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Federal judge denies bid to reinsert Schiavo's feeding tube

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As Congress and President George W. Bush rushed into place a law granting federal court jurisdiction in the case of severely brain-damaged Terri Schindler Schiavo, Catholic leaders emphasized that she must continue to be given nutrition.

But the law signed by Bush in the early morning hours of March 21 allowing Schiavo's parents to ask a federal judge to order the reinsertion of her feeding tube failed to achieve its goal when U.S. District Judge James Whittemore ruled against the parents' request on March 22.

Whittemore said Schiavo's "life and liberty interests" had been protected by the state courts and that her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, had not established a "substantial likelihood of success" in the federal court process.

The ruling was immediately appealed to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

Richard Doerflinger, deputy director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, praised Bush and members of Congress for the new law.

"Terri Schiavo is not terminally ill; she is a woman with cognitive disabilities," he said on March 21, three days after the woman's feeding tube had been removed. "This law ensures that the decision to discontinue her assisted feeding will be reviewed with full attention to her legal rights."

Washington Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick noted at a March 21 news conference that Pope John Paul II has stated that people considered in a "vegetative state" still have the right to basic health care such as nutrition and hydration.

Deliberately removing water and food "in order to hasten a patient's death would be a form of euthanasia, which is gravely wrong," Cardinal McCarrick said.

He said this also was the position of the Florida Catholic bishops in a Feb. 28 statement on the Schiavo case.

"We join with them in praying that those who hold power over Terri Schindler Schiavo's fate will see that she 'continues to receive nourishment, comfort and loving care,'" he said.

On March 19, as several hundred congressional members hurried back to Washington from an Easter recess to vote in emergency session on the Schiavo legislation, Miami Archbishop John C. Favalora said that removing the feeding tube "violates the practice of moral theology in such disputed cases."

The archbishop's statement said that "food and water can only be denied if death is imminent or if it proves to worsen the individual's condition."

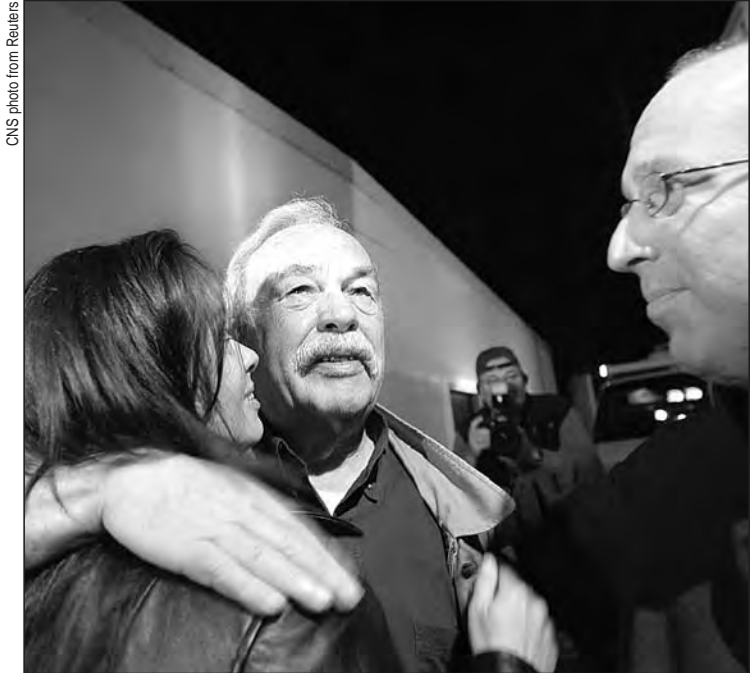
Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Orlando, Fla., said the "controversial diagnosis" that Schiavo is in a "persistent vegetative state" does not change her right to basic care.

"Even while to speak of her as a 'vegetable' might give a false reassurance to our conflicted consciences, she still remains a human being," he said in a March 18 column in *The Florida Catholic*, Orlando diocesan newspaper.

Bush, in a prepared statement after signing the law, said it allows a claim on behalf of Schiavo before a federal court that her rights were violated by the withholding or removal of food, fluids or medical treatment necessary to sustain her life.

"In cases like this one, where there are serious questions and substantial doubts, our society, our laws and our courts should have a presumption in favor of life," said Bush.

Schiavo, 41, has been brain-damaged for the past 15 years. She can breathe on her own, but requires nutrition and



Bob Schindler, center, embraces his daughter, Suzanne, in front of the hospice where Terri Schindler Schiavo is being cared for in Pinellas Park, Fla., on March 21. Schiavo, 41, suffered brain damage after collapsing at her St. Petersburg, Fla., home in 1990. Since then, she has been receiving food and water through a feeding tube, which was removed on March 18. Her parents and her husband have been at odds over the tube's removal.

hydration through a feeding tube. She was receiving food and water through a feeding tube since 1990, when she collapsed at her home in St. Petersburg because of what doctors believe was a potassium imbalance. Her brain was deprived of oxygen for several minutes.

The new law allowed Schiavo's parents to bring the suit. The Schindlers have been in a legal battle with their daughter's husband, Michael Schiavo, who wants the tube removed. The husband says this is what his wife would have wanted.

Michael Schiavo strongly criticized the actions by Congress and Bush in passing the law, saying they were intervening in a family matter.

"This is a sad day for Terri. But I'll tell you what: It's also a sad day for everyone in this country because the United States government is going to come in and trample all over your personal, family

matters," he said on March 21 on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The parents have been fighting the husband, saying that their daughter would want to live, based partly on her Catholic beliefs.

The case was assigned to U.S. District Judge James Whittemore in Tampa, Fla., who held a hearing on March 21 on the request by the parents that the tube be reinserted.

The hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., where Terri Schiavo lives, has been the scene of numerous protests by supporters of leaving in her feeding tube.

The rapid work by Congress and Bush to get the law passed resulted from a March 18 decision by Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer reiterating Michael Schiavo's right to order the tube removed. The tube was removed later that day. †

Senate restores \$14 billion in Medicaid funding as Church had urged

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Senate on March 17 passed a \$2.6 trillion budget that ignored White House and House efforts to slash funding for Medicaid

and other programs.

An amendment that restored \$14 billion in funding for Medicaid was approved in a 52-48 vote. The Senate also rolled back billions of dollars worth of proposed cuts in funds for education, community development block grants, local emergency workers and other programs.

The action had been encouraged by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in lobbying efforts and in a letter to

senators sent on March 17 by Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio of Brooklyn, N.Y., chairman of the bishops' domestic policy committee.

If cuts included in the version of the budget approved by the Senate Finance Committee were allowed to stand, wrote Bishop DiMarzio, they would "result in substantial cuts to the Medicaid program, which could have disastrous consequences" for millions of low-income women, children, elderly and people with disabilities "who rely on Medicaid for their health care, as well as the health care providers who serve them."

His letter also supported the amendment's provision to fund a bipartisan commission to study the Medicaid program's efficiency and effectiveness.

"Such a comprehensive review is appropriate before any dramatic changes are made to the program and will help to make sure Medicaid remains strong and vibrant into the future," Bishop DiMarzio wrote.

The budget later was approved in a 51-49 vote.

The House also passed its version of the budget on March 17, by a similarly close vote of 218-214. It included cuts of up to \$20 billion in Medicaid funding over the next five years. The House and Senate will work out a compromise of the two versions after they return from their Easter recess on April 4.

The White House budget proposed cuts of \$45 billion to Medicaid over a 10-year period.

In 2003, Medicaid provided coverage to 25 million children, 14 million adults, 5 million seniors and 8 million people with disabilities.

Financing for Medicaid is shared with states, with the federal government matching state spending for services covered by Medicaid.

Budget shortages in the last few years have led 38 states to make it tougher to qualify for Medicaid, while 34 states have reduced benefits. †

Official Appointments

Rev. J. Daniel Atkins, pastor of St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, to pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon, St. Peter Parish in Harrison County and Most Precious Blood Parish in New Middletown, effective July 6, 2005.

Rev. Louis Manna, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon, St. Peter Parish in Harrison County and Most Precious Blood Parish in New Middletown, to pastor of Church of the American Martyrs Parish in Scottsburg and St. Patrick Parish in Salem, effective July 6, 2005.

These appointments are from the office of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis. †

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An illustration from a 13th-century Book of Hours depicts the crucifixion of Christ. The artwork is a holding of the Rosenwald Collection at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. The CNS photo of the artwork was provided courtesy the National Gallery of Art.



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Catholic student shares message about sportsmanship with nation

By Brandon A. Evans

A sixth-grade student from St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis got the opportunity of a lifetime earlier this month—the chance to address a nationwide audience.

Rosemary Fay was the middle school winner in a nationwide essay contest sponsored by *USA Today*, and her essay about good sportsmanship was published in the national newspaper on March 1.

“To me,” Rosemary wrote, “‘sportsmanship’ shows up as a quick smile, a quiet but consoling pat on the back, or a big shout of glee when a teammate does well.

“Really, it’s just another word for ‘respect.’ A good sport plays fair and has genuine respect for other people’s talents and gifts, whether on the field or off.”

Those opening lines to her essay gave the essence of everything Rosemary has learned about sportsmanship in her physical education classes at St. Thomas Aquinas School and from her involvement in Catholic Youth Organization sports.

More than anything, the essay is about the eight other girls in Rosemary’s class—girls who could have easily made fun of her or left her out when she struggled with learning how to play kickball.

Their choice to support Rosemary “made a world of difference,” the sixth-grader wrote. “I still play sports today because of their sportsmanship.”

William Fay, Rosemary’s father, said that while the work of St. Thomas Aquinas School cannot be discounted, “I think that you also can’t leave out the camaraderie of the girls.”

To a certain extent, he said, the girls teach each other about sportsmanship.

“I know that in some classes about this age girls get catty and start talking about each other,” said Sally Fay, her mother. “They’re pretty respectful of each other, and support each other. It’s kind of a wonderful thing to watch.”

William Fay recalls a particular kickball game that the girls lost. Instead of having a dismal reaction, the girls gathered in a circle on the field and sang together.

“It was a way of showing their solidarity no matter what the result was,” he said. “That was a very powerful thing to see. And it wasn’t like they were being real solemn or anything—they were smiling and laughing. But the message was absolutely clear.

“It’s not like they don’t care about winning, because they do,” William Fay said, “but they’re able to balance that and probably put a higher premium on the relationships.”

While he said that he is proud of his daughter and her writing ability, it is *what* she wrote about that is important.

“I thought it was a beautiful statement about Catholic education,” he said.

William Fay said that both he and his wife try to teach their daughter respect, like any parent would, and they are “wonderfully supported” by St. Thomas Aquinas School.

“We chose to live in our neighborhood and to go to St. Thomas because diversity is very important to us—understanding and respecting all people,” Sally Fay said.

“We’re proud of St. Thomas, because they did do a wonderful job,” she said.

Karen Gardner, physical education teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas School, said teaching good sportsmanship is a part of the curriculum.

“To me, it’s a natural part of what we do, and we should stress that,” Gardner said, especially in light of the poor [example of] some professional athletes.

As a part of every gym class, the teacher asks the students to pick the “best sport” of the day from each team.

It used to be, Gardner said, “if you weren’t good in gym, you hated it. I think now all the kids like it—even the kids that aren’t very skilled.”

“[Rosemary], to me, epitomized everything that I’m trying to teach,” Gardner said. “She put that into words. I read [her essay] to every grade.”

She had asked her students to consider writing for the *USA Today* essay contest, a suggestion that was made into a class assignment by Katherine Seger, who teaches sixth-grade English, religion, social studies, reading and vocabulary. Seger played sports at Valparaiso University.

“I personally—being from an athletic background—realized the importance of sportsmanship,” she said, and how it “translates into the classroom.

“I realized that having good sportsmanship ultimately led to a successful team [and] a successful life,” Seger said.

That was a point that Rosemary made in her essay—her friends were not just kind on the field, but everywhere else.

“If you learn on the field to cooperate and just let it go, it’ll soon become a habit, and you’ll learn to cooperate with it in your life,” Rosemary said in an interview with *The Criterion*.

She said that her teachers are always talking about good sportsmanship, as well as her parents.

When it came to putting down her thoughts about the subject in her essay, Rosemary said she waited until the last minute and didn’t expect to win.

“It was a big surprise,” she said.

Seger said that she is extremely proud of Rosemary and the entire sixth-grade class.

“I think it goes to show that the kids are listening and they are watching what adults are saying,” Seger said. †



Rosemary Fay, a sixth-grade student at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis, right, plays a game of floor hockey along with classmate Christien Davis. Rosemary wrote an award-winning essay about sportsmanship that appeared in an issue of *USA Today*.

Lenten Prayer

God of Compassion, during Lent:
 May our prayers challenge us to love and embrace those who are poor and vulnerable;
 May our fasting challenge us to live simply and be better stewards of Your creation;
 May our almsgiving challenge us to give generously to those in need.

Inspire us through Operation Rice Bowl, and grant us courage to be bearers of peace and justice in our world.
 We pray, in Jesus' name.
 Amen.

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Oración de Cuaresma

Oh Dios compasivo, durante esta Cuaresma:
 Que nuestras oraciones nos inspiren a amar y abrazar a los pobres y desamparados;
 que nuestros ayunos nos inspiren a vivir con sencillez y a ser más corresponsables por tu Creación;
 que nuestros donativos nos inspiren a dar generosamente a los necesitados.

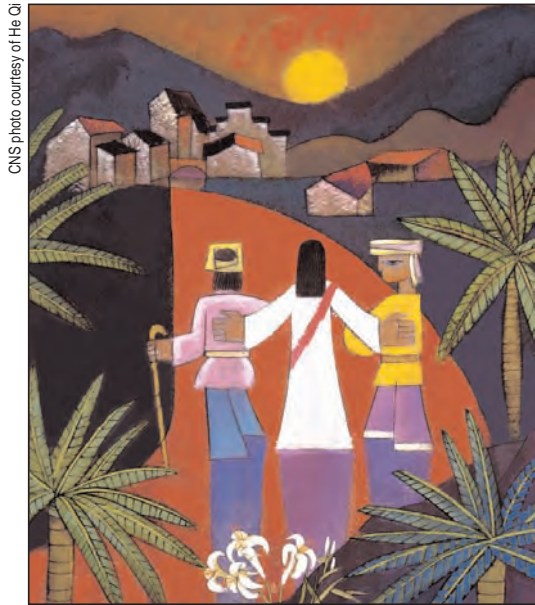
Inspirarnos mediante la Operación Plato de Arroz, y concédenos la valentía para ser artesanos de la Paz y la Justicia en nuestro mundo.
 Te lo pedimos en nombre de Jesús.
 Amén.



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Editorial



The risen Christ walks with two of his disciples in "The Road to Emmaus," a painting by contemporary Chinese Christian artist He Qi. His artwork blends Chinese folk customs and traditional Chinese painting techniques with Western painting methods. Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, is marked on March 27 this year.

