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Joining the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for the Feb. 28 eucharistic celebration honoring their foundress, Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin, are (from front) Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary, Bishop William L. Higi of Lafayette and Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein. Bishop John M. D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend also participated in the statewide celebration. See related stories on Pages 3 and 21.

Church in Indiana honors Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin

Statewide gathering celebrates the life and ministry of the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

By Mary Ann Wyand

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, was honored as a courageous and inspirational woman of faith Feb. 28 at the mother-house church during the Indiana celebration of her life and ministries.

The 3 p.m. eucharistic liturgy continued the celebration of her Oct. 25 beatification by Pope John Paul II in Rome, and highlighted her love for God and the brave missionary spirit that brought her to the wilderness of west-central Indiana on Oct. 22, 1840, to found a congregation, mission and academy.

Providence Sister Diane Ris, general superior of the congregation, welcomed Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, four Indiana bishops, Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly, major superiors of various orders of Indiana religious women and men, and other guests to the Mass in honor of Blessed Mother Theodore.

"All are welcome to share this holy ground with us," Sister Diane said in her opening remarks. "Blessed Mother Theodore said on her return from France, 'With inexpressible joy I saw once more my Indiana. I would have loved to kiss its soil. This land was no longer for me the land of exile; it was the portion of my inheritance, and in it I hope to dwell all the days of my life.'"

In 1840, Sister Diane said, "when Mother Theodore came to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, it was a wilderness. Day after day she spent herself transforming the land for the mission of education, the establishment of her new community of the Sisters of Providence, and the mission of love, mercy and justice for all of God's people."

With Mother Theodore's guidance, Sister Diane said, Providence sisters began schools, provided education,

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Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin

Building Communities of Hope raises \$27 million

Partnership boosts center-city campaign for education and social services in Indianapolis

By Sue Hetzler

It's a partnership that's been a year in the making, and its success is bigger than anyone could have imagined. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis Building Communities of Hope capital and endowment campaign to benefit Catholic schools and social service agencies in the center city of Indianapolis has received more than \$27 million in gifts and pledges—reaching 135 percent of its minimum goal set last January when the campaign began.

"This past year has been a great blessing for our city and for the Catholic Church in Indianapolis," said Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein. "Our partnership with the civic, business and corporate leaders has produced results beyond our

expectations, and I am so grateful for their trust and faith in our mission to the center city."

Building Communities of Hope is a campaign that will invest corporate and foundation support in the eight center-city Catholic schools in Indianapolis and the agencies of Catholic Charities located in the capital city. It is an effort to help students and their families break the cycle of poverty.

More than 100 Indianapolis area corporations, foundations and individuals contributed gifts to the campaign that set an initial \$20 million minimum goal. The combined effort has helped the archdiocese maintain a solid presence in the center city, despite the shrinking Catholic population there and the chal-

lenges of increased poverty. It's a partnership that has worked so well that other

Catholic and city leaders from across the country in places like Cincinnati, Denver, Toledo, New York and Washington, D.C., have taken notice and inquired about how to make it work in their own inner cities.

"If we can provide other cities with the foundation for building up their downtown communities through partnerships like we have created here, everyone will benefit, especially the children and families who are looking to rise from poverty and improve their opportunities for the future," said Archbishop Buechlein.

At least \$16 million of the campaign funds will go toward tuition assistance and capital improvements at the downtown schools and help build two new schools that are more than 100 years old—Holy Angels School, which will be dedicated on Oct. 3, and Holy Cross Central School, slated to break ground this fall. Another \$9 million will be invested in endowments, producing nearly \$500,000 in annual tuition assistance for center-city children.

The building of two new schools is a move that has been literally absent in cities

across the country for more than a decade. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been

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ministered to the sick and brought God's love and compassion to people throughout Indiana.

"Pope John Paul II and the whole universal Church publicly recognized Mother Theodore's holiness by declaring her blessed on Oct. 25, 1998," Sister Diane said. "The ceremonies at St. Peter's [Square] in Rome and here at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods were very joyous celebrations for all of us who shared in them. Today the Church of Indiana has come together to honor this holy woman of God who is ours in many special ways."

Blessed Mother Theodore loved Indiana, Sister Diane said. "She loved its people. She knew, and made known, God's presence here, in life and in death. She rests here in her tomb in this church and in her shrine at the entrance to the church. In her own words, 'I sleep but my heart watches over this house which I have built.'"

The legacy of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin continues, the general superior said. "We have her here with us today, blessing

us, as we bless her for her trust in the Providence of God that never failed her. May her life touch ours in very special ways on our journey of life."

Joining Archbishop Buechlein for the Mass in honor of Blessed Mother Theodore were Bishop William L. Higi of Lafayette, Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary, Bishop John M. D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Benedictine Archabbot Lambert Reilly of Saint Meinrad.

In his homily, Archbishop Buechlein praised Blessed Mother Theodore as "a model of authenticity ... a model of spiritual courage ... a model of devout prayer ... a model of balance in everyday life ... a model of zeal for missionary evangelization ... [and] a model of patience in sickness."

Blessed Mother Theodore gave "herself over to the Providence of God," the archbishop said, and "truly spent all of her life to make Jesus Christ known and loved."

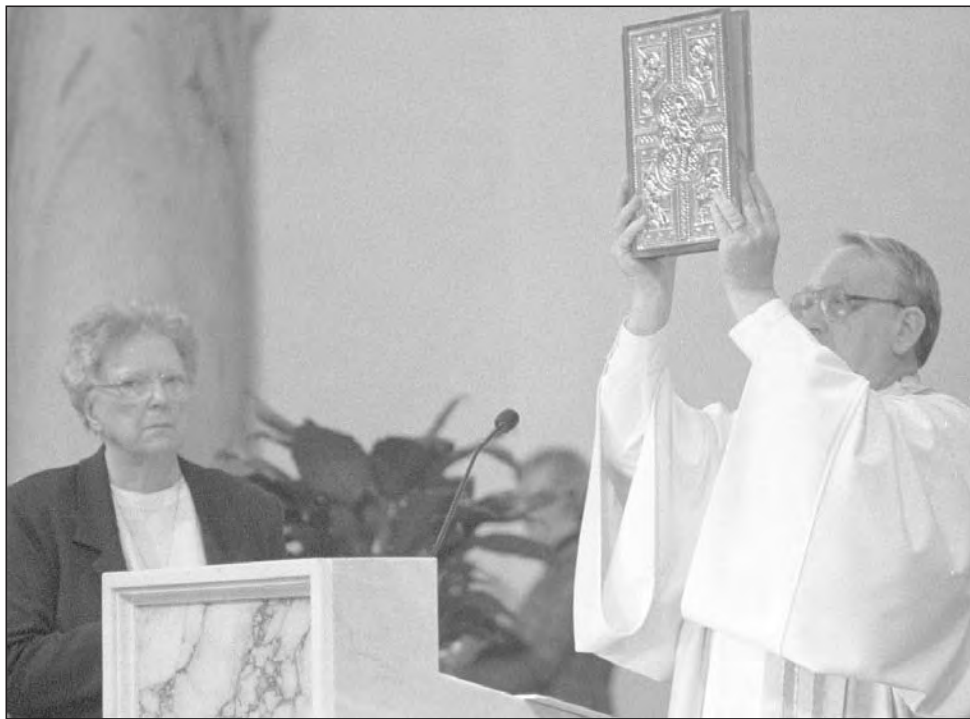
Blessed Mother Theodore also was "a major figure in establishing Catholic schools as a unique treasure in the Church in the United States," Archbishop Buechlein said. "Through the try-

another," Gaybrick said. "Many of the families who have children in our schools also benefit from programs offered by our Catholic Charities agencies."

While the campaign has been an unmatched success, Jerry Semler, chairman, president and CEO of American United Life Insurance Company in Indianapolis and general chair of the campaign, said much work remains for the Church and its partners. He noted that prior to the start of the campaign, needs for center-city schools and charity programs were documented at \$39 million.

"Even though we've exceeded our goal, our work has not ended," said Semler. "We will continue to work together for the children and families of Indianapolis and make great strides for our city's future." †

(Sue Hetzler is director of communications for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.)



ing years of her pioneering work in missionary education, she struggled with physical illness much of the time," yet unfailingly demonstrated "perseverance and hope in the face of suffering ... a sure mark of holiness."

Concluding his remarks, Archbishop Buechlein asked the faithful to "find a friend and intercessor in our new and special patroness" and "make her story our story." †

Providence Sister Alexa Suelzer (above), who served as thurifer at the Mass, holds the incense as Father Lawrence Richardt, chaplain of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Motherhouse, raises the Book of the Gospels during the Feb. 28 eucharistic liturgy. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein (at right) welcomes the assembly to the statewide celebration in honor of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin.



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seen as a trend-setter in strengthening its center-city Catholic education presence; a handful of other inner cities are now also beginning to plan for new Catholic schools.

The \$4 million earmarked for center-city Catholic Charities will help meet capital needs at their facilities and will endow Catholic Charities services and programs. According to Thomas Gaybrick, secretary for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries for the archdiocese, some of the money for both education needs and social service programs will touch many of the same people.

"The people served by our center-city Catholic schools and Catholic Charities agencies are not exclusive of one




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Video and books tell Mother Theodore's story

By Ann Ryan

Special to The Criterion

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—The excitement at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods over the beatification of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin last October is not subsiding.

The Sisters of Providence are continuing their official year of celebration, which began on Oct. 25, 1998, with the beatification of their foundress by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

Media attention and public awareness of that event have generated a growing interest in the life of Mother Theodore.

Inquiries from individuals and the media are coming in via mail, phone and the World Wide Web. Teachers are arranging class trips to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods to learn more about Mother Theodore's role in Indiana history and Church history. Prayer requests and stories of Mother Theodore's intercessions are arriving from around the world. Parish and civic groups are requesting that Providence sisters come and speak about their foundress.

These varied requests for information about Mother Theodore prompted the Sisters of Providence to produce a new video which they hope will make her story more accessible to all audiences. The result is *Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin: Her Journey of Faith and Courage*. The video utilizes excerpts from Mother Theodore Guérin's own travel journals and

letters and includes rare historical images, photographs and re-creations.

Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin founded the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., in 1840. Born Anne-Thérèse Guérin in the wake of the French Revolution, Mother Theodore journeyed to the Indiana wilderness in 1840 to establish a religious congregation and an educational academy, now Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Faced with overwhelming challenges—poverty, ill health, discrimination against Catholics and women, and the barriers of an unfamiliar language and culture—she succeeded in bringing religion and education to Indiana women and children.

The video was originally planned to be an in-house piece. The staff of Providence Center, which is the welcoming facility for the Sisters of Providence, wanted a video to show to pilgrimage and tour groups.

"Our hope was to create a quality piece that would introduce Mother Theodore to all who come to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods," said Providence Sister Margaret Kern, shrine spiritual program director. "But as we talked about and developed the project, the variety of possible uses for the video expanded. We want to make it available to parishes, individuals and schools as a resource they can use."

Sister Margaret said the 29-minute video also will air on some public television stations.

"We chose to do a video because we wanted various audiences to, in some way,

'meet' Mother Theodore, and we believe the video successfully does that," Sister Margaret said. "Hearing her words and learning her story in this visual way will put the fire of a love for Mother Theodore in the hearts of new audiences, and it will rekindle it in the hearts of those who already know and love her."

Providence Center selected Nineteenth Star, LLC., an Emmy Award-winning Indianapolis video company, and Ann Ryan Communications, Inc. to produce it.

"The entire production team really fell in love with Mother Theodore's story, and it shows in the video," Sister Margaret said. "They have captured the story of her life—and all of its challenges and its graces—in a warm, moving way."

Since Mother Theodore's story is interwoven in Indiana history, the production company taped on location at the Old Cathedral in Vincennes, as well as in Madison, New Albany, Indianapolis and several locations in Vigo County. The grounds and buildings at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods also help to convey Mother Theodore's legacy. The Sisters of Providence Archives yielded many treasures, some of which have seldom been on public display. Indianapolis actress Priscilla Lindsey voices Mother Theodore's words in a French accent.

Highlights from the beatification ceremonies in Rome and from the Sisters of Providence celebrations at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods are included in the video.

"It is quite moving to see the pope, the

cardinals and bishops, the sisters and the pilgrims in St. Peter's Square celebrating Mother Theodore's life and legacy," Sister Margaret said. "She truly was an ordinary woman who is honored for her extraordinary faith, hope and love."

Sister Margaret said she hopes that as people view the video they also will become interested in learning more about Blessed Mother Theodore.

The video complements the recently produced biography, *Mother Theodore Guérin: A Woman for Our Time*, and the children's book and audio tape of *The Story of Anne-Thérèse*.

"Mother Theodore's story is an important part of Indiana history, Church history and women's history," Sister Margaret said.

Funding for the video was provided by the Sisters of Providence Congregational Advancement Fund and Our Sunday Visitor Institute. †

(Copies of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin: Her Journey of Faith and Courage are available for \$19.95 plus \$4.05 for shipping and handling, from the Gift Shop at Providence Center by telephone at 812-535-3131, ext. 143, or by e-mail at giftshop@spsmw.org. Providence Center is scheduling spring and summer tours and pilgrimages highlighting the life of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin. For information, call 812-535-3131, ext. 147, or e-mail mrmadden@spsmw.org. Ann Ryan is media relations coordinator for Providence Center.)

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Editorial

Preventing incitement in the Middle East

One of the little-known efforts to bring peace in the Middle East is a committee that was established as part of the Wye River Plantation agreement signed last October. The committee consists of Israelis, Palestinians and Americans whose task it is to discuss the problem of "incitement" and how to prevent it.

Although the agreement made at the Wye River Plantation might seem to be dead now, delayed by the divisive election campaign now taking place in Israel, the committee continues to function, getting together every few weeks. It recognizes that both the Israelis and Palestinians keep doing things to incite the other side and there can be no peace unless such incitement can be prevented.

One of the five members of the American delegation to this committee is Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, still working for peace in the world at age 81. Undoubtedly one of the reasons for his selection for this task is the fact that the Ecumenical Institute of Tantur, which he established in Jerusalem, has been promoting talks between Israelis and Palestinians for more than 25 years.

Another reason is that he also established the Peace Institute at Notre Dame where students from throughout the world are learning how to live in peace with one another.

The head of the American delegation is Mel Levine, former member of Congress from California. Another member is veteran journalist Bernard Kalb, considered to be an expert on how language can create, or avert, incitement.

Another journalist, Uri Dan, heads the Israeli delegation, while Marwan Kanafani, one of Yasser Arafat's closest advisers, heads the Palestinian delegation.

It has been reported that the first five meetings of the committee were pretty heated, with both Israelis and Palestinians arguing over how to define "incitement." At the suggestion of the American delegation, they finally decided not to define the word but to recognize it when they see it.

