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Hosannah!



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Pope John Paul II holds an olive branch as he prepares to lead the Palm Sunday procession in St. Peter's Square on April 5, 1998. The pontiff presided over Mass commemorating Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Catholic nuns wave olive and palm branches during a Palm Sunday procession on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem last year.

Pope urges an end to ethnic fighting in Kosovo

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As the situation in Kosovo deteriorated, Pope John Paul II urged leaders there to end the chain of violence that has ravaged the Balkans in recent years.

"Those communities have already undergone a long *Via Crucis* and are awaiting solutions that are respectful of history

and of rights," the pope said at a Sunday blessing March 21.

The pope said he was deeply concerned about reports of increased fighting in Kosovo, a Serbian province where ethnic Albanians are pushing for independence.

He asked prayers so that "the Lord can enlighten all those responsible for the

future of that region."

Leaders there, he said, should have the courage to take steps that are truly aimed at the common good of the area's populations.

As the pope spoke, Yugoslav forces continued to strike ethnic Albanian positions in central Kosovo for the second day, setting houses on fire and forcing civilians to flee for their lives.

According to rebel sources, as many as 15,000 civilians had left their homes in the face of the Yugoslav offensive.

The Yugoslav forces said they were responding to rebel attacks.

NATO ambassadors, meanwhile, were meeting in Brussels, Belgium, to decide what to do about Yugoslavia's defiance in the wake of failed peace talks.

The talks broke down after the Serb delegation refused to agree to autonomy for the Kosovo province and deployment of NATO troops there.

U.S. President Bill Clinton warned Yugoslavia March 19 that "the threshold has been crossed" and that the United States was ready to join in air strikes

against Yugoslavia to convince President Slobodan Milosevic to accept the brokered peace deal. †



Albanian women and children cross a snow-covered field as they flee a combat area in the Drenica region of Kosovo on March 20. The pope urged courageous actions to bring peace to the area.

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Catholic Social Services to honor volunteers

Former NFL quarterback Bart Starr to be keynote speaker for the April 13 fund raiser

Catholic Social Services will honor five volunteers with the 1999 Spirit of Service Awards at a dinner on Tuesday, April 13, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

The keynote speaker at the dinner will be Bryan Bartlett "Bart" Starr, a former National Football League quarterback who led the Green Bay Packers to five NFL championships during his 17-year career



Bart Starr

from 1956-72. Starr, a five-time Pro Bowl selection, was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1966 and was also the MVP of Super Bowls I and II.

Beyond athletic competition, Starr was the first winner of the Byron White Award, the NFL's honor for citizenship presented to "the person who best displays the qualities of a true professional

athlete." He was named the NFL's Man of the Year in 1969.

Starr went on to become the Packers' head coach from 1975-83 and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1977.

Known as an inspirational speaker, Starr resides in Birmingham, Ala., where he is chairman of a real estate investment trust.

The Spirit of Service Awards honor the men, women and youth who have given of themselves for the benefit of others in need.

Sponsorships are available for the dinner, which raises awareness of the work of Catholic Social Services, as well as funds that go directly to its programs.

One of eight Catholic Charities agencies in the archdiocese, Catholic Social Services provides family support, elder care, crisis assistance and shelter. †

(For reservations for the Spirit of Service Awards dinner, call Sue Sandefur at Catholic Social Services at 317-236-1514 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1514.)

Cathedral names new school president

New Cathedral High School president Stephen J. Helmich, a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, will guide the private Catholic college preparatory school in Indianapolis into the third millennium.



Stephen J. Helmich

During a March 18 assembly at the school, Cathedral board of trustees chairman Jack Bradshaw and presidential search committee chair Joseph M. Dezelan, both of Indianapolis, announced Helmich's selection as Cathedral's fifth president since 1973.

He succeeds Julian T. Peebles of Indianapolis, who has served Cathedral

as president since 1989. Father Patrick J. Kelly is the principal.

At Columbus, Helmich was president of the Community Education Coalition and president of the Columbus Area Chamber Foundation.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education at Indiana University in 1972 and a master's degree in secondary education there in 1974.

Helmich's background in the educational field includes teaching and coaching positions at West Lafayette High School and Noblesville High School.

He has served as the chief executive for chambers of commerce in Richmond and Columbus since 1986, helping both groups earn state and national recognition for membership growth, fund-raising success and effective programming.

As president of the Community Education Coalition, Helmich helped develop a work plan to respond to the Hudson Institute's findings that the city of Columbus needed to improve the edu-

cational achievement of all learners in the community.

The coalition was formed to help put in place a community learning system to address issues affecting educational achievement. Coalition members represent a broad list of community sectors and organizations, including kindergarten through the 12th grade and higher education, small and large business, social and youth-serving organizations, organized labor and parents.

During the decade Peebles served as president, Cathedral's enrollment increased 75 percent and capital improvements valued at more than \$10 million were added to the northeast side campus located at 5225 E. 56th St. The school's mortgage was burned in 1990.

Capital improvements since 1989 include the Cunningham Fine Arts Center, Joe O'Malia Performing Arts Center and 2,500-seat Robert V. Welch Student Activity Center. †

Official Appointments

Effective April 11, 1999

Rev. Stephen D. Donahue, currently pastor of St. Michael Parish, Charlestown, and administrator of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Henryville, reappointed for a second six-year term.

Effective April 14, 1999

Rev. Donald L. Schmidlin, currently pastor of St. Matthew Parish, Indianapolis, reappointed for a second six-year term.

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

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Wednesday, April 28 <i>The Universe Story... Your Story</i> Kathy Duffy, SSJ and Margie Thompson, SSJ	Thursday, April 29 <i>Conscious Evolution: the Context for the Emergence of a Universal Spirituality</i> Barbara Marx Hubbard	Friday, April 30 <i>Global Spirituality: The Next Steps</i> Patricia Mische
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Triduum liturgies prepare us for Easter

Excerpts from liturgy guide explain the meaning of each Holy Week observance

Holy Thursday evening brings Lent to an end. On that night, we begin the Three Days that are the center of our year. We are invited to make these days different from all the other days of the year. ...