The season for personal encounter with the risen Lord

During the Easter season, the Church's liturgy celebrates the disciples' personal encounters with the risen Lord. In the readings, we hear again how Mary Magdalene and the disciples (on the road to Emmaus, at the Sea of Galilee and even behind closed doors) met the Lord face-to-face. Although they had given him up for dead, and had themselves succumbed to anxiety and despair, they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. They touched him and ate with him, just as they had done in the days before his Passion and death, and they recognized him in the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist).

These post-Resurrection encounters with Jesus were clearly life-changing for all who experienced them. Before meeting the risen Lord, it was possible for the disciples to consider returning to their normal lives. The disciples on the road to Emmaus were going home. Yes, they had had the experience of a lifetime, but it was over. They were taking with them wonderful memories of Jesus, "the prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people" (Lk. 24:19). But it was all in the past now. Yes, they had heard about the empty tomb, and the rumors that he was still alive, but they were going home anyway—back to their former lives.

The stranger who joined them on the road to Emmaus changed their life's destination. He taught them, and helped them to see everything that had happened with new eyes. He inflamed their hearts, and he inspired them to return to Jerusalem, to their true vocations as disciples called to witness to his love.

As Catholics who have experienced the risen Lord in the Easter liturgy, in the Eucharist and in prayerful reflection on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we can never go back to our old ways. We can never return to the life that is proposed to us day-in and day-out by the world we live in.

We have seen the Lord. We have heard him ask, "Why are you troubled?" We have received his personal reassurance: "Peace be with you. My peace I give you." How can we go back to a life that is self-serving? How can we forget that he has called each one of us by name, and invited us to be his disciples?

The call to discipleship can be unsettling and uncomfortable. We are asked to stand for things that are often politically incorrect: the sanctity of all human life, the indissolubility of marriage, the preferential option for those who are poor and marginalized, the primacy of peace and social justice over power and privilege, and the transforming love of Christ which changes who we are, and how we live, as individuals and as communities of faith. Like the first disciples, we don't quite know how to handle the wonderful news that "He is risen!" We find ourselves holding back—waiting for someone to tell us what to do, and how to live, now that the Passion is over and the tomb is empty.

During this Easter season, let's listen carefully to the way that the Lord opens the Scriptures for us. Let's look for him in the breaking of the bread, in our moments of fearful anxiety and as we go about our daily business.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, or gathered in an upper room or fishing in the Sea of Galilee, we will find him when we least expect him. He will come to us with arms outstretched and ask why we are troubled. If we open our hearts to him, he will give us his peace. He will fill us with his Holy Spirit, and in the process, empower us to change our individual lives and the world we live in.

— Daniel Conway

(Daniel Conway is a member of the editorial committee of the board of directors of Criterion Press Inc.) †

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Why humility is such an attractive virtue

Humility is an attractive quality, isn't it?

The word "humility" comes from the Latin *humus*, meaning "earth." Humble people are down to earth. To avoid becoming too lofty, they plant their feet firmly on the ground by knowing who they truly are and admitting that without God they wouldn't be



here or have what they have. They unabashedly submit to a higher power.

Part of the reason for humility's outstanding attractiveness is its honesty, a virtue that has been revered by all great civilizations. Take, for example, the Romans. During Rome's golden age, senators customarily had marble busts made of themselves. Artisans employed the time-consuming task of hand polishing the marble until it was smooth.

As the demand for busts increased, artisans learned they could speed up the process by filling in flaws with wax rather than polishing them smooth. This worked well until one hot Roman summer. The baking sun began melting the wax, and all of a sudden young, handsome-looking senators lost their youthful, smooth looks.

The senators immediately employed their legal powers to rectify the situation, passing the law that said: "All marble works of busts must be sculpted without wax." The word for "without" in Latin is *sine*, and "wax" is *cera*. This is where

we get our word "sincerity."

When we are sincere, there is no waxing over what we say or do. We tell it as it is and don't try to make ourselves out to be something we're not. We humbly admit limitations, especially our own, and accept them.

So humility begets honesty, and vice versa.

There is something else to mention about humility. When we are humble, we aren't afraid of what others think of us. We are ourselves without pretenses. What others see in us is authentic; they can take it or leave it.

Today's society is becoming increasingly concerned about the games so-called reputable people play. So people are crying out for the virtue of humility in the Church, government and, for that matter, society as a whole. There is a growing sense that manipulating, hiding and falsifying the truth could destroy our nation.

Society hungers more than ever today for people of character who know their humble beginnings and limitations, and speak truthfully. We want to see humility, honesty and sincerity in society. Repeatedly, the Church is being reminded to imitate Christ's love of humility, sincerity and truth.

Jesus praised the humility of the tax collector who confessed his sins. He did not wax over things when teaching, and he asked us to follow him as the way, the truth and the life.

(Father Eugene Hemrick is a columnist for Catholic News Service.) †

Letters to the Editor

Many opportunities to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in archdiocese

In the March 18 issue of *The Criterion*, there were two articles in the "Faith Alive!" section encouraging us to participate in prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. The article by Jim Schellman suggested that the official text, *The Liturgy of the Hours*, can be a bit intimidating. I agree. I found this the case when I bought the text over a decade ago at Krieg's bookstore in Indianapolis, following an article by John Fink in *The Criterion* on the value of praying from *The Liturgy of the Hours*.

Fortunately, the salesperson at Krieg's recommended I learn by immersion through participation in the Morning Prayer held every weekday, from 7 a.m. to 7:20 a.m., by the Franciscans at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on the near-southside of Indianapolis. This was very convenient to work, and I made it a part of my daily routine. It was a wonderful experience!

When I no longer worked downtown, we started a morning prayer group in the Bosler Chapel at St. Thomas Aquinas (46th and Illinois) Church in Indianapolis. It also meets every weekday, but from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. The group has met every weekday for over a year and a half.

Anyone is welcome to join us at St. Thomas, on a regular or occasional basis, and become familiar with morning prayer from *The Liturgy of the Hours*. If our location and time is not convenient, I am sure the Franciscans would also welcome laypeople to their morning prayer at Sacred Heart Church. Interested individuals might also contact the nuns at the Benedictine or Carmelite

Monasteries to see if they could attend their morning prayer. This is a great way to start your day in a centered fashion.

I wonder how many other opportunities like this are available in the diocese? Maybe *The Criterion* could list them?

Bill Scott, Indianapolis

More on creationism and evolution

In recent editions of *The Criterion*, there have appeared letters to the editor regarding creationism versus evolution. It seems to me that an important point that no one has addressed is the existence of the laws of nature that govern the process of "evolution." Actually, I believe the correct term is "natural selection."

The idea of natural selection is based on the two phenomena of individual differences, about which we hear a great deal from educators, and mutation, which is not a very common phenomenon. Any given environment will have a tendency to select the individuals best suited to survive in that particular environment, all according to the laws of nature. It is then self-evident that natural selection works.

What no one ever seems to question is, "Where do the laws of nature come from?" After all, they are not just "there." Can we not assume that the author of the natural processes we call "laws" is God and that this is why they work infallibly? If so, then there should be no quarrel between creationists and evolutionists.

The creationists tell us who is responsible for creation and the evolutionists tell us how it was done. There is no question that we live in an orderly universe. If we did not, then all science would be a waste of time.

Harry F. Docke, Indianapolis

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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

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In the crucified Christ, we find love and hope

If you have visited the tomb of a loved one, your mother or father or son or daughter or a friend, there is likely a feeling of aloneness or emptiness, perhaps a questioning of faith.

Is there life beyond this grave? Then in prayer, we need to visit the empty tomb in the garden of Easter morning. The empty tomb is a symbol of hope, a symbol of the reason for hope.

To imagine ourselves in the garden of Easter morning is something like seeing our trees beginning to bud. It is to see the tulips and other flowers pushing up through the ground. Soon the dogwoods, the tulips, the blossoming fruit trees and the greening of our earth will again be a timely reminder that dark winter is over and the new life of Easter spring is here. Springtime and Easter speak to us of hope and peace. They can remind us of the empty tomb.

We are children of the earth. All of us are born of Mother Earth. We also bury each other in Mother Earth, as children who also die in her. A theologian once said, "The earth bears us with infinite hearts, and alas, what she gives us is too beautiful for us to scorn and too poor to satisfy us fully, for we are insatiable."

Mother Earth brings forth both life and death—never one without the other—always both. We call this mixture of life and death, of joy and sorrow,

of creative activity and tiresome duty our everyday life. We love it and yet we want to leave it for something more. Our hearts are restless and insatiable.

We long for a motherhood and fatherhood that would make us more than sisters and brothers in pain and suffering or in moments of joy that pass so quickly. We want our new sisterhood and brotherhood to be more than a dream; we want it to be of this earth as well.

Jesus, the Son of God and also a child of this earth, and our brother in the flesh, revealed a Father whose love mysteriously surpasses our passing experience of love. He gave us a mother, the Church, filled with the Spirit of life and from whose womb in baptism all of us are reborn to a life that will never end. He gave us the gift for which our unknowing hearts are restless.

The suffering and death that God asked of his own Son gives us the key to help make sense of human tragedy and the graves of our loved ones. Once more during Holy Week, we have traced the path of Christ's Passion. It is the path of an innocent son of the earth who was

betrayed by a friend then forced to die the shameful death of a criminal. Once more, we emerge from Good Friday rejoicing because he conquered death and sin. The locked tomb of this earth has been opened and, before the empty

tomb of Easter, we cry, "Alleluia!"

Even so, our Church clings to the tradition of displaying the crucifix—the cross with the image of the body of Jesus on it. We venerate the crucifix on our walls. This tradition is not a denial of the victory of Jesus over death

and it is not a displacement of the glorious Resurrection in Christian life.

It is God's own irony that the crucifix is not a sign of death, but a sign of life; not a sign of failure, rather a sign of hope. From the empty tomb, we gaze on the crucifix with the glow of the Resurrection around that body born of earth like ours. We want to be reminded

'We want to be reminded that we do not suffer alone: a real person stretched out his arms on the cross and suffered so deeply out of love for us.'

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for March

Youth: that they may be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit so that they can truly discern their role in the Church, especially God's call to priesthood and religious life.

En el Cristo crucificado hallamos amor y esperanza

Si alguna vez ha visitado la tumba de un ser querido, su madre, su padre, o tal vez un hijo o una hija, o incluso un amigo, probablemente le haya invadido un sentimiento de soledad, vacío, tal vez un cuestionamiento de fe.

¿Acaso hay vida más allá de esta sepultura? Entonces debemos transportarnos a través de la oración y visitar el sepulcro vacío en el jardín, en la mañana de Pascua. El sepulcro vacío es un símbolo de esperanza, un símbolo de la razón de la esperanza.

Imaginarlos a nosotros mismos en el jardín en la mañana de Pascua es algo así como ver nuestros árboles comenzar a retoñar. Es observar los tulipanes y otras flores brotando de la tierra. Pronto los cornejos, los tulipanes, los árboles frutales florecientes y nuestros suelos reverdecidos serán nuevamente un recordatorio de que el oscuro invierno ha terminado y que la nueva vida de la primavera de Pascua ha llegado. La época de primavera y la Pascua nos hablan de esperanza y paz. Nos recuerdan el sepulcro vacío.

Somos hijos de la tierra. Todos hemos nacido de la Madre Tierra. Asimismo, se nos entierra en la Madre Tierra, como hijos que también mueren en ella. Un teólogo dijo una vez: "La Tierra nos colma de infinitas Buenaventuras, ¡y qué pena! que lo que ella nos entrega es demasiado hermoso para despreciarlo y demasiado pobre para satisfacerlos plenamente, ya que somos insaciables."

La Madre Tierra nos presenta la vida y la muerte, nunca la una separada de la otra, siempre juntas. A esta mezcla de vida y muerte, de gozo y tristeza, de actividad creativa y deberes tediosos, la llamamos nuestra vida cotidiana. Nos encanta y sin embargo, queremos abandonarla para ir tras algo más. Nuestros corazones son inquietos e insaciables.

Añoramos la maternidad y la paternidad que nos convertirá en más que simples hermanos y hermanas en el dolor y el sufrimiento, o en momentos de gozo que se esfuman rápidamente. Queremos que nuestra nueva hermandad sea más que un sueño; queremos que también sea de este mundo.

Jesús, el Hijo de Dios y también un hijo de este mundo y nuestro hermano en la carne, puso de manifiesto a un Padre cuyo amor sobrepasa misteriosamente nuestra efímera experiencia de amor. Nos dio una madre, la Iglesia, llena del Espíritu de la vida y de cuyo vientre en el bautismo todos renacemos a la vida que no tendrá fin. Nos entregó el obsequio que tanto ansían nuestros corazones ignorantes.

El sufrimiento y la muerte que Dios le pidió a su propio Hijo nos dan la clave para ayudarnos a entender la tragedia humana y las tumbas de nuestros seres queridos. Una vez más durante la Semana Santa hemos trazado el camino de la Pasión de Cristo. Es el camino de un hijo inocente de la tierra quien fue traicionado

por un amigo y luego forzado a morir la muerte vergonzosa de un criminal. Una vez más emergemos del Viernes Santo regocijados ya que él conquistó la muerte y el pecado. El sepulcro cerrado de este mundo ha sido abierto y frente al sepulcro vacío de la Pascua exclamamos: "¡Aleluia!"

A pesar de ello, nuestra Iglesia se aferra a la tradición de exhibir el crucifijo, la cruz con la imagen del cuerpo de Jesús en ella. Veneramos el crucifijo en nuestras paredes. Esta tradición no constituye una negación de la victoria de Jesús sobre la muerte y no es un desplazamiento de la gloriosa Resurrección en la vida cristiana.

Es una ironía de Dios que el crucifijo no sea un símbolo de muerte sino un símbolo de vida; no es un símbolo de fracaso, más bien un símbolo de esperanza. Desde el sepulcro vacío observamos el crucifijo con ese cuerpo nacido de la tierra, al igual que nosotros, envuelto en el resplandor de la Resurrección. Queremos que se nos recuerde que no estamos solos en el sufrimiento: una persona de carne y hueso extendió sus brazos sobre la cruz y sufrió profundamente por amor a

nosotros. Nuestros crucifijos simbolizan el realismo cristiano sobre la vida, la muerte y la resurrección; mueven nuestros corazones como hijos de la tierra que somos.

Gracias a la victoria de Jesús, podemos llegar a aquellos que sufren más de lo que les corresponde, ante el sepulcro vacío. Tal vez enfrente usted una enfermedad terminal, o un divorcio o sea víctima de la depresión. Existe esperanza. Todos podemos experimentar la solidaridad de Jesús para con nosotros.

Y lo más importante de todo: él nos demostró que la vida no termina cuando se nos regresa a la tierra. Para los que enfrentan la muerte con temor, Jesús demostró una vez que para todos aquellos en la muerte, la vida cambia y no les es arrebatada. ¡La Pascua es una fiesta predominantemente de esperanza!