Not surprisingly, both sides have accused the other of incitement—and with justification. For example, despite the Palestinians' disavowal of terror, Arafat and other officials have vowed to "keep the rifles ready" and "use all means" to achieve a Palestinian state. On the other side, Israeli Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon has called for Jewish settlers to seize additional lands and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has encouraged settlement expansion.

As the committee continued to meet, arguments became less heated and discussion more constructive. One of the most constructive meetings, it has been reported, was a session that included both Israeli and Palestinian journalists so the media can begin to understand that what is said, and how it is said, can create incitement.

Both the Israelis and the Palestinians are now bringing to the committee examples of what they consider incitement and the committee is passing them on to the government official or media involved. It is hoped that calling attention to these cases will make the government officials and media more aware of things that incite hostility.

The task of this committee is not easy. Israelis and Palestinians have lived all their lives with mistrust and hatred of the other side. It's very difficult to change attitudes and prejudices and that's basically what this committee is trying to do. But anything that will help Israelis and Palestinians understand each other better is worth a try.

— John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Blessed Mother Theodore: a model for all of us

Last Sunday afternoon, the bishops of our five Indiana dioceses along with many of the major superiors of religious communities in Indiana were joined by clergy, religious and laity to celebrate a Mass in honor of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods (See story, Page 1.)

The Sisters of Providence offered gracious hospitality and joined the celebration in their beautiful church. The celebration was a historic first for Indiana. More and more the marvelous reality of having someone who was a vital part of Church history in Indiana as a solemnly beatified member of our Church is sinking in. The experience of the beatification of Mother Theodore in Rome was overwhelming for those of us privileged to participate. One could hardly take in the significance of the occasion. Yet we need to do that; all of us do.

While canonization as a saint requires the testimony of one more miracle attributed to Blessed Mother Theodore, nonetheless she is formally beatified, and so we already have the testimony that we have a special intercessor in heaven.

Blessed Mother Theodore is a model of authenticity. I am struck and encouraged by her ability to keep her feet firmly planted on the ground while being a wonderfully spiritual person. Her kind of "realistic spirituality" is a hallmark of authentic spirituality. As we read her journals and letters, we meet a person who has given herself over to the Providence of God but who continues to reflect, plan and make down-to-earth decisions that deal with the everyday needs of life. She is a marvelous intercessor and patroness for those of us responsible for the spiritual and material administration of our Church and communities, indeed for our families. One of her statements comes to mind: "But again I must talk about money. When will the day come that we shall be able to be occupied only with God? Our consolation is that it is for him that we engage in other things."

Blessed Mother Theodore is a model of spiritual courage. She was a true pioneer who left her native land of France and journeyed to our part of the Northwest Territory of the United States, which had been in existence as a nation for only 64 years at the time. Some of our own ancestors in the faith were contempo-

rary pioneers of those times. We can only admire what Mother Theodore and her sister-companions went through in order to help bring the faith to this Indiana mission. To read her journals and letters is to share an experience of courage in the face of sufferings and trials.

Blessed Mother Theodore is a model of devout prayer. She was unswerving in her conviction about the importance of prayer and her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the protection of Our Lady of Providence. Her devotion to the Way of the Cross is a timely reminder in this season of Lent. It is telling to note that the first thing Mother Theodore and her sisters did when they arrived in the woods was to go silently to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the log cabin chapel. She showed us the value of prayer and spiritual communion with our Lord.

Blessed Mother Theodore is a model of balance in life. She once wrote to a friend: "Please give me a little share in your prayers. After a life of such activity and dissipation, I need special grace in order to bring myself back to recollection of spirit and become a true religious." She also wrote the consoling words: "What strength the soul draws from prayer! In the midst of a storm, how sweet is the calm it finds in the Heart of Jesus. But what comfort is there for those who do not pray?"

Blessed Mother Theodore is a model of zeal for missionary evangelization. She truly spent all of her life to make Jesus Christ known and loved. She did so with a special care for the education of young women. She did so in virtually founding Catholic grade schools here in Indiana. Her mission in education was much of what challenged her balance in the spiritual and religious life.

Blessed Mother Theodore is a model of patience in sickness. Through the trying years of her pioneering work in missionary education she struggled with physical illness much of the time. Yet she continued to carry on her ministry as founding superior of the motherhouse at The Woods as well as many Catholic schools throughout the state of Indiana. She did not disengage from her mission because of illness, though she certainly would have had cause to do so.

In a word, all of us can find a friend and intercessor in our new and special patroness. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for March

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




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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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Bendita Madre Theodore: modelo para todos nosotros

La tarde del domingo pasado, los obispos de nuestras cinco diócesis de Indiana, junto con muchos de los mayores líderes de las comunidades religiosas en Indiana, se reunieron con los cleros, religiosos y legos para celebrar una Misa en honor de la Bendita Madre Theodore Guérin en Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Las Hermanas de Providencia ofrecieron hospitalidad graciosa y tomaron parte en la celebración en su hermosa iglesia. La celebración fue la primera de este tipo en la historia de Indiana. Cada vez más surte efecto la realidad maravillosa de tener alguien que era una parte vital de la historia de la Iglesia en Indiana como un miembro solemnemente beatificado de nuestra Iglesia. La experiencia de la beatificación de la Madre Theodore en Roma nos impresionó mucho a quienes tuvimos el privilegio de participar. Uno apenas podía comprender la importancia de la ocasión. Sin embargo, todos necesitábamos comprenderla.

Aunque la canonización como un santo requiere el testimonio de un milagro más atribuido a la Bendita Madre Theodore, no obstante ella está beatificada formalmente, y por lo tanto ya existe el testimonio que tenemos un intercesor especial en el cielo.

La Bendita Madre Theodore es modelo de la autenticidad. Su habilidad de mantener sus pies firmemente plantados en la tierra mientras siendo una persona muy espiritual me impresionó y animó mucho. Su tipo de "espiritualidad realista" es un sello de la espiritualidad auténtica. Cuando leímos sus periódicos y cartas, nos encontramos a una persona que se ha entregado a la Providencia de Dios, pero continúa reflejando, planeando y tomando decisiones realistas respecto a las necesidades cotidianas de la vida. Ella es una intercesora maravillosa y patrona para quienes somos responsables de la administración espiritual y material de nuestra Iglesia y comunidades, en efecto de nuestras familias. Una de sus declaraciones vino a mi mente: "Una vez más debo hablar acerca del dinero. ¿Cuándo vendrá el día que podamos sólo ocuparnos con Dios? Nuestro consuelo es que es para él que comprometemos en otras cosas".

La Bendita Madre Theodore es modelo del valor espiritual. Ella era una verdadera pionera que abandonó su tierra nativa de Francia y viajó a nuestra parte del Territorio Noroeste de los Estados Unidos que habían existido como una nación durante sólo 64 años en aquel momento. Algunos de nuestros propios antepasados en la fe eran pioneros contemporáneos de esa época. Podemos simplemente admirar lo que la Madre Theodore y sus hermanas

habían sufrido para traer la fe a esta misión de Indiana. Si se leen sus periódicos y las cartas se comparte una experiencia de valor ante los sufrimientos y las dificultades.

La Bendita Madre Theodore es modelo de la oración devota. Ella se mantuvo firme en su creencia sobre la importancia de la oración y su devoción al Santísimo Sacramento y a la protección de Nuestra Señora de Providencia. Su devoción a la Manera de la Cruz es un recordatorio oportuno en esta temporada de la Cuaresma. El hecho de que la primera cosa que la Madre Theodore y sus hermanas hicieron al llegar a los bosques era ir a orar silenciosamente antes del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla de troncos nos revela mucho. Ella nos mostró el valor de la oración y la comunión espiritual con nuestro Señor.

La Bendita Madre Theodore es modelo del equilibrio en la vida. Escribió una vez a un amigo: "Por favor dame una parte pequeña en sus oraciones. Después de una vida de tal actividad y dispersión, necesito gracia especial para volver a la recolección del Espíritu y para hacerme una verdadera Religiosa". Ella también escribió las palabras consoladoras: "¡Qué fuerza que el alma saca de la oración! En medio de una tormenta, cómo dulce es la calma que el alma encuentra en el Corazón de Jesús. Pero, ¿qué consuelo hay para aquéllos que no oran?"

La Bendita Madre Theodore es modelo de entusiasmo para la evangelización misionera. Ella verdaderamente pasó toda su vida trabajando para que todos conocieran y amaran a Jesucristo. Ella logró esta meta con cuidado especial para la educación de mujeres jóvenes y prácticamente fundando las escuelas primarias católicas aquí en Indiana. Su misión en educación era gran parte de lo que desafió su equilibrio entre la vida espiritual y religiosa.

La Bendita Madre Theodore es un modelo de la paciencia en enfermedad. A través de los años difíciles de su trabajo pionero en la educación misionera, se esforzó con la enfermedad física mucho del tiempo. No obstante, continuó haciendo su ministerio como la fundadora superior de la *motherhouse* en "The Woods", así como en muchas escuelas católicas en todas partes del estado de Indiana. Ella no se retiró de su misión debido a la enfermedad, aunque ciertamente habría tenido razón para hacerlo.

En resumen, todos nosotros podemos encontrar a una amiga y intercesora en nuestra nueva y especial patrona. †

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Las intenciones vocacionales del Arzobispo Buechlein para marzo

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

Letters to the Editor

Victim speaks out against death penalty

I would like to respond to the articles, editorial and Archbishop Daniel's column on the death penalty.

As a victim of a heinous crime, I feel qualified to testify against this unjust law.

I would not be here today to write this letter had my perpetrator been totally successful in his attack against me. And he would probably be on death row.

As it happens, I have had 12 years to pray, reflect and come to a better understanding of God's great love for me and every human person.

Hopefully, my assailant will also have time to find God's love and forgiveness.

After 18 months in the Indiana judiciary system, the person who attacked me was found guilty and sentenced to 208 years in prison. This should have been enough for me to feel that justice had been served. The probability of his ever getting out of prison to hurt or kill anyone is very marginal. At the time, though, it was not enough. I wanted him dead.

I now know that this desire had nothing to do with justice. It was revenge, pure and simple. It was a reaction to the anger and hatred that I had toward him at the time.

Eventually, I came to realize that my response toward him was not much different than his own anger, hatred and feelings of powerlessness that led to the attack upon me in the first place.

Violence does breed more violence!

I can personally identify with the suffering and emotions of victims of violent crimes. However, they, their families and friends are not being served by killing the accused. The death penalty does not bring real peace; it only brings emptiness.

Through God's grace, I have found that peace. It has nothing to do with the state's measure of punishment upon the person who attacked me. The peace I experience is in God's love. The love that sent his son, Jesus, to die for me as well as all who have hurt me.

God's justice is balanced with love and mercy. How can justice, which is empowered by God to our state or country, be any different?

Nora Cummings
Indianapolis

Pray for priests

In the Oakland, Calif., diocese, we have been successful in getting at least one person to pray for one priest in the diocese for one year, the goal being to have each priest prayed for daily. Our priests really need our prayers.

Would someone in your archdiocese like to start this program there? If so, I'll be happy to send you information on how we did it. My address is 336 Pimlico Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596. My e-mail address is creekelly@aol.com. My telephone number is 925-947-1538.

Frances M. Kelly
Walnut Creek, Calif.

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Research for the Church/James D. Davidson

Intermarriage rates in Indiana higher than national average

In 1996, three out of every 10 marriages recognized by the Church involved a Catholic and a bride or groom who was not a Catholic. The intermarriage rate was much higher than 30 percent in Indiana dioceses. It was highest in the Lafayette diocese, where 52 percent of marriages involved a non-Catholic. The



Archdiocese of Indianapolis ranked second at 51 percent. Evansville and Ft. Wayne-South Bend were tied at 43 percent. The Diocese of Gary had the fewest intermarriages (37 percent).

Why was the intermarriage rate so much higher in Indiana? The main reason is that intermarriage rates are closely linked to the size of the Catholic population in a given area (*Commonweal*, Sept. 11, 1998). The larger the Catholic population, the lower the intermarriage rate; the smaller the Catholic population, the higher the intermarriage rate.

One out of every four Americans is Catholic. In some dioceses, there are many more Catholics than that. For example, Catholics are 75 percent of the population in El Paso, Texas, and 64 percent in Providence, R.I. Catholics living in these places have a very high probability of dating, then marrying, other Catholics. The

intermarriage rate in El Paso is only 8 percent. It is only 17 percent in Providence.

There are very few Catholics in some other dioceses. Catholics are only 2 percent of the population in Knoxville, Tenn., and only 3 percent in Savannah, Ga. In these places, Catholics are much more likely to interact with, and end up marrying, people who are not Catholic. The intermarriage rate is 58 percent in Savannah and a whopping 69 percent in Knoxville.

Indiana dioceses have relatively few Catholics. The dioceses of Lafayette and Ft. Wayne-South Bend are only 8 percent Catholic. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is only 10 percent Catholic. The Evansville diocese is 19 percent Catholic. Gary comes closest to the national average with 24 percent. These population characteristics—more than anything else—account for Indiana's relatively high intermarriage rates.

They also correlate highly, though not perfectly, with intermarriage rates within the state. The Diocese of Lafayette (only 8 percent Catholic) has the highest intermarriage rate (52 percent). The Gary diocese, which has the most Catholics (24 percent) has the lowest intermarriage rate (37 percent). The other dioceses fall in between. †

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

Check It Out . . .

Applications are now available for summer camping experiences at the archdiocesan **Catholic Youth Organization's Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County.** For information or a brochure, call the CYO Youth Center in Indianapolis at 317-632-9311 or the CYO Outdoor Ministry Office at Nashville toll-free at 888-988-2839 or by e-mail at cyocamp@aol.com. The CYO web site is <http://members.aol.com/cyocamp/framasa.html>.

The Indiana Branch of the International Dyslexia Association is sponsoring a **two-day conference for educators, parents, and dyslexics** March 5-6 in Indianapolis. Teacher training will be offered March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Indiana Interchurch Center, 1100 W. 42nd St., in Krannert Conference Hall. Survival Saturday will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. at Cathedral High School, 5225 East 56th St. Information: 317-926-1450.

The second annual **"Sow the Seeds for Holy Name School,"** a gala semi-formal benefit to raise money for the children's financial aid fund, will be held March 12 at Primo Banquet Hall on the Indianapolis southside. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Information: 317-784-9078 or 317-784-5454.

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to participate in the annual Archdiocese Retreat to be held March 27 at Camp Belzer, 6102 Boy Scout Road in Indianapolis. The cost is \$4 per person. Pre-registration through March 14. Information: 317-887-1999 or 317-578-8451.

"Letting Go and Letting God: A Spirituality for Late Adulthood," a retreat focusing on the spiritual challenges facing the elderly and their adult children, will be held March 12-14 at the Archabbey Guest House at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. The cost is \$150 per person or \$250 per couple. Information: 812-357-6585 or 800-581-6905.

