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Four dedicate their lives as priests

'Prayer is our first duty as priests,' Archbishop Buechlein tells ordinands

By Margaret Nelson

Fathers William Joseph Brown, William L. Ehalt, Richard W. Eldred and Darvin E. Winters Jr., have begun a challenging journey.

The four men were ordained Saturday at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis in a celebration before family, friends and teachers, but Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein didn't downplay the difficult work that awaits the new priests as he talked about the "awesome act of faith" they have undertaken.

The life of a priest is hard, Archbishop Buechlein said, "not so much because of celibacy, as many think," he said, but because of the aloneness of being spiritual leaders when the work is tiring and thankless.

Priests "must be pure in a world that mocks purity," he said.

"Prayer is the key to happiness in ministry, because it is the key to fidelity," said Archbishop Buechlein. It "allows the Spirit to lead us so that we are not leading ourselves.

"A priest is a witness to mystery and so his identity is divinely rooted in faith," said the archbishop. "We and our ministry depend entirely on Jesus Christ.

"A priest is a servant of communion in the Church and in the charity of Christ," he said. "We cannot shortcircuit it by trying to sidestep the Cross.

"No matter how compassionate we may want to be, we cannot preach an easy Gospel," said the archbishop. He also told the new priests, "Obedience is not easy. Without faith it is impossible.

"Because faith and prayer are so inseparable, I say that prayer is our first and most important pastoral duty," said Archbishop Buechlein.

The Rite of Ordination began with the calling and presentation of the candidates. After the election by the Archbishop, the assembly demonstrated their consent to the ordination of the four men by applauding.

After the archbishop's examination of the candidates and their promise of obedience, the men lay prostrate on the cathedral floor while the assembly chanted the Litany of the Saints.

With the laying on of hands and prayer of consecration by Archbishop Buechlein, the four men went from **See ORDINATION,** page 2





Top, newly ordained Fathers Joseph Brown, William Ehalt, Richard Eldred and Darvin Winters, standing behind Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Father Richard Ginther, concelebrate the June 5 Mass for Ordination to the Presbyterate at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. At far left, the four men stand before the archbishop before promising obedience. Above, Deacon Ehalt glances at his father and sister as the assembly "consents" to his election to the priesthood.

Pope tells Poles to focus on spiritual development

GDANSK, Poland (CNS)—At the start of a 13-day pilgrimage to his Polish homeland, Pope John Paul II returned to the birthplace of Solidarity and called for a new phase of spiritual development to match the political and economic progress of the last decade.

In the Baltic seaport of Gdansk, where he once delighted Solidarity supporters by publicly defending their human and political rights, the pope said this time he was here as "a fellow Pole who comes among you to fulfill the need of his own heart and who brings the blessing of God, who is love."

Marveling at how much has changed on a material level since the fall of communism, the pontiff said Poland today needs "great-hearted men who serve with humility and love," modeled on the saints of the past.

It was the start of his longest visit to Poland, a marathon trip touching 21 cities, and the 79-year-old pontiff looked and sounded good as he presided over Masses and prayer services in the seaside suburb of Sopot on June 5 and in the nearby towns of Pelplin and Elblag on June 6.

"He looks much older, but so full of love that he shines—is that the word?—like the sun," Angelika Dunal remarked in English at the Sopot Mass. She had seen the pontiff as a young girl in Gdansk 12 years earlier and has heard much about the Solidarity activism that surrounded that visit.

This time it was different—no Solidarity flags, no political chants during the liturgies—but no less significant for those who participated.

"The pope is very important for me. He's the first person who showed me how to really live, and what to believe in," said Dunal.

From the moment his plane landed, the pope saw evidence of a remarkable transformation in the Gdansk region, where the economy has boomed despite a crisis in the ship building industry. Streets were lined with foreign businesses like McDonald's and Pizza Hut, cell phones sometimes rang during outdoor Masses, and the banners welcoming the pope were often hung from satellite dishes that adorned nearly every apartment building.

President Aleksander Kwasniewski, a former communist who now embraces

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deacons to priests of the Church. The priests of the archdiocese—the presbytery—and other participating priests filed past the ordinands for the laying on of hands.

Clergy who had helped the new priests during their discernment helped them now to vest in stoles and chasubles.

Each man went forward alone for Archbishop Buechlein to anoint his hands. Later, they received the chalice and paten from the archbishop.

Archbishop Buechlein gave each new priest the Kiss of Peace. The other priests followed his lead as the assembly sang, "Unless a grain of wheat falls upon the ground and dies, it remains but



Deacons Richard Eldred and William Ehalt chat as they vest before the Mass.

a single grain with no life."

Family members brought the gifts to the archbishop for the preparation of the

The Liturgy of the Eucharist began with the four new priests standing by their archbishop to concelebrate.

After the Mass, a reception was held at the Assembly Hall of the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center to honor the four newly ordained men.

"Rick" Eldred's mother, Beatrice, said she had mixed emotions. "I'm very, very happy for him. It is wonderful that he has accepted the call to the priesthood." She said that she knew she would still see her son often, but maybe not as much now that he has different responsibilities.

"Bill" Ehalt's sister, Ann, said she was very happy. Asked if she thought he would become a priest when they were

> children, she said, "No, although when I think about it now, it doesn't surprise me. He is a downto-earth, genuine person. He will be a wonderful priest because of

She explained that she listened to her brother as he discerned his vocation the past few years. "I know what he went through."

"It was an exciting five years," said James Ehalt, Bill's father. "He had his ups and downs. "It was wonderful that this [ordination] is the conclusion." James Ehalt said

that the process helped him feel surer of his own faith.

Mary Winters, mother of Darvin Winters said, "It has been a long eight years, but it went fast at the end.'

Winters' father, Darvin Sr. said, "This is the greatest day of my life. I'm a convert, so my wife and son probably had something to do with that."

He explained that, in 1993, Father William Munshower at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis gave him the rites of initiation.

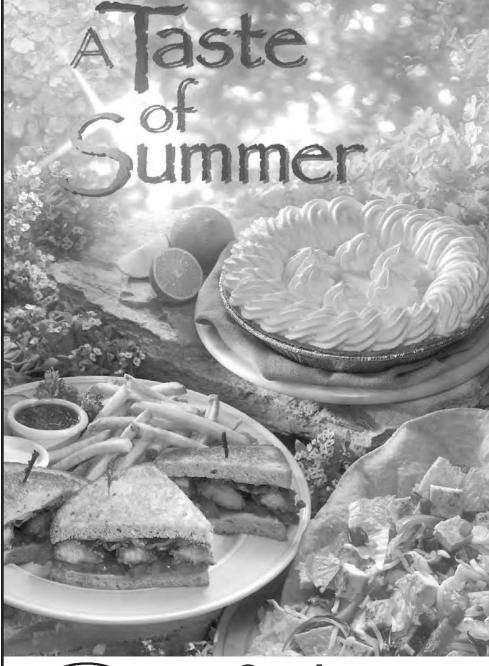
Linda Brown, a recent convert herself, called the ordination day of her son, Joe "unbelievable." Bill Brown echoed his wife's thoughts: "We were a non-Catholic family. Joe has come a long way." †



In left photo, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein watches as Father Richard Ginther performs the ritual laying on of hands for Father Joseph Brown as do other priests for the other three ordinands at the June 5 Ordination Mass. Below, the ordinands and their families process along Meridian Street in front of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to begin the liturgy.









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Official Appointments

Effective July 7, 1999

Rev. William Joseph Brown, ordained to the priesthood June 5, appointed associate pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis and part-time chaplain at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

Rev. William L. Ehalt, ordained to the priesthood June 5, appointed associate pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison and Most Sorrowful Mother of God in Vevay. Ehalt also was appointed part-time chaplain at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison.

Rev. Richard W. Eldred, ordained to the priesthood June 5, appointed associate pastor of Holy Family, St. Andrew and St. Mary parishes in Richmond.

Rev. Darvin Edwin Winters Jr., ordained to the priesthood June 5, appointed associate pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood.

Rev. Richard M. Ginther, reappointed pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis.

Rev. Louis M. Manna, reappointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in St. Leon, and St. John Parish in Dover.

Effective July 21

Rev. John B. Schoettelkotte, from pastor of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon and administrator of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County, to pastor of St. Isidore the Farmer Parish in Bristow and Holy Cross Parish in St. Croix.

Rev. Herman G. Lutz, from pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, to pastor of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon.

Rev. Carlton J. Beever, appointed pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, while continuing special ministry serving those with $\mbox{HIV/AIDS}$ in the archdiocese.

Effective July 22

Rev. Joseph L. Brown, C.PP.S., from ministry outside the archdiocese to administrator of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes in Jennings County.

Rev. Joseph B. Moriarty, from sacramental minister at St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes

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

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Seminarians 'Bike for Jesus' from Minnesota

By Margaret Nelson

Some 75 people gathered at St. Barnabas Church Friday, June 4, to hear what seven seminarians had to say about

The 20- to 22-year-old men were part of a 12-member "Biking for Jesus" group of



Bill Williams

graduating seniors from St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., who decided to head home together on bicycles. Their plan evolved into giving vocations talks at the parishes where they stopped to

Two of the seminarians are

from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis-William "Bill" Williams and Jonathan Meyer.

Sean Costello said that the men soon realized that none of them had bikes and that they were not in shape for such a trek. They wrote letters explaining their plan to family and friends, asking for donations for

Brad Kluesner of Jasper related the itinerary from Minnesota through Wisconsin, ferrying across Lake Michigan to Michigan.

Kluesner said a typical day found them rising between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. to read the Litany of the Hours. They sometimes attended Mass at the host parish. They used the St. Christopher prayer daily.

They averaged 16 mph, 22 mph with

Alex Zenthoefer of Evansville said, "What would possess 12 relatively sane guys to take a trip like this? We are here to promote vocations." He asked how many in the audience have a vocation. When a few held up their hands, he made it clear that they all have vocations.

"By baptism, we are all called to holiness," he said.

"What God has planned for each and every one of us takes a lifetime of discernment and prayer," he said. "We think, what do we want to do with our lives. It should be, 'What does God want me to do with my life?'

Zenthoefer explained that it is not easy to find out—that God doesn't give us a phone call or put out a sign along the road.

"It takes being open," he said. Taking on the subject of how they got to be in the seminary, Williams and Meyer pretended that they were trying to outdo each other on the number of prayers and

holy readings they did. "That's not how we are," said Williams. "We're pretty much normal guys ... who decided to give God a chance."

Meyer said that he came from a typical American Roman Catholic family. He went to a public high school near St. Barnabas. He went to the University of Southern Indiana, running cross country on the track team. He planned to marry his girlfriend of three-and-a-half years.

"I centered my life on athletics; my god was athletics," he said. Then something happened in his sophomore year of college.

'I had a really bad knee injury," said Meyer. "I didn't know what to do with the rest of my life."

One day, a member of a revival group, asked him, "Do you love Jesus Christ?" Meyer answered, "I go to Mass."

When they started singing, he stood by

The words went through his mind: "Jon,

some friends and joined them in the song.

you're going to be a priest; Jon, you're

Before he knew it he was crying.

Reading the Bible and praying Hail Marys and the Our Father began to mean a lot to him. "I started having a rela-

tionship with

Meyer. "I never

had before. My

God," said

going to be a

priest."

Jonathan Meyer

lived.

life was good. It was on a whole different level. It was the best life I'd ever

After finals, he had knee surgery that took away any hope that he could continue as an athlete. At about the same time, he broke up with his girlfriend. The priest phrase still haunted him.

After trying five times to call his pastor, Father Joseph McNally, he finally completed the call.

"Since then, my life has been the best it's ever been," said Meyer. He said he will go to North American College in Rome to further his studies for the priesthood.

"God has a plan for every one of us," he

Williams said, when he was younger he never wanted to be a priest. "I had no thoughts of it. It didn't occur to me." When he was in high school, he "took it as an insult" when people told him he should be a priest.

He went to the University of Southern Indiana to study criminal justice. He hoped to "get the bad guys off the streets."

"I made the 'dean's list on socialization," Williams said, explaining that he was always trying to have fun. "It got me in trouble a few times.'

When he was dejected, he turned to God. "I went to Mass; I was the perfect Catholic, but my prayer life wasn't that

Williams thought of becoming a priest, but it "scared me." He wouldn't tell people.

Then a seminarian in his parish talked to him in the back of church "from the sign of the Cross beginning to the end of Mass. After Mass, he announced I was going to be a priest."

"He had been a football player. He made me realize all the negative stereotypes were not true," he said. "He was a big inspiration to me."

Williams said that he thought of vocations directors like Army recruiters. But Father Paul Etienne put him at ease.

"I wondered why I was ever nervous," he said. He went to Saint Meinrad College for one year until the college part of the seminary was closed, then completed his college at St. John Vianney Seminary.

There, "I felt like I was on top of the world" because of the support of friends and family. "What has made me happy is my love for God.

"God willing, if I become a priest," said Williams, "I'm sure it is the happiest life I could ever have."

The seminarians who will go on said that, in looking at the map, the road to Evansville "is all downhill."

During the Mass that followed the presentation, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said, "It's in prayer that we learn to sense the nudgings of the Holy Spirit." †



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Editorial

Strengthening Catholic higher education

That been nearly 10 years since Pope John Paul II issued his apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education, "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" ("From the Heart of the Church"). During the past decade, there have been many conversations, in public and in private, about the meaning and purpose of this papal teaching—especially in light of Canon 812, which requires theology professors in Catholic colleges to receive a mandate to teach from the local bishop.

Many faculty and administrators, including Notre Dame president, Holy Cross Father Edward Malloy, believe that Catholic colleges and universities should be encouraged (but not required) to develop strong Catholic identities. Others, including The Cardinal Newman Society for the Preservation of Catholic Higher Education, welcome this kind of formal relationship between Catholic higher education and the Church's magisterium as a means to "restore respect for Christ and His Church at more than 235 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States."

Sadly, as too often happens, many in the Church today are divided over a papal teaching that was meant to promote unity and solidarity. "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," which calls Catholic colleges and universities throughout the world to demonstrate their union with the Church in the search for truth and understanding, has itself become a source of conflict and misunderstanding.

In 1996, the American bishops approved an "implementation document" that they hoped would bridge the gap between strict compliance with the most controversial provisions of "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" and an unacceptable status quo. Unfortunately, the Vatican

Congregation for Catholic Education was not satisfied with this attempt at compromise. As a result, the American bishops are once again trying to develop a plan that will faithfully implement the papal teaching without driving a wedge between the Church and the campus.

So, at their annual meeting in November 1999, the bishops of the United States will once again vote on a plan to implement "Ex Corde Ecclesiae." According to Cardinal Francis George, the bishops' primary objective in developing this new plan is not to exercise control over Catholic colleges and universities, but to promote communion between Catholic higher education and the teaching mission of the Church.

Recognizing the many obstacles they face, we hope that the American bishops will be successful in finding ways to affirm the freedom and independence of Catholic colleges and universities, while at the same time strengthening their identity as vibrant centers of Catholic learning and culture. We do not believe that these two goals are mutually exclusive, and we regret the tendency (on both sides of this debate) to "dig in" and refuse to engage in a genuine dialogue about the best ways to strengthen Catholic higher education.

Here in the United States, we are blessed with outstanding Catholic colleges and universities. These excellent institutions deserve to be supported, as well as challenged, in their efforts to maintain a vibrant and authentic Catholic identity. †

— Daniel Conway

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

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

Four accept call to Church leadership as ordained priests

By God's grace and their generosity, last Saturday four fine deacons were ordained to the priesthood.

These men accepted the call from Jesus Christ, through the Church, to give their lives in service to God and the people of God in southern and central Indiana. Thanks be to God!

We also thank these new priests for accepting God's call with a generous and courageous spirit. We thank their families and friends who encouraged and supported them through their priestly formation. We thank the administrators and teachers of their respective seminaries for guiding them to the priesthood. I also thank our new priests because they have accepted challenging pastoral assignments. I know from my own experience that that is not always easy. We sometimes underestimate the challenge of the pastoral obedience asked of our priests.

It is important to reflect on the meaning of last week's ordinations. As baptized Christians, all of us are called by God through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to the priesthood of a holy life. None of us do it perfectly, yet all of us are united as members of the one Body of Christ, which is the Church. Jesus Christ also calls some of his followers to carry out a priestly ministry in his name, and in a particular way, to represent him as head of the body as teacher and priest, as shepherd and bridegroom of the Church. None of us do that perfectly either.

And Christ chose the Twelve who in their turn designated successors, bishops, who were appointed to carry on and oversee the visible ministry of Jesus in the Church. In the earliest days when the Church was small, the bishops as successor to the apostles, were able to be local pastors. But as the Church grew quickly to great numbers (more than a billion Catholics now), the successor to the apostle could no longer be pastor in every place. And so co-workers called presbyters or priests were ordained to serve the local community of faith in the name of the bishop. And so our priests and I share a close relationship in the ministry of the parishes and the shared mission of the arch-

In an age of shattered dreams in

almost every walk of life, at ordination your priests said yes to a most unusual call to serve in the Church. Priestly ministry is both joyful and profound. A priest gives his very life to God and the Church and the People of God. We live alone in the celibate state so that others need not be alone. We assume a public role of spiritual and moral leadership in a largely secular culture. Our priestly ministry is beyond the understanding of many people and it is counted foolish by some. Should we celebrate such a gift? Should we praise God because four more fine men answered the call of Christ and the Church? Of course we should. What a great blessing priesthood is for our Church?

Like you, we priests believe that God is love, and yet we know God's own Son died a tortured victim—betrayed by friends. We know that no disciple escapes the cross of Jesus without loss of integrity, and we value integrity. And we are all too aware of our limits. Blessed are you who are not scandalized by the humanity of us priests. I am sometimes appalled at the hypercritical attitude of some folks toward my co-worker priests. I am sometimes dismayed by the exaggerated expectations placed upon them. Of course, we priests expect to be held accountable for whom we profess to be, but some folks go overboard in their criticism. Over and over again I ask for your prayer and love and support for us priests.

We know that our first duty as priests and pastors is to be men of prayer. As teachers, our first duty is to pray the words we want to preach and to teach. As priests, our first duty is to personally know the Lord whom we worship. As pastors, our first duty is to know our sisters and brothers in prayer. In personal prayer we remember, and keep on wanting to remember, to seek the face of Jesus in every human person. Faithful prayer may be the greatest personal gift we bring to ministry even as the demands of ministry test our fidelity to prayer. After all is said and done, prayer is the key to happiness in ministry because personal prayer is the key to fidelity and the desire to serve.

We are blessed because of the powerful and encouraging prayer of so many of you. In the name of all of us, thank you! †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for June

Religious Women: that their love of God and the religious charism may be widely appreciated and encouraged.

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

Cuatro aceptan el llamado al liderazgo en la iglesia como sacerdotes ordenados

l sábado pasado cuatro buenos decanos fueron ordenados en el sacerdocio por su generosidad y la gracia de

Aquellos hombres aceptaron el llamado de Jesucristo, por medio de la iglesia, a dedicar sus vidas sirviendo a Dios y a la Gente de Dios en las zonas centrales y del sur de Indiana. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Agradecemos a los nuevos sacerdotes que aceptaran el llamado de Dios con un espíritu generoso y valiente. Les damos las gracias a sus familias y amigos quienes les animaron y apoyaron durante su instrucción sacerdotal. Damos gracias a los administradores y profesores de sus seminarios respectivos por guiarlos al sacerdocio. Asimismo doy gracias a nuestros nuevos sacerdotes ya que aceptaron tareas pastorales desafiantes. Por experiencia entiendo que las tareas no son siempre fáciles. Subestimamos a veces el desafío de la obediencia pastoral requerida de los sacerdotes.

Es importante reflexionar sobre el significativo de la ordenación la semana pasada. Como cristianos bautizados, todos somos llamados al sacerdocio de una vida santa por Dios a través de Jesucristo y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Nadie lo hace perfectamente, pero todos somos unidos como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, que es la iglesia. Jesucristo también llama a algunos de sus seguidores que realicen su ministerio sacerdotal en su nombre y que lo representen como la cabeza del cuerpo como maestro y sacerdote, como pastor y padrino de la Iglesia. Nadie hace eso perfectamente tampoco.

Cristo escogió a los Doce Discípulos quienes sucesivamente nombraron a sus sucesores—obispos— quienes fueron nombrados para continuar y vigilar el ministerio visible de Jesús en la Iglesia. En el principio cuando la iglesia era pequeña, los obispos en sus posiciones como sucesores a los apóstoles, eran pastores locales. Pero a medida que el número de católicos creciera (más de un mil millón de católicos ahora), el sucesor al apóstol ya no podría ser pastor en cada lugar. Por lo tanto los compañeros de trabajo llamados presbíteros o sacerdotes fueron ordenados para servir a la comunidad local de fe en el nombre del obispo. Pues nuestros sacerdotes y yo compartimos una relación estrecha en el ministerio de las parroquias y la misión compartida de la archidiócesis.

En una época de sueños destrozados en casi cada esfera social, en la ordenación sus sacerdotes dijeron "sí" al llamado poco común a servir

en la Iglesia. El ministerio sacerdotal es alegre y profundo. Un sacerdote dedica su misma vida a Dios, la Iglesia y a la Gente de Dios. Vivimos solos en un estado célibe para que los demás no necesiten estar solos. Tomamos un papel público de liderazgo espiritual y moral en una cultura bien secular. Nuestro ministerio sacerdotal es fuera de la comprensión de muchas personas y algunos piensan que es tonto. ¿Deberíamos celebrar tal don? ¿Deberíamos glorificar a Dios ya que cuatro más buenos hombres contestaron el llamado de Cristo y la Iglesia? Claro que sí. ¡Que bendición es el sacerdocio para nuestra Iglesia!

Como usted, nosotros los sacerdotes creemos que Dios es amor, pero sabemos que el Hijo único de Dios murió como una víctima torturadatraicionado por sus amigos. Sabemos que ningún discípulo escapa la cruz de Jesús sin perder la integridad, y apreciamos dicha integridad. Y bien conocemos todos nuestros límites. "Benditos sean aquellos que no son escandalizados por la humanidad de nosotros los sacerdotes". A veces me horrorizo la actitud hipercrítica de algunos hacia mis sacerdotes compañeros. A veces estoy consternado que se tengan expectativas exageradas acerca de los sacerdotes. Por supuesto, se espera que los sacerdotes sean responsables de lo que profesan ser, pero algunos se entusiasman locamente por su criticismo. Una vez más le pido su oración, amor y apoyo para nosotros los sacerdotes.

Sabemos que nuestro primer deber como sacerdotes y pastores es ser hombres de oración. Como maestros, nuestro primer deber es orar por las palabras que queremos predicar y enseñar. Como sacerdotes, nuestro primer deber es conocer personalmente al Señor a quién adoramos. Como pastores, nuestro primer deber es conocer a nuestros hermanos y hermanas por oración. Por oración personal recordamos, y continuamos queriendo recordar buscar la cara de Jesús en cada ser humano. La oración fiel puede ser el don mayor que llevamos en este ministerio aun cuando las exigencias del ministerio ponen nuestra fidelidad a la oración a prueba. A fin de cuentas, la oración es la clave para la felicidad en el ministerio, razón por la cual la oración personal es la clave para la fidelidad y al anhelo de servir.

Estamos bendecidos por la oración poderosa y alentadora de muchos de ustedes. En el nombre de todos nosotros, ¡gracias! †

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para junio.

Mujeres Religiosas: Que su amor por Dios y carisma religioso sean apreciados y alentados por todas partes.

Letters to the Editor

More about Holy Rosary

I would like to add a few facts and clear up a few items in the South Deanery profile of Holy Rosary Parish in your May 28 issue.

Six bells hang in the twin towers at Holy Rosary. The oldest, cast in 1909 at the Stuckstede Foundry in Saint Louis weighs 300 pounds and is named Assumpta. It hung in the original frame church. It was moved to the east tower in the fall of 1924, as the new church was nearing completion.