We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to continue fasting, if possible, all through Holy Saturday as strictly as we can, so that we come hungry and full of excitement to the Easter Vigil.

We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The Church is getting ready.

All of us should know that our presence for these liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all needed here, and all of us need this whole community together on its greatest days. We hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and Scriptures and make some of our finest music.

Look closely at your parish schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies of the triduum. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

We begin as **Holy Thursday** ends. On that evening, after listening to the Scriptures, we do something strange: We wash feet. Some of us go down on our knees with pitchers of water, basins and towels. Jesus gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like.

This is a rehearsal for Christian life, as is the next thing we do, a collection for the poor. Later we celebrate the Eucharist.

This evening liturgy has no ending: Whether we stay to pray awhile or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the triduum.

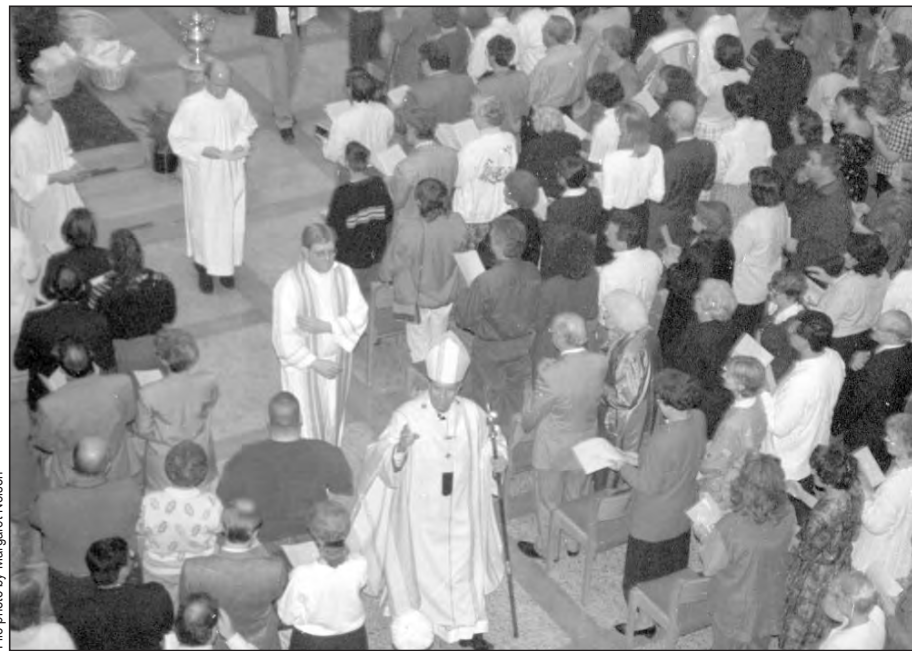
We gather again quietly on **Good Friday** and listen to Scripture. We pray at length for all the world's needs. Then there is another once-a-year event: The holy cross is held up in our midst, and we come forward one by one to do reverence with a kiss or a bow or a genuflection.

We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through **Holy Saturday**—for us like God's rest at the end of creation. It is Christ's repose in the tomb.

Hungry now and excited, the Church gathers in the darkness between Saturday and Sunday and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful Scriptures in the Bible, then we pray to all our saints to stand with us as we go to the font and bless the waters. There the catechumens are baptized and anointed. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God.

Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for 50 days of rejoicing! †

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Mass of Chrism

Representatives of parishes throughout the archdiocese gathered at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to receive the sacramental oils at the annual Chrism Mass last year. This year's liturgy will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 30. The photo shows Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and the assembly during the recessional at the 1998 Chrism Mass.

K of C sponsors Way of the Cross

The Indianapolis Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the 62nd annual Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2.

The observance will begin at 12:15 p.m. on the American Legion Plaza, located at North Street between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets in Indianapolis.

Msgr. Harold L. Knueven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, will lead the public procession around the plaza to each of the sta-

tions, which are marked by large wooden crosses.

Music is provided by a choir that includes members of all the councils in the Indianapolis area.

The Bishop Chatard Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Peter Claver will provide color guard units.

On March 27 and 28, the Knights of Columbus choir, the Columbians, will be part of the 56th annual Triad Concert at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. †

HOLY WEEK AT SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL

Palm Sunday:

Saturday, March 27, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

with Blessing of Palms and Proclamation of Passion according to Matthew

Chrism Mass:

Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

with Blessing of Holy Oils and Ordained Priests' Renewal of Commitment

Holy Thursday:

Thursday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Solemn Procession and Period of Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday:

Friday, April 2, 1:00 p.m.

Liturgical Service with Proclamation of the Passion according to John, Intercessions, Adoration of the Cross, and Reception of Communion

7:00 p.m.

Solemn Sung Vespers

Easter Vigil:

Saturday, April 3, 8:00 p.m.

with Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

Easter Sunday:

Sunday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

with Renewal of Baptismal Promises

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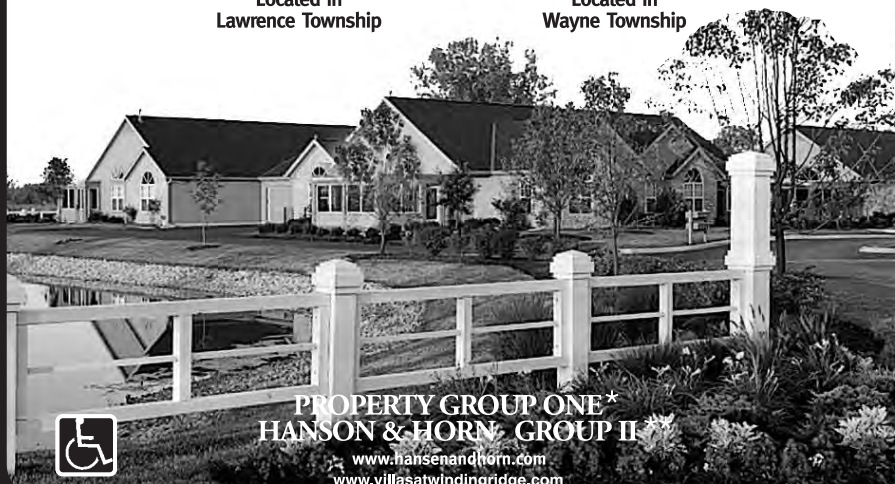
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Editorial

Healing the wounds of the world: new relationships among Catholics, Jews

Two years ago in Jerusalem, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, head of the Vatican's Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews made the following statement: "Jews and Christians have lived together side by side in many places for 2,000 years, but have seldom lived together. There were exceptions to this at times when in certain places the two communities shared friendship, respect and positive encounter. But most of the time the relationship was one of suspicion and contempt, even hostility. Now is the time for change."