Con fe, como Pedro cuando se asomó para ver dentro del sepulcro vacío, tan solo podemos sorprendernos.

¡Que Dios los bendiga a todos y a cada uno con la gracia de la paz y la esperanza pascual! †

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Las intenciones vocacionales del Arzobispo Buechlein para marzo

Los jóvenes: que ellos acepten el ánimo del Espíritu Santo, para que puedan discernir su papel en la Iglesia, especialmente la llamada de Dios a hacerse sacerdote y entrar en una vida religiosa.

Check It Out . . .

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis is having its **Spring Luncheon and Silent Auction** at noon on April 17 at Marian Inc., 1011 E. St. Clair St., in Indianapolis. The cost is \$25 per person and proceeds will benefit the cathedral. For more information, call Michael or Holly Davis at 317-375-1840 or e-mail davis@indy.rr.com.

St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church, 1117 S. Blaine Ave., in Indianapolis, is celebrating the **Divine Liturgy for Easter** at 10 a.m. on March 27. The blessing of the Easter baskets will take place following the liturgy. For more information, call 317-632-4157.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, is offering an adult education series about Scripture titled **"The Ascending View: Bringing God's Word to the Catholic Community"** on five consecutive Tuesdays from April 2 to May 24. The series will be presented by St. Barnabas parishioner Jim Welter of Indianapolis. The retreat house will also present a **Mothers Day Mass and Brunch** at 10 a.m. on May 8. For more information about either event, call the retreat house at 317-545-7681.

A retreat on the **"Spirituality of Non-Violent Conflict Resolution"** will be presented by Basilian Father Gordon Judd from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 30 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Avenue, in Beech Grove. The cost of the retreat is \$60 per person. The registration deadline is April 8. **"An Attitude of Grace: A Busy Person's Retreat"** will be offered from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on April 18-22. Dominican Sister Romona Nowak will present. A **Secretary's Day Luncheon** will also be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 27. For more information about any of these events, call the retreat center at

317-788-7581 or e-mail benedictinn@yahoo.com or log on to www.benedictinn.org.

An **information evening about the process of declaring a marriage null** will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 13 in the west wing of Nativity School, 7225 Southeastern Ave., in Indianapolis. Members of the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal will be present. For more information, call the Office of Family Ministries at 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596, or e-mail mhess@archindy.org.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad is hosting **Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete** at 7 p.m. on April 5 in the Newman Theater, located on the fourth floor of Newman Hall in the Church Leadership Center. Msgr. Albacete is the author of the best-selling book *God at the Ritz: Attracted to Infinity*, and is the former president of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico and executive assistant to the dean at the John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C. The lecture is co-sponsored by Communion and Liberation, an ecclesial movement geared toward the education of Christians and a common mission for the Church. The public is invited. For more information, call 812-357-6501.

"Taste the Goodness of Super Foods" will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 2 at the Oldenburg Franciscan Center in Oldenburg. Kathy Cooley, the Hansen Center dietitian and owner of Alpine Berry Farm, will share her expertise and enthusiasm for healthy eating, gardening and shopping. Participants will learn how to incorporate "super foods" into their diet and learn more about foods that are the most helpful and those that are the most dangerous to their health. A lunch will be prepared and eaten. The cost is

\$20 per person. The registration deadline is March 26. For more information, call 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

The Daughters of Charity invite all single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 35 to attend a **"Choices of the Heart" Retreat** on April 15-17 at the Mater Dei Provincialate, 9400 New Harmony Road, in Evansville, Ind. (Diocese of Evansville). The retreat is \$50 per person, with scholarships available. For more information, call 812-963-7556 or e-mail smb@doc-ecp.org. †

VIPs . . .

The leadership for the archdiocesan Multicultural Ministry Commission for 2005 is chairperson, **Michael Slaughter**, a member of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis; vice-chairperson, **Maria Pimentel-Gannon**, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis; and secretary, **Claire Reagan**, a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

Members of the 2005-06 Archdiocesan Youth Council have been chosen. They are: **Stephanie Paul** and **Anna Recker**, members of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis; **Andrew Zabel**, a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis; **Ashley Boyer** and **Mary Hawkins**, members of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville; **Michael Clark** and **Chrissie White**, members of St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville; **Meredith Riley**, a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin; **Jennifer Wulf**, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Terre Haute; **Abby Coffenberry**, a member of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute; **Kaitlyn Blanford**, a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis; and **Cory Fink**, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford. †

Divine Mercy services scheduled

(Listed are some of the services taking place in the archdiocese in observance of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3. For more information about any particular events at your parish, call your parish office.)

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2-3 p.m. and a prayer service from 3-4 p.m. on April 3. The service will include the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a sermon, a procession and Benediction. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, will preside at the service. For more information, call 317-926-1963.

Christ the King Parish, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., in Indianapolis, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with silent adoration from 2-3 p.m. and the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m. on April 3. A eucharistic procession and Benediction will follow. For more information, call 317-255-3666.

MKVS and DM Center in Rexville (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles) is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with a holy hour at 2:30 p.m. on April 3 followed by a Mass and pitch-in. For more information, call 812-689-3551 or e-mail frburwink@seidata.com or log on to the Schoenstatt website at www.seidata.com/~frburwink.

St. Bartholomew Parish, 1306 27th St., in Columbus, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4 p.m. on April 3. The holy hour will include prayers, petitions, the chaplet of Divine Mercy

and Benediction. For more information, call 812-379-9353.

St. Gabriel Parish, 232 W. 9th St., in Connersville, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with a celebration from 1-3 p.m. on April 3. The celebration will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, private prayers, recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, a procession, a reflection on the Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., in Greenwood, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday from 2-4 p.m. on April 3. The celebration will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily, a sung recitation of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, a procession, Benediction and veneration of a relic of St. Faustina. Refreshments will follow, and devotional materials will be available for purchase. For more information, call 317-888-2861.

St. Mary Parish, 720 N. "A" St., in Richmond, will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with reconciliation at 12:30 p.m. and a prayer service at 2:30 p.m. on April 3. For more information, call 765-962-3902.

St. Mary Parish, 7500 Navilleton Road, in Floyds Knobs, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:30 p.m. and a celebration at 2:30 p.m. on April 3. For more information, call 317-246-2252.

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., in Sunman, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at 2 p.m. on April 3. For more information, call the parish at 812-623-2964. †

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Parishes encourage families to pray for vocations

By Sean Gallagher

The fathers of the Second Vatican Council described the family as the "first seminary" and the "principal contributor" in the fostering of priestly and religious vocations (*Optatam Totius*, 2).

The families who make up the parishes of St. Anne in New Castle, St. Rose in Knightstown and Our Lady of the Greenwood in Greenwood are taking this responsibility seriously.

Since last October, families in St. Anne and St. Rose parishes have been taking turns each week praying in their homes for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

A book of prayers is provided to the families and is handed from one household to another at each weekend Mass.

William and Linda Cool, and their two children who are still living at home, Kevin and Lisa, are members of St. Anne Parish. They were one of the first families to receive the book of prayers and were honored to do so.

"It was spiritual and it was an honor," Bill Cool said. "We have four kids. And it'd be an honor to have one of your kids to go to religious life. I think a parent has to tell in his prayers to God when they're little, 'If you choose one of my kids, that would be fine with me.'"

It was in part a similar prayer offered by her own parents that motivated Franciscan Sister Shirley Gerth, parish life coordinator of St. Anne and St. Rose parishes, to encourage the families in her parishes to pray for vocations.

She said that her parents prayed that one of their sons would be ordained a priest and one of their daughters would enter the religious life. Both prayers were answered through her own life as a Franciscan and her late brother, Robert, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lafayette in 1967.

She said, though, she's not sure that families are as dedicated today in fostering vocations and hopes that the passing on of the prayer book might be a way of changing the situation.

"I saw this simply as one way each week to hold this before the people," Sister Shirley said, "as a means of encouraging them to pray that one of their own children might become a priest or religious. And if they don't have children, then one in the parish."

Kevin Cool, a senior at Blue River High School in Henry County, said that he has not ruled out a possible vocation to the priesthood while he prepares to begin studies at Purdue University in

West Lafayette, Ind., in the fall.

"It's something that I wouldn't just sit here and say, 'Absolutely not, no chance,' Kevin said. "It's not ever [been] ruled out. You never know until you feel that you've been called to do that."

Kevin appreciated the chance to pray with his family, especially for vocations, in light of the clergy sexual abuse scandal that has struck the Church over the past few years.

"Now more than ever, what we were praying for was definitely important, so that made it even more meaningful," he said. "Just trying to get the family praying for any cause felt good, especially for something so important."

Getting families to pray together and to pray especially for an increase of priestly and religious vocations was also a prime motivation for the creation of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish's vocations committee.

Shortly after its establishment in May 2004, the committee set up a program where a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary would be passed on from family to family, with each household praying in their home a novena of prayers for vocations.

It has proven to be a popular effort, with some families having to wait several months to receive the statue after signing up to participate.

Therese Beretta requested the statue in June 2004, but only received it last week. Signing up for it was a natural thing for her to do because she has experienced the fostering of vocations in the family in which she grew up.

Her father, Deacon Joseph Meilinger, is a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Denver and was ordained in 1989.

In addition to instilling a value of vocations in her daughters, Rachel and Caitlin, Beretta also saw the novena simply as an opportunity to pray with them in their home.

"I hope it makes us more prayerful," she said. "I ... felt like maybe this would give me an opportunity to bring my girls every night to say a prayer with me."

The encouraging of families to pray in their home for an increase in priestly and religious vocations is just one aspect of a spectrum of ways that Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish is seeking to foster a culture of vocations among its families. And although all vocations find their origin in God, the efforts of the parish appear to be helping its young



Nancy Griffith, left, and her husband, James, and son, Kent, receive a book of prayers for vocations from Robert and Jeanne Childs during a Mass on March 12 at St. Anne Parish in New Castle. Families in the parish keep the book for a week and pray its prayers each day for an increase in priestly and religious vocations.

people be open to all possibilities.

Since the vocations committee was established, two young men from Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish have become seminarians, raising its total number of men in formal discernment to four, with one, Deacon William Williams, scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in June.

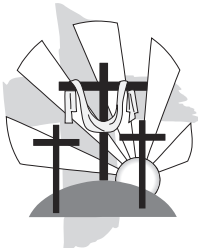
Carla Zachodni, a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish and the

chairperson of its vocations committee, is pleased with these developments that she has witnessed in the first months of the committee's existence. Still, she recognizes that vocations take many years to come to fruition.

"We're really starting to see some fruit, maybe in a small way," she said. "Of course, we won't know for years and years, but it's still beautiful that already some things are happening." †

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St. Francis Hospitals celebrate national award, new cardiac center

By Mary Ann Wyand

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration are grateful to God and their patron saint for many blessings that have resulted in state-of-the-art health care improvements at their hospitals in Beech Grove, Indianapolis and Mooresville.

The sisters and staff members of the Franciscan hospitals in central Indiana have had much to celebrate in recent weeks.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers was named one of the nation's "100 Top Hospitals" on Feb. 28 by Solucient, a health care business intelligence company, for excellence in quality of care, operational efficiency, financial performance and responsiveness to the community.

The award was the result of Solucient's "National Benchmarks for Success" study, which was published in the Feb. 28 edition of *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

St. Francis was one of only three hospitals in the state and the only central Indiana hospital to receive this national recognition.

"Because of their hard work, all of our employees, physicians, volunteers, board members and other members of the St. Francis family deserve this recognition for consistently performing at an exceptional level and leading the way in health care for the communities we serve," said

Robert J. Brody, president and chief executive officer of St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers.

On Feb. 25, the sisters and staff also celebrated the completion of a new state-of-the-art Cardiac and Vascular Care Center at the St. Francis Hospital campus at 8111 S. Emerson Ave. in Indianapolis.

Hospital officials said the four-story, 240,000-square-foot center with six operating rooms, 107 beds and "cutting edge" surgical, diagnostic and treatment facilities is the only full-service cardiac and vascular care hospital on the south side of Indianapolis.

The cardiac care center began accepting patients on March 15. Catheterization labs are equipped with the new Phillips Flat Detector system, the latest digital coronary imaging technology.

Acknowledging that it's been "a historic year" for St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, Brody said during a Feb. 25 interview that recent improvements and successes are "all about anticipating what is going to be the next need down the road."

Brody said the cardiac care facility was "constructed in a manner that is actually going to be much more efficient for us and allow us to deliver care more cost-effectively" for heart patients diagnosed with a variety of health care needs.



Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, left, with Father John Mannion, director of spiritual care for the St. Francis Hospitals in Beech Grove, Indianapolis and Mooresville, blesses the altar in the Portiuncula Chapel adjacent to the new Cardiac and Vascular Care Center during a dedication, blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 25 at the St. Francis Hospital campus in Indianapolis.

"Cardiac and vascular disease is the number one killer in our society," he said. "The medical staff is superb, and we have designed a facility that meets their current needs and anticipates the needs into the future. The equipment is absolutely state-of-the-art and our staff that supports the physicians in the care of our patients are the best. ... They receive continual training [with] the equipment."

According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, 28 percent of all deaths in Indiana were caused by heart disease in 2002.

Last week, the Sisters of St. Francis and hospital staff members also celebrated the addition of new computer-aided magnetic resonance imaging technology used to detect breast cancer.

Franciscan Sister Jane Marie Klein, chairperson of the board of the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services based in Mishawaka, Ind., said on Feb. 25 that the sisters "have been doing God's work in health care in the United States, starting in Lafayette, Ind., since 1875, almost 130 years. God has certainly blessed us."

Sister Jane Marie said the Franciscan hospital chain's many successes can be

attributed to God's blessings and the sisters who take turns praying before the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day every day of the year.

"Our true powerhouse is perpetual adoration," she said. "That's our primary apostolate, and it's only because of the [continual] prayers that ... everyone is able to carry on the work and to grow and to be visionaries to see what the needs of the communities are and to respond to them."

"We have miracles happen every day in our hospitals," Sister Jane Marie said. "The ministry of prayer keeps us all going. We're blessed, truly blessed. We have wonderful laity of all faiths working in our hospitals. You don't have to be Catholic to work here. You just have to buy into and uphold our values and our mission."

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers was founded in 1914 by the Franciscan sisters, whose motherhouse is located in Mishawaka, Ind. It is one of the largest health care systems in Indiana, with three hospitals in Beech Grove, Indianapolis and Mooresville, and is part of a network of 12 hospitals in Indiana and Illinois that are owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services Inc. †

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Pro-life dinners to honor priests and laity for exceptional service

By Mary Ann Wyand

Two priests and six members of parishes in central Indiana will be honored for distinguished pro-life volunteer service during the first annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner on April 9 in Indianapolis and April 10 in Columbus.

