Catholic schools in the archdiocese and throughout the nation as well as the reasons given for so many success stories among Catholic school graduates.

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is celebrating its 100th "birthday" in the United States during 2004.

"Faithful Past—Faith-filled Future" is the NCEA's centennial theme and "Catholic Schools: A Faith-filled Future" is the 2004 Catholic Schools Week theme.

This year, more than 2.5 million students are attending 8,000 Catholic schools in the United States.

In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, nearly 24,000 students are enrolled at 72 Catholic schools in central and southern Indiana.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz, executive director of Catholic education and faith formation for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, said she hopes people will respond to this historic anniversary by supporting Catholic schools with prayer and the gifts of their time, talent and treasure.

Lentz represented the archdiocese at the NCEA's Centennial Symposium on Jan. 8-11 in Washington, D.C., and said the

gathering "affirmed, energized and challenged me in my role in ministry in Catholic education."

President Bush met with more than 250 Catholic educators from throughout the United States on Jan. 9 in the East Room of the White House.

"Catholic schools carry out a great mission," Bush said, "to serve God by building knowledge and character for our young people. It's a noble calling. It's an important part of the fabric of America."

"By teaching the Word of God," the president told Catholic educators, "you prepare your students to follow a path of virtue and compassion and sacrifice for the rest of their lives. And by insisting on high standards for academic achievement, Catholic schools are a model for all schools around our country."

Lentz said she was thrilled to hear the president affirm the mission and ministry of Catholic education.

"We, as educators, carried a powerful visible message to President Bush," she said. "There was a feeling that this was a historical moment, not a political event. His message was encouraging."

"The president affirmed us and said that we have been the model for educational excellence across the nation," Lentz said. "He said Catholic schools have always practiced the philosophy of the No Child Left Behind Act. It was a significant moment in Catholic tradition and Catholic history to hear the president affirm the ministry and mission of Catholic education."

During the symposium, Lentz participated in the culture, identity and engagement planning sessions for the NCEA Convention scheduled on April 13-16 in Boston.

"From the time this event was born, I became excited about the opportunity to participate and represent the archdiocese,"



Nativity School teacher Bill Strange of Indianapolis teaches a seventh-grade science class in the new wing at the Indianapolis South Deanery parish. Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ parishioners celebrated the completion of their three-part \$2.3 million school expansion project in September. Nativity School is one of 62 Catholic elementary schools in the archdiocese.

she said. "I felt this symposium was a wonderful opportunity to move us into the next level of Catholic education. I saw it as an opportunity to look at Total Catholic Education—education and faith formation—and improve on what we're already doing well in the archdiocese. Our diocesan celebration [of NCEA's 100th anniversary] on Nov. 19 in Columbus further enhanced this enthusiasm."

Discussions at the national gathering helped formulate belief statements and strategies for the conference, she said, and

will strengthen the framework of Catholic education in the future.

"The wisdom of the group will enlighten and focus our energy in Catholic education and formation for the next 100 years," Lentz said. "Many ideas, which I gleaned from the conversations, run through my mind but, most importantly, I continually hear and believe that we must remember our rich heritage and claim it as a moment of grace for years to come. It is indeed our legacy to our faith-filled future." †

## Archdiocese's center-city schools featured at national conferences

By Mary Ann Wyand

Catholic school administrators and teachers from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are making a difference in Catholic education on the national level.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz, executive director of Catholic education and faith formation for the archdiocese, said representatives of archdiocesan schools have presented programs at National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) conferences and during the NCEA's Selected Programs for Improving Catholic Education (SPICE) conferences in recent years.

Last June, the archdiocese's center-city schools were featured during the SPICE conference in Boston. The center-city schools program also will be presented during the NCEA conference on April 13-16 in Boston.

Lentz and Bernadette Paradise, associate

director of schools, urban education and Project EXCEED for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, coordinated the center-city schools presentations, which included advice on ways to raise funds for scholarships, programs and facilities.

"The focus of SPICE last year was on programs around the country that are meeting the needs of children living in poverty," Paradise said. "We presented a program about endowments to the archdiocese that go to help the center-city students, especially those that cannot afford the full tuition, and to the operating fund of each of the seven center-city Catholic schools in Indianapolis."

Paradise said the archdiocesan presentation also included information about the Educational Choice Charitable Trust.

"We are kind of unique in having businesses in the community that create scholarship funds so [low-income] children can attend non-public schools," she said. "It's a

unique partnership nationally. The majority of the children that receive Choice grants do attend the Catholic schools in Indianapolis."

Connie Zittman, the principal of St. Andrew and St. Rita Catholic Academy in Indianapolis, and Sandra Behringer, former director of gift planning for the archdiocese, also helped with the center-city schools presentation at the SPICE conference.

This year, Chad Trenshaw, the sophomore theology teacher and service learning coordinator at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis, is among the archdiocesan presenters at the NCEA conference. He will provide a hands-on experience in how to design and use a "classroom teacher" Web page.

Office of Catholic Education staff members also will present a program on Project EXCEED at the national conference.

As executive director of Catholic education and faith formation, Lentz has been actively involved in both state and national educational organizations.

She serves on the Midwest Regional Schools Advisory Division for the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education (CACE) and the CACE executive committee of the NCEA. She also is a national committee member of SPICE and serves as vice president of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association and as a member of the advisory board of the Indiana Catholic Principals' Institute at Marian College in Indianapolis.

These opportunities to serve on state and national boards and committees are an excellent way to network with teachers, principals and diocesan administrators, Lentz said, as well as an important way to share the good news of Catholic education in the archdiocese with other educators and administrators. †

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# Benefits of Project EXCEED are being felt throughout archdiocese

By Brandon A. Evans

It's been one year since the Archdiocese of Indianapolis raised more than \$5 million to receive a \$10 million matching grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to fund Project EXCEED.

The project, which stands for Excellence in Catholic Expectations for Education, contains about 30 programs. Some of the programs were implemented during the last school year and are now into their second year.

And judging by improved Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP+) test results and increased numbers of students graduating with honors, things are going well.

Ron Costello, director of Project EXCEED and associate executive director of Catholic education for school improvement for the archdiocese, said that the first year has served as a "pilot year" of sorts—with archdiocesan officials trying to see what is working the best and trying to deliver those programs to more schools.

ISTEP+ scores inched up a few percentile points in all categories, and are already close to or at the goals originally set by the archdiocese for Project EXCEED, which may lead to new goals, Costello said.

"This is the first report that we have had in terms of the benchmarks that we originally set for the project," he said.

Of course, he added, people must understand that the Catholic schools were already doing very well, but there is always room for improvement.

The programs within Project EXCEED strive toward three goals: better serving special student populations, assessing performance and progress, and further working toward excellence in teaching.

TAP, which stands for Teacher

Advancement Program, is designed to help schools recruit, retain and improve teachers. TAP is an initiative of the Milken Family Foundation.

Betty Popp, principal of St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis, said her school is already benefiting from the TAP program.

This is the second school year the program has been in place at St. Lawrence, and one of the major benefits is the opportunity for teachers to help each other become better teachers.

All the teachers from similar grades, such as third, fourth and fifth, meet twice a week for 80 minutes to discuss new approaches to teaching and to talk about what has worked in their classroom.

Collectively, they can come up with solutions that one teacher might not have seen, or thought to look for.

"It used to be that the teacher was pretty much contained in the four corners of her classroom," Popp said.

In addition, each year every teacher in the school has six observations, planned and unplanned, as well as a chance to hear what they are doing right and what needs improvement.

For teachers that excel, there are bonus pay incentives. A small amount of the teachers on staff serve as either "mentor" teachers or "master" teachers.

Terri Rodriguez, principal of Holy Cross Central School in Indianapolis, has seen a lot of good come to her school from Project EXCEED.

About two years ago, her school became one of many center-city schools in Indianapolis to receive a technology upgrade—it meant three computers in every classroom, a separate computer lab, printers for every classroom and numerous software licenses.

All of it has improved the students' use of technology and made the older students



Joan Gutzwiller, a "master" teacher at Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis, shares information during the Preparing for Success Phase I training of the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) last summer. Looking on are Lynn Scheetz, a "mentor" teacher at Central Catholic School in Indianapolis, and Mary K. Glenn, a "mentor" teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis. TAP, an initiative of the Milken Family Foundation that is funded through Project EXCEED, seeks to help Catholic schools recruit, retain and improve teachers. Currently, the program is in place at eight Marion County Catholic schools.

more ready for high school, Rodriguez said.

"Use of the Internet has really boosted our children's research skills," she said.

It also has made the school more marketable, and is part of the reason why the school's ISTEP+ scores have begun to increase.

Kim Shurig, coordinator of school technology implementation for Project EXCEED, said that 14 Marion County schools, including two high schools, have

had technology updates.

"I think it's been positively received," she said.

Holy Cross School in Indianapolis has also been involved with Project REACH—each teacher has been trained to better serve the wide variety of learning styles that their students possess.

Costello said that one challenge of the grant for Project EXCEED was to take the programs it begins and be able to sustain

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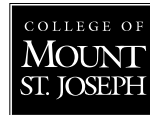
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and replicate them.

In the coming years, the programs will continue to expand to Catholic Schools throughout Marion County—the grant money can only be spent there—and then, with additional funds, to Catholic Schools elsewhere in central and southern Indiana.

In the meantime, schools outside of Marion County are by no means left out.

One school has already used the plans the archdiocese came up with for a technology update, funding the actual update with other sources.

Individual teachers have also been able to attend large training seminars, and each

year one exemplary teacher from each school has the chance to be honored at a special Mother Theodore Guérin Recognition Dinner. This year's event will be held on Feb. 11.

Also, projects that have been used to improve the Office of Catholic Education's Web site and improve data management have benefited all the schools of the archdiocese.

"Many of the things that we have done have a far-reaching impact across the archdiocese," Costello said.

And it all comes back to the students. As Project EXCEED turns to the future, those involved need to ask themselves what more can be done for the children.

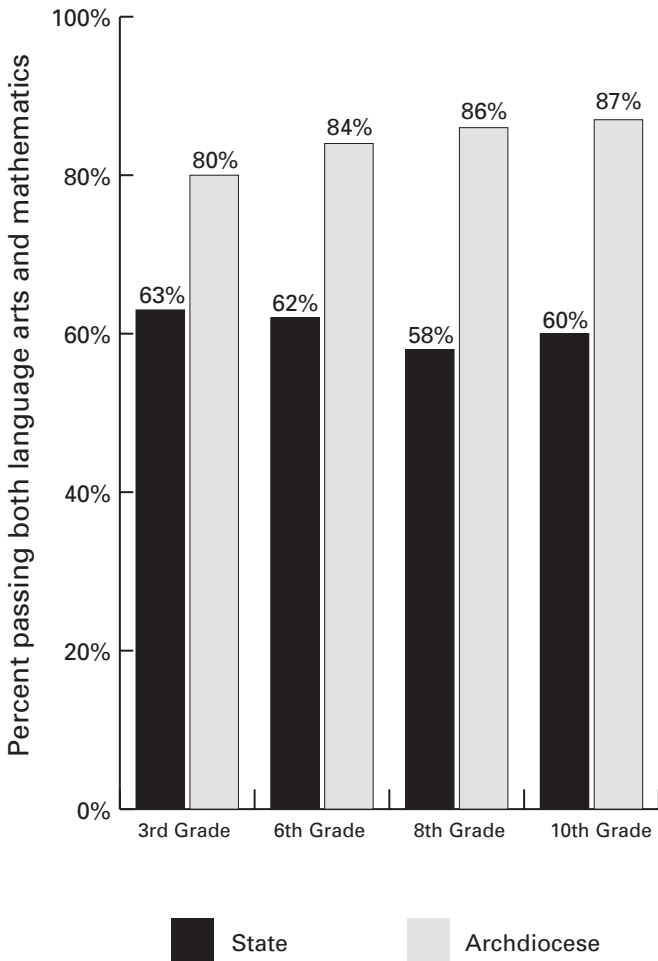
"Our kids have performed well," he said. "Now how do we help them to do better?" †



"Mentor" teachers Jeanne Dolan and Karen Geiger, with the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP), lead their St. Simon School primary cluster in a discussion, as they do for 90 minutes weekly. The professional development component of TAP includes time each week for team planning, mentoring and sharing during Cluster Group

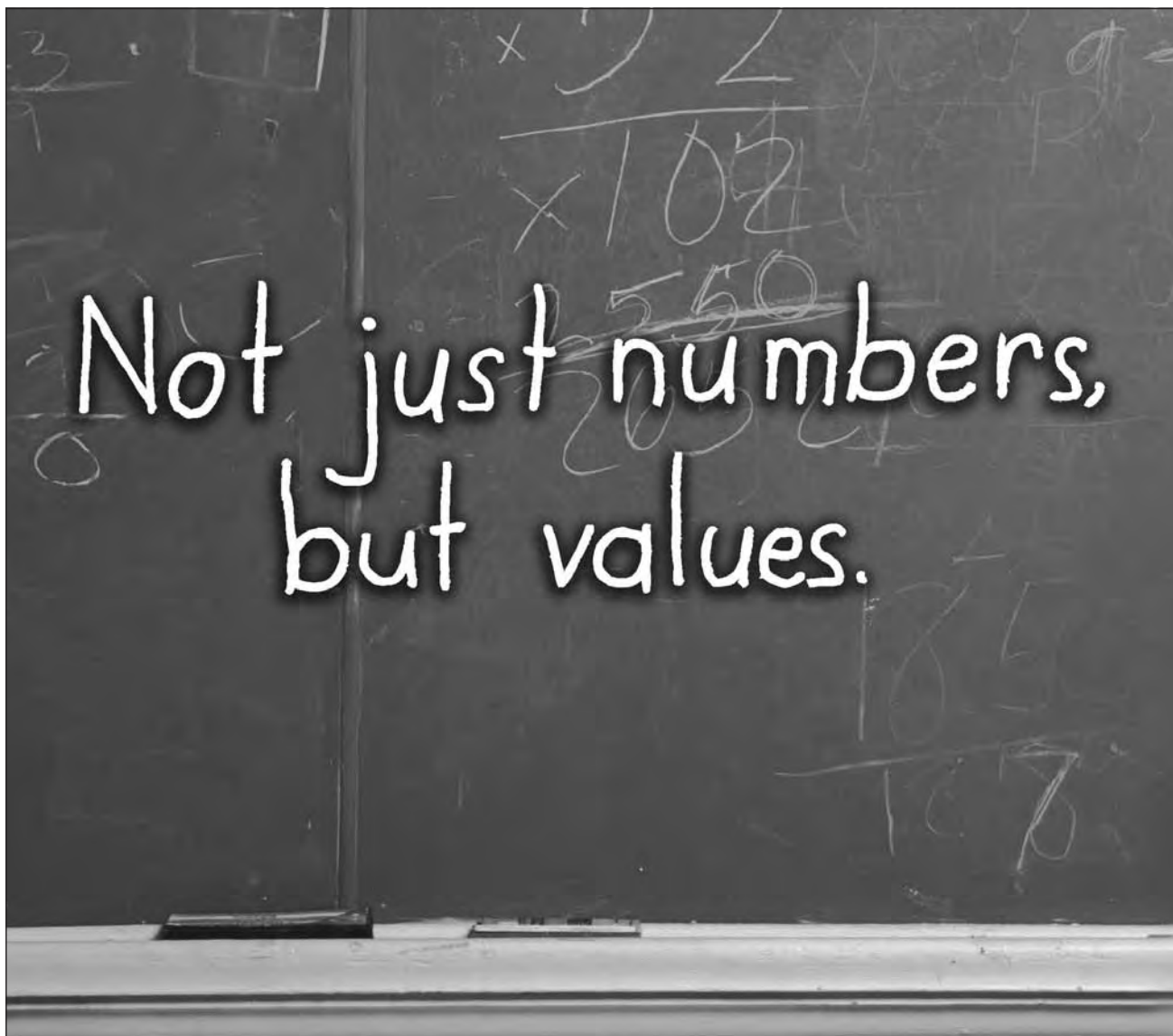
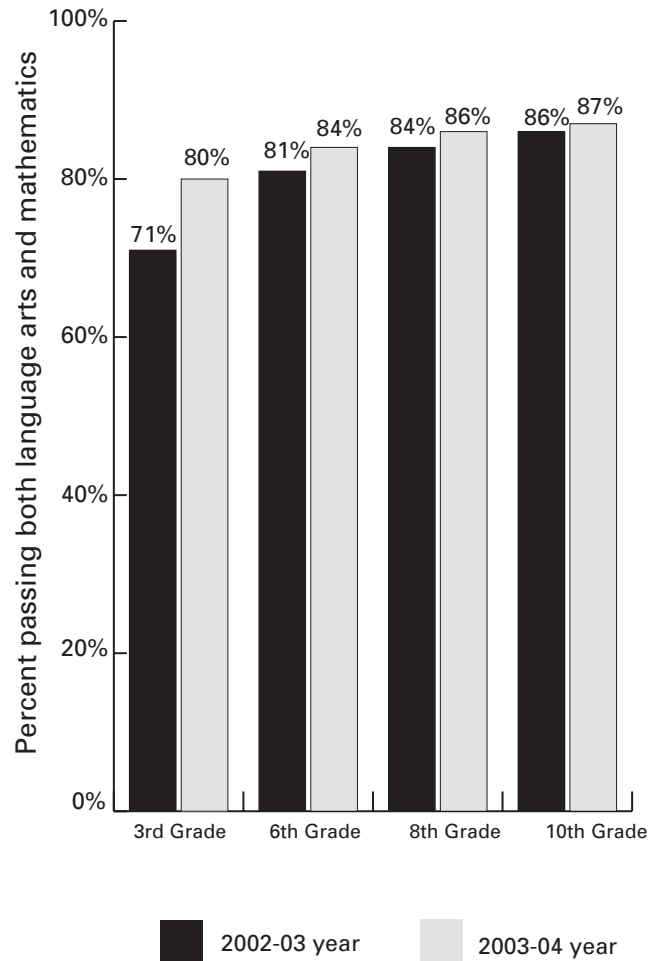
## ISTEP+ 2003-04 results

(ISTEP+ tests students in grades 3, 6, 8 and 10 on their English/language arts and mathematics skills. This graph compares Catholic schools in the archdiocese to other schools in the state.)



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(This graph compares ISTEP+ scores for Catholic schools in the archdiocese for the 2002-03 school year versus the 2003-04 school year.)



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# Project REACH helps teachers meet each student's needs

By Brandon A. Evans

The goal of Project REACH is just what it sounds like: to help teachers reach every student as best as possible.

Through ongoing teacher training, funded by grants from the archdiocesan Project EXCEED, teachers in three pilot Catholic schools in Marion County are learning how to tailor their lessons to the learning styles of all their children.

"It's a frustration for teachers to meet the needs of each student," said Terri Rodriguez, principal of Holy Cross Central School in Indianapolis.

Beyond that, Holy Cross doesn't have a learning disabilities teacher. But with the help of Project REACH, things are better.

Training of the teachers for the three schools—Holy Cross Central School, St. Roch School and St. Christopher School—began in the summer and is ongoing.

The training focuses on the areas of brain compatible learning, multisensory reading and differentiated instruction.

The teachers attend many of the sessions together on their own time, but it's a once in a lifetime chance, Rodriguez said. And for them, it's free.

Nine schools applied to be among the three, and next year three more will be chosen. All of the teachers at each school are trained—though the training sessions are available for any Catholic teacher from any school.

Kathy Mears, associate director of schools for learning resources and Project EXCEED, said that findings show the training works best if all the teachers are on board.

They can support each other, she said, and speak a common language.

"Everybody is on the same page," said Barbara Leek, principal of St. Christopher School in Indianapolis. "We are all excited about the same research, and so we are giving our children a continuum of

learning."

Mears said that she is very happy with the progress that has been made—parents are noticing something different and disciplinary notices are down.

"We have heard many comments from our parents," Leek said, that their children are more excited about learning.

"I think that those that are having trouble learning are less frustrated, and they're learning more," Rodriguez said.

And the teachers are happy, too, Rodriguez said. Before Holy Cross applied to be one of the pilot schools, she made sure that all of her teachers bought into the program.

Rick Rush, a third-grade teacher at St. Roch School in Indianapolis, also serves as the lead teacher for the school for Project REACH. That means that he serves as a "go to" person for other teachers, especially when the principal is out of the building.

Rush, along with the other teachers at St. Roch, began his training during the summer.

While already aware of the differences that students have in their ways of learning, he said that the training really brought it to light more.

He now tries to not just spoon-feed information to his students, but to make lessons more hands on, more tailored to individual needs and more focused on small-group work.

For example, instead of teaching pronouns to his third graders by giving them a list to memorize, he'll give them words and ask them to build a case for whether or not it's a pronoun.

"You take those pronouns and you put the learning in those kids' hands," Rush said.

Sometimes activities like that flop in class, but Rush said that you just move on and learn from the experience.

And Project REACH is designed not just to help children with learning difficulties, or to help average children learn

more effectively, but also to address the needs of advanced students.

"The first thing that you have to do is identify who they are," Rush said. He assesses students at the beginning of new lessons.

For children who are already good at multiplication, for example, he would have those students work on more difficult math problems while the other students work on more basic problems.

Rush can also look to the other teachers in the school to share from their lesson plans what is working for them.

"I learn a lot from seeing what my colleagues are doing," he said.

Virginia Kappner, principal of St. Roch School, said that having all the teachers

trained through Project REACH allows for them to help each other in this way.

She said that the program has been very beneficial to the school, and that St. Roch will, "without a doubt," continue to use the program into the foreseeable future.

And she hopes that it continues to spread across the archdiocese.

Mears said that as more schools adopt the program, the easier and more affordable it will be—she is already working to train "trainers" at schools so that future training can all be in-house.

And once trained, teachers will be able to make use of that knowledge every day.

"You have that training forever," Rodriguez said. †

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Pictured is December 2002 graduate Alvin Lecher with two of his favorite professors. At left is Father Leopold Keffler, O.F.M. Conv., Ph.D. and on the right is Kevin Huston, J.D.



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### School prayer

Holy Angels School fourth-grader Janay Hamilton prays during a school Mass on Jan. 9 at Holy Angels Church in Indianapolis.



# Four archdiocesan schools named Blue Ribbon Schools

*Principal at St. Louis School serves as a Blue Ribbon judge*

By Sean Gallagher

BATESVILLE—Last fall, four schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis were named No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools.

The four schools—Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, St. Jude School in Indianapolis, St. Louis School in Batesville and St. Paul School in Sellersburg—were part of a group of only 47 private schools across the country to receive the honor.

This spring, the respect that is being given to archdiocesan schools was shown when Mike Amrhein, principal of St. Louis School, served as one of only 12 judges of applicants for this year's awards.

He and 11 others from across the nation gathered in Washington, D.C., recently to consider the 70 applications submitted by private schools. He did not participate in the judging of applications from schools in Indiana.

Amrhein felt that he learned much from serving as a judge and came away with the impression that St. Louis School can match up to any school in the country.

"We're on par with a great many private schools in the country," he said. It's also interesting to learn what they—why their schools are successful. Hopefully, they learned ... last year why we have been successful. You learn a lot. You get to see what other schools do. This should help St. Louis be a better school."

Annette "Mickey" Lentz, executive director of Catholic education and faith formation, made a similar observation and noted how this national exposure can help reinforce the schools' Catholic identity.

"I'm happy for the schools because it broadens their perspective of Catholic education," Lentz said, "that they're part of a bigger Church, a wider Church community, so when they go off to represent us at D.C. they're with many of their counterparts and they see how important Catholic education is throughout the country."

In order for a school to be eligible to apply for the award it must either have exceptionally high test scores or show a marked improvement in them. In the year leading up to its application, St. Louis was in the top 10 schools in the state in Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress-Plus (ISTEP+) scores for grades 3, 5 and 8.

When Ron Costello, associate executive director of the Office of Catholic Education, informed Amrhein that St. Louis School was eligible to apply, Amrhein was a bit surprised.

"I knew our scores were good, but I guess that I never realized that we would be eligible to apply for it because I know that there are a lot of good schools out there, especially in the archdiocese," Amrhein said.

Schools that have a seventh- and eighth-grade must

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Above, Mike Amrhein, principal of St. Louis School in Batesville, stands before the plaque given to him in Washington, D.C., in a ceremony honoring the No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools. Amrhein recently served as one of only 12 judges evaluating the applications from private schools for this year's awards.



Left, St. Louis School in Batesville was one of four schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to be named No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools in October 2003. Only 47 private schools across the nation received this award.

also offer foreign language classes for their students. Finally, in the application, a school can give special attention to a specific program within its curriculum.

Lentz noted how the demanding application process itself underscores the great communities that support the archdiocese's schools.

"It is rigorous," Lentz said. "It's a team project. No one leader could do it alone. It's integrated. It's from the parish and the pastor down to the student. It's also all the people in between [teachers, staff and parents]."

St. Louis School emphasized its technology education program. The way in which it was developed also reveals the great support that the school receives from the broader Batesville community. The local CREATE (Committee to Review and Evaluate Technology Education) Foundation significantly helped the school teach students about technology and use it effectively in the classroom.

"They've donated a lot of time, treasure and talent to technology at St. Louis," Amrhein said. "We wouldn't be where we are today without their help. Every teacher has an I-Mac workstation. The school is networked and the library is automated as well."

Amrhein credits the parents of the students for a great deal of the school's success. Its Parent Teacher Organization has nearly a dozen different committees that provide assistance in areas as varied as athletics, hospitality and cultural arts.

"We depend on our parents a lot," he said. "If you need something done, there's usually someone there to do it."

In the end, Amrhein acknowledges that the high standards of the school staff and parents as well as the staff at OCE have spurred St. Louis School to achieve the success that it has.

"Our expectations are high here and the expectations of the parents are high for their children to do their best," Amrhein said. "The expectations of OCE are high, too. And so our expectations become high as well." †



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# New teachers receive valuable support from mentors

By Sean Gallagher

This past fall, Jenny Nigg was a new teacher at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison. She was new to the community as well. Were it not for fellow teacher and mentor Aline Schafer, her transition could have been very difficult indeed, as it is for so many beginning teachers across the country.

"Having a mentor is vital to feeling comfortable at the school. And feeling comfortable makes you a better teacher," Nigg said. "It makes you happy and gives you a positive attitude. So then, you'd be more likely to stay. Had I not had a mentor like Aline, it could be a totally different situation."

Schools across the nation, both public and private, have been experiencing a very different situation from the one described by Nigg.

Over the past several years, they have reported an alarmingly high rate of teacher turnover. On average, 50 percent of all new teachers leave the profession within five years. A strong sense of alienation and separation from the rest of the school community has been identified as one of the primary causes of this rapid departure by beginning teachers.

Schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis haven't experienced this high teacher turnover rate, but they have nevertheless recognized the value of mentoring and want to help beginning teachers feel at home in their new environment.

"Retention is far better than we've ever had over the last three to five years," said Annette "Mickey" Lentz, executive director of Catholic education and faith formation, "I do attribute a lot of the retention numbers to mentoring."

The Office of Catholic Education has established a mentor training program in

response to new Indiana Professional Standards Board certification requirements. Currently, 56 teachers in schools across the archdiocese are participating in classes sponsored by OCE that will help them be effective mentors for beginning teachers, whether they are newly out of college or simply new to the school.

The course is thorough, requiring a full 36 hours of instruction before certification is granted. The development and implementation of the mentor certification training has been made possible with funding from the Project EXCEED grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. and other generous donors who have contributed matching funds.

Next door to Shawe in Madison, Vicki Lundergan, a second-grade teacher at Pope John XXIII School, is taking the classes in Scottsburg with teachers from other nearby schools. She has already begun to reap benefits from the class.

"It's caused me to reflect upon my own teaching style and the way that I interact, not only with students, but with teachers as well," Lundergan said. "It's helped my communication in the classroom, taking into account what students say and how I respond to them."

Although she is not yet serving as a mentor, she knows that she will be ready when called upon.

"I think that I will be prepared to be an effective mentor for new teachers coming in," Lundergan said. "To be an effective teacher in a school, it's helpful to have someone to go to. You need emotional support as well as curricular support."

That emotional support can often come in the form of helping a beginning teacher become acquainted with the wider community in which a school is situated. Schafer has done this for Nigg in her life in Madison.

Photo by Sean Gallagher



Aline Schafer, left, an experienced teacher at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison, mentors Jenny Nigg, a beginning teacher at the school. Nigg's relationship with Schafer has helped her feel comfortable, not only at Shawe but also within the wider Madison community.

"She is new to the area, so I've introduced her to people in the community, people her age," Schafer said. "She doesn't even hesitate to come over to my house. She knows she's welcome there."

Although OCE developed its beginning mentor certification program in response to new state regulations, it has exceeded those requirements and at the same time highlighted the Catholic identity of archdiocesan schools in the process.

Lundergan described how this can happen in a mentoring relationship.

If a protégé sees me reacting to situations in a Christian way, then that's going to set a good example and let them see the good that the Catholic nature of the school has to offer them," she said.

Lentz feels confident that the Catholic nature of the schools, shared in the mentoring relationships, will help convince beginning teachers to stay and become a vital member of the community.