The change Cardinal Cassidy refers to has been "in the works" for more than 35 years. Vatican II formalized the process by declaring, in an authoritative way, that there is absolutely no truth in the assertion that Jews are somehow collectively guilty of deicide (the death of Jesus). What's more, the document, *Nostrae Aetate* ("Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions") says quite clearly that the Church "decries hatred, persecution, displays of anti-Semitism directed against Jews at any time and by anyone" (#4). In addition, *Nostrae Aetate* calls for joint theological studies and "mutual respect and knowledge" between Catholics and Jews.

Pope John Paul II has taken these initial statements much further. More than any other Christian leader in the past 2,000 years, the Polish pope (who witnessed the horrors of the *Shoah*, with its destruction of 6 million Jews in his native land and throughout Christian Europe, from 1933 to 1945) has insisted that Jews are "our elder brothers in faith" and that Christians have a relationship with Jews that "we do not have with other religions." In fact, the pope has strongly affirmed the teaching of the Hebrew Scriptures that there is "an irrevocable covenant" between God and the Jews. The fact that we Christians believe that this covenant has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ does not in any way denigrate the continuing spiritual mission and

vocation of the Jewish people.

As expressed by Rabbi A. James Rudin, interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee at a recent conference in Baltimore, Jews and Christians are both "peoples of God, peoples of faith." According to Rabbi Rudin, "If we Jews and Catholics, if we proudly carrying our deepest theological beliefs along with our potent memories, if we can begin to reverse the melancholy course of our shared history, then just perhaps other peoples, groups and nations can do the same."

If Christians and Jews are truly "sisters and brothers in faith," then we must learn how to disagree without rancor or hostility in spite of the fact that our disagreements are serious and often painful. Genuine dialogue has taken place during the past 35 years, but there is still much that needs to be done to guarantee mutual understanding and respect among all of the individuals and groups who consider themselves Jews or Christians.

As Cardinal Cassidy said recently, "The silences, prejudices, persecutions and compromises of past centuries weigh upon us. If we could heal the wounds that bedevil Christian-Jewish relations, we would contribute to the healing of the wounds of the world, the *tiqqun 'olam* (the mending of the world), which the Talmud considers to be a necessary action in building a just world and preparing for the kingdom of the Most High."

John Paul II believes that this "healing of the wounds of the world" is a top priority for his ministry as the successor of St. Peter. We applaud his spiritual leadership, and his courage, in taking on this very difficult, but extremely important, challenge. †

— Daniel Conway

(Daniel Conway is a member of the editorial committee of the Board of Directors of Criterion Press, Inc.)

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Older people bring expertise, experience, wisdom to society, work of Church

The United Nations has dedicated this year—1999—to older people. In anticipation of this dedication, the Vatican Pontifical Council for the Laity headed by Cardinal Francis Stafford released a document titled *The Dignity of Older People and Their Mission in the Church and in the World*.

"Scientific advances and the consequent progress of medicine have made a decisive contribution in recent decades to prolonging the average duration of human life. The term "third age" now embraces a large segment of the world's population: people who have retired from active employment, yet who still have great inner resources and are still able to contribute to the common good. To this huge throng of 'young old' (as they are called by the new categories of old age defined by demographers, i.e., those aged between 65 and 70) is added a so-called fourth age, that of the 'oldest old' (those over 75) whose ranks are likewise destined to become more numerous" (p. 5).

The lengthening of life and the decrease in the birth rate have given rise "to an unprecedented demographic transition: the age pyramid that existed less than a century ago has literally been turned upside down" (p. 5). The United Nations Population Fund in its 1998 report confirms that there is a population downturn.

In announcing the UN 1999 theme "Towards a Society for All Ages," Kofi Annan, UN secretary general, declared, "A society for all ages is a society which, far from caricaturing older people as retired and infirm, considers them on the contrary as agents and beneficiaries of development."

Cardinal Stafford's document dedicates a chapter to the meaning and value of old age. Efficiency and material success may be prevailing measures of value in our culture, but older folks can call us to the deeper meaning of the family. Our younger generation is in danger of losing a sense of history and therefore, its own identity. Older folks remind us not to ignore the past so as not to repeat past mistakes. In the face of the dominance of science and technology, people of the third and fourth ages have a rich and real human experience to share with younger generations. Individualism and self-seeking in our culture need the antidote of a search for companionship, which older people both offer

and need. The third age is an age of greater simplicity and more contemplation because, for the most part, the fundamental questions of vocation, human dignity and destiny have been confronted.

The document explores "the older person in the Bible" (pp. 17-23): "One of the charisms of longevity is wisdom." It is not an automatic gift and so it is a goal for which older people must strive. Prayer is the principal means for a spiritual understanding of life that is proper to older people. Prayer is a powerful ministry that older people may perform for the good of the whole Church. "There is no renewal, not even social, which does not begin from contemplation" (p. 22). On her 101st birthday, a woman confided to a friend: "I'm now 101 years old, but I'm strong, you know. Physically I have some disabilities, but spiritually there is nothing I can't do. ... The only way to live well in old age is to live it in God" (p. 12).

Today, the document reminds us, death has lost its sacred character, its sense of fulfillment. Every effort is made to sweep it under the carpet, to make sure that it does not disturb. Yet in the light of the Gospel, death is no longer a condemnation, no longer a meaningless end to life. "It is revealed as a time of hope: the true and certain hope of coming face to face with the Lord" (p. 21).

Clearly we must be companions with older people, especially in the fourth age, with care and compassion. It is also clear that older people have important gifts to share with the community of faith. People of the fourth age may more and more strive to live in God and, as they do so, their prayer is the most powerful human force in the life of our Church.

We must not accept the stereotype of aging as a period of decline in which human and social inadequacy are taken for granted. The increasing presence of older persons is a new human and spiritual potential for the enrichment of our human family. For months I have been contemplating a Home Missions Volunteer Program in our archdiocese that would particularly give people of the third age an opportunity to offer hands-on wisdom, experience and talent in urban and rural areas of need, from parish maintenance to finance to supervision of youth ministry to ministry with folks of the fourth age. More details later. †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for April

Priests: that they may joyfully and faithfully live out their priestly promises and encourage other men to embrace God's call to priesthood.



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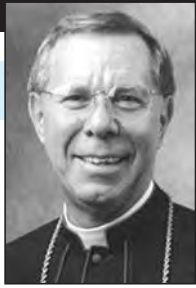
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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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



Edad avanzada trae a la sociedad pericia, experiencia, sabiduría, trabajo de Iglesia

La Organización de Naciones Unidas ha dedicado el año 1999 a la gente de edad avanzada. Esperando esta dedicación, el Consejo Pontificio Vaticano para los Legos, el cual está encabezado por el Cardinal Francis Stafford, publicó un documento titulado La Dignidad de la gente de edad avanzada y su misión en la iglesia y en el mundo.

“En los últimos décadas los adelantos científicos y el progreso consecuente de la medicina han contribuido decisivamente a prolongar la duración promedio de la vida humana. Actualmente el término “tercera edad” incluye un gran segmento de la población mundial, es decir, aquellas personas que se han retirado del empleo activo, pero todavía tienen muchos recursos internos y pueden contribuir al bien común. Se agrega una llamada cuarta edad a la multitud de ‘ancianos jóvenes’ (como están llamados por las nuevas categorías de edad definidas por demógrafos, a saber, aquellos entre 65 y 70 años de edad). Esta cuarta categoría incluye la ‘gente de edad más avanzada’ (aquellos de 75 años o mayor) cuyos números asimismo crecerán en el futuro” (p. 5).

La prolongación de la vida y disminución de la natalidad han provocado “una transición demográfica sin precedente: la pirámide de edad que existía menos de un siglo atrás literalmente se ha revertido” (p. 5). En el informe del año 1998 el Fondo de Población de las Naciones Unidas confirma que hay una baja en la población.

Al anunciar el tema de la ONU para el año 1999 “Hacia una sociedad para todas las edades”, Kofi Annan, el secretario general de la ONU, declaró, “Una sociedad para todas las edades es una sociedad, sin caricaturizar a la gente de edad avanzada como retirada y enferma, considerando por el contrario, como agentes y beneficiarios del desarrollo”.

El documento del Cardinal Stafford dedica un capítulo al significado y valor de la edad avanzada. La eficiencia y éxito material posiblemente son medidas predominantes de medir el valor en nuestra cultura, pero la gente de edad avanzada puede llevarnos al significado más profundo de la familia. Nuestra joven generación corre riesgo de perder un sentido de historia y, por consiguiente, su propia identidad. La gente de edad avanzada nos recuerda que no olvidemos el pasado para que no repitamos los errores previos. Ante el dominio de la ciencia y tecnología, la gente de la tercera y cuarta edades tiene una experiencia humana valiosa y real para compartir con las generaciones jóvenes. El individualismo y egoísmo en nuestra cultura necesita el antídoto de una búsqueda de compañerismo, el cual la gente de edad avanzada ofrece y necesita. La tercera edad es una edad de

mayor simplicidad y más contemplación porque, por la mayor parte, se han confrontado las preguntas fundamentales de vocación, dignidad humana y destino.

El documento explora “la gente de edad avanzada en la Biblia” (pp. 17-23): “Uno de los carismas de la longevidad es sabiduría”. No es un don automático y por lo tanto es una meta por la cual la gente de edad avanzada debe esforzarse. La oración es la manera principal para una comprensión espiritual de la vida correcta para la gente de edad avanzada. La oración es un ministerio poderoso que la gente de edad avanzada puede hacer para el bien de la Iglesia entera. “No hay renovación, inclusive renovación social, que no viene de la contemplación” (p. 22). Cuando una mujer cumplió los 101 años, le dijo a un amigo en confianza, “Ahora tengo 101 años, pero sabes que soy fuerte. Físicamente tengo algunos defectos, pero espiritualmente no hay nada que no puedo hacer.... La única manera para vivir bien en la edad avanzada es vivirlo con Dios” (p. 12).

Actualmente, el documento nos recuerda, que la muerte ha perdido su carácter sagrado, y su sentido de satisfacción. Cada esfuerzo es un medio para esconderla y asegurar que la misma no moleste. No obstante, basándose en el evangelio, la muerte ya no es una condenación, ya no es un fin sin sentido de la vida. “Se la revela como un tiempo de esperanza: la esperanza real y cierta de estar cara a cara con el Señor” (p. 21).

Claramente debemos ser compañeros con la gente de edad avanzada, especialmente en la cuarta edad, con caridad y compasión. Es claro también que la gente de edad avanzada tiene importantes regalos para compartir con la comunidad de fe. Las personas de la cuarta edad se esfuerzan más por vivir como Dios quiere, y así, su oración es la fuerza humana más poderosa de la vida de nuestra Iglesia.

No debemos aceptar el estereotipo de envejecer como período de debilitación en el cual se supone incapacidad humana y social. La presencia creciente de la gente de edad avanzada es un potencial nuevo y espiritual para enriquecer a nuestra familia humana. Desde algunos meses contemplo un Programa Voluntario de Misiones Domésticas en nuestra archidiócesis que específicamente daría a las personas de la cuarta edad la oportunidad de ofrecer sabiduría, experiencia y talento personal en zonas necesitadas urbanas y rurales, en lo que se refiere a la manutención de la parroquia, finanzas, supervisión del ministerio a los jóvenes y ministerio a la gente de la cuarta edad. Se darán más detalles en breve. †

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Letters to the Editor

Elmer Andrew Steffen was prominent in Church's, city's music

I read the article in *The Criterion* (March 12) about the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra concerts. In addition to Mozart and Poulenc, I believe that subscribers would have been interested to learn about, or remember, the late Elmer Andrew Steffen. The weekend concerts are in memory of him and his wife.

Mr. Steffen, musician-composer, was a prominent Catholic layman in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He was made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XII in 1939 for his many years of service in the Church as archdiocesan commissioner of Church music and as choirmaster at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral where he volunteered his time and talent for over 40 years.

Of particular interest concerning the March 18–20 concerts is the fact that Mr. Steffen, with Fabian Sevitsky, organized the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 1937 and was its conductor for 10 years.

Pauline Steffen Shaver
Indianapolis

Thank you from prisoner

After spending 18 months within the confines of the Indiana Department of Correction's Putnamville Correctional Facility, I am scheduled to be released March 22, 1999.

Before I leave, however, I would like to give thanks where thanks is due: First to Thomas Gaybrick along with his staff with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, who were most helpful in locating resources to assist me upon my release. And to the editor of *The Criterion*

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

Art for God's sake

Seated next to me at a “meet the author” event was a nice young man with an exuberant personality. He turned out to be an artist and a brother with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Brother Michael O'Neill McGrath—who quickly told me everyone calls him “Brother Mickey”—



had some of his brilliantly colorful work on display. A poster named “A Celebration of Saints” held my attention. He said he had created it for World Library Publications on about a week's notice. I never would have guessed. It had a depth I thought would have taken a long time to image and bring to life.

The poster shows 74 saints, from the dawn of history to the present, at an Easter Vigil. They are there to witness and share in the joy that is about to change the world. All these people of God belong in the painting, Brother McGrath said, because Easter is “the timeless event that goes beyond time.”

After that meeting we stayed in touch. We discovered we were of one mind about how deeply entwined with our faith is our art—his with a brush, mine with a pen.

Brother McGrath thinks of his studio as “sacred space” and his creative work as a contemplative journey. To complete a drawing or a written work and actually make it an offering to God, is, as Brother McGrath expressed it, “a holy experience.” Even if he is only doodling, he sees this as “praying with colored pencils.”

And while this fine artist is thus praying, he is “paying attention to the voice and image of God as I encounter it in myself. We have to experience the God-

who made sure that I received a copy of the paper each week; in a place that is almost devoid of Catholic reading material.

There are those too who, without pay, wage a tireless battle to change the hearts of many inmates that are prone to be hardened by the environment of the institution itself. It is to these I express my deepest gratitude.

To Father Mike Fritsch of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, who in addition to offering Holy Mass is always available with his confident wisdom, guidance and discernment, along with Teresa Batto who instructs us in the faith with love and humility. Her deep faith is a true inspiration to us all.

I must not forget the silent ones, whose financial assistance and prayerful support has been a real gift from God: the parishioners of St. Paul. And for my guardian angel whose wings did not tire from the responsibility of keeping me on track.

These are the unsung heroes of Christ who incite positive changes in the lives of many, and seem to do on a small scale that which the state cannot.

K. R. Gerton
Putnamville Correctional Facility
Greencastle

No decline in teen pregnancy

A few weeks ago, Planned Parenthood was boasting that there was a decline in teen births. There was no decline in teen pregnancy. This only means that teens chose death over life. No wonder Planned Parenthood is happy; money-making abortion is the solution when their “safe sex” fails.

Jan Caito
Indianapolis

image that's inside us—and then go out and give it to others,” he reflected. I truly could relate to that.

When I looked at the small catalogue of his “Sacred Art,” put out by Bee Still Studio in Flourtown, Pa., I was struck by his dramatic use of color. “Art is about seeing, and so the color is primary. The visual stimulus is what first grabs your attention.” After that the viewer is ready for the story, he explained.

His catalog also made me think how devoted he must be to the Bible and the saints to come up with such striking images. He explained that the saints have been a main focus for him since his childhood. This multitude of saintly men and women awakened an awareness in him of God's presence, through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

This awareness led him to believe that through art, he could share this gift with others. “My ministry is to help folks learn to see with other eyes—the eyes of the soul,” he says so beautifully.

Brother McGrath also credits the late Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration Thea Bowman, a teacher, lecturer and glorious singer who died in 1990, with getting him to focus on sacred art, and not “the bad landscapes” he had once painted.

Though he never met this saintly woman, seeing a video of her and hearing her recorded singing of hymns “touched deep chords in me,” he revealed, and changed his life.

Now he also conducts retreats and parish missions, showing how art can release “the special healing power of the spirit.”

From what I've seen, Brother Mickey's work in the service of the Lord is spectacular. He is truly an original. †

(Antoinette Bosco is a regular columnist for *Catholic News Service*.)

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Good Shepherd Parish in Indianapolis will offer the following Mass schedule during Holy Week: Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m. with Living Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, call the parish at 317-783-3158.

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A worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be held April 16-18 at the Signature Inn Southport in Indianapolis. For more information or to register, call Tim and Cathy Thoman at 317-581-0807. For information on weekends to be held in Louisville, Ky., and Owensboro, Ky., call 812-256-6548.

"The Continuing Enchantment of Fairy Tales at the Dawn of the 21st Century and the Legacy of Diana, Princess of Wales," a

session of the **Mature Living Seminar series** for older citizens, will be offered March 30 at Marian College in Indianapolis. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Marian Hall, Room 251. The cost of the session is \$5. Inability to pay should not hinder participation. To register, call 317-955-6046.

"12-steps as a Way of Life," a **serenity weekend for 12-steppers**, will be offered April 30-May 2 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. Presenters are Conventual Franciscan Father Jim Cantwell and Delora Boaz. The weekend will include presentations, discussion periods and individual counseling all geared to enhance the 12-step way of life. The fee for resident is \$95/individual and \$160/couple. The commuter fee is \$70/individual and \$95/couple. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

Become a Birthline Volunteer. Respond to calls from pregnant women in need. Calls are forwarded to volunteer's home at prearranged times. Volunteers may also come to the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center twice a month to prepare layettes. A training session is scheduled from April 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. To register, call 317-236-1550 or 317-236-1559.

The Mitchell Area Ministerial Association is preparing a **Community Observance for Good Friday**, April 2. The services will be spaced in 30-minute segments from noon to 3 p.m. at First Church of God, 405 N. 12th St., in Mitchell. The segments will be led by a variety of ministers from the Mitchell churches, including representatives from St. Mary Parish. For more information, call Pastor Raymond Bunn at 812-849-4764.

St. Francis Hospital South Campus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. in Indianapolis, will host **Natural Family Planning classes** taught by Couple to Couple League, at 7 p.m. April 9. This is the first of a four class series. For more information, call 317-865-5554.

The Conventual Franciscans are sponsoring a Vocation Retreat for single men ages 18-40 April 9-11 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The retreat is for those interested in learning more about the Franciscans, religious life, or priesthood. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information, call Conventual Franciscan Father Jim Kent at 800-424-9955.

Smiles Unlimited Clowns will sponsor a **benefit walk for Prostate Cancer** at 10 a.m. April 10 starting at Meadowood Park in Speedway. The registration fee is \$15 for adults. Children under 18 walk free. For more information, call Kathleen Hannon at 317-475-9927.


The Holy Week Mass schedule and other activities at St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis is as follows: Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10 a.m.; The Way of the Cross March 29, at 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.; Good Friday, April 2 at 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, April 3 at 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Parish, 1530 Union St., in Indianapolis will host an **Ecumenical Good Friday Service** at noon April 2.

Parents who want to send their children to private schools but can't afford it may apply for tuition assistance to the **Children's Scholarship Fund** by the March 31 deadline by calling 800-805-KIDS. Available to those entering grades K-8, the assistance is part of Educational Choice Charitable Trust. †

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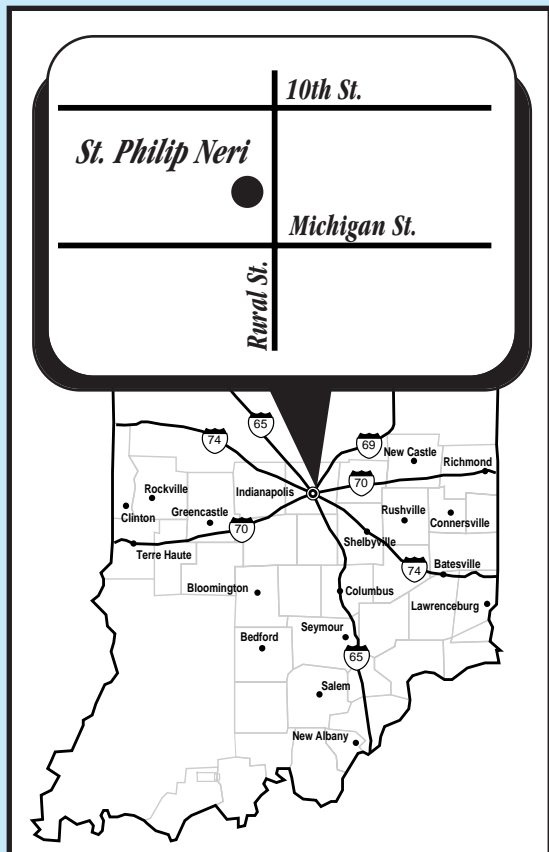
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St. Philip Neri Indianapolis

Story and photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Fast Fact:

St. Philip Neri Parish sponsors an annual Walk-Run-Pray-athon in the spring to raise funds to help support the school. The fund raiser is April 18. St. Philip Neri School celebrates National Read to Children Day each March to promote the importance of reading books. This year, 60 guest readers from the Indianapolis community, representing archdiocesan agencies, city government and the news media, participated in the event.



Journey of Hope 2001

St. Philip Neri expands youth ministry programs, facilities

St. Philip Neri Parish and School in Indianapolis have many needs. Fortunately, a number of people help support the center-city parish and school with their time, talent and treasure so the faith community can continue to minister to the diverse needs of youth and adults who live in this multicultural and economically challenged neighborhood on the near-east side.



Fr. Herman G. Lutz

Thanks to grants and private donations, the 90-year-old parish has been able to expand its ministries to children and teen-agers as a Catholic presence and home mission in this transitional area of Indiana's capital city.

Father Herman G. Lutz, who was appointed pastor nearly three years ago, said he appreciates the generous volunteer and financial help from friends of St. Philip Neri Parish. Without outside help, he said, the 450-household parish would not be able to sustain the rising costs of maintaining the aging church and school buildings.

Parishioners responded generously to the Legacy of Hope capital and endowment campaign last year, he said. "A lot of parishioners really sacrificed, and we almost doubled our goal. I'm so proud of them."

However, the center-city parish struggles with unexpected operational costs, like a recent cave-in on the edge of a paved parking area caused by erosion of soil underground.

Last year, the pastor said, a shortfall in St. Philip Neri's operating budget forced the painful downsizing of the parish staff, so St. Philip no longer has a paid pastoral associate or paid music minister.

The parish also lacks funds for many routine and emergency repairs to the buildings and grounds. Father Lutz reg-

ularly divides his time between maintenance work and his pastoral duties, which range from Masses and funerals to first Communion preparations.

"We do have a janitor, but I am in charge of maintenance," he said. "Recently I spent three hours helping work on the parish ice machine. The janitor knew how it had been cleaned before so, with the help of the school secretary, the three of us got the machine to work very well, just in time for a private reception the next day. We also have continuing plumbing problems in our buildings. Luckily, a school parent who is a plumber is willing to volunteer his time to help fix some of these problems."

St. Pius X Parish in the Indianapolis North Deanery has "adopted" St. Philip Neri as a sister parish, Father Lutz said, and St. Pius parishioners regularly volunteer their time to help with all kinds of projects. Other parish friends who live outside St. Philip's boundaries also assist the center-city faith community, he said, but additional support is needed and welcomed year-round.

"Money is a big problem for us right now," he said, "but we are being helped by the Legacy of Hope campaign. Last spring, inspectors discovered asbestos in the protective wrapping of the steam pipes and in the floor tiles in our school, so we had to have that taken care of. That cost us \$20,000. We had to borrow that money from the archdiocese so we could keep the school open."

In times of need, financial help comes from all sorts of sources, Father Lutz said. Last year, the parish would have lost its youth ministry coordinator, Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon, due to budget constraints, but Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, found a donor to pay for her salary. And grant money is enabling the parish to refurbish a concrete-block building adjacent to the school for use as a youth center. (See story on Page 10.)

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"Sister Kathleen received a \$25,000 grant for materials to create the youth center," he said. "She has to get volunteers to do the renovation work, which is under way now. We'll have a large-group meeting room downstairs plus two classrooms upstairs. We're quite proud of that. Sister Kathleen does a great job with the junior high and high school students. She has a number of non-Catholic teen-agers in her youth ministry program. Some of the youth join the Church."

Service to the Church and community is an important focus of St. Philip Neri's youth ministry program, Father Lutz said. "The youth get involved in very worthwhile projects. Sister Kathleen has the kids working in our [St. Vincent de Paul] food pantry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and doing things for the senior citizens at Guérin Place, the former convent next door, which is now low-cost housing for the elderly."

St. Philip shares its confirmation program and some Catholic Youth Organization sports with nearby Holy Cross Parish, he said, which helps build friendships among the children and teen-agers of both parishes.

Last fall, Father Lutz said, St. Philip Neri School received a gift of \$4,000 to upgrade equipment in the computer center, yet another example of the generosity of parish friends.

Principal Karen Bevis said the parish and school continue to thrive with limited resources because concerned people remember St. Philip in their prayers and with donations.

"Teaching values for a lifetime" is the school motto, she said, and staff members realize "that's why we're here. We provide the students with academic knowledge and also teach them skills for life. There's continuity, structure and

love for them here, and the children know that. We try to help them gain self-confidence, and encourage them to think about whether their behavior is a good Christian way to act and to consider how Jesus would expect them to be."

St. Philip Neri School maintains "a strict discipline code based on respect for others and our Catholic identity," Bevis said. "We teach the students to use proper language, to be kind, to be respectful, and to learn to solve conflicts without fighting. We take our job of teaching life skills very seriously. Our staff is extremely dedicated."

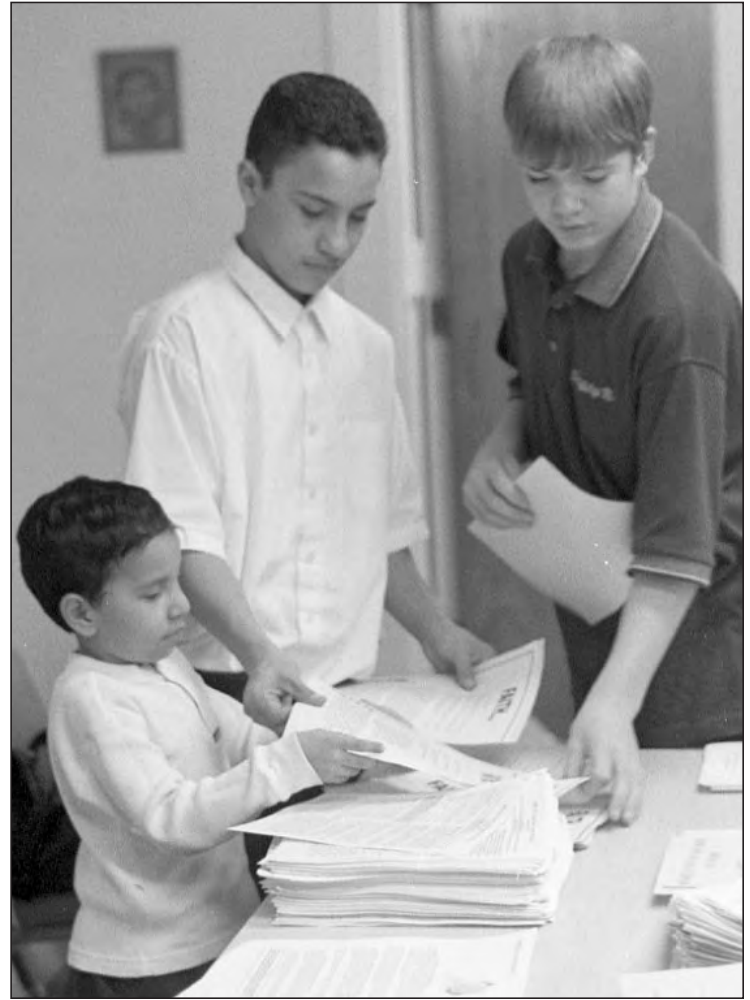
Academics is emphasized with the 220 students enrolled in kindergarten through the eighth grade and 20 preschoolers attending St. Philip's prekindergarten program, Bevis said. "Parents are paying to have their children attend school here. They're giving us the opportunity to provide a strong academic background inclusive of Catholicity within every subject. But they don't have to have a lot of money to send their children to our school. We will do everything in our power to find the necessary means for children [from low-income families] to attend our school."

Teachers know all the children by name, she said, and "the students know that we care about them and have their best interests at heart. That's what makes us who we are."

Catholic and non-Catholic students feel at home at St. Philip Neri School, Bevis said, as do non-English-speaking children who must learn the language as they study other curriculum.

"We have many needs" in the school, she said.

"Our budget is extremely tight and difficult to meet, but through our Lilly Endowment grant, the Legacy of Hope, and [archdiocesan] Building Communities of Hope [corporate partnership campaign], we're going to be able to provide some of those necessities." †



St. Philip Neri School first grader Miguel Rodrigues (from left) helps his brother, Armando, and eighth-grade classmate Josh Burton with a volunteer project at the parish office last month. St. Philip youth help collate the monthly mailing for the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Family Ministries as a service project for the Church.

St. Philip Neri (1909)

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Pastor: Rev. Herman G. Lutz

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Grant enables St. Philip Neri to open new youth center

By Mary Ann Wyand

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from Irwin Mortgage Corporation in Indianapolis, former storage space in the garage at St. Philip Neri Parish is being transformed into a youth ministry center to serve near-east side teen-agers.

Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon, youth ministry coordinator at the Indianapolis East Deanery Parish, applied for the grant last April. Renovation work began last September, she said, with both volunteer and paid labor, and has continued through the winter months.

On April 18, a year after Sister Kathleen requested the funding for her long-time dream, St. Philip Neri parishioners will celebrate the opening of the new youth center during the parish's annual Walk-Run-Pray-athon fund raiser for the school. (See related story on Pages 8 and 9.)

"We decided we would have the open house on April 18, since we'll have a lot of people here for the Walk-Run-Pray-athon," Sister Kathleen said. "We're just delighted about the grant. We didn't have adequate space for youth ministry, and if you're going to work with teen-agers in the parish and neighborhood, you need a space that you can call your own, as opposed to using the school building. Teen-agers just need a place to hang out, a safe place to be kids."

What once was a dusty, concrete-block building will soon become a safe gathering space for area teens.

"We have one large room downstairs that will be a meeting space and will have a ping-pong table, a pool table, and other group activities," Sister Kathleen said. "The two rooms upstairs will be used for smaller groups and quiet activities. I think it's important to offer quiet time for smaller groups or individual projects. I believe if you don't model quiet activity, kids don't learn it. Their lives are so busy with noisy activities."

The grant money was targeted for materials, so Sister Kathleen arranged for volunteer help with most of the renovation work.

"Eight guys volunteered to help with the renovation work," she said. "Most of them are from our parish."

Before repairs could begin, she said, the space had to be cleaned out.

"The space was really cluttered, and it took a long time to clean the area," she said. "We did a neighborhood clean-up the same day because we participate in the Adopt-a-Block campaign with the Indianapolis Front Porch Alliance. We adopted Eastern Avenue, so the city provided dumpsters for the debris."

The grant from Irwin Mortgage Corporation originated with Sister Kathleen's request for assistance with the parish Christmas Store project.

"I called Irwin Mortgage to ask about money for our Christmas Store," Sister Kathleen said. "The lady said the company didn't fund those kinds of projects. She said they



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon, youth ministry coordinator at St. Philip Neri Parish, talks with St. Philip Neri School seventh-graders about role models during a recent class discussion about peer pressure. They met in the school library for the discussion. Parish and neighborhood teen-agers will be able to gather at St. Philip's new youth center in April.

support housing and youth development projects, and I said, 'Do you do youth centers?' She said, 'Write a proposal, and we'll let you know.' So we wrote the proposal a year ago, and they gave us \$25,000. Then we began the process of planning what to do with the space. That's how it all came about. It's amazing!" †

Around the archdiocese

SAINT-MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College faculty, students and alumni and the Sisters of Providence celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Women's External Degree Program on March 20.

What started out as an idea to serve former students has turned out to be the largest program at the college.

Over the past 25 years, the WED program has grown significantly and currently enrolls more than 900 students in 17 academic areas.

Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon proclaimed March 20 as Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Women's External Degree Day.

INDIANAPOLIS—St. Simon School middle school students earned the first-place trophy in the Indianapolis East Deanery's annual Quest for Excellence academic competition March 13 at Scecina Memorial High School.

INDIANAPOLIS—Five Catholic high school students will spend the summer studying abroad as part of the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages for high school students.

Cardinal Ritter High School juniors Adam Jameson and Anne Guerrettaz will spend seven weeks studying in St. Briec, France, and Sarah Pollard will travel to Valencia, Spain, for seven weeks of study. Jon LaBuz and Leslie Garvey are the alternates.

Scecina Memorial High School juniors Jennifer Bennett and Jason Boccock also will study abroad this summer. Jennifer will spend seven weeks studying in Ciudad Real, Spain, and Jason will travel to San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to study the language and culture. †

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Maryknoll priest loves work in Hong Kong

Missionary is available to talk about his ministry

By Margaret Nelson

Maryknoll Father Michael J. Sloboda dropped by the archdiocesan Mission Office in Indianapolis last week.

Back from Hong Kong since December, the missionary priest has a story to tell.

On March 18, he talked to students at Marian College in Indianapolis about the goal of inculturation in China: truly Catholic and authentically Chinese. Later, he shared his missionary experiences with the sophomore class at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis.



Fr. Michael J. Sloboda, M.M.

Father Sloboda is back in his native land to encourage young people to consider the life of a missionary. He hopes that "people who want to dedicate part or all of their lives to mission work" will contact Maryknoll for information about vocations in other countries.

Before he left Hong Kong, Father Sloboda told his parishioners, "If I hated my job, I'd have no business returning to the States recruiting others for the missions. But I love it."

The Maryknoll priest has spent six years in Taiwan and seven years in ministry in Hong Kong. He worked in the Holy Spirit Study Centre in Hong Kong and served in a parish there.

Father Sloboda's first Mass after his 1985 ordination at Maryknoll, New York, was said in English. But he first baptized, witnessed weddings, anointed the sick

and confirