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United for life

Youths bring energy, commitment to March for Life

By Katie Berger

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WASHINGTON—They come from different parishes, deaneries, schools and cities in central and southern Indiana, but the nearly 600 high school and college students from across the archdiocese came together to unite in prayer, love for life and as the Body of Christ on Jan. 21-22 in the nation's capital.

Like each year since 1973, thousands of predominantly young people swarmed Washington for the annual March for Life to pray for an end to abortion.

The hope of march organizers and marchers is that their united presence will further the fight toward the reversal of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that for 34 years have made abortion legal during all nine months of pregnancy.

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Grace Fuson and Matthew Sidebottom, two teenagers traveling in the annual pro-life pilgrimage sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, are in many ways very different.

Grace, who is a senior at John Paul II Catholic High and member of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute, participated in her fourth national pro-life march this week.

Matthew, who is a sophomore at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville and member of St. Mary Parish in New Albany, was experiencing his first pro-life march in the nation's capital.

With their peers from Indiana, they

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Photo by Katie Berger

Above, St. Malachy parishioners Christen Damier and Sarah Erdely of Brownsburg sing as they prepare to march for life on Jan. 22 in Washington. Christen is a senior at Brownsburg High School and Sarah is a sophomore at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis.

Right, Jacinta Dela Cruz, a junior at John Paul II Catholic High and member of St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute, prays as she marches with archdiocesan pilgrims during the 34th annual March for Life on Jan. 22 in the nation's capital.



Chaplain sees humility in Super Bowl-bound Colts

By Sean Gallagher

BROWNSBURG—The Indianapolis Colts had just completed a 38-34 heart-pounding victory on Jan. 21 that would send them to the Super Bowl on Feb. 4 in Miami.

With blue and white confetti streaming through the air, team owner Jim Irsay and head coach Tony Dungy stood on a stage on the field at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis to receive the Lamar Hunt Trophy, which is awarded each year to the winner of the American Football Conference Championship.

At that moment—arguably the greatest in the history of the Colts' franchise since its move to Indianapolis in 1984—both men expressed thanks and praise to God.

Standing nearby, Father Peter Gallagher, the Colts' chaplain, appreciated their words. "I was grateful that [Irsay] said that and I thought, 'Man, thank you,'" said Father Gallagher. "I really thought that."

For him, the faithful words of the team's leaders echoed "what Tony [Dungy] has said all along and what a lot of these guys really do live, that is, gratitude to God."

After the awards ceremony, the players made their way to their locker room, where Father Gallagher said Dungy called them to prayer.

"Tony said, 'We've got to finish like we've finished every game and just like we started,'" Father Gallagher said. "So we got everybody [together] and huddled down and I said, 'Heavenly Father, there are two words we want to offer you: thanks and praise.'"

The gift of humility

Irsay and Dungy's words and Father Gallagher's post-game prayer were rooted in humility. They recognized that, however great the Colts' athletic talents might be, they are still gifts that they received from God.

Father Gallagher said that he prays the way he does with the team because he views being the Colts' chaplain as a gift.

"I'm fortunate to have been asked to be a part of this organization and what I'm doing to promote our Catholic faith," he said about his volunteer ministry.

"My prayers before and after the game are about humbleness for the gifts that God has given us, and to share those gifts

Photo by A. J. March, Indianapolis Colts



Indianapolis Colts Chaplain Father Peter Gallagher poses on the sideline of M & T Bank Stadium in Baltimore during a Jan. 13 NFL play-off game in which the Colts defeated the hometown Ravens.

and to use those gifts one day at a time and one game at a time."

He also said that the humility he brings

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Archbishop shares immigration vision with lawmakers

By Brigid Curtis Ayer

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, chairman of the board of the Indiana Catholic Conference, shared his vision of welcoming immigrants with Indiana lawmakers during a Jan. 17 ICC legislative luncheon at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis.

"Immigration reform is not only a complex, but a controversial issue," Archbishop Buechlein told the lawmakers.

Quoting from the Indiana bishops' recently released pastoral "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: Meeting Christ in New Neighbors," the archbishop said, "We Catholic bishops of Indiana recommit ourselves and our dioceses to welcoming others as Christ himself. We embrace an authentic and enduring form of Hoosier hospitality that goes beyond superficial slogans to the heart of what it means to be a community of faith."

"In the Gospels, we learn that our neighbor is anyone who is in need—including those who are homeless, hungry, sick or in prison. A neighbor may well be a complete stranger whose background, experience or social standing is very different from ours," Archbishop Buechlein said.

"As a Catholic community, we vigorously support our nation's right and responsibility to provide secure borders, but we reject positions or policies that are anti-immigrant, nativist, ethnocentric or racist," he continued. "Such divisive and exclusionary attitudes are also profoundly anti-Catholic because they deny the dignity of human persons who are made in God's image. They also contradict the essential unity and catholicity to which we are called as members of the one family of God."

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein

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Rep. Mike Murphy (R-Indianapolis), who led the fight against anti-immigration legislation in 2006, said, "The pas-



Rep. Mike Murphy

toral letter by the Indiana bishops and the archbishop's talk absolutely hit the mark. The Gospel passage of Matthew 25 quoted by the archbishop today is the essential guiding principle on this whole issue of immigration reform. The problem we have is there are a lot of people who have nativist motives, and it will take time and education as the Indiana bishops are doing to change minds." Rep. Murphy is a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis.

Another legislator, Sen. John Broden (D-South Bend), felt immigration reform would be better handled in Washington.

"I'd prefer to see a federal response to immigration reform rather than a patchwork of 50 states enacting different laws, which is not really an effective way to deal with the issue," Sen. Broden said. "In general, I do support a guest worker provision, and think we should take steps to provide immigrants a legal road to obtain citizenship. I was very happy to hear the remarks of Archbishop Buechlein and the call by the Indiana bishops for compassionate treatment of immigrants.

"We have a Christian responsibility to provide a compassionate and coherent response to immigrants rather than being punitive," added Sen. Broden, who is a member of Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, Ind., in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese.



Sen. Richard Young

During the 2006 legislative session, Hoosier lawmakers considered a driver's certificate bill which would have given undocumented immigrants a driver's certificate to drive legally in Indiana.

"I am very sympathetic toward immigrants, and I certainly understand and appreciate the desire immigrants have to come to America for a better life, as many of our grandparents did,"

said Sen Richard Young (D-Milltown), but the lawmaker added he has difficulty with the idea of granting legal documents, like a driver's license, to illegal immigrants. The

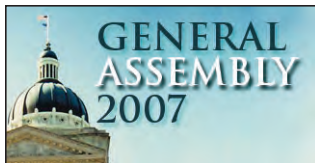
driver's certificate bill failed last year.

Sen. Bob Deig (D-Mount Vernon) had a different perspective.

"Let's face it, we are all immigrants," he said. "We have to be sensitive toward the immigrant and work together to strike a balance between placing limits on non-citizens while at the same time finding a way for immigrants to become citizens." Sen. Deig is a member of St. Phillip Parish in D-Mount Vernon, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese.

Rep. Mara Candelaria Reardon (D-Munster), who attended the luncheon, said, "For the most part, immigration reform is a federal issue. It is premature to pass legislation until the federal government does."

Regarding the archbishop's presentation, Rep. Candelaria Reardon, who is a member of St. Thomas More Parish in Munster, Ind., in the Diocese of Gary, said, "It's nice to see the Catholic Church extending a welcoming hand to the immigrant community."



Another Catholic legislator, Sen. Jeff Drozda (R-Westfield), said, "I support helping the immigrants become citizens as long as they want to become citizens. The federal government has really dropped the ball on this issue and they expect the states to act." Sen. Drozda is a member of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Westfield, Ind., in the Diocese of Lafayette.

One immigration reform bill being considered by the Indiana General Assembly is House Bill 1253, known as the employment of illegal aliens' measure. Authored by Rep. Vern Tincher (D-Terre Haute), the bill would place sanctions on employers who hire undocumented workers. It passed the Indiana House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety by an 8-to-3 vote on Jan. 18 and could be voted on by the full House this week.

"The problem with House Bill 1253 is that the bill does not help solve the immigration problem," said ICC Executive Director Glenn Tebbe, who testified in opposition to the bill before the House panel. "Rather, it



Sen. Richard D. Young, right, of Milltown, Ind., talks with other guests at the recent Indiana Catholic Conference luncheon in Indianapolis. Sen. Young is the Democratic Minority Leader in the Indiana State Senate.



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein greets newly elected State Rep. Mara Candelaria Reardon of Munster, Ind. Rep. Candelaria Reardon is a member of the Indiana Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs.

exacerbates problems for employers and immigrants alike. "The Indiana Catholic Conference also opposed the bill because its ultimate target is the immigrant," Tebbe added.

(Brigid Curtis Ayer is a correspondent for The Criterion.) †

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Father Daniel Armstrong had a great love for the Blessed Mother

By Mary Ann Wyand

Father Daniel F. Armstrong, a native of Richmond and retired diocesan priest, died on Jan. 20 at the Greenwood Village Nursing Home in Greenwood. He was 75.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on Jan. 25 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church in Greenwood. Burial followed at St. Andrew Cemetery in Richmond.

Father Bernard Head, the homilist for the funeral Mass, said he often traveled with his good friend.

"He loved to travel," Father Head said. "That was one of his real joys in life. He

used to lead pilgrimages to various places in Europe, and was very energized by that. He was a good traveling companion."

Father Armstrong was very dedicated to his priestly ministry, Father Head said. "I was impressed by his commitment to the Church and commitment to ministry."

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, said Father Armstrong had been a member of the Brothers of Charity and was a teacher before his ordination to the priesthood.

"I got to know Father Dan Armstrong when he spent a year as a deacon at my home parish, Holy Name of Jesus, in Beech Grove," Msgr. Schaedel said. "We had much in common since I too was a teacher. He was always an interesting conversationalist."

Father Armstrong had a great love for the Virgin Mary, the vicar general said. "He was very proud of his collection of statues of the Blessed Mother, which he had collected from various places around

the world over the years."

Daniel Foster Armstrong was born on May 9, 1931, in Richmond. He attended St. Andrew School and graduated from Richmond Senior High School.

He pursued undergraduate studies at La Mennais College from 1952-58 and later earned a graduate degree in religious studies at Manhattan College.

He completed his theology studies at St. Augustine Seminary in Canada from 1976-77 then was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop George Biskup on May 20, 1978, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

His first assignment was as a full-time religion instructor at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, with residence at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in the Indianapolis North Deanery.

In 1979, Father Armstrong was named administrator of St. Mark Parish in Perry County. The following year, he was appointed pastor of that Tell City Deanery parish.

In 1981, he was appointed pastor of St. Anne Parish in New Castle. He assumed the pastorate of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville in 1985.

The next year, Father Armstrong was named pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford and St. Mary Parish in Mitchell, with residence in Bedford.

In 1994, he served as a chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, with residence at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis.

On July 6, 1994, Father Armstrong was assigned to the Terre Haute Deanery as pastor of St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish in West Terre Haute and St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish in St. Mary-of-the-Woods, with residence at St. Leonard Parish.

Father Armstrong retired from active ministry in 1996.

He is survived by a sister, Celeste Scheibler, and two nephews, Lt. Col. Ret. Mark Scheibler and Scott Scheibler of Columbus. †



Fr. Daniel F. Armstrong

Prayer and new societal vision needed to fight abortion, archbishop says

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Calling silence and ignorance the "twin allies of atrocities," Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington urged participants in a Mass preceding the March for Life on Jan. 22 to "repudiate all forms of violence" and pray for an end to abortion.

"If the spiral of violence and death that haunts our streets, schools, families and communities is to be broken, we need a new vision," he said. "We must realize and proclaim that there is something wrong with our society if all we can offer a woman caught up in the drama of an unexpected pregnancy is abortion."

The archbishop was chief celebrant and delivered the homily at an early morning Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The 7:30 a.m. Mass closed an all-night vigil—sponsored by the basilica, the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life

Activities and The Catholic University of America—that also included a rosary for life, night prayer, Holy Hours, morning prayer and the opportunity for confession.

Archbishop Wuerl said "Jesus offered the way—demanding but fruitful"—to change hearts through prayer.

"The current culture of violence will yield only to that spiritual force that first touches and then changes individual hearts," he added.

The Washington archbishop said a high school student asked him a few months ago what the Church has to offer society today.

"What the Church brings to our world, to our culture, to our society, to our nation, to our lives, to you and me, is the encounter with Jesus Christ, the risen Lord and the Word of God, the voice and Gospel of Life," the archbishop said.

"When we ask 'Why does the Church struggle so hard to defend human life?' the answer will be found, I believe, in what will be history's reproach of this age that condones the single greatest moral plight in our nation since the days of slavery," Archbishop Wuerl said.

When looking at such atrocities as the concentration camps of World War II, slavery in Civil War times and abortion



CNS photo/Nancy Weisac

Young people attend the vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on Jan. 21. The vigil and several Masses preceded the 34th annual March for Life in the nation's capital on Jan. 22. The events solemnly marked the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion across the country.

today, he said, "one wonders how such activities could be accepted by any people anywhere at any time."

Rejecting all arguments in favor of abortion, he said there can be "vexing, painful and pressing circumstances that call for a great deal of assistance, understanding, compassion and support, but they can never justify the taking of the innocent life of the baby in the womb."

Archbishop Wuerl recalled visiting a maternity hospital in Chimbote, Peru, years ago when he was bishop of Pittsburgh and

holding a day-old infant there.

"The baby latched onto my finger with all of his force and held tight," he said. "That infant can be a parable figure for us. Countless unborn infants are reaching out to hold on to us with all of their strength since we are the only voice they have in the struggle to find a place, a home, a life in this world."

The crowd at the basilica for the morning Mass was estimated at more than 2,600, including 359 people who spent the night at the church to participate in vigil activities. †

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Holy Angels School first-graders Kumba Songor, left, and Trinity Vaughn sing during a school Mass honoring the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 12 at the Indianapolis West Deanery grade school.

Taking a lead in Catholic education

They say that imitation is the greatest form of flattery, and if that's the case then there's reason for Office of Catholic Education officials in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to be wearing wider smiles as they celebrate Catholic Schools' Week this year.

Why? Because some would say our archdiocese is among those setting the bar where Catholic education is concerned. At least, that's what folks in the Archdiocese of Washington would tell you.

Earlier this month, *The Washington Post* ran a front-page story on how Catholic schools in our nation's capital have rebounded from dropping test scores and enrollment, and taken a turn for the better in the past 10 years—thanks to borrowing from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' playbook, so to speak.

The Post story shares in detail how Washington Catholic school administrators and then-Cardinal James Hickey used our archdiocese as a model to find new success in educating young people.

The Washington archdiocesan schools adopted, among other things, two Archdiocese of Indianapolis education standards: the Saxon math program, which emphasizes basic skills and frequent overview, and the Open Court reading program, which emphasizes phonics. The standards were adopted, Washington Catholic schools officials said, because they received high marks from the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that supports school choice and high academic standards, and because the Archdiocese of Indianapolis recommended them.

The transformation in Washington schools has been readily apparent in recent years as its Center City Consortium has reported solid, sustained gains in standardized testing. Does that formula for success sound familiar?

Add the fact that Washington-area teachers say higher learning standards have raised teacher morale and made good teachers more willing to stay there,

and you can see how the changes have paid off in more ways than one.

The similarities in Indiana and Washington don't end there. Both the late Cardinal Hickey and our Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein have used the following quote when asked about Catholic education and their archdiocese's outreach to students of all faith traditions: "We don't educate these children because they are Catholic. We educate them because we are Catholic."

As you peruse our annual Catholic Schools' Week supplement on pages 9 to 28 in this week's issue, we know you won't be surprised to find out there are many other reasons to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week in central and southern Indiana and beyond.

From Richmond to Terre Haute, from Jeffersonville to the northern points of the archdiocese, there are tireless teachers, administrators, pastors, coaches and volunteers giving so much of themselves to educate our children. We cannot thank them enough.

But we also must remember that the teaching and success of our students doesn't end there. As parents, grandparents and people of faith with a vested interest in today's young people, we too are called to be Christ's teachers. In fact, many would say home must be the place where a young person's faith journey begins.

With that in mind:

- We need to give young people the sustenance they need in learning about the faith.
- We need to be witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and the life of prayer we all need.
- We need to give clear messages of what the Church teaches.

As disciples of Christ, we are all an extension of the teaching arm of the archbishop.

When it comes to passing on the faith, may we each do our part to make sure our children learn about the kingdom of God.

— Mike Krokos

Be Our Guest/Fr. Larry Snyder

America's growing poverty crisis must become a national priority

The promise of America has been that if you work hard, you can provide a better life for yourself and your family.



Unfortunately, too many people in this country are working hard, but falling further behind—with their dream of a better tomorrow detoured down a path to poverty.

Today, more than 37 million people are living in poverty in one of the wealthiest nations in the world. The numbers are rising, with increasing numbers of people who are hungry, more children without health insurance and more families without a decent place to live.

Poverty is a moral and social crisis for our country, one that threatens the health and economic well-being of both families and our nation as a whole.

Throughout the great history of this country, our nation's leaders and its people have demonstrated a capacity to come together in times of great crisis to secure the common good of our nation. The escalating number of people living in poverty is such a crisis, one that demands the attention and collective will of the country. Reducing poverty will help not only those in need, but also our country as a whole.

That's why Catholic Charities USA is launching the "Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America" to confront this challenge. Our goal is to cut the nation's poverty rate in half by 2020.

Through their work in providing help and offering hope to more than 7.4 million people each year, Catholic Charities agencies in communities across the country have been coping with a steady increase in demand for emergency assistance, primarily among working families. Each day, our agencies serve families who work hard but still do not earn enough to provide for their basic needs.

Catholic Charities will continue, of course, to help families meet their daily needs, but we also will advocate for changes in public policies that will help lift them out of poverty.

Catholic Charities USA pledges its experience and resources to help reduce poverty in America. But we can only succeed with the active involvement of Congress and President Bush's administration. Only through partnerships between government and community leaders will we develop the capacity and the scale

necessary to attack poverty in a comprehensive and sustained way.

We are urging Congress and the administration—through policy decisions and budget actions—to protect and expand programs that provide needed health care, affordable housing, nutrition assistance, and economic security for the poor and vulnerable. And we intend to hold elected officials accountable on how their actions support these goals.

What we are seeking will require a sustained commitment to focus on the needs of those living in poverty. The causes and affects of poverty did not develop overnight, and it will take an ongoing effort to cut the poverty rate in half by 2020. But that's exactly what's needed because oftentimes a short-term response, however generous, is not enough to deal with long-term challenges.

Good government is about making choices and setting priorities that serve the common good, and we will work in partnership in this campaign with Catholic organizations and other partners to encourage elected leaders to give greater priority to attending to the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable persons in society.

The many choices that Congress and the administration will make each year in the federal budget process about what is funded—and how to pay for it—must be judged by whether the life and dignity of families are protected or undermined. While we have a long-term goal, we believe that it is imperative that Congress and the administration begin now to demonstrate a renewed commitment to the poor.

Working together, government, the faith community, low-income families, social services groups and others have the resources, experience and knowledge to dramatically reduce poverty—especially long-term poverty.

What we have lacked as a nation is the required political will.

This is about who we are as a nation. We must no longer ignore the injustice of poverty and the extreme inequality in America, and instead must seize this opportunity to promote changes that promote human dignity and the common good.

Learn more about Catholic Charities USA's Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty/.

(Father Larry Snyder is president of Catholic Charities USA.) †

Letters to the Editor

Reader: Yes, some Catholics prefer to kneel when praying

In response to Jack's Fink's column, "Does kneeling during prayers really matter?", in the Jan. 19 issue of *The Criterion*, I'd respond many feel it does.

Many people feel that being on one's knees is more "devout" than sitting or standing. Apparently, Jesus felt so, too.

During one of the most important prayers of Jesus' human existence during the Agony in the Garden, "after withdrawing about a stone's throw away from them and kneeling, he prayed" (Lk 22:41).

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus "falls" to the ground. In the Gospel of Matthew, he "fell prostrate in prayer," the same position that candidates to the priesthood and diaconate take before making their vows.

I feel that during the most "important" parts of the Mass, the consecration and confessing of my sins, I am not worthy to

receive Jesus.

Yes, Mr. Fink, it really does matter. It mattered to Jesus, it matters to the Church when entering the religious life, it mattered to Ezra in last week's first reading and it matters to millions of Catholics who prefer to kneel.

Tim Harte, Martinsville

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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

Catholic education is an integral part of our Church's mission

My elementary education began in the Boeckelman School, a one-room, eight-grade county school just outside of Jasper, Ind. The teacher was my mom's brother, Uncle Adam Blessinger.

I remember that there was a "recitation bench" where students took turns by grade level for the lesson of the day. The rest of the students were busy doing assignments or, as I recall, practicing handwriting at a blackboard on one side of the room.

Religious education for those of us in county schools was held on Saturday mornings at St. Joseph School. The Sisters of Providence were our catechists. Sister Dorothy Louise prepared me for first Communion.

Sometime before third grade, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Msgr. Leonard Wernsing, suggested to my parents that it might be time to transfer my brother and me to St. Joseph School. From then on, my elementary education was provided by the Sisters of Providence.

From third grade onward, I became familiar with Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence. I was proud to learn that St. Joseph School in Jasper was the first of a number of elementary schools founded by St. Theodora.