"My Father Has Given Me All Things," a charismatic retreat for men and women, will be held March 12-14 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. Information: 812-923-8817.

St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services will sponsor a **free Family Health Fair** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 6 at Lafayette Square Mall, 3919 Lafayette Road in Indianapolis. Information: 317-338-CARE.

Indiana University School of Music guitarist **Brent Pike will perform in concert at Saint Meinrad Archabbey** in the Newman Conference Center at 2:30 p.m. March 7. The performance is free. Parking is available in the student parking lot or the Guest House parking lot. For more information, contact Barbara Crawford at 812-357-6501.

St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis will host a **Mission Saturday**, "The Positive Powers of Lent: Hope and Courage," from 11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. March 6. Society of the Divine Word Father Chester Smith is the presenter. The mission is free to the public. Information: 317-283-5508.

A **weekend retreat for spiritual companions and mentors** will be held March 12-14 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. The fee is \$110. Information: 317-545-7681.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis will host **"Phantom of the Auction,"** Brebeuf's 17th annual fundraising dinner and auction, on March 13 at the school located at 2801 W. 86th St. The event, sponsored by the Mothers' Association, begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75. Information: 317-843-1246.

St. Mary Parish in Greensburg will present a **series of videos** on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* narrated by Bishop David E. Foley, bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham, Ala. The

series will feature a different video each week. The program will be held Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.; and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Information: 812-663-8427.

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis will host **"Chatard-Abbration"** on March 13. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. Dinner reservations are required by March 5. The cost is \$25 per person. Information: 317-254-5435.

The Sisters of St. Francis will sponsor **"Prayer Is Where We Live,"** the 1999 Lecture Series March 4, 11, 18, and 25. Franciscan Sister Barbara Leonhard, a member of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, Oldenburg, is the presenter. She will be joined by Julianne Hipskind. The lectures will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., then will be repeated from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the convent. Admission to the series of four sessions is \$20. Information: 812-934-2475. †

Fact Sheet on Global Needs

- 35,000 persons die of hunger and its consequences every day around the world.
- More than 80 percent of the world's people live in developing countries. They use just 20 percent of the world's wealth. The remaining 20 percent of the world's people live in industrialized nations and control 80 percent of the world's wealth.
- The specter of genocide and ethnic violence has become sadly familiar in Central Africa and other places.
- Christians and other believers are persecuted or harassed in China, Vietnam, Indonesia, parts of the Middle East, and within our own hemisphere.
- Conflicts with religious dimensions divide and destroy people in Bosnia, Sudan, Northern Ireland, East Timor, and many other places.
- Some nations and nongovernmental organizations resort to attacks on human life, including coerced abortion and sterilization.
- Women perform two-thirds of the world's work, but receive one-tenth of its income and own less than one-hundredth of its property.
- As of 1995, developing nations owed foreign creditors more than \$2 trillion. The cost of providing relief for the twenty nations worst affected by the international debt burden would be \$6 billion, less than the cost of one stealth bomber.
- In Uganda, the government spends \$3.50 per person annually on health and education and \$17.00 per person annually on debt relief.
- The United States ranks first in the world in weapons sold to poor nations, yet near last among industrialized nations in the proportion of resources devoted to development for the poor.
- 26,000 people, mostly civilians, are maimed or killed every year by antipersonnel landmines.
- More than 20 million people worldwide have been displaced due to human conflict or forced relocation. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, one in every two persons has been displaced.
- Forests, rivers, and other parts of God's creation are being destroyed by environmental neglect and devastation.

Data cited from Catholic Relief Services, the United Nations, the World Bank, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, the Hunger Project, the Vietnam Veterans of America, Oxfam International, Bread for the World, the 1996 World Fact Book, and the 1996 World Refugee Survey. Statistics appear in *Called to Global Solidarity*, the bishops' statement and parish manual, which can be ordered by calling 800/235-8722.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Jeffersonville realizes a dream

By Susan M. Bierman

“We always had this dream in the back of our heads we’re going to have a church one of these days,” said Hank Striby, a charter member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jeffersonville.

“Well, here it is 45 years later, and I can just feel the spirit of the people coming back like it was many years ago,” he added, during a taped interview for the parish’s Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital campaign video.

Striby is remembering the establishment of Sacred Heart Parish in 1953 and the spirit that he and other founding members had when the Jeffersonville parish was put on the map.

Jim King, another founding member, said also in the taped interview, that parishioners were told back in 1953 that the present worship space would be a gymnasium and a new church would eventually be built.

He went on to say that 10 years passed and the school grew rapidly and needed an addition. Then, the parish had to build a convent and rectory.

“Consequently, the church got put on the back burner,” King said.

After nearly 50 years of celebrating in a “temporary” worship space, Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville will realize the dream of its founding members.

The 844-household New Albany Deanery parish is building a church. Groundbreaking is expected in 2001. The new facility will seat 700 and will be built on the front lawn of the current parish grounds in southern Indiana.

Bruce Wright, one of four co-chairs of the parish’s Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital campaign, believes it’s time a new worship space became a priority.

“The church needs to be obviously the central focus point of the parish, and it’s God’s house and you need to take care of that,” Wright said.

Rodney Bramer, campaign co-chair, said a new worship space is indeed needed. Sacred Heart Parish is lacking some growth opportunities and the campus has some maintenance issues that need to be addressed in the future.

The Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital campaign is believed to be the catalyst that started the wheels turning toward building a new worship space at this time.

Sacred Heart surpassed its campaign goal of \$1.8 million by pledging \$1,840,000. The new church building is estimated to cost \$1.4 million.

Wright said the entire parish is responsible for this campaign’s success.

“A total parish effort,” he said. “The people just came together for the right reason to do something to serve God.”

Phil McCauley, campaign co-chair, said the parish was ready for a capital campaign from the fiscal standpoint. He added that parishioners were willing to help out with the campaign, some not knowing what their responsibilities would be.

“I said this is just such a big project, and I think you need to be a part of it. You are just going to feel good someday knowing you had a big part in helping build this church,” McCauley said.

According to McCauley and the other campaign co-chairs, along the way some obstacles challenged the campaign and building project. One such challenge was that the parish was without a resident pastor when the planning stages of the campaign began in June of last year. So, the organization of the campaign relied heavily on the parishioners.

The parish’s new pastor, Father Raymond Schafer, arrived in mid-August. The actual campaign kick-off

followed in September 1998.

Even with this challenge, among others, the parish viewed the campaign goal and building project as something that would be a success.

“We basically said we’re going to make it. We didn’t have a fall-back position for not making it,” McCauley said.

Not just bricks and mortar

The campaign has allowed the church to be built, not just physically, but spiritually, as well.

“I think that it was real important to the congregation that they see that we were a Catholic Church family and not just a bunch of people building a building,” Keith Stormes, campaign co-chair, said.

Wright added that when the campaign first started it was about building a building.

“As this thing evolved, we unified as a parish. The spirit was raised and took center stage over bricks and mortar,” Wright said.

The co-chairs said the “old Sacred Heart spirit” had returned as a result of the campaign and building project. Even some of the founding members were feeling that same spirit they felt nearly 50 years ago when they were rallying to start the new parish.

This spirit was present during the big event held last November to wrap up the campaign, they said. The well-attended event was held in a large tent erected on the turf where the new church will be built. Sacred Heart School children created stained glass “windows” from paper to set a church-like atmosphere inside the tent. The liturgy committee and music ministers concentrated for about two months prior to the event to make it “the most spectacular liturgy they possibly could,” Wright said.

The video the parish had prepared for the capital campaign was aired on television screens placed throughout the tent. The video features the pastor, founding members, various parish leaders, and other parishioners speaking about what Sacred Heart Parish means to them.

“There were people who came to the big event who had tears running down their faces when they saw this video,” Wright said.

Giving back, realizing a dream

Building this church may have been a driving force behind the campaign’s success.

However, at the same time, building this new church is something the parishioners wanted to give back to the founding members of the parish.

“While we’re sure going to benefit from a new church, it’s like we owe them the debt to get it to them,” Stormes said.

Bramer agrees.

“It’s really our turn. The older generation had come to the table a number of times and it’s our turn now,” Bramer said.

He added, “We really don’t get in our lifetime much of an opportunity to do the kind of thing that we did here at Sacred Heart, so we just had to ask, ‘How many times does God call on you to do something of this magnitude?’” †

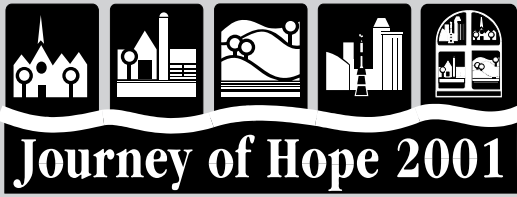


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Pat Dages and Judy Leist play guitars during the liturgy at Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville for their Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation special event last fall. More than 700 parishioners attended the celebration, which was held inside a tent erected on the grounds where the new church will be built.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Indianapolis

Story by Margaret Nelson

Fast Fact:

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has a parish nurse program. Paula Bittelmeyer is coordinating the March 20 Spring Into Health Fair in which 36 hospital and health care facilities will offer screenings, information and programs for the public.



Journey of Hope 2001

90-year-old Lourdes Parish renews members' faith, health

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is meeting the changing needs of its parishioners as it celebrates its 90th year. Though it has the rich heritage of the Irvington area of east Indianapolis, it has seen consistent growth and change throughout the years, said Father James Farrell, pastor.



Fr. James Farrell

"It has benefited from a history of tremendous pastoral leadership, as well as great lay leaders," he said, mentioning Father Richard Mueller, pastor from 1973 to 1982, and Father Francis Buck, pastor from 1982 until his death in 1994.

"The parish, deanery, and archdiocese have benefited from their leadership," said Father Farrell.

"The principals the school has had have been a tremendous asset to the school and the parish. That includes the present principal, [Benedictine] Sister Mary Nicolette [Etienne]," he said.

"On the eve of the millennium, I see new growth in the spiritual life of the parish under the Christ Renews His Parish program," said Father Farrell.

"It is just getting off the ground," he said of the program that will begin in the fall of this year. "I hope it will touch the hearts of the adults."

Vic Berlage is coordinating the renewal program. He said, "We hope to renew as many parishioners as we can and get them excited about their faith—so they can live it more fully each day."

Berlage explained that Lourdes parishioners will start to hear about the October weekends after Easter. They are beginning to identify those who will make up the formation team.

One Christ Renews His Parish weekend will be for 20 to 30 women, and one for a similar group of men.

The pastor talked about a second program that is benefiting the parish—the parish nurse program.

Paula Bittelmeyer, a registered nurse for 28 years, completed the parish nursing course last spring at the University of Indianapolis.

"It has already provided a variety of opportunities for the parish to be more health conscious," said Father Farrell. "She has approached it in a holistic fashion."

Bittelmeyer said, "The purpose is wellness in body, mind and spirit."

Since the parish health committee was formed last year, several programs have been presented, including a self-defense program, blood pressure screenings after Sunday Masses and a talk by Benedictine Father Noah Casey on *lectio divina*, covering meditative readings from Scriptures and other religious writings.

"The response to all the programs has been good," said Bittelmeyer.

The biggest effort of the parish nurse program will be the Spring Into Health Fair on March 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lourdes' school gymnasium. It will be open to the community and free (except for one of the blood tests).

Thirty-six hospital and health care facilities will be represented, giving information and conducting screenings. There will be four lectures.

"There will be something for everyone," said Bittelmeyer.

"I was looking for a way to take my nursing skills and give something back to my faith community," she said.

"We have initiated a welcome committee process to make new parishioners more welcome," said Father Farrell.

The parish also has a bereavement committee. "They have contact with people who are grieving; they let them

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know the parish supports them at the time of sadness in their lives," he said.

For the past three months, Lourdes has been hosting a new Alcoholics Anonymous discussion group. It meets every Friday night at the parish center.

"It is quite a crowd," said the pastor.

In its Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation campaign, the parish is looking to future needs. There is already a shortage of space for adult meetings, such as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process and adult education programs.

There is even a shortage of space for the funeral meals ministry. The cafeteria is used if school is not in session. Otherwise, the meals are served at St. Bernadette Parish or in people's homes.

"We hope when we have completed our dream package, we will be able to replace the current parish center in the old convent, which is in need of repair," said Father Farrell. "We need four rooms—two for the school and two for adult and youth ministry use."

One recent adult education evening was held at a new restaurant in the neighborhood, run by the daughters of long-time parishioner Nell Dufour.

"We christened the place," said Father Farrell. Forty-one couples from the parish attended the pre-Valentine gathering.

Lourdes is the site of the annual community Thanksgiving dinner, offered by the Irvington Ministerial Association. Two hundred people, who would otherwise be alone, are served at the cafeteria and about 200 meals are delivered to the homebound.

churches help families "on the edge economically" to avert homelessness, Father Farrell said.

The churches or parishes provide volunteers who will work with families, like they did with the refugee program a few years ago, he said.

"They help a family that is having a hard time and connect them with the social services they are entitled to," said Father Farrell. The contact is kept up over the period of a year, "until their lives are stable," he said.

"The school continues to have great enrollment—435," he said. "One of the other things we hope to do when we reach our Legacy of Hope goal is to make the school building more handicap-friendly. We plan to put in a ramp to the gym and add a new ground-floor entrance." †

Sharon Teal is a parish representative in a new group, Irvington Congregations as Partners (ICAP). Members of eight area



Our Lady of Lourdes shrine is inside the parish church.



Paula Bittelmeyer, parish nurse from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis, takes the blood pressure of fellow parishioner, Paul Deery.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis (1909)

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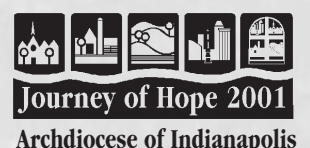
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(At the celebration breakfast for the Building Communities of Hope corporate phase of the archdiocesan-wide Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign [See story, Page 1], Christel DeHaan delivered this address. DeHaan is president and founder of Christel DeHaan Family Foundation and Christel House, Inc. in Indianapolis, a major donor to the campaign.—Editor)

By Christel DeHaan

Thank you all for allowing me to speak with you this morning on a subject very dear to me. It is not, as some of you might think, merely the subject of education of our children. That's too simple. It is instead the rediscovery of our children. Too many of them have become lost, I think. And even worse, too much of the world has stopped caring for them.

Children in need often have become quotas, red tape, inconveniences. Some critics say that the money we spend to help is not producing results. In many instances, that may be the case.

We also know that money is only half the equation—it takes a holistic approach, a systemic change to help children who are victims of poverty, despair, hopelessness

and who are adrift without family or lack family support and nurture. These are the children desperately clinging to the edge of a vortex. And, if we don't put our hand into that vortex and pull them out—if we don't recognize their value and make them see it



Christel DeHaan

too—then they are truly lost—and so is their future and the future of their children.

What strikes me are two things that never seem to change. One, the need of young children to be educated and, two, the need to inculcate values in them

that become guideposts by which they can effectively master life.

The DeHaan Family Foundation participated in the Building Communities of Hope project based on the fact that you deliver results. For quite some time, I have admired what you have accomplished. We all know it is one thing to produce great test scores in communities where the

nuclear family is largely intact, where the children have access to good nutrition and home computers and current textbooks, and there exists an appreciation for learning and developing. But what you do is very different. You draw children from the poorest among us; you replace chaos with order; you tame impulse with discipline; you build, often from scratch, a reverence for learning that will serve these children throughout their lives.

Certainly that is the stated goal of all schools. I would think the difference is, year in and year out, the seeds planted in your garden come to a fuller bloom than the seeds in other gardens. That's why the DeHaan Family Foundation invested in this project. I use the word invested deliberately because no matter the type of business or activity we are engaged in, we expect a return on the investment.

The return we want is that the children whose lives you touch will grow to touch lives themselves. That the children whose worth you discover come to discover it in themselves. And the children who follow them won't have to be rediscovered because they will not be lost in the first place.

Yours is a long-term endeavor, and the wonderful test scores your teachers are so dedicated to delivering are just the start. We

hope that, once these kids leave the elementary school system, they will have been ingrained with a mission: to continue to gather and appreciate knowledge every day of their lives; to embrace the sense of family you expose them to; and to conduct their lives with purpose and charity.

I must tell you, another reason for us to support this project is based on our philosophy of wanting to make a difference. It's not just because you do what you do—at a cost that is a fraction of what public schools now cost per student. Or that you do it better. It is because what you do isn't transient or illusory. Your work is real, it endures and it makes a difference.

Take pride in your track record ... more than 75 percent of Catholic grade school graduates attend Catholic high schools; 96 percent of Catholic high school students graduate; and more than 90 percent of them attend either college or post-secondary educational institutions. That speaks loudly of "results."

So the children you serve, we want them not only as part of our community; as professionals and workers; but as parents and teachers. We want them as neighbors, as colleagues, and as friends.

And what they learn from you, at this vital juncture of their lives, can make a big difference.

I am aware of the amazing improvements in test scores in grades three through eight. And I know how indispensable that foundation of knowledge is to further education. I am aware of what academic performance can do for a child's self-esteem. But we all know it's just the beginning. And that we all must do more than turn out capable test-takers. As Franklin Roosevelt said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

That's pretty much the most compelling priority that any of us will ever face. When someone asks you to think about the so-called "big picture," what does that mean? Can it possibly get any bigger than shaping youth who will improve on what we've done in this life, who then shape their own youth to do even greater things, and on from there?

We're all too familiar with the alternatives. That's what makes your mission here so essential. We cannot fail because there is just too much at stake.

So the DeHaan Family Foundation believes in your purpose and your mission. We are here in the same spirit that moves us with our worldwide activities at Christel House—to break the cycle of poverty for abandoned and disadvantaged children and to help develop them into self-sufficient adults.

It is our hope that the students of your 16 parishes will ultimately have the intellectual, spiritual, emotional and financial resources to sustain themselves and the generations that follow them.

In the meantime, keep the faith—in yourselves, in your efforts, and in the children. We certainly will. On behalf of the DeHaan Family Foundation and Christel House, we are pleased that we were able to extend a helping hand to such a noble cause. We salute you and wish you much success. †

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Nun urges Michigan lawmakers to reject the death penalty

LANSING, Mich. (CNS)—Sister Helen Prejean asked a crowd at the state Capitol in Lansing if the only way “to do justice” in murder cases “is to imitate the action and kill the killers?” The Sister of St. Joseph of Medaille, a longtime death penalty opponent and author of the best-selling book *Dead Man Walking*, made the comments at a Feb. 23 press conference. The death penalty could end up as a ballot issue in Michigan in 2000. The state abolished capital punishment in 1846 but efforts to reinstate it have begun with the introduction of two Senate joint resolutions.

WORLD

U.S. mediator says the Kosovo peace proposal is the ‘only solution’

PARIS (CNS)—The chief U.S. mediator to the Kosovo peace talks said there is “no question now of proposing any other peace plan” because “everybody knows that these 83 pages of sometimes-tortuous prose represent the only solution,” said the mediator, Christopher Hill, the U.S. ambassador to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. “Both sides have begun to understand that this is how the future of Kosovo will be decided.” Hill spoke to the French Catholic daily *La Croix* after the inconclusive end of the first phase of peace talks between representatives of the government of Yugoslavia and ethnic Albanians, the majority in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo. The initial talks were conducted in Rambouillet, a village some 30 miles west of Paris.

The Vatican will issue identity cards to visitors for Jubilee Year

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican plans to issue identity cards to visitors to Rome during the year 2000 that will include personal health data, access to mass transportation and records of reservations for events and services. Officials who released details of the “Pilgrim’s Card” Feb. 26 emphasized that several aspects of the program, such as prices and availability dates, were still being finalized. They nevertheless were able to describe a range of potential benefits to card-holding individuals and groups. Card holders will be able to reserve places for the Church’s Jubilee Year celebrations ranging from papal general audiences to liturgical celebrations marking the beginning of the third millennium. †

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CRS urges additional hurricane debt relief

BALTIMORE (CNS)—Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has joined more than 30 religious bodies and nongovernmental groups to ask Congress to increase the Clinton administration's emergency funding request for Central American nations battered by Hurricane Mitch.

"Specifically we urge you to add \$25 million to forgive 100 percent of the debt that Honduras and Nicaragua owe to the United States," said a letter signed by the groups and sent to each member of the House. The text of the letter was released by Baltimore-based CRS on Feb. 25.

Honduras and Nicaragua were the hardest hit by the hurricane. The emergency request bill currently stands at \$956 million, which includes \$613 million of direct assistance for relief and reconstruction through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

United Nations Development Program damage estimates from the 1998 hurricane stand at more than \$5.3 billion.

"If the nations of Central America are to succeed in building the social and physical infrastructure necessary for recovery, they will need the resources freed from debt relief to channel to reconstruction," the letter said. "Congress should encourage Central American governments to direct all savings freed up by debt relief toward development programs that give priority to poverty reduction."

The letter suggested that Congress go beyond the administration's plan to ease the debt burden in the region.

"Nicaragua and Honduras are among the world's most heavily indebted poor countries, with debt burdens of \$6.1 billion and \$4.1 billion respectively," the letter said.

"Mitch has destroyed approximately 70 percent of Honduras' total agricultural output, and a substantial proportion in Nicaragua, making it almost impossible for these countries to service their foreign debts," the letter said.

The World Bank and International Monetary Fund jointly operates the Central America Emergency Trust Fund to cover multilateral debt service payments for hurricane-hit nations for the next two years.

While the administration proposal includes a \$25 million appropriation to the trust fund, the letter urges a larger contribution.

"While the trust fund will help in the short term, the underlying issues need to be addressed," the letter said.

"Sixty percent of Honduras' debt, and nearly 30 percent of Nicaragua's debt, is owed to multilateral lending institutions," it said. "The United States should support immediate action to cancel the unpayable debts owed to these institutions."

CRS is one of three Catholic groups among the 33 signing the letter. The others are the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns and the Center of Concern, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank. †

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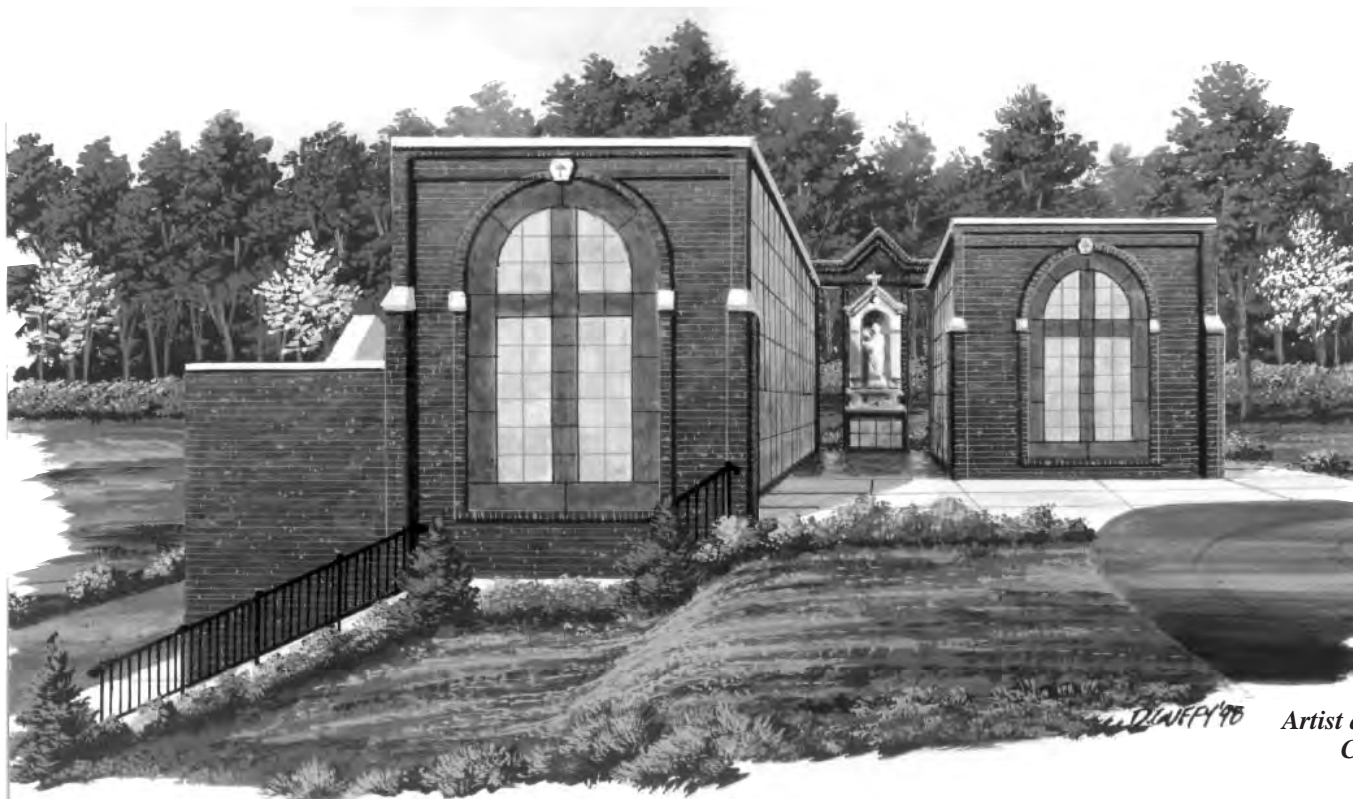
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Pope aids Mother Teresa's sainthood cause

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—After an outpouring of requests from all over the world, Pope John Paul II has lifted the standard five-year waiting period for investigating the sainthood cause of Mother Teresa.

"Because the response was so great and insistent, the Holy Father decided to go ahead," Father Ciro Benedettini, a Vatican spokesman, said March 1. The move allows a diocesan investigation into Mother Teresa's life to begin immediately.

In Calcutta, where Mother Teresa ran a home for the dying and where her cause is being initiated, Archbishop Henry

D'Souza said he had been informed of the waiver by the Vatican's Congregation for Sainthood Causes.

Church sources in Rome said it was apparently the first time such an exception had been made.

Shortly after Mother Teresa's death in September of 1997, the pope said that he thought it was "necessary to follow the normal way" of deliberating sainthood causes, even in the case of Mother Teresa, whom many had considered a living saint. The rules foresaw an interval of five years before any official consideration.

But the pope changed his mind over

the last 18 months, in part because people from many countries and walks of life wrote to the Vatican to support sainthood for Mother Teresa, according to Vatican officials.

"There was just a massive, spontaneous response on the part of all sorts of people at every level of society, both inside and outside the Church. There has been no other case like it," said one Church official, who asked not to be named.

Vatican sources noted that the pope, as the Church's supreme legislator, can always decide to waive a rule like this. One reason he did so was that the rule seemed superfluous for Mother Teresa.

The waiting period was established as a norm to make sure there is a true reputation of holiness before the Church begins working on a sainthood cause, but Mother Teresa was someone who "had a reputation for holiness throughout her life," said one Vatican official.

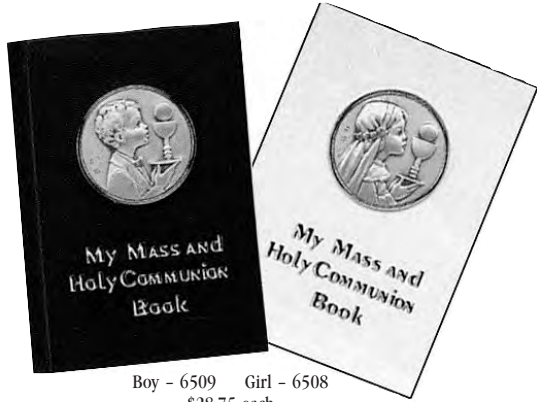
Even with the dispensation, the road to

"official" sainthood may not be short for Mother Teresa, because local Church experts and Vatican officials will have to pore over the documentation and testimony available. Because Mother Teresa was an international figure who founded a religious order and established centers and hospitals all over the globe, there is a lot of evidence to consider.

The sainthood process involves declaration of a person's heroic virtues; beatification, in which a person is declared "blessed" following certification of a miracle attributed to the person's intercession; and canonization as a saint, after another certified miracle, in which the Church declares that the person's life is worthy of honor and imitation by all the faithful.

Since her death, Mother Teresa has been cited several times by the pope as a model of holiness in action who had given the kind of care and attention needed by people in the last phase of life. †

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Friendship and love are ‘essence’ of marriage

By Andrew and Terri Lyke

The term “just friends” connotes a less valued, less serious relationship when applied to a man and woman.

When that relationship progresses into a more meaningful and romantic state, it is described as “more than just friends.”

Ironically, as reported by many committed married couples, their ability to be friends is what makes their relationship last.

Lou and Amy Carlozo of Chicago have been married two-and-a-half years. For them, friendship is the essence of their relationship.

This couple’s marital roles often define for them certain tasks that they agree to perform. However, there are times when either spouse will “slack off” for various reasons.

And sometimes one takes on chores the other usually performs because that one had a stressful day—or one simply senses the need of the other. They do these things as friends who care about each other’s well-being. In such times, friendship saves the marriage.

What saves many marriages when a period of disillusionment sets in is the couple’s ability to fall back on their essential friendship. They break free of their focus on the other’s poor role performance and begin again to look at the person, his or her strengths, weaknesses and proclivities.

This engenders new, better responses to each other. Liberated from a set of expectations that box them in, they are freer to experience each other’s uniqueness and the uniqueness of their friendship.

This was so for us early in our marriage. Our relationship began as “just friends” in high school in 1969. Through the years, our relationship grew into a lifelong commitment, and in October of 1975 we were married.

However, through our dating years and the first few years of marriage, we stumbled clumsily through expectations of what a boyfriend/husband should do and what a girlfriend/wife should do. Invariably, our relationship was buoyed again and again by choosing what a friend would do.

Amy pointed out that “the boundaries we set in defining our marital roles free us to be courageous in our friendship. We know we won’t chase each other away by holding each other accountable.”

And the security of marriage allows couples to take steps that they might not

take if they were “just friends” or even “more than friends.”

So friendship empowers the marriage, and marriage empowers the friendship.

Early on in marriage, we recognized the necessary balance between marital roles and marital friendship. After five years of marriage, with this balance in mind, we felt the need to make a commitment.

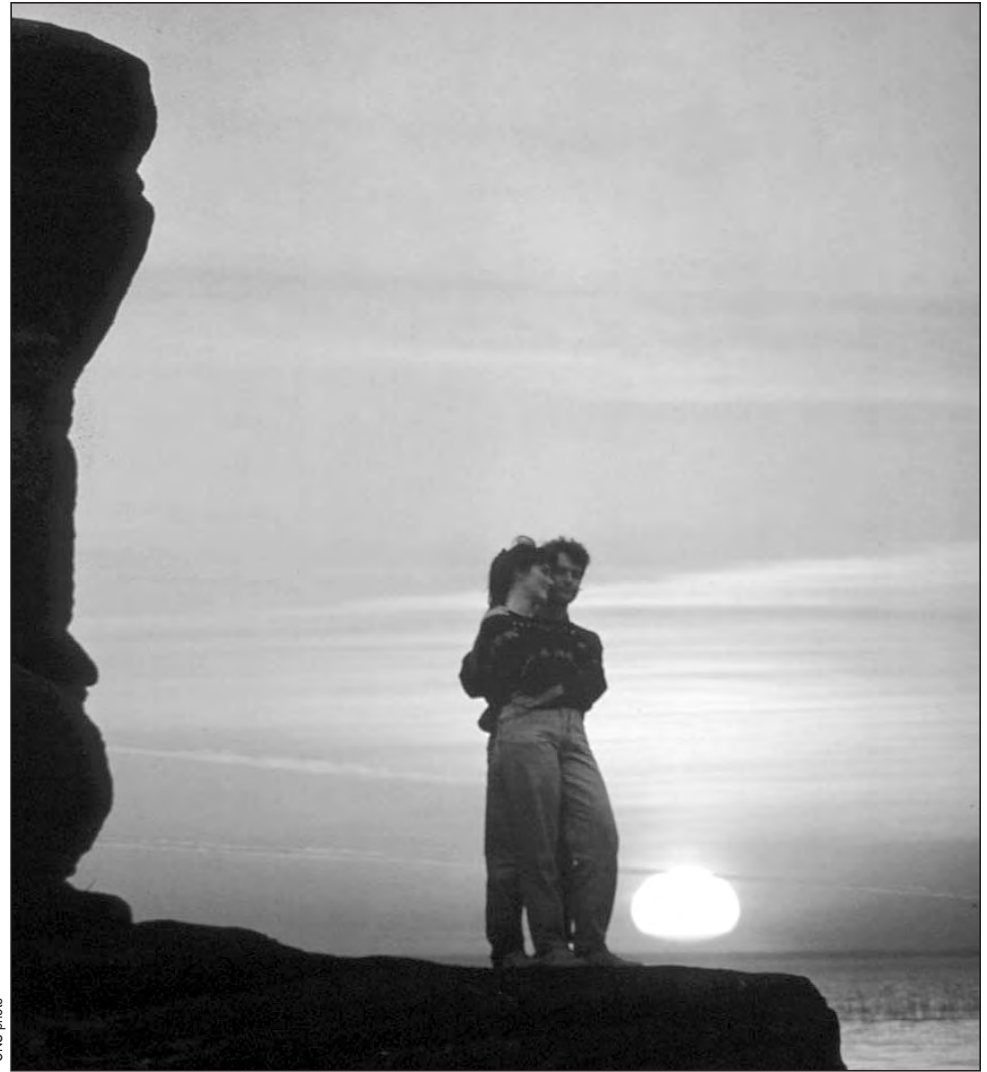
In the statement of our commitment we wrote for that day, we promised “to always try to make our relationship grow through open communication, through trust in each other’s willingness to work toward our mutual good, and through faith in our love for God, his love for us and our love for each other, even when that love seems hidden for the moment.”

We promised each other “the freedom and encouragement to grow and develop our individual talents and capabilities,” and we promised “to rejoice in that growth and work through any problems that it may entail.”

We promised “to be a prayerful couple who recognize God as an active member of our family, the center and the source of our love.”

Finally, we asked God “to bless us during our times of romance, guide us through our periods of disillusionment and dance with us in our moments of joy.” †

(Andrew and Terri Lyke are the coordinators of marriage ministry to the African-American community for the Archdiocese of Chicago.)



Marriage begins with the convergence of two lives and two life stories, and grows in love and friendship. Many married couples report that the ability to be friends is what makes the marital relationship last. Friendship empowers the marriage, and marriage empowers the friendship.

Good friends help complete a person

By Fr. Herb Weber

I recently drove two hours to see a retired priest who has incurable cancer. He has been a good friend throughout my years of priesthood.

We celebrated milestones like my ordination and his retirement, cried together at the deaths of relatives, laughed at jokes, traveled together and, most of all, accepted each other during our worst moments.

As I was driving to see Father Paul, I chanced to follow railroad tracks that ran next to the highway. Although my road had stops and turns, the tracks continued straight ahead. Their dauntless pursuit went through villages, fields and woods. They crossed creeks and went over gullies.

My reverie about Paul’s friendship merged with the view of those tracks. Like constant and steady railroad tracks, a true friendship passes through all parts of one’s life. Friendship does not let ups and downs deter it.

Friends provide companionship. Likewise, friends are great in times of pain when everyone needs someone else to call upon. Yet friendship’s value goes way beyond those experiences.

Friendship is important because it helps a person go outside of self and reach out into others’ lives.

Good friends help complete a person. A faithful friend can allow someone more fully to develop his or her personality. A friend’s honesty mingled with love can become the feedback necessary for personal and spiritual growth.

People often confuse friendship with popularity. As important as friends are in someone’s life, the development of friendship is not easy. There are often mistaken notions of what friendship is or how to treat friends.

Many people settle for friendships of convenience, but when that external bond is broken most of these friendships don’t last. A true friendship can develop only when there is a mutual willingness to go beyond what is convenient. This leads to the need to nurture friendship.

Perhaps the value of friends becomes most apparent in hindsight, when we can see that friendships, like railroad tracks, have run constant and strong through the various terrains of life. †

(Father Herb Weber is the pastor of St. Peter Parish in Mansfield, Ohio.)

Discussion Point

Friends enrich life for others

This Week’s Question

What key role do friends play in each other’s lives?

“Sometimes they’re your confessors, sometimes they fill in as family, as sounding boards. They encourage you, they help you during bad times and good times. I consider my friends part of my family.” (Brenda Beach, Marquette, Mich.)

“They usually are always there for each other—in good times or bad.” (Gary Wollet, Jackson, Mich.)

“Faith development. I think friends, if they’re faithful people, enrich each other’s faith.” (Marjorie Vanner, Providence, R.I.)

“Motivators, co-dreamers, and they should be, but aren’t always, challengers, guardians of the map of life, people who challenge us to be single-minded and singled-hearted, and who will point out to us that we’re not always living out what we value.” (Maureen Beeley, Smithfield, R.I.)

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Book of Proverbs provides guide for successful living

Of the seven Wisdom Books of the Old Testament, the Book of



Proverbs is probably the one that best provides the guide for successful living that the ancient Israelites sought. But, of course, it isn't only the Israelites who struggle with questions about the meaning of life.

Every culture does. So this book has universal appeal and significance.

The purpose of the Book of Proverbs, spelled out in the first chapter, is to teach wisdom: "That men may appreciate wisdom and discipline, may understand words of intelligence; may receive training in wise conduct, in what is right, just and honest" (1:2-3).

It then goes on, in 31 chapters, to present eight different collections of proverbs—usually short pithy sayings that express basic truths or practical precepts—applicable to people in various walks of life. Some are addressed to children, others to young men, and still others to citizens. The final chapter describes the ideal wife, whose "value is far beyond pearls."

Many of the proverbs in these collections employ what is known as parallelism, usually two parts in a poetic construction. Sometimes the second part repeats the first part with a slight variation: "On the way of wisdom I direct you, I lead you on straightforward paths" (4:11). More often it contrasts ideas: "Hatred stirs up disputes, but love covers all offenses" (10:12). And sometimes the second part advances the thought of the first part: "A cheerful glance brings joy to the heart; good

news invigorates the bones" (15:30).

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" the book tells us in verse 7 of chapter 1. This concept is repeated in chapter 9, verse 10: "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord." This fear must not be understood as terror. Rather it's a reverence and awe of God because of his sovereignty, goodness and justice. Besides being the beginning of wisdom and knowledge, this "fear" is also the foundation of religion.

The authors of these collections of proverbs believed that God created an order in nature and, if we could discern how that order operated and managed our lives accordingly, we would achieve wisdom, live successful lives, and find happiness.

The cultivation of virtue was seen as an important part of achieving wisdom and happiness. Discipline and self-control were seen as essential, and honesty, diligence, docility and humility were considered necessary for a good reputation.

Chapter 5 is a warning to young men against adultery and the seduction of women. It apparently was not deemed necessary to warn young women since, in a patriarchal society, they were kept in seclusion to guarantee their fidelity and only seductresses had freedom of movement.

The Book of Proverbs doesn't seem very popular today. Many people think that the optimistic view of life found there is somewhat naive and unrealistic, that it doesn't describe life as it really is. But there is a great deal of wisdom to be found in this book written some 2,500 years ago. †

(Jack Fink's latest book, *Traveling with Jesus in the Holy Land, is available for \$10 from Criterion Press, Inc.*)

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

A time for first and last things

Lent is a time to contemplate last things—which leads us to first things, which leads some of us to meditate on aging.



Now, age is something the young want badly while older folks would like to reverse ASAP. Kids want to be old enough to ride their bikes around the

block without supervision, or hold slumber parties, or join Boy Scouts.

Then it's wanting to have their ears pierced or buy their own car or snag the perfect job. By the time they're plenty old enough for all that, they don't care about looks or cars or even jobs, except for the pension. So much for human satisfaction.

Our granddaughter, Kelly, once reminded me of this phenomenon the year she turned 10. "Say," I joked, "You're getting awfully old, aren't you? Granny can't have you growing up so fast."

She puffed up proudly and replied, "Yup, now I'm into double digits!" Double digits?!? But then, I'd forgotten how sweet that idea seemed to me when I was 10.

So significant, in fact, that my best friend and I spent a lot of time establishing a hierarchy of age levels: the closer to grown-up we became, the more status we earned. And since Diane was six months older than I, this gave her a powerful, if limited, advantage.

On turning age 11, we were labeled "Mouse," the lowest of the double-digit crowd. At 12, we graduated to "Grouse." And at 13, upon entering the magic Teen

Age, we were finally elevated to "Louse." Don't ask me why, but being designated a "Louse" felt something like being knighted by the queen.

Naturally, Diane made "Louse" before I did, but the rank stuck with both of us. We signed all our letters and greeting cards to each other with "Louse" long after we could remember why we did it. And each time I read that signature, I remembered the great times we had together, our adolescence made memorable by sharing each other's company.

Our "lousehood" was mainly taken up with sitting together in the movies twice a week, reading the same books and sharing the same dreams. We knew everything there was to know about Tarzan (of the books, not the movies), Commodore Hornblower, Cornel Wilde, and WW II as presented in "The March of Time."

We scared ourselves listening to "Lights Out" and "Suspense" on the radio, and regaled each other with descriptions of the ideal boyfriend. We sailed through Latin and hid through chemistry as one person and later, if only by letter, we shared the peculiarities of marriage and raising kids.

Recently, Diane went on to an even higher level of existence than "Louse" when she died following a year's brave bout with cancer. Until a week before she passed, we continued to write each other about the books we'd read, the movies we'd seen.

First things, last things. Diane beat me to the prize again, God bless her. †
(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul Parish, Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

Be Our Guest/Shirley Vogler Meister

'Sein gesunt': In touch with God within self through prayer

An octogenarian friend always says "Sein gesunt" instead of "Goodbye"



when hanging up the phone. Sara Reuben, who was born in Russia, tells me this is Yiddish; but since I'm German, I know it's also *Deutsch*.

"Sein gesunt" (pronounced zyn gesunt) means "Be well."

Recently, Sara learned I'd been ill for more than a year; so, in a phone chat, we caught up with one another. One of

her comments stays with me: She believes that, once my medical problem was properly diagnosed and medicated, I improved because I have a positive attitude. (She probably wouldn't have said that if she'd been with me the times I nearly despaired of getting better.)

Talking with Sara reminded me how important attitude is during illness or hard times. She herself could not have survived her earlier life were it not for her positive outlook—and her Jewish faith. She and her parents emigrated to Cuba when she was 8 years old, then later came to the United States. From the "old country," Sara brought with her "Sein gesunt—Be well." It's become her trademark—a beautiful thought passed on to friends and family, something I find myself sharing, too.

Sharing life with as much grace and zest as possible brings about a sense of wellness even when disease is present. Traditional doctors now find that proponents of alternative medicine have been right all along: The mind, the body, and the spirit must all be taken into consideration. Many also agree that keeping the soul healthy keeps the mind and body as strong as possible—and that prayer is one of the best medicines.

No surprise! In fact, I believe prayer to be an essential factor in my own well being—especially others' prayers, for which I'm grateful. My own prayers and meditations—especially for others—

gives me a sense of peace and community.

Now it's Lent! Just as we should have periodic checkups, eat right, and exercise in order to keep our bodies functioning well, Lent gives us an opportunity to check our soul's health. We hone our spirituality through prayer and sacrifice.

Sein gesunt! †

(Shirley Vogler Meister met Sara Reuben while in a "Women of the Old Testament" course at IUPUI, taught by Dr. Paula Bowes nearly 20 years ago. Dr. Bowes and her husband, Dr. Jim Bowes, now reside in Frederick, Md. Last spring, the Albert and Sara Reuben Holocaust Memorial Garden was dedicated at the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis Campus, Indianapolis. The Reubens are members of Congregation Beth El-Zedeck in Indianapolis.)

Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel

Invitation to intimacy: an introduction to prayer

"I find it impossible to pray longer than three minutes. After saying the Our Father



and praying for myself and loved ones, what else is there?"

Prayer is much more. Perhaps we can best define prayer as communication with God.

How often we think: "One of these days, I'm going to devote more time to prayer." Unfortunately, "one of these days" never comes. We know in our hearts that the time is now.

One who is really serious about establishing a prayer life must begin by setting time aside every day for private prayer. I suggest at least 10 minutes. This time in prayer should take place in a quiet place where you can be alone and undisturbed.

Creating an atmosphere conducive to prayer is also important. Personally, I prefer to dim the lights and burn a candle. Soft music may be of value in establishing a prayerful mood. A few moments should be used to clear the mind.

Our time in prayer does not have to be uncomfortable. If a drink of some sort helps us relax and communicate better with God, so be it. A good way to begin our prayer is by telling God that the next few minutes are dedicated to him. We then ask God for guidance. Reading and reflecting on a passage of Scripture is a popular form of prayer.

If you find it difficult to talk to Jesus, pretend that he is sitting in a chair next to you. What would you tell him? What is first an act of the imagination eventually becomes a matter of faith.

Like a close friend, Jesus enjoys our sharing with him the events of the day. Did we recognize Jesus in the faces of those that we met today? If not, we should pray for the ability to do so in the future.

Prayer does not have to be difficult. It can be as simple as sitting back in a comfortable chair and listening to and enjoying beautiful music together with Jesus. Beauty and music are gifts from God that are meant to be enjoyed.

Like everyone else, Jesus never tires of hearing the words, "thank you" or "I love you." We should strive to love God for his own sake and be forever thankful for the gift of salvation. We also thank him for the gift of life, our family, friends and everything else that God has given us.

While praying, we focus our attention on the presence of God. If we are faithful in our daily prayer, we will become more aware of the presence of God throughout the day and throughout our lives.

The day will come for each of us when we will die and meet Jesus face to face. For those who have come to know the Lord in prayer, it will not be so much a day of judgment as a reuniting of old friends. †

(Father John Buckel, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is associate professor of Scripture at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.)

Third Sunday of Lent/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 7, 1999

- Exodus 17:3-7
- Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- John 4:5-42

The Book of Exodus provides this Lenten weekend with its first reading. Of all the events experienced by the Jews,



none is as pivotal to their identity and self-understanding as the Exodus, that process by which the Hebrews followed Moses from slavery in Egypt to freedom and prosperity in the Promised Land.

Their actual historical route took them across the Sinai peninsula, the triangular stretch of land located between the Red Sea in the west and the Gulf of Aqaba in the east. The trip was long and perilous. Much of the problem rose from the fact that the ground is unforgiving and arid. To a great extent, it is desert. Water is precious.

For a large group of people, wandering without any clear destination in mind, unable to turn back to their point of origin and, of course, dependent upon water for life itself, the severely dry situation was a concern indeed. Moses found water, but he found water because God directed him to the water. This water quenched the thirst of the people, and saved their lives.

The second reading is from Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

This passage, similar to many others in the Pauline writings, develops—in magnificent style—two fundamental Christian beliefs so dear to the apostle Paul.

The first of these is that Jesus is God and man. Theologians call this circumstance the Incarnation. The teacher who walked the roadways of Galilee and the streets of Jerusalem, who dined with the Twelve, who died and who rose, was in every sense a human being and was the eternal God as well.

Through Jesus therefore, Christians bond with God. They touch God, and they participate in God's own life. It is an everlasting life.

St. John's Gospel provides the third reading for the third Sunday of Lent. The story overflows with lessons and statements.

It occurs in Samaria, an area shunned usually by pious Jews. Long ago, the people of Samaria had deserted the orthodox religion given by Moses and had compromised their very identity by tolerating,

and even intermarrying with, pagans. Samaritans were for Jews the worst of the worst.

Yet Jesus was in Samaria. Not only that, Jesus spoke to a Samaritan, and the Samaritan was a woman! No proper Jewish male would have dared to address a strange woman, and vice versa.

The Samaritans recognized Jesus as messiah. They realized their need for God. The need was universal among humans.

Also universal among humans is the need for water. Thirst leads to death. The water here is a symbol of everlasting life. Jesus is the source of life.

A great dispute among Jews and Samaritans historically had been where worship fittingly should occur. The Jews insisted it had to be in the temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans clung to their mountaintops. Jesus settles the argument by calling for worship in spirit and in truth. The heart is the true temple.

In the next section of the reading, the disciples urge Jesus to eat. The Lord again invokes a symbol: food represents life. The spiritual harvest of God's grace and life is abundant. The disciples simply must look for it.

Reflection

The Church proceeds with us through this third week of Lent. It looks forward to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist, and to the Resurrection itself.

It calls us to be aware of ourselves and of our needs. The message is both subtle and quite direct. It is subtle in the symbolism so splendidly and clearly an integral part of this story. It is direct in the frank call by Jesus to the disciples to look at the harvest God provides.

Lent is well under way. The Church challenges us and encourages us to see it through to completion at Easter. More than a quiet, dreary time, Lent is a special opportunity to create a better life for ourselves. We need the eternal life of God, just as the Hebrews needed water, just as the Samaritan woman needed water.

God's love and mercy await us. Too often, burdened with our guilt, narcissistic in our spiritual lives as in everything, we fail to see the lavish harvest of strength and support God gives us. The harvest is there. The yield is great. The fruit is sweet.

We first, however, must admit our needs. In this admission, our great example is the Samaritan woman. Unworthy, despised, rejected by all who saw themselves as near God, she realized her great need for God. And in this realization, she turned to Jesus. †

Daily Readings

Monday, March 8
John of God, religious founder
2 Kings 5:1-15a
Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9
Frances of Rome, married woman and religious foundress
Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Psalms 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11
Jeremiah 7:23-28

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 12
Hosea 14:2-10
Psalms 81:6c-11b, 14, 17
Mark 12:28b-34

Saturday, March 13
Hosea 6:1-6
Psalms 51:3-4, 18-21b
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalms 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41 or
John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Statues are not supposed to be covered during Lent

Our parish liturgy committee is now preparing some details for Holy Week with our pastor.



For many years we have not covered the statues in church during the last two weeks of Lent. I remember when that was done regularly, but liturgy documents we have read and studied suggest this should not be

done, for reasons which seem to us very sound, in light of what Holy Week is supposed to mean and how it is observed.

One of our newer members, however, said she was in a church last year when all the statues were covered, not only during Holy Week but all during Lent.

Has there been a change in the rules? Or are we correct in continuing what we have been doing? (Florida)

AI, too, have seen statues covered in some places in recent years, but there is no foundation today for this practice in the Church's liturgical instructions or policies.

Before the revised edition of the Sacramentary (Roman Missal) in 1970, statues in churches were typically covered with purple cloths during what was then called Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent.

This revised missal notes, just before the text of the fifth Sunday of Lent, "The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides. The crosses are to be covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's passion on Good Friday. The images are to remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

The most significant part of that rubric is that the practice may be continued if the episcopal conference so decides.

That same condition was repeated in 1988 in a "Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts," from the Congregation for Divine Worship (No. 26).

The usual procedure in liturgical law requires bishops to vote to abolish a practice or make it optional. The bishops voted some years ago, for example, to make the anointing with the oil of catechumens optional at the baptism of infants.

As the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Liturgy explains, however, in this case the

bishops must vote to continue the practice. Otherwise it ceases.

"The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has never voted to continue the practice of covering crosses and images, and so the practice, in accord with the rubric of the Sacramentary, has not been permissible for the past 25 years. Individual parishes are not free to reinstate the practice on their own" (*BCL Newsletter*, April 1995).

QIn your book *Catholic Life in a New Century*, you state that Catholics may be married before a minister or justice of the peace if a dispensation for such a marriage is obtained from the bishop.

Would the Church allow such a marriage if the officiating person is a woman? Would the Church allow a female minister to participate in a marriage ceremony performed by a priest in a Catholic church? (Louisiana)

AIf a dispensation from the form has been granted, the marriage may be performed before any legally qualified person, male or female.

Catholic guidelines for interfaith sharing in weddings provide for certain ways non-Catholic clergy might participate when a priest is the officiating minister. Possibilities vary, depending, for example, on whether the ceremony is or is not within the celebration of the Eucharist.

If such sharing is allowed, no general Church regulation would limit that sharing to male clergy. It would be wise, however, to check with one's pastor about any local policies before plans advance too far.

QOne parish in our area announced that the communal penance service would "take care of" anyone who desires to receive the sacrament of penance. How do you explain that? (Illinois)

AA communal penance service, the second method provided for in the Rite of Penance, usually includes the opportunity for private confession of sins for those who wish to do so, and private absolution. The other requirements for the sacrament of penance can easily be included in the "communal" part of the ceremony. The announcement you quote probably indicated that the communal service would provide this opportunity. †

(Send questions for this column to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651.)

My Journey to God

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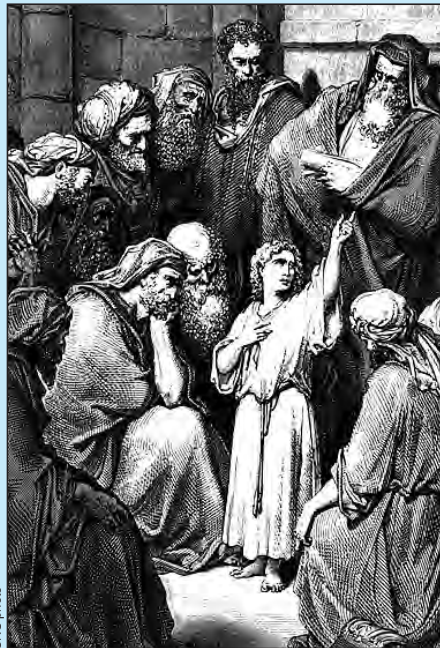
Give peace and harmony to our families, and make our homes places where Jesus can bless and gather us as his beloved brothers and sisters.

Bring back those who have become lost amid the conflicting attractions in today's world. May we all be renewed in heart and mind. Make us ready to confidently take our place with Jesus in his Father's house.

Amen.

By Carmel of Terre Haute

(The Discalced Carmelites of the Monastery of St. Joseph in Terre Haute are offering a novena to St. Joseph from March 11-19.)



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The Active List

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

March 4, 11, 18, 25

The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, will sponsor a four-part lecture series, "Prayer is Where We Live," presented by Sister Barbara Leonhard, in the Community Room of the convent from 2-3:30 p.m. and from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. Information: 812-934-2475.

March 5

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana will gather for Mass and a healing service at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S.

Meridian St., Greenwood, beginning at 7 p.m. Information: 317-927-6900.

March 5 & 7

Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg, will present the musical *Godspell* in the auditorium Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Cost: adults, \$6 advance, \$7 at the door; \$4, children 6 and under. Information: 812-934-4440.

March 6

St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services, Westview

Hospital and *Indianapolis Woman* magazine are sponsoring a free family health fair at Lafayette Square Mall, Indianapolis, 3919 Lafayette Rd., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-338-2273.

Seccina Memorial High School will sponsor a pancake breakfast at McDonald's, 10th and Bosart, Indianapolis, from 6-10 a.m., all proceeds to benefit the track and field program. Tickets are \$3. Information and tickets: 317-356-6377.

March Madness dinner/dance to benefit St. John Childcare Ministry will be at Joe Huber's Family Restaurant in the barnyard building, beginning with a social at 6:30 p.m., then dinner at 7 p.m. and the dance from 8 p.m.-midnight. Tickets: \$25. Information: 812-923-8988.

Marian Heights Academy, Ferdinand, 812 E. 10th St., will hold an open house for junior high school girls and their families. The SSAT test will also be available. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., test begins at 9:30 a.m. Information: 800-467-4MHA or 812-367-1431.

March 7, 14

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will present "Crossing the Desert," a Scripture study from 9-9:45 a.m. in the parish hall. Information: 317-638-5551.

March 9

The Ave Maria Guild will meet at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove at 12:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee. Business meeting will follow.

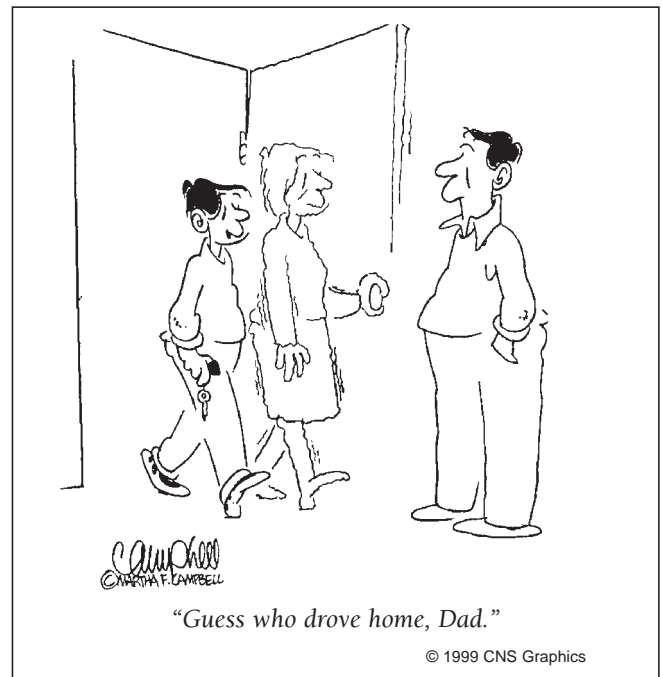
Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Danville, 1005 W. Main St., the Journey of Hope Committee will sponsor a lecture by Laurie Husted, mother of four, discussing the role of parents according to the Catholic Church, beginning at 7 p.m. Information: 317-745-4284.

March 11

St. Vincent Hospital Guild, Inc. will host a Founder's Day High Tea at Meridian Hills Country Club, Indianapolis, 7099 Spring Mill Rd., beginning at 3 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person.

March 13

Cardinal Ritter Junior/Senior High School Parent's Club will host a St. Patrick's Day dance in the school cafeteria



"Guess who drove home, Dad."

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beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a catered Irish dinner, then a dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Information: 317-481-9404.

The Couple to Couple League will hold Natural Family Planning classes at St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., beginning at 9 a.m., first of four classes. Information: 765-342-4905.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Indianapolis, 2801 W. 86th St., will present, "Phantom of the Auction," a fundraising dinner and auction. Social begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 8:15 p.m., live auction at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$75, raffle tickets \$100.

Information and reservations: 317-843-1246.

St. Malachy Women's Club will host an arts and craft fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Noll Hall, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, 326 N. Green St., Food served all day. Information: 317-852-5910.

Bishop Chatard High School, Indianapolis, 5885 N. Crittenden Ave., hosts Chatard-Abriation '99. Passengers are invited to board the ship *S.S. Bishop Chatard* for a social hour beginning at 7 p.m., and buffet at 8 p.m. with delights from France, Italy, Spain and Greece. Live and silent auction to follow dinner. Tickets: \$25; raffle tickets \$50. Information: 317-254-5435.

March 14

St. Anne Altar Society's Annual Day of Reflection, "The Secrets of the Psalms," presented by Father Todd Riebe, at Holy Family, Richmond, 801 W. Main, beginning at noon with a salad buffet.

Rexville Schoenstatt will present "Anointing or Healing and Mercy," at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. Information: 812-689-3551.

March 14-16

St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, 326 N. Green St., will host a mission, "Our Life in the Trinity: Building Blocks for the Spiritual Life," presented by Benedictine Father Noah Casey, 7-8:30 p.m.

March 14-18

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, —See ACTIVE LIST, page 19



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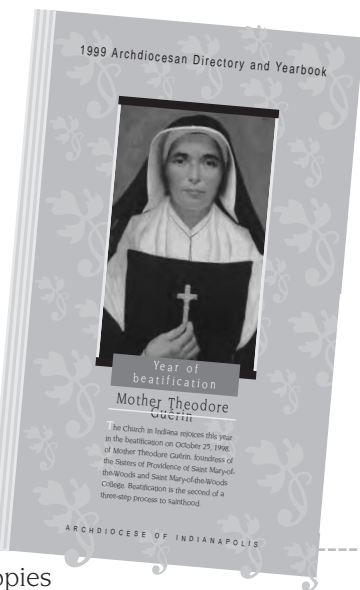
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Indianapolis, 8155 Oaklandon Rd., will hold a parish mission, "Many Seeds, One Harvest," conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers. Sessions will be held each evening from 7-8:30 p.m. Refreshments and child care provided. Information: 317-826-6000, ext. 275.

March 15

The New Albany Deanery Catholic Charities will present "Child Support and Joint Custody," a service of its Catholic Divorce Recovery Network of Southern Indiana, from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish Hall, Jeffersonville, 316 E. Maple. Information: 812-948-0438.

Lenten Activities

March 4, 11, 18, 25

St. John Parish, Indianapolis, 126 W. Georgia St., will present Lenten Scripture Reflections, a discussion of Sunday readings from 12:45-1:30 p.m. Light refreshments provided. Information: 317-635-2021.

St. Michael Parish, Greenfield, 517 Jefferson Blvd., will present "Born of the Spirit," a weekly series from 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-462-4240.

March 5, 12

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., will hold eucharistic adoration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with communion service at noon, Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

March 5, 12 & 19

Sacred Heart Parish, Terre Haute, 2322 N. 13th St., will present a video/discussion series of the film "Jesus of Nazareth," from 7-8:30 p.m. in the family center. Information: 812-466-1231.

March 5, 12, 19, 26

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, 1347 N. Meridian St., will have Mass at noon followed by adoration from 12:30-7 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

March 5, 19

St. Martin Parish, Yorkville, will serve fish dinners from 4-7 p.m.

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March 10, 17, 24

Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center, Mt. St. Francis, will hold a Lenten series on the dimensions of prayer each night from 7:30-9 p.m. Information: 812-923-8817.

March 12, 26

St. Paul School's Booster Club, Guilford, will serve fish dinners at Father Walsh Hall in Yorkville, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$5; Children 10 and under \$2.50. Dine in or carryout.

March 23

Sacred Heart Parish, Terre Haute, 2322 N. 13th St., will present "The Bible-Why is It Holy?" A workshop for adults from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the family center. Information: 812-466-1231.

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Recurring

Daily

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

Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., celebrates a Tridentine (Latin) Mass. Call for times. Information: 317-636-4478.

Weekly

Sundays

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

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville, holds "Be Not Afraid" holy hour from 6-7 p.m.

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

Tuesdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, meets from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



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Loans, grants educate educators

By Margaret Nelson

Total Catholic Education (TCE) grants help educate Catholic teachers and religious educators.

Approved by the Archdiocesan Education Commission (AEC), grants and loans to educators in the archdiocese—since the program began in 1993—reached \$500,000 with those distributed last November.

The loans and grants have helped educators teach thinking skills to high school students, trained teachers and religious educators on the use of software in the classroom, and funded deanery workshops on how to build parish small faith communities, among other projects.

Paul Lockard, principal of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, received a grant for a training program for teachers on integrating critical thinking skills in the classroom.

A TCE grant was used to develop a plan at Bishop Chatard that would infuse these skills in the whole curriculum within two years.

Last August, Dr. Richard Paul, of the Sonoma, Calif., Center for Critical Thinking, spoke to the educators. Dr. Linda Elder of the center talked to the Indianapolis North Deanery educational leaders in October of 1997.

Bishop Chatard sent its teachers to a workshop the center presented in Cincinnati in March of 1997. Further training will be offered to the Bishop Chatard staff March 16-18 at the North Deanery high school.

"We have committed funding on our own," Lockard said of the program.

"The real strength will be to apply the model for thinking across the curriculum," he said. "If everyone is asking the same questions about the eight elements of thought [also called intellectual standards], it can't help but help a

student's ability to think critically.

"It gets everybody doing the same thing—on the same page," said Lockard. He said he hopes that the model can be used throughout the archdiocese.

Jerry Ernstberger, principal of Holy Family School in New Albany, applied for a grant to provide computer training for educators from eight schools and several parishes in the New Albany Deanery.

With the \$13,000 in TCE funds awarded since last April, more than 100 teachers and parish religious education directors have participated in the training, Ernstberger said.

The full-day technology training sessions in Windows, Microsoft Word and Intermediate Word are provided by a Clarksville office systems firm. Half-day training also is available in Excel and Power Point software programs.

"So far, the feedback has been very positive," said Ernstberger, "both from those going to the classes and from the principals who are looking for opportunities for professional development for their teachers."

Rex Camp, archdiocesan associate director of development for Catholic education, said "the demand for TCE funds continues to exceed the supply."

At the fall deadline, he said, 37 applicants requested support for projects or academic efforts that totaled \$155,000. Twenty-seven grants and loans were approved for a total of \$56,000 in funding.

Since the inception of the TCE program, \$1.7 million in requests have been received, Camp said. The AEC has been able to fund only 29 percent of the stated needs.

Even so, he said, seven out of 10 proposals have received some level of support during this period. †

(Interested Catholic educators should contact the Office of Catholic Education at 800-382-9836, ext. 1430, or 317-236-1430 for information and application materials.)

Priest and sociologist write new columns that begin this week

Two new columnists appear in this week's issue of *The Criterion*.

Father John J. Buckel will be writing about prayer, Scripture, spirituality and other topics in his column, "Journey of Faith." (See Page 16.)

Dr. James D. Davidson will offer sociological insights about the Catholic Church in his column, "Research for the Church." (See Page 5.)

Father Buckel, a priest of the archdiocese and an associate professor of Scripture at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, is a former columnist for *The Criterion*. His work appeared in this newspaper in the 1980s.

Father Buckel is also the author of *Free to Love: Paul's Defense of Christian Liberty in Galatians*, which was published in 1993.

Davidson is professor of sociology at Purdue University. He is the principal author of *The Search for Common Ground: What Unites and Divides Catholic Americans*, which was published in 1997 and is now in its second printing.

A series of articles by Professor Davidson dealing with the beliefs and practices of Indiana Catholics was featured in *The Criterion* in 1994-95.

Professor Davidson's column will appear every other week. †

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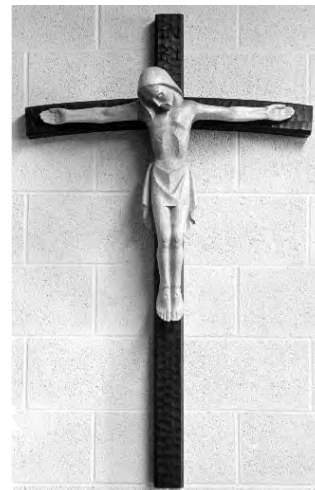
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Sisters feel Mother Theodore's inspiration

Providence sisters try to parallel their lives to example of Mother Theodore, who was devoted to Mary and Eucharist

By Sarah Gardner
Special to The Criterion

"Put yourself gently into the hands of Providence."
"Our hope is in the Providence of God, which has protected us until the present, and which will still provide, somehow, for our future needs."

These and other journal entries by Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, are included in her diaries, which are being studied by Providence Sister Eileen Ann Kelley, an archivist for Mother Theodore's artifacts.



Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin

Sister Eileen Ann said her journey of becoming a Sister of Providence and an archivist for the congregation was much like the message of one of Blessed Mother Theodore's journals. It was a journey of Providence.

"My vocation was really a gift from God," Sister Eileen Ann said. "I fought my vocation; it kept nagging me, and the Lord kept pursuing me."

Sister Eileen Ann said she believes it was Mother Theodore's spirit, through other Providence sisters who taught her, that eventually led her to become a Sister of Providence.

"The history didn't touch me as much as the spirit of the teachers did through the heritage of Mother Theodore

Guérin," Sister Eileen Ann said. "They embodied Mother Theodore's spirit, and I was influenced by that. And that spirit still lives today, among us, so that today Mother Theodore is very much alive to me."

Sister Eileen Ann said her work as an archivist is a wonderful ministry because she can preserve and share the heritage of the Sisters of Providence.

Providence Sister Jeanne Knoerle, chancellor of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, said she relied on Mother Theodore's spirit to help her through many struggles as a past president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Sister Jeanne, who served her congregation as president of the college from 1968 to 1983, said she believes she was influenced by the congregation's foundress through the changing times of society she experienced as college president, especially through the late 1960s.

"It was during that period," Sister Jeanne said, "that I would get to know her [through her journal writings]. Whenever I faced difficulties, I could always find some strength in her [life and ministry]."

Sister Jeanne said this strength influenced her to become a Sister of Providence. It has been within her since she was 18, she said, and sustains her in her ministry to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and beyond.

Mother Theodore "came from a different culture into the wilds of Indiana," Sister Jeanne said. "She was able to establish a women's college."

Providence Sister Mary Pius Regnier, who served as general superior of the congregation from 1966-1976, recalled the story of how Mother Theodore Guérin miraculously intervened through God to heal Providence Sister Mary Theodosia Mug, an educator and writer who suffered

from neuritis and cancer.

On Oct. 30, 1908, Sister Mary Pius said, Sister Mary Theodosia prayed at Mother Theodore's tomb. On that evening, Sister Mary Theodosia asked herself whether Mother Theodore Guérin really did have intervention with God, then she heard an inner voice answer, "She does."

The next morning, Sister Mary Theodosia woke up to find that she could now tie her habit all the way around her once swollen and sickly body, Sister Mary Pius said. It was later determined that Sister Mary Theodosia had been cured of both diseases.

Sister Mary Pius said documentation of this miracle was the first step toward sainthood for Mother Theodore, and one that is truly inspiring.

Now retired, Sister Mary Pius said she has especially felt Mother Theodore's presence since retiring to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Aug. 13, 1993.

"I have been here for six years," Sister Mary Pius said. "We always call St. Mary's home."

She said the Sisters of Providence try to parallel their lives to the example of Mother Theodore, who was devoted to the Blessed Virgin, the Blessed Sacrament and the guardian angels.

Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe has worked to promote Mother Theodore's cause by coordinating events and correspondence to further the sainthood process.

Sister Marie Kevin said she remembers how a Providence sister who was her eighth-grade teacher inspired her to join the congregation. Sister Marie Kevin said she later realized that this teacher embodied the spirit of Mother Theodore Guérin's life and ministry within her.

She said the Feb. 28 Mass honoring Mother Theodore helped further promote her life of missionary service.

"To be the Church," Sister Marie Kevin said, "we have to be in mission all the time—reaching out to serve." †

(Sarah Gardner is a senior at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College at St. Mary-of-the-Woods.)

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Parishes schedule Lenten penance services

The following is a list of parish Lenten communal penance services reported to *The Criterion*.

Bloomington Deanery

March 10, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Mitchell for St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, and St. Mary, Mitchell
 March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville
 March 25, 7 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington

Batesville Deanery

March 10, 7 p.m. at St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg
 March 14, 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen
 March 14, 4 p.m. at St. Maurice, Napoleon
 March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin Co.
 March 21, 2 p.m. at St. Joseph, St. Leon, for St. Joseph, St. Leon, and St. John, Dover
 March 22, 7 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
 March 24, 7 p.m. at St. John, Osgood for St. John, Osgood, and St. Magdalen, New Marion
 March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Greensburg
 March 31, 7 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, for St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, and St. Cecilia, Oak Forest

Connersville Deanery

March 8, 7 p.m. at Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew, Richmond
 March 14, 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne, New Castle
 March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel, Connersville
 March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Rushville
 March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Brookville
 March 27, noon at St. Mary, Richmond

Seymour Deanery

March 5, 7 p.m. at American Martyrs, Scottsburg
 March 10, 7 p.m. at St. Patrick, Salem
 March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, Columbus
 March 24, 7 p.m. at Prince of Peace, Madison
 March 24, 7 p.m. at Most Sorrowful Mother, Vevay
 March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, North Vernon
 March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Ann, Jennings Co.

March 26, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Jennings Co.
 March 28, 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Edinburgh
 March 28, 2 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima, Franklin

Indianapolis South Deanery

March 9, 7 p.m. at Holy Name, Beech Grove
 March 9, 7 p.m. at St. Roch
 March 10, 7 p.m. at St. Barnabas
 March 11, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood
 March 11, 7 p.m. at Nativity
 March 16, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark
 March 28, 4 p.m. at St. Jude
 March 28, 4 p.m. for St. Patrick, Good Shepherd, Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary, at Holy Rosary

Terre Haute Deanery

March 11, 1:30 p.m. at St. Ann, Terre Haute
 March 11, 7:30 p.m. at St. Benedict, Terre Haute
 March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Village, St. Mary-of-the-Woods
 March 21, after liturgy at Holy Rosary, Seelyville
 March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Rockville
 March 28, 6 p.m. at St. Patrick, Terre Haute
 March 29, 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute

Indianapolis East Deanery

March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Michael
 March 15, 7 p.m. at St. Rita
 March 16, 8 p.m. at St. Simon the Apostle
 March 17, 7 p.m. at Little Flower
 March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary
 March 21, 3 p.m. at St. Bernadette
 March 23, 7 p.m. at St. Philip Neri
 March 23, all day at Scecina Memorial High School
 March 25, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes

Indianapolis North Deanery

March 9, 7 p.m. at St. Matthew
 March 10, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas

March 14, 3 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc
 March 16, 7 p.m. at Christ the King
 March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Pius X
 March 18, 7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke
 March 29, 7 p.m. at St. Lawrence

Indianapolis West Deanery

March 10, 7:30 p.m. at St. Christopher
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Malachy
 March 14, 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity
 March 16, 6:30 p.m. at St. Monica
 March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel
 March 18, 7 p.m. at Holy Angels
 March 22, 7 p.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville
 March 24, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph
 March 28, 2 p.m. at St. Anthony

New Albany Deanery

March 9, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Bradford
 March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier, Henryville, host St. Michael, Charlestown
 March 13, 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs
 March 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs
 March 18, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany
 March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Navilleton
 March 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Providence Junior/Senior High School, Clarksville
 March 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Providence Junior/Senior High School, Clarksville
 March 21, 3 p.m. at St. Joseph, Corydon, host Most Precious Blood, St. Peter
 March 21, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Lanesville
 March 22, 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight
 March 23, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, New Albany
 March 24, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, host St. Augustine, Jeffersonville
 March 25, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul, Sellersburg
 March 25, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg
 March 28, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, New Albany
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Young Adult Conference is set for March 27

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Serve as Luminaries to Shed Light Upon the Earth” is the theme for the archdiocesan Young Adult Conference March 27 at Marian College in Indianapolis.

Former Indianapolis Colts strength coach Tom Zupancic, who now serves the National Football League (NFL) team as director of business development, is the keynote speaker for the conference.

A member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, Zupancic completed 15 seasons as strength coach for the Colts in 1998. He is a member of the Indiana Football Hall of Fame and was named the

NFL’s Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year in 1995. He received Indiana’s Sagamore of the Wabash Award from former Gov. Evan Bayh in 1996.

The author of a book titled *Strength and Conditioning for Football and Then Some*, Zupancic also has produced a motivational video on *Building Inner Strength*. He frequently speaks to groups about goal setting and positive thinking.

Zupancic ranks 14th in the world among all-time super heavyweights with a 600-pound bench press set in 1988.

He is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and the University of Indianapolis. Zupancic and his wife, Carrie, are the parents of three children.

The annual Young Adult Conference is sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries and is intended to address the needs, interests and concerns of Catholics who are in their 20s and 30s.

The conference also is designed to call forth young adults to recognize and claim their individual and communal roles as members of the Body of Christ in the world.

Workshops will focus on personal and spiritual growth, faith development and religious education, and the diversity and gifts of young adults. Topics include “The Mighty Wind of the Holy Spirit,” “By Name I Have Called You,” “Getting

Your Fiscal House in Order,” “Mars and Venus on a Date” and “Who Am I? Identity Issues of 20s and 30s.”

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will talk with participants at 1:30 p.m. in the Marian College Auditorium.

The conference begins at 8:45 a.m. and concludes with a eucharistic liturgy at 5 p.m. Pizza will be served during a coffee house after the Mass. †

(Registrations are \$40 a person and must be postmarked by March 15 to Young Adult Conference, Office for Youth and Family Ministries, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Information: 317-236-1439 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1439.)

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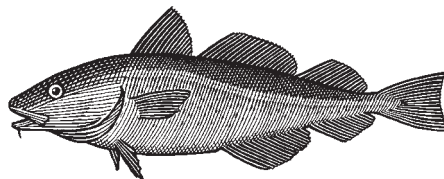
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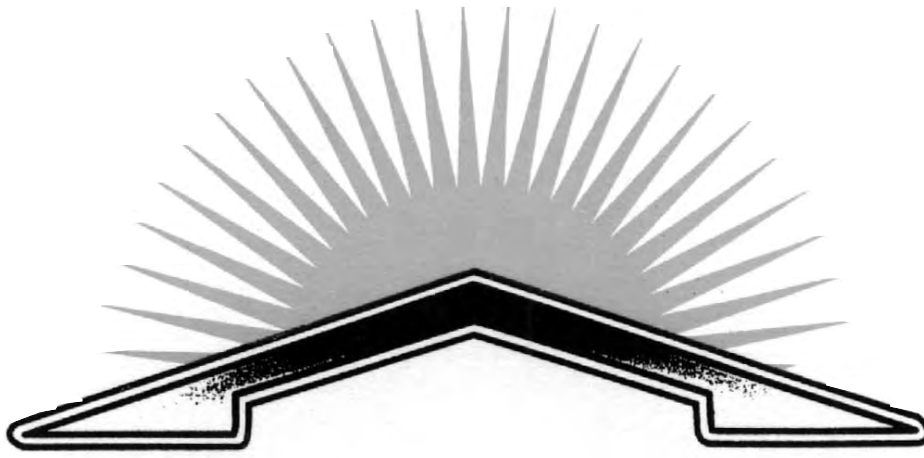
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ALBERTS, Mary E., 79, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 13. Mother of Patricia J. Smith, James R., Rodney J. and Richard A. Alberts. Sister of Louise T. Dougher, John P. Troutman. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of seven.

ALLEN, Helen Irene, 86, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Feb. 22. Aunt of several.

BANET, George A. "Bud," 87, St. Mary, New Albany, Feb. 17. Husband of Catherine (Helm) Banet. Father of George A. Jr., David, Ricky, Ronald and Darlene Banet, Joann Hauber, Gerry Seewer. Brother of Charles Banet. Grandfather of 20. Great-grandfather of 18.

BARRON, William Henry, 91, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Feb. 16. Father of Ramona Whisman, Robert and Dennis Barron. Brother of Paul Barron. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of nine.

BERKEMEIER, Robert, 73, St. Mary, Rushville, Feb. 23. Husband of Marilyn. Father of Bruce Berkemeier and Jane Howard. Brother of Donald Berkemeier and Joan Martz. Grandfather of four, great-grandfather of one.

BISCHOFF, Robert E., 82, St. Louis, Batesville, Feb. 27. Husband of Mary Bischoff. Father of Robert W., Tom, Richard, Larry, Dave, Albert, Gene and Jim Bischoff. Brother of Paul Bischoff, Catherine Nordmeyer. Grandfather of 21. Great-grandfather of 12.

ETIENNE, Myrtle, 93, St. Paul, Tell City, Feb. 22. Mother of Gloria Leclere, Paul Etienne. Sister of Raymond Cassidy. Grandmother of Benedictine Sister Mary Nicolette and Father Paul Etienne of the archdiocese and several other grandchildren.

EUGENE, Emma Sarver Long, 92, St. Rita, Indianapolis, Feb. 24. Mother of George, Norman, David, Paul Long, Gladys McDade, Christina Williams, Mary Guynn, Carol S. Patton.

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HALL, Nellie E. Elder, 102, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Feb. 16. Mother of Robert E. and James W. Hall, Alta R. Monroe. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of several.

HERBERT, James W., 61, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, Feb. 22. Husband of Carolyn Louise Herbert. Father of James W. Herbert Jr. Brother of Anna Mae Powers.

HESSMAN, Ruth, 70, St. Agnes, Nashville, Feb. 11. Mother of Charles, Robert, Susan, Julie and Joan Hessman.

HARRISON, N. Bernice Morehead, 82, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, Feb. 17. Mother of Nevada L. Wilkins, George Harrison. Sister of Marie Willingham. Grandmother of one.

IARIA, Matthew D. "Mate," 89, Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, Feb. 11. Husband of Santina "Bondi" Iaria. Father of Antoinette O'Connor, Nick and Matthew Iaria. Brother of

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IRWIN, Hugh N., 81, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Jan. 31. Father of Connie Walls, Pete Irwin. Brother of Rose Mary Colon.

KELLY, Helen Patricia McCann, 79, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, Feb. 12. Mother of Timothy Kelly, Patricia A. McKinstry. Sister of Thomas J. McCann, Mary Frances Harvey. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of one.

KILLILA, Lillian, 86, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 19. Mother of Barbara A. Killila, Joan P. Burgin. Sister of Robert Voyles. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of three.

KRAFT, Alice Mae Sillings, 91, Holy Family, New Albany, Feb. 15. Mother of George M. and Frank J. Kraft. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of two.

KRUG, Jerome A., 70, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Feb. 15. Husband of Helen M. Gallagher Krug. Father of Ann, Mary E., Peter J., John C. and Thomas Krug, Elizabeth C. Mundell. Brother of Marian Beechem, Alberta Batic. Grandfather of seven.

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MATHEWS, Rachel, 84, St. Mary, Rushville, Feb. 25. Mother of Mike Mikesell. Grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of three.

McCLELLAN, Dollie, 88, St. Mary, North Vernon, Feb. 24. Sister of Virginia Wilson, Florence Rush. Aunt of a nephew.

McGLINCHEY, Eloise Baker, 85, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Feb. 28. Mother of F. Terrance, David A. and Mark P. McGlinchey, Marilyn Schwegman, Connie Schneeberger, Joan M. Tanksley. Sister of Hugh G. Baker. Grandmother of 20. Great-grandmother of 17.

McMAHON, Francis B. "Fran," 77, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, Feb. 9. Husband of Margaret (Lauer) McMahon. Father of Patrick J. McMahon, Mary Fran and Phyllis Guilfooy, Teresa Ehault. Grandfather of nine.

MEYER, James "Bud," 74, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Feb. 24. Husband of Monzell Meyer. Father of Michael Meyer, Paula Sue Hulse. Brother of Ruth Tucker. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of one.

MOEBS, Jeannette A. (Feldmann), 87, St. Luke, Indianapolis, Feb. 23. Mother of David S. and G. Michael Moebes. Sister of Joseph Feldmann. Grandmother of eight. Great-great-grandmother of three.

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SMITH, Joseph D., 95, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Feb. 14. Husband of Audrey I. Ward Smith. Father of Rosemary Schmoll, Lois Mappes. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of 30. Great-great-grandfather of one.

STANICH, Mike, 79, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Feb. 23. Husband of Dorothy. Father of Mike, Steve, Gary, Alan Stanich and Patricia Dixon.

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VOGEL, Judith Claire, 59, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Feb. 25. Wife of Louis. Mother of Timothy, James Vogel, Julie Wertz, Theresa Briggs. Daughter of Nadine R. Hickey. Sister of Sharon Booher, Linda Trimpe, Barbara Robertson. Grandmother of 12.

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WASHINGTON, Virgia L. Tinsley, 75, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, Feb. 15. Sister of Georgia E. Stone, Albert O. Tinsley.

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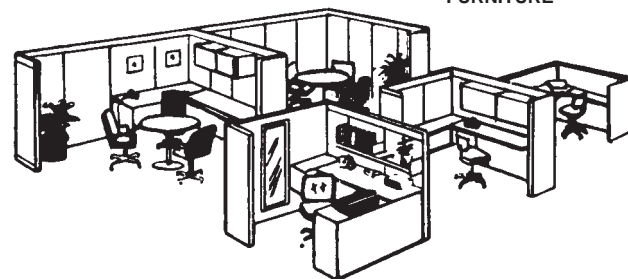
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Saint Meinrad offers classes in Indianapolis

By Mary Jeanne Schumacher
Special to The Criterion

Although Benedictine Father Bede Cisco has barely had time to get settled in his new office as director of the Office for Indianapolis Programs for Saint Meinrad School of Theology, he's already decided to spend more time out of the office.

As part of his new responsibilities, Father Bede is seeking input on the kinds of courses, seminars and workshops that Saint Meinrad can offer people in the Indianapolis area.

To do that, he intends to visit the pastoral staff of each Catholic parish in the Indianapolis area and ask for ideas and suggestions. He said input, particularly from the pastoral staffs and parishioners, "is essential to develop programs that meet the needs of the Church."

Although Saint Meinrad School of Theology has held a few classes in the Indianapolis area in recent years, he said, opening an office demonstrates Saint Meinrad's commitment to serve people in the central Indiana area in a new way.

He opened the office in January at St. Francis Hall on the Marian College campus. The Franciscan college is located on Cold Spring Road in Indianapolis.

Lay ministry students from central Indiana can earn part of their master's degree requirements in Indianapolis,

Father Bede said, instead of traveling to the Saint Meinrad campus in southern Indiana for all classes. A weekend graduate course on canon law is underway at the Indianapolis site this semester.

"We hope to be involved with the archdiocese in the education and formation of lay ministers," he said. "The Indianapolis office is offering broad-based continuing education courses to people who want to deepen their faith and their spirituality."

But it's another aspect of the Indianapolis programs that will keep Father Bede on the road this spring.

"I am traveling around to meet with as many groups and individuals as possible," he said, "to hear about their sense of the needs for learning about the Church's teachings and growing in faith."

By visiting parishes, Father Bede said, he hopes to discover what the ministry needs are in the Indianapolis area.

"We don't intend to intrude on programs already established within parishes, but we do want to be a support," he explained. "We hope to offer programs for parish and diocesan ministers and the Catholic laity that aren't, or can't be, offered at the parish level."

With more people seeking a clearer understanding of their faith and its role in their lives, Father Bede said he believes Saint Meinrad is well prepared to help meet that need.

"Saint Meinrad offers a rich tradition of sound theological teaching, formation in faith and education in ministry," he said. "We want to be connected to the efforts to revitalize the faith of individuals and communities."

As the needs for theological and spiritual education in the Indianapolis area become evident, he said, Saint Meinrad will further develop and improve the selection, scheduling and other aspects of its programs. But even as his research gets underway, Saint Meinrad has several continuing education courses already scheduled at the Indianapolis site.

Upcoming courses

The Indianapolis office will offer two continuing education workshops this spring and two more in the summer.

During the week of March 22-26, "Introduction to the Bible" will be taught by Father John Buckel, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and a member of the Saint Meinrad faculty (*Father Buckel is also a new columnist for The Criterion. See his inaugural column, "Journey of Faith," on Page 16*). The workshop is designed for those who want to better understand Scripture and learn how to deal with fundamentalism. The course meets during the day, with morning and afternoon sessions.

Also during the week of March 22-26,

"Documents of the Second Vatican Council" will be offered daily from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman, also from Saint Meinrad, will explore the history of Vatican II, the events that led to it, and the work that transpired at the council.

A two-week summer course, "Doors to the Sacred: the Sacraments of the Church," will be taught by Father Richard Ginther, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis. The class will look at the history and development of the sacraments from the time of Jesus until the reforms of Vatican II. The course meets June 14-25, Monday through Friday, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Also planned for this summer is a weeklong workshop on "Theological Skills for Pastoral Ministers," taught by Father Matthias. Participants will learn how to research a theological issue, what sources to consult, and how to explore and evaluate theological options. The course is scheduled for July 26-30, Monday through Friday, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. †

(For information, contact Benedictine Father Bede Cisco at Saint Meinrad's Indianapolis office at 317-955-6451. Mary Jeanne Schumacher is associate director of communications for Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology.)

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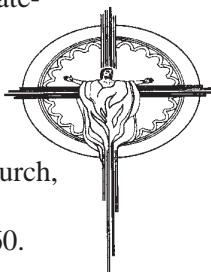
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