"Once they truly understand the identity and mission of their role, they will stay with us," Lentz said. †



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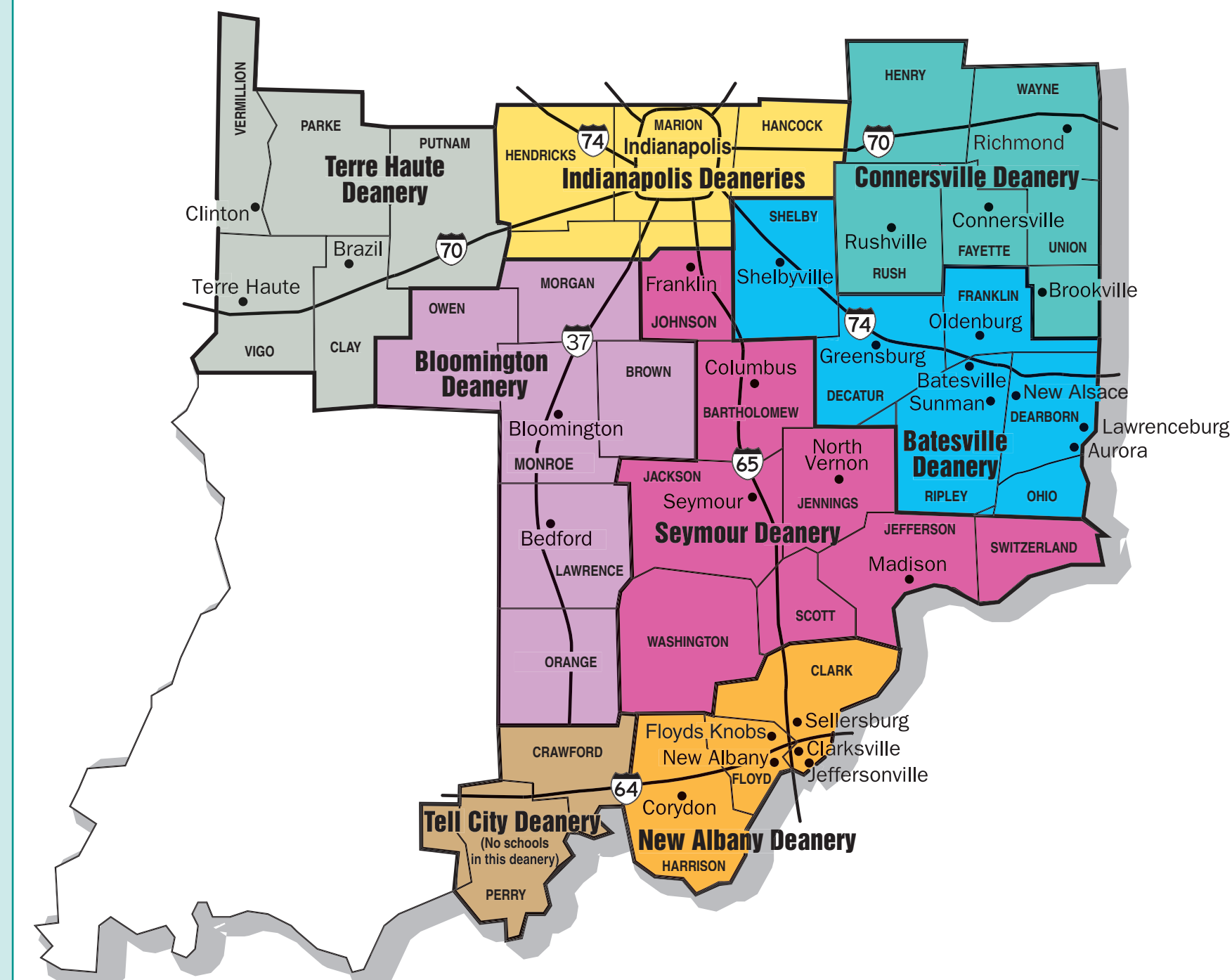




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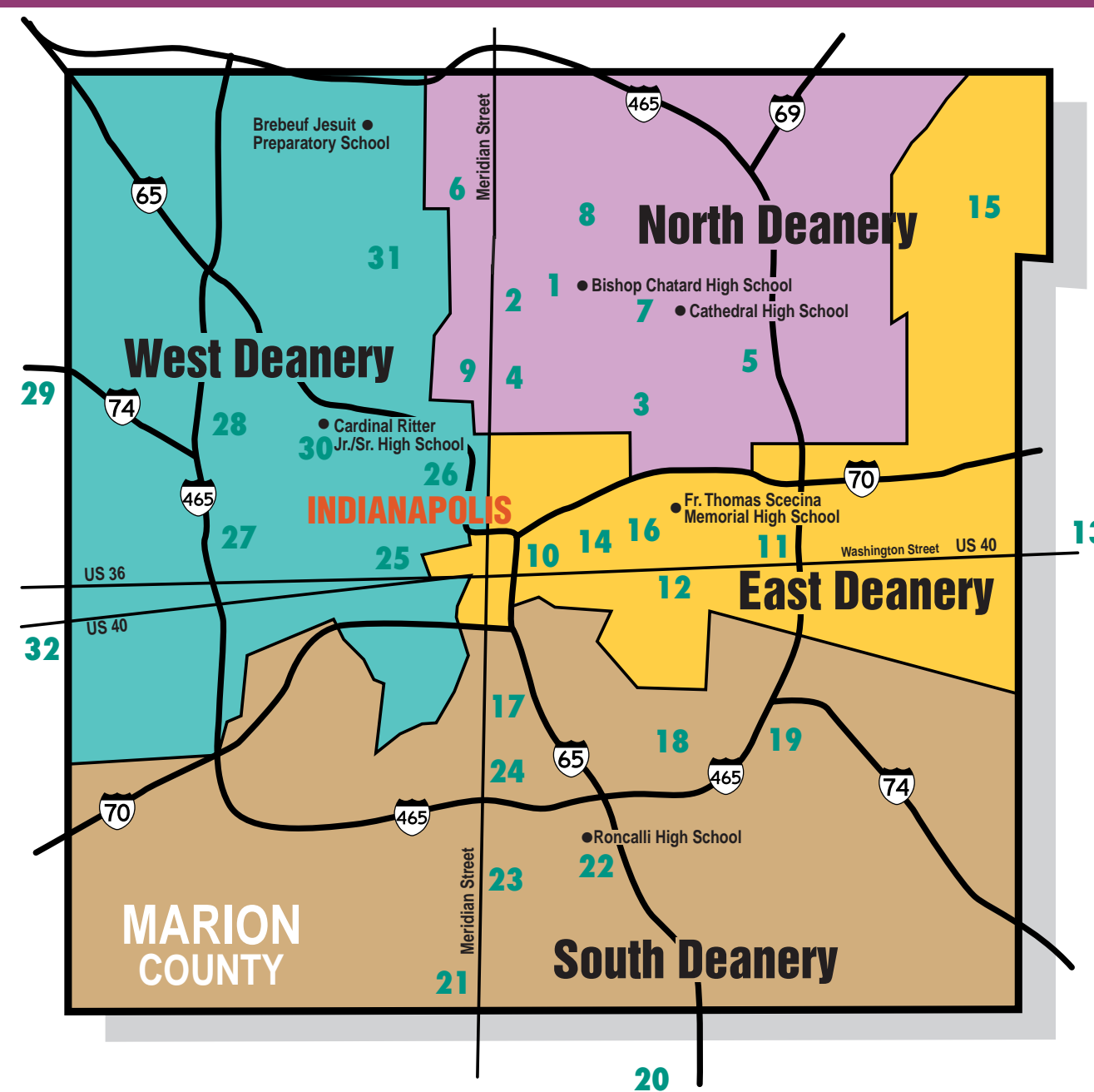
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### Archdiocesan administration

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The Office of Catholic Education oversees and assists the Catholic schools, parish faith formation, evangelization and youth ministry programs for 150 parishes and missions in 11 deaneries throughout a 39 county area of central and southern Indiana comprising some 13,757 square miles and serving more than 233,000 Catholics.

Special programs operating under the auspices of OCE are A Promise to Keep, a peer-mentoring sexual abstinence program sponsored by St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, and SPRED, the Special Religious Education program serving parishioners with developmental disabilities.

The Office of Catholic Education was founded in 1974 when the former school office and office of religious education were formed into one of the first offices of "Total Catholic Education" in the nation.

Under Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and in consultation with the Archdiocesan Education Commission, OCE utilizes a team management approach in support of the teaching mission of the Church—"learning, teaching and sharing our faith."

In 2002, youth ministry was added to the OCE mission and, in 2003, evangelization programs were added.

Support for site-based programs is provided through direct service,

resources, consultation, training, community-building and collaboration with constituents in the parishes and schools in conjunction with other archdiocesan agencies.

OCE received a historic \$10 million challenge grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. for school improvement from 2002-06. The challenge was met with \$5 million in matching gifts from generous corporate and individual donors and grants.

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- Recruit, retain, reward and develop the best school teachers and administrators.
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<b>Catholic schools:</b>	<b>72</b>
Elementary schools:	62 (28 in Marion County)
High schools:	10 (6 in Marion County) (3 private high schools)
Pre-school programs:	34 (Pre-K programs for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds)
Extended care programs:	55 (Pre-K-8, before and after school care or both)

**Professional staff: 1,701 (full-time and part-time in 2002-03)**

### Enrollment 2003-04: (Unofficial Oct. 1, 2003, enrollment)

<b>Total pre-school-12:</b>	<b>23,919</b>
Pre-school:	1,627
Elementary (K-8):	16,921
High school (9-12):	5,371

<b>Religious composition:</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>High school</b>
Catholic parishioners:	86.22%	80.11%
Non-parishioners:	13.78%	19.89%

NOTE: Approximate demographic figures for seven Indianapolis center-city schools (2002) are: 65% minority, 69% non-parishioners and 58% qualified for Federal Lunch Program.

**High school graduation rate, 2003: 99.22%**  
**Percent of graduates entering college, 2003: 93.20%**

NOTE: All figures above this line include three private high schools.

<b>Average tuition rates, first child, 2002-03</b>	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Non-Catholic</b>
Elementary schools:	\$2,322	\$3,276
Interparochial high schools:	\$3,957	\$6,066

NOTE: Elementary tuitions are set at the parish level and vary greatly. Schools receive parish subsidies except for private high schools (not included).

### Estimated operating costs of Catholic schools in the archdiocese, 2002-03:

Elementary schools cost-per-pupil:	\$3,592
Interparochial high schools, cost-per-pupil:	\$6,914
<b>Total operating cost of archdiocesan schools:</b>	<b>\$84.1 million</b>

(K-12 enrollment, excluding private high schools and capital costs)

**Annual savings to Indiana taxpayers, fiscal year 2002 (estimate): \$166 million**  
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# Holy Angels students benefit from new technology

By Mary Ann Wyand

Sister Christine Nantaba knows what it's like to go to school without books or classroom supplies.

A member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix, Sister Christine grew up in Uganda with 15 siblings and learned her lessons by listening carefully to her teachers.

After joining the order, she came to Indianapolis to stay with her sister and receive medical treatments for chronic back pain that forced her to use a walker.

While recuperating from surgery, Sister Christine learned that she had earned a presidential scholarship at Martin University in Indianapolis.

She completed a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in computer technology in 1997 then began teaching computer classes at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis the following year.

At the time, there were only a few computers with limited software at the center-city school.

"We used to have donated equipment," she said. "We had about four or five brands of computers and the software wasn't all compatible."

Now, thanks to a Project EXCEED grant awarded to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in December 2002, Sister Christine teaches kindergarten through sixth-grade students a variety of computer skills with state-of-the-art technology during 30-minute classes each weekday.

"I always talk to the children about how they have everything they need to succeed in life," she said. "I am so blessed to be a part of their education, helping them with technology so they will learn what they need to do well in the future."

Before Holy Angels School received the Project EXCEED grant, the school staff was "struggling to improve our technology with limited funds," Sister Christine said. "This grant was a godsend. Now we have all the state-of-the-art technology we need to help the children learn computer skills. We are very grateful to Project EXCEED for making this equipment available."

The school's new computer lab has 27 computers and a network server that connects the lab to computers and printers in the classrooms.

"We have a new network server,

which we had needed for a long time but couldn't afford to buy," she said. "Now all of our computers are networked so the students can access their files from the classroom or the lab. We have three computers and a printer in each of the classrooms, and we can access the Internet from the lab or the classrooms so the students can do research for their projects. All the software applications are top of the line, which is a blessing."

Holy Angels students are learning how to use word processing and business software, she said, and can type reports as well as make simple spreadsheets, charts and slide presentations.

"The students learn so quickly," Sister Christine said. "It's just amazing. It fascinates me because I will teach them several [program] steps and they know how to do them the next day. The children are so appreciative. They clap their hands when they learn new skills. They are excited about learning and grateful that they have opportunities to learn. That's the most rewarding part of teaching for me."

Even the kindergartners know how to use the computer keyboard and mouse, she said, and they are learning numbers and letters with help from computer software programs.

Learning to use the computer is fun, kindergartner Marcus Ellington said. "I type my name and ABC's. I count and draw pictures. I made Christmas cards."

It's fun to share what he has learned on the computer with his parents, Marcus said. "They say, 'Very good.'"

Sixth-grader Alexandria Pettigrew also likes computer class.

"I like typing," Alexandria said. "It's good that we get to do projects on the computer so we can be prepared for when we need to use it in the real world. In high school, when our teachers ask us to do projects, we will already know how to do them."

St. Joseph Sister Gerry O'Laughlin, principal, said the students have learned many computer skills since the school received the technology grant.

"I can see that our children will be a lot more prepared in terms of moving on from our school," Sister Gerry said. "Even our kindergarten children are whizzes on the computer. It's been invaluable for our children's education, preparing them for what they need to learn for the future." †



Above, Holy Angels School kindergartners Kyshaun Hooten, left, and Marcus Ellington learn computer skills with help from Sister Christine Nantaba, a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix order from Uganda and the computer teacher for the center-city school in Indianapolis.

Left, Sister Christine Nantaba shows Kyshaun Hooten how to use the keyboard during a recent computer lesson at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis. Funds from the Project EXCEED grant, awarded to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis by Lilly Endowment Inc. in December 2002, enabled Holy Angels School to establish a state-of-the-art computer lab and provide computers in the classrooms.



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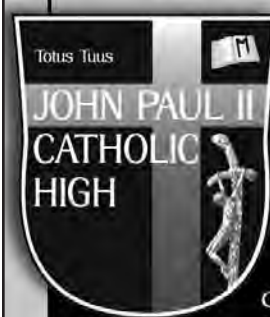


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# Students learn to see Christ in others through service

By Brandon A. Evans

Laura Williams hopes that St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis will be known as the service school of the South Deanery.

The seventh- and eighth-grade religion teacher is pouring all her energy into it as well, and leading her students by example.

And in turn, her students, and all the students in the school, are impressing her. "They're great kids," she said.

"They're very compassionate."

They're kids who are defying the stereotypes of the younger generation, said Debra Perkins, principal of St. Barnabas School.

During a particular seventh-grade class right before Christmas, tags that represented gift items to be bought for poor families were snatched up eagerly by students in hardly any time at all—this after the school had gathered more than 10,000 cans of food for its annual drive.

T.C. Kidwell, seventh- and eighth-grade social studies teacher, said the students didn't just go home and ask for cans of food to bring to school, but that many also gave up lunch money and snacks to find ways to get more cans.

The whole school participates in a monthly service project, like helping the Ronald McDonald House, packing "St. Nick Stockings," or cleaning out their closets for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In October, students offered to read to young children in exchange for money, which they donated to buy animals—from bees to a water buffalo—for Third World villages through Heifer International.

The students "were hit with quite a few service projects" just before Christmas, Kidwell said, and they never complained.

Quite the contrary—Williams said that



Students from St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis help bake cookies at the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. The students have baked more than 1,200 cookies for guests at the house, which provides living accommodations for parents with children hospitalized at Riley Hospital for Children.

sign-up sheets for service projects often fill up before lunchtime, and that many of the students in her religion classes have already gone beyond the 30 hours of service she requires for the school year.

Kidwell said that sometimes students will become aware of a situation and ask him to help them find a way to be of service.

"Kids want to be of service to others," Perkins said, "so if we just nurture that, and if we model that, those are the kind of kids we're going to turn out."

"They really do like to serve," Williams said. "It's in everybody if you just give them the nudge."

The children in one of her seventh-grade classes said that service is fun—and

it's a chance to do something with their friends as well as have friendly competitions with other classes.

The canned food drive is a perfect example. But Kidwell said that the competition never trumps the real reason why the students are offering their time.

That real reason often goes deeper than fun or friendship as well.

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"You get to see a different part of your community that you didn't think existed—like people that are poor," said seventh-grader Emily Taylor. She didn't know that some of those people can be so disadvantaged.

One student said that it made her more thankful for what she had, and another said that if the roles were reversed, he thinks that the poor would help him.

Kara Miller, another seventh-grade student, put herself in the shoes of the those who are in need.

"Think back if you were that person that was born and didn't have much, what would you want some people to do?" she asked.

For Kara, it's hard sometimes to see the situations that people live in.

"You have to see all the moms and dads and how many people are poor," she said, remembering one mother at Wheeler Mission in Indianapolis who was there with three children.

"I think all of us need to know what it's like not to have anything," Williams said. "You can't teach [about] injustices to these kids if they don't see them."

Kidwell agreed. "We look at a lot of Third World countries," he said of his classes. He said that he can talk about it, but showing them a video makes the point better.

"I think that they recognize," he said, "the fact that other people in this city are not as well off as they are."

One of Williams' students said that sometimes it's hard to see why God would want to let people find themselves in poverty.

Through her religion classes, Williams tries to show the children that God is present in those situations of despair—that he is present in their acts of service.

"They are Christ for one another, not just their classmates, but the poor person downtown, the handicapped kid at Riley—

they're to be Christ for them," she said.

Though she teaches everything from the New Testament to the sacraments, there is a special focus on the compassion of Jesus.

"Jesus was very centered on service, on compassion, and that's what I'm trying to teach the kids," she said.

Sometimes, though, it is not so much what is taught, but how it is taught.

"Laura is a teacher who talks to kids and not at them," Perkins said.

"I respect them a lot," Williams said. "It's a two-way street, though. I expect it from them and they expect it from me."

Perkins said that when it comes to service, Williams never asks her students to do anything that she has not done or is not willing to do.

Williams frequently participates in all the different activities that her students do—and recently she was awarded the Mother Theodore Guérin Award from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, her alma mater, for her life of service.

By being so involved, Williams said, she is able to reassure parents about the safety of the service projects—and it is their support that can be key.

Most of the students in that seventh-grade class said that their parents are supportive of their service—some have even gone with their children to help.

She said that the service projects always become a topic of discussion for the students around the dinner table at home.

By the time those students are in high school, Williams said, service to others will be ingrained in them. Beyond high school, both she and the students themselves predicted that they would continue living lives of service.

"I think we can turn out great students, we can turn out great athletes," Perkins said. "We have to turn out great people." †

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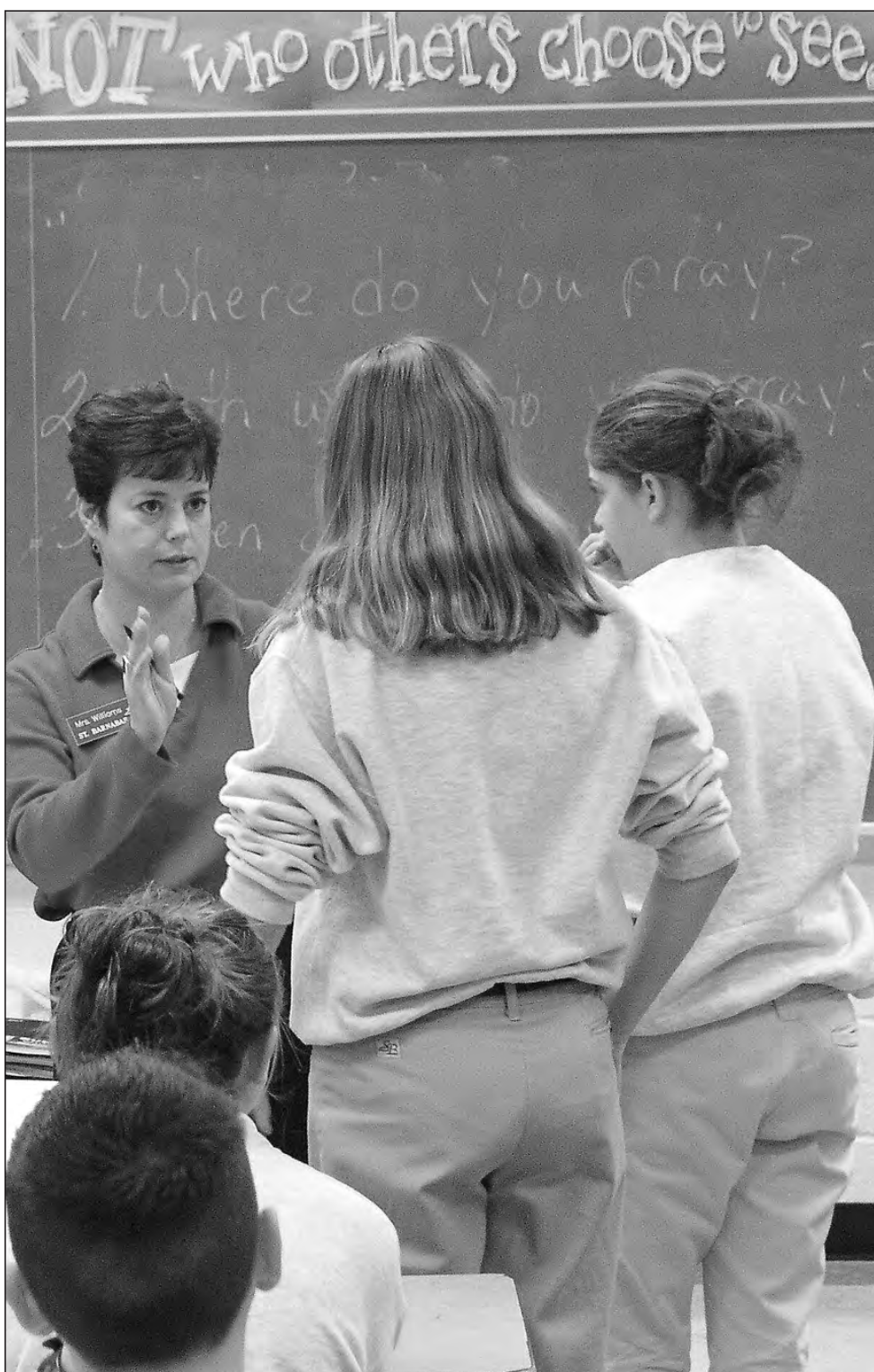
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Laura Williams, seventh- and eighth-grade religion teacher at St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis, talks with two students during class on Dec. 10. Students in Williams' class are required to perform 30 hours of community service each year, but many students have already exceeded that amount.



# Madison students reap rewards of 'Study Buddies' program

By Sean Gallagher

MADISON—At 7:15 a.m. in early January in Indiana, it still feels like the middle of the night. The horizon doesn't yet show the first hints of the rising sun. In many homes, children are finishing their breakfast.

But at Pope John XXIII School in Madison, some elementary and high school students are already sitting at desks with their books cracked open. That's because student athletes from Father Michael Shawe Jr./Sr. Memorial High School, adjacent to Pope John School, are there to help some of the grade school students with their homework and studies.

These "study buddies," as they are called, have only been meeting for a couple of months. They come together on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. But despite the relatively short amount of time that the program has been in place, teachers at Pope John School have already started to see benefits.

Nancy Gavin, sixth-grade teacher at Pope John, says that the grade school students who have been participating "are feeling better about themselves because they have a connection with students from Shawe. They want to do better on homework and tests so that they can report that back to their study buddy."

But the hard work of the study buddies has also borne fruit for the girls' and boys' basketball players from Shawe who make up the helpers from the high school.

"I think that sometimes people look at a program like this as being rewarding only for the elementary school students," says Jerry Bomholt, principal of Shawe as well as its boys' basketball coach. "If



Photo by Sean Gallagher

Alex Feltner, a fourth-grade student at Pope John XXIII School in Madison, reads a textbook on Jan. 8 with help from his study buddy, Michael Waller, a senior at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School and co-captain of the boy's basketball team.

you ask our high school student athletes, there's a tremendous amount of reward for them in this just simply from the standpoint of being a role model outside of the athletic arena."

Kevin Schafer, a senior at Shawe and co-captain of the boys' basketball team, concurs with his coach.

"I've enjoyed it because it gives us a chance to interact with the younger kids. We were in their shoes six to 10 years ago. I used to look up to the basketball players big time," Kevin said.

Bomholt chose to start the program with the student athletes at Shawe for a

couple of reasons. First, a large majority of Shawe students already participate in sports. But second, and more importantly, he felt that it was the athletes who might make the biggest impact upon the elementary students.

"Those are the kids that the majority of the elementary students identify with as role models because we are a small school and they go out and watch them play soccer, baseball, basketball [and other sports]," Bomholt said.

Emma Campbell, a fifth-grade student at Pope John, jokingly said that she looks up to her study buddy "more than

my big brother."

The student athletes made quite a commitment in agreeing to participate in Study Buddies. Not only do they have to come in early to help the grade school students with their homework, but they also naturally stay at Shawe after school for practice.

But Bomholt noted that this was a commitment that they themselves chose.

"I let them decide," he said. "I asked them, 'Is this something that you think deep down in your heart you want to do?' And without exception each kid

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# STUDY

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down the line said, "Yes, this is something that we want to do."

And in addition to being committed to showing up on time, the high school students are serious about their role.

Bomholt described a day when he walked into a classroom where some study buddies were working and not a single student looked up to glance at him, so focused were they on their work.

Gavin has been impressed with the dedication and importance that the high school students bring to their work.

"I've been impressed with their professionalism and maturity," she said.

This is an added benefit for Gavin because she taught many of the high school students when they were students at Pope John.

"It's been a good effect on me because I see them mature and grow," Gavin said. "I get to see the fruits of my labor. It gives me some of the same pride as a parent."

It would appear, then, that there have been many added fruits from Study Buddies besides the intended improvement in the elementary school students' performance and motivation.

Another possible benefit that the teachers and administrators have envisioned is the closer connection between the two schools that such a program can nurture.

"It helps them to feel connected," said Gavin, speaking of the grade school participants, "It might make them want to attend the sporting events at Shawe."

Hopefully, a fringe benefit might be that they would want go on to Shawe."

With this broad array of advantages, combined with the commitment by students on both sides, Bomholt is convinced that Study Buddies will continue into the foreseeable future.

"As long as I am here, we will continue to do this," Bomholt said.

So even in the spring, when the sun rises long before 7:15 a.m., Shawe and Pope John students will still be coming in early, learning from each other and giving many gifts to both schools. †

## Evangelization News and Notes/Karen Oddi

# Remembering that Christ is the reason for our Catholic schools

More than 10 years ago, I had the opportunity to be involved in planning and opening a new Catholic school. It was an exciting time that included a myriad of activities ranging from forming a vision of a new school to actual construction of classrooms.

In recalling the labor of the staff and parishioners working side by side, one moment in the process still stands out. It was the time when the pastor, having put down his last floor tile, took a moment to hang the following work of calligraphy on the wall inside the front door of the building and begin to shape an evangelizing school community.

*"Be it known to all who enter here that CHRIST is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students."*

Since the words come from an unknown author, I have often wondered whether that individual could have had any idea of the impact those three sentences would have on Catholic schools nationwide.

Prominently displayed in all of our archdiocesan schools, the words serve as a constant reminder of the evangelizing role of the Catholic school as demonstrated by its administration, faculty, students and staff. In stating that "Catholic schools have a unique opportunity and a grave responsibility to evangelize," Pope John Paul II calls upon the schools to bring the essential mission of the Church—the Good News of Jesus Christ—into every facet of human life and culture.

In practical terms, what do the Holy Father's words challenge our schools to be and to do?

While the possibilities are endless, we can note several areas in which the schools are responding to the call to evangelization. Based on the three goals of the U.S. bishops' plan for evangelization, "Go and Make Disciples," we

can look at three separate but interrelated dimensions of the evangelizing school.

First, as spiritual leader of the school, a Catholic school principal ensures that the school has a distinctively Catholic environment where everyone is a welcome bearer of the Good News. As well as attending to the faith lives of the students they meet, Catholic school principals and teachers are called to consciously examine their own relationship with Jesus Christ. All are conscious of prayer and worship as the life-blood of the school.

Second, Catholic schools invite others to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. The principal works with the teachers and staff to make all visitors feel welcome. He or she is sensitive to cultural diversity, difficult family situations, and the fact that some students and their parents may not be Catholic or even Christian. Evangelizing schools also place a strong emphasis on

providing programs to help parents fulfill their role as the primary religious educators of their children.

Third, the mission to transform society is modeled by reaching out into the community, both parish-wide and beyond. The principal engages the students, faculty and staff in responding to the needs of the neighborhood and community. Everyone deepens their understanding of their baptismal call to discipleship through studying the social teachings of the Church and projects that promote justice and peace.