I am indebted to the Sisters of Providence for the education they gave me. I was well prepared for later educational opportunities in preparation for the priesthood. I also realize that my Uncle Adam had prepared me well in the primary

grades. I had no difficulties after I was transferred to St. Joseph School. I was well served by both the county school and St. Joseph School.

As I think about the transfer, I recall being a bit intimidated by the size of St. Joseph's student body. It was most apparent to me at the morning recess and during the lunch hour when we were all out on the playground.

I have the clear memory of two of my new classmates taking me by the hand and making sure I was included in the fun and games. With hindsight, I suspect Sister Ann Denise asked them to look after the new kid. In any case, I remember my gratitude and relief. It didn't take long before I felt like I belonged.

I recall a humorous incident during third grade. I was elected vice president of our classroom. That evening, I reported to my mom that I had been elected *wise* president. She explained the reality.

We attended daily Mass in the awesome St. Joseph Church. Our behavior was closely monitored by the sisters. Again, with hindsight, I can see that we were well prepared for the Eucharist in an age-appropriate manner.

My first personal invitation to consider a vocation to the priesthood came from my fourth-grade teacher, Sister Marie Annette. I wasn't too interested at the time, but her invitation stayed with me.

I reflect on my early years of education in order to make a point as we observe Catholic Schools Week 2007. Granted that

my elementary education dates back some 50 years, much of the value I derived from those early formative years is alive and vibrant in our Catholic schools today.

Truly, the world is radically different. Our secularized culture with its preoccupation on materialistic values is exceedingly challenging on all fronts. Not only are spiritual and moral values more and more countercultural, but the project of solid academic education is also challenged.

Public and private schools alike cope with student bodies that have personal, social and psychological needs that affect the learning process. There has always been the element of peer pressure in our schools, but the current materialistic and permissive cultural behavior has become more prevalent and influential.

All of our teachers and educational administrators deserve our respect and support for the added challenges that are part of elementary and secondary education these days. One need only look at the available testing data to recognize that our Catholic school teachers are doing a splendid job for our children. We can be truly grateful.

I take this opportunity also to express appreciation to the many benefactors who

assist our Catholic schools with time, talent and treasure. Maintaining our schools and doing so with quality is hard work. And it is expensive. None of us should take this for granted.

And we need to keep in focus the fact that Catholic education is an integral part of our Church's mission. I hope and pray that the day will come when we can provide even more opportunities for more of our children to be beneficiaries of our efforts.

Catholic schools are not an option for many of us. For these, we depend on our Catholic faith formation programs to provide the specifically religious part of our educational mission. For catechists and religious education administrators, we also owe a debt of gratitude. †

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Archbishop Buechlein's
Prayer List
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 N. Meridian St.
P.O. Box 1410
Indianapolis, IN 46202-1410

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for January

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

La educación católica es parte integral de la misión de nuestra Iglesia

La educación elemental comenzó en la escuela Boeckelman, una escuela de condado de un solo salón hasta octavo grado, en las afueras de Jasper, Indiana. El maestro era el hermano de mi mamá, el tío Adam Blessinger.

Recuerdo que había un "banco para recitar" donde los estudiantes se turnaban por grado para tomar la lección del día. El resto de los estudiantes se mantenía ocupado realizando asignaciones o, según recuerdo, practicando caligrafía en una pizarra en un costado del salón.

Para aquellos de nosotros que asistíamos a escuelas de condado, la educación religiosa se impartía los sábados en la mañana en la escuela San José. Las Hermanas de la Providencia eran nuestras catequistas. La hermana Dorothy Louise me preparó para la Primera Comunión.

En algún momento antes de tercer grado el pastor de la parroquia San José, el Rev. Leonard Wernsing, le sugirió a mis padres que quizás sería oportuno transferirnos a mi hermano y a mí a la escuela San José. A partir de ese momento la educación elemental me fue impartida por las Hermanas de la Providencia.

Del tercer grado en adelante me familiaricé con la Madre Theodore Guérin, fundadora de las Hermanas de la Providencia. Me sentí orgulloso al descubrir que la escuela San José de Jasper fue la primera de muchas escuelas elementales fundadas por Santa Teodora.

Estoy en deuda con las Hermanas de la Providencia por la educación que me proporcionaron. Se me preparó muy bien para las oportunidades educativas subsiguientes en preparación para el sacerdocio. También me doy cuenta de que mi tío Adam me preparó bien durante los primeros grados. No tuve problemas al transferirme a

la escuela San José. Tanto en la escuela del condado como en la escuela San José me instruyeron muy bien.

Al recordar la transferencia, recuerdo que me sentía un poco intimidado por el tamaño del cuerpo estudiantil de San José. Se me hacía más evidente durante el receso de la mañana y durante el almuerzo cuando todos estábamos en el patio.

Conservo un recuerdo vivo de dos de mis compañeros tomándome de la mano y asegurándose de que se me incluyera en los juegos y actividades recreativas. Haciendo retrospectiva, sospecho que la Hermana Ann Denise les pidió que cuidaran al chico nuevo. De cualquier modo, recuerdo mi gratitud y alivio. No pasó mucho para que me sintiera como en casa.

Recuerdo un incidente gracioso en tercer grado. Me eligieron como vicepresidente de la clase. Esa tarde le conté a mi mamá que me habían elegido como vice *prudente*. Ella me explicó cuál era la realidad.

Asistíamos diariamente a misa en la increíble iglesia San José. Las hermanas supervisaban muy de cerca nuestro comportamiento. Una vez más, haciendo retrospectiva puedo ver que se nos preparaba muy bien para la Eucaristía y de manera acorde con nuestra edad.

Mi primera invitación personal a considerar la vocación al sacerdocio provino de mi maestra de cuarto grado, la hermana Marie Annette. En aquel momento no me sentí muy interesado, pero su invitación permaneció en mi mente.

Realizo esta reflexión sobre mis primeros años de educación a fin de ilustrar mi punto mientras celebramos la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas de 2007. Aunque mi educación elemental se remonta a unos 50 años atrás, la mayoría de los valores que saqué de esos primeros años de formación se

encuentran vivos y activos en nuestras escuelas aun hoy en día.

Ciertamente el mundo es radicalmente distinto. Nuestra cultura seglar con su preocupación por los valores materiales es demasiado desafiante desde todos los ángulos. No solamente los valores espirituales y morales son cada vez más contrarios a la cultura, sino que también se ve comprometido el prospecto de una educación académica sólida.

Tanto las escuelas públicas como las privadas manejan cuerpos estudiantiles que tienen necesidades personales, sociales y psicológicas que afectan el proceso de aprendizaje. Siempre ha existido el elemento de la presión de los compañeros en nuestras escuelas, pero el comportamiento cultural materialista y permisivo actual se ha vuelto más predominante e influyente.

Todos nuestros maestros y directores educativos merecen nuestro respeto y apoyo por los retos que suponen la educación elemental y secundaria en nuestros días. Sólo tenemos que fijarnos en la información académica que tenemos a disposición para darnos cuenta de que nuestros maestros de las escuelas católicas están realizando una excelente labor por nuestros niños. Debemos sentirnos verdaderamente agradecidos.

Asimismo quisiera aprovechar esta oportunidad para expresar mi agradecimiento a los múltiples benefactores que asisten a nuestras escuelas católicas con su

tiempo, su talento y sus tesoros. Mantener nuestras escuelas y hacerlo con calidad es una ardua tarea. Y es costosa. No se le debe restar importancia a este aspecto.

Y debemos tener en cuenta el hecho de que la educación católica es una parte integral de la misión de nuestra Iglesia. Espero y rezo por que llegue el día en que podamos proporcionar aun más oportunidades para que muchos más de nuestros niños puedan beneficiarse de nuestros esfuerzos.

Para muchos de nosotros las escuelas católicas no son opcionales. Dependemos de los programas de formación de fe católica para proporcionar la parte religiosa específica de nuestra misión educativa. A los catequistas, religiosos y directores estudiantiles, les debemos nuestro agradecimiento. †

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en enero

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

Events Calendar

January 27

Kordes Retreat Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, Ind. "Saturday Morning at the Dome," Sisters of St. Benedict, presenters, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information: 812-367-2777, 800-880-2777 or kordes@thedome.org.

Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel, 3115 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, **Feast of St. Angela Merici, prayer service**, 1:30 p.m. Information: 502-212-1750.

January 28

Indiana War Memorial, Auditorium, 1 Monument Circle, Indianapolis. **Right to Life of Indianapolis, annual Memorial Service for the Unborn**, 2-3 p.m. Information: 317-582-1526.

St. Lawrence School, 6950 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **Open house and registration for 2007-08 school year**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 317-543-4923.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) School, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. **School open house**, noon-2 p.m. Information: 317-353-2282 or www.littleflowerparish.org/school.

St. Joan of Arc Church, 4217 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis. **Monarch Speaker Series '07, "Diverse Schools Are Good for All Kids,"** Eileen Kugler, presenter, 3 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W.

16th St., Indianapolis. **Euchre party**, 1:45 p.m., \$3 per person. Information: 317-241-6314, ext. 100.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. Men's Club, **Catholic Schools Week kickoff, pancake breakfast**, 7-11 a.m. Information: 317-733-0915.

MKVS and DM Center, Rexville (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South, 12 miles south of Versailles). **Mass**, 1 p.m., with Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551.

January 29

St. Lawrence School, 6950 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **Kindergarten Roundup 2007-08 school year**, lunch, tour,

11 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-543-2923.

Holy Cross Parish, 125 N. Oriental St., Indianapolis. **National Kidney Foundation, Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP)**, 2-6 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-637-2620, ext. 406.

January 29-March 26

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Divorce and Beyond,"** 10-week program, session 2, Franciscan Sister Janet Born, presenter, 7-9 p.m. Information: 812-933-6437.

February 2

St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, teaching, praise,**

worship and Mass, 7 p.m. Information: 317-592-1992, www.inholyspirit.org or e-mail ccrci@inholyspirit.org.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei meeting**, Mass, 6:30 a.m., breakfast and program at Priori Hall, \$10 members, \$15 guests. Information: 317-919-5316 or e-mail Lumen_Dei@sbcglobal.net.

February 5

St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **Workshop for women with cancer, "Look Good ... Feel Better,"** noon-2 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-782-4422 or www.StFrancisHospitals.org/cancer.

February 5-12

St. Mark Parish, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. **Office for Family Ministries, "Divorce and Beyond" program,** 7-9 p.m., \$30 includes book. Information: 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596, or e-mail mhess@archindy.org.

February 6

St. Meinrad Archabbey, Newman Theater, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Black history lecture, "Here I Am, Lord! Reflections of an African-American Priest in a Multi-Cultural Environment,"** Father James Matthews, presenter, 7 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501 or 800-682-0988. †

Retreats and Programs

January 27

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, convent, Oldenburg. **"Praying with Children,"** Franciscan Sister Kathleen Mulso, presenter, 9 a.m.-noon, \$20 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

January 28

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Pre-Cana Conference" for engaged couples**, 1:45-6 p.m. Information: 317-545-7681, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

January 29

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Volunteers, Seniors and Friends Monthly Mass and Social,"** 9 a.m., continental breakfast, free-will offering. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

February 1

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Morning for Moms: Moms and Prayer,"** Father Jim Farrell, presenter, \$25 per person, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., baby-sitting available. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

February 2-4

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Tobit Weekend" for engaged couples**. Information: 317-545-7681 or e-mail www.archindy.org/fatima.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. Couples retreat, **"All You Need Is Love,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 812-357-6611 or e-mail mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

February 3

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, convent, Oldenburg. **"Watercolor for Children and Teens,"** Franciscan Sister Ann Vonder Meulen, 9 a.m.-noon for children 7-11, 1-4 p.m. for children 12-16, \$20 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

Sisters of Providence hire new volunteer services coordinator

Linda Clark-Laffoon has joined the staff of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods as volunteer services coordinator.

For more than seven years, Clark-Laffoon served as associate director of distance and graduate admission at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Clark-Laffoon received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana State University. She is a ceramic artist.

"I am very excited about the opportunities that are available for volunteering with the Sisters of Providence," Clark-Laffoon said.

"There are so many ways that people of all ages and faiths can partner with sisters in providing care, companionship and ministry assistance," she said. "We look forward to sharing those ways with the greater community soon." †

February 3-March 31

Ursuline Campus, 3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, **"Moment by Moment: An At-Home Retreat,"** five sessions. Information: 502-896-3945.

February 6

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Together Forever,"** Father Jonathan Meyer, presenter, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$25 per person, \$50 per couple. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

February 8

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Theology of the Body for Parents and Teens,"** Father Jonathan Meyer, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

February 9-11

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis. **"Married Couples Retreat."** Information: 812-923-8817.

February 11

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Lent 101,"** 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

February 15

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, convent, Oldenburg. **Day of Reflection, "In the Spirit, Signs of Life,"** Franciscan Father Carl Hawver, presenter, 10:45 a.m. Information: 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

February 17

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Lectio Divina: Seeking Intimate Communion with God,"** Gwen Goss, presenter, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$35 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

Two men begin novitiate at Saint Meinrad

In a brief ceremony on Jan. 19 at the monastery entrance, Kyle Cothorn and Craig Wagner were clothed in the Benedictine habit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad.



Novice Kyle Cothorn, O.S.B.

They now begin a year of monastic formation, including study of the *Rule of St. Benedict* and monastic history.

Novice Kyle, 23, was born in Kokomo, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, where he was a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish. He earned a bachelor's degree in music theory and composition at Ball State University in 2005.

During the summer of 2006, he worked as a college intern for Saint Meinrad School of Theology's "One Bread, One Cup" youth liturgical leadership program.

Novice Craig, 41, was born in Findlay, Ohio, where he attended Liberty-Benton High School and was a member of



Novice Craig Wagner, O.S.B.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University in 1988.

After earning his degree, he worked at *The Galion Inquirer* in Galion, Ohio, until 1999, where he worked his way up from staff writer to managing editor.

From 1999 to 2006, he worked at *The Blade* in Toledo, Ohio, where he was a copy editor and wire editor.

As novices, the two men take a year off from formal studies and trades. The novitiate is a time of prayer and learning intended to help a novice discern his vocation as a monk.

At the end of this year, a novice may be permitted to profess temporary vows of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life and stability in the community of Saint Meinrad. †

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, convent, Oldenburg. **"Helping Children through the Grieving Process: For Teachers, Catechists, Parents,"** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$25 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

February 18

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Pre-Cana Conference" for engaged couples**, 1:45-6 p.m. Information: 317-545-7681, 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

February 22-March 22

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, convent, Oldenburg. **"Lenten Lecture Series,"** four sessions, Franciscan Sister Barb Leonhard, presenter, 2-3:30 p.m., \$40 series, \$10 per session. Information: 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

February 23

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, convent, Oldenburg. **"Marriage is Messy,"** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$25 per person. Information: 812-933-6437 or e-mail center@oldenburgosf.com.

February 23-25

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"What Is God's Dream for You?"** Matthew Kelly, presenter, \$300 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis. **"Lenten Retreat."** Information: 812-923-8817.

Kordes Retreat Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, Ind. **"Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina,"** Benedictine Sister Maria Tasto, presenter. Information: 812-367-2777, 800-880-2777 or kordes@thedome.org.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Benedictine Peace: Not As the World Gives,"** Benedictine Father Vincent

Tobin, presenter. Information: 812-357-6611 or e-mail mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

Convent needs furniture

The Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy is expanding its presence in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the sisters are in need of furniture donations.

Nine members of the Nigerian-based women's religious community are now residing in Indianapolis.

Some sisters are living at a convent at St. Bernadette Parish in the Indianapolis East Deanery, where they have resided since 2005. Their expansion has required some sisters to reside at a convent at Holy Trinity Parish in the Indianapolis West Deanery.

The sisters at the Holy Trinity convent are in need of various furnishings, including chapel pews, full-size and queen-size beds, desks and chairs, dressers, wardrobes, bookshelves and televisions.

Those interested in donating furniture should contact Daughter of Mary Mother of Mercy Sister Jennifer Otunye at 317-345-3419, 317-236-1517 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1517. †

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to his ministry with the Super Bowl-bound team is tied to his memory of the priest who preceded him in that position, Father Patrick Kelly, who died on Dec. 30, 2003.

"The coaching staff and I, that knew Father Pat, we all kind of have a sense of his presence with us," Father Gallagher said. "That memory is there [and] it keeps me humble."

Father Gallagher acknowledged that thoughts of Father Kelly were in his heart at the end of the first half of the AFC Championship game when the Colts trailed the New England Patriots 21-6.

"I'll be honest, I was asking [Father] Pat Kelly to help us out," he said.

Sharing in the excitement

Father Gallagher's half-time prayer fulfilled the wish of Alex Farris, a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg and a senior at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in the Indianapolis West Deanery.

"I kind of wished that I was on the field with him," said Alex of his parish's associate pastor and his high school's chaplain.

"I was actually hoping at the end of the first half ... that he was [praying] a few extra Glory Be's and Hail Mary's."

As associate pastor of St. Malachy Parish, just minutes away from the Colts' headquarters on the west side of Indianapolis, Father Gallagher has inspired a lot of excitement about the team in some of the parish's members.

On the morning of the AFC Championship game, after a few inches of snow had fallen overnight, Father Gallagher joked with the congregation at the end of the parish's 9 a.m. Mass.

"If any of you would like to be on the sideline this evening in my place, let me know," he said. "I just want to stay here and admire the pretty snow."

Then Father Gallagher paused for a moment, smiled and said, "Nah."

Seated in the front row at the Mass was parishioner Jennie Miller, who wore a pink Colts shirt for the occasion.

"My dad was a semi-pro football player up in Chicago," she said. "So anything involved in football is exciting for me. To have someone so closely involved with our local team is great."

It's also great for Robert Alerding, a member of St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis, and a resident of Marquette Manor, a retirement community in Indianapolis.

Father Gallagher celebrates Mass twice a week for the manor's Catholic residents.

"I'm just thrilled and excited about him going [to the Super Bowl]," said Alerding. "It's almost as exciting as if I was going."

More than just a game

Father Gallagher acknowledged the excitement of being on the sideline with the Colts as they play their games and sharing moments of faith with them in the Mass he celebrates with Catholic members of the team and in pre- and post-game prayers.

But for him, being a football team chaplain on both the high school and professional levels is more than just a game. It's also "a way of evangelizing."

"The number of [Colts] players who are practicing their faith a little more intentionally now has grown, even through this season," said Father Gallagher, who after the game was literally knocked to the RCA Dome floor by a huge hug from Colts linebacker Rocky Boiman, who frequently attends the team Mass.

Ty Hunt, who just completed his first year as Ritter's head football coach after serving more than a decade on its staff, recognizes the spiritual good that can come for the young men he leads from their participation on the team.

"A championship team develops character. They're not made of characters," said Hunt, who led his team to a one-point loss in the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A state football finals in November.

Hunt called on Father Gallagher's help in carrying forward that message.

Ritter's chaplain celebrated Mass for the team before many of their Friday evening games and would lead them in prayer just before kickoff and after the games.

Ritter junior Luke Floyd, a tight end and outside linebacker on the school's football team and a member of St. Malachy Parish, said the message of being humble about his athletic gifts is important to him and ultimately helped the team—which has played in the state finals three of the past four years—to be successful.

"If one person thinks he's better than others on the team, then he probably won't practice as hard,"

said Luke. "So then if one guy does it [like that], then maybe more guys will follow. Then the games go that way [too]."

"We're trying to make sure we establish that Catholic identity," said Hunt, "[and remember] what's best for the community and trying to make sure that things are done for the greater good."

Memories of victory and defeat

As Hunt watched the Colts' AFC Championship victory, his mind turned to his own team's hard-fought championship game two months ago.

"We had a pretty good run this [past] year, and came up just a little short," he said. "[I liked] the fact that my guys never gave up and the Colts, even being down 21-3, never gave up."

Ritter High School was also on Father Gallagher's



On Jan. 22, Indianapolis Colts Chaplain Father Peter Gallagher, far right, chats with, from left, Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School students Harrison Becher, Luke Floyd, Austin Rogers and Zach Walsh. Father Gallagher also serves as the chaplain at the interparochial high school in the Indianapolis West Deanery.

mind as he described the celebration that erupted in the RCA Dome following Colts defensive back Marlin Jackson's game-ending interception of an errant pass by Tom Brady, the Patriots' quarterback.

"When Jackson got that interception, the place was just silly," Father Gallagher said.

"The closest [to that] I got was this year [with] Ritter going to the state final and losing it, but not losing

it poorly, losing it with a struggle by a point, and here we were winning."

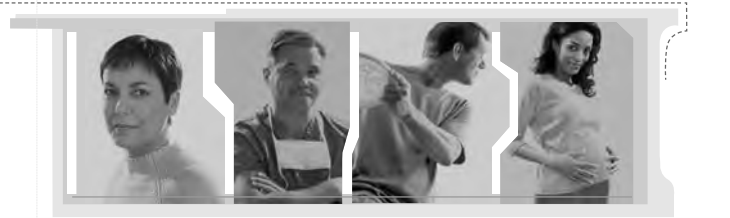
As gratifying as the AFC Championship victory was, Father Gallagher said he suspected the Colts would not sit on their laurels but humbly prepare for one more game.

"I think these next two weeks are going to be about focusing on the next task at hand," he said. "I think there's just a lot of gratitude." †

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joined thousands of young people from across the nation to boldly proclaim the message of the sanctity of human life together.

"United we stand, divided we fall," Father Jonathan Meyer emphasized in his homily on the morning of the march.

Father Meyer, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the archdiocese, challenged the youth to be involved on every level—national, state, local, school and family.

He told them they must work together and ask themselves about the effects this march will have on their faith and commitment to pro-life work.

"Will it unite us as the Body of Christ?" he asked. "Or will we return to our homes, schools and families no different than we came?"

After participating in Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Jan. 20, the archdiocesan pilgrims departed from Indianapolis that night on five buses and arrived in Washington the following morning.

In the nation's capital, they joined an estimated 10,000 pilgrims at a packed Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the pro-life vigil that evening.

While most people in Indiana watched the Indianapolis Colts clinch the American Football Conference Championship to advance to the Super Bowl, archdiocesan youth spent their evening in prayer for the unborn during the vigil and Mass.

Prior to the Jan. 22 march, the archdiocese held a special Mass at the Crypt Church of the basilica. Pro-life pilgrims from Roncalli High School and the Indianapolis North Deanery, who traveled to Washington in separate buses, joined the archdiocesan group.

Also on Monday morning, before the afternoon march, the pilgrims visited Arlington National Cemetery, where Grace was one of four young people chosen to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Chaperones from her private Catholic school chose Grace for this honor based on her pro-life leadership and experience.

Grace, whose confidence in her pro-life stand has increased after each of the previous three marches and with much prayer, said life issues deeply affect her daily life.

Even at her part-time job, Grace challenges her co-workers through discussions about life issues.

She said her boldness and optimism come from her belief that, as a group, young people can make progress on this growing movement to end the culture of death in society.

Grace said she believes "we're getting closer and closer."

Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, said this chance to come together in support of life issues is so important for young people.

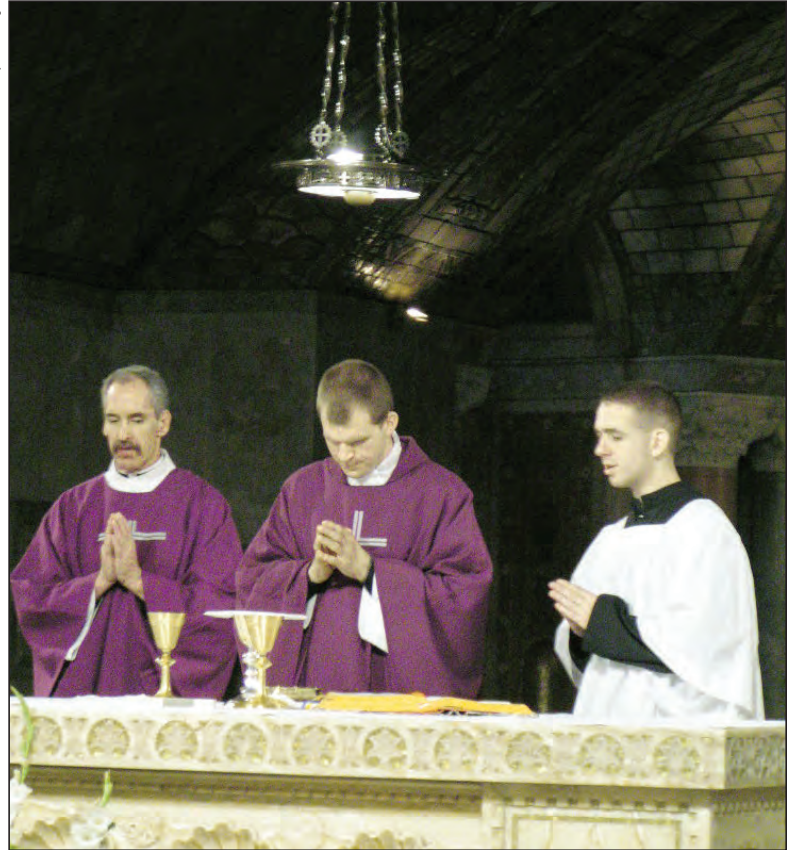
"They feel solidarity with those in high school and college who have the same sentiments about life," Sister Diane said.

Matthew, whose pro-life journey has just begun, said a friend's sister convinced him to attend the march. Her decision to spread the message of respect for life helped further strengthen the pro-life movement, he said, and Matthew also wants to share that invitation with others.

"I definitely will come back next year," Matthew said. "It's a spiritual journey. I can do more by getting the word out."

Like many others on their first trip, his experience was made stronger because he was able to see the thousands of people gathered together in support of life.

Photo by Katie Berger



Deacon Thomas Kovatch, from left, Father Jonathan Meyer and seminarian Kristen Casey pray during the archdiocesan pro-life Mass on the morning of Jan. 22 at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Deacon Kovatch, a member of Holy Family Parish in Richmond, is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in June.

"It showed that everyone cares," he said.

Grace and Matthew have different paths ahead of them filled with many challenges and accomplishments.

She will graduate from high school this year and continue her pro-life journey as she chooses a college and moves away from home.

He still must navigate through high school as he encourages others to follow him in the pro-life movement.

As both teens continue to spread the

Gospel of Life, Sister Diane said, they can be assured that they are stronger because they are united to many thousands of pro-life pilgrims across the country.

"If [all] these young people remain consistently and adamantly pro-life," Sister Diane said, "there will be changes made in our government, our world and our society."

(Katie Berger is a correspondent for The Criterion.) †

State court grants temporary stay of execution for Timberlake

By Mary Ann Wyand

Indiana Death Row inmate Norman Timberlake, who was convicted of killing a state policeman, received a temporary stay of execution on Jan. 18 when Indiana Supreme Court justices reversed an earlier decision about his capital sentence in a 3-2 vote.

Timberlake was convicted of shooting Indiana State Police Master Trooper Michael Greene during a roadside traffic stop along I-65 in Indianapolis in 1993.

Defense attorneys had argued that Timberlake is mentally ill and should not be executed.

In their decision, the state justices took into account a case in Texas and federal case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court dealing with the legality of executing mentally ill inmates.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the

Indiana Catholic Conference, the Church's public policy voice, expressed gratitude on behalf of Indiana's five bishops about the state court's temporary ruling.

"We are grateful that the Indiana Supreme Court stayed the execution of Mr. Timberlake," Tebbe said on Jan. 18. "This [decision] not only spares the life of Mr. Timberlake, but provides hope that there may be a better outcome than an execution. We continue to pray for the family of the victim, for Mr. Timberlake and all involved with this tragedy."

Tebbe also noted that, "Because of [the Church's] firm conviction that taking a life is only morally justified when it is the only option in defense of life, we hope and pray that one day Indiana's law will exclude the death penalty as an option within the penal code." †

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Shining the light

Catholic educators focus on faith and excellence

By John Shaughnessy

The hallmarks of Catholic education include the faith, dedication and commitment of teachers, staff members and administrators who strive to make a difference in the lives of children and young people.

In the 71 Catholic schools in the archdiocese, more than 2,100 professionals share their talents and gifts to educate and support the more than 23,000 students who seek the benefits of a Catholic education.

Here is a look at four people in the archdiocese who represent the values and qualities of all the educators



Plainfield howled with delight when they saw their teacher, Diana Soto, do the unthinkable during their Halloween party.

As part of the celebration, the class parents set up a game where they covered candy gummy worms with whipped cream. The idea was to eat the worms without using your hands so you had to stick your face into the whipped cream to hunt for the worms. When Soto took her turn, the children couldn't believe it. Even better, they loved it when she lifted her face and it was covered with whipped cream.

It's a moment the first-year teacher will never forget. It's a moment that reminded Soto of the person who inspired her to become a teacher—Christine Evans, who continues to teach at St. Christopher School in Indianapolis.

"She was my first- and second-grade teacher," recalls Soto, who is 25. "She made everything fun. I never dreaded going to school. She was so kind and friendly."

Soto followed in Evans' footsteps in more ways than one by deciding to teach at a Catholic school.

"Being a student in Catholic schools for 16 years, I like the environment, the closeness and the community," Soto says. "The parents, the principal and the other teachers have been really supportive. I really enjoy teaching."

She especially appreciates one element of teaching at a Catholic school.

"I had done my student teaching in a public school and you couldn't talk about God," she says. "I like to talk to the students about God, my faith and having faith in God. I think it's important to pray in school, and we do a lot of that in our classroom."

Live the message, be happy

In his 41 years as a teacher, Richard Powell has consistently used two sayings to challenge students to think deeper about their lives and their faith.

The first saying that's featured prominently in his classroom asks, "What are your questions?"

"If you ask a question, you're seeking knowledge or information," says Powell, who teaches religion and philosophy to seniors at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis. "It's how Socrates taught. Once you ask the



Richard Powell challenges students to live their faith in his classes at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

question, listen for the answer. Then you ask another question. Then you have a dialogue going on."

The second saying states, "Get a clue and think it through."

Powell believes that directive is key to challenging students in his classes on moral theology, comparative religions and the history of Western and Eastern philosophy. He believes it's also crucial to helping young people embrace their Catholic faith.

"You have to have the foundations—the data, the Scriptures and the faith teachings," says Powell, who's 64. "We try to instill in the students the teachings of the Church. Then you take that teaching and ask, 'How do you apply it to your life?'"

Powell has found his answers through his vocation as a teacher. One of his biggest thrills comes when he teaches Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes and he learns that the people he's instructing are often spouses of the students he once taught.

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Diana Soto plays vocabulary bingo with her students at St. Susanna School in Plainfield.

seeking to shape the lives and the futures of children and young people.

Sharing the fun and the faith

Except for extra recess or a snow day, maybe the most fun part of school for fourth-grade children is seeing their teacher do something downright goofy.

So the fourth-grade students at St. Susanna School in

Making their mark ✓

20 reasons to celebrate Catholic schools

Compiled by John Shaughnessy

In their emphasis on faith, service and quality education, Catholic schools in the archdiocese have left their mark. Here are 20 reasons to celebrate Catholic schools, teachers and students in the archdiocese. The list is not organized in any particular order.



1 In 2006, six schools were named as Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education: Christ the King School in Indianapolis, Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison, St. Bartholomew School in Columbus, St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis, St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg and St. Monica School in Indianapolis.

2 In the past four years, 21 schools in the archdiocese have earned the Blue Ribbon distinction—the highest national honor from the U.S. Department of Education. No other diocese in the country has matched that distinction.

3 Five Catholic schools in the archdiocese won Indiana High School Athletic Association state championships in the fall of 2006. Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis won the 3A state championship in football. Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis earned a state title in girls' golf. Cathedral High School in Indianapolis won state championships in 4A football and 4A volleyball. And Roncalli High School in Indianapolis captured the 3A state volleyball title.



4 Three of the student-athletes on those championship teams won the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Mental Attitude Award for excelling in scholarship, leadership, mental attitude and athletic ability. Aimee Neff of Brebeuf won the award for girls' golf. Paige Weber of Roncalli earned the recognition in 3A volleyball. And Bobby Powers of Cathedral earned the distinction in 4A football.

5 In the past 11 years, about \$3.5 million has been raised to provide need-based scholarships for economically-disadvantaged students to attend schools in the archdiocese. The money has benefited more than 4,000 students.

6 In June, 11 seniors graduated from Seton Catholic High School, the first class to graduate from a Catholic high school in Richmond in 70 years.

7 The likelihood of urban Catholic school students in the archdiocese attending college is three to seven times higher than that of their counterparts in other schools.

8 In recognition of his 218 hours of community service at an Indianapolis hospital in six months, John Trennepohl earned a national volunteer service award from President George W. Bush. John is a student at Father Thomas Sccecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis.

9 The Catholic high school graduation rate in the archdiocese in 2006 was 95.6 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Education. That rate was almost 20 percent higher than the percentage of eligible Indiana students who earned a high school diploma in 2006—76.5 percent.

10 In August, the first reunion of African-Americans who attended St. Bridget and St. Rita schools in Indianapolis attracted more than 600 people from across the country. "It's a tribute to Catholic education," said Lora Vann, a co-chairperson of the reunion. "We were very well educated. Among our graduates, we have a psychiatrist, a diplomat, doctors, attorneys, priests, nurses, veterinarians and engineers."



11 About 95 percent of Catholic high school graduates in the archdiocese attend college.

12 In October, Bishop Chatard students raised more than \$24,000 for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis through the school's dance marathon program.

13 The highway in front of Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville was renamed Providence Way, leading the school's president, Joan Hurley, to say, "I think this speaks volumes on the effect a Catholic school has on the community."

14 In the ISTEP—Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress—students in the archdiocese continue to improve at significant rates, out performing the state average by 16 to 31 percent.

15 In November, Maria Sewell was one of 235 students from around the world chosen to participate in the fifth annual Global Youth Forum, a forum devoted to international understanding, education, leadership and humanitarianism. A student at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis, Maria joined students from Russia, Romania, Egypt, Morocco, England and Sweden at the forum in Kansas City, Mo.

16 In June, Cathedral High School's choir performed at the 2006 Mozart International Youth Choral Festival in Austria.



17 Nearly 96 percent of archdiocesan schools earned the status of "exemplary progress" or "commendable progress," according to an Indiana state formula that holds schools accountable for improving student achievement from one year to the next.

18 The "exemplary progress" recognition—the highest level listed by the state—was achieved by 56 of the 67 archdiocesan schools that were measured.

19 Through successful capital campaigns, Roncalli High School and Our Lady of Providence High School opened state-of-the-art performing arts centers in 2006.

20 Roncalli student Tim Hickle won first place in the 2006 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Statewide Essay Contest. His essay was chosen among 3,600 statewide entries. †





'Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education'

By Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Special to *The Criterion*

Once again, it is time for us to observe Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education."

This slogan is quite fitting as it symbolizes the academic excellence of Catholic schools as well as emphasizes the Christ-centered foundation on which our schools are grounded.

We often read or hear about what is wrong with education. Low test scores, discipline issues and low graduation rates are just a few of the concerns. Yet there is good news to be found in our Catholic schools, where the importance of character and integrity blend with academic excellence.

It is also important to remember that what is focused upon during this "special" week is mirrored regularly in our schools. All year, just as we have done for many years, we honor the excellence of our schools, including their mission and rich traditions.

Catholic Schools Week provides us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the high-quality, faith-focused and values-added education that is offered. The entire archdiocesan community is reminded of the vital contribution that our schools make to education and the quality of life in central and southern Indiana. Indeed, it is a time to celebrate as miracles are found in our schools—in our students—every day.

Let us be ever mindful of the generous contributions that our clergy, religious and lay leaders have made to our Catholic schools. Let us also be ever grateful for those who willingly work with God's children. Let us continue to build the foundation that stands the test of time.

God bless all who continue to advance the mission of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We are proud of our accomplishments.

(Annette "Mickey" Lentz is executive director of the archdiocesan Secretariat for Catholic Education and Faith Formation.) †

By John Shaughnessy

Dana Kelley knows the lasting influence of a Catholic education. She's seen it touch her life as a daughter, a mother and a wife during one of the most difficult and heartbreaking periods she has ever experienced.

She's seen that lasting influence in the generous, faith-filled way that people responded to her and her family during that critical time in her life.

"I think as a parent you send your children to a Catholic school not just because you want them to learn the four 'Rs' but because you want them to learn values," notes Kelley, a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis. "Strong values that will root them their entire lives, that teach what Jesus would want them to do in many situations. You don't get that at a public school. What our friends did was what Jesus would have done."

Kelley expressed those thoughts after *The Criterion* invited readers to share their stories about how Catholic education has made an impact on their lives.

We are grateful for all the people who responded to our request. As a sampling of that response, here is Kelley's story and the story of three other Catholics who have seen their lives and their family's life forever changed by Catholic education.

Heartbreak, faith and folded laundry

"Our journey began in July of 2005 when my husband's father was diagnosed with cancer," Dana Kelley says. "He was given a few months to live, but unfortunately died on Sept. 17, 2005. The week prior to his death, he was in the hospital. Having five girls—four at St. Luke's and one in preschool at the time—I was doing a lot of juggling as my husband, Joe, and I were going back and forth to the hospital.

"This is when our extended St. Luke School family sprung into action. We received many wonderful meals and lots of help with the girls. But the thing that I remember the most is my St. Luke girlfriends coming to our home and simply folding the piles of laundry I had in the house. I still feel the physical and mental relief after coming home to folded laundry and a picked-up house. This was lesson one in our family's Catholic education.

"I wish the story could have stopped there. The following April, Joe was diagnosed with testicular cancer. What

Lasting influence

A Catholic education touches lives at pivotal times



The Kelley family learned the true gifts of Catholic education during a heartbreaking time in their lives. Dana and Joe Kelley pose with their daughters, Meagan, Claire, Kate, Natalie and Beth, in their home at Christmas in 2006.

followed was an unbelievable whirlwind. He had surgery the following week and would then have to have radiation after a four-week recovery period.

"The Friday after his surgery, we received the good news that the cancer was contained and had not spread to his lymph nodes. He still had to go through radiation, but the doctors considered this a 'bump in the road.' My joy was

tempered, however, because that same day I received the news that my father had pancreatic cancer and I knew that was a terminal diagnosis. He was also in Illinois.

"At this point, choices were going to have to be made. My husband was going to be OK, but the recovery was going to be slow. Joe needed me, but I knew my

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On the cover

The "Angels" on the cover of the Catholic Schools Week supplement on page 9 are, from left, Kaitlin McPherson, Zoe Harding and Lizzie Holland. The first-grade students at St. Pius X School in Indianapolis were part of the school's Baby Shower for Jesus in December.



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Coming home

Unusual retirement leads educator back to Catholic school

(Editor's note: As Ken Saxon planned to retire in June of 2006 from the Franklin County Community School Corporation, he never thought his retirement plans would lead him back to a Catholic school where he would become the principal. He shares his story of his unusual return to Catholic education and the difference that his "retirement" has made in his life.)

By Ken Saxon

Special to *The Criterion*

I retired at just the right time.

After 35 years of being a teacher, coach, athletic director, Student Council sponsor, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent for business and transportation, retirement at the end of June 2006 seemed to be the best thing to do.

Worrying about budget forms and approval from the Department of Local Government Finance would be replaced by walks in the woods and teaching grandsons. Getting up at 3:30 in the morning to check road conditions for bus travel would be replaced with drinking another cup of coffee and watching birds at the feeder. The allure of retirement was calling.

Oh, in the back of my mind was a desire to help out at St. Michael School in Brookville. Our children went to school there, and we have been longtime parishioners. Volunteering for an hour or two a week might be a good thing, but you know how our plans sometimes take drastic twists and turns.

On a Sunday morning in the middle of this past May, I was just about to leave the priests' sacristy when Father Bill Ehalt said something like, "Oh, there's going to be a

principal opening at St. Michael next year."

"What an opportunity," I thought, "but you're retiring. You were going to volunteer there anyway, but it's a full-time job with night-time responsibilities."

I remembered the enjoyment of the teaching days at St. Mary School in Rushville and the role the principal had in leading those students and staff members. But I also remembered that there are a million other things to be done.

So went the thought process, the discernment process.

It was a long week between Father Bill's comment and a time when we could sit together to discuss the principal position. After talking with him, I submitted my resume. I am honored to be the principal of St. Michael School in Brookville. My retirement started on June 30, 2006, and ended on Aug. 1, 2006.

I hope that in my years with the Franklin County Community School Corporation I was part of the solution in helping to prepare students for the adult world. I have many good memories about the public school part of my educational career. Those experiences have certainly molded my perspective on my return to Catholic school education.

I continue to find that Catholic school education offers some things that are impossible in public schools.

First and foremost is the religious aspect of what we are about. I have been seated at school board meetings where patrons have discussed prayers at commencement, Bible studies and similar activities in public schools. I have witnessed the nondenominational prayer service called "Meet Me at the Poles" at public school flagpoles.

Here at St. Michael, we not only have



A month after he retired in 2006, Ken Saxon returned to work as the principal of St. Michael School in Brookville, the school where he has re-learned how different and special a Catholic education is.

occasional religious activities, we have prayer every day and several times every day. We have Mass every week. Prayer and religious activities are big parts of our school life.

In my previous roles as assistant principal and principal [at public schools], I worked with many students concerning discipline issues. Even though I privately prayed for guidance in some cases, I never uttered a prayer out loud. Not so at St. Michael School. In one discipline conference this year, I asked God for help. It wasn't just within myself that I offered the prayer. It was out loud so the student could hear it, too. What a difference!

Another significant difference is the degree of adult support. St. Michael School is somewhat unique in that it is not financed through tuition charges for parish children. Financial support continues to be seen as a responsibility of the entire parish.

Non-financial support also comes in the form of volunteer activities. On a daily

basis, between eight and 10 parents and grandparents offer their time and talent to assist at St. Michael School as classroom helpers, office workers, physical education instructors, lunch room assistants and playground supervisors.

The presence of the adults other than staff members at school fills more than just a pragmatic need. Not only do these adults represent themselves, they represent the other parents and the wishes and desires they all have for their children.

The degree of parish and parental support is awesome.

In an environment enhanced by a caring faculty and staff, the students of St. Michael School continue to grow spiritually, academically, psychologically, emotionally and socially.

I am grateful for the opportunity to return to Catholic education and for my role in the education of our students at St. Michael School. You see, I retired at just the right time. †

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Dad's days on this earth were limited so I also needed to see him as much as I could. That's when I put all pride and perfection aside and called my St. Luke girlfriends and asked for help. I knew I couldn't take care of my husband and say goodbye to my father without them.

"The 'girls' from St. Luke went into action. Meals were organized, rides were found and our girls always had a place to go when I had to leave town. My dad died within four weeks of his diagnosis. During that time, I would leave to see him often with only hours notice and these women didn't flinch, didn't complain, didn't seem annoyed. They just helped and eased my burden.

"These mothers all taught their children by example and lived the values taught at a Catholic school. I am forever grateful and humbled by what was done for our family. God puts you in a place you need to be. For us, it is St. Luke School and the extended family that is."

From jump ropes to a convent visit

As a teacher, Jane Vande Water often reflects on the role models she watched



Jane Vande Water

The Madison Courier.

"I was in first grade at the old St. Michael's school downtown," Vande Water notes. "We played in a fenced-in area known as 'the pig pen.' I remember how shocked and delighted we were when Sister Cyril, complete in long, black habit, jumped rope with us one day at recess. We thought she must be about

100 years old, but she showed us that she could enjoy what we enjoyed. Thank you, Sister, for teaching me to play with the children in my classes. "In second grade, I had Sister Salvadore. From her, I learned to see the whole child—not just the student sitting in a desk. I remember having to stay in at recess because I was sick and Sister needed something from home. Since the sisters lived in the house next to St. Michael's, she asked me to walk over there with her. I couldn't believe that teachers, let alone nuns, lived in a house with a kitchen and a living room.

"This shocking revelation gave me the courage to ask if the nuns had to shave their heads, as we could see no evidence of hair. I remember Sister laughing and pulling a lock of hair out from under her veil to prove to me that nuns didn't have shaved heads. Thank you, Sister Salvadore, for making me appreciate the questions that children ask.

"In fourth grade, Mrs. Colussi allowed me to argue. I must confess that sometimes I argued just for the sake of the argument. Thank you, Mrs. Colussi, for teaching me that there is more than one side to every issue."

Vande Water, who teaches in Kentucky, also thanks other grade school teachers for teaching her the importance of requiring discipline, reading aloud to

children and doing projects with her students. She then focused on the influence of her high school teachers.

"Mrs. Horton, thank you for teaching me to enjoy what I do, and to do what I enjoy.

"Father Lawler, thank you for teaching me to challenge myself with high expectations.

"Sister Thomasita, thank you for teaching me to enjoy math and manipulating numbers. The greatest thing you taught me, which I teach my children, is to draw a picture to solve word problems."

She ends her tribute with this thought: "I hope that I will continue to use the lessons taught to me by these great teachers. Thank you for all that you did. I believe it is true that when you teach, you touch lives forever. I was lucky to be touched by you."

Searching for, and finding, an anchor

When a family tragedy touches a child's life, the child often searches for



Mark Tarpey

another anchor to give his or her life a sense of stability. Mark Tarpey of Indianapolis recalls how he needed that anchor—and found it—when he was 5. "I began 16

years of continuous Catholic education in September of 1954 at Our Lady of Lourdes School on the east side of Indianapolis," Tarpey recalls. "My father had died suddenly of a heart attack in January of 1954. My mother was to raise four children ranging in age from 5 (myself) to 15. Catholic schooling provided some needed consistency in my life at that time.

"My Catholic education with the Sisters of St. Francis, as well as dedicated lay teachers, continued at Seccina High School and finally Marian College.

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Handling the bumps in the road of life

Jean Allen noticed the sacrifices her parents made to give her a Catholic education.

She also sees the difference that education has made in her life.

"I was fortunate enough to have 12 years of a Catholic education," says Allen, a member of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon. "My

parents made a lot of sacrifices to give all six of their children this privilege. For that, I've always been thankful. I had nuns as teachers and they were strict, but my Catholic education was well-taught.

"I was brought up in a loving, hard-working Christian home. We, as a family, said our prayers and faithfully said the rosary. My Mom always said, 'A family that prays together stays together.' And she was right. We all stuck together and helped each other, no matter what the bumps were in the road.

"So my Catholic education further laid my background. It taught me how to be a strong person, to always put God in your life and faithfully always thank him for all he does." †



45 years of service

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein congratulates Annette "Mickey" Lentz, executive director of the Secretariat for Catholic Education and Faith Formation, for 45 years of service to the Church in central and southern Indiana as a teacher, principal and archdiocesan administrator. The recognition came on Nov. 20 during an Employee Recognition Luncheon at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.



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*Cathedral High School
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Class of 2006*

*Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer
USS Roosevelt (DDG 80)*

Why did I attend Cathedral High School? The school initially attracted me because I liked the idea of wearing a uniform to school and of not worrying about having "cool clothes." Probably not the right reason to attend a private Catholic institution, but I thank God for leading me in the right direction, regardless of how I got there. So, I came to Cathedral seeking refuge from a large and growing public school system, and I'm still discovering reasons why it was one of the best decisions of my life.

Why did I stay at Cathedral High School? Smaller class sizes allowed for an intimate learning experience with teachers who genuinely cared for their students and valued their individualities. A disciplined adherence to a defined moral code affected every aspect of the school day, providing a positive and uplifting environment in which to develop, morally, mentally, and physically. Being a member of highly competitive sports teams taught vital life lessons of teamwork, sacrifice, and perseverance.

Why will I always go back to Dear Old Cathedral? I belong to a family, an entity bigger than myself, whose members are united by their common love for Cathedral. I recognize the tradition generated by all those who came before me and made the school what it is today. The school spirit is unmatched by any other in the state of Indiana, and I take pride in that.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to have attended Cathedral High School. It is not the beautiful buildings or the state of the art facilities that make the school what it is. It is the people inside those buildings and the hearts inside those people that touch you. Cathedral High School equipped me with the tools I need to journey down my life's path. Not sure where that path is taking me, but I confidently know that I am prepared. Dear Old Cathedral, Here's to You!



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Campaign could expand Project Exceed programs

By Sean Gallagher

For the past six years, Project EXCEED has launched dozens of initiatives that have honed teaching skills in Catholic schools throughout Marion County.

As a result, student performance in these schools, which was already good, has improved and been maintained.

One initiative that has helped is the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). In it, master and mentor teachers coach clusters of teachers as they review student achievement data, set goals for their improvement and evaluate possible teaching practices to meet those goals.

Another initiative has been the Office of Catholic Education's Hispanic Outreach Program, which advises schools about ways to help new Hispanic students perform well.

Now Ron Costello, the director of Project EXCEED, hopes to sustain these and other programs in schools that have already implemented them and expand them to schools throughout the archdiocese as a result of funds raised through the Legacy for Our Mission: For Our Children and the Future campaign.

Joseph Therber, executive director of the archdiocesan Secretariat for Stewardship and Development, said that this is an important part of the campaign that can aid schools across the archdiocese.

"The Legacy for Our Mission campaign proceeds will help expand and replicate Project EXCEED initiatives in Catholic schools throughout the archdiocese and will allow teachers to perform at their optimum while they provide students with an unparalleled education," said Therber.



Nicole Stafford, Becky Kappel, and Ammie Pierce, third-grade teachers at St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis, meet during a TAP cluster meeting to plan instruction to reach student goals.



Fourth-grader Regina Casas and fifth-grader Arturo Aguilar receive tutoring in English during teacher Laura Mull's English as a New Language class in May 2006 at St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis.

The possibility of expanding such initiatives meets with the hearty approval of Chad Moeller, principal of St. Louis School in Batesville.

The school currently has 18 Hispanic students and dealing with their distinctive needs, which often involve language barriers and cultural differences, is a challenge.

"This is new to us," Moeller said. "The teachers and I spend a lot of time on the phones with other schools ... to see how they're handling it."

Because of Project EXCEED, Margarita Solis Deal, the coordinator of the Hispanic Outreach Program, has helped St. Louis School and other school staffs cope with the challenges of Hispanic students and recognize the gifts they bring.

"Margarita has been a big help," Moeller said. "She's said that it may be possible that she could come down here and help to train teachers and maybe even teach our teachers on the basics of Spanish, which would be so helpful."

Solis Deal said that with additional funding from the Legacy for Our Mission campaign she could expand the efforts of the Hispanic Outreach Program.

"Because schools are facing so many different issues, they can't keep abreast of everything that is going on," she said. "I

think what this program is able to do is to really stay up to date on what is currently happening in this whole area of working with the Hispanic community."

Costello said that additional funding is crucial if initiatives like the Hispanic Outreach Program are to continue.

"Our needs are constantly changing, given the kinds of students we serve, both in our schools and in our Church," he said. "The Hispanic population is a good example of that. And without those additional resources, we're not going to be able to serve those students successfully."

Ultimately, Solis Deal wants Catholic schools in the archdiocese to help Hispanic students succeed like they have so many other students throughout their history.

"I think schools are hopefully asking a lot of questions in terms of what they need to do," Solis Deal said, "what they need to put in place to ensure that we're providing the same high-quality education to these new students that they've always provided to students for many, many years."

When Debra Perkins became principal of St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis five years ago, the faculty was already teaching students effectively.

But in her time there, the level of performance has increased. According to Perkins, it is in part due to the school's

participation in TAP.

"When we take a look at where we've come from, being a good school to being a great school," she said, "it's because we've had our eyes opened, and we've been able to take the time and have the professional development to look specifically at what works."

One way, according to Perkins, that TAP has done this at St. Barnabas School is by helping middle school teachers with a speciality, for example in religion or science, integrate strategies to improve students' reading comprehension skills while still passing on the distinctive knowledge of their field.

"... We're not just teaching science," Perkins said. "We're teaching all of the skills that you need to be able to study science."

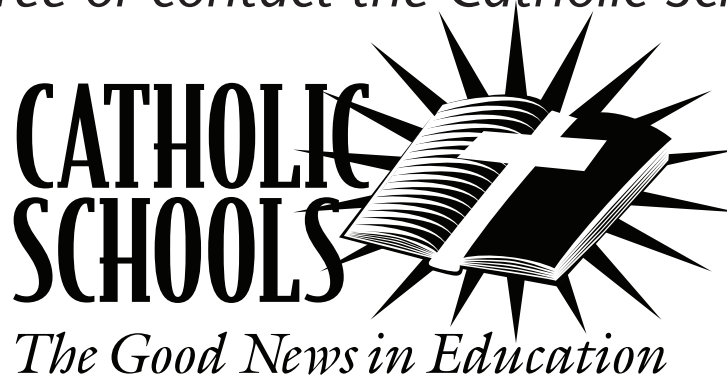
She likes what has happened at her school through TAP and hopes it can be expanded to schools throughout the archdiocese.

"We recognize that the opportunities that our teachers have been given are great opportunities," Perkins said. "But we also know that it could be replicated anywhere."

(Schools administrators interested in participating in the Hispanic Outreach program can call 800-382-9836, ext. 4068 or e-mail msolis@archindy.org.) †

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Building for the future

Newest Catholic school appeals to a growing community

By John Shaughnessy

The celebration will begin with the kindergarten and first-grade students playing drums and tambourines as they move into the newest Catholic school building in the archdiocese.

The celebration will continue inside the new school as the students sign their names on the walls where the chalkboards will be hung.

The touches will be part of the scheduled fun and joy that will mark the Feb. 1 opening of the new Assisi Center at SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood, the latest example of how Catholic families strive to make a Catholic education a key part of their children's lives.

"It just shows there's that desire to integrate faith foundations into academics," said Sandi Patel, the principal of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi School. "I think that's what people are looking for. I've never thought Catholic schools were better, just distinctly different. And that difference is the missing piece. It's about developing a relationship with Jesus."

The new school actually opened in August when 19 kindergarten students and 15 first-grade students entered makeshift classrooms in the parish center while the \$1.6 million Assisi Center was under construction. With the dedication of the new school by



It's not every school that can capture all its students and teachers in one up-close photograph. Yet that's what happened when SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi School in Greenwood opened on Aug. 14, 2006. Shown in the top row, from left, instructional assistant Theresa Winter, first-grade teacher Angela Rykowski, kindergarten teacher Mindy Dant, Principal Sandi Patel and Father Vincent Lampert, the pastor of the parish, form the leadership of the newest school in the archdiocese.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on Jan. 28, the students will soon have a building they can call their own.

The school meets the demands of the growing parish, which has a large group of young families who have built and bought homes in the Johnson County

area.

"We have subdivisions going up everywhere around here," said Father Vincent Lampert, the pastor. "Three years ago, we had about 600 families in the parish. Now we have 914 families. In the next five to seven years, we could double in size. There's a potential of 1,000 new families during that time. Twenty percent of the population of Johnson County is Catholic, which is probably twice the diocesan average."

Building the Assisi Center is part of the foundation for the future, according to Father Lampert.

"Any large parish would want to offer a school ministry option for its parishioners," he said. "The Assisi Center will not only be a school, but it will be used for religious education and youth ministry. It's the missing piece of the puzzle at our growing parish."

Families in the parish share the excitement.

"It's great," said Linda Pirau, a parish

member whose 6-year-old son, Ryan, is in the school's first grade. "It's a new horizon for a lot of people. I'm very pleased with the staff and all the hard work they do. The central thing they do is make the school about the presence of Christ. There's certainly the academics, but that is the essence of the school."

The plan is to add grades to the school each year, with the school eventually serving students from preschool through eighth grade.

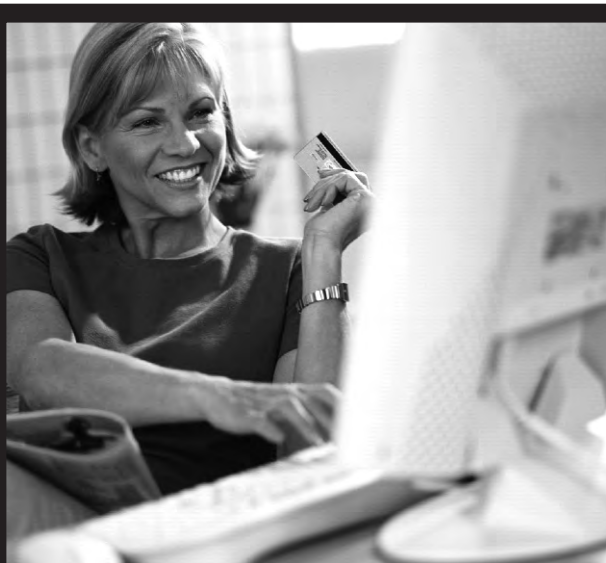
"For the next school year, we will add a pre-kindergarten class and a second grade," Patel said. "We'll have the potential for 90 students next year. We've made a commitment to these first families that their children will be able to be here through eighth grade."

Patel paused and considered just how special the opening of the new school is.

"The families are so happy that the school is open," she said. "There is this strong sense of community. It has just been the most unbelievable experience." †



Principal Sandi Patel also has the duty of planning and leading physical education classes for students at SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi School in Greenwood.



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Extra effort

New school's work-study approach hopes to change lives

By John Shaughnessy

The phone call came from a desperate mother begging for help.

Her car had just broken down as she tried to drive her son to what she considered his destiny with a unique private Catholic high school in Indianapolis.

"Please," the mother begged, "our car has broken down. My son wants to take the placement test. Could someone come down and pick him up?"

Providence Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp listened to the mother's plea. As the president of Providence Cristo Rey High School, she knew that she and her small staff had already worked long stretches of late nights to recruit potential students. She knew she really couldn't spare anyone to leave the school building on the near west side of Indianapolis to pick up the boy at 7 a.m. on the day of the placement test.

So Sister Jeanne naturally told the mother to relax, that someone would soon come to pick up her son.

"I like to think that's a way we reach out, in caring," says Sister Jeanne. "We had a mom in distress and her son was upset because he desperately wants to come to this school. It wasn't easy to send someone out but we did. We meet them on their terms. We listen to their stories."

As Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis continues to recruit students for its first academic year—2007-08—that sense of caring has been a key attraction. So is the school's place in a national network that is building a reputation for helping students from low-income families through a work-study program that is changing lives.

Twelve Cristo Rey high schools are already open across the country, according

to Anne O'Dea, the director of institutional advancement at the Indianapolis school. Six more schools, including the one in Indianapolis, are scheduled to open for the 2007-08 school year.

The schools feature "a work-study program in which all students have entry-level jobs in some of the nation's biggest companies to gain real world professional experience, develop a strong work ethic and pay for a significant part of their tuition," according to informational material from the schools.

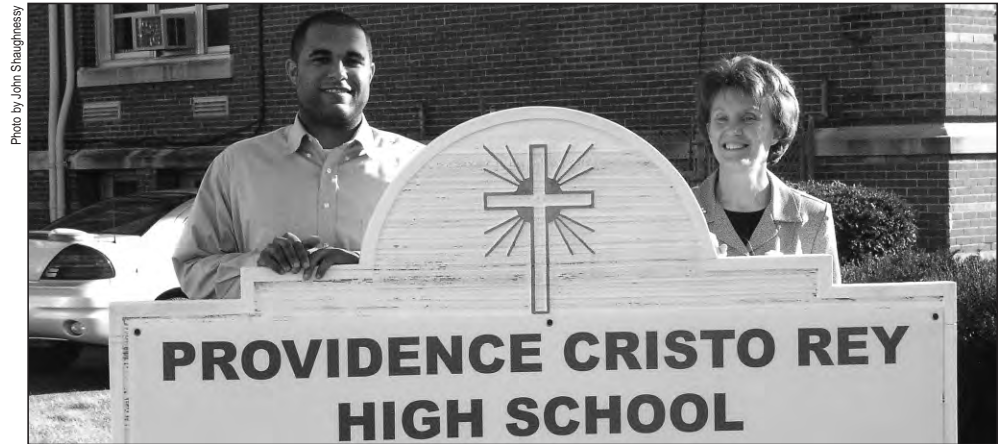
The results have been striking for the schools which exclusively serve low-income youth.

Ninety-nine percent of the 2006 graduates of Cristo Rey schools were admitted into college and 95 percent enrolled, according to O'Dea. She also says that the four-year dropout rate for the Class of 2006 was 2.6 percent compared to 30 percent nationally.

"It became a way for students who came from backgrounds where not much was expected to get corporate skills, to learn how to form partnerships and build networks, and—perhaps the greatest lesson learned—to discover for the first time that they could be something," O'Dea notes.

Sister Jeanne knows that success from her 10 years of being involved with a similar school in Chicago.

"I've seen the difference this kind of school makes," says Sister Jeanne, who was the assistant principal of Providence St. Mel High School from 1981 to 1991. "It was right smack in one of the roughest neighborhoods in Chicago. I'd watch kids walk across the stage on graduation [day] and say, 'This is someone who's going to be alive when he's 25.'"



Danny Fillenwarth and Providence Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp work to recruit students from low-income families to Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis.

"We had high expectations. We worked them hard and every single one of them went to college. One of my favorites is Steve. He was a basketball player. He came to us and he couldn't read. Every Saturday, one of our sisters would show up and work with Steve. The last time I saw Steve, he had finished his master's degree and began his doctorate in sociology."

Danny Fillenwarth has seen that kind of influence in his own life. At 26, he is now the director of admissions for Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis. He still remembers clearly the extra efforts his single mother made to provide an education for him at St. Thomas Aquinas School and Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, both in Indianapolis.

"I see the students who come to me and they get it right away," says Fillenwarth, who also earned a master's degree in education from the University of Notre Dame. "They see this school as their ticket. Where I see the connection most is in the parents—how they

want it so much for their children. I saw that in my mom.

"I really believe in Catholic education. When I heard about Providence Cristo Rey, it reminded me of why Catholic education came to this country, and why there's even more of a need for it now. The values, the accountability toward each other—students to students, students to faculty, faculty to students—just the family environment that Catholic schools represent."

Both Sister Jeanne and Fillenwarth know the long hours will continue as they try to recruit at least 100 students and supervise the renovation of the school building. They also promise that the extra efforts toward potential students and their families will continue.

Sister Jeanne says that focus is required for the school's ultimate goal: "My hope is that every student who will walk through these doors will leave stronger in their faith, academically prepared to be whatever they want to be, and willing to shape a more just and human society." †

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The following prayers are a sampling of the prayers on the back of six holy cards created by students at St. Malachy School in Brownsburg in honor of the canonization of St. Theodora Guérin.

Dear Saint Mother Theodore Guérin,

Good and caring Saint Mother Theodore Guérin, help us to hear our calling, just as you did. Through your faith in God, you were able to cure others. Please strengthen our faith in God to help those in need. You relied on God for the strength, wisdom and courage to fulfill his will. Please help us to fully rely on God just as you did. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— Austin Woods, sixth grade

Dear Saint Mother Theodore Guérin,

With your vocation and education, you had a passion to pass on the knowledge that God bestowed. I pray that you provide the teachers of St. Malachy with the inspiration needed to help our students better our inspirational minds. As students, I pray that you provide the students of St. Malachy with the patience to learn and enlighten when the learning gets challenging. I ask you this with all my heart. Amen.

— Adam Metallic, seventh grade

Great and almighty Father, please help me to find the path to you as you did for your servant Saint Mother Theodore Guérin. Good and gracious Lord, I am sorry for my sins and for the consequences that came with them. In the future, please help me to think before I act as Saint Mother Theodore Guérin did.

Saint Mother Theodore Guérin was a compassionate, considerate and merciful person. Please help me to follow in her teachings and model myself after her. Through troublesome times and tough journeys, she continued to carry out your will. Please help me to do as you ask of me, Saint Mother Theodore Guérin. Amen.

— Eric Bennett, seventh grade

St. Malachy students create St. Theodora holy cards

By Sean Gallagher

BROWNSBURG—Along with the rest of the faithful across central and southern Indiana, the students of St. Malachy School in Brownsburg celebrated last fall's canonization of St. Theodora Guérin, Indiana's first saint.

But they had a special reason to take joy in this historic event.

Their school was founded by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the religious community founded by St. Theodora.

With that in mind, teachers at the Indianapolis West Deanery school started planning their celebration of the canonization soon after the academic year began.

The middle-school students learned about St. Theodora's life of faith in their religion class, and about what Indiana was like when she arrived here in 1842 as part of their social studies class.

There was also a special Mass in honor of St. Theodora for all the school's students on Oct. 12, three days before the canonization in Rome.

Linking all these activities together was a contest in which the students created holy cards in honor of St. Theodora.

All the 134 middle-school students created artwork that featured the saint and the state of Indiana. They also composed prayers to honor the state's first saint.

In the end, six drawings and six prayers were chosen. They were reproduced, blessed at the Oct. 12 Mass and distributed to all the school's more than 400 students and its staff.

Teri Carson, St. Malachy's middle-school religion teacher, was amazed at the prayers that the students turned in to her.

"I got 134 beautiful prayers," she said. "[The students] really embraced it, and they really made it their own. They incorporated things from her life. It was quite a hard decision at the end [to choose the winners]."

St. Malachy's art instructor, Jackie Swihart, was pleased with the artwork submitted for the contest.

"I was really proud of [the students]," she said. "It was so hard to just narrow it down to a few. They had so many kids enter, which was really nice."

Seventh-grader Adam Metallic composed one of the prayers chosen to be used on one of the holy cards.

Learning about the challenges St. Theodora faced in traveling to Indiana impressed him.

"For her to travel as far as she did and she survived—that was pretty amazing," he said. "I don't think that I could do that. I'd probably die."

For her artwork for the contest, eighth-grader Claire Osecki drew a map of Indiana. Within it was her rendering of the famous portrait of St. Theodora.

She said it "took a really long time" to complete it.

"I tried to make it look like it really looks," said Claire.

Claire said that she was struck by "how determined [St. Theodora] was and how she did so much with so little."

Janet Woods, the middle-school social studies instructor at St. Malachy School, helped oversee the contest.

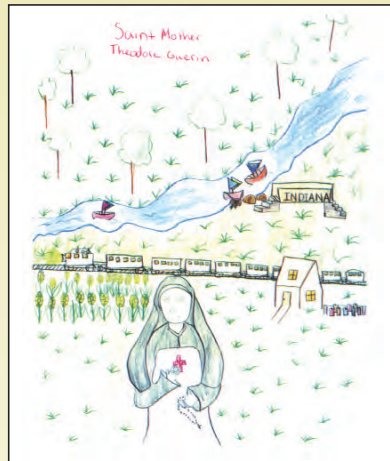
When she has taught Church history to her students in the past, it often involved the story of the faith as it was lived out in Europe 1,000 or more years ago.

But in teaching her students about St. Theodora, she was able to show, in very tangible ways, how Church history touches their lives here and now.

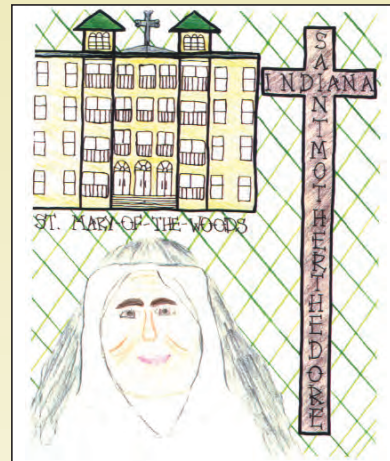
"For me, it was bringing a little bit of that [history] here," Woods said. "This is someone who was here almost 200 years ago. She began all of these things that are still in place today, and you can go to the Sisters of Providence [motherhouse] and you can see what she built out of nothing."

Mary Sullivan, St. Malachy School's principal, hopes the holy card contest helps her students see that the holiness that St. Theodora lived is possible for them, too.

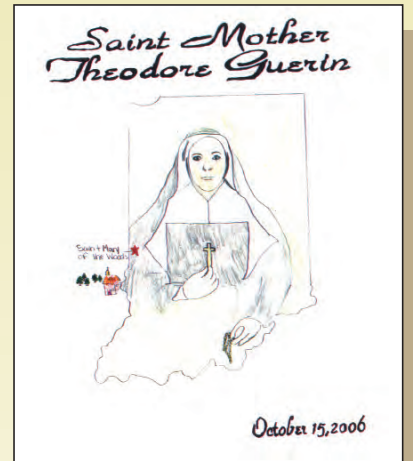
"Although we have here a very remarkable person, she's also an ordinary person, an ordinary person who may very well ... have walked on the soil that we walk on over at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods," Sullivan said. "She is real. She's a real person who now, because of her efforts and her belief in God and her developing the talents God gave her, ... can inspire us to do the same." †



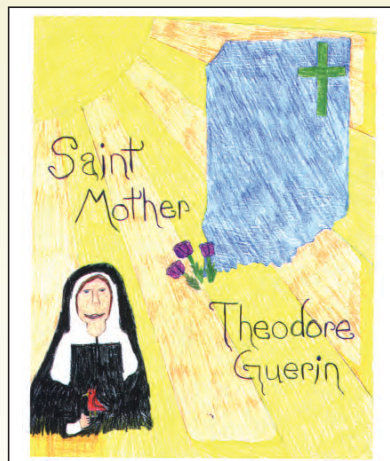
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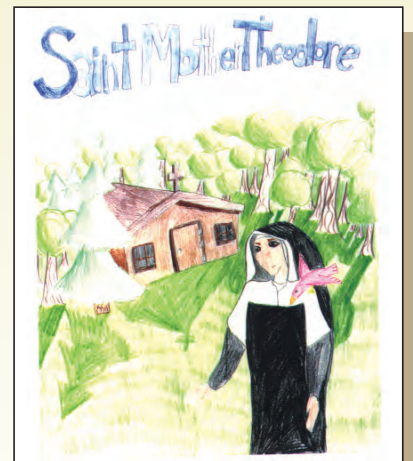
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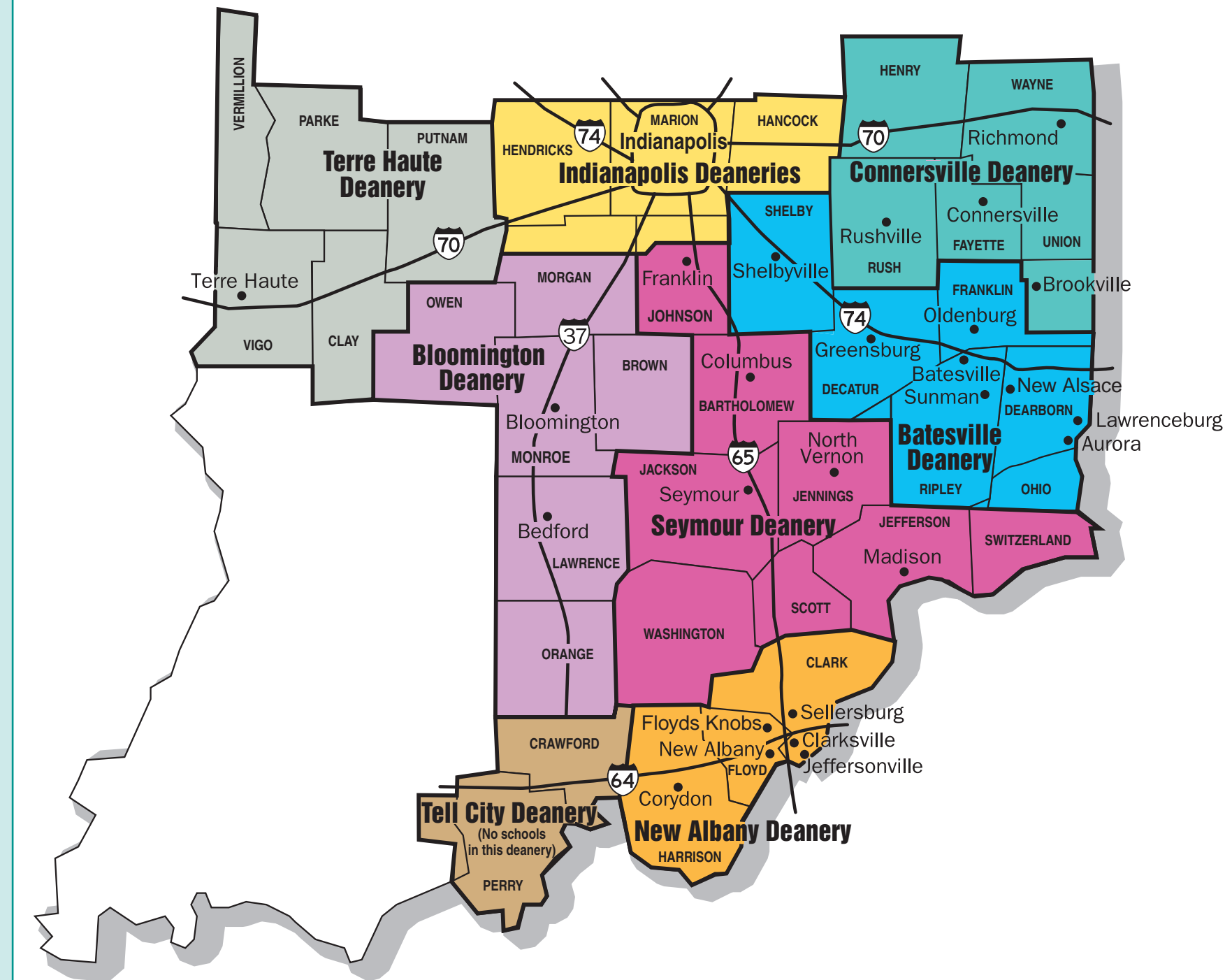
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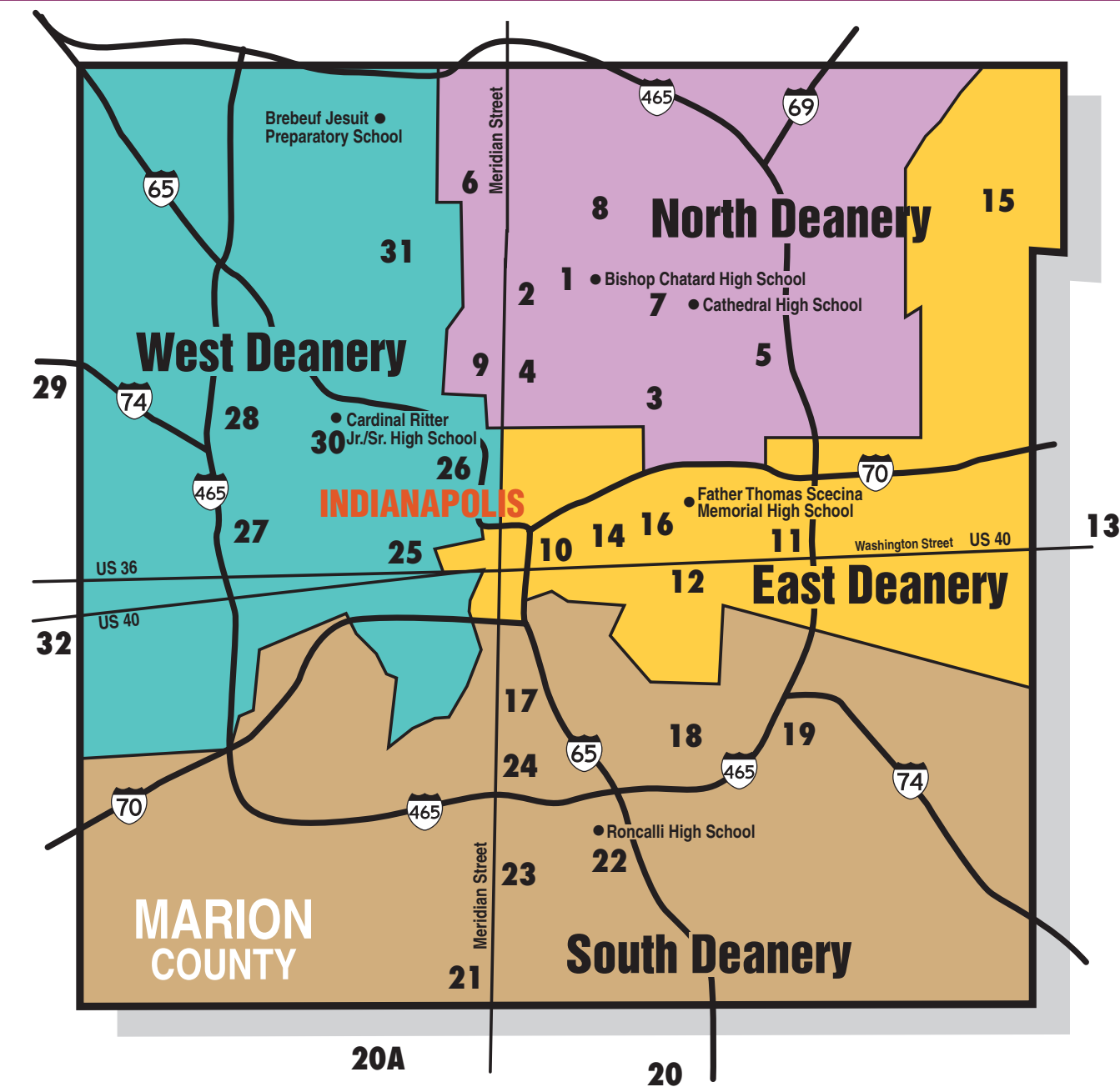
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Shawe Memorial earns national award with hard work

By Mary Ann Wyand

MADISON—Seniors at Father Michael Shawe Memorial High School create a class T-shirt every year as a keepsake. This year's senior shirt is royal blue and features the words "Reason for the Ribbon."

The Class of 2007 chose that slogan because as sophomores they all passed the Indiana Department of Education's graduation qualifying examination.

That distinction and other academic accomplishments helped earn a 2006 "No Child Left Behind" Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award from the U.S. Department of Education for the small Catholic high school in the Seymour Deanery. Five grade schools in the archdiocese also earned Blue Ribbon awards last year. (See story, page 10.)

Last year, Shawe Memorial claimed the honor of being the only parochial high school in the nation to earn a Blue Ribbon School award. With 161 students enrolled in the junior high and high school this year, Shawe officials are still marveling about their national recognition.

Jerry Bomholt, Shawe's principal and volunteer boys' basketball coach since 2003, said the students, faculty and staff worked extremely hard to achieve this honor.

"Shawe has always been a great school and always had a very high reputation for quality education," Bomholt explained, "but there were some standards that needed to be met to improve the school. ... We had a high level of student achievement that could have been much higher. That's what we were striving for. Our goal is to make every student a saint ... and prepare them for college so they can be accepted at any university in the United States."

In a variation of his coaching pep talk, Bomholt challenged the faculty, staff and students to pursue the Blue Ribbon School award because they deserved it.

"The credit goes to our great staff, wonderful faculty, parent support and dedicated students trying hard to be all they can be," he said. "It's been a rewarding experience to see this group of kids blossom and the school become what we thought it could be. We've grown from 139 students to 161 students. Next year, we'll have approximately 175 students. We think in two to three years we'll have

200 students in the seventh through 12th grades."

Bomholt stands at the front door every morning to greet students by name and visits classrooms often to show his interest in their academic achievement. He coaches the boys' basketball team as a volunteer, and reminds team members that student-athletes are students first.

"This year, no one on our coaching staff is accepting any money to coach," he said. "We needed to cut the budget to save a teacher's salary so we discussed it and decided to forfeit our salaries. We're probably the only school in the state that has all-volunteer coaches."

Father Shaun Whittington, school chaplain and religion teacher, said the teachers strive to build character and help students live moral lives whatever their faith tradition.

"We're growing ... and achieving higher levels of success," Father Whittington said. "Archbishop [Daniel M.] Buechlein said one time that, 'We don't educate students because they're Catholic. We educate students because we're Catholic.' I'll never forget that. Education is a very important mission for the Church. This school exists to make saints."

Lisa Gray, dean of studies and guidance counselor, said she is proud to tell people about Shawe's national award.

"It's affirmation that the hard work that has been done and is continuing to be done is making a difference," Gray said. "I see it on a daily basis. ... It gives value to the coursework. Our students are college bound, take their studies seriously and are very competitive academically. They are very focused on success. Seven seniors have grade point averages over four point [a straight A average]."

Shawe junior Luke Wise, president of the 16-member Student Council, said "it's really nice, after putting in a lot of hard work, to see your fellow students recognized" by the federal government, the state and the archdiocese.

"There are a lot of opportunities at Shawe that you don't receive at larger schools," Luke said. "The teachers are more caring here, and have a lot higher standards that they expect the students to meet so we have to work harder. I'm most interested in economics and philosophy. The biggest benefit of a Catholic education for me was the introduction through theology classes to philosophy. I plan on pursuing that after high school and eventually going to law school."

Shawe senior Paige Jones said she hopes to earn



Shawe Memorial High School senior Alyssa Richard works on a yearbook page layout on Jan. 11 about the Madison school's designation as a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

valedictorian honors and is working hard in advanced placement classes to achieve the highest grades in her competitive class of 27 students.

"The teachers put a lot of effort into advanced placement classes," Paige said. "There are a lot of students who take AP classes. They're up for the challenge."

"We are a small Catholic school, but that doesn't mean we can't accomplish great things," she said. "When we received this award, I realized how fortunate I am to go to such a great school. It gave me a sense of pride in the school. I feel fortunate that I am able to attend this school, and that my parents are able to send me here." †

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Shawe vocalists sing for school and community

By Mary Ann Wyand

MADISON—The hilltop is alive with the sound of music. Like the Von Trapp family made famous by *The Sound of Music*, four students at Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School are blessed with beautiful voices and enjoy singing for others.

Shawe Memorial sophomore Brittany Armstrong, a member of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon, and eighth-graders Brogan Drumm, Shelby Gray and Hana Roberts, all of Madison, are well-known in the Seymour Deanery for their considerable vocal talents.



Brittany Armstrong

Shawe, which has 161 students, is built on a hill and the school's sports teams are called the Hilltoppers.

"You just don't find four vocalists in a school of this size that are as talented as they are," Shawe principal Jerry Bomholt explained. "They sing for us at ball games and other events."

Bomholt, who is a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison, said "Shelby sang at my son's wedding and was just phenomenal."

The girls share a love of music and are excited about auditioning for roles in *Peter Pan*, Shawe's spring musical, on May 4-5.

Brittany thinks it would be fun to play Wendy or Captain Hook, and Hana hopes to portray Peter Pan.

"I've been singing since I could talk, pretty much," Brittany said. "I would always sing at home. My first real singing part was in third grade [at St. Mary School in North Vernon]. ... Last year, I had a solo, 'Day by Day,' in [Shawe's production of] *Godspell*."

Brittany said she thinks her gift of music is "God-given because not everyone has it" and she "can sing in front of anybody."

She loves to sing country songs, and after graduation hopes to continue her studies at a music school so she can "do something with singing or acting."

Brittany said she enjoys going to school at Shawe Memorial, and doesn't mind the 25-minute drive from North Vernon.



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Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School eighth-graders Brogan Drumm, from left, Shelby Gray and Hana Roberts sing during the dedication of the renovated Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park in Madison last year.

"Everyone is so nice and welcoming," she said. "I really like the music program. It gives me a chance to get involved."

Brogan, Shelby and Hana often sing *a cappella*—without any musical accompaniment—as a trio. They take voice lessons in addition to music classes and choir activities at school.

Becky Weber, director of marketing for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, said the eighth-grade girls sang beautifully during the dedication of the renovated Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park in Madison last year.

"We sing at church sometimes," Hana said. "Right now, the national anthem is our major thing to sing at events. We sing it on Memorial Day, and we've been asked to sing it for basketball games at Hanover College."

Hana said she loves all kinds of music and especially likes to sing country songs. She hopes to attend music school then pursue a career as a vocalist.

"I've sang since I was really little," she said. "I sing at home all the time for fun."

Shelby said it is fun to sing with her friends, with or without accompaniment.

"We practice a lot with our voice teacher, Nancy Kidwell," she said. "It's not that hard because she makes sure we get it right. ... We just started singing *a cappella*. Seventh grade is when we started to get into three-part harmonies. In sixth

grade, we would sing together but we wouldn't sing in different parts. Now we're up to three parts."

Shelby mostly sings soprano parts, Hana is a mezzo-soprano or alto, and Brogan can sing soprano, alto or bass.

"When we went to the Indiana State School Music Association [competition], we got a perfect score singing three-part harmony," Brogan said. "We sing 'The Star Spangled Banner' at games and whenever anybody needs us to sing it. We also sang it for the Clifty Inn dedication."

Brogan and Shelby hope to study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York then work as professional vocalists.

"Music is my life," Brogan said. "I want to sing and act for the whole world."

Shelby said singing opens "so many doors and opportunities" in life.

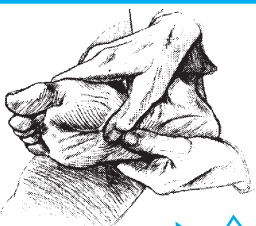
"Ever since I was little," she said, "my Mom and Dad have always told me that it is a gift from God ... and that I should give back the gift that God gave me because he wants me to use it for something good."

Shelby is often asked to sing "Ave Maria" for weddings and funeral Masses at Prince of Peace Church in Madison.

Matthew Graham, Shawe's director of music and performing arts, said "*a cappella* is incredibly hard to sing" because it requires "a true vocalist" who has "the ability to keep different notes in your ear and mind ... before you sing them. ... All four girls are incredibly talented." †

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It's all part of the impact he hopes to make on his students.

"Search for the truth, find God, live the message and be happy," he says. "Find God in the Scriptures and in your life, but more so in your fellow human beings. And recognize that aspect of divinity. If you live the message and love one another as God has loved you, you'll be OK."

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As soon as she entered the school, Dionna Ward felt like she was home. She knew her way through the halls. She savored the warmth of the teachers' smiles.

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Dionna Ward works to make a difference at St. Andrew and St. Rita Catholic Academy in Indianapolis, the school she attended as a child.

the year she graduated from eighth grade. Except this time, she walked into St. Andrew and St. Rita Catholic Academy in Indianapolis as a teacher.

"It was fate I was placed here," Ward says. "It was like coming back home."

In the four years since that homecoming, Ward has continued to sharpen her focus as a kindergarten teacher, trying to show her students the importance of the sign that hangs above the blackboard, "Today is your chance to make a difference."

"It's our theme for the whole school," says Ward, who is 25. "We really try to promote the children's self-worth. I tell my students that even though they are 5 or 6, they can make a difference. We just completed a 'Read to Feed' program. The kids had to read books and collect pledges.

"We raised about \$300. We're going to use that money to buy an animal or animals for a village in an impoverished country. Being in a Catholic school, I want them to see how blessed they are and what they can do to help others. My kids have so much potential. Unless they're pushed to reach it, it can go to waste."

Her teachers didn't let that happen to her. She's not about to betray their example. Instead, she tries to live it.

"Like the majority of students in the school, I'm not Catholic. But I have spent the majority of my education in Catholic schools," says the graduate of Cathedral High School and Marian College, both in Indianapolis. "I know the Catholic faith pretty well. I tell my kids that if they're struggling with something, just pray to God. I tell them that anything is possible with God."

After all, she believes God called her home to teach.

"Originally, I was supposed to be somewhere else. I guess this is where God thought I was needed."

Shining the light

The lone light glows in the middle of the stage at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville in southern Indiana.

As the person who started the theater program at Providence more than 40 years ago, Ray Day knows the significance of the light. It shines as a symbol of the Broadway hope, the theater belief that there will always be another opening night, another show.

In another way, the light could easily symbolize the impact that Day has had on students at the Catholic high school as a longtime art and visual arts teacher, theater director and now as the director of development.



Ray Day suggests an idea to Josh Knecht, a student at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville.

"Our vision in Catholic schools is to challenge individuals to discover themselves, relate to other people and then change the world together," says Day, who is 67.

Day tried to accomplish those goals in the theater program.

"Through theater, kids learn three wonderful lessons. They learn their own talents—that someone believed in them. The second lesson is that the person next to them has talent, so they learn to respect the talents of others. And, thirdly, they learn that when you work together, you can create something far greater than one person can do alone."

Those lessons are part of the gift a teacher can give, a gift that Day didn't realize he was giving in the beginning.

"When I came back to teach here, I never thought of going anywhere else but a Catholic school," says Day, a 1957 graduate of Providence. "It was a long time teaching before I realized I had a creative and spiritual impact on people. Kids would come back as adults and say, 'I learned more from your class than art. I learned about family. I learned about doing for other people.' It's mind-boggling when you hear the impact you had on people's lives."

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Chemist's family donates laboratory to St. Rose School

By Mary Ann Wyand

FRANKLIN—A new science laboratory at St. Rose of Lima School is the result of a



Michael Kurek

chemist's legacy, a family's generosity and a Boy Scout's love for his father who died too young.

A bronze plaque outside the science classroom door pays tribute to Dr. Joseph Kurek, a noted chemist and chemistry professor

who enjoyed his profession so much that he built a laboratory in a small building next to his home in Franklin.

Kurek taught at Franklin College and the University of Indianapolis, and enjoyed showing students the importance of organic chemistry in daily life.

"Chemistry was his life," Carolyn Kurek, his widow, explained. "He lived it. Joe was a teacher, first and foremost, a wonderful teacher. He taught chemistry in addition to working as the chief chemist at Heritage Environmental Group for 17 years. He taught in some of the most wonderful ways, and I've had so many tributes from his students."

After his death from cancer on May 1, 2005, at age 60, she decided to give his laboratory equipment to St. Rose School.

"I just felt like I needed to do something that kept his teaching spirit alive," Carolyn Kurek said. "He was very active at St. Rose in many, many ways, and I wanted to do something at the school in Joe's memory. Father Paul Shikany, the former pastor, said, 'Why don't you do something for the science lab?' They had been trying desperately over the years, in bits and pieces, to put a lab together. Dave Roush headed that effort."

The family gift became a family project when 16-year-old Michael Kurek decided to coordinate the installation of his father's laboratory cabinets and chemistry supplies at the school for his Eagle Scout award.

Roush, a chemist, parishioner and family friend, worked with Mike and other members of St. Rose of Lima Boy Scout Troop #227 to complete the project last summer.

Now middle school students have modern equipment to help them learn about

the physical sciences.

In addition to the science equipment, the Kureks gave a financial gift to the school to purchase other supplies to complete the laboratory.

Mike, who is a junior at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, said "it was a great honor" to build the science laboratory in his father's memory.

"I'm happy about it," Mike said. "He did so many things, but there aren't that many people outside the science field that really knew that much about him so this will help spread what he was all about to people."

Mike joined the Boy Scout troop at his parish six years ago, and spent 300 service hours on his Eagle Scout project.

He hopes to apply for a Marine ROTC scholarship at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and serve in the Marine Corps for 10 to 15 years then become a park ranger.

"This was an excellent opportunity for St. Rose School to build a top-tier science program," explained Roush, who is a chemist at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis.

"The school is supported solely by St. Rose Parish and student tuition," he said, "and creating a laboratory of this caliber would have taken years without this generous gift."

Roush said a science committee was established with "the goal of creating a modern high technology lab with hands-on learning opportunities and advanced scientific demonstrations in a safe learning environment."

With additional donations and volunteer time, he said, the science laboratory became a reality.

"Over the course of the summer, Michael was able to refinish three wall cabinets and two bench cabinets as well as build a new bookshelf," Roush said. "He organized Troop #227 Scouts to remove glassware from his father's lab then clean and transport it all to St. Rose School. The science committee ordered thousands of dollars of new science experiments, and helped install the cabinets and TV. Approximately 300 volunteer hours and \$6,000 of a pledged \$12,000 have been spent to date on the lab, which opened at the beginning of school in August."

The Dr. Joseph Kurek Laboratory is equipped with a 32-inch LCD television with a VCR/DVD player that is wired to the teacher's computer for use in lecturing as well as to connect to the Internet for class



St. Rose of Lima sixth-grader William Roush of Franklin works with science teacher Amber Hayes on a chemistry experiment with new laboratory equipment. Carolyn Kurek said the dedication of the science laboratory was "a very emotional realization that what Joe [Kurek] stood for in his life was something that was going to live on."

viewing of science webcasts. A USB microscope also connects to the TV so the class can view microscope slides.

Other laboratory equipment includes multiple electronic balances for weighing, a variety of hands-on chemistry demonstrations, a generator, numerous textbooks and science kits, seismograph demonstration models, prisms, magnetic stirring and heating plates, a vacuum pump and see-through free-fall tube for gravity demonstrations, digital thermometers, an ultraviolet cabinet to kill bacteria, scientific calculators for all the students and safety equipment to protect the students during experiments.

"We believe this is only the beginning of the lab project," Roush said, "as there are remaining funds to continue making purchases throughout the year. Much of the above equipment and demonstrations are more typical of those seen in high school programs and should provide an excellent learning environment for St. Rose students for years to come."

The Kurek family's gift is a unique investment in the future of St. Rose School, Roush said. "[It] provides a laboratory environment with interactive experiments and engaging demonstrations. We believe it will show the students that science can be fun and will instill a desire to learn more about these subjects, and perhaps result in

some [students] choosing a science-related career."

Kelly England, principal, said the new laboratory meets all safety requirements so "students can be actively engaged in science experiments and demonstrations that will prepare them for high school."

Science teacher Amber Hayes said the new laboratory makes it easier to teach scientific concepts to students.

"It's a very generous gift," Hayes said. "We're going to continue to build on the equipment and map out the curriculum."

Father Thomas Schliessman, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish and Holy Trinity Parish in Edinburgh, also serves the archdiocese as chaplain of Scouts.

"I'm very proud of our school and the Scout who put everything together," Father Schliessman said. "I think it was a very well put together project. It is meaningful and personal for Michael, and it's a tremendous enhancement of our science lab."

"It's a good testimony to Scouting, to the Kurek family, to Catholic values, to everybody's sense of generosity and the time and effort that was put into it, and to our commitment to continue to give the best educational opportunities to students," he said. "Part of what it means to be a Catholic is to appreciate and to learn more about this world that God has given us." †

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Laura Bush lauds 'vital role' of Catholic schools after hurricane

HARVEY, La. (CNS)—Catholic schools played a "vital role" in the Gulf Coast's path to recovery after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, first lady Laura Bush said on a visit to St. Rosalie School in Harvey.

After her midmorning visit to St. Rosalie, Bush had lunch at Cafe Reconcile in New Orleans, a program of the New Orleans archdiocesan Catholic Charities.

Meeting students, teachers, and parish and archdiocesan personnel at St. Rosalie on Jan. 9, Bush said the school "reminds us of the vital role Catholic schools have played in helping children whose lives were devastated by the hurricanes. Catholic schools worked as quickly as possible to re-enroll their students. In September 2005, students from archdiocesan schools were scattered throughout 49 states. By November 2006, 98 percent were back attending the school of their choice."

She pointed out that "New Orleans Catholic schools ... opened their doors to thousands of public school students displaced by the storm. In Metairie, Archbishop Rummel Transition School helped hundreds of families return by taking students from any area school that closed.

"Cathedral Academy welcomed the children of first responders who lived on mercy ships immediately after Katrina. Archdiocesan representatives spent three

evenings aboard those mercy ships registering students, and they asked for no tuition," she said.

"Today," she continued, "1,500 public school students remain in Catholic schools, their tuition paid entirely by the archdiocese."

She quoted archdiocesan school superintendent Father William Maestri: "We don't educate children because they are Catholic. We educate children because we're Catholic."

St. Rosalie principal Mary Wenzel told the *Clarion Herald*, New Orleans archdiocesan newspaper, that she learned just before Christmas that the first lady wanted to visit her school in January. The Harvey elementary school had received a \$20,000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation to help rebuild its library, but beyond that Wenzel said she had no real idea why her school was chosen.

"But I know she felt that Catholic schools were not getting enough publicity for their part in recovery efforts, and she wanted to highlight a Catholic school," Wenzel said.

In preparing for Bush's visit, Wenzel said, she spent a great deal of time on the phone with speechwriters from the first lady's office, as did the pastor of St. Rosalie Parish, Salesian Father Jonathan Parks.

The elementary school campus sustained nearly \$2 million in damage but was back



First lady Laura Bush accepts flowers from eighth-grader Katelyn Huff, Student Council president, at the conclusion of Bush's Jan. 9 talk at St. Rosalie School in Harvey, La. Leading the applause to the right is Salesian Father Jonathan Parks, pastor of St. Rosalie Parish. The school had received a \$20,000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation.

open by Oct. 3, 2005. Repairs to the middle-school campus are just getting under way and are expected to be completed in early June, in preparation for its August reopening. Middle-school students, meanwhile, have been attending classes on the Archbishop Shaw High School campus.

Before leaving St. Rosalie School, Bush said she was going to Cafe Reconcile for lunch because it is a place where at-risk youths "receive on-the-job training for a host of restaurant jobs—from waiting tables to serving as 'chefs de partie.'" A "chef de partie" is a station chef or line

cook in a restaurant.

At Cafe Reconcile, she said, "young people don't just master the perfect etouffee. They also develop positive relationships and the self-esteem they need to make successful adults."

"In the weeks after the hurricane, Cafe Reconcile served hot meals to first responder and construction crews and local workers. The staff welcomed back evacuees one plate of red beans and rice at a time," she said.

At Cafe Reconcile, Bush met with the workers and had a lunch of fried catfish with greens and okra. †

Catholic school's annual penny collection raises thousands for charity

ROELAND PARK, Kan. (CNS)—Although pennies are worth less than they cost to manufacture and are typically discarded, refused or treated as necessary nuisances, they have emerged at a Catholic school in Kansas as a powerful symbol in the struggle against poverty and hunger.

Every year, Donna Merrill, a teacher at St. Agnes School in Roeland Park, collects pennies from students in her elementary school enrichment program and journalism classes to give to Heifer International, a charitable organization based in Little Rock, Ark., that works in 50 countries throughout the world.

The charity provides livestock to the poor, offering a sustainable resource for individuals, families and villages to support themselves. Recipients are obliged to share some of the offspring of their animals with

their neighbors in a community-building gesture.

The gifts are varied and tailored to the locale. They include honeybees, ducks, chickens, water buffalo, heifers, llamas, goats, sheep, silkworms and rabbits, among other food and income-producing animals. Each animal comes with a preliminary veterinary treatment and training for its ongoing care. Each requires a sponsor to pay for it. A heifer, for example, costs \$500, while a goat, sheep or pig runs \$120. A starter flock of chickens is \$20.

Last year, with about 100 children participating, the group collected enough pennies to purchase chickens and ducks through Heifer. In other years, they have purchased rabbits, goats and other livestock for families in Uganda and other countries. Their goal this year was to raise enough

money to buy a pig.

But with so many children persistently pestering their parents and grandparents for pennies, word began to spread about the school collection. It inspired the grandfather of one of the students to write an article about the collection for *Star Magazine*, a Sunday supplement to *The Kansas City Star* daily newspaper.

The article encouraged contributions and even listed Kansas City-area Bank of America branches as collection points.

Suddenly, pennies that had been squirreled away in cans, jars and piggy banks began to arrive at St. Agnes School and the bank branches. The coins came in jelly jars, clear plastic bags, soda bottles, padded envelopes, plastic food-storage containers and even recycling bins. One family brought in more than 43 pounds of

pennies; another woman brought pennies she had been saving for 25 years.

U.S. Army Col. Bruce J. Reider, director of the Center for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, made a classroom presentation to St. Agnes schoolchildren on the thousands of pennies his group had collected. The container was so heavy it required two men to carry it.

Many gifts were anonymous. Some came accompanied by notes or letters.

The collection, which was once just a school project, took on a life of its own. Pennies came from everywhere, and nearly every day. By Dec. 31, 2006, the school had collected approximately 250,000 pennies.

The goal for the year "was to buy a pig," Merrill said. "Currently, we have enough to buy 20 pigs." †

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The Office of Catholic Education oversees and assists the Catholic schools, parish faith formation, evangelization, and youth and young adult ministries for 150 parishes and missions in 11 deaneries throughout a 39-county area of central and southern Indiana comprising some 13,757 square miles and serving more than 232,273 Catholics.

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

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Total pre-school-12:	23,146
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Elementary (K-8):	15,849
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Religious composition:	Elementary	High school
Catholic:	79%	68%
Non-Catholic:	21%	32%

NOTE: Approximate demographic figures for seven Indianapolis center-city schools are: 69% minority, 44% non-Catholic and 90% qualified for Federal Lunch Program.

High school graduation rate, 2005-06: 97%
Percent of graduates entering college, 2005-06: 94%

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

Average tuition rates, first child, (estimated)	Catholic	Non-Catholic
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Estimated operating costs of Catholic schools in the archdiocese, 2004-05:

Elementary schools cost-per-pupil:	\$3,592
Interparochial high schools, cost-per-pupil:	\$7,794
Total operating cost of archdiocesan schools:	\$87 million

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

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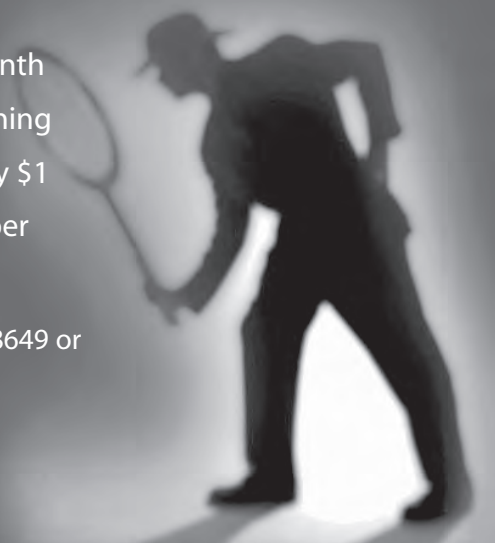
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Students continue to improve on ISTEP scores

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In September 2006, 13,186 students in third through 10th grade from 70 Catholic schools in the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis took the Indiana Statewide Test of Educational Progress (ISTEP+). For the last six years, students have shown and been able to maintain growth in their

language arts/English and mathematics proficiency on the Indiana academic standards compared to the state of Indiana.

The average of archdiocesan students at each grade level passing both the language arts/English and mathematics is above both the non-public and Indiana state averages. The

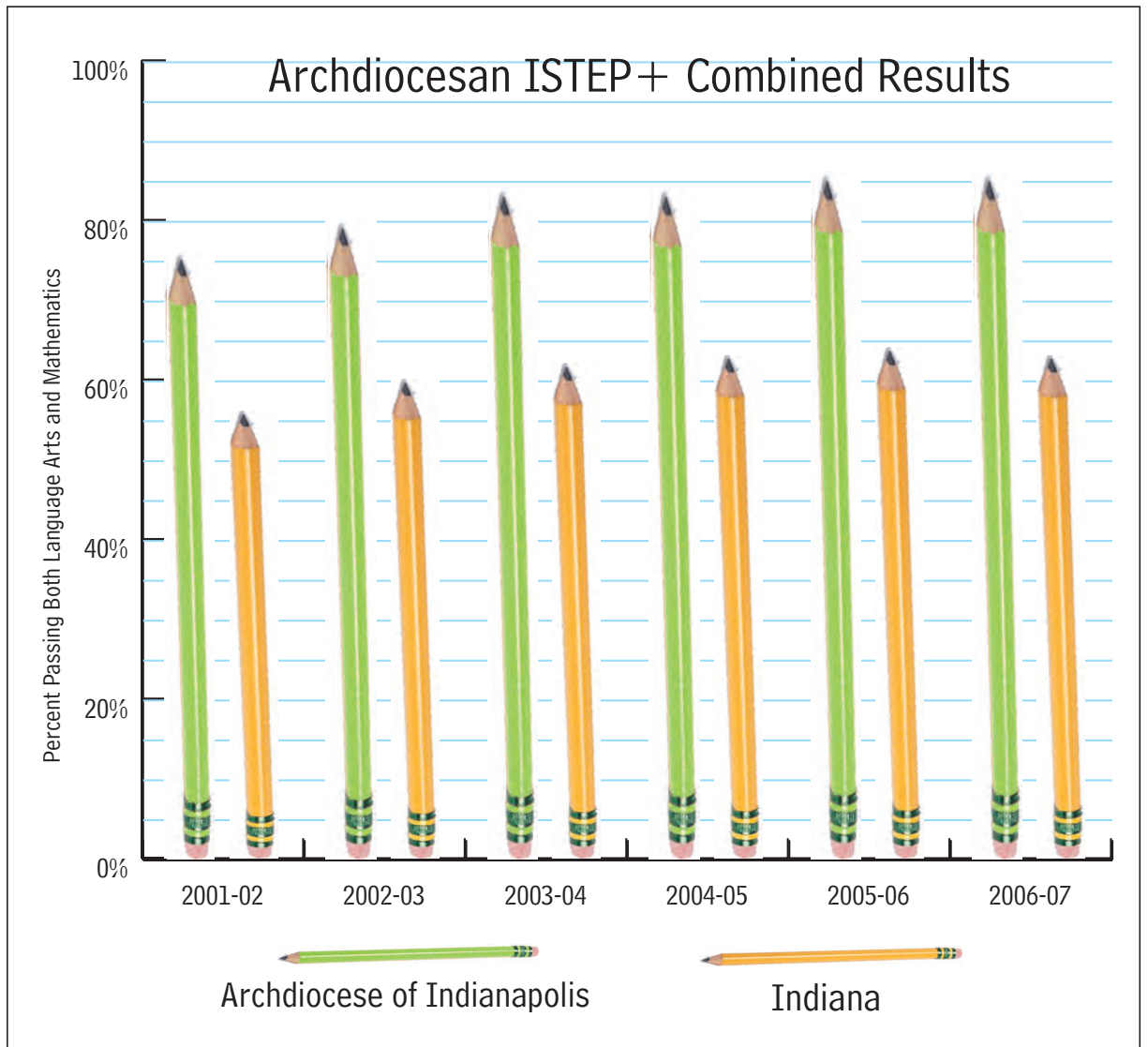
archdiocesan percentages range from 88 percent at third grade to 90 percent at 10th grade. The trend this year continues past student performance. Simply stated, the longer a student is in archdiocesan schools the greater the growth in student proficiency. †



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Celebrating Blue Ribbon Schools

Principals of the newest national Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence in the archdiocese traveled to Washington in November to receive their awards from the U.S. Department of Education. Six schools in the archdiocese were honored with Blue Ribbons for 2006. Some 21 Blue Ribbons have been earned by schools in the archdiocese in the past four years in the "No Child Left Behind" Blue Ribbon program. Twenty-four schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have earned 30 national Blue Ribbons since 1985. Shown at the headquarters of the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington are, from left: Jerry Bomholt, principal, Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, Madison; Scott Stewart, principal, Christ the King School, Indianapolis; Ron Costello, superintendent of Catholic schools; Betty Popp, principal, St. Lawrence School, Indianapolis; Dena Steiner, principal, St. Lawrence School, Lawrenceburg; Bill Herman, principal, St. Monica School, Indianapolis; Kathy Schubel, principal, St. Bartholomew School, Columbus; and Mickey Lentz, executive director of Catholic Education and Faith Formation.



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Caring for the environment is a moral concern

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

The environment is our responsibility the same way that life itself is. The environment has been given to us as a gift that ultimately we give back to God.

The moral vision drawn from the Bible affirms the superiority of humans to the rest of creation, but it does so in the context of nature as God's gift to us, viewing us as creatures subordinate to God the Creator. This perspective is needed in discussions of environmental ethics and efforts to put such ethics into practice.

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's book and movie titled *An Inconvenient Truth* represent a recent, highly publicized attempt to draw attention to the state of the environment. Whether one agrees or disagrees with these and other similar works, there is little disagreement that we are responsible for the environment—not just in a human, ethical sense, but also in a religious, moral sense.

Human beings are endowed with a capacity to distinguish right from wrong and good from bad. Whether we attribute this to conscience, to learning the value of virtuous living or to conforming to an established code of behavior, we realize that being human implies a responsibility to act a certain way.

Traditionally, this responsibility has been confined to people's relationships with one another. However, with the development of new technologies, increased consumption of material resources and the uneven distribution of wealth and goods, ethical concerns extend to the environment.

Moreover, in discussions of environmental ethics, the environment is not limited to nature's material resources. It includes the social, cultural, psychological, professional and spiritual milieus which people create and in which they live and work. There is a strong connection and mutual influence between these life systems and the ecosystems of nature that call for ethical responsibility.

Excessive consumption of nonrenewable sources, pollution and disregard for the impact of technological developments contribute to an "unnatural" environmental crisis. To the extent that human actions are to blame, humans are responsible for repairing the damage insofar as possible. Legislation and international treaties aimed at reducing pollution and toxification are steps in this direction.

We are also responsible for the environment because human survival

depends upon it. Survival is one of the deepest, most powerful instincts in the human makeup, and we cannot endure without the resources that creation provides us. At this basic level, self-interest dictates that we ensure a sustainable and livable environment.

A major difficulty people may have with all this is that many threats to the environment do not seem so imminent that they endanger our lives right now. Warnings and predictions by scientists and environmentalists frequently are dismissed as exaggerations, especially in calling for changes in lifestyle and habit.

Beyond the impulse for survival is a responsibility to promote human flourishing. People should not have to live only at the most basic level of subsistence even though a great portion of the world's population does. Human creativity and the capacity for betterment carry a responsibility to improve life by improving the environment.

This creative vision can be measured by the effect of changes on existing ecosystems, but human inventiveness and the capacity for exploration are components of being human that are supposed to be exercised for the good of all.

Taking this one step further, responsibility for human flourishing points us to show concern for future generations as well as our responsibility for their well-being. Not everyone agrees that there is a strict obligation to satisfy the rights and needs of those who do not yet exist, but the decisions and actions that people take today shape the world that their descendents will be born into.

Even if some current environmental crises don't imperil our own lives, they may well endanger those yet to come. Anticipating the long-term future is part of human responsibility for the environment.

Peace depends on respect for all creation

By David Gibson

"Disregard for the environment always harms human coexistence," Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for the Jan. 1, 2007, observance of the World Day of Peace.

Is it surprising that ecology assumed an important place in a papal message about peace that is widely read each year?

The pope vigorously advanced his belief that respect for other people is



A worker harvests melons in southern Arizona. Self-interest dictates that we ensure a sustainable and livable environment.

But in addition to these ethical responsibilities, there is a moral responsibility derived from our relationship with God, who pronounced the original creation good and entrusted it to us and to our care so that we might develop and enrich it. Believers owe it to their Creator to fulfill the role of stewardship as God expects by caring for the environment, respecting its natural laws, expanding its God-given potential and cultivating its material goodness.

A religious, moral perspective counteracts human tendencies toward selfishness, material gratification at any cost or disregard for the common good and the welfare of others—attitudes that have contributed to the damage done to the environment.

(Father Robert L. Kinast is director of the Center for Theological Reflection in Prairie Village, Kan.) †

essential to achieving peace in the world.

"Humanity, if it truly desires peace, must be increasingly conscious of the links between natural ecology, or respect for nature, and human ecology"—respect for others in the human family, Pope Benedict said.

"Respect for nature," the Holy Father said, "is closely linked to the need to establish between individuals and between nations relationships that are attentive to the dignity of the person and capable of satisfying his or her authentic

needs."

As the pope put it, "Destruction of the environment, its improper or selfish use and the violent hoarding of the earth's resources cause grievances, conflicts and wars" among countries.

"It becomes more and more evident that there is an inseparable link between peace with creation and peace among men," Pope Benedict said. "Both of these presuppose peace with God."

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!) †

Discussion Point

Recycling helps save the environment

This Week's Question

What can individuals or groups do for the environment?

"We can conserve our wetlands and our wildlife areas instead of tearing them down for energy plants and housing developments. We can recycle cans and paper and things that aren't biodegradable. That would also cut down on costs for companies that make these things." (Tabitha Goodhouse, McLaughlin, S.D.)

"Things like global warming are scary. But we're creatures of habit so we have to correct things we thoughtlessly do to harm the environment." (Angie Grajeda, Visalia, Calif.)

"Recycling and trying to use less resources is something everyone can incorporate into their daily life. ... We could use less gas by consolidating errands [and] turning off lights. There are probably at least five light bulbs in

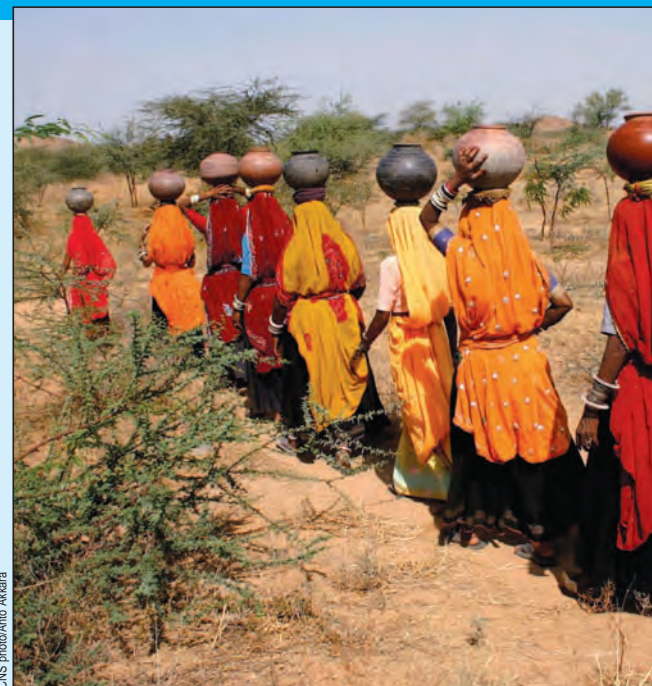
my house right now that I could turn off." (Peggy Kaiser, Chubbuck, Idaho)

"When I was a child, people would throw trash, gum and cigarette butts on the sidewalk. Today people are more aware and less likely to litter. ... If everyone were aware of the littlest things, we'd find our little bit does help." (Mary Ann Hatchell, Ladson, S.C.)

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

First of two columns on the Our Father

(Fourteenth in a series)

I need two columns to discuss the *Our Father*, and even that won't be sufficient.



St. Thomas Aquinas called the *Our Father* "the most perfect of prayers" because "in it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired.

This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them."

St. Augustine wrote: "Run though all the words of the holy prayers [in Scripture], and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer."

It is called the Lord's Prayer, of course, because Jesus taught it to us, so we shouldn't be surprised that it's the perfect prayer.

When Jesus taught it to his disciples, it

was new. The Jews, of course, never called God "Father," much less "our Father." It was Jesus, who was God the Son, who not only revealed the Father to us but also taught us that we could have an intimate relationship to him as we do (hopefully) to our human father. Furthermore, when we pray to the Father we also adore and glorify God the Son and the Holy Spirit since the Trinity is consubstantial and indivisible.

When we pray "who art in heaven," we are not referring to a place but to God's majesty. St. Augustine wrote, "Our Father who art in heaven' is rightly understood to mean that God is in the hearts of the just, as in his holy temple."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "When the Church prays 'our Father who art in heaven,' she is professing that we are the People of God, already seated 'with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus'" (#2796).

The catechism also tells us that, after addressing God and thereby placing ourselves in his presence, we pray seven petitions. "The first three, more theological,"

it says, "draw us toward the glory of the Father; the last four, as ways toward him, commend our wretchedness to his grace."

The first of the three theological "petitions" don't seem like petitions to me. "Hallowed be thy name" seems more as though we are praising God for his holiness, recognizing that his name is holy. The catechism teaches us, though, that "this petition is here taught to us by Jesus as an optative: a petition, a desire, and an expectation in which God and man are involved" (#2807).

We are asking, in effect, that the name of God should be made holy in us through our actions. St. Peter Chrysologus, one of the doctors of the Church, reminded us that "God's name is blessed when we live well, but is blasphemed when we live wickedly."

We then pray, "Thy kingdom come." Although the Kingdom of God has been coming since the Last Supper and is in our midst in the Eucharist, this petition refers primarily to the final coming of the reign of God after Christ's return.

Continued next week. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Praise for those who honor their vocation

My cradle Catholic friends tell me stories about growing up in the Church. Many of



them center on the personalities and foibles of their parish priests, usually told with affection.

In those days, children were instructed to never say anything critical about their priests or the religious sisters who

staffed their schools. Not only was this considered a display of bad manners, but also it seemed faintly heretical. Father So-and-So was above reproach, at least out loud.

In these days of continuing clergy sex-abuse scandals in the worldwide Church, we seem to have reached the opposite opinion. Now the dedicated, often consecrated clergymen who serve us have become suspects viewed with fearful and critical eyes.

Even before these scandals, when Vatican II recognized the laity as equal partners with clergy and religious in the spiritual journey, Church leaders began to be fair game for the human scrutiny people love to give each other. Father is bossy, Father gives tiresome sermons, Father doesn't

attend every single parish event. Whatever.

Now, even though I'm not a cradle Catholic, I've known many priests and religious sisters over the years, and I've learned one thing for sure: They are human beings just like the rest of us. They have their strengths and their weaknesses, they often inspire us, but sometimes they sin as well. Still, although they're certainly not divine, we seem to hold them to a higher standard than we do laypeople.

Perhaps we should value them for who they are rather than for the stereotypical *Bells of St. Mary's* characters we imagine they should be. Perhaps we should praise them for bringing honor to their vocation just as we praise couples in long, stable marriages, or dedicated parents or virtuous single and religious folks who model God's love for us in their chosen lives.

The best priest I ever knew was my husband's uncle, whose church was "in the Project," the poorest parish in St. Louis. For years, he sent abusive husbands to jail, helped poor kids go to college and found work for welfare moms. He was strict and did not suffer fools.

Yet, he often harbored alcoholic or otherwise troubled priests as they healed themselves before returning to active ministry. He even baby-sat now and then for teenage boys who'd been left in charge of

their siblings so they could be kids themselves and play ball on the school grounds.

Which brings me to Father Steve Jarrell, our pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle. Unfortunately, a terrible car accident which required hospitalization has reminded us just how much we love him and appreciate his dedicated vocation.

Now, Father Steve doesn't serve a Project parish, but he still has a lot on his plate. Not only is he the pastor of St. Paul's, but also chaplain for the Catholic students at DePauw University and for the inmates of the Putnamville Correctional Facility.

In addition, he's pastor of Annunciation Parish in Brazil. Luckily, it's Brazil, Ind., not that other continent. He directs several thriving ministries, gives memorable sermons and never seems to lose his wit or sense of fun.

Sometimes it takes a blow to the head to wake us up to reality. And the reality is that most of us enjoy the services of honorable men and women who, like us, are trying to follow God's will with love and devotion to their vocations.

God bless them.

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Share with the care, share in the memories

Last month, an editorial published in *The Criterion* encouraged readers to donate unselfishly to the



Retirement Fund for Religious because "one out of every five religious institutes has less than 20 percent of the amount needed to care for elderly members."

Although I suspect that the percentage of

families among the laity having trouble financially caring for loved ones might be higher, I wholeheartedly encourage the support of priests and nuns who need assistance.

As a product of Catholic grade and high schools, I have only fond memories of the sisters and clergy of my youth, with some memories being funny. However, most are poignant or happy or have contributed to excellent lessons that have served me well.

Rather than share my personal experiences with readers, I call attention to a book I enjoyed so much last month. The cover resembles the composition notebooks

of my youth, but the title startled me: *Don't Chew Jesus!—A Collection of Memorable Nun Stories* by Danielle Schaff and Michael Prendergast.

The authors, who are friends from childhood, take "a lighthearted look back at the women who influenced the lives of countless Catholic schoolchildren."

The back cover says, "Nuns were once a pervasive part of the Catholic landscape, but much like the habits they once wore, sisters have largely disappeared."

Many Catholics join me in missing their significant presence and untiring contributions in schools, hospitals, and other vocational and mission roles.

Still, dedicated nuns continue doing the work of Christ quietly and efficiently, some in traditional ways and some in unique forward thinking ways. The lessening of their numbers makes me especially appreciate the sisters of today—the young and the old—who share themselves unselfishly with others.

When I first read the *Don't Chew Jesus!* title, I was startled. Then I immediately remembered my first-grade teacher's instructions while the class prepared for

Holy Communion: "Don't touch the Host with hands or teeth!"

My lifetime reverence for the Body of Christ is so great that, as an adult, I trembled when I first received the Eucharist in my hands.

Don't Chew Jesus! is a memorable look into yesteryear, but it also takes a positive and serious look at our faith. It brightened my December holidays. Published by BenBella Books, its ISBN number is 1-932100-82-2. It is a bargain at \$20 since a portion of the price is being donated to SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious), a national non-profit organization serving retired religious.

The book contains nearly 400 anecdotes and recollections written by both Catholics and non-Catholics, and already the authors are gathering stories for another book.

At the end of *Don't Chew Jesus!* is information on how you can be a contributor and help support our retired religious. (See www.nunstories.com.)

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

Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

Celebrate God's gift of variety

My family and I recently celebrated my younger son's second birthday.

Over the past several months, Raphael's speaking ability has grown by leaps and bounds.

He's mimicked so many words he's heard that we've nicknamed him, "the parrot."

As his vocabulary has grown, his personality has become more distinguishable as well.

One of the blessings for me of witnessing a toddler's

growth has been taking wonder in the great variety that there can be simply between two brothers who share a room, play with each other every day and are only a couple of years apart.

Michael is a very intense little boy—playing and running around and learning with gusto.

Raphael seems to be more happy-go-lucky. He loves to play with his big brother. But, by and large, he seems more, well, relaxed. (And that's a bit of a relief to his parents!)

The variety in their personalities is mirrored in their physical looks as well.

Michael has brown hair and green eyes, much like his dad, minus the growing streaks of gray!

Raphael's head is covered with blond hair and he looks at us with his shiny blue eyes.

... the panorama of personalities, even within one family, is a sign of the great creative power of God.

Variety among siblings was on display recently when my family and I attended the wedding of one of my wife's sisters.

The joy of the wedding and the following reception reconfirmed for me the conviction I've had for a while that, despite the many different personalities among my wife's 10 siblings, they've honed having fun together into a science.

In reflecting on the joy they created and shared, I came to see that the panorama of personalities, even within one family, is a sign of the great creative power of God.

From that first moment in time billions of years ago when God began his work of creation to the present, the variety that he has brought forth knows no end.

This might come to mind for us humans first when we consider the differences in other people. But it is equally true in the world in which we live.

Even here in plain old Indiana, beautiful variety can be found from the farmlands and lakes of the northern part of the state to the gently rolling hills in the south.

We certainly have a history of not dealing well with all these differences as the endless stories of broken families and wars between nations give proof.

But I am convinced that God gives us, through the sacrament of marriage, the grace not only to cope with those who are very different from us, but to actually take joy in the variety right before our eyes.

So when the unique quirks in your spouse's or children's personalities start to get on your nerves, ask God to help you look at them through his perspective, he who is the source of all the variety in our life. †

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

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007

- Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
- Luke 4:21-30

The Book of Jeremiah provides the first reading for this weekend.



Regarded as one of the major Hebrew prophets because of the extent of his recorded writings and the brilliance with which he wrote, Jeremiah was descended from priests. He was from a small village,

Anathoth, only a few miles from Jerusalem.

As occurred with many, indeed even most, of the prophets, his prophecies drew sharp rebukes. He even was accused of blasphemy, a crime that had death as its punishment in the Hebrew code of law. It was this statute that centuries later led to some of the demands for the crucifixion of Jesus.

Despite the ordeals created by these rebukes and accusations, Jeremiah never relented in proclaiming fidelity to God as a personal and national imperative, and he never doubted that he was on a mission from God.

In this weekend's reading, Jeremiah recalls the day when God called him to the mission of prophesy. He gives the date. It was during the reign of King Josiah, who ruled the Kingdom of Judah from 640 to 609 B.C.

God told Jeremiah to be bold. God predicted the controversial response to Jeremiah's prophesying, and urged the prophet not to be daunted by unfriendly or angry reactions.

As its second reading for this weekend, the Church offers us a passage from the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

It is one of the loveliest and best known sections of the entire corpus of Pauline literature. It is the beautiful explanation of love.

Few better definitions of love—this ability unique to humans in nature—exist in writing. It is clear and straightforward. It is greatly inspiring.

Paul then reveals what happens when a person embraces the Gospel. Imperfections fade away. Knowledge

increases. Maturity is reached. The insecurities and smallness of youth are over.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the last reading.

Jesus, as the story clearly states, appears in the synagogue in Nazareth. In earlier verses, not part of this weekend's reading, Jesus stands to read a section of the Book of Isaiah.

In this section, Isaiah recalled his own calling to be a prophet. Isaiah gave details as to what this calling meant. It meant that he was God's spokesman, sent by God to bring liberty to the oppressed, hope to the poor and sight to the blind.

Then, continuing in the passage read this weekend, Jesus declares that this prophecy has now been fulfilled. In other words, Jesus is the long awaited spokesman of God.

At first, the audience is impressed. But then Jesus recalled an incident, mentioned in the Old Testament, in which God showed mercy upon gentiles.

This mention of divine favor for anyone outside the Chosen People infuriated the audience in the synagogue so much that they tried to murder Jesus. He, of course, escaped.

Reflection

The Church remembers the great feasts of Christmas, the Epiphany and that of the Baptism of the Lord in early January. In these feasts, it celebrated the mercy of God that came to us through and in the Lord Jesus.

Building upon this idea of God's gift of mercy and consequent eternal life, the Church this weekend presents these readings.

Within them, first, is the theme that God supplies to us that which we cannot find or create on our own, namely eternal life. Thus, God sent Jeremiah to prophesy. Thus, God sent Jesus.

As the Gospel made clear, no one is beyond God's mercy, but we must do our part in receiving this mercy. We must love others with the pure love as described by St. Paul.

Reactions to Jeremiah and to Jesus remind us that our insights are limited. We can even foolishly resist God's efforts to redeem us, so blind we may be. †

My Journey to God

My Crocheted Prayer

Chain one, chain two,
Yarn over, pull through.
Please, God,
Grant us peace.

Chain three, chain four,
Stitching as my spirit soars.
Please, God,
Grant us peace.

Chain five, chain six,
Prayer between and prayer betwixt.
Please, God,
Grant us peace.

Chain seven, chain eight,
Entreaty seeks to emulate.
Please, God,
Grant us peace.

Chain nine, chain ten,
Petitioning until the end.
Please, God,
Grant us peace.



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Back and forth, to and fro,
The prayer ascending as I go.
Please, God,
Grant us peace ...
Grant us peace.

By Margaret Jacobi

(Margaret Jacobi is a member of St. Michael Parish in Bradford.)

Daily Readings

Monday, Jan. 29
Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalm 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, Jan. 30
Hebrews 12:1-4
Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, Jan. 31
John Bosco, priest
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, Feb. 1
Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Psalm 48:2-4, 9-11
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, Feb. 2
The Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40
or Luke 2:22-32

Saturday, Feb. 3
Blaise, bishop and martyr
Ansgar, bishop
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Psalm 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, Feb. 4
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
or 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11
Luke 5:1-11

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Pope Pius XII taught that married love will continue in heaven

Q My husband of nearly 43 years died suddenly eight months ago. I'm



having a hard time living without him, although I know he is happy. Only my faith that we will meet in heaven gets me through the day.

I read recently that an 18th-century theologian, Emanuel Swedenborg, taught that there is still marriage in heaven.

Does the Catholic Church agree? If so, if someone was widowed and had another husband, whose wife would she be? (Texas)

A As you know, I'm sure, the sadness you experience over your husband's death is shared by millions of others who have suffered the loss of a spouse or close friend.

As we see things in this earthly life, some realities just don't seem to fit together. Intense suffering and happiness are two of them. How can you or your husband be happy when you are so miserable?

The only answer we can give in this life is that our lives will look different when we eventually see them with the eyes of eternity, the way God sees them, and the way your husband sees them now.

Human suffering of any kind does fit in with God's Providence in his creation and in his plan for our salvation.

If nothing else, we have the suffering and death of Jesus to assure us.

Scripture assures us that the Father was intimately present to Jesus always, even in the darkest hours of his Passion.

Yet the Father did not remove that suffering. He knew that, for Jesus as for us, this suffering played an essential role in our coming to a full and good human and Christian life.

Your husband is with you in the communion of saints, supporting you. He is wonderfully aware that, despite all our doubts and fears, it will all fit together when we see things as they really are.

As for marriage in heaven, it is true, of course, that there will not be the reproductive aspects of marriage that we experience in this life.

However, some years ago, Pope Pius XII

had some enlightening and consoling words about that.

Speaking to married couples, Pope Pius noted that, while marriage itself may not endure in heaven, married love will continue.

What does that mean?

First of all, part of heaven will be our conscious intimacy and communion with those who were dear to us here on earth.

Beyond that, however, our personalities, our ways of loving and being which we will carry into eternity, are molded largely by the people with whom we shared this earthly life.

This includes hordes of people—parents, friends, brothers and sisters, children, teachers and others. In most cases, one of the most important of these people is one's spouse.

You are a much different person than you would have been had you not married or had you married someone other than the man you did.

In other words, his love for you and your love for him, formed in each of you by the sacrament and communion of your marriage, will continue. Its personal and intimate effects in both of you, in all their goodness, never will end.

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 5515, Peoria, IL 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the "My Journey to God" column.

Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to criterion@archindy.org. †

Documentary on nuns' role in civil rights marches to air

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A one-hour documentary featuring religious sisters who participated in the 1965 civil rights marches in Selma, Ala., will air on PBS in February as part of Black History Month programming.

The documentary, "Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness for Change," highlights the involvement of Midwestern sisters who joined the marches. It also features the Sisters of St. Joseph from Rochester, N.Y., based in Selma, who provided housing for visiting protesters and treated marchers at Selma's Good Samaritan Hospital.

Many of these sisters are now retired or working in various parts of the country. Independent filmmaker Jayasri Hart, who served as the film's director and producer, reunited them to show them previously unused news footage of themselves and the events of 1965. The comments they made while watching the film serve as a large part of the film's narrative.

Hart also found other Selma residents—Catholic and Protestant, white and black—to comment on the sisters' involvement.

involvement.

"Sisters of Selma" is a co-production of Hartfilms and Alabama Public Television, produced in association with the Independent Television Service, with funding provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign, the Alabama Humanities Foundation and the Louisville Institute.

For broadcast times, viewers should check their local listings or visit the Alabama Public Television Web site at www.aptv.org/as/sisters/index.asp for a broadcast schedule link.

The stage for the historic drama was set on "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, when Alabama state troopers brutally attacked blacks with nightsticks, whips and tear gas to break up their intended 60-mile voting-rights march from Selma to the state Capitol in Montgomery.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. asked Church leaders from across the nation to join blacks for a second march on March 10, in defiance of a federal judge's injunction and



Catholic nuns and clergy participate in a voting rights march on March 10, 1965. A new documentary, "Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness for Change," tells the story of religious sisters who answered the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call to join the Selma, Ala., protests. The program, partly funded by the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign, is scheduled to air on PBS stations nationwide during February for Black History Month.



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amid threats of violence. An interfaith delegation of about 50 from St. Louis, the largest out-of-state group to participate, was asked to lead the march.

One of the members of this group was Sister Mary Antona Ebo, an African-American and a member of the Sisters of St. Mary, now called the Franciscan Sisters of Mary. She led the march with five white nuns although police stopped them soon after they had begun.

In an interview in 2004 with the *St. Louis Review*, newspaper of the St. Louis Archdiocese, Sister Antona said she "didn't walk more than a half a block, but it was a long half-block." †

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Retiring World Food Program director has audience with Holy Father

The Criterion staff report

How do you spend your last day on the job?

If you're James Morris, executive director of the United Nations World Food Program, you take part in a private audience with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican.

Morris, a Terre Haute native and longtime civic leader in Indianapolis, met with the Holy Father on Jan. 15, which was also his last day serving as the leader of the world's largest food aid organization.

At the meeting, Morris noted the extraordinary help provided to the World Food Program by Catholic organizations.

"I wish to thank His Holiness [Pope Benedict] for his continued personal commitment, as well as that of the Catholic Church, to the poor and desperate people of the world," Morris

said. "The developed world must do more to help the more than 850 million people who don't have enough to feed themselves."

He also noted that millions of children are plagued by hunger and malnutrition. Tragically, 18,000 children die every day.

Morris is no stranger to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He was the keynote speaker at the 2005 Spirit of Service Awards Dinner to support the work of Catholic Charities Indianapolis.

The World Food Program has numerous Catholic groups and organizations as partners, such as Caritas, Catholic Relief Services, Jesuit Refugee Service, the International Catholic Migration Commission and the lay Community of Sant'Egidio.

"The spiritual, moral and material support of Pope Benedict XVI and of the Catholic Church represents a real hope to provide a future to millions of children," Morris said. †



The state of Indiana was well represented during a Jan. 15 papal audience with Pope Benedict XVI. From left are William McGowan Jr., vice chairman of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association and member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis; James Morris, retiring World Food Program executive director; Pope Benedict XVI; Jerry Semler, chairman of the board of American United Mutual Insurance Holding Company and The OneAmerica Foundation and member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis; and Mike Stayton, Morris' chief of staff.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College taps David Behrs as first lay president

The Criterion staff report

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—After a national search, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College has selected David G. Behrs as the institution's 15th president.



David G. Behrs
Carondelet Sister Joan Lescinski, who

Behrs will be the college's first lay Catholic president. He begins his new position on July 1, succeeding St. Joseph of

last month was named president of St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

With more than 22 years of experience in higher education, Behrs currently serves as both the associate provost for university initiatives and the vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at Dominican University of California in San Rafael, Calif.

"David's experiences at Dominican University and in higher education have prepared him well for his future at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College," said Providence Sister Denise Wilkinson, general superior. "He is passionate about the college's Catholic tradition, and committed to the mission and values of

the college and the Sisters of Providence.

"We look forward to working with him as we draw on our heritage to step boldly into the future," Sister Denise said, "all the while honoring Saint Mother Theodore Guérin by carrying on her legacy of faith and service."

Behrs, 47, earned a Ph.D. in counseling and student development at American University, a master's degree in counseling and student personnel at Shippensburg University, and a bachelor's degree in history and social science at Elizabethtown College.

The new president said he is looking forward to using his experiences and skills to advance the mission of making

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College the premier women's Catholic institution in the world.

"Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College has experienced tremendous growth under Sister Joan Lescinski's leadership," Behrs said. "I am honored to have been selected to lead the college into this exciting time of positive and significant advancement, and I look forward to building on the momentum the college has created to propel it to even greater levels of excellence."

Behrs and his wife, Maureen, have two daughters.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College was founded in 1840 by St. Theodora Guérin and the Sisters of Providence. †

LEGACY FOR OUR MISSION:

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TIME, REFLECTION HELP SEMINARIAN RESPOND TO CALLING

For some people, big decisions grow increasingly clear with time and reflection. That maxim is certainly true for Deacon Randy Summers, a fourth-year seminarian at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in southern Indiana.

The Iowa native, who has been preparing for his new life since he responded to God's call five years ago, plans to celebrate his ordination to the priesthood on June 2 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will ordain Deacon Summers to the priesthood along with two other seminarians, Thomas Kovatch and Rick Nagel.

After Deacon Summers is ordained, he will preside at his first Mass at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis, and it will mark the beginning of his life as a priest.

Deacon Summers worked for many years in the health care industry before deciding to respond to God's call, although he admits it wasn't always far off in his mind. In fact, he first realized the possibility of a religious vocation to the priesthood when he was a junior in high school.

Wanting to go away to college and be with friends, Deacon Summers avoided responding to those promptings to study for the priesthood. At the same time, however, Deacon Summers did remain open to trying to understand God's call. He received 12 years of Catholic education before attending a Catholic college. At one point Deacon Summers also looked into monastic life at Blue Cloud Abbey in South Dakota, a Benedictine monastery founded from Saint Meinrad Archabbey. It was engaging enough to interest him in entering the Blue Cloud community, but after spending four years in formation, he discerned that God had other plans for him.

That's when Deacon Summers set his sights on health care studies and a master's of business administration degree. The education propelled him to work in health care administration and perform consulting work, a career path that fostered professional success that moved him around the country to Chicago, New York City and southern California. Many



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein ordains Randy Summers to the diaconate in 2006.

"God kept nagging at me. Finally, God wore me down."

nights as a "road warrior" meant Deacon Summers spent most of his time away from family and friends.

"It kept me busy at the time, so I didn't even think much about my vocation," he said. "But God kept nagging at me. Finally, God wore me down."

Eventually, Deacon Summers admitted, he tired of God pestering him. That's when he returned to exploring a vocation to the priesthood or other religious life.

And as big of a change as a vocation would appear to be, Deacon Summers reflects that the transition from a career to seminary turned out to be quite uneventful. After affiliating with the archdiocese, he reflects, "I needed to decide where I would like to attend seminary; that decision was made easier because of my previous experience with the Benedictines. For a variety of reasons Saint Meinrad seemed to me to be the obvious choice."

Aside from deciding what seminary to attend, a bigger issue that Deacon Summers and other prospective seminarians have to deal with is finances. "Here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis we are blessed because of the financial support that is provided for us," he said. "All of the costs associated with educating future priests are paid for by the archdiocese."

On that point, Deacon Summers is quick to emphasize how the *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign is an integral part of this approach. Without such a fund-raising initiative and a generous response, he thinks the Church could not continue to provide the means for that level of support.

"My response to God's call to the priesthood is very important to both me and the Church, but it isn't any more important than your response to God's call," Deacon Summers said. "We are all called as Catholics to be in a relationship with God and our purpose in this life is to grow in that relationship. We all have been given certain gifts and talents and a part of our building that relationship with God is to offer those gifts and talents back to him through the Church. I do that by offering my life as a priest to God and his Church and I hope in doing so I will help others give back to God their own gifts and talents.

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Rest in peace

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

ANDERSON, Garnet Lee (Krutz), 83, St. Paul, Tell City, Jan. 10. Mother of Lee Ann Parker and Richard Harding. Sister of Harry Krutz. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of two.

BANKO, Robert, 77, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Jan. 6. Brother of Delores Banko and Arlene McGuire. Uncle of several.

BANSCHBACH, Loretta F., 74, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Jan. 16. Wife of Robert Banschbach. Mother of Margaret Ann Barrett, Jane Ann Zapp, Jeffrey and Mark Banschbach. Sister of Dwayne and Greg Warner. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of three.

CARTER, Bernice Evelyn, 80, St. Pius, Troy, Jan. 11. Mother of Kathy Boling, Tammy Hahns, Juanita Harpenau, Jerry Kuntz, Mike Waterbury, David, Gary and John Zuelly. Sister of Verna Fugit, Alberta Harpe, Charles and Louis Kuntz. Grandmother of 17.

Step-grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of 26.

CERNE, Frank A., 84, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Husband of Stephana (Turk) Cerne. Father of Frances Leone and Nancy Yovanovich. Brother of Mary Villaseñor. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of four.

CHANEY, Debra L., 52, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, Jan. 5. Mother of Amanda Westerfield, Jeffrey Thinner, Ashley, Brad and Eric Chaney. Daughter of Morris and Shirley Weidenbenner. Sister of Susan Berg, Amy Mehlinger, John, Phil and Scott Beckman. Grandmother of four.

CONLIN, Catherine S. (Fusco), 93, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville, Jan. 5. Mother of Veronica Conlin. Sister of Martha Barnes, Fannie Hartman and Ann Horlander. Aunt of several.

DEZELAN, Yolanda E. (Saligae), 89, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, Dec. 23. Mother of David, Donald, Joseph, Michael and Robert Dezelan. Sister of Alma Mates. Grandmother of 24. Great-grandmother of 20.

FINICAL, Maxine P., 85, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Wife of Diod Finical. Mother of Ronald and Ty Finical. Sister of Wanda Wolfe. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

FRANCIS, Hilard, 85, Our Lady of Lourdes, Jan. 15.

Husband of Catherine (Mahan) Francis. Father of Janie Brown, Joan Flecker, Mary Kathleen Keyes, Jean Ann Meyer and Helen Wailes. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of two.

GILES, Virgil L., 88, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Jan. 15. Husband of Hazel Giles. Father of Judith Krueger and Lynda Martin. Grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of two.

GRAVES, James J., 83, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, Jan. 10.

GROTE, Kenneth E., 70, Prince of Peace, Madison, Jan. 6. Husband of Patricia Grote. Father of Susan Smalley and Charles Grote. Brother of Augusta Eckert, Walter Jr. and William Grote. Grandfather of five.

HAUSER, Franklin E., 90, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 3. Husband of Ruth Anne (Wade) Hauser. Father of David and John Hauser.

HOBBS, Helen A., 90, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Dec. 25. Mother of Albert, James and Joseph Sheeler. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of eight.

JACOBI, Beulah, 84, St. Mary, Navilleton, Jan. 12. Mother of Ruth Collins, Barbara Freiburger, Carol Harness, Marcella Lenfert, Anthony, James, Jerome and Jude Jacobi.

KOERS, John Francis, 75, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Dec. 27. Husband of Marlene (Kelley) Koers. Father of Karen Probst, Mary Vitolins, Carol Walle, Gary, Greg, John Jr., Kevin and Tim Koers. Grandmother of 21. Great-grandmother of six.

LINEHAN, Marjorie E., 85,

St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Jan. 1. Wife of John G. Linehan. Sister of Jeffrey Linehan. Mother of Beulah McCracken and Shirley David Jr. Grandmother of two.

LIVERS, Mary Oneda (Coomes), 94, St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove, Jan. 11. Mother of Carol Barczuk, Shirleen Reese, Gerald, James, Paul and Ronald Livers. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 29. Great-great-grandmother of three.

MARTER, Mary M., 62, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, Dec. 26. Daughter of Evelyn Bault. Sister of Kathryn, David, Dennis and Joseph Bault.

MILLER, Robert M., 91, Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove, Jan. 10. Father of Marie O'Connell, Joyce Pittman, Glenn and Robert Miller. Brother of Vera Morgan and Ed Miller.

ROSIMER, Josephine Ann, 75, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, Jan. 12. Mother of Debbie Ford, Sandra Hensley, Richard Barner and Joe Coad. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of seven.

SARLES, James H., 84, St. Mary, New Albany, Jan. 7. Father of James Sarles. Brother of Hazel Kiesler, Paul and Virgel Sarles.

SHELLENBERG, Paul J., 58, St. Michael, Cannelton, Jan. 4. Husband of Mary Jo Schellenberg. Stepfather of Tony Sandage. Brother of Peggy Harpenau. Step-grandfather of one.

SCHWANEKAMP, Mamie, 84, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Mother of Teri Adamson and Chuck Schwaneckamp.

Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

SWEENEY, Marjorie K., 83, St. Luke, Indianapolis, Jan. 8. Mother of Marguerite Simmons, John, Michael and Thomas Sweeney.

TRACY, Mary Catherine (Gardner), 81, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville, Jan. 3. Mother of Deborah Siller, Delinda Simpson, Sarah, Patrick III and William Tracy. Sister of Lois McComb. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of nine.

Daughter of Charity Vincent Honc served at hospitals in five states

Daughter of Charity Vincent Honc died at the Seton Residence in Evansville, Ind., on Jan. 2. She was 82.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 5 at the Seton Chapel at the Seton Residence. Burial was scheduled at a cemetery in Florida.

The former Augusta Anna Honc was born on Aug. 19, 1924, in Punta Gorda, Fla.

After graduating from Fort Meyers High School in 1942, she entered the Daughters of Charity at St. Louis in August 1944.

Sister Vincent's first ministry assignment was as a student nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago. After completing special training as an operating room nurse, she served as the operating room supervisor there while continuing her studies.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at DePaul University in Chicago in 1950.

In 1953, Sister Vincent was assigned as the operating room and hall supervisor at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo.

WALKE, Kenneth, 65, St. Maurice, Napoleon, Dec. 4. Husband of Emma Walke. Father of Michelle Arnett, Barbara Branson, Deborah Darringer, Cathy Olds, Patty, Dan and John Walke. Brother of Victoria Scheele. Grandfather of 13. Great-grandfather of five.

WERNER, Margaret June, 86, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Dec. 2. Mother of Jill Ann Notter, Maria White and Jack Werner. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of three. †

She also served as operating room supervisor at Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco from 1955-60 and at Providence Hospital in Mobile, Ala., from 1960-66.

Sister Vincent also ministered in pastoral care at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis from 1966-79. While at St. Vincent Hospital, she served as a volunteer nurse for the Indianapolis "500."

From 1979-91, Sister Vincent served in the pastoral care department at St. Mary Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis.

Since 1992, she had assisted with nursing duties and transportation needs at Seton Residence in Evansville, where she was active in the senior sisters' prayer ministry.

She is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Himschoot and Sister Kathleen Francis; two brothers, John and Vincent; and many nieces and nephews.

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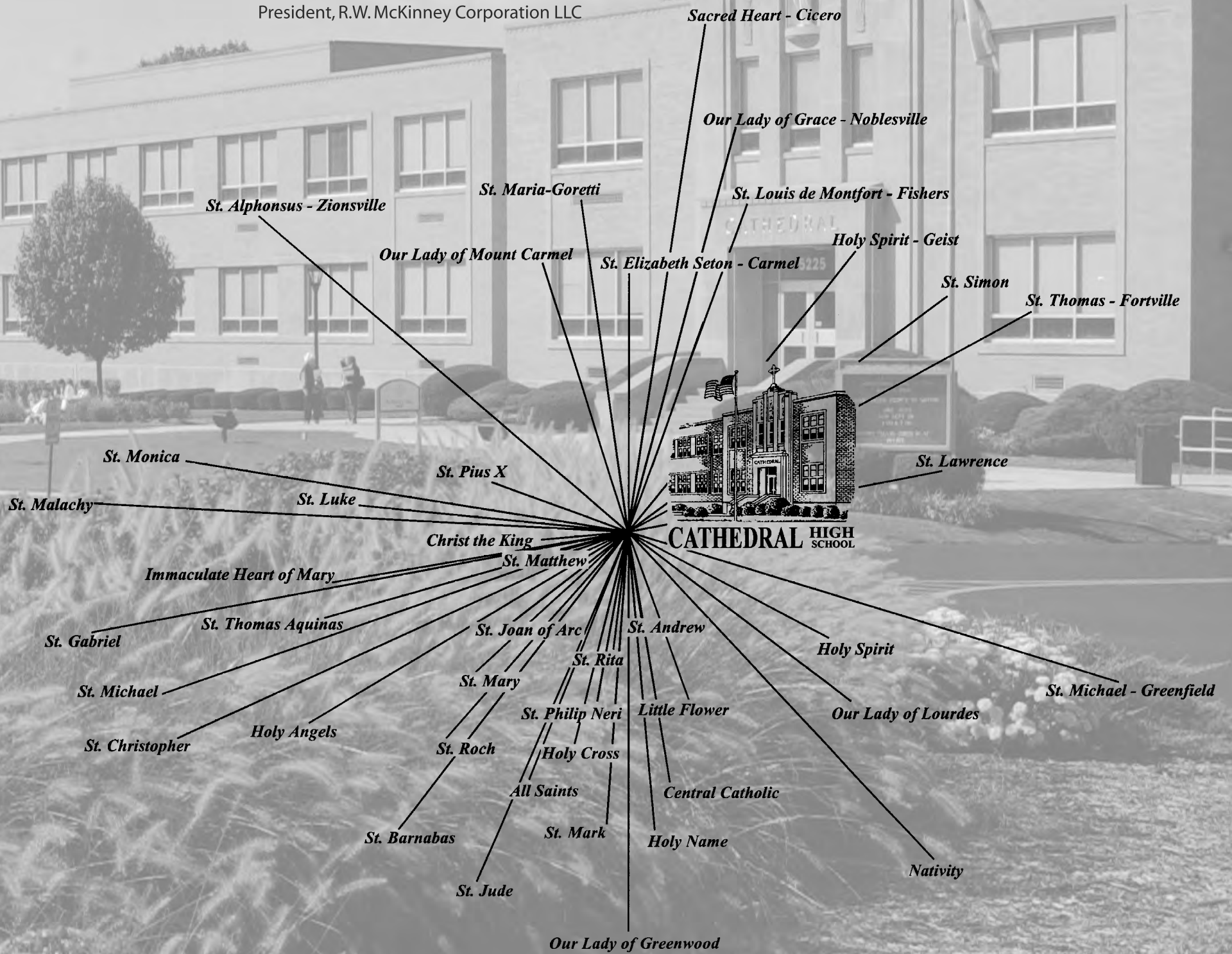


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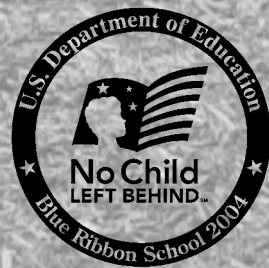
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