The other four bells in the east tower are the Saint Rita bell, weighing 600 pounds; the Saint Francis of Assisi bell weighs 900 pounds; the Saint Anthony bell weighs 1,800 pounds; the Saint Joseph bell weighs 3,000 pounds. These four bells plus the great San Salvador bell in the west tower (7,000 pounds) were the largest and heaviest order ever cast for one church by the old Buckeye Bell Foundry in Cincinnati, the only bell foundry in the country capable of casting very large bells. The I. T. Verdin Company is the successor to the Buckeye Bell Foundry.

The stained glass windows at Holy Rosary were not made in Munich, Germany. Rather, they were made by the Munich Studios in Chicago. This studio was founded by Max Guler, a German immigrant craftsman. He hired many fellow German immigrant craftsmen, skilled in china painting and glass crafts, to work in his studio. All his windows, including those at Holy Rosary, feature colored glass painted with oxides to create the facial details, fabric ornamentation, and detailed backgrounds. The windows are rich in color and luminosity because of Guler's masterful brushwork.

The windows can be seen and the bells can be heard at Holy Rosary's upcoming Italian Street Festival on June 11-12.

Michael Timpe **Indianapolis**

(Thank you for the additional information and for clarifying the fact that there are six bells—not five—in the towers at Holy Rosary and that the stained glass windows were not made in Munich, Germany.

However, "L'Italia on the White River," a booklet produced by the parish and the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana in 1995 and given as background to Criterion Assistant Editor Mary Ann Wyand, who wrote the parish profile, says, "The stained glass in Holy Rosary Church was manufactured in Munich, Germany.'

Lastly, we hope readers of The Criterion take in the annual Italian Street Festival this weekend. It's always a great time.—WRB)

Appreciated Gardner's response to questions about the Mass

I appreciated very much Charles Gardner's courteous response (The Criterion, May 28) to John Fink's recent columns on the Mass. I suppose some might consider making a distinction between "Offertory" and "Preparation of the Altar and Gifts" nitpicking, stressing the importance of receiving from the cup inconsequential, and participating fully

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Research for the Church/James D. Davidson

Parish report card: an A-, 3Bs, and a C+

As the school year winds down, it's time to think about final report cards. I'm



not talking about the grades that Catholic school teachers and religious education instructors give their students. No, I'm talking about the grades lay people give their parishes. What do lay people think about the homilies in their

parishes? How do they rate the music they hear at weekend Masses?

In a recent national survey, registered parishioners and people who are not on parish rolls but attend a nearby parish were asked to rate their parishes on five dimensions: friendliness, quality of homilies, quality of music, meeting spiritual needs, and helping with decisions related to work and family life. Respondents could rate their parishes as excellent (grade of A), good (grade of B), fair (grade of C), and poor (grade of F) on

Overall, the parish report card is pretty good: one A-, three Bs, and a C+ (see

Lay people rate their parishes highest (A-) on friendliness. Forty-three percent say their parishes are excellent in terms of the friendliness of the people; 36 percent say their parishes are good on this dimension. Sixteen percent rate them as only fair or poor.

Catholics give homilies a grade of B. One-third of lay people report that homilies are excellent. Forty-five percent say they are good. Twenty percent rate homilies as only fair or poor.

Parishes also get a B in meeting parishioners' spiritual needs. Thirty-one percent say their parishes are excellent in this area. Forty-three percent rate their parishes as good in meeting members' spiritual needs. Twenty-four percent say they are only fair or poor on this dimension.

Music also earns a grade of B. Thirtyone percent of lay people say music in their parishes is excellent, and another 41 percent say it is good. Twenty-six percent are more critical, rating music as only fair (20 percent) or poor (6 percent).

Parishes rate lowest (C+) on helping parishioners make daily decisions in their families and at their workplaces. Only 22 percent rate their parishes as excellent in meeting these needs. One-third say their parishes are good in this area. Almost one-third rate their parishes as only fair (25 percent) or poor (6 percent) on this dimension.

On average, then, parishioners seem satisfied with their parishes. They are especially happy with the friendliness of the people they see at Church, and they seem more satisfied with homilies and music than their harshest critics would have us believe. Yet, there is room for improvement in all areas. The greatest challenge is to find ways of linking parishes to the daily decisions parishioners face in their family lives and at work, †

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

Parish report card	Grades
Friendliness	A-
Homilies	В
Meeting spiritual needs	В
Music	В
Making decisions in families	
and at work	C+

Check It Out . . .

The Cathedral High School Alumni Association will host Father's Day with the Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field on June 20. All proceeds benefit the Cathedral High School Alumni Association Endowment Fund. The cost is \$16 per person. Price includes lunch and game ticket package. Lunch will be

served from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Game time is at 2 p.m. Information: call Susan Lord at 317-543-4942, ext. 310.

YouthFest will be on June 26 at Garfield Park in Indianapolis. Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. Featured artists include Third Day, Insyderz, The Waiting and

Jennifer Knapp. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15 each or \$12 each for groups of six or more. Receive one free ticket for every six tickets purchased.

Tickets available at Indianapolis Christian Bookstores. Information: call, 317-826-2802 or 800-965-9324, or e-mail at www.yfevents.com. †

VIPs . . .



Gilbert and Rita **Enneking** of Oldenburg will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 13 with a Mass of Thanks-

giving at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Oldenburg. An open house will follow in the school cafeteria. Family and friends are invited. The couple was married June 18, 1949, at Holy Family Church in Oldenburg where they are parishioners. They have five children: Leon, Tom Enneking, Janie Kramer, Nancy Huey and Vicki Huffman. They also have 22 grandchildren and one granddaughter.

Jane Lee, director of publications and graphics for The Criterion, received honorable mention for "Best Use of Art or Graphics" from the Catholic Press Association. The journalism award was given for Lee's work titled, "A Day in the Life of a Priest," featured in the Jan. 9, 1998, issue of The Criterion. The award was announced on May 28 during the Catholic Press Association Convention, held May 26-28 in Chicago.

On May 20, Benedictine Sister Joann Hunt, director of religious education at Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, was honored for her charter membership and leadership in the Archdiocesan Council for Excellence in Education(ACEE). The group has implemented curriculum guides and assessment procedures in religious and academic classes. Barbara Leek, principal of St. Christopher School in Indianapolis, is the newly elected chair of ACEE. †

Playground duty

Holy Cross School fourthgrader Nicole McDaniel of Indianapolis recently served her East Deanery elementary school as "Principal for the Day.'





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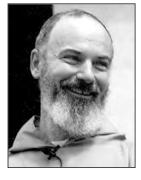
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and actively in the eucharistic celebration optional.

However, the way one regards the significance of elements such as these reveals the extent of one's understanding and appreciation of an authentic notion of the Eucharist itself. This notion was recovered by the scholarship reflected in the conclusions of Vatican II concerning liturgy and expressed in the "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" and succeeding documents. This authentic notion of Eucharist was clearly and accurately reflected in Gardner's

column. Incidentally, in this same vein, I do not believe I would agree with the assertion in Eric M. Augenstein's recent letter that Judaism and Christianity are "sibling religions." It would seem to me that Judaism's relation to Christianity is more paternal than sibling since Christianity sprang from strong Jewish

Rev. Bernard Head West Terre Haute

Confession in cyberspace?

Saw your cartoon about not e-mailing your confession (The Criterion, May 21).

We have dial-a-prayer. Why not dial a confession? Each Catholic would have a computer list: 01-profanity, 101-lied more than once, and so on.

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Just thinking. Frances Wentz Richmond

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Letters must be signed, but, for serious reasons, names may be withheld.

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Gault, Austin honored for youth ministry

By Mary Ann Wyand

Two veteran parish youth ministry coordinators were honored May 18 for distinguished service by the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Family Ministries.

Named Youth Ministry Leaders of the Year for 1999 were St. Pius X Parish youth ministry coordinator Mary Gault of Indianapolis and Conventual Franciscan Brother Michael Austin from St. Mary Parish in Navilleton.

Marlene Stammerman, associate director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, presented the awards during a spring youth ministry gathering at Columbus.

Both award recipients have been active in youth ministry on the parish, deanery and diocesan levels for a number of years.

Mary Gault "continually impresses me with her deep faith and her ability to share it with young people," Stammerman said. "I am amazed at her energy and dedication for youth ministry. She is a true advocate for young people."

Gault recognizes the gifts and talents in others, Stammerman said, and challenges them to help make the world a better

Janet Roth, youth ministry coordinator for St. Ann, St. Benedict and Sacred Heart parishes in Terre Haute, cited Gault's "deep concern for others," especially for people in need.

"Mary can motivate young people to recognize and serve the needs of the poor," Roth said. "She puts God first and serves as a good example to the rest of us in



Mary Gault

the same."

striving to do

St. Monica Parish youth ministry coordinator Nancy Singleton of Indianapolis praised Gault for her service as a mentor and coordinator of the archdiocesan New Administrators Program for

youth ministers.

"Mary is a people person," Singleton said. "She empowers and affirms others."

As a "mother, wife and youth minister," Singleton said, Gault "models Christian ethics and represents the best in all of us. She loves God and sees the positive in everything.'

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish youth ministry coordinator Elaine Gaither of Indianapolis recalled Gault's "high moral and professional standards" for youth ministry and her mentoring role with peers in the Indianapolis North Deanery and in other deaneries.

"Mary has been a stellar role model for all youth ministers," Gaither said. "She is tireless in her dedication and concern for her ministry. She truly has a gift for inviting people into the ministry and keeping them there by maintaining good friendships and sharing her spirit and faith."

As both a Conventual Franciscan and a youth minister, "Brother Mike is a very faith-filled servant," Stammerman said. "He has a deep love for God and shares himself and his faith with others. Involved in parish youth ministry for many years, he has truly made an impact in the lives of the young people of his parish."

Brother Mike "is a team player and is dedicated to helping youth ministry grow in his parish, in the New Albany Deanery and in the archdiocese," Stammerman said. "He works hard to motivate and empower others, especially the young people he ministers with."

He also serves as vocations director for the Conventual Franciscans at Mount

St. Francis in southern Indiana.

The Church needs "more role models such as Brother Mike, who are willing to



Br. Michael Austin, O.F.M.

fices necessary to be involved in the lives of young people," Roth said. "He brings out the best in others. In his quiet and gentle way, he has the gift of making each person feel that they are important and unconditionally loved by God."

make the sacri-

Brother Mike "is quiet and reflective and yet willing to share his passion for our Lord and for youth ministry," Singleton said. "He is kind, helpful and willing to share, to offer ideas and to lend a hand."

He also serves the Youth Ministry Association as secretary/treasurer. Gault is network coordinator for the association, which enables the spiritual and professional development of youth ministers in the archdiocese and other dioceses. †

Shawe teacher to study in Japan in June

Shawe Memorial Junior-Senior High School teacher Carole Williams of Madison is among 12 Indiana high school teachers chosen to visit Japan this month on a 12-day Toyota-sponsored study program designed to give them an in-depth look at the country—from its schools and factories to its palaces and sacred shrines.

Williams has taught journalism and art classes at Shawe for 18 years.

The Indiana educators are among 50 teachers from four states who earned the allexpense-paid educational and cultural trip offered through the new \$440,000 Toyota International Teacher Program sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and administered by the Institute of International Education, the nation's largest non-profit educational exchange organization.

'We believe they will bring back a deeper understanding of Japan and the global issues facing both our countries," said Yale Gieszl, TMS executive vice president. "We commend the teachers' plans to incorporate what they learn abroad into their teaching at home."

During the study program June 18–30, the teachers will tour factories and learn about the evolution of Japan's technology and industrial development.

They also will visit schools and discuss educational issues with their counterparts, meet with a Japanese Parent-Teacher Association group, dine in the homes of Japanese families, and visit a town that conserves water by recycling rain.

Their travels also will take them to cultural and historical sites in Tokyo, Toyota City, Nagoya and Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital. †

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18-month review of entertainment industry will target violent movies, video games aimed at children

WASHINGTON (CNS)—With President Clinton ordering a \$1 million, 18-month study by the Federal Trade Commission on the marketing of violent movies and video games, the question is raised once more about whether, or how much, the entertainment industry is responsible for society's problems.