Both events will feature Father Frank Pavone, founder and national director of Priests for Life in Staten Island, N.Y., as the keynote speaker and a concert by Tatiana, an internationally acclaimed Catholic vocalist.

The dinners are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on April 9 at Christ the King Parish, 1827 Kessler Blvd., East Dr., in Indianapolis, and at 12:30 p.m. on April 10 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 2480 W. State Road 46 West, in Columbus.

"Those we honor at the dinners are exceptional priests and laypeople who live the Gospel of Life in their daily lives," said Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry.

"They serve by motivating youth to be unconditionally pro-life, assisting women in crisis pregnancies, giving material assistance to poor mothers and their infants, and helping post-abortive women discover healing and peace," Sister Diane said. "We acknowledge and thank them for their untiring efforts on behalf of life."

Award recipients include St. Mark parishioner Rosemarie Saylor of Indianapolis and St. Monica parishioner Lois Richter of Indianapolis for

distinguished volunteer service to the archdiocesan Birthline ministry.

Receiving awards for dedicated volunteer service to the Gabriel Project ministry are St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) parishioner Teresa Heffernan of Indianapolis; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioner Ann Heilman of Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese; St. Paul Catholic Center parishioner Paul Marion of Bloomington; and St. Bartholomew parishioner Harold Neville of Columbus.

Father Anthony Volz, pastor of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, and Father Gregory Bramlage, pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in Ripley County, St. Maurice Parish in St. Maurice, St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg and St. Anne Parish in Hamburg, will be honored for their exemplary pro-life leadership.

The dinners are sponsored by Catholics United for the Faith—Abba, Father Chapter. Proceeds benefit the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry and the Gabriel Project of Indiana.

(Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. Send checks to the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206. For more information, call the Office for Pro-Life Ministry at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521, or the Gabriel Project at 812-342-9550.) †

Christ is Risen



This 15th-century oil painting depicts the risen Christ appearing to the Virgin Mary. The artwork is a holding of the Andrew W. Mellon Collection at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

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'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed'

By John F. Fink

See Matthew 27:55-28:20, Mark 15:40-16:18, Luke 23:48-24:49, John 19:33-21:14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

Jesus had died. There could be no doubt about it. Just to make sure he was dead, one of the soldiers thrust his lance into Jesus' side. There were many eyewitnesses, not only curious citizens of Jerusalem but also the women who had followed Jesus from Galilee. Most of them had stood below the hill of execution enduring the horrible spectacle, but some had come right up to the cross to help comfort Mary, his mother.

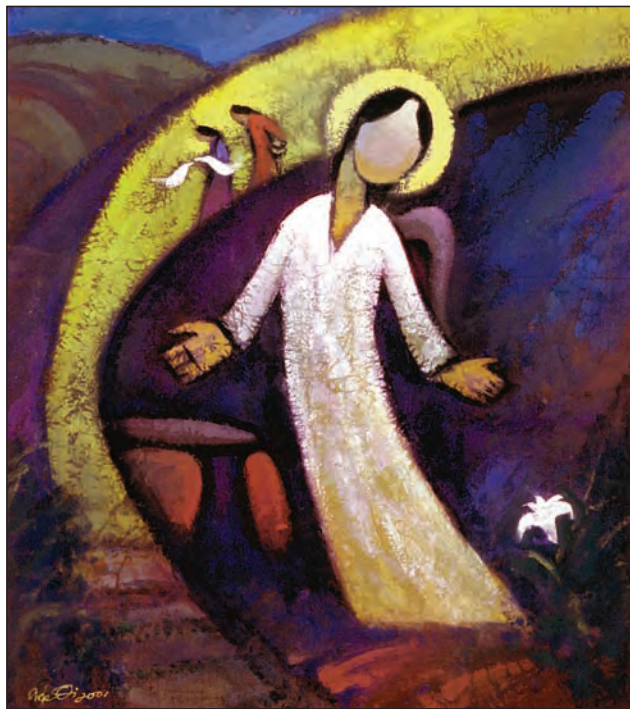
What would happen to Jesus' body, the women wondered. Would it be thrown into the common pit where most crucified criminals ended up? Surely they were relieved to see Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, and the Pharisee Nicodemus approach the cross carrying some linen shrouds and a mixture of myrrh and aloes.

They carefully took Jesus' body down from the cross, anointed it, and wrapped it in the linen shrouds. Then we can imagine a small funeral procession as they carried the body to a tomb that had been hewn in the walls of the former quarry. It was beginning to get dark on this early spring day, so they did their work quickly because the Sabbath was about to begin—not just any Sabbath, in fact, but the feast of Passover.

Then, we can be sure, Joseph and Nicodemus went to their homes and, before leading the Passover Seder, immersed themselves in their ritual baths to cleanse themselves after having touched a dead body. The women, too, dispersed after making plans to return to the tomb after the Sabbath was over.

Jesus' body, though, was not left alone. Soldiers were posted outside the tomb to make sure that Jesus' disciples didn't come and steal the body and then claim that Jesus rose from the dead. Even if his Apostles never understood what Jesus meant when he said that he would rise from the dead, the Jewish chief priests and Pharisees apparently did.

We don't know exactly what happened next because there were no eyewitnesses. All we know is that, when Mary Magdalene and two other women went to the tomb



An angel appears at the empty tomb of Christ on Easter morning in "He Is Not Here," a painting by contemporary Chinese Christian artist He Qi. His artwork blends Chinese folk customs and traditional Chinese painting techniques with Western painting methods. Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, is marked on March 27 this year. It is the oldest and most important Christian celebration.

early Sunday morning, they found it empty. Before they arrived, the soldiers had been dazzled when an angel appeared and rolled back the large stone in front of the tomb. The angel then told the women that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

No one saw him rise, but the soldiers and the women each reported that the body had disappeared—the soldiers to their superiors and the women to the Apostles. The Apostles didn't believe that Jesus had actually risen from the dead. Yes, of course, he had told them that it would happen, but they were nevertheless completely unprepared for his actual return to the earth. Peter and John ran to the tomb anyway, to see for themselves, then went back to tell the others that the tomb was empty.

Mary Magdalene was convinced that someone had stolen the body, which is undoubtedly what the Apostles thought, too. She returned to the tomb in sorrow. When she saw a man standing nearby, she thought he was the gardener and asked him if he had taken Jesus' body away. That's when the risen Jesus revealed himself to her.

This was the first of many appearances that Jesus made after his resurrection from the dead. Those who wrote about the appearances remembered certain things and all the accounts differ; there was never an attempt to try to harmonize the various accounts. Of course, they were also writing years after the Resurrection occurred.

St. Paul was the first to write about the Resurrection—at least, the first account that still exists. He wrote about it in his first letter to the Corinthians around the year 57, about 27 years later. Unlike the evangelists, he makes no mention of Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene, but he says that he appeared to Peter; then to the rest of the Twelve (actually, only 11 by then since Judas was dead); then to 500 people at the same time; then to James, the first bishop of Jerusalem; and finally (in a vision) to Paul.

The evangelists, too, detail numerous appearances—to Peter; to two disciples on the road to Emmaus; to the Apostles while Thomas was absent and, a week later, when he was present; to some of the Apostles who were

fishing in Galilee; and to the Apostles on a mountain in Galilee.

We have become familiar with all of these stories of Jesus' appearance because we have heard them year after year. But what can we learn from them?

Let's begin with his first appearance—to Mary Magdalene. After he spoke her name and she recognized him, Jesus told her not to cling to him because he had not yet ascended to the Father and he instructed her to tell the Apostles that he was "going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

The author of John's Gospel and other New Testament writers thought that the Resurrection and the Ascension took place as one action—immediately after Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene. The Ascension 40 days later, which Luke wrote about in the Acts of the Apostles, was merely the end of Jesus' earthly appearances. Having been glorified through his Ascension after appearing to Mary Magdalene, he was able to breathe the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles when he appeared to them on Easter night.

John's Gospel's emphasis on "breathing" on the Apostles recalls the only other reference to breathing in Scripture—in Genesis 2:7 when God formed the first man out of the slime of the earth and breathed on him to give him life. Just as Adam's life came from God, so now the Apostles' new life came from Jesus.

One of the puzzling things about Jesus' appearances is that he was usually not immediately recognized—by Mary Magdalene, the disciples on the way to Emmaus, and the Apostles who had been fishing. Why not?

Because Jesus was resurrected, not simply resuscitated as had been Lazarus, the son of the widow of Naim and the daughter of the synagogue official, Jairus. Jesus had a glorified body, a spiritual body—just the kind we will have when our bodies are resurrected. With that body he was able to pass through the stone that sealed his tomb (the angel rolled the stone back so the women could enter; Jesus was already gone) and into the room where the Apostles were gathered despite the doors being locked. He could appear to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and then disappear, only to appear miles away to the Apostles. He rose into the sky at the end of the 40 days during which he made appearances.

It was a spiritual body, but also a real body. He was not a ghost, as he proved when he showed the Apostles the wounds on his body and ate some baked fish. Surely a spiritual body doesn't need to eat or drink, but Jesus was demonstrating to his Apostles that he was really resurrected.

He was indeed truly resurrected, as Christians have believed from the earliest days of Christianity. St. Paul bases everything about our faith on the Resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins."

Jesus redeemed us by offering himself to God on the cross as the perfect victim. As both human and divine, Jesus died in his humanity, but it was as God that he offered the sacrifice to his Father. His resurrection showed that God accepted the sacrifice and had glorified the victim.

When he appeared to Thomas, who insisted on seeing Jesus for himself before he would believe that Jesus was resurrected, Thomas professed his belief in the words, "My Lord and my God!" Although he had been called the Son of God before, this was the first and only time that Jesus was addressed directly as "God." Jesus then made the declaration for all of us through the ages: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Blessed are we indeed.

(John F. Fink is editor emeritus of The Criterion.) †

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The real Mary Magdalene was a model of faithfulness

By Carl E. Olson
Catholic News Service

St. Mary Magdalene is a hot topic because of the success of Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code*. Drawing from speculations based on gnostic "gospels" written long after the canonical Gospels, the novel claims Mary Magdalene was a "goddess," was married to Jesus and was intended by him to be the Church's leader. There is, however, no factual basis for such speculation.

Who, then, was she?
The four Gospels contain a dozen references to Mary from Magdala, a town on the Sea of Galilee's western shore. She is described as a woman who had suffered from demonic possession and from whom Jesus had expelled seven demons (Mk 16:9; Lk 8:2). She is prominently mentioned as one of the women who accompanied Jesus in his ministry (Lk 8:2) and as a witness of the crucifixion (Mt 27:56; Jn 19:25), of Jesus' burial (Mt 27:61; Mk 15:47) and of the empty tomb (Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-8; Lk 24:10).

She was given a prominent role as the first witness to the resurrected Christ (Mk 16:9; Jn 20:1-18), a remarkable fact since women's testimony was valued little in first-century Jewish society.

In Western tradition, Mary eventually became identified with the sinful woman of Luke's Gospel (Lk 7:37-50) as well as with Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus (Lk 10:38-42 and Jn 11).

However, in the Eastern tradition those three women were identified separately, with feast days on March 21 (the unnamed sinner), March 18 (Mary of Bethany) and July 22 (Mary Magdalene).

The combining of the three women in the Western tradition was due to Pope

St. Gregory the Great (c. 540-604). In 591, he preached a homily in Rome, saying, "She whom Luke calls the sinful woman, whom John calls Mary, we believe to be the Mary from whom seven devils were ejected, according to Mark."

Why this identification?
First, Luke's passage about the "sinful woman" (Lk 7:37-50) immediately precedes the description of "Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out" in Luke 8:2. Pope Gregory apparently harmonized the two descriptions, perhaps because the woman who anointed Jesus (Lk 7:37-50) is described as a "sinner," and Mary had been possessed by seven demons—an indication to some that she was that sinner.

In addition, by the sixth century the biblical city of Magdala had acquired a reputation of depravity and godlessness.

John (Jn 11:1-2) identifies the woman who anointed Christ and dried his feet with her hair as Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus. Pope Gregory may have assumed that the two accounts of a woman anointing the Lord referred to the same event and same woman.

Also important was Pope Gregory's focus on the biblical text's moral implications. He believed that the seven demons that once possessed Mary, though literal demons, also represented the seven deadly sins. At the time of Pope Gregory's homily, Rome was experiencing famine and war, and he took the opportunity to encourage Christians to repent of their sins.

Pope Gregory's creation of a single Mary out of three women is probably not supported by the text. Most Scripture scholars agree that the three women are separate persons.

His facts may not have been accurate,



St. Mary Magdalene is depicted in a church window. She was the first to see the risen Christ and thus the first one committed to proclaim the Good News.

but Pope Gregory intended to praise, not malign, Mary Magdalene. Praise for the woman from Magdala was common in the early Church and medieval era.

Described by some Church fathers as the "apostle to the Apostles," Mary of Magdala was a brave disciple of Jesus who stood at his cross. She was also a witness to the resurrected Christ. The

Church recognizes her as a model of faithfulness, devotion and loyalty to her Lord.

(Carl E. Olson is editor of IgnatiusInsight.com and co-author with Sandra Miesel of *The Da Vinci Hoax: Exposing the Errors in 'The Da Vinci Code,' Ignatius, 2004.*) †

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Encounters with the poor: Living in the spirit of Easter

By Joanne Spisso Sanders
Catholic News Service

At the end of each Mass, the priest or deacon proclaims, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

This invitation has spoken to me personally in different ways over the years.

This year, my husband and I are taking part in a nationally recognized program called "JustFaith," supported by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services.

Fifteen parishioners meet each Monday evening during this 36-week, small-group process that focuses on Catholic social teachings.

We read books on charity and justice, racism, poverty, the global economy or the environment. We view videos and take part in active dialogue, trying truly to listen to each other's views. We are a diverse group of men and women of all ages who are learning more about the conditions of those in need in our community.

We participate in "border experiences" right here in our city, Austin, Texas. Some of us have visited Mary House, a Catholic Worker facility for men and women who have found themselves on the streets. Some have mental and physical handicaps, others have lost jobs and cannot find work, still others have entered the system with no intention of getting out. Their honest sharing touched us.

Others have participated in the distribution of food, clothing and blankets to the street people of our city. The trucks of the Mobile Loaves and Fishes program sponsored by several Churches visit the city's streets every night, providing for those who find themselves trapped by the



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Father Robert J. Vitillo, outgoing executive director of the U.S. bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development, talks with Miriam Membreno about the substandard living conditions in her rental apartment in Washington in June. Carecen, a group funded by CCHD, works with tenants, such as Membreno, to keep the city's apartments livable and affordable for families who are among the working poor.

conditions in which they are forced to live.

We listen to these street people as they wait in line to hear of a possible job or a place to live. Most of them are so polite and thankful for whatever we can do!