I have just scratched the surface of what takes place in an evangelizing school. Many of you could add your own examples to the list. A faith-filled future truly lies ahead for our schools and all who are, in any way, touched by them.

Have a great Catholic Schools Week!

*(Karen Oddi is associate director of faith formation for the archdiocese.) †*

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## Commitment is at the heart of successful marriages

By H. Richard McCord Jr.

Every year, on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, many parishes and dioceses hold celebrations to honor married couples and emphasize the value of marriage.

This is often an occasion to recognize couples that have reached milestone wedding anniversaries and to search for the couple that has been married the longest—usually more than 60 years. This couple customarily is asked to pass on some wisdom about married life.

The stories these couples tell differ in the details, but commitment is always at the heart of their relationship. They didn't just stay together, they remained committed in their promise. They even grew more committed over the years. In a sense, they came to be committed to the very idea of marital commitment.

When we think of the effort involved in living the marriage vows, we picture many specific behaviors and daily attempts to place the good of one's spouse above personal needs. Commitment is all this and more.

Scott Stanley, co-director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver, has studied marital commitment for more than 20 years.

Stanley distinguishes two types of commitment that can be present in a marriage. In most cases, they are blended.

• **Constraint commitment**—This keeps the relationship together from the force of moral considerations, financial realities, social pressures, concerns for the children, etc. Constraint commitment makes ending a relationship seem more costly than staying in it. Not a bad thing! Marriages can still be reasonably happy when constraint commitment rules.

• **Dedication commitment**—This causes a marriage to thrive and brings couples to a deeper level of peace. It is founded on the characteristics of love that St. Paul enumerates in 1 Cor 13:4-8: patience, kindness, trust, truth, humility, etc.

Stanley said a core component of dedication commitment is based on wanting and expecting the relationship to continue and to last for a long time. This type of commitment constructs a long-term view of the relationship. Such a perspective is crucial to a healthy marriage, helping couples get through inevitable difficulties.

A long-term perspective can also be the hallmark of a holy marriage when the view or "story" of the marriage arises out of a sense of vocation.

Catholic teaching traditionally has understood marriage to be a vocation on a par with vocations to priesthood and consecrated life.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes, "The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they come from the hands of the

## Marriage vows are guide to holiness

By Mary Jo Pedersen

I used to think that when people got married, they gave up the idea of being holy like the saints.

That was before I stood on the altar with the man I loved and said before God and everybody: "I promise to be faithful to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health until death. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life."

With this promise as my new roadmap, I began to see pathways to holiness that I had never seen before. As our marriage matured, I watched our parents care for each other through serious bouts with cancer and stroke. I saw their faithful presence and the heroic long nights of watchful care and worry.

Sometimes the path to holiness is camouflaged by grief and pain.

One marriage I know of almost ended with the third round of alcoholism

treatment. But a husband's radical faithfulness and willingness to forgive made a successful recovery possible.

Forgiveness like that enfleashes—reveals—God's infinite compassion and love.

The path toward holiness for couples is messy and often recognizable only in retrospect. It is a path bordered by an intricate web of relationships with each other and with children, parents, extended family, co-workers, friends and neighbors.

After marriage, I came to recognize simple, daily disciplines that are steps along the path to holiness. Everyday acts of love and sacrifice, courage and fidelity, whether heroic or routine, are signposts on the road to our baptismal destiny.

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



Commitment is always at the heart of successful marriages. Couples who have reached milestone wedding anniversaries didn't just stay together. They remained committed in their promise. Once they said yes to their vocation, there was no turning back.

Creator" (#1603). In short, marriage is the foundational vocation.

It is also the calling of most Christians, yet it is frequently the forgotten or overlooked vocation.

From a certain vantage point, marriage seems so ordinary. In another view, marriage can seem more like a personal choice influenced by the desires and devices of two people. For these and other reasons, calling marriage a vocation might seem a bit of a stretch.

Not so. The Bible is filled with stories of people being called. The Bible's "vocation stories" are woven of common threads.

Think of the times that Jesus called people to follow him. In these stories are elements of being attracted to or "falling for" someone, being invited into a life of intimacy, entering upon a larger venture or more important mission than ever and having the implications of all this unfold over time. Doesn't this sound like getting married?

I can remember my grade school teachers assuring us that we all had a vocation. Marriage, they said, would be the path for most of us. Others would follow a call to be a priest or nun. Everyone's life had a purpose, though, and this began with God calling us to a choice in life. It was really God's choice or dream

for us, but we had to make it ours by our decision to respond.

Rediscovering and reappropriating this simple, basic theology would hold many advantages.

For example, those contemplating marriage might stop and ask if they sense God calling them to this life or if they are just looking for the "right" person.

Taking time to ask this question also helps to remind us that life is a pure gift. God gives us what we need. We discover the path he lays out, embracing a direction, a purpose. Important as our choices are, we are not entirely in control.

To see marriage as a vocation is to imagine God opening a road before us and inviting us to follow him along it all our days. This journey becomes "the story of us"—really the story of us and God—that defines who we are as a couple.

It provides a direction, a framework, for interpreting what happens to us along the way. It gives us reason to endure, to rejoice and to grow.

No doubt it is one of the main reasons that couples can stay happily married for many years. Once they said yes to their vocation, there was just no turning back.

(H. Richard McCord Jr. is director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.) †

## Discussion Point

### Family life must be a priority

#### This Week's Question

How do busy couples find the time they need for each other?

"They have to list their priorities and then eliminate non-priorities." (Joan Strianese, New Haven, Conn.)

"We prioritize family. In choosing what we are going to do, we prioritize having more time together." (Lisa Baggett, St. Petersburg, Fla.)

"How many people sit down and share a meal anymore? Meal time is a good time for busy couples to be together." (Iris Flenniken, Bella Vista, Ark.)

"Personally speaking and from my position [coordinator for marriage and family ministries in the Diocese of Trenton, N.J.], married couples—particularly

mothers—put stress on themselves and their families by involving their children in so many extracurricular activities that the couple loses sight of what God has intended marriage and family to be. Parents are the primary educators of their children." (Jill Wiater, Hamilton Square, N.J.)

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Catholic patriots: Cardinal James Gibbons (II)

Thirteenth in a series

Cardinal James Gibbons was the greatest Catholic figure in the Catholic Church in America from 1877 to 1921. As we saw last week, he had to explain America to Church officials in the Vatican. He also had to explain the Catholic Church to America.

Ecclesiastical problems within the Church in America called for outstanding diplomacy. Bitter arguments between strong-willed prelates sometimes tried the patience of the little cardinal from Baltimore, particularly over the "Americanization" of the Church. (That will be covered later in this series.)

As industrialization came to America, so too came labor problems, with the Church in the middle. Again, it was up to Cardinal Gibbons to lead the way.

Cardinal Gibbons was widely known as an extraordinary patriot and beloved citizen. In 1916, when the cardinal was 82, former President Theodore Roosevelt said



to him: "Taking your life as whole, I think that you now occupy the position of being the most respected and venerated and useful citizen of our country"—a most extraordinary statement for any president to make to anyone.

The most impressive ceremony in honor of Cardinal Gibbons was the celebration of his 25th anniversary as a cardinal and his 50th anniversary as a priest on June 6, 1911. President William Howard Taft gave the principal address, the first of 10 such addresses.

President Taft said: "What we are especially delighted to see confirmed in him and his life is the entire consistency which he has demonstrated between earnest and single-minded patriotism and love of country on the one hand and sincere devotion to his Church on the other. Notwithstanding the often delicate and complicated nature of the questions proposed to him, he rarely if ever made a mistake."

Former President Theodore Roosevelt also spoke, as did Chief Justice Edward White and Speaker of the House of Representatives Bennett Champ Clark. Senator Elihu Root stressed the cardinal's insistence on the separation of Church

and State and pointed out that "our American doctrine of separation of Church and State does not involve the separation of the people of America from religious belief."

When it was Cardinal Gibbons' chance to reply, he said to President Taft, "You were pleased to mention my pride in being an American citizen. It is the proudest earthly title I possess."

Cardinal Gibbons was a friend and close adviser to half a dozen U.S. presidents. In addition to Taft and Roosevelt, he knew Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Woodrow Wilson. When the friendship between President Cleveland and Cardinal Gibbons came to the attention of the strongly anti-Catholic American Protective Association, it declared that when Cleveland became president he "had installed in the White House a wire to the cardinal's palace."

Cleveland replied: "I know Cardinal Gibbons and know him to be a good citizen and first-rate American and that his kindness of heart and toleration are in striking contrast to the fierce intolerance and vicious malignity which disgrace some who claim to be Protestants." †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## You've got to love the American media

We hear complaints all the time about the lack of in-depth coverage of news events in the media.



Upon examination, we think these complainers haven't been reading newspapers lately. But, the question remains, what is news?

Shades of Michael Jackson. Steve Irwin is the self-described crocodile hunter seen on

cable TV's "Animal Planet" program. Recently he got in trouble because he dangled his month-old baby boy from one arm while he tried to feed a crocodile, which lurched and snapped at them.

When he was publicly criticized for his action, Irwin said, "When I was a very small boy, my dad did the same for me. In fact, when I was 9 years old, he let me jump, restrain and capture my first crocodile."

Then, probably deciding that the best defense is a good offense, he justified himself further by saying snootily, "I'd be remiss if I didn't teach my children to be crocodile savvy."

Well, sure. We certainly don't want any kids going around ignorant of how to subdue crocodiles, since they are rampant in our society.

Then, we have a news item out of Danville in which a local cemetery is causing rage among its customers by making rules for placing decorations on gravesites. The cemetery board's president describes the items some people want to put on the resting places of their loved ones as "bizarre."

We might just write off that board president as a spoilsport, except that Danville seems to be the tip of an Indiana iceberg. A Lebanon cemetery reports the placement of bird feeders, food and inflatable items on or near graves.

A large cemetery in Morgan County tries to be lenient about graveside decorations, but draws the line at placing statues there. Statues! Not only are they hard to mow around, said the cemetery spokesperson, but also they get stolen. Stolen!

Having barely digested these news items, we come to an article in *USA Weekend*, the magazine supplement found in the Sunday newspaper. It's titled, in this rag's cleverly uncapitalized way, "15 new findings on

caring for your baby."

This article lists 15 informative points on the subject. Some of the more memorable ones are: 1) Keep baby out of your bed, 2) Try to get baby's sleep on track from the beginning, and 4) Consider breast feeding. Duh.

Other tips include choosing fortified formula if not breastfeeding, listening to baby breathe, and soothing baby while she gets a shot. Wow. What a revelation. But, our favorite, or at least the only one not driven by plain common sense, was number 15, naming baby for a favorite luxury car or place: Lexus, Porsche, Mercedes, Brooklyn, Aspen, Zaire. Double wow.

Right now, we're reading a story about the guy who sold fraudulent doughnuts. He claimed they were fat-free, made with a healthy carob glaze. Upon inspection, they proved to be the same greasy, chocolate-covered, heart attacks-waiting-to-happen that we all know and love. Now, isn't that more fun to read than an interview with Osama?

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

## Snakes are God's creatures, too

When my youngest daughter was a toddler, I read a book about wildlife to her



and two sisters. Lisa became extremely upset when I turned a page to a snake photo. She'd never seen one before, so I didn't understand her reaction. At that age, she'd not even heard the Adam and Eve/Garden of

Eden/Satan-as-a-snake story.

A year or so later, while warm-weather camping in an Indiana state park, our family meandered through a meadow. Lisa worried that we might see a snake. Finally convinced all was well, she plodded along with us until ... yes, you guessed it: a long snake slithered in Lisa's path. Her father carried her on his shoulders until we finished. Years later, our family and my sister's family were at another state park, where we hiked a trail ending at a descending ladder. Because I'm not fond of heights or ladders, my sister and I detoured. What did we meet? A snake, of course! (In

winter, however, snakes hibernate.)

Yet, Lisa overcame her fear enough to "babysit" for a family whose son had a boa constrictor, which I once took into our home (in a burlap bag) because workmen were disrupting theirs. I've even touched snakes at the Indianapolis Zoo with no qualms. (They're soft and dry, not slimy.)

A recent PBS-TV series, "Reptiles," made a video available, giving these critters a better reputation. At our family's St. Nicholas celebration in December, a 7-year-old guest, Christian, who already had a small snake pet, happily received that video, as well as a huge fake snake with which to tease others.

Last spring, David Mannweiler wrote an article about snakes for *The Indianapolis Star*—"Reptiles will shake, rattle and roll at State Museum." He quoted Damon Lowe, curator of biology there: "We want to demonstrate that reptiles are to be respected for their special qualities, not feared. Reptiles are some of the oldest creatures on earth. Their ability to survive and adapt through so many ecological changes is a fascinating evolutionary story."

Before that, I'd reasoned through similar thoughts to psyche myself into writing a poem about snakes, from a child's perspective, because an editor asked for such submissions for a book about pets:

*Serpentine Psalm*

Slinky, slithery snake:  
What would it take  
to make others  
love you as I do?

Don't they know  
God made creatures  
great and small  
with the same love  
He gave us all?

Slinky, slithery snake:  
Let's give them proof  
that you have worth  
existing in peace  
as my special friend,  
praising the Lord.

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

Looking Around/

Fr. William J. Byron, S.J.

Letter from  
'heaven' to a boy  
whose father died

Not only is a pastor's work never done, it sometimes requires power tools not found in the pastor's ordinary tool kit.



Six months after leaving my job as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, D.C., I received a request from the parish school principal asking me to write a letter from heaven to one of her third-graders.

This youngster, who had transferred into the third grade after I left Washington, was having a lot of difficulty adjusting to his father's recent death. His teacher gave an assignment requiring the children to write a letter to "someone who has had a significant influence" in their lives. This child chose to write to his father, whom he knew to be in heaven, from whom he expected an answer and for whose return to earth he was praying every day.

The principal knew that I had lost my dad at a very early age and thought that I might be able to fill the bill. Here is what I wrote:

"Dear Robert (or maybe I should be calling you 'Bob' or 'Bobby!'):

"I don't think we have ever met. I was pastor of Holy Trinity for the past three years and used to visit your school often. But you have a new pastor now, and I'm down here in New Orleans filling in for a while as president of Loyola University.

"I wanted to write to you because you and I have a lot in common. When I was just a little boy, my father died and, of course, my mother told me, when I was your age and started asking about him, that my dad was home with God in heaven. Like you, I wanted him here with me on earth, but that just was not to be.

"I've heard that you and each of your classmates have written letters to someone who has made a difference in your lives. You've written to your father and are hoping for an answer from heaven. You will receive an answer, but not in an envelope with a stamp on it that the mailman can deliver to your house.

"Your answer will come in the form of smiles and encouragement from grown-ups, a pat on the back from your teachers and coaches, and in quiet moments of happiness that God will bring unexpectedly into your heart.

"When the breeze touches your cheek, imagine that your father's hand is touching you. When the sun shines on your face, remember that he is smiling on you. And when the stars come out at night, look up to the heavens and say hello to your dear dad.

"You can be sure of this, my friend: Your father loves you very much and would never have wanted to leave you, but it was just time for him to go home to God. You didn't do anything wrong to lose him; he just had to leave this world earlier than he wanted to.

"You love him, I know, and you would not want him not to be enjoying the eternal happiness of heaven. Still, it is OK to miss him and wish that he were here with you. From his place in heaven, he prays for you, your mother and the two other children in your family. You can pray to your dad when you are happy or sad. You can tell him about your hopes and dreams. And you can honor his memory by growing up to be the kind of fellow that he would be very proud of.

"You and your family are in my prayers. Peace!"

(Jesuit Father William J. Byron is a columnist for Catholic News Service.) †



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004

- *Nehemiah* 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
- *1 Corinthians* 12:12-30
- *Luke* 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The first reading this weekend is from the Book of Nehemiah.



Once, Ezra and Nehemiah composed one book in the Bible. However, as the centuries passed, editors divided them into two volumes. The division exists today in the Scriptures.

Nehemiah recalls the history of God's

People after the exile to Babylon. It draws its name from its chief character.

The ancients always looked at calamity among the Jews as the result of human sin. They never would ask, "How can God allow this?" They thought that they, or others like them, were responsible for severely upsetting perhaps even nature itself by sinning.

In this perspective, events such as the return from Babylon become a blessing from God. The Almighty forgave the past, healed the injuries created by sin and allowed a new day to dawn.

Such a view is evident in this weekend's reading. God has spared the people. They have been rescued. They depend upon God, and God mercifully provides for them.

Relief is not just in the form of rescue from exile. God continues to guide the people. He gives them Ezra, a prophet. The prophet is God's spokesman, sent to prevent another catastrophe caused by sin and sin alone.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Corinth is the source of the second reading.

The young Christian community in Corinth was a great trial for Paul. Corinth, situated midway across the Grecian peninsula, was a wide-open, large city in the first century A.D. Immorality and greed ran rampant.

The Apostle had to combat this ungodliness. It was a daunting task. Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians that they were redeemed in Jesus. Indeed, they were part of Jesus, of what theologians now call the Mystical Body of Christ.

Each has a function, according to personal talents and opportunities. No one is superior to any other person. A bond is established among all. A mission is established. It is the mission to continue revealing the love and goodness of God, perfectly revealed in Christ.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading.

This reading is from the Gospel's first chapter. The Gospel is addressed, as if it were a private letter, to Theophilus. The identity of Theophilus has never clearly been understood. Was he a real person or was it a title, as the word in Greek means "friend of God?"

The Gospel is about Jesus, not about Theophilus. This section capsulizes the person and role of Jesus. He is of God. He possesses the power of the Spirit. He has come to redeem the world and to bring joy in the place of misery, hope in the place of despair and life in place of death.

Important in these references to Jesus is the fact that, again and again, Luke's picture of Jesus fulfills the dreams and expectations of the ancient Hebrew prophets.

As the prophets comforted people in so many misfortunes through the long centuries, these spokesmen of God continually promised that redemption would be ahead if the people repented and turned to God.

This reading even quotes Isaiah. God has been true to what has been promised. He will send salvation. It will come with Jesus, the Lord, the Christ.

## Reflection

The Church continues to teach us in the wake of Christmas, the Epiphany and the Feast of the Lord's Baptism.

These weeks of December, January and most of February are, in effect, moments in which the Church introduces us to Jesus, the Church's Good News. It repeats for us the message of the great feasts connected with his birth and the beginning of the Lord's redemptive task.

He is the Savior. He will bring sight even to us burdened by the blindness and hopelessness of our sin and guilt. †

## 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.

Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. 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, IN 46206 or e-mail to [criterion@archindy.org](mailto:criterion@archindy.org). †

## My Journey to God

### Meditation on Building a Fire

A fine snow covers firewood stacked beside the back door. I break thin, white crust and pull a few shaggy logs to feed the hearth's dark mouth.

Greedy tongues lick the brown wood, spitting sparks and finally spread into steady golden flames commanding my eyes.

Element of God, stave off the dark we fear. In you our longing for warmth and safety meet.

You are but another sign of him. His the comfort, His the heat.

By Sandra Marek Behringer

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



CNS photo of refugee woman

## Daily Readings

Monday, January 26  
Timothy and Titus, bishops  
2 *Timothy* 1:1-8  
or *Titus* 1:1-5  
*Psalm* 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10  
*Mark* 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 27  
Angela Merici, virgin  
2 *Samuel* 6:12b-15, 17-19  
*Psalm* 24:7-10  
*Mark* 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 28  
Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church  
2 *Samuel* 7:4-17  
*Psalm* 89:4-5, 27-30  
*Mark* 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29  
2 *Samuel* 7:18-19, 24-29

*Psalm* 132:1-5, 11-14  
*Mark* 4:21-25

Friday, January 30  
2 *Samuel* 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17  
*Psalm* 51:3-7, 10-11  
*Mark* 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31  
John Bosco, priest  
2 *Samuel* 12:1-7a, 10-17  
*Psalm* 51:12-17  
*Mark* 4:35-41

Sunday, February 1  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Jeremiah* 1:4-5, 17-19  
*Psalm* 71:1-6, 15, 17  
1 *Corinthians* 12:31-13:13  
or 1 *Corinthians* 13:4-13  
*Luke* 4:21-30

## Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

# Deacon is ordained under the authority of the bishop

The Church, in her wisdom, usually moves priests every several years. Permanent deacons, however, seem to be just that—permanent. Once installed in a parish, they apparently are there to stay, and essentially the Church has no authority over them.



The pastor, of course, has authority over the deacon, but no real economic authority. Unless he is retired, the company he is employed by may initiate a

serendipitous change, but not for the good of the Church or the deacon.

It's also politically difficult for a pastor to "fire" a deacon who has deep roots in the community and in the parish. The deacon has established friends and supporters, and those who think otherwise. Most of the time, as I understand it, he is not paid by the Church or the parish.

We all know the Church is a spiritual institution, but the reality of worldly politics cannot be denied. The deacon's access to the "boss" gives him decided advantage. Has the Church ever considered these problems? What is the solution? (North Carolina)

Several realities you mention are inherent in the nature of the permanent diaconate as it exists in the United States and other Western nations. I think, however, there are some misconceptions in your understanding of deacons.

Permanent deacons are so designated to distinguish them from traditional deacons, who are ordained to that order as a step toward the priesthood. They are "permanent," then, only in that sense, not with the understanding of being permanently in one diocese, city or parish.

Second, the Church, in the person of the local bishop, does have authority over permanent deacons. The sacrament of holy orders includes three levels or degrees of clergy—deacons, priests and bishops.

Just as for the priesthood, therefore, a candidate for the permanent diaconate must be accepted, prepared and finally ordained under the authority of a particular diocesan bishop.

After ordination, the deacon receives his faculties—his permission to preach, officiate at weddings and funerals, and per-

form other parish and liturgical duties (that do not include offering Mass, of course) from the bishop. [Bishops may also assign deacons to work outside parishes in social service agencies, schools, diocesan administration, etc.]

For a serious reason, the bishop may also withdraw those faculties.

From there on, the reality is pretty much as you describe it. A lot of dialogue, collaboration and mutual trust are required between the pastor of the parish where the deacon will serve and the deacon—and, if he is married, with his family.

Speaking for myself, having worked as pastor with many permanent deacons, I have known them to be without exception zealous, hardworking, cooperative and deeply motivated servants of the parish community. To my knowledge, the great majority of deacons and pastors feel the same.

Obviously, not every situation works out that smoothly. An employer may transfer the deacon to another community, where the process of dialogue and partnership between a new bishop and pastor and the deacon needs to be renewed.

Personality differences are also inevitable, and not all priests are equally skilled for, or open to, collaborative ministry with deacons and other staff personnel, a potentially huge problem, of course, when pastors change parishes.

To answer your question, I see no solution, except the obvious one. When these kinds of situations arise, we would hope everyone affected would have enough respect for the talents, responsibilities and feelings of others, enough respect for the pastoral vision of the Church in re-establishing the permanent diaconate, and enough basic goodness to keep the good of God's people uppermost in their concerns.

Rarely are these problems insoluble, if those involved, in fact, wish to solve them.

(A free brochure in English or Spanish outlining marriage regulations in the Catholic Church and explaining promises in a mixed marriage is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of [jjdietzen@aol.com](mailto:jjdietzen@aol.com).) †



## The Active List

The Criterion welcomes announcements of archdiocesan Church and parish open-to-the-public activities for "The Active List." Please be brief—listing date, location, event, sponsor, cost and time. Include a phone number for verification. No announcements will be taken by telephone. Notices must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of (Friday) publication: The Criterion, The Active List, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand deliver), P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail); 317-236-1593 (fax), [mklein@archindy.org](mailto:mklein@archindy.org) (e-mail).

### January 23

Northwood Christian Church, 4550 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Focolare Movement and the Christian Church," ecumenical celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Father Thomas Murphy, homilist, 7 p.m. Information:

317-844-5918.

### January 23-25

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mount St. Francis**. "Blessed Grieving Retreat," Father Paul Koetter and Dr. Margie Pike, presenters. Information: 812-923-8817 or

e-mail [mtstfran@cris.com](mailto:mtstfran@cris.com).

### January 23-31

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Art Gallery, **St. Mary-of-the-Woods**. Faculty art show. Information: 812-535-5265.

### January 23-February 18

Holy Trinity Parish, 2618 W. St. Clair St., **Indianapolis**. "Coming Home," six-week series, 7 p.m. Information: 317-631-2939.

### January 24

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Providence Center, **St. Mary-of-the-Woods**. One-day retreat, "Poetry and Prophecy," 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$20 per person. Information: 812-535-3131, ext. 161.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Silent prayer day. Bring sack lunch, free-will offering, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

### January 25

St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Schools Week pancake breakfast, 7-11 a.m. Information: 317-291-7014.

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Widowed Organization, Mass, 10:30 a.m. Information: 317-784-4207.

Indiana War Memorial, 431 N. Meridian St., Michigan Street

entrance, **Indianapolis**. Memorial Service for the Unborn, prayers for babies killed in abortion, 2-3 p.m., Keith Ogorek, director of discipleship and outreach for Zionsville Fellowship Church, speaker. Information: Right to Life of Indianapolis, 317-582-1526.

Mary's King's Village Schoenstatt, **Rexville** (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), "Schoenstatt Spirituality" 2:30 p.m., Mass 3:30 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail [frburwink@seidata.com](mailto:frburwink@seidata.com) or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at [www.seidata.com/~frburwink](http://www.seidata.com/~frburwink).

### January 26

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Divorce and Beyond Program, first of six weekly sessions, 7-9 p.m., \$30 per person includes program materials. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596, or e-mail [mhess@archindy.org](mailto:mhess@archindy.org).

Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center, St. Joseph University Parish, 113 S. 5th St., **Terre Haute**. Mini-retreat on "Celtic Spirituality," third of three-part series, 7-9 p.m. Information: 812-232-8400.

Mary's King's Village Schoenstatt, **Rexville** (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles), "Family Faith Talks" 7 p.m., Mass 8 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail [frburwink@seidata.com](mailto:frburwink@seidata.com) or log on to Schoenstatt Web site at [www.seidata.com/~frburwink](http://www.seidata.com/~frburwink).

### January 27

Forum Credit Union, 8201 E. Washington St., **Indianapolis**. Friday A.M. Networking Group, 5:30-7 p.m., \$10 per person. Information: 800-829-6866 or e-mail [fridayamnetwork@catholicexchange.com](mailto:fridayamnetwork@catholicexchange.com).

St. Francis Home Health and Hospice, 438 S. Emerson Ave., **Greenwood**. Session three, six-part, weekly bereavement support group for any adult grieving the death of a loved one, 6:30-8 p.m. Information: 317-865-2092.

### January 28

St. Malachy Church, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. "Catholics Returning Home" series, fourth of six sessions, 7 p.m. Information: 317-858-8422.

St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, **Indianapolis**. Program by Linda Hirsch, volunteer at the Indiana Women's Prison, 7 p.m. Information: 317-253-4494.

### January 29

Cardinal Ritter High School, 3360 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Cardinal Ritter Values Awards Recognition Dinner. Information: 317-927-7825.

### January 30-February 1

Saint Meinrad School of Theology, 200 Hill Dr., **St. Meinrad**. "Thinking of Priesthood," Benedictine Father Jonathan Fassero, presenter. Information: 317-236-1496 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1496.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mount St. Francis**. "Retreat for Men and Women." Information: 812-923-8817 or e-mail [mtstfran@cris.com](mailto:mtstfran@cris.com).

### January 31

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., **Indianapolis**. St. Thomas Aquinas Parish's third annual Groundhog's Day Romp, 7 p.m.-midnight, \$25 per person advance sale, \$30 at the door, barbecue dinner, dance. Information: 317-253-1461.

Kathryn Weil Center for Education, 415 N. 26th St., **Lafayette, Ind.**, Diocese of Lafayette. The Couple to Couple League of Indianapolis, Natural Family Planning (NFP), 9:30-11:30 a.m. Information: 317-228-9276.

### February 2

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., **Indianapolis**. Cancer workshop for women undergoing radiation or chemotherapy, "Look Good... Feel Better," noon-2 p.m. Registration: 317-782-6704.

### February 4

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. "Love and Responsibility," Scott Sullivan, presenter, three sessions, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1521 or e-mail [decarlo@archindy.org](mailto:decarlo@archindy.org).

### February 8

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Author Scott Hahn's video series, "A Closer Look at Christ's Church: Answering Common Objections," will begin with "The Pope/Holy Father," 11:45 a.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

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**Weekly**

**Sundays**

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Tridentine Mass, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Mass in Vietnamese, 2 p.m.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30-9 p.m., rosary for world peace, 8 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**. Spanish Mass, 5 p.m.

**Mondays**

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 523 S. Merrill St., **Fortville**. Rosary, 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Prayer group, 7:30 p.m.

St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., **Indianapolis**. Holy hour, 7 p.m.

Marian Center, 3356 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Prayer group, prayers for priests and religious, 9 a.m. Information: 317-257-2569.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Monday silent prayer group, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

**Tuesdays**

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Shepherds of Christ rosary, prayers after 7 p.m. Mass.

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

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Bible sharing, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., **Indianapolis**. Marian Movement of Priests prayer cenacle, Mass, 7-8 p.m. Information: 317-842-5580.

Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., **Indianapolis**. Bible study, Gospel of John, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-353-9404.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Tuesday silent prayer hour, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

**Wednesdays**

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St. (behind St. Michael Church), **Indianapolis**. Marian prayers for priests, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-271-8016.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 7 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5692 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Marian Movement of Priests, prayer cenacle for laity, 1 p.m. Information: 317-253-1678.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, between Masses, noon-5:45 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

SS. Francis and Clare Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, **Greenwood**. Mass, 6:30 a.m., adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, 11 a.m., Benediction, 8 p.m. Information: 317-859-HOPE.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Young adult Bible study, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Chapel, 46th and Illinois streets, **Indianapolis**. Prayer service for peace, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., **Mooreville**. Mass, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

**Thursdays**

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Benediction, 5 p.m., Mass, 5:30 p.m.

St. Malachy Church, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. Liturgy of the Hours, 7 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Faith-sharing group, 7:30-9 p.m. Information: 317-856-7442.

St. Lawrence Church, Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Adult Bible study, 6 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Christ the King Chapel, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., **Indiana-**

**polis**. Marian prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m.

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, **Indianapolis**. Euchre, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Parish Hall, 1125 S. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Adult religious education, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Thursday silent prayer group, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. Shepherds of Christ prayers for lay and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

**Fridays**

St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

St. Lawrence Church, Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Spanish prayer group and conversation, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

**Saturdays**

Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3607 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**. Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Tridentine Mass, 9 a.m.

St. Patrick Church, 950 Prospect St., **Indianapolis**. Mass in English, 4 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. "Be Not Afraid" holy hour, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Monthly**

**Second Mondays**  
Church at **Mount St. Francis**. Holy hour for vocations to priesthood and religious life, 7 p.m.

**Second Tuesdays**  
St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Sarto Dr., **Indianapolis**. Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics, 7 p.m. Infor-

mation: Archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

**Second Thursdays**

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., **Indianapolis**. Holy hour for priestly and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

**Second Saturdays**

St. Agnes Parish, Brown County Public Library, **Nashville**. Brown County Widowed Support Group, 3 p.m. Information and directions: 812-988-2778 or 812-988-4429.

**Third Sundays**

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m.-7 a.m. Monday, rosary, 8 p.m. Open until midnight.

**Third Mondays**

St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., **Indianapolis**. Young Widowed Group, sponsored by archdiocesan Office for Family Ministries, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

**Third Tuesdays**

St. Francis Medical Clinics, 110 N. 17th Ave., Suite 300, **Beech Grove**. Chronic pain support group, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Information: 317-831-1177.

**Third Wednesdays**

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**. Holy hour and rosary, 6 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Jude Church, 5353 McFarland Road, **Indianapolis**. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-783-1445.

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Widowed Organization, 7-9:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.

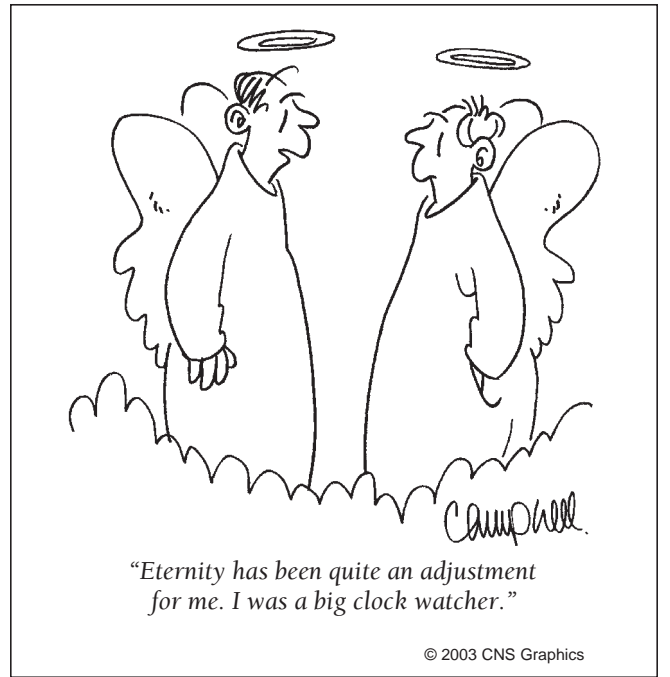
Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 Troy Ave., **Indianapolis**. Mass, 2 p.m.

**Third Thursdays**

Our Lady of Peace Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Haverstick Road, **Indianapolis**. Mass, 2 p.m.

St. Elizabeth's Pregnancy and Adoption Services, 2500 Churchman Ave., **Indianapolis**. Daughters of Isabella, Madonna Circle meeting, noon, dessert and beverages served. Information: 317-849-5840.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., **Indianapolis**.



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Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Mass, 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., **Mooreville**. Prayer for vocations, rosary, eucharistic adoration, Benediction, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

**Third Fridays**

Marian College, St. Francis Hall Chapel, 3200 Cold Spring Road, **Indianapolis**. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Mass and healing service, 7 p.m.

**Third Saturdays**

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Helpers of God's Precious Infants monthly pro-life ministry, Mass for Life by archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 8:30 a.m., drive to Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3607 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**, for rosary, return to church for Benediction.

**Fourth Wednesdays**

St. Thomas More Church, 1200 N. Indiana St., **Mooreville**. Mass and anointing of the sick, 6 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

**Last Sundays**

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 11:15 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

**First Sundays**

St. Paul Church, 218 Scheller Ave., **Sellersburg**. Prayer group, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555.

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, **Indianapolis**. Euchre, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

**First Mondays**

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Guardian Angel Guild, board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

**First Tuesdays**

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Confession, 6:45 p.m., Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations, 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

Breuef Jesuit Preparatory School, 2801 W. 86th St., **Indianapolis**. Indiana Autism and Sertoma Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., child care provided. Information: 317-885-7295.

**First Fridays**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 "I" St., **Bedford**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass-9 a.m. Sat. morning, reconciliation, Fri. 4-6 p.m., Sat. 8-9 a.m., "Children of Hope" program, Holy hour for children. Information: 812-275-6539.

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**. Mass, 8:15 a.m., devotions following Mass until 5 p.m. Benediction. Information: 317-784-5454. †

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

**ALAR, Bernice E. (Wenger)**, 88, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Jan. 7. Wife of George Alar. Mother of Dawn Britt, Georgeann Ellis and Tom Alar. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of two.

**BEMIS, Michael D.**, 54, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Nov. 12. Husband of Katherine Bemis. Father of Carrie Lewis, James and Larry Bemis. Son of Frances (Arthur) Bemis. Brother of James and Larry Bemis. Grandfather of three.

**BERRY, Robert L., Sr.**, 63, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Dec. 31. Husband of Barbara Berry. Father of Tammy Jarrett, Marjorie O'Brien and Robert Berry Jr. Brother of Marjorie Shack and Richard Berry. Grandfather of six.

**BLANFORD, William**, 71, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Dec. 30. Husband of Hilda (Flowers) Blanford. Father of Beverly Bickell, Pam Cook, Cheryl Romine, Debbie, Timothy and W. Thomas Blanford. Brother of Agnes Johnson and Charles Blanford. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of 10.

**BROWN, Betty Rae**, 75, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Dec. 22. Wife of Ellis E. Brown Jr. Mother of Ellis E. III and Rodrick Brown. Grandmother of seven.

**BYNUM, John Andrew**, 48, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Dec. 30. Father of Jennifer Stephens. Brother of Raymond Bynum. Grandfather of two.

**CHAMPEAU, Adelaide F.**, 80, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Dec. 22. Wife of Ervin J. Champeau. Mother of Susan Salenda. Sister of Esperanza Formantes Sarino. Grandmother of four.

**CLANCY, Gladys Viola**, 90, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Jan. 8. Mother of Judy Bagby, Kathy Barnett, Sheila Benner, Linda Kline and Joseph Clancy. Sister of Etoile Sarff. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of three.

**CARIASO, Alfredo**, 69, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, Jan. 1. Husband of Purificacion Cariaso. Father of Maria Bennett, Edgar and Teodoro Cariaso. Grandfather of several. Great-grandfather of several.

**CLEMENTS, Mary**, 87, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Jan. 6. Aunt of one.

**CLERKIN, Lucille Ann**, 78, St. Mary, North Vernon, Jan. 7. Mother of Linda and John Clerkin. Grandmother of six.

**DAVEY, Bernice J.**, 90, St. Luke, Indianapolis, Jan. 6. Sister of Orpha Boyum and Loren Refven.

**DeVERSY, Louise**, 95, St. Mary, North Vernon, Jan. 5. Aunt of several.

**DOSEN, Katie**, 89, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Jan. 8. Sister of Eva Chase, Ann Lancaster, Margie Miller, Mary Smith, Lucy and Rose Dossen.

**DUNCAN, Dorothy C.**

(O'Connell), 86, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Dec. 21. Mother of Ramona Duncan-Huse and Juanita Weinmann. Sister of Mary Jane Evans. Grandmother of one.

**FANGMAN, Patricia**, 52, Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, Dec. 29. Wife of Joe Fangman. Daughter of Bob and JoAnn Weichhand. Sister of Rebecca Fettig, Sylvia Johnson and Tony Weichhand.

**FIGHTMASTER, Edna M.**, 86, St. Mary, Greensburg, Jan. 6. Aunt of several.

**FINNEGAN, Mary Helen**, 70, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 1. Wife of William A. Finnegan. Mother of Michael and William Finnegan II. Sister of Kae Buelow. Grandmother of five.

**FRITZ, Martha L.**, 90, St. Michael, Brookville, Jan. 2. Mother of Barbara Hayes. Sister of Marie Patton. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of six.

**GLOGOZA, William J.**, 82, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Stepfather of Jerry Mayfield. Brother of Walt Glogoza. Grandfather of six.

**GRANT, James**, 53, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Jan. 5. Husband of Janet (Morand) Grant. Father of Bryan and Todd Grant. Son of Betty Grant. Brother of David and John Grant.

**HANRAHAN, Dennis Lee**, 50, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 22. Uncle of several.

**HAYES, Robert M.**, 82, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Dec. 22. Father of Martha Carlson, Catherine Ciresi, Margaret Rawls, Mary Williams, James, Paul and Tom Hayes. Brother of Margaret Allison. Grandfather of 24. Great-grandfather of 13.

**HOCHADEL, William F.**, 85, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Jan. 1. Father of Beth Ann Gilmour and Regina Hochadel. Grandfather of one.

**HOFMEISTER, Elizabeth A.**, 83, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 11. Mother of Ellen Cronin, Diane Elzroth, Carol, Fred Jr., Gary and Greg Hofmeister. Sister of Sally Spriggs. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 33.

**JENKINS, Sierra Rose**, infant, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 6. Daughter of Talby and Anetra (Young) Jenkins. Sister of Tyler Jenkins. Granddaughter of Paul and Karen Young, Gene and Pam Jenkins and Mary Jenkins. Great-granddaughter of Roxie Young, Elmer and Waneta Foltz.

**KAISER, Eddwys R.**, 85, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 4. Wife of William L. Kaiser. Mother of Michael Kaiser. Sister of Myra Burrows and Neville Polden. Grandmother of four.

**KELLY, Martha P.**, 91, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, Jan. 1. Aunt of several.

**KLEEHAMER, Nicholas R.**, 53, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, Jan. 5. Son of Dorothy Kleehamer. Brother of Paul Kleehamer.

**KNAEBEL, Sally M.**, 81, St. Mary, New Albany, Jan. 8. Mother of Michael Knaebel. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of four.

**KRAUS, Brandon Lee**, 21, St. Paul, New Alsace, Dec. 29. Son of Mark and Susan Kraus. Brother of Cori Cooker,

Phylisa, Bart and Ethan Kraus. Grandson of Norma Kraus.

**KRAESZIG, James G.**, 83, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Dec. 31. Father of Karen and Mark Kraeszig.

**KYBURZ, Marcia C.**, 62, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Dec. 31. Mother of Tracy Johnson and Timothy Kyburz. Daughter of Francis Schringer Bono. Grandmother of two.

**McGEE, Margaret C.**, 96, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 4. Aunt of several.

**McGOWAN, Mary Ann**, 67, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, Jan. 12. Mother of Linda Webb. Grandmother of two.

**MEANS, Lena A.**, 78, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 5. Mother of Barbara Hampton. Sister of three.

**MEGEL, John J.**, 95, St. Joseph, Jennings County, Dec. 8. Husband of Anna Mae Megel. Father of Dorothy Davis, Jane Graf, Teresa Pierce, Mary Weber, Benedictine Sister Anna Marie Megel, Dan and Mike Megel. Brother of Mary Kohls and Victoria Winters. Grandfather of 28. Great-grandfather of 20.

**MELTON, Lula M.**, 71, St. Joseph, Corydon, Nov. 28. Sister of Maurice Melton.

**MERK, Joseph F.**, 85, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Dec. 18. Husband of Sybil Merk. Brother of Alma McCullum, Charles, Clarence, Edward and Merlin Merk.

**MERK, Merlin J.**, 94, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Dec. 21. Husband of Rae Maxine Merk. Brother of Alma McCullum, Charles, Clarence and Edward Merk.

**MOORE, James D.**, 90, St. Mary, New Albany, Dec. 23. Husband of Hazel (Hansford) Moore. Father of Myrna Shaffer. Grandfather of one. Great-grandfather of two.

**MOORMAN, Sylvester A.**, 92, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, Jan. 12. Father of Arnold, Herbert and Michael Moorman. Brother of Mary Rennekamp. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of seven.

**MOSER, Martin L.**, 89, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Dec. 23. Husband of Juel Moser. Father of Linda Hagan, Ruth Ann Hutchinson, Mary Wallace, Janet Whitlatch, James, Larry, Randall and Thomas Moser. Stepfather of Vickie Ross. Brother of Theresa Cox and Clarence Moser. Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of three.

**MUDD, Thomas Eugene, Sr.**, 74, St. Rita, Indianapolis, Dec. 15. Husband of Bobbie J. (May) Mudd. Father of Evon Maddox, Linda and Bryan May, Erma Watson, Rosalind, Allen, DeWayne, Mar-lan and Michael Mudd. Brother of Lillie Girton, Lucille Groves, Sally Porter and Mary Reed. Grandfather of 40. Great-grandfather of 11.

**MURDOCK, Kenneth E., Sr.**, 89, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Jan. 9. Father of Anita Kelly, Kathleen Stevens, Sally Trefz, Janice Williams and Ken Murdock. Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of nine.

**MYERS, Lynn Ann**, 71, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Dec. 20. Wife of Walter R. Myers.

**NAVILLE, Carl A.**, 84, St. Mary, Navilleton, Jan. 1. Husband of Rita Naville. Father of Betty Beck and Mary May. Brother of Regina Kochert.

**NORTON, Patricia A. (O'Brien)**, 70, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Mother of Ann, James, Joseph, Kevin, Michael and Thomas Norton.

Sister of Barbara Minatel, Mary, Michael and Thomas O'Brien. Grandmother of nine.

**O'BANION, Sun T.**, 73, Korean Church, Indianapolis, Dec. 31.

**O'NEIL, Nora Jean**, 75, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Jan. 2.

**O'NEILL, Mabel**, 100, St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute, Dec. 31.

**OSBURN, Francis**, 79, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Dec. 25. Brother of Teresa Armbrorst, Catherine Dufek and Raymond Osburn. Uncle of several.

**PAYNE, Martha A.**, 84, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Dec. 27. Sister of John H. Payne.

**POEHLEIN, Eva Lee**, 95, St. Paul, Tell City, Dec. 18. Mother of Rose Mary Leitner, Kay Seibert, Gary and Ray Poehlein. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 18.

**PRAZEAU, Henrietta Lois (Mozingo)**, 77, Nativity, Indianapolis, Dec. 14. Mother of Gladys Bullard, Sherry Canatsey, Cindy Neveu, Fred Jr. and Palmer Prazeau. Sister of Maxine McLaughlin, Ann Nickleson and Wayne Mozingo. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of seven.

**RAY, Eleanor Louise**, 93, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 8. Mother of Ethel Jean Kanzler and Edwina Rohlman. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of 10. Great-great-grandmother of three.

**REED, Louis P.**, 71, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Jan. 5. Husband of Helen (Nolot) Reed. Father of Roxanna Ferree and Donnie Reed. Brother of Rosemary Williams and James Reed. Grandfather of two.

**REGICH, Louise A.**, 74, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Dec. 30. Mother of Frank, Gary, Gerald and Joseph Regich. Sister of Mary Villasenor and Frank Cerne. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of one.

**RICHARDSON, Marjorie Louise (Petro)**, 86, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Dec. 20. Mother of Beverly Long.

**RICKEYTS, Judith A.**, 65, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Dec. 12. Wife of Tom Ricketts. Mother of Rhonda Kirby-Dale, Franklin and William Ricketts. Grandmother of three.

**RINEHART, Betty J. (Livers)**, 76, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, Dec. 20. Mother of Melinda Huntley, Christine Morphew, Karen Myers, Jennifer Powell, Mary Quickstad, Danny, Michael and Steven Rinehart. Grandmother of 19. Great-grandmother of five.

**RITTER, Hermina A.**, 91, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 1. Aunt of several.

**RITZL, Charles W.**, 80, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 20. Uncle of several.

**RIVERS, Louise A.**, 83, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Mother of Michelle and Richard Rivers.

**ROESINGER, Catherine (Gallagher)**, 89, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Dec. 30. Mother of Mary Beth Adams, Margaret Ann Crisp, James and Stephen Roesinger. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of two.

**ROHR, Adeline Helen**, 99, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Dec. 13. Mother of Rita Vaughn. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 12. Great-great-grandmother of three.

**SANDLER, Farrell W.**, 80, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, Dec. 21. Husband of Rose M. (Kuntz) Sandler. Father of Cynthia Ford, Mary Glynn, Paul, Stephen and William Sandler. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of four.

**SCHAEFFER, Gertrude C.**, 96, St. Pius V, Troy, Jan. 3. Aunt of several.

**SCHAFFER, Julia**, 104, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 20. Mother of Margaret Geilker. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 22. Great-great-grandmother of six.

**SCHEIDLER, Marie (Boone)**, 94, St. Mary, Greensburg, Jan. 10. Mother of Judith Ann Metcalf. Sister of Bill Boone. Grandmother of two.

**SCHMIDT, Virginia F.**, 77, St. Mary, Navilleton, Dec. 24. Wife of Cornelius Schmidt. Mother of Theresa Ballard, Jane Pherson, Diane Stumler, Patricia Winstead and Thomas Schmidt. Sister of Rita Naville.

**SCHUTTER, Mary Lee**, 96, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, Jan. 1. Mother of James Schutter. Sister of Erma Bryant, Lorena Evans and Glenn Purcell.

**SCOTT, Robert E.**, 76, St. Paul, Tell City, Dec. 26. Husband of Geneva (Doogs) Scott. Father of Roberta Sue Davis and Dennis Scott. Brother of Louise Blake, Betty Sturgeon, David and Forrest Scott. Grandfather of two.

**SIMMONS, Alice M.**, 91, St. Joseph, Jennings County, Dec. 29. Mother of Donna Osterman and Lawrence Simmons. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of four.

**SPAUDLING, George**, 72, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Jan. 5. Father of Michael Taylor Spaulding. Brother of Elizabeth Ann Epps, Martha Mayes and Paul Spaulding. Grandfather of two.

**STEFANIK, Elizabeth**, 85, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Dec. 21. Mother of Pamela Boak, Kathleen Grossman and Charlene Stahl.

**STEFANSKI, Ann E.**, 86, St. Benedict, Terre Haute, Dec. 17. Sister of Gertrude Mason Arcand, Martha McKee, Katherine Wallace, Margaret, Joe and Tom Stefanski.

**STENGER, John H.**, 101, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Dec. 31. Father of Catherine Anderson and Judith Strothman. Brother of George Stenger. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of 13. Step-great-grandfather of two. Great-great-grandfather of three.

**STERGAR, Louis Andrew**, 94, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, Dec. 17. Father of Diane Brandenburg and Michael Stergar. Brother of Frank Stergar. Grandfather of six.

## Franciscan Sister Rose Mary Schroeder taught at Marian College in Indianapolis

Franciscan Sister Rose Mary Schroeder died on Jan. 12 at St. Clare Hall, the health care facility for the congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Oldenburg. She was 81.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on Jan. 15. Burial followed in the sisters' cemetery.

The former Margaret Ann Schroeder was born in Greensburg. She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Community in 1940 and professed her final vows in 1946.

She taught at the former Immaculate Conception Academy, now Oldenburg Academy, in Oldenburg.

Sister Rose Mary also spent

Great-grandfather of eight.

**SUTTON, JoAnne Ida (Faulkner)**, 74, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Jan. 9. Mother of Amy Eickholtz and Lisa Murray.

**SWANK, George**, 82, Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, Dec. 22. Husband of May (Hall) Swank. Father of Janelle Weigleb. Brother of Mildred McCurdy. Grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of two.

**TANDY, Margaret E. (Schafer)**, 45, Prince of Peace, Madison, Dec. 21. Wife of Fred Tandy. Mother of Rachelle, Caleb and Clayton Tandy. Daughter of Bernard and Helen Schafer. Sister of Mary Helen Finney, Bernadette Thomas, Andrew, Daniel, David, Edward, Gerald, James, Kenneth, Father Raymond, Thomas and William Schafer.

**TAYLOR, Henrietta E.**, 69, Prince of Peace, Madison, Dec. 29. Sister of Graham Taylor.

**VIDRINE, Cressville L.**, 66, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Dec. 20. Wife of John B. Vidrine. Mother of Rhonda Derringer, Leslie Kelly and Ilene Sandu. Sister of Pauline LaBat, Henrietta Stallard, Harmon and Oscar Powers. Grandmother of five.

**WARD, Phyllis**, 63, St. Paul, Tell City, Dec. 27. Mother of Danny Lee Ward. Sister of Wilma Hildebrandt, Donna Thomas, Margie Zogelman, Garry and Lester Perryman.

**WEISSENBERGER, Robert L.**, 83, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, Jan. 1. Father of Mary Endris. Grandfather of two.

**WHITE, Paul J.**, 80, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Dec. 13. Brother of Virginia Adams and William White Jr.

**WILCOXSON, Frances M.**, 81, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Dec. 29. Mother of Nancy O'Brien, John Jr., Mark and Thomas Wilcoxson. Sister of Charlotte McDaniel. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of three.

**WOEPEL, Karen A.**, 53, Holy Family, New Albany, Dec. 7. Wife of James Woeppel. Mother of Adam Woeppel. Daughter of Alberta Alcorn.

**YOHLER, Selma A.**, 91, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Jan. 11. Mother of George Yohler. Sister of Bernard Bowman. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of four.

**ZEPS, Maria**, 99, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 2. Mother of Leopold and Maurice Zeps.

**ZIEGLER, Joseph G.**, 94, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Dec. 27. Brother of Harold, Lawrence and William Ziegler. Grandfather of three. †

33 years as a faculty member of Marian College in Indianapolis. There she taught English and mathematics, and in later years she served as chair of the English Department and professor of English as well as campus minister.

She also taught in Ohio, Montana and Mexico.

Sister Rose Mary retired to the motherhouse in 2000.

She is survived by four sisters, Teresa Horan, Catherine Mauer, Margaret Mauer and Franciscan Sister Cecilia Schroeder, and two brothers, David and Justin Schroeder.

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# News briefs

## U.S.

### Notre Dame students say theirs is racially divided campus

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS)—The University of Notre Dame must overcome deep divisions and a superficial service mentality to fulfill the Rev. Martin Luther King's dream of racial equality, students say. "He knew it requires sacrifice," said one student at "Wake Up the Echo: A Voice for Change Then and Now." "That's something we're not very good at on this campus." Some 75 people at a town hall meeting on Jan. 15 agreed that focus on a homogeneous "university community" at the predominantly white campus marginalizes minorities. Chandra Johnson, an assistant to Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father Edward Malloy, and assistant director of cross-cultural ministry, attended the meeting and at one point responded that Notre Dame's history of homogeneity makes change hard. "It's difficult for them to let go of how Notre Dame used to be. The world is changing. You will begin to create a new world," she said.

### Definition of humanity important in bioethics, says expert

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Bioethical discussions need to focus on the central question of "what it means to be human," said Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, retired professor of medicine and medical ethics at Jesuit-run Georgetown University in Washington. Without an understanding of what humanity is, it is hard to ethically analyze the positive and negative aspects of advances in medicine and science, he said. Pellegrino spoke on Jan. 16 during a panel discussion in Washington sponsored by the President's Council on Bioethics, an official advisory group to President Bush. The panel discussion was on the relationship between the humanities and science. "The paradox is that there is no agreement on what it means to be human," said Pellegrino. "But we can't avoid this question in a democratic pluralistic society."

### Massachusetts bishops mail pro-marriage statement to homes

BOSTON (CNS)—In their boldest move yet in defense of marriage, the heads of the four Catholic dioceses of Massachusetts are blanketing the state with 1 million copies of a pro-marriage informational mailer. Working together with the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, the Church's public policy arm, the bishops said they created the mailer, titled "Marriage in Massachusetts: Crisis and Challenge," to inform, challenge and encourage Catholics to make their voices heard in support of traditional marriage and against same-sex marriage. "Our view is not parochial; it reflects the common sense understanding of marriage that crosses every cultural border. Nor is our view at all a product of prejudice," the bishops said in a Jan. 16 statement announcing release of the mailer, expected to be delivered to homes over the next several days.

### Vatican backs Detroit cardinal on priests in abuse cases

DETROIT (CNS)—The Vatican has supported actions taken by Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida to laicize one priest who pleaded guilty to a sex abuse charge and to place another priest on leave and restrict him from public ministry over a substantive allegation of sex abuse. Pope John Paul II issued a decree of dismissal from the clerical state for Father Joseph Sito, the first involuntary laicization of a Detroit priest for child sexual abuse, the archdiocese announced on Jan. 11. In the case of the second priest, Father James Wysocki, an archdiocesan statement said the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith informed the cardinal it rejected the priest's appeal of the cardinal's decision to place him on administrative leave, effective on Feb. 1, 2003, and restrict him from public ministry because of credible allegations of sexual abuse. The case involved a minor male during the early years of Father Wysocki's ministry. The priest, 63, refused to resign as pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Marine City and appealed to the Vatican.

## WORLD

### At reconciliation concert, pope urges all faiths to find peace

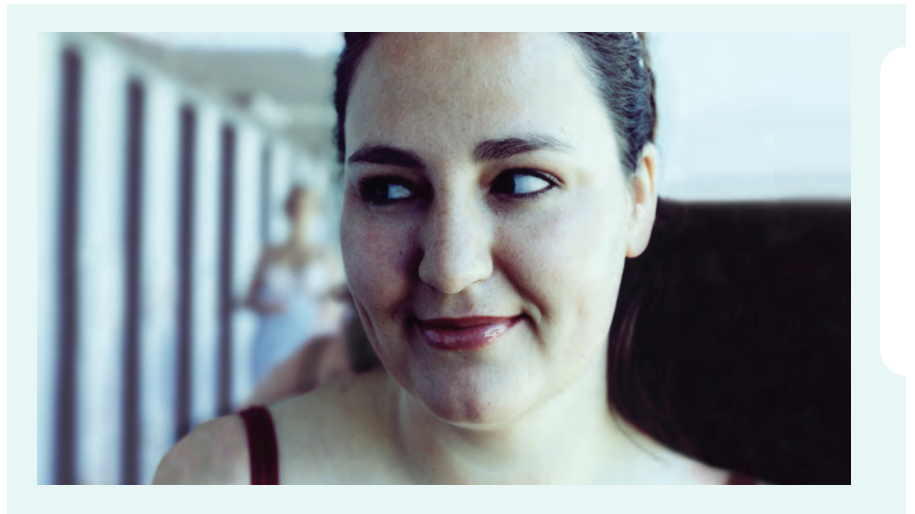
VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Christians, Muslims and Jews "must find within ourselves the courage for peace," Pope John Paul II told religious leaders gathered at the Vatican for a "Concert of Reconciliation." "Jews, Christians and Muslims cannot accept that the earth be afflicted by hatred, that humanity would remain involved in wars without end," the pope said at the end of the Jan. 17 concert with performers and spectators from the three faiths. Gilbert Levine conducted the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and a massive chorus with members of choirs from Pittsburgh; London; Ankara, Turkey; and Krakow, Poland. †



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# Lost faith in miracle diets?

You've tried just about everything to lose weight, from the latest diets to the newest exercise gadgets. But, like thousands of others, you've been disappointed with the results time and time again. Fortunately, there's a weight loss resource you can finally believe in—the St. Francis Medical & Surgical Weight Loss Center.



St. Francis offers a comprehensive range of treatments for anyone 20 pounds or more overweight. Here, you'll have access to a team of weight loss experts who will help determine the cause of your weight problem, and then develop a treatment program specifically for you.

We understand how difficult it is to lose weight. But we also know that every single pound you lose can improve your health, and enhance your life. So don't let your weight keep you away from the activities you love, whether that's playing with your kids or enjoying a walk through your

neighborhood. St. Francis has the expertise and the support you need to regain control of your life. Even more important, we have faith in you.

Call **317-782-7525** or toll-free, **888-887-5553**, to register for one of our free information sessions. Or, visit **[weightloss.StFrancisHospitals.org](http://weightloss.StFrancisHospitals.org)**.

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