The study will not be ready until December 2000, but knowledgeable Catholic communicators already have perspectives on the study and the events which led

"Clearly, this is an area of concern, not only for Congress but for the White House," said Henry Herx, director of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Office for Film and Broadcasting.

'One hopes that the studies realize our society has an obligation to protect the young," Herx said. "I hope it becomes not just a political act, but an act of social

It will be up to the FTC to determine if the marketing of violent entertainment is akin to shouting "Fire!" in a crowded theater.

The study idea is "a stroke of genius," declared Msgr. Tom Hartman, half of ABC's "Good Morning America" God Squad and president of TeLIcare, the cable TV arm of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y.

The FTC will have the power to subpoena documents from movie studios and advertising agencies and learn whether marketing practices subvert the industry's own ratings guidelines for films and games.

The TV industry will not be part of the study. The Federal Communications Commission can exert some, if limited, control over TV, which has its own ratings system in place.

Studies show TV is less violent than a generation ago. And the commercial broadcast network showing the most violence, CBS, has by far the oldest audience

Yet the TV industry took the bull by the horns with a June 4-5 "prime-time summit" in Hollywood, with U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher there to discuss the Columbine school shootings. TV programmers, producers and writers were expected to attend.

When Clinton announced the FTC study June 1, 9year-old Arthur Sawe of Seattle was at his side. Arthur talked about buying a video game magazine at a movie rental store.

"I wanted to buy it because the first few pages had fun games, airplanes and car-racing games," he said. "When I got home and flipped through the pages, I came across an ad that said, 'More fun than shooting your neighbor's cat.' Also, the ad said: 'Bang, meow!

A TV ad on another video game features a spoof of fabric softener commercials with a teddy-bear spokesman, who gets chased, shot at and maimed by the video game's tanks.

Sister Angela Ann Zukowski, the president of Unda-International, the organization of Catholic communicators, sounded the theme of responsibility, as Herx had.

Media is not the only means by which violence is transmitted within society, but it is "the most visible means—and they market themselves so strongly," said Sister Zukowski, a Mission Helper of the Sacred Heart.

The debate will continue to rage over whether media reflects the culture or vice versa, but media "has a major responsibility to consider the issue of violence today," she said.

Sister Zukowski said the media "has some responsibility" for the Columbine shootings, "but not the only responsibility.'

After the shootings at the Littleton, Colo., high school, many people said the attire worn by the killers, and their manner of attack, seemed to mimic a fantasy sequence in the movie The Basketball Diaries.

Media experts interviewed by Catholic News Service all mentioned the role of the family in rejecting a vio-

"The norm within American culture, too stressed to have lots of material goods, drives people to work all the time," Sister Zukowski said. In so doing, she added, Americans are "surrendering one prevailing value for another." As a result, their children are too often left to their own devices.

Parental involvement is "another part of the quilt," said Sister Elizabeth Thoman, a member of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, who runs the Center for Media Literacy in Los Angeles.

"We all have a piece of the responsibility. Children don't grow up by themselves," she said. The study, she added, can give people "guidelines that we can agree to on how children should be raised to be happy, healthy adults."

Roberto Gutierrez, president of the Hispanic Telecommunications Network in San Antonio, was dismissive of the FTC study as "political positioning," but pointed toward parents. "Ultimately, parents are the buyers of this stuff," he said.

"Unfortunately, I have to spend a lot of time in front of the TV with my 14-year-old daughter right now because I can't let her watch a lot of that stuff," said Gutierrez, whose complaint was TV's depiction of sexuality rather than violence.

"Parents are the ones who know most about the problems of the way in which the entertainment industry is able to get to their children," Herx said.

The FTC study may prove helpful, but will it be the

"If there were an easy solution, I'm sure somebody would come up with an easy solution," Sister Zukowski said. "It's all our responsibility, and we're all going to have to work on it together." †

(See guest editorial about parenting roles on Page 4.)

Bishops urge action against pornography, violence

WASHINGTON (CNS) —In a newly released 12minute video, the U.S. bishops urge people to take action against pornography and violence on the Internet, on television and in other media.

The video, Renewing the Mind of the Media: Overcoming the Exploitation of Sex and Violence in Communications, is a companion piece to the document of the same name approved by the bishops last year at their June meeting.

The document was the first the bishops have issued specifically on the problems of sex and violence in the media.

"The media have such potential to bring truth and beauty into the lives of billions of people that we cannot permit them to be the arena of those who would pervert God's gift of the body and sexuality," the docu-

The new video aims to help individuals and discussion groups examine how people are affected by portrayals of sex and violence in the media. The video praises the media for its power to entertain and inform, but also highlights concern over increased offensive and dangerous portrayals of sex and violence.

The video, which comes with a leader's guide, urges

groups and individuals to actively address their concerns at the neighborhood, parish, diocesan and national levels.

It features comments by three national leaders: Baltimore Cardinal William H. Keeler, co-chairman of the Religious Alliance Against Pornography; Rev. Eileen Linder, associate general secretary for Christian unity for the National Council of Churches; and Jerry Kirk, chairman of the board of the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families.

In the tape, Cardinal Keeler speaks of parents' concerns over the devaluing of human sexuality and respect

'Whenever that happens," Cardinal Keeler said, "a thread is being plucked out of the fiber that holds our society together."

Commenting on why the bishops decided to address media concerns, the cardinal said it is because they have "a dream to help people everywhere realize the beauty of God's creation, every aspect of it, and the potential and beauty and power of it as a creation that is in harmony with the Lord and people in harmony with each other."

Kirk warns of the potential harm when pre-teens have unguarded access to the Internet. "Now the Internet is filled with hard-core pornography," he says. "And every 8-, 10- and 12-year-old boy in America, who is computer literate and is on line, can access the worst pornography ever produced.

"It's the death of the innocence of our children," he adds. "A child does not have the opportunity to grow up without being exposed to pornography."

Rev. Linder addresses the prevalence of violence and warns that society is becoming desensitized to it. "We get inundated with violence and it no longer has the shocking effect it ought to have," she said. "We get accustomed to vile language, angry talk, the demeaning terms, and they no longer have their capacity to shock us."

The video was produced in part through a grant from the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Fund, an organization established by Religious Alliance Against Pornography for production and distribution of materials to educate Catholics about problems related to pornography. Kirk and the late Chicago cardinal co-founded the Religious Alliance Against Pornography.

Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, associate director of the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communications, was executive producer of the video, done by Golden Dome Media in South Bend, Ind. †

(The video and discussion guide is available for \$14.95, plus shipping and handling, and can be ordered through the U.S. bishops' Office for Publications and Promotions at 800-235-8722.)



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Pope affirms sanctity of marriage, parenting

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-Relationships between nonmarried pairs never should have the legal status of matrimony, and calling homosexual couples "married" distorts the concept of the family, Pope John Paul II said.

"It is possible to imagine other forms of relationships and co-existence among the sexes," the pope noted, "but none of these constitutes—contrary to others' opinions—an authentic juridical alternative to matrimony."

In a June 4 address to a plenary session of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Pope John Paul spoke about a trendexpressed in new local laws in several European countries—toward giving homosexual and heterosexual nonmarried pairs the same rights as married priests regarding taxes, benefits and child-raising.

The pontiff said "attacks against the family institution have been reiterated for some time," and have become "more dangerous and insidious in that they refuse to recognize the irreplaceable value of the family founded on matrimony."

Seeking legal recognition for "false alternatives" to heterosexual marriage has an "alarming capacity" to destroy society, he added.

Pope John Paul singled out homosexual "marriages" under law as "a deplorable distortion of that which should be the communion of love and of life between a woman and a man, in a reciprocal exchange which is open to life."

He said parenthood does not end with the birth of a child, but is a lifelong process requiring close attention to the child's needs.

"The education of children is a sacred obligation and a shared duty of the parents, the father as well as the mother," Pope John Paul said. "It takes warmth, closeness, dialogue, setting an example."

The pope called the family a "little domestic church" and said a Christian family should "distinguish itself by its environment of shared prayer."

The Pontifical Council for the Family chose "God's Paternity and Paternity in the Family" as the theme for its session. †



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Young adults walk for life, give speeches

Franciscan University of Steubenville students begin fifth pro-life walk across America

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CNS)— Giving up one's summer to walk across the nation with a pro-life message "can make an incredible difference and help change people's hearts," said Mark DeYoung, one of nine walkers taking part in a Crossroads pilgrimage.

"We're out here to witness to the sacredness of human life and to let everyone know that they have an obligation to end abortion in America," he told The Catholic Herald, newspaper of the Sacramento Diocese.

This is the fifth annual cross-country walk sponsored by Crossroads, a student group at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

This year, they have two groups walking across the United States that hope to reach their final destination, Washington, D.C., by August.

DeYoung was leading a group that was taking a central route through the United States. They started out May 17 from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and planned to stop in 28 cities and 21 states.

The second group is taking a more southern route, having started out from

In previous years, the Crossroads walkers stopped in Indianapolis and spoke to pro-life supporters at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

Along the route, Crossroads participants planned to deliver pro-life talks in parishes, schools, and community venues and give interviews to national

and local media. The walkers, who wear T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Pro Life," usually cover 18-25 miles per day.

'Our focus is on the youth of this country," said DeYoung. A 1998 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, he works for the youth division of the American Life League based in Stafford, Va.

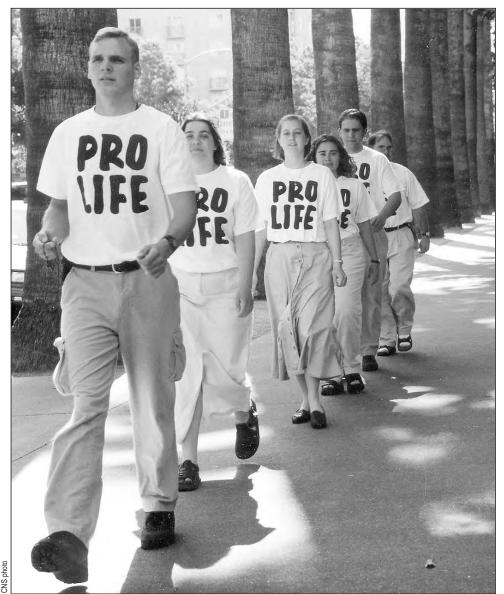
He said that on past pilgrimages walkers have been able to successfully encourage some young women who were going to have abortions to keep their babies. "We see our work as awareness, education and evangelization," added DeYoung.

While in Sacramento, Crossroad walkers spoke to a diocesan meeting of Catholics for Life, met with assembly staff at the state Capitol and prayed outside a Planned Parenthood clinic.

Members of the group were invited by Bishop William K. Weigand of Sacramento to speak at a noon Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Following the Mass, about 40 teens from various parish youth groups in the diocese gathered at the cathedral to listen to the pro-life message of the Crossroads walkers.

DeYoung said one of the greatest surprises of the walk so far was "discovering that Americans for the most part are really pro-life, especially grassroots America. People are positive and listen to us. We meet with only slight negativity." †



Members of the pro-life youth group Crossroads arrive in Sacramento to meet with state representatives in late May. The group began a cross-country walk May 17 at the Golden Gate Bridge. The collegians plan to arrive in Washington in August.

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Y2K upsetting because of loss of control

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The millennium glitch known as Y2K is upsetting to many people because they feel it is something over which they have little or no control, says a psychology professor at Chicago's Loyola University.

"Psychologists know that one of the most powerful motives humans beings have is the need for control, or at least the need to perceive they have control, over what happens to them," said Fred Bryant.

Bryant was one of three professors at the Jesuit-run university interviewed by Catholic News Service on the social, ethical and practical aspects of Y2K.

He said most people find a sense of control is rewarding and beneficial, and they strive for it, "so much so that they prefer to perceive control even when they don't have it," Bryant said.

"Meanwhile, the clock is ticking and they feel there is nothing they can do to slow it down or stop it. It's coming at them in an inexorable kind of way, like a time bomb about to explode," Bryant said.

Jesuit Father Philip Chmielewski, an assistant professor of theology who studies social ethics and technology, said he feels the media have often done more harm than good by frightening the general public with dire predictions about Y2K.