Some of us prepare income tax returns for others during tax season, working with a local organization that has trained us using the Internal Revenue Service's computer tax system. Some of us visited a home where undocumented workers come for transitional housing and to make contacts that might help them find jobs.

We shared a meal and talked for several hours about the trials these people

have faced and the treatment they've received in working for meager wages. They want to work and provide for their families back home. Most of those we've talked with wanted eventually to return to their families.

As we contemplate the Easter message of Jesus, we are called to respond to him in a responsible and concrete way. We are challenged to reach out, not only giving of our resources to the poor in charity but also giving of ourselves by working for justice in the world. That way, when we respond to the words "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" at

the conclusion of the Mass, we can truly say "Thanks be to God."

(Information about the JustFaith program is available by e-mailing Jack Jezreel at jack@justfaith.org, or writing him at 7406 Greenlawn Road, Louisville, KY 40222.)

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Marian apparitions explored on History Channel

NEW YORK (CNS)—In May 1982, a year after surviving an assassination attempt, Pope John Paul II knelt and prayed at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

On one level, the gesture represented the Holy Father's gratitude to God—and, by way of intercession, Mary—for sparing his life. But the papal pilgrimage to Fatima also affirmed the importance the Church attaches to the claims of the three peasant children, who in 1917 said that the Blessed Virgin had appeared to them at that site. The last of three visionaries—Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos—died in February at age 97.

Church history is replete with similar stories of such mystical encounters—known as Marian apparitions—many of which are thoughtfully examined in "Visions of Mary," an intelligent and balanced documentary airing Easter Sunday, on March 27, from 8-10 p.m. EST on cable's History Channel.

With Paulist Fathers Frank R. Desiderio and Gregory Apparcel of Paulist Productions as executive producers, the engaging program uses a blend of archival photos and footage, religious artwork, dramatizations and talking-head interviews with noted scholars—both believers and skeptics—to explore one of the most fiercely cherished and controversial forms of popular Catholic devotion.

While the number of reported cases has boomed in recent years, Marian apparitions, as the special points out, are not a new phenomena. The earliest recorded example dates back to St. Gregory in the third century.

The film covers the major visions at Fatima, Lourdes and La Salette in France, and Knock, Ireland, as well as Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and lesser-known apparitions. †

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For holy feasts, Palestinians face circuitous route into Jerusalem

BETHANY, West Bank (CNS)—Technically, Simon Musleh will be able to reach Jerusalem's Mount of Olives for Palm Sunday and Church of the Holy Sepulcher for Easter Mass.

However, the 39-year-old Palestinian Catholic will need to make a 40-minute detour by car past the Jewish settlement city of Ma'aleh Adumim. Or, after he returns home from work on Fridays, he may leave his car on the Jerusalem side of the Israeli-built security wall, just behind the Franciscan housing compound where he lives. Then on Sundays, he can cut through the unfinished security barrier and cross properties belonging to the Comboni Sisters and Passionist Fathers to get to his car.

Either way, his family will have to pass through one, if not two, Israeli military checkpoints.

Before the *intifada*, or Palestinian uprising, began more than four years ago, getting to Jerusalem involved only a five-minute drive. Now Musleh said, the travel time has increased fivefold to the point where once he is home in Bethany he prefers to stay there.

Even on the weekends, his family mainly stays home. Planning to visit family or friends in other nearby villages can take days of working out logistics and requires the family to wake up close to dawn in order to reach their destination by mid-morning because of the detours and checkpoints they will encounter, he said.

The security wall cuts off the main road between Bethany—known as Alazzaria in Arabic—and Jerusalem, preventing cars from driving from Bethany straight up the hill to Bethpage on the Mount of Olives.

For now, there is still uncertainty about the continuing route of the wall because it is under legal dispute since it cuts through Church property.

If Jesus were alive today, he—like today's Palestinians—would have to criss-cross these checkpoints, travel through detours and circumvent the wall to enter Jerusalem from Bethany, as he did in the procession now celebrated on Palm Sunday—though, perhaps as a Jew, the soldiers would just wave him through.

"If Jesus were here, he would talk to us of hope and of not giving up," said Musleh, the father of four children and a cook at the French consulate in East Jerusalem. "He would make the detours and cross the checkpoints and tell us to continue with our struggle. He taught us forgiveness, and he would tell us to let it go, that time will heal [all things.]"

The delays, detours and checkpoints are something Musleh's family faces every day to get to work and school, but Musleh said that on holidays he does not want to go to church in a frustrated state of mind.

Instead, he chooses to stay home, attend Mass at the St. Lazarus at Bethany Church just down the road and play the organ for the small congregation.

"Now we stay home," said Musleh. "Imagine, here we all are, in our holiday clothes crossing through the dirt, what if it is raining? Sometimes soldiers stop you. I prefer not to go and just pray at home or at the church. I prefer not to go out and face the obstacles."

Musleh's wife, Sahar, said she still prefers to take her chances and will go to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for Easter Mass.

"It is difficult going through the checkpoints, so I prefer to go without the children," she said. "I like to celebrate the *Via Dolorosa* (Way of the Cross). Jesus had to suffer pain for us. I like to think of this as giving this pain to God for Jesus and think maybe we will have peace in this land."



Palstinian Catholic Simon Musleh stands with his children—Marianna, 10, Margo, 12, and John, 8—near the Israeli security wall in the West Bank town of Bethany. The wall has made it more difficult for some Palestinians to visit family and friends or attend church services.

About 70 Catholic families live in largely Muslim Bethany. Most of them, like Musleh, moved to this village to escape the overcrowding of East Jerusalem before the outbreak of the *intifada*. As former East Jerusalem residents, they retain blue Israeli identity cards that assure them relatively free passage through the checkpoints.

Reports have circulated that this summer East Jerusalem residents will be forbidden to go into the West Bank, and many East Jerusalem Palestinians will face a difficult choice: remaining in the West Bank villages and losing their Israeli identity cards or moving back into East Jerusalem with its congestion and expensive housing. Jewish residents of Jerusalem will still be able to move freely between Jerusalem and the neighboring settlements, say the reports.

Possession of a blue identity card

allows East Jerusalem residents to receive health insurance, unemployment insurance and, until now at least, more freedom of movement.

Twenty of the Catholic families in Bethany used to live in the Franciscan housing compound, but since the *intifada* and the construction of the wall almost half of them have moved back to East Jerusalem, said David Siniora, 29, a logistician with the European Commission in Jerusalem. Siniora lives in the compound with his parents and three younger siblings.

"We have to go to Jerusalem to visit our relatives. Sometimes we bring sweets we made at home. Inside we feel happiness because of the feast [but then] we have to go through the detours and spend more time [reaching] the relatives, and you begin having different feelings," he said. †

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Memories of Polish Easter festivities bring faith-filled joy

By Pat Wargoeki

Catholic News Service

I'd always thought the Poles knew how to do Easter, and celebrating Easters with my husband Frank's family in the late 1960s before we got married proved I was right! The customs and elaborate meal preparations showed a deep appreciation of the Resurrection.

On Holy Saturday, sisters from the local convent delivered exquisitely painted, hollowed-out eggs to my husband's family. They lived in a tiny enclave in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia. The decorated eggs were placed on the table along with numerous foods, including a block of butter fashioned into a lamb that the priest was to bless as he went door to door blessing the food of his parishioners.

An aroma of lily and hyacinth plants permeated the air all day on Saturday. And in the evening, there was much fanfare as my mother-in-law lovingly chose the embroidered Polish linen cloths for the dining-room table.

On Easter morning, everyone went to early Mass. Relatives started arriving soon thereafter and were treated to a big breakfast buffet with a plethora of pastries, including specialties like plum-filled donuts.

During the day, the adults scurried about in the kitchen preparing the meal, while the children went downstairs to play with my husband's old train set or to take turns talking on his ham radio.

Eventually, the wafting smells of *kielbasa* (Polish sausage) enticed everyone back upstairs. The Easter dinner items were sumptuous. There was also ham, hard-boiled eggs, *sledzie* (Polish pickled herring), red beets, noodles and sauerkraut casserole, green beans Polonaise

(beans coated with bread crumbs sautéed in butter), rye bread and cucumber salad. Everything was so colorful. Even the eggs were dyed in beet juice to symbolize new life.

Before eating, a prayer would be said and the ceremony with the *oplatekes* (wafers carefully set aside from New Year's dinner) began. *Djiadjia*, my husband's grandfather, would hold up a wafer and break off a small piece for the person next to him while saying a blessing. This ritual continued until all the pieces were consumed.

Some of the blessings were so touching that tears flowed. Others were light-hearted and fun. It was like a circle of love and joy, much as I imagined the ecstatic reunions between the risen Lord and his mother, Apostles and followers. I'll bet the Apostles hung on Jesus' every word.

That's what amazed me about Easter dinners at my husband's home. Everyone, even the children, sat around the table for hours telling stories, teasing and bragging or complaining about their latest ventures.

Since music is such a big part of Polish culture, most of the children played some instrument. During the lull between dinner and dessert, it was traditional for the children to entertain the adults by playing the piano, violin or accordion.

My favorite sounds, though, were those coming from the kitchen after dinner when the women chatted together while doing dishes by hand.

Just before dessert, my father-in-law would put on the *Mazowsze* (a record of Polish folk songs), and everyone would go back to the table, this time for an array of pastries, including *babka* (a rum-soaked cake) and Aunt Mildred's famous dessert *pirogies* filled with yummy fruits and cheeses.



Delicately decorated eggs make the centerpiece of many Polish and Ukrainian Easter tables.

It seemed as if the food offerings were endless, but sharing food was a crucial part of the Polish Easter. The meal reminded me how joyous it must have been for the Apostles to be able to break

bread with Jesus again after his resurrection.

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Catholics are called to help carry out the Church's mission

By Fr. Lawrence E. Mick

There's a lot to be said about the simple words of the dismissal at the conclusion of the Mass.

Curiously, the dismissal casts light for us on the meaning of Easter.

In Latin, the formula for the dismissal says "*Ite, missa est*" and the people respond "*Deo gratias*."

Our current English missal offers three variations for the presider: "Go in the peace of Christ," "The Mass is ended, go in peace" or "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." The people's response to each is the same: "Thanks be to God."

A literal translation of the Latin words would be "Go, it is the dismissal."

"*Missa*" is a technical Latin term for the ending of an official assembly. Yet, from the fourth century on, this term was applied to the whole celebration. The name we use for the eucharistic celebration, "the Mass," comes from this word in the dismissal, "*missa*."

All of this suggests that our ancestors in the faith saw the dismissal at the conclusion of the Mass as more than a simple ending for the liturgy.

The key to understanding the compact Latin phrase for the dismissal lies in another word related to "*missa*"—"mission." When the liturgy concludes, we are sent forth to carry on the mission that has been entrusted to the Church by her Lord.

Why do we respond to the dismissal by saying "Thanks be to God"? It isn't because the Mass is finished! Rather, the response expresses our gratitude that God

has trusted us with this crucial work and given us the grace we need to carry out our mission.

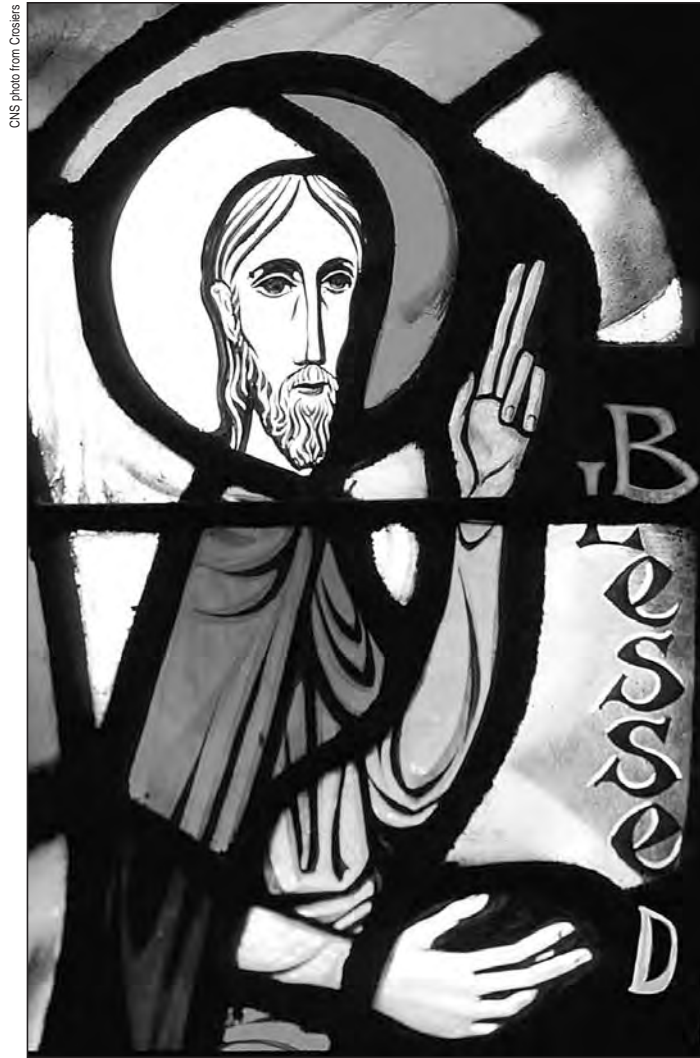
In his apostolic letter announcing the Year of the Eucharist from October 2004 to October 2005, Pope John Paul II spoke of the connection between the Eucharist and our efforts to carry on Christ's mission. As the Eucharist celebrates our unity in Christ, it also commissions us to promote unity in our world.

"The Christian who takes part in the Eucharist learns to become a promoter of communion, peace and solidarity in every situation," the pope wrote. "More than ever, our troubled world, which began the new millennium with the specter of terrorism and the tragedy of war, demands that Christians learn to experience the Eucharist as a great school of peace, forming men and women who, at various levels of responsibility in social, cultural and political life, can become promoters of dialogue and communion."

The Holy Father then stressed that the Eucharist pushes us to build a more just society.

"There is one other point which I would like to emphasize, since it significantly affects the authenticity of our communal sharing in the Eucharist," he wrote. "It is the impulse which the Eucharist gives to the community for a practical commitment to building a more just and fraternal society."

"In the Eucharist, our God has shown love in the extreme," the pope noted, "overturning all those criteria of power which too often govern human relations



A church window depicts Jesus giving his Sermon on the Mount, which begins with the Beatitudes. Christ's announcement of the kingdom of God with the invitation to conversion is the third theme of the five new "mysteries of light" for praying the rosary. When the eucharistic liturgy concludes, we are sent forth to carry on the mission that has been entrusted to the Church by the Lord. We are called to share the Good News of Christ with others on Easter and every day. In his apostolic letter announcing the Year of the Eucharist from October 2004 to October 2005, Pope John Paul II spoke of the connection between the Eucharist and our efforts to carry on Christ's mission. "The Christian who takes part in the Eucharist learns to become a promoter of communion, peace and solidarity in every situation," the Holy Father wrote. "... In the Eucharist, our God has shown love in the extreme."

Sunday celebrates 'new creation'

By David Gibson

Easter returns weekly on Sunday, Pope John Paul II wrote in a 1998 message to the Church.

Every Sunday is a time to celebrate "the dawn of 'the new creation,'" he said, that arrived with the first Easter.

So Easter pervades the entire year for the Church's people, and every Sunday is a time to reflect on Easter's impact.

What might be involved in reflecting Sunday by Sunday on what Easter means for day-by-day living?

If Easter signifies the arrival in Christ of a new creation, what does "new creation" imply for how we go about things? Isn't a new creation a new beginning, a

starting or restarting point?

That would make the time of a new creation a time for hope that important dimensions of life can experience a new, more positive direction.

What needs to be done differently in our lives so that a new beginning can be made in a personal relationship, a damaging attitude can give way to one that is life-giving or a lifestyle that leaves us feeling lost can be reshaped or even recreated?

If every Sunday is a little Easter, isn't every Sunday the day to reflect on ways of making room in our own circumstances for a new creation?

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!) †

and radically affirming the criterion of service: 'If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all' (Mk 9:35). It is not by chance that the Gospel of John contains no account of the institution of the Eucharist, but instead relates the 'washing of feet' (cf. Jn 13:1-20); by bending down to wash the feet of his disciples, Jesus explains the meaning of the Eucharist unequivocally. St. Paul vigorously reaffirms the impropriety of a eucharistic celebration lacking charity expressed by practical sharing with the poor" (cf. 1 Cor 11:17-22, 27-34, Ibid., #28).

Today, the Church's *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explains that with the dismissal at the conclusion of the Mass, each person is to "go out to do good works, praising and blessing God" (#90).

When we are sent forth from the Mass, we are sent to bring the good news to the world, to proclaim the new life of Easter.

And what happens after we leave the

liturgy reveals whether or not our worship has been authentic.

Pope John Paul II made this point clearly in his apostolic letter for the Year of the Eucharist.

"We cannot delude ourselves: By our mutual love and, in particular, by our concern for those in need," he wrote, "we will be recognized as true followers of Christ (cf. Jn 13:35; Mt 25:31-46). This will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our eucharistic celebrations is judged."

We are called to give thanks and praise to God, both in our worship and by the way we live. Our efforts for peace and justice give God praise and express our gratitude for all that God has done for us.

That's what we are sent forth from Mass to do—on Easter and every day.

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Discussion Point

Everyone is in need of Christ

This Week's Question

"Concern for those in need" identifies us "as true followers of Christ," Pope John Paul II said. Today, who is "in need" of help?

"What the Holy Father says is that we have to evangelize everyone because everyone is in need of Christ." (Nick Canuso, Prairie Village, Kan.)

"Single mothers, people who have lost their jobs with downsizing and layoffs, and wives going back to work because their husbands lost their jobs. Most people who come to our [parish's] outreach program are humble and all used up, and take anything you give them." (Clare Wood, Georgetown, Ky.)

"I think, besides the obvious needs of people for food, clothes, shelter and medicine, we have a strong need for compassion and understanding for our fellow men,

especially in war-torn countries. And if we don't have understanding, we can't come to peace." (Madeleine Zunino, Reno, Nev.)

"We help the indigent, the needy—especially the young—who need to be given the basic necessities as an expression of our love and charity. By receiving, they can give thanks to God." (Father Christopher Keahi, SS.CC., Waiialua, Hawaii)

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Jesus in the Gospels: He worked miracles

We cannot discuss the Jesus who is revealed in the Gospels without discussing the miracles he worked. Yet some Christians seem to be embarrassed by the miracles and try to explain them away, pretending they didn't really happen.



At the beginning of his book *Miracles*, C. S. Lewis wrote, "Whatever experiences we may have, we shall not regard them as miraculous if we already hold a philosophy which excludes the supernatural." If we don't believe in the supernatural, of course we don't believe in miracles. But how can Christians not believe in the supernatural?

If we don't accept miracles, we might as well discard the Gospels as fiction. Between Cana and Calvary, we are told that Jesus performed 33 individual miracles, plus the occasions when he cured great numbers of people. That doesn't include either what Lewis called the

"Grand Miracle" (the Incarnation) or the Resurrection—surely the grandest of all.

Eight of those 33 miracles demonstrated Jesus' power over nature: He changed water into wine, twice multiplied loaves and fish to feed large crowds, calmed a storm at sea, walked on water, twice caused large catches of fish, and cursed a fig tree to make it barren. The other 25 miracles concerned human beings: He raised three people from the dead, healed 15 people of diseases or physical defects, cast out six demons and restored a severed ear.

Some people who are embarrassed by miracles try to explain them by saying that the people of Jesus' time were ignorant of scientific laws or of modern medicine. I guess they prefer that we believe that a lowly carpenter from a small village in Palestine had somehow learned of those laws 2,000 years ago.

Some people simply cannot accept the possibility of miracles. A miracle violates the laws of nature, they say. But that isn't true. A miracle is an exception to the laws of nature, but the laws still exist. The law of gravity isn't "violated" when

a man catches a ball on its way to the ground. So it is with miracles: God wills to intervene in some way.

Why are there miracles in the Gospels? John's Gospel explains that better than the other three, although it details fewer miracles—only seven, which Jesus calls his "works." Jesus said, "The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me" (Jn 5:36).

Later, he makes the same point: "Even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize [and understand] that the Father is in me and I am in the Father" (Jn 10:38). He used his miracles as a way to get people to believe not only in his message, but in himself.

Even his enemies accepted the fact that he performed them: "The chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, 'What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs. If we leave him alone, all will believe in him'" (Jn 11:47-48).

That's why Jesus worked miracles. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Easter, the triumph of non-zealotry

Nobody loves a zealot. Fanatics just don't appeal to us, even when their influence is great enough to change history. Think about John Brown or Carrie Nation.



The original Zealots were a Jewish group who opposed Greek influence and, later, Roman rule.

They assassinated those who adopted Roman customs and their greatest victory was seizing the fortress of Masada after killing all the Romans there.

Maybe that's why God sent us the promise of salvation through Christ rather than in the form of some zealot insisting we adopt his point of view or be killed. Instead, we are encouraged by a humble, quiet God-man to follow him so that we might live—forever.

Still, Christ is divine and that is the centerpiece of our religion. God loved us so much that he sent a person of himself to live in human form as we do, teaching us the way back to God and freeing us from our human sins by his own suffering and death.

Sometimes, especially in our

American passion for tolerance, we forget about the importance of Christ's divinity to salvation when we recognize truths and virtues in other belief systems. We try to respect these ideas, and people who hold them, by wrongly promoting them to the level of essential truth we know exists in Christianity and the Catholic Church.

According to a Catholic News Service story of last December, Jesuit Father Roger Haight seems to be considered guilty of such error by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The congregation forbade Father Haight from teaching theology after investigating a book he published in 2001. CNS reported that, "The Vatican's critique focused on *Jesus, Symbol of God*, which explained the themes of Christ's divinity, the Resurrection, the Trinity and salvation for non-Christians."

The story continued, "While Father Haight said, 'Jesus must be considered divine,' this is symbolic and 'Jesus was a human being like us'... Father Haight said, 'because of modern pluralistic consciousness,' one cannot continue to affirm that Christianity is a superior religion or that Christ is the centerpiece of God's plan for salvation."

While I've not read the book and can't

say for certain, I conclude from other quotations in the CNS article that Father Haight may be embroiled in semantic misunderstandings. Remember, he was writing for non-Christians. For example, he wrote, "The normative revelation of Jesus posits that God's grace is operative in other religions."

He continued, "Affirming the validity of other religions does not undermine the normativity of Jesus Christ. And affirming the normativity of Jesus Christ, not simply for Christians, but for all human beings, does not undermine the validity and truth contained in other religions."

Finally, "Christianity in the 21st century must confront new problems and issues that will generate genuinely new understandings and behavior patterns in and by the Churches... but at the same time Christianity, in this case in its theology and Christology, must remain faithful to its originating revelation and consistent tradition."

Easter is our original revelation, and belief in eternal life through Christ is our consistent tradition. Alleluia.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Planned journey from Exodus to Easter

In January when I began my daily reading of the Bible from its beginning, I did not expect to be slowed down so often because of thought-provoking passages and commentaries in *Today's Light Bible: New International Version*. Every time I think I'm cruising along in the Old Testament, I then read



a "Get the Big Picture" preface or a "Sharpen the Focus" suggestion at the end of a daily passage that inspires time-consuming research. No, I don't have to make detours, but my inquisitive nature demands this—and it is enjoyable.

When starting the Book of Exodus in Lent, I came across this "big picture" idea that halted me: "The exodus of the Israelites from Egypt could be called *The Old Testament Easter*." I'd never thought of that before. If the point were offered in previous studies or in homilies

I've heard through the years, it was lost on me (probably because I wasn't open to it or wasn't paying attention).

Enamored with the Exodus/Easter idea, I spent hours trying to see this from all angles by finishing and then re-reading parts of Exodus and by doing research. This took me to the www.upperroom.org Web site, where I found a blurb about a book titled *Forward to Freedom: From Exodus to Easter*, written by David Adam, the vicar of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne in the United Kingdom.

No, I didn't order the book because I already had my Lenten reading in hand, but I did learn that it examines Exodus, suggests risking the "desert of uncertainty to receive the freedom that God [originally] offered Adam," and "encourages readers to leave that which captivates them—and then move forward." I suggest readers study Exodus in order to better understand the path to Easter and the Resurrection.

On our path to Easter, my husband and I instead followed *The Little Black Book*

provided by our parish. Bishop Ken Untener, who died in 2004 in his Diocese of Saginaw, Mich., wrote the six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Mark. The book eased our personal exodus to Easter, widened our knowledge about the Lenten and Easter seasons, and helped us understand the impact of the Resurrection in new ways.

We learned about "Paczki Day" (a Polish Shrove Tuesday), as well as other eclectic points, including feast days, i.e. St. Patrick, St. Joseph, St. Peter, St. Scholastica and St. Frances of Rome. (Did you know she is the patron of motorists?) It explained the history of St. Mark's Gospel and Church customs—and even gave an example of amusing (albeit blasphemous) fifth-century graffiti.

Most of all, *The Little Black Book* gently enlightened us during our "exodus" toward an ever-beautiful Easter!

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Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

Families living out of sync in the world

The life of the Church during the Holy Triduum seems out of sync with the way its life is lived during the rest of the year.



The times when we gather for worship are different. The ways in which we worship stand in striking contrast to the ordinary celebration of the Eucharist.

Only during the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper does the celebrant wash the feet of members of the congregation. Only during the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion do we venerate the cross. And it is only in the great Easter Vigil that our worship starts in shadows and ends in the bright light that scatters the darkness.

The difference of these three days suggests that something important was revealed to creation in the events that happened 2,000 years ago, events that enter our own time and space here and now.

Up until the time of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, his disciples at best only had a faint understanding of his true identity. But after the events of those three days, their eyes were opened. Eventually, their tongues were loosed as well to proclaim the Good News that they had experienced in the risen Lord.

It also suggests that the truth revealed in those culminating events of Christ's life on earth do not resonate with what the world believes to be true.

After all, Jesus achieved ultimate victory in a death that the world would see as the worst of defeats. This contradiction can still serve as a challenge to us today.

But do we accept it? Are we willing to shape our lives according to the model that Christ gave us in his suffering and death, a model which is absurd to the world in which we live?

I will be the first to say that it is very easy to pay honor to this mystery with my lips, but more difficult to let it live through me in my every thought, word and deed. I want to embrace it with my heart, but before its power and its challenge, I too often shrink back.

It is natural for us to forsake the folly of the cross because we think that we are far removed from it. We celebrate it year after year, but it does not seem to have the dramatic effects in our lives that it did for the Apostles.

The events that we recount in the Triduum dare us to show the world in which we live a different way of life, one that is out of sync with what we see so often all around us.

Instead of families finding fulfillment in collecting more things, we can seize success in learning to live with less and giving more to those who are truly in need. Christ emptied himself on the cross, giving everything of himself to us in love.

Instead of focusing on our ambitions, climbing the ladder of advancement in our careers and hearing the adulation of the crowd, we can lower ourselves in humility, turning our hearts to our children and the hidden life of our home. Christ humbled himself and took the form of a slave, obediently accepting death—death on a cross.

What we celebrate in the Holy Triduum isn't far removed from us. It is as close to us as our homes, our schools and the places where we work.

Maybe we like to think that it is stuck in a world 2,000 years ago because then we don't have to confront the challenge that it sets before us in all of these places.

Yes, the message of the Triduum is out of sync with our world. But there is Good News to be found there. This is what the Apostles experienced on the morning of the first day of the week. We can experience it in our own lives as well. †

Easter Sunday/ Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord/

Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 27, 2005

- Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-9

Today the Church celebrates the greatest day of its year, both in terms of the message it presents in the Liturgy of the Word, and in the nearness to Jesus, the living Son of God and Redeemer. It is Easter, the feast of the Lord's Resurrection.

On Holy Saturday, the day preceding Easter, the Church will have celebrated the Easter Vigil, surely one of its most dramatic and expressive liturgical moments.

These readings are proclaimed at Masses during the day on Easter Sunday.

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, a source that will be very much used as the season of Easter progresses in coming weeks.

These readings, and certainly this reading, will give us a glimpse into life in the early Christian community in Jerusalem. It is reasonable to assume that this community was quite small.

Also, in the sequence of Acts, the event reported in today's reading occurred after the Lord's Ascension, perhaps not that long after the Ascension.

Beneath the details is the reality that the words of Jesus, the ascended Lord, were fresh in the minds of the Apostles and other members of the community.

Furthermore, the wish to follow the Lord's instructions and example was understandably strong.

As Easter's reading shows, they also proclaimed redemption in Christ. So, in what today is called evangelization, they sensed the obligation to make the mercy of God in Jesus known to other people.

This reading, and others similar to it, are called "kerygmatic," from the Greek word for message, "kerygma."

This reading, and the others, is crisp in giving the fundamental points of the Gospel. These points are that Jesus was

not only God's messenger, but also the Savior, crucified on Calvary. He still brings God's life to the world. He rose from the dead.

Peter is the spokesman for the Apostles. Indeed, throughout Acts, Peter appears in the critical role of being head of the Twelve and of the community in general. In this reading, the Church also teaches the meaning of Peter's office.

For its second reading, the Church gives us a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians.

According to this epistle, Christians also have been raised to new life. Their new life is in the resurrected, living Christ. As Christ is in heaven, so the thoughts of Christians must be on heaven.

The resurrection narrative in St. John's Gospel provides the last reading.

It is the account of the first Easter morning. Mary of Magdala was at the tomb, but she found it empty so she rushed to inform Peter. Reaching Peter, she anxiously said that the Lord's body had been taken away.

At once, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," traditionally thought to have been the Apostle John but never actually identified as such in the Gospel, and Peter hurried to the tomb. The disciple arrived first, but he waited for Peter, another indication of Peter's status.

Peter entered the tomb, saw that it was empty, but evidently did not realize Jesus had risen, although the Gospel does not say this. It does say that the beloved disciple realized what had occurred.

Reflection

This feast of Easter, and these readings, are overwhelming in their message. This message has many implications and lessons. Two might be mentioned.

The first lesson is that only because of complete trust, faith and love did the disciple whom Jesus loved realize what had happened. God comes to no one who has not completely given himself or herself to God.

The second lesson is drawn from the Church's use of Acts as a source. Jesus lives on expressly through the Church. It bears the Good News for each age. The Apostles speak for it. They are its authority, and Peter speaks for them. †



Daily Readings

Monday, March 28

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, March 29

Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
John 20:11-18

Wednesday, March 30

Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, March 31

Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2ab, 5-9
Luke 24:3-48

Friday, April 1

Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a
John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 2

Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1, 14-15, 16-21
Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 3

Second Sunday of Easter or
Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Society of St. Pius X is a schismatic religious group

Q May Catholics who are sincere members of their faith fulfill their Sunday obligation by attending Mass where priests are known as Pius X congregation and ministers?



I know nothing about them. Are they Roman Catholic and in communion with Rome? (Indiana)

A You are speaking of the schismatic religious group known as the Society of St. Pius X.

The society was founded in 1970 by the late French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre (popularly known as Lefebvrites), who ended his association with the Roman Catholic Church because he rejected many of the teachings and reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

He was excommunicated in 1988 after ordaining four bishops against the objection of Pope John Paul II.

He, the priests and other members of his society have repudiated the Second Vatican Council, especially its liturgical reforms and the ecumenical efforts encouraged by the council and by the Church during the past 40 years.

They have insisted on Mass in the Tridentine rite, rejecting the present norms for Mass approved by Pope Paul VI, and they have disclaimed bonds with the pope.

At least some Lefebvrite priests and laity claim the excommunication pronounced by the Church is invalid because the Catholic Church is itself in error and therefore incapable of declaring such judgments.

When he excommunicated Archbishop Lefebvre, the pope said similar excommunication was possible for all priests and laity who "adhere to the schism."

The Vatican's *Ecclesia Dei* commission, which the pope established to help Archbishop Lefebvre followers return to communion with the Catholic Church, has said the society's priests are suspended, but are not automatically excommunicated.

Bishop Lefebvre died in 1991, but his society continues. It claims to have about 100 "chapels" in the United States, but its membership is particularly strong in Switzerland, where it operates a number of parishes. About 60 seminarians from many nations attend its seminary in the town of Riddes.

By Church law, the Sunday obligation

may be fulfilled by attending "Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite."

The above information and regulations regarding schismatic Churches in the Vatican's 1993 *Directory for Ecumenical Activities* show that Catholics should not attempt to fulfill Sunday obligations by attending a Lefebvrite Church liturgy.

This prohibition has been made explicit and public by a number of bishops, including at least one in the United States.

In the Swiss Diocese of Sion, where the seminary is located and where Lefebvre followers are active, some Catholics attend Mass and receive Communion in the Society of St. Pius X churches.

The vicar general of the Diocese of Sion said several years ago that this practice is prohibited for Catholics.

Q Your recent column on salvation for non-Christians and why we should send missionaries was good, but I think it missed the point.

The goal of evangelization is not only the salvation of individuals, but also the restoration of human society, the kingdom of God of which Jesus spoke often. If this came about, our planet would be one of justice, love and peace—a great reduction of hatred, violence, broken promises and injustice.

This kind of world is hard to envision when we look around us. It can come only through the efforts of women and men directed by the Holy Spirit of Jesus. And that requires evangelization—lots of it. (New York)

A You said it very well. I appreciate your words and will keep them in mind whenever I again discuss why we need the missionary work of the Church. †

My Journey to God

Those Days of Dark Despair

How dark the hour for those who loved the Lord ...

Engulfed in failure, grief and mortal dread,
Mourning the death of Him they had adored,
Most of His closest friends despaired, and fled.

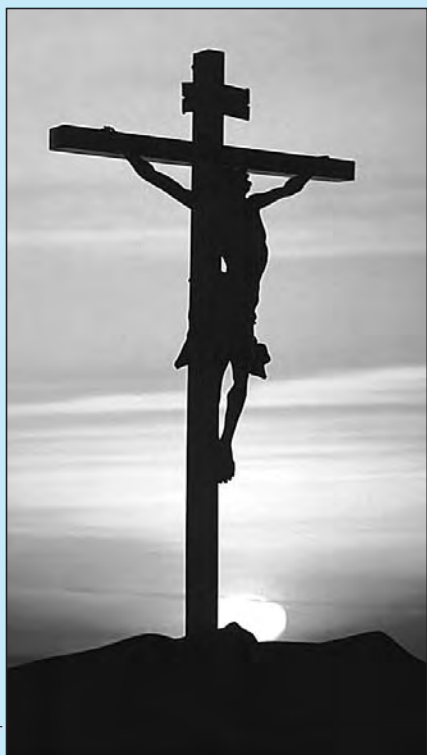
But near the cross, His agony to share,
The young disciple Jesus loved sustained
The mother Christ entrusted to his care,
Whose grace would bless the home that John maintained.

All hope had vanished from that brutal day.
Christ's death erased the Twelve's once-firm belief.
In Joseph's tomb His shrouded body lay,
Attending angels silent in their grief.

Then blazed the joy, the triumph Easter gives:
"Praise God, the dead is risen! ... Jesus lives!"

By Anna Margaret O'Sullivan

(Anna Margaret O'Sullivan is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin.)



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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.

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March 25

St. Joan of Arc Church, 4217 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Rosary and Way of the Cross, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1530 Union St., **Indianapolis**. Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

March 26

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 523 S. Merrill St., **Fortville**. Blessing of the first foods of Easter. Information: 317-485-5102.

Holy Trinity Church, 2618 W. St. Clair St., **Indianapolis**. Easter food blessing, 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-631-2939 or e-mail holytrinityindy@catholicweb.com.

March 27

MKVS and DM Center, **Rexville** (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles). Mass, 3:30 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551 or e-mail frburwink@seidata.com or log on to Schoenstatt website at www.seidata.com/~frburwink.

March 29-April 3

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., **Sunman**. Parish

mission, Father Simon Stefanowicz, presenter. Confessions, 6 p.m., Mass, 7 p.m., on March 29-April 1. Mass, 8:20 a.m. on April 2, followed by healing service. Divine Mercy Sunday celebration, 2 p.m. on April 3. Information: 812-623-2964.

April 1

St. Luke Parish, 7575 Holliday Dr. East, **Indianapolis**. Natural Family Planning class, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-465-0126.

Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 1402 Southern Ave., **Beech Grove**. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Mass, prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Information: 317-797-2460.

April 2

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Providence Center, **St. Mary-of-the-Woods**. "Poetry Reflection Day," Providence Sisters Marie McCarthy and Rosemary Nudd and Congregation of Christian Brother Barry Donaghue, presenters. Information: 812-535-4531.

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, **Oldenburg**. "Taste the Goodness of Super Foods," 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$20 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

April 3

Holy Family Council, Knights of Columbus Hall, 200 N. Lynhurst Dr., **Indianapolis**. Breakfast, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: 317-240-3782.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Divine Mercy Sunday, silent adoration, 2-3 p.m., chaplet, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-255-3666.

St. Bartholomew Church, 1306 27th St., **Columbus**. Feast of Divine Mercy, 3-4 p.m. Information: 812-379-9353.

St. Gabriel Church, 232 W. 9th St., **Connersville**. Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration, 1-3 p.m.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Feast of Divine Mercy, 2-4 p.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

St. Mary Church, 720 N. "A" St., **Richmond**. Divine Mercy Sunday, reconciliation, 12:30 p.m., service, 2:30 p.m. Information: 765-962-3902.

April 4

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., **Indianapolis**. Prayer service for continued renewal of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and its ministry, 5:30-6 p.m. Information: 317-545-7681.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., **Indianapolis**. Free workshop for women with cancer, noon-2 p.m. Information: 317-782-7986.

Borders Bookstore, 7565 U.S. 31 South, **Indianapolis**. St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, Spirit of Women's Wellness Book Club, *The Amateur Marriage*, 7 p.m. Information: 317-865-5864.

April 6

Bourbon Street Distillery, 361 Indiana Ave., **Indianapolis**. Theology on Tap, 7 p.m.

April 8

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Lumen Dei meeting, Mass, 6:30 a.m., breakfast in Priori Hall, Father Frank Pavone, founder and director of Priests for Life in Staten Island, N.Y., presenter, \$15 members, \$20 guests. Information: 317-919-5316.

St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., **Indianapolis**. Natural Family Planning class, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-865-5554.

April 8-10

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., **Indianapolis**. Tobit marriage preparation weekend retreat. Information: 317-545-7681.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Dr., **St. Meinrad**. Weekend retreat, "Heaven-Let's Go!" Benedictine Father Joseph Cox, presenter. Information: www.saintmeinrad.edu or mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

April 9

Christ the King Parish, Msgr. Tuohy Hall, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. First annual Catholic Pro-Life dinner and concert featuring internationally known Catholic musician Tatiana in concert, 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, 7 p.m., and program by Father Frank Pavone, founder and director of Priests for Life in Staten Island, N.Y., \$25 adults, \$20 students. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, 317-236-1521.

Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**. Annual spring rummage sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Malachy Parish, Noll Hall, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. Arts and Crafts Fair, food, crafts, quilts, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane, **New Albany**. Spring Prayer Breakfast for those who have lost a loved one, Father Terry Tatro, speaker, 9-11 a.m. Information: 812-945-2374.

April 10

Holiday Inn, Conference Center, State Road 46 West, **Columbus**. First annual Catholic Pro-Life dinner and concert featuring internationally known Catholic musician Tatiana in concert, 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, 7 p.m., and program by Father Frank Pavone, founder and director of Priests for Life in Staten Island, N.Y., \$25 adults, \$20 students. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, 317-236-1521.

April 11

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1752 Scheller Lane, **New Albany**. Catholics Returning Home, 7-9 p.m. Information: 812-945-2374.

Monthly

First Sundays

Marian College, Ruth Lilly Student Center, 3200 Cold Spring Road, **Indianapolis**. People of Peace secular Franciscan order, noon-2 p.m. Information: 317-955-6775.

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, **Indianapolis**. Euchre, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

St. Paul Church, 218 Scheller Ave., **Sellersburg**. Prayer group, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555.

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.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., **Beech Grove**. "Women: No Longer Second Class," program, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581.

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.

Brebeuf 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. Charles Borromeo Church, chapel, 2222 E. Third St., **Bloomington**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon-6 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 "T" St., **Bedford**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass-9 a.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., eucharistic adoration following Mass until 5 p.m. Benediction. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Peter Church, 1207 East Road, **Brookville**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. until Communion service, 1 p.m.

Holy Guardian Angels Church, 405 U.S. 52, **Cedar Grove**. Eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass-5 p.m.

SS. Francis and Clare Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, **Greenwood**. Mass, 8 a.m., adoration, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sacred Heart Chaplet, 8:30 a.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 p.m. Information: 317-859-4673.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:15 a.m. Mass-5:30 p.m. Benediction and service.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:45 p.m. Mass-9 a.m. Saturday. Information: 317-636-4478.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman Ave., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:30 p.m. Mass, hour of silent prayer and reflection followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 4 p.m., rosary, 5 p.m., Benediction, 5:30 p.m., Mass, 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Sacred Heart devotion, 11 a.m., holy hour, 6-7 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1752 Scheller Lane, **New Albany**. Adoration concluding with confessions at 6 p.m. Benediction, 6:45 p.m. †

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News briefs

U.S.

With North American summit ahead, immigration on the table

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As the presidents of the United States, Mexico and Canada prepared to hold a summit meeting on March 23, advocates for immigration reform lined up to press Congress and the White House to “repair a broken system.” Washington Auxiliary Bishop Kevin J. Farrell said the consequences of the immigration system’s failures are seen daily by the Church “in our parishes, schools, hospitals and health care centers, and social service programs around the country.” Speaking at a March 17 press conference organized by the National Immigration Forum, Bishop Farrell, a member of the bishops’ migration committee and an immigrant from Ireland himself, said “the status quo is unacceptable. ... We must change our immigration laws so that migrants and their families may enter our nation in a safe, orderly, legal and humane manner.”

Indiana parishioners learn tradition of palm weaving

HAMMOND, Ind. (CNS)—When people at St. John Bosco Parish in Hammond received their palms on Palm Sunday, they knew what to do with them, thanks to a sister in the parish who has been weaving palms for nearly half a century. Parishioners gathered in the school cafeteria after the 10 a.m. Mass on television on March 20 to learn from and work with Sister Joan Romaniak, a Sister of St. Joseph-Third Order of St. Francis. For more than 40 years, she has been weaving palms—something she learned at home and in her early days in the convent. “My mother taught me as a child,” Sister Joan recalled. “We remember Jesus walking with the palms on Palm Sunday, and, growing up, the palm was a symbol of protection of the home, especially during a storm.” The weather was clear in Hammond this Palm Sunday and, between religious education students and curious adults, Sister Joan had a captive audience—some of whom had an easier time weaving palms than others.

USCCB publishes U.S. edition of Vatican social doctrine compendium

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* issued last October by the Vatican is now available to U.S. readers in an exclusive American edition published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The 480-page paperback publication sells for \$24.95. The compendium, published at the request of Pope John Paul II, tackles such issues as human rights, terrorism, the family and marriage, workers’ rights, economic systems, peace and war, and politics. Patrick Markey, director of marketing for USCCB Publishing, said that, since the U.S. edition was announced in late 2004,

people from all spectrums of society have been contacting the USCCB for information about its publication.

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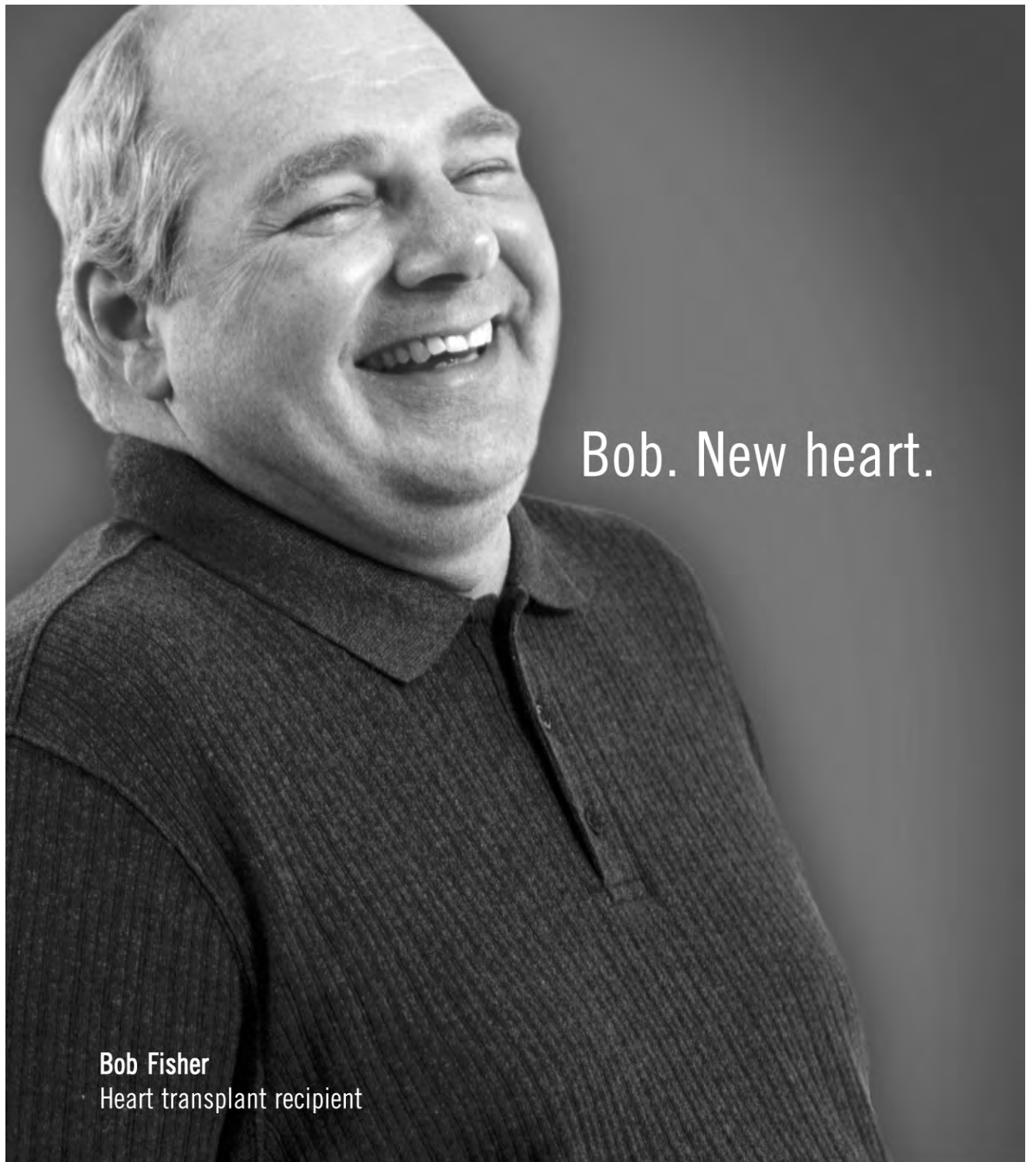
Vatican says Argentina is violating religious freedom

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In the midst of a political debate over abortion and condoms, the Argentine government has withdrawn the commission and salary of the bishop serving members of the nation’s military. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican spokesman, reacted by saying that if Bishop Antonio Baseotto, who was appointed military ordinary by Pope John Paul II, is impeded from ministering to the troops, it would be “a violation of religious liberty.” The government of Argentine President Nestor Kirchner issued a decree on March 18 withdrawing its recognition of Bishop Baseotto as the bishop for Catholic members of its military. The government also withdrew the

bishop’s salary and the public funding it provides to the military ordinariate.

Pope misses Mass, but offers Palm Sunday blessing from residence

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—From the studio window of his residence, Pope John Paul II silently blessed thousands of faithful gathered in St. Peter’s Square for Palm Sunday and the diocesan celebration of World Youth Day. For the first time in his 26-year pontificate, the pope did not preside over the Palm Sunday Mass, nor did he deliver the Angelus address and prayer at the end of the solemn ceremony on March 20. Instead, the pope’s Angelus address was read and the midday prayer recited from the square below by Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, a top official in the Vatican Secretariat of State. The archbishop said the pope followed on television the ceremony that marks the beginning of Holy Week. Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope’s vicar for the Diocese of Rome, presided over the Palm Sunday Mass. †



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Waiting and helping

Catholic parishioner Debbie Cornall of Auburn, N.Y., waited 11 months for her son, Joseph, to return from National Guard duty in Iraq. In the meantime, she started the Child to Child program, collecting clothing, shoes and school supplies to be sent to Iraqis in need.



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Rest in peace

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ANNEE, Mildred C. (Habig), 86, St. Roch, Indianapolis, March 9. Wife of Louis Annee. Mother of Janet Bradley, Barbara Huser, Joseph, Louis, Paul and Robert Annee. Sister of Marie Atkinson, Louise Sullivan and Charles Habig. Grandmother of 25. Great-grandmother of 50.

BROWN, Maude K., 72, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Feb. 25. Mother of Erma Turner, Patricia and Rickey Brown. Great-grandmother of two.

CARADONNA, Leoda M. (Ringenberg), 92, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, March 10. Mother of Carol Knight.

CODY, Thomas A., 89, Christ the King, Indianapolis, March 10. Father of Janet Meyer, Julie and Gregory Cody. Brother of Cecilia Maloney. Grandfather of 11.

DWIGENS, Pat, 68, SS Francis and Clare, Greenwood, Feb. 27. Wife of Charles Dwigens. Mother of Victoria

Storey and Kenneth Dwigens. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of one.

GAUCK, Richard G., 91, St. Maurice, Greensburg, March 15. Husband of Ruth A. (Wenning) Gauck. Father of Jane Hammersmith, Lois Nobbe, Carol Shaver, Janet Swain, Pattie Westerfeld, Dale, James, Kenny and Rick Gauck. Brother of Dorothy Coghlan. Grandfather of 28. Great-grandfather of 19.

GEHRING, Leo J., 89, Holy Family, Oldenburg, March 12. Father of Jeanette Lamping, Barb Nobbe, Sharon Steinfort and Steve Gehring. Brother of Emma Biltz and Emil Gehring. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 10.

GEGNER, Paul Michael, 66, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Feb. 27. Husband of Rebecca Gegner. Father of John and Michael Gegner. Stepfather of Terran Langston, Michelle, Phillip and William Butcher. Stepson of Anne Gegner. Brother of Nancy Tomlinson. Half-brother of Michelle Ringler. Grandfather of 17.

GOODWIN, Charles, 31, Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, Feb. 9. Son of Nancy Goodwin. Brother of Beth Gogin, Sandy Goins, Anna Goodwin and Melissa Hafenbreidel.

GRADY, Betty (Baxter), 75, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, March 5. Mother of Jamie Arbut, Kathleen Cornelius, Betty Jo Lower, John, Nick and Shane Grady. Sister of

John and Franciscan Father Nick Baxter. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of one.

GUIMONT, Richard L., 96, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, March 11. Husband of Roberta Guimont. Father of Nancy Kaylor and Richard and Rodney Guimont. Brother of Aldoma Guimont. Grandfather of 18. Great-grandfather of 13.

HAPPEL, Frances E. (Schnieders), 84, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, March 13. Mother of Patricia Cornwell and Michael Happel. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of 15.

HARTMAN, Janet M., 38, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, March 12. Wife of Tim Hartman. Mother of Bridget, Maria and Andrew Hartman. Daughter of Tom and Barb Lecher. Sister of Valerie Caudill, Shirley Stenger, Wendy Weisenbach, Frank, Gary, Marvin, Mike, Rick, Sam and Tony Lecher.

HAUSER, Edward M. Sr., 80, St. Paul, Tell City, March 12. Husband of Anna Faye (Kelly) Hauser. Father of Charles, Danny, Edward, Larry, Pat and Ron Hauser. Brother of Wilma Jean Bledsoe and Ray Hauser. Grandfather of 28. Great-grandfather of nine.

HEALEY, Martha (Metford), 95, Prince of Peace, Madison, March 6. Stepmother of Ann Healey. Grandmother of two.

KINDER, Elizabeth, 91, St. Luke, Indianapolis, March 6. Mother of Paul Kinder. Sister of Mary Louise Connor. Grandmother of two.

MCCARTHY, Francis A., 70, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis,

March 14. Husband of Barbara J. (Ashmore) McCarthy. Father of Kathleen Dilts and Michael McCarthy. Brother of Anne McTigue. Grandfather of two.

MINARDO, Salvadora R., 92, Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, March 11. Aunt of several.

O'SHEA, Margaret M., 77, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, March 10. Mother of Kathleen Herman, Mary Redman, Brian, Christopher, James, Mark, Stephen and Tim O'Shea. Grandmother of 23. Great-grandmother of four.

PETROFF, Lillian C., 86, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, March 9. Mother of Nancy Jackson, Francee Marshall, David and Steven Petroff. Sister of Steve Craney. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 17.

PIAZZA, Wilma J., 86, Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, March 16. Mother of Josephine Cadwallader, Susan Purvis and Cosmo Piazza. Sister of Virginia Harvey and Betty McIntyre. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of 22. Great-great-grandmother of one.

SAUL, Rose M. (Caldarone), 97, St. Mark and Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, March 16. Sister of Mary Koors and Josephine Pedlow. Aunt of several.

SCHUELER, Helen L. (Staley), 81, Holy Family, New Albany, March 7. Mother of Debra Barksdale, Pamela Beerbower and Gayle Schmelz. Sister of Robert Staley. Grandmother of seven.

SELBY, Laura L. (Walter),

53, SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood, Feb. 23. Wife of Paul Selby. Mother of Sarah and Jonathan Cowan. Sister of Annette Smith, Pam Wermuth, Susan Wilson, Bernadine, Margaret, Charles, Ed, Kevin and Richard Walter.

SIEBENMORGEN, Delphine, 86, St. Benedict, Terre Haute, Feb. 26. Mother of Janie Boone, Marjorie Smith, David, Todd and William Siebenmorgen. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of one.

SUNDERLAND, Devon Joseph, infant, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Feb. 24. Son of Christopher Sunderland and Lynda Trimble. Grandson of Randy and Jeanne Sunderland and Tom and Jan Tribble. Great-

grandson of Joseph and Betty Gritt, Sallie Sunderland and Geneva Tribble.

WILSON, Mary Virginia, 95, Christ the King and St. Joseph, Indianapolis, March 11. Mother of Barbara Hallstrom, Mary Beth McMillen, Beverly Silnes and Robert Wilson. Sister of Mrs. Eugene Prange. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of seven.

ZIMMERMAN, Harry B., 81, St. Louis, Batesville, March 10. Husband of Rita (Mollaun) Zimmerman. Father of Jane Jent and Jack Zimmerman. Brother of Jean Goodwin, Rosemary Fisher, Betty Reisinger, Louise Wells and Joseph Zimmerman. Grandfather of two. †

Benedictine Father Simon McTigue died on March 21 at Saint Meinrad

Benedictine Father Simon McTigue, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, died on March 21 in the monastery infirmary. He was 87.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 23 in the Archabbey Church. Burial followed in the Archabbey Cemetery.

Thomas Jarlath McTigue was born on Oct. 5, 1917, in New York, N.Y.

After completing his elementary education at St. Joseph School and Our Lady of Mercy School in New York, he attended Cathedral Boys' School and DeWitt Clinton School in New York.

Before entering Saint Meinrad Seminary in 1945, he

attended St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Ky., for one year.

In 1947, he was invested as a Benedictine novice. He professed his simple vows on Aug. 6, 1948, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 2, 1953.

For most of his monastic life, Father Simon worked in various parish assignments.

He served as associate pastor at St. Mary Parish in Huntingburg, Ind., in 1954 and also served there in the late 1960s.

Father Simon also had assignments at St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis; St. Benedict Parish in Evansville, Ind.; St. Ferdinand Parish in Ferdinand, Ind., where he also taught at the former Benedictine high school; St. Anthony Parish in St. Anthony, Ind.; Mary, Help of Christians Parish in Mariah Hill, Ind.; St. Martin of Tours Parish in Siberia; and St. Boniface Parish in Fulda.

In 1982, Father Simon began work as the assistant archivist at Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

In 1995, he spent more than a year at St. Benedict's Abbey in Benet Lake, Wis., where he served as pastor on a temporary basis.

He is survived by a niece, nephews and cousins.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, IN 47577. †

Providence Sister Mary Irene Krohn taught at schools in five states

Providence Sister Mary Irene Krohn died on March 12 in Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 90.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 16 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial followed in the sisters' cemetery.

The former Eleanor Lillian Krohn was born on Oct. 12, 1914, in Chicago.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Feb. 11, 1934, professed first vows on Aug. 15, 1936, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1942.

For 44 of her 71 years as a Sister of Providence, Sister Mary Irene ministered as a grade school teacher at schools staffed by the sisters in Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina,

Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

In the archdiocese, Sister Mary Irene taught at the former St. Patrick School in Indianapolis from 1939-40, Sacred Heart School in Terre Haute from 1942-43, St. Charles Borromeo School in Bloomington from 1950-51, the former St. Anthony School in Indianapolis from 1943-47 and St. Susanna School in Plainfield from 1973-79.

Sister Mary Irene also served as a parish minister at St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville from 1979-80.

In 1981, Sister Mary Irene retired to the motherhouse.

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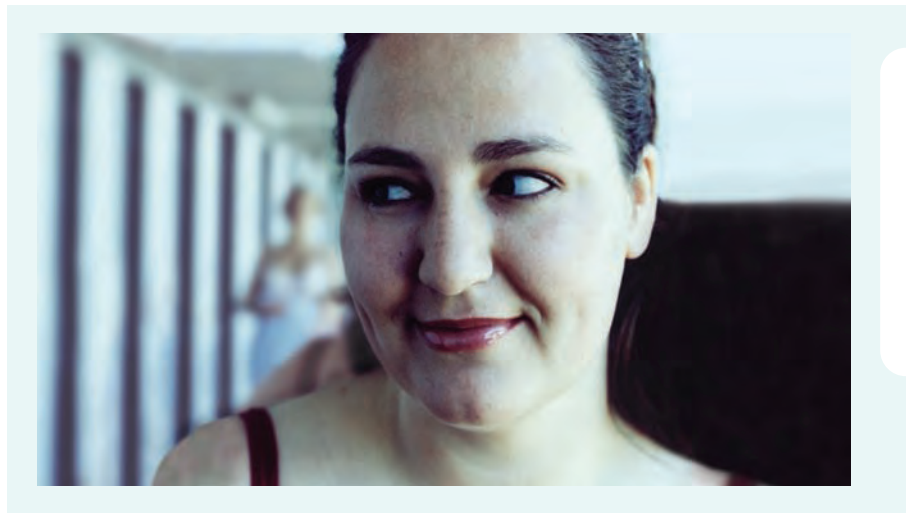
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