"Ordinary citizens are then somehow led to believe they cannot deal with this problem, that they are fated to meet a type of chance, a technical roulette," he said.

The priest said citizens can allay at least some of their fears by realizing there is something they can do about Y2K and that

the action they take need not be of a technical nature.

Father Chmielewski said people should ask questions about how organizations on which they depend are getting ready for Y2K, such as suppliers, service providers, financial institutions and medical groups.

And if the businesses and institutions cannot document what progress they have made on Y2K, the consumer should find others who can, advised Father Chmielewski.

Peter Dordal, associate professor in mathematical science, said while no one will really know the extent of Y2K bugs until Jan. 1, he predicted most problems will be mere nuisances.

"What is so disconcerting is to have discovered that so many things were dependent on data that were kept improperly," he

He said Y2K solutions for the home, small office or small business have not been very well propagated by many software companies.

The thinking of many software companies was that small businesses should have hired their own Y2K specialists, Dordal said. "But this is just not the way it works for any kind of small business."

He said there was often a downright disregard or feigned ignorance among many software companies about what the consequences of Y2K were going to be.

Bryant predicted more rumors about Y2K in the coming months. "Rumors are spread most actively when people are anxious about an uncertain outcome," he said.

Y2K, which stands for "year 2000," could make computer systems crash at midnight on Dec. 31 or generate incorrect data if the systems recognize the new year

as 1900 instead of 2000.

The potential for Y2K problems was created years ago by a "shortcut" used in many computers and microchips. †



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Three Benedictines celebrate jubilees

ST. MEINRAD—The Benedictine community of Saint Meinrad Archabbey celebrated the jubilees of priesthood ordination of three monks on Sunday, May 30.

Celebrating his 70th jubilee was Benedictine Father Theodore Heck. Benedictine Father Gerald Ellspermann observed his 60th jubilee, while Benedictine Father Pius Klein celebrated his 25th jubilee of ordination.

Father Theodore was born on Jan. 16, 1901, in Chairton, Iowa. He professed vows as a Benedictine on Sept. 8, 1923, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1929.

He served as director of studies and president-rector of Saint Meinrad major seminary (now School of Theology) and also taught education, mathematics and counseling in the school. He also served as subprior (third in leadership) and later as prior (second in leadership) of the archabbey.

Father Theodore was president of the American Benedictine Academy from its inception in 1947 through 1957. At the age of 70, he began a 17-year assignment as pastor of St. John Chrystostom Parish in New Boston, Ind.

He was the first Saint Meinrad monk to earn an academic doctorate degree, receiving a Ph.D. in education from the Catholic University of America in 1933. In 1935, he published a study on seminary curriculum that prompted a change in the curriculum of major seminaries throughout the United States.

Father Gerald was born on Oct. 21, 1914, in Evansville. He professed vows on Aug. 6, 1934, and was ordained a priest on May 30, 1939.

He taught Greek and Latin at Saint Meinrad from 1939–1983. He served as prior of the monastery from 1969-75. Father Gerald was chaplain of the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand from 1975-80. In 1980, he was appointed director of secular oblates and served in that capacity until 1992. He currently resides in the monastery infirmary.

Father Pius was born on May 12, 1939, in Aurora. He professed vows on April 19, 1959, and was ordained on March 31, 1974.

He served at Saint Meinrad's Priory in Huaraz, Peru, from 1964-84, except for the years he returned to the archabbey to complete his priesthood studies. In Peru, his assignments included school principal, English and religion teacher, and seminary disciplinarian.

After his ordination, he returned to Peru, where he served as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Lima. From 1978–84, he was the superior of the priory. The parish was turned over to the local diocese at that time and the priory was closed.

In 1985, he returned to Saint Meinrad, where he served as chaplain to the Benedictine sisters at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand and was director of food service in the monastery. Since 1987, he has been pastor of St. Mary Parish in Huntingburg. †



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Television commercials and billboard advertisements ask, "Do you have what it takes?"



Most of these ads refer to being a football star or a basketball M.V.P. [most valuable player]. Who would ever associate this question with becoming a priest, brother or sister?

In today's world, we are surrounded by technology—the comforts of heating and air conditioning, the luxuries of television and video games, even just having a warm meal

set before us each night.

But do we thank God for each and every moment that we experience these amenities? Do we think about the homeless, the starving, the suffering—all those who are not fortunate enough to experience that which we, each and every day, take for granted?

For the most part, students see community service as somewhat of a hassle. To some teen-agers, community service is nothing more than fulfilling a religious education requirement, and when those five hours of "slave labor" are completed, they rejoice that this "burden" is

However, others take those five hours and plant them like a seed. These are the people who are the true contributors to our society. These are the people who take pride in serving, who help just for the sake of helping. These are the people in our world doing God's will. Some of these people will be our future priests, sisters

What will it take, in our selfish, over-comforted world, to become workers in a religious occupation?

First and foremost, it takes courage and faith courage to stand up in front of a world of critics to say, "Hey, I want to be something different. I want to help the poor, sick and starving without expecting anything material in return."

That is courage above all; to be willing to do something for someone and not worry about yourself. That also takes an unimaginable amount of faith—faith in yourself and, above all, faith in God. It requires faith that God will be with you and provide for you even when tasks seem impossible.

We are so accustomed to living in luxury in our world today that, in our busy work and social schedules, we forget to take time out to do God's will by helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Perhaps we do not all have the faith in ourselves and in God that it takes to pursue a religious vocation, but some people do have the faith to help others by living

So ask yourself, do you have what it takes? †

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Kathy Dansker, representing Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, presents a plaque to Douglass Johnston for his service as a mentor and role model for three students at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis. Robert Treadwell was honored with the same award during the May 21 Mass. Also thanked for serving as mentors were Kathleen Maupin, John Borel, Anthony Chapman, Jerry Hoagland, William Malone, Kathleen Maupin and R.J. Miles. Father Clarence Waldon, pastor, told the students, "Your mentors have shown you that God loves you simply because you are you."



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Complexities of war bring people together

By John Borelli

"Recourse to force is always a defeat for humanity," a Vatican spokesman said March 25 as the fighting and bombing in Kosovar and Yugoslavia unfolded.

The Vatican's spokesman said, "One cannot help but think of the eventual victims and sentiments of hatred that will inevitably arise."

The *Dhammapada*, an ancient Buddhist collection of verses, begins with this: "All that we are is the result of what we have thought. ... If one speaks or acts with an evil thought, pain follows that person as a wheel follows the foot of the ox that draws the carriage."

A few verses later, an important lesson is stated: "Hatred does not cease by hatred at any time; hatred ceases by love."

Christians have similar scriptural passages. We read that when Jesus was arrested in the garden there was an act of resistance by one of his companions who struck or cut off the ear of one in the arresting party.

In Matthew's account, Jesus admonishes his companion: "Put your sword back in its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (26:52).

Over a weekend in mid-April this year, as the events in Kosovo continued to unfold, Buddhists and Christians met in Indianapolis for dialogue on violence and ending violence. This was an annual meeting of a group called the Buddhist-Christian Theological Encounter. We had much to talk about.

A few of us had been present in July of 1996 at the Trappist Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky when Catholic and Buddhist monks lived together for a week, following a modified monastic schedule and discussing contemporary monastic life.

Today those in monastic life sometimes must bear witness to peace in violent situations.

The chief Buddhist monk from Cambodia, who survived one of this century's worst slaughters, urged compassion, sympathy and loving kindness even in the worst conditions.

Also present were Trappists, still bearing the pain of the beheading of seven of their brothers in Algeria the previous May.

Soon after the monks' bodies were found in Algeria, a letter by one, Father Christian-Marie de Cherge, was released to the press. Father Cherge wrote it in 1993, anticipating his own violent death: "If it should happen one day ... that I become a victim of the terrorism which now seems ready to engulf all the foreigners living in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church, my family to remember that my life was given to God and to this country."

He also wrote: "I have lived long enough to recognize that I am caught up as an accomplice in the evil which, alas, seems to prevail in the world, even in that evil which might strike me blindly."

Then, addressing his unknown assassin, he said: "And you, too, my lastminute friend, you who know not what you do. Yes, for you, too, I wish this thank-you, and this *adieu* which is of your planning. May we meet each other again, happy thieves, in paradise, should it please God, the Father of us. Amen! Inshallah! (God willing)."



The story of war and peace is never complete, and the ... dilemma for interreligious groups is to find time during these terrible preoccupations to explore possibilities for true human harmony. United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan (center) and Kierin Prendegast, U.N. under-secretary for political affairs, meet with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican on June 3 to discuss peace plans for the Balkans. The pope told Annan that the United Nations should oversee an end to hostilities in Yugoslavia.

Is acceptance of a martyr's mentality the only way to end cycles of hatred and violence?

Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, recently challenged us with strong words: "Faced with [Yugoslavian president] Milosevic's stubborn policy of ethnic cleansing, no self-respecting government or nation could knowingly violate the biblical injunction, 'Thou shall not stand idly by'" (Newsweek, April 12, 1999).

We notice how emphatically Jews especially have reacted to scenes and accounts of refugees fleeing Kosovo.

Jews, Christians and Muslims can and have discussed together the use of war as a last resort to violence.

Just before the Gulf War, prayer services and public programs for Christians, Muslims and Jews took place in the United States. The complexities of war bring us together.

In January of 1991, just after the air war began against Iraq, Christian scholars met with Jewish and Islamic scholars to discuss their views on the so-called 'justwar tradition."

Initiated by Catholics who felt that the Christian just-war tradition should be compared and tested with traditions of the two other religious communities represented in the Gulf and Middle East, the discussion was hosted by Washington University in St. Louis.

Two years later, the same university held a follow-up conference on the peace and pacifist traditions in each of the three religions.

The story of war and peace is never complete, and the opportunities for interreligious dialogue on this topic seem never-ending.

The role of religious groups together is enormous, not only to respond to the needs of those suffering from warfare but also to offer medication for broken souls. The relief organizations of these religions work together in the camps on a common mission to help the refugees.

The dilemma for interreligious groups is to find time during these terrible preoccupations to explore possibilities for true human harmony.

We can look at the marvelous witness of forgiveness and compassion by contemporary monastics and pacifists, but we also need to ask how the rest of us should respond as we leave behind a century of cruel wars and inhuman treatment of whole populations. †

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Interreligious dialogue is critical

By David Gibson

Interreligious encounters are a reality of today's world, but dialogue between world religions often is impeded by obstacles, said Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, an official of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Prejudices and half-truths regarding another religion "make it difficult to appreciate the religious values" of its members, he said, and a "spirit of self-sufficiency" also is problematic. Then there is the "burden of history"—quarrels and dissension between religions.

"Dialogue will have to be preceded or accompanied by a healing of memories,

by a process of reconciliation," he said.

Situations exist where interreligious dialogue is nearly impossible, he said, because religious liberty isn't respected, human rights are not observed, and political, economic, racial or religious factors give rise to intolerance and discrimination.

But there are the signs of hope, he said. "People of different religions are standing together to fight for human rights. There is a desire to pray together, especially at times of crisis." Many people also "are eager to learn about other religions." †

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Discussion Point

Many know only one religion

This Week's Question

What question do you have about another world religion such as Buddhism or Islam?

"Do they believe in the same God we believe in?" (Rosalind Jarema, Indian River, Mich.)

"I don't know much about any of them. I might want to know more about what each of them believes in and what beliefs we share and what we believe differently." (Milca Sanchez, Camden, N.J.)

"The first question I would have is how did they get started?" (Sharon Foster, Alexander City, Ala.)

"I wonder how our Church calendar year and religious celebrations correspond to the celebrations of the other world religions." (Jack Jones, Des Moines, Iowa)

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Second ecumenical council reaffirms work of the first

Last week, I wrote about the Church's first ecumenical council at



Nicaea in 325. That council fought over Arianism, which taught that Christ was not divine because he was created by God the Father. The bishops at this council thought they had

won the battle when they condemned Arianism, emphasized that the Son was not created but existed for all time, and produced a first version of the Nicene Creed. They soon learned, though, that they hadn't succeeded in quashing this

As was to happen over and over after councils, many Christians ignored the decisions of the council. Rather than die, Arianism spread rapidly. Even Constantine, who called the Council of Nicaea, while on his deathbed was baptized by an Arian bishop—Eusebius of Nicomedia. Arians and semi-Arians established their own hierarchies and churches, and caused a great deal of trouble for several centuries. St. Jerome noted, "The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.'

After the Council of Nicaea, the most outspoken champion for the doctrine that Jesus was God was St. Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria. But the Roman emperors favored Arianism and Athanasius and other leaders of Nicene orthodoxy were deposed. Athanasius was defended by Pope Julius I and was able to return to his see, only to be run off again by a coalition of Arian bishops. This was to happen five times. The Arians in the East even held a synod at Antioch at which Athanasius was condemned and a creed adopted that omitted the Nicene phrase "one in being with the

Popes Julius, Liberius and Damasus, though, continued to defend Athanasius. Pope Liberius asked Emperor Constantius II to call another council.

Instead, he held a synod that reaffirmed the condemnation of Athanasius. Again Liberius demanded a general council and Constantius called one in Milan in 355. This time, Pope Liberius was brought to Milan by force and brainwashed into acquiescing in Athanasius' excommunication. Once freed, though, he recanted and reassumed his role as champion of Nicene orthodoxy.

Athanasius died in 373 and the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell on Basil, known as Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesaria, and to Gregory Nazianzen, bishop of Constantinople. All three are honored as fathers and doctors of the Church.

After Constantius' death, Emperor Theodosius I convened another council, the First Council of Constantinople, in 381—counted as the second ecumenical council. It was held in the city where the emperors of the Roman Empire lived, Constantinople, present-day Istanbul, Turkey. It was attended by 150 bishops under the presidency of Melitius, bishop of Antioch.

The council ratified the work of the Council of Nicaea and made appropriate modifications to the Nicene Creed. Besides again condemning Arianism, it also condemned another heresy, Macedonianism, which taught that there exists in the Trinity a hierarchy (instead of an equality) of Persons.

Finally, the council declared that the See of Constantinople was second only to the See of Rome in honor and dignity. †

Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel

Father Jean Leclercq: a man in love

"I'm responsible for Thomas Merton's death in Bangkok," remarked Jean



Leclercq. "In 1968, an international Benedictine group was sponsoring a conference of Asian monastic leaders. It was my idea to hold this conference in Bangkok and invite Thomas Merton to deliver the principal

address. On Dec. 10, 1968, a few hours after speaking to the monastic leaders, Thomas Merton was accidentally electrocuted. He was my good friend.'

Well past 80, Father Leclercq is one of the "youngest" people I have ever met. "I have a young heart and a young brain, and that's what is important."

Father Leclercq is a Benedictine monk residing in a monastery in Clairvaux, Luxembourg. After 57 years of monastic life, he comes across as a man with a deep sense of joy and peace. His excitement about life and his perpetual smile are extremely contagious and reflect the pres-

A specialist in Church history and spirituality, Father Leclercq has written numerous books and enough articles to fill 53 volumes. In spite of his great learning, he remains a simple man. He makes others feel important.

Father Jean Leclercq has traveled throughout the world giving lectures and

"I have been sent to monasteries all over the world. The most important thing that I bring to people throughout the world is not books or articles or intellectual insights, but rather happiness. I am a happy person, and more than anything else, the world needs to see a happy Christian, he said."

Living through two world wars has taught him a great deal. "You need courage to get through life or you will be discouraged. You also need a sense of humor.

"I am happy, very happy. I can't think of anything in my life that I don't like. Life is life and you must take it for what it is. Life is not always pleasant, but if you are in love with Christ, nothing else matters. I love Jesus, said Father Leclercq."

"I see Christ as the book that contains all the truth. When Jesus' arms were stretched out on the cross, the book was

"Friendship is all important to me." One of Father Leclercq's good friends was the well-known Trappist monk, Thomas Merton. "He was a very simple and humble man who liked to laugh. I am always amazed that even today, people all over the world tell me how Merton's writings have had a great impact on their lives.

"I think his legacy has been to call attention to the importance of prayer as a way of life. I think Merton showed that it's possible for ordinary people to have a real prayer life and a life committed to universal concerns," said Father Leclercq.

"I was with Thomas Merton a few hours before he died. Someone told a joke and made reference to a clown. Merton responded, 'We are clowns for God.' These were the last words I heard him speak. He turned around and walked away. I never saw him again. When I was told of Merton's death, I surprised everyone by saying 'Alleluia!' My dear friend is with God—what is so terrible about that?

"A monk is one who seeks God," Father Leclercq concluded. As I left the room, I heard him singing. Father Jean Leclercq had found what he was looking for. Four years after my meeting with him, Father Leclercq was reunited with Father Thomas Merton. Alleluia! †

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Be Our Guest/Doug Brummel

Everything matters: Looking back at the Littleton massacre

Over a month ago, our city of Littleton, Colo.—our suburb, our home—changed



forever. With shots, screams and silence, the air was transformed by evil. Thousands were impacted. The reality of what happened here still is breaking through the overwhelming shock felt by the citizens of this

family-friendly, southern suburb of Denver.

This tragedy affected almost every person we have ever had contact with in this community. It shook my family's very foundation. But through the many stories I've heard since then, I am convinced of one thing: everything matters!

A few months ago, I heard a song on the radio called "Nothing Really Matters." I thought, "I don't really buy that one; everything matters."

After the tragedy in Littleton, that song again rang through my brain. I thought all the louder ... what a lie! Everything mat-

I believe very strongly that we all need to wake up and admit it! We have lived a "nothing really matters" lie for long enough. While no one thing is entirely to blame for this tragedy, we must remember that everything we do has an influence on our children and our society. When all these factors are combined together, Littleton is the result.

One comment I heard after the killings was, "When you mix together all the ingredients to make a cake ... sometimes

Sometimes, when you mix together all the ills of today—society, family life and moral passiveness of individuals—you get a horrid result: Littleton!

We as Catholics are called to preach the Gospel and to live the Gospel. We are reminded over and over of the near occasion of sin; that is, the settings, influences and attitudes that make us more vulnerable

In our modern culture, we often refuse to believe that what we watch on TV or listen to on the radio matters; that what we look at and read in the latest magazine matters; and that how we treat our parents, our kids and our neighbors matters. We often live that song's motto of "nothing really matters."

I say, "Think again!" It does matter. As a television major in college, I studied the many influences and power of this media and how it has so absorbed our lives. Some argue that it has no influence on us. I would say to that comment, "You better call Coke because they are wasting millions of dollars a year on advertising ... somebody better tell them it doesn't matter."

What we listen to on the radio matters. In this sarcastic, shock-driven world of radio, we need to remember the wise old adage, "Garbage in equals garbage out!"

Be aware, young and old listeners, that attitudes are shaped in very subtle ways. Be aware, for what you may listen to is what you may become. It cannot be a mere coincidence that all the killers in the school shootings over the last few years have one thing in common: their favorite music group was Marilyn

Family matters do matter! We live in a culture where many people have bought into the pop-psychological attitudes of "Don't be their parent, be their buddy," or "Tell your children that whatever they feel is right, is right." Many parents also believe that, "It's better that we get divorced, because our kids will be happier," or "I won't go in your room because it's your personal space."

I say, "Think again!" Parents, I think it may be time for us to wake up! Get involved! Practice what you preach. Know what activities your kids are "into." Love them enough to let them be mad at you at times. Stand for what is right, not for what just feels right. We are in desperate need of parents who not only want to have kids, but who are willing to put in the time, effort and endless faith to raise them. It is a full-time job to raise children ... we must treasure this vocation!

How we treat each other matters. How touching it was to see so many people from around the world reach out to the families of Littleton. It mattered. It showed us that we are not alone. We felt the prayers and support of people thousands of miles away.

Following the shooting, a quiet, sad ambiance filled the community, but there was more. Everyone was a little more polite, a little more courteous. You know what? It did matter!

In the same respect, we all know people are picked on, judged, excluded, and ridiculed in every school, every church, and even in every family.

We as Christians must dedicate our-

selves 100 percent to treating each person we meet as the Body of Christ: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me."

It matters how we treat our brothers and sisters ... even those who are not like us.

Finally, many people say that their faith doesn't really matter. What these students and families found out is that it does. One student was killed merely because she said she believed in God. Another teen-ager was shot and then asked if she believed in God. By some miracle, she has survived and is out of the hospital!

Families realized their faith in the Lord was the *only* thing that mattered during this time. Their faith mattered!

When will we wake up from our apathetic, sarcastic, "I'm-in-control, nothingwill-ever-happen-to-me, I-should-be-able-to-do-whatever-I-feellike, nothing-really-matters" world, and

seek the light of Christ instead? May we all pray to the Holy Spirit to turn our apathetic attitudes into passion for what is right. May we all pray that our sarall pray that we realize we are not in con-

casm will be turned into sincerity. May we trol of everything, but that God is. May we all pray that we realize things can happen to us, and that our choices have consequences. And may we all pray that one day both young and old will accept the fact that everything matters!

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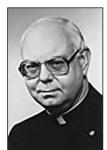
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, June 13, 1999

- •Exodus 19:2-6a
- •Romans 5:6-11
- •Matthew 9:36-10:8

With this weekend, after Lent, after having celebrated the feast of the



Resurrection and the season of Easter, and after the feasts of the Holy Trinity and of Corpus Christi, the Church returns to the Sundays of "Ordinary Time."

The Book of Exodus supplies the first biblical reading

this weekend.

After reading the Hebrew Scriptures, especially the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, it becomes quite clear that escaping from slavery in Egypt seems bittersweet victory for many as they wandered across the Sinai Peninsula in search of the fabulous Promised Land.

Sinai certainly was no Promised Land. It was desolate. Water was scarce. Food was in short supply. They were confused about where to go or where they were.

Moses was the leader, commissioned as such by God. Moses communicated with God, and God ordered Moses to remind the people that they never had been abandoned. In fact, God rescued them from the misery of living in Egypt as slaves. Despite the discomfort and perplexities of the walk across Sinai, God would lead them safely to their new home. God would be loyal to them. Their obligation was to be loyal to God.

The Epistle to the Romans provides the second reading.

In the first century AD, in the world that Jesus and the apostles knew, Rome was absolutely the heart of everything. It was the great administrative center of the vast Roman Empire. It was the emperor's capital. It was the hub of commerce and of finance. It was the cultural center. It was the largest city in the empire.

For some years, Rome had been home for a community of Jews. Word of Jesus had reached these Jews, and other Romans of the time. To them, this epistle was sent.

This passage from Romans is highly important in proving the Church's teaching regarding Christ as Redeemer. He alone reconciles humans individually, and humanity in general, with God. He alone atoned for sin. He alone brought the life of

God into human experience.

All these very profound facts are gathered in this section of Romans. This particular reading is catechetical, not only establishing for us that Jesus is our Savior, but that salvation came through Jesus in God's design to exhibit God's great love for humankind.

St. Matthew's Gospel is the source of the third reading. The reading brings forward once again the theme of the first two readings.

God is a God of love. Jesus "was moved with pity," this Gospel says.

Secondly, this reading is strong with references to the apostles. No one can mistake who the Twelve were. Matthew's Gospel even lists them by name. And if anyone may have confused an apostle with another bearing the same name, Matthew's Gospel even further identifies most of the apostles by adding some detail such as an occupation or political or philosophical association.

Thirdly, the Gospel makes clear that Jesus called the Twelve, and Jesus sent the Twelve into the world with very specific instructions, and with sublime but very specific authority.

When the Gospel was written, many claimed to have a special insight into the teaching of the Lord. For the author of this Gospel, as for many others, the true repetition of the Lord's teachings came only through the authentic apostles. It was necessary to supply them with credentials. This recollection of the words of Jesus in their regard served the purpose.

For several weeks, the Church has been stressing in its Scriptural readings at Mass that God is a God of love. Nothing is more fundamentally a message from Revelation. The Old Testament and New Testament both gleam with the pronouncement that God loves us with an everlasting love.

Such was the lesson on the feast of the Holy Trinity and for Corpus Christi. It also is the lesson for this weekend.

The Epistle to the Romans tells us how productive and consequential God's love for us was and is. In no sense was this divine love static. Rather, it was and is dynamic in the most extensive and compelling sense.

From and with this love came Jesus, the Son of God. He reconciled us with each other and with God, bringing to us the revelation of, and strength to, love.

This divine reconciliation did not end

Daily Readings

Monday, June 14 2 Corinthians 6:1–10 Psalm 98:1-4 Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 15 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Psalm 146:2, 5-9a Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 16 2 Corinthians 9:6–11 Psalm 112:1-4, 9 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 17 2 Corinthians 11:1-11 Psalm 111:1-4, 7-8 Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 18 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21b-30 Psalm 34:2-7 Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 19 Romuald, abbot and religious founder 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Psalm 34:8-13 Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday, June 20 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Romans 5:12–15 Matthew 10:26-33

with the Ascension. It is with us, visibly and really in the sacraments, words and witness of the Church.

The apostles were the authority and

they possessed the knowledge needed to make the presence of Jesus real and effective today. The Church belongs to them, and they were of the Church. †

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Blessings focus on people and the need for holiness

How does one properly discard old religious pictures, rosaries, statues,



scapulars and so on? I, as well as some of my friends, have accumulated a lot over the years. One priest told us simply to tear them up or burn them, but that doesn't sound very respectful. Can you help? (New York)

Unless you own a warehouse, there is Aa limit to how many blessed candles, prayer books, rosaries, statues and other items one can accumulate and keep after they are worn out. The advice the priest gave you is basically correct.

To understand that, it helps to know a bit about what we Catholics understand a blessing to be. The official Catholic Book of Blessings, which offers blessing rites for everything from churches and birthdays to animals and highways, is the best place to look. (The numbers in the following paragraphs refer to that book.)

In the Bible and in Christian tradition, it is always, of course, God who "bestows his blessing by communicating or declaring his own goodness." Whoever blesses others in God's name is invoking God's help upon people, or on material things (rosaries, food, Advent wreathes and so on) which people will use in their daily lives, prayer and worship (#6, 7, 1440).

In other words, the significance of such blessings focuses on people and people's use of blessed items to help them live holy lives. The items themselves have their spiritual importance only in being able to be used for that purpose.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic* Church (#1669) reminds us, every baptized person, as a member of the Christian community, is called to be a "blessing" and to bless. Thus, whether the blessings are given by laypersons or clergy (most blessing rites are reserved for ordained ministers), therefore, the ones who preside should "keep in mind that they represent the Church in celebration" (#17).

While they deserve proper respect for what they contribute to our faith life, the sacramentals we're talking about are not changed by being blessed, in the sense that they are permanently set aside for prayer or

In technical theological language, they receive an invocative blessing, invoking God's goodness, not a constitutive one, by which a church or chalice, for example, is permanently "constituted" for public worship.

All this comes down to saying that when blessed articles no longer have a use, it is fitting to break or tear or burn them so they lose their identity as a scapular or image, for example. Their purpose is to help increase faith and assist our spirit of prayer and devotion. When they have served that purpose, and have worn out or are to be replaced, there is no irreverence in appropriately disposing of them.

Are the banns of marriage announced any more?

I know of several marriages of friends where they were not given in church at all or published in the parish bulletin.

Will the banns be announced only if the family asks for them? (Illinois)

A The banns of marriage are announcements of an intended marriage with the intention that anyone aware of impediments to that marriage will make that fact

While the former canon law required them, their importance has been less stressed in recent years than in the past, perhaps because our population is much more mobile than in former years.

People who know the bride and groom are likely to be spread out much more. Also, the testimonies of family and friends required before marriage are more extensive than they used to be.

The present law of the Church does not require banns, but does provide that bishops' conferences may include them among appropriate inquiries that are to precede marriage (CCL 1067). Our American bishops do not prescribe them at this time. †

(A free brochure answering questions that Catholics ask about annulments is available by sending a stamped and selfaddressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651. Questions for this column may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail at jjdietzen@aol.com.)

My Journey to God

A Reality Check

At a recent dinner with family members, we started talking about the Y2K (Year 2000) phenomena. Some members of my family were already making plans to guard against the upcoming disaster. As we continued talking, I was amazed that my family was seriously concerned that a tragedy awaited at the end of the year.

A few days passed, and I began thinking about the many anxieties we must deal with today. The increasing fascination with electronic devices and the space exploration discoveries tend to increase our fears. We see psychics on television and read such historical information as the prophecies of Nostradamus. In short, it's no wonder we're anxious.

While thinking about this, I was con-

fronted with an intriguing question. Given the current anxiety in our modern world, "What about God, the Author of Life?" For a short time, I felt embarrassed that I had momentarily forgotten my faith, my baptism. Didn't I have parochial school training? And didn't I attend Mass regularly, and even serve as a eucharistic minister? What could I have been thinking?

Fortunately, I came to my senses and then it all became clear to me. Perhaps, the anxieties and fears in our modern world are merely a test of our faith. In my view, we need to listen to the Scripture readings we hear at Mass to understand the true meaning of Pentecost and to appreciate the peace of our Risen Savior.

By John R. Williams

(John Williams is a member of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Little Flower Parish in *Indianapolis.*)

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

June 11

Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, fifth annual all-night vigil for priests and vocations at Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, Information: 317-356-5407.

June 11 and 12

Holy Rosary 16th Annual Italian Street Festival, 520 Stevens Street, 5 p.m.-11 p.m., food, live music, dancing, kids' games and rides.

June 11, 12 and 13

St. Louis School Rummage Sale, 17 St. Louis Place, Batesville, June 11, 9 a.m.-7p.m.; June 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; June 13, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Information: 812-934-3822.

June 12

Garage sale, St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th Street, Speedway, noon-2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch items available. Information: 317-241-2333.

June 13

Couple to Couple League, Natural Family Planning classes, St. Ambrose Parish Center in Seymour. Information: 812-522-3809.

June 14

Baccalaureate Mass for Indiana Catholic Home School Graduates at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 7 p.m. Reception to follow in Assembly Hall. Respond by June 1. Information: 317-849-

Recurring

Daily

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

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

Weekly

Sundays

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

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

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

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

St. Louis de Montfort Parish. Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd.,

adult religious education classes from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. with minimal fee. Information: 317-842-5869.

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

Fridays

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

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

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

 $\bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet$ St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Road West, eucharistic adoration for one hour after 8 a.m. Mass.

Saturdays

A pro-life rosary at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker

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Monthly

St. Paul Church, Sellersburg, prayer group, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

First Mondays

The Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center Benedictine Room, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of Blessed

8 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m. * * *

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

* * * St. Joseph Church, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Church, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Mass, closing with noon communion

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bedford, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. Sacrament of reconciliation,

St. Joseph University Church,

St. Mary Church, New Albany, fessions, after 9 p.m. Mass fol-

First Saturdays

St. Nicholas Church, Sunman, ship music followed by the Fatima rosary. Monthly SACRED gathering in the parish school after.

Apostolate of Fatima holy hour at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart,

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., first Saturday devotions and sacrament of reconciliation after 8 a.m. Mass.

apolis, 28th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

St. Mary Church, New Albany, Eucharistic adoration and confessions, after 9 p.m. Mass fol-

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Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays

Holy Guardian Angels Church, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, eucharistic adoration after

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lows Benediction at noon.

Second Mondays

Mount St. Francis, Holy Hour, 7 p.m.–8 p.m. for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Second Thursdays

Focolare Movement at 7:30 p.m. at Indianapolis home of Millie and Jim Komro. Information: 317-257-1073 or 317-845-8133.

St. Luke Church, Indianapolis, Holy Hour for priestly and religious vocations, 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Third Sundays

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

Third Mondays

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

Third Wednesdays

Catholic Widowed Organization, 7 p.m.–9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara

Around the archdiocese

BEDFORD—Ruth Padgett, a five-year teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School in Bedford, received the Bedford Rotary Club's Teacher of the Year Award for 1999.

Kathy Sleva, principal, said Padgett didn't choose teaching as a profession; rather, she received a call.

One of Padgett's projects involved arranging for her third-grade students to work with children with special challenges. The class formed a cheering section at the Special Olympics and sang for the children at the Hospitality House.

Padgett received a plaque and a check for \$300, which she said she plans to use for a new class computer.

COLUMBUS—Fifty adult volunteers and 30 teen-agers helped 150 first-, second- and third-grade students at St. Bartholomew School in Columbus experience a hands-on Science Fun Day on May 21.

INDIANAPOLIS—The St. Philip Neri Walk-Run-Pray-a-Thon on April 18 brought in \$32,000 at last count. The school has sponsored the fund-raising event for nine years.

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—During an 11-day tour of Germany and Austria May 10-21, the Madrigals of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College performed five concerts featuring a repertoire of American spirituals and folk songs.

Following an audition, the Madrigals were selected to perform during a Sunday Mass at the Salzburg Cathedral in Germany. †

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Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-784-1102.

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

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

Third Thursdays

Our Lady of Peace Chapel/ Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass, 2 p.m.

Third Fridays

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

Third Saturdays

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

Bingos

TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael Parish, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C,

St. Anthony Church

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



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the free market, told the pope that today Poland is a nation where "sovereignty, security and dynamic economic growth are regarded as something normal and obvious."

The pope said he was proud of the great material progress, but in his sermon in Sopot he reminded his listeners that it was a mistake to seek ultimate happiness in "pleasures, in material things and in what is earthly and tran-

Sin must never be a way to happiness, he said, and the love of the Gospel is never selfish or insensitive to the misfortunes of others. It was a message that seemed to connect with many in his audience who said they were not entirely comfortable with the "new" Poland.

"Perhaps some people need to remind themselves about God. I think many have forgotten," said Patrycja Ryta, a 19-year-old student from the small town of Kartuzy.

The pope's visit was designed as a spiritual preparation for the year 2000, and at every event he evoked key chapters of the Church's past as inspiration for the future.

In Gdansk, he reminisced about his 1987 visit under communism, saying: "How different those times were!" Back then, he had to speak out on Poles' behalf, in defense of their freedom, he

He lauded the Solidarity labor movement and said it "tore down the Berlin Wall" and opened the doors to freedom throughout Eastern Europe.

"At that time, I heard you say in

Gdansk: 'There is no freedom without solidarity.' Today we need to say: 'There is no solidarity without love.' Indeed, there is no happiness, there is no future for the individual and the nation without love," he said.

The pope met privately with Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity leader and Polish president, and Walesa commented afterward: "The pope is the most important person in my life. I owe him a lot, and I just wanted to say thank you."

The crowds that greeted the pope were huge, though not as politically charged as those that attended his Gdansk events in 1987. Instead, they followed the pope's words in silence and with deep attention.

The loudest chant was "Welcome home!" when his popemobile arrived at the open-air sites in northern Poland.

"The pope is in good form and fine spirits. He's very happy to be home," said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-

In front of half a million people in Sopot, from an altar decorated with carved wooden crucifixes and images of saints, the pope recalled St. Adalbert, a Czech bishop who evangelized the Gdansk region and was martyred there in 997, and said his missionary commitment was the start of a tradition of holiness that needs to be carried forward into the third millennium.

The pope linked St. Adalbert to other chapters of Church heroism in Poland. Celebrating Mass on a grassy hillside outside the agricultural town of Pelplin, he recalled how 24 priests and pastoral workers were slain by Nazis in 1939, and how more than 300 priests from the area were eventually martyred during the German occupation in World War II.

"We need to recall this historic sow-



Pope John Paul II holds his crosier during the first Mass of his 13-day trip to his homeland June 5. The Mass was in the seaside village of Sopot.

ing of the seed by word and witness, especially now as we approach the end of the second millennium," he said.

The pope spoke from an altar decorated with a stainless steel cross and a sculpture of flying swans raising a fishing net, which bore images of several saints. He urged Polish Catholics to return to the basics of the faith in order to nurture their spiritual lives, saying every Polish home should have a copy of the Gospels. He warned against oversimplified or too-personal interpretations of Scriptures.

"Build your house upon rock! Build the house of your personal and social life upon rock! And the rock is Christ," he told the crowd of about 200,000

people.

Later, outside the manufacturing center of Elblag, near the spot of St. Adalbert's martyrdom, the pope recited the 10 commandments and asked his listeners to make them the touchstone of their daily lives.

God does not want the commandments to "grow dim in our memory," but to remain impressed in the consciences of every generation, he said.

Keeping God's law is the correct response to God's love, and it is a particularly strong temptation today to organize one's life as if God and his commandments do not exist, he said.

"The material order is not enough," he said. †

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BERTRAND, Leo R., 83, St. Mary, Greensburg, June 1. Father of Susan DeWitt and Tom Bertrand. Grandfather of

BITTNER, Edith R., 96, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, June 1. Mother of Viola Bruce, Doris Jackson and Raymond L. Bittner. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 45. Great-great-grandmother of

BOOK, Helen, 86, Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, May 28. Mother of Mary Rose Thompson, Martha Davis, Marie Vonnahme, David and Thomas Book. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of

BOWLES, Phyllis, 61, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, May 28. Mother of Andrea and William Maetschke. Stepmother of Coleen Holman, Leslie, Darrell and Stephen Bowles. Daughter of Goldie F. Shine. Grandmother of four. Step-grandmother of seven.

CASEY, William Gerald, 77, Christ the King, Indianapolis, May 26. Father of Jean Seller, Ann Sullivan and Ron Casey. Brother of Mary Bonn, Huberta Roth, Eugene and Lawrence Casey. Grandfather of three.

CRAWLEY, Anna, 87,

Annunciation, Brazil, May 29. Mother of Shirley Morrison and William Crawley. Sister of Inez Carson, Mary Barrell and Mike Pellish. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of six.

DOBBINS, Rita C. (Ott), 70, St. Paul, Sellersburg, May 27. Wife of Robert Dobbins. Mother of Teresa Caldwell, Cindy Alexander, Yvonne Ray and Stephen Dobbins. Sister of Judy Dennell. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of two.

FOSTER, James, 69, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd Knobs, May 26. Husband of Ruby Foster. Father of Tonya and Kim Leroy Foster. Brother of Juanita Hall, Muriel Demarsh, Ailene Age, Norma Smith, Joseph and Richard Foster. Grandfather of four.

Anthony, 26. St. Joseph, Indianapolis, May 26. Son of Edwin Galloway. Brother of John Galloway. Uncle of sever-

al nieces and nephews. GEARNS, Virginia M., 78, Holy Name, Beech Grove, May 24. Wife of Charles A. Gearns. Mother of Judith Cunningham, Rita Kleeman, Mary Beth Bush and Charles Gearns. Sister of Frank, Joseph and Robert Springer. Grandmother of seven.

GETTELFINGER, B. J., 64, St. Michael, Bradford, May 28. Husband of Phyllis (Senn) Gettelfinger. Father of Brenda Beach, Jeanie Wagner, Judy Rae Waggoner, Jeff and Roger Gettelfinger. Brother of Benedictine Sister Mary Andre, Rita Weiser, Loretta Robertson, Martha Oaks, Margret Baylor, George and Cletus Gettelfinger. Grandfather of eight.

GINDLING, James Frederick, 68, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, May 18. Husband of Viola Gindling. Father of Cheryl Rutledge, Sandy Smith, Paul, Michael, Kenneth and Daniel Gindling. Brother of Mildred Fox, Marian Gutzwiller, Lawrence and Robert Gindling. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of

GOTHA, Helen M., 90, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, May 17. Mother of Anne Mundell. Sister of Anna Bonisch. Grandmother of one.

GRISETO, Joseph Thomas, 15, St. Thomas More, Mooresville, May 20. Son of Ann and Robert Griseto. Brother of

Kathryn and Pamela Griseto.

HACKLER, Mary Margaret, 91, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, May 26. Mother of Kenneth Hackler. Sister of John Kosco. Grandmother of four; great-grandmother.

HASSELL-CORPUZ, Anna 96, St. Roch, Indianapolis, May 31. Wife of Manuel Corpuz. Mother of Anne Elder, Al and Edward Hassell. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of 11. Great-great grandmother of

KLENE, Fredrick G. Sr., 83. Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, June 6. Husband of Gladys H. (Mitchell)Klene. Father of Sharanne Duerstock, Fredrick Jr. and Robert, Brother of Dorothy Smith, Deloris Misiak, Orville, John and Stanley Klene. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of nine.

KROEGER, Isabel H., 84, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, May 29. Mother of Anita DeWitt and John R. Kroeger Jr. Sister of Harold Horst. Grandmother of

KUHN, John M., 61, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, May 28. Father of Joni Wedd, Jeanmarie Griffin, Jerry, Tom and John Kuhn. Brother of Judy Riegel. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of one.

LAFATA, Antoinette M. "Anna," 85, Holy Family, New Albany, May 21. Sister of Pauline Talluto.

MACKE, Anthony J., 81, St. Vincent de Paul, Shelbyville, May 29. Father of Raymond Macke. Brother of Louie Macke. Grandfather of

MALONEY, Joan E., 74, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, June 1. Wife of John Maloney. Mother of Maria Zigmunt.

Sister of Marie Fulton. Raymond and Melvin Everling.

MELLON, Rosella, 76, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, May 25. Mother of Peggy Brown, Marilyn, Robert and Thomas Mellon, Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of

MEYER, Joseph C., 77, St. Paul, Sellersburg, May 24. Husband of Martha (Diefenbach) Meyer. Father of Margaret and Joe Meyer III. Brother of Mary Catherine Burd. Grandfather of five.

NIEHAUS, Janice M., 61, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, May 26. Wife of Hank F. Niehaus. Mother of Catherine Langolf, Teresa Johnson, Pamela Gill, Cynthia Owen, Stephanie McGuire, Edward and Lawrence Niehaus. Sister of Frank Lanham and Barbara Bratcher. Grandmother of nine.

OSBORNE, Kathleen, M., 60, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, May 25. Mother of Nancy Bennington, Kathleen Denease, Vaughan and William Pitts Jr. Sister of Phoebe Osborne and Joseph Youngman. Grandmother of two.

PEA, Mary Jo (Fredrick), 44, St. Thomas More, Mooresville, May 30. Wife of James J. Pea. Mother of Dorothy JoAnn Grabarz, Paula Jo Fite and Jamie Jo Pea. Sister of Linda, Patrick, Donald, Charles and E. Michael Fredrick

RUSSELL, Morris E., 78, St. Mary, New Albany, May 28. Husband of Geraldine (Barr) Russell. Father of Sharon and Stephen Russell. Brother of Vivian Barr and Herchel Russell. Grandfather of two.

SCHATH, Marian J., 79, St. Louis, Batesville, June 3. Mother of Bea Nobbe, and Charles Schath, Stepmother of Irene Gauck, Mitzi Bauer,

Edwin, Robert, George and Anthony Schath. Grandmother, great-grandmother, great-greatgrandmother.

SCHEURER, William E., 82, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 25. Husband of Patricia Scheurer. Father of Elizabeth Goul, Patricia Vanlanot, Susan Carrico, Michael and William Scheurer, Jr. Brother of Betty Taylor and Bob Scheurer. Grandfather of eight. Stepgrandfather of one.

SLOAN, Ann E., 81, Little

Flower, Indianapolis, May 27. Sister of Margaret V. Novak. Aunt and great-aunt of several.

TINIUS, Rose M., 85, St. Mary, New Albany, May 29. Mother of Rose Marie Miller, Fred and Richard Tinius. Sister of William and Fred Aemmer. Grandmother of 11. Great-

WILLIAMS, Joseph, 51, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, May 31. Husband of Mary Williams. Father of Cara Underwood and Eric Williams. †

grandmother of 15.

New videos feature pope's activities, jubilee themes

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican has issued 10 videocassettes featuring Pope John Paul II and jubilee

The countless miles of moving images from the pontiff's pastoral visits and Vatican activities were narrowed down to five half-hour installments.

Each had a theme: human rights, interreligious dialogue, youth, families and Marian devotion.

Five other cassettes were dedicated to jubilee-specific subjects: pilgrims, the Roman catacombs, nativity scenes, the four major basilicas of Rome and religious ties between Rome and the Holy Land.

The series was to be issued worldwide in six languages, including English. Pope John Paul received a copy in Italian.

Italian film entrepreneur Alberto Michelini, the series' coordinator, said selecting "a few minutes" from the thousands of hours of material available was hard because "this pontificate has produced many beautiful moments."

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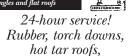
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Résumé and cover letter will be accepted until June 18. Submit to: Secretary Search Committee, St. Christopher School, 5335 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, IN 46224. c/c Barbara E. Leek, Principal.

Pastoral Associate

Saint Matthew Parish in Indianapolis, a community of approximately 1,100 families, is seeking a fulltime pastoral associate. Duties would include planning activities and programs that strengthen the spiritual and communal life of the parish, directing and participating in evangelization, outreach and stewardship education, and pastoral counseling. The ideal candidate will have a master's degree in theology or related area, some pastoral experience, the ability to work well with volunteers, and strong organizational and communication skills.

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis is seeking an executive director for St. Elizabeth's Home, which provides support to women experiencing unintended pregnancies including counseling, health care, and residential services, as well as adoption services to families and programs for parent and child development. This position is responsible for overseeing the human, financial, and physical resources of the agency and providing high quality services and programs in consultation with

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News briefs

WORLD

Armenian Orthodox leader ailing; Pope's trip reportedly canceled

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The likelihood of Pope John Paul II's July 2-4 pastoral visit to Armenia was cast into doubt in early June with reports that the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church would be too ill to participate. Doctors monitoring Catholicos Karekin of Etchmiadzin, patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church, advised the Orthodox leader not to attend the pope's planned visit, according to a June 7 news release from the Church's headquarters in Etchmiadzin, near the Armenian capital, Yerevan. The statement said the papal trip was to be "postponed until further instruction," and that the office of Armenian President Robert Kocharian had been notified.

U.S.

Virginity pledge has limited effect, researcher says

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The more students at a school who take a pledge of virginity, the less effective is the pledge, a researcher said at a June 3 program on adolescent health conducted at the U.S. Capitol. "When a few kids in a school take the pledge, it's protective," said Clea Sucoff, a research associate with the University of Minnesota School of Medicine's Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health. "Those kids who take the pledge tend to remain virgins and delay entry into sexual activity. (The pledge) protects their values," Sucoff said. "When a large number of kids in a school take it, the effect disappears."

Prayer service rallies support for 350,000 in immigration limbo

HOUSTON (CNS)—Hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the United States are living in an "unfair

limbo," the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops said at a prayer service for people who are seeking legal U.S. residency. Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston was one of several speakers at a June 4 prayer service at Houston's Holy Ghost Church for the 350,000 people nationwide whose applications for asylum were deemed unacceptable because they returned to their home countries for visits between 1982 and 1986. Although courts later ruled those disqualifications were invalid, a law change in the interim effectively left those people without a process for appealing, and without the legal right to work in this country.

Friars committed to serving poor established as religious community

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal—begun in 1987 by Capuchin Franciscans from New York and New Jersey who wanted to live religious life closer to the vision of St. Francis—has been formally established as a religious community. Following Vatican approval, New York Cardinal John J. O'Connor issued the decree May 28 at a Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral. After 12 years as a "public association of the faithful" under his sponsorship, the community is now a diocesan religious institute. "It is God who has given life to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal," the cardinal said in his homily. "Nobody is prepared to give up literally everything ... unless he is given the grace and is personally called by Jesus."

PEOPLE

Steubenville campus prays as police find two students' bodies

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (CNS)—Pennsylvania authorities found the bodies June 5 of two students from the Franciscan University of Steubenville who were kidnapped from their apartment on Memorial Day. The bodies of Brian Muha, 18, a sophomore biology major from the Columbus, Ohio, area, and Aaron Land, 20, a sophomore business major from Evergreen, Colo., were found in a wooded area of Washington County, Pa., about 12 miles east of Steubenville. Hundreds of people packed Christ the King Chapel at the university for a memorial Mass on June 6. After the Mass, more than 150 people walked more than a mile in a procession to the house from which the two students had been kidnapped. A prayer service was held at the house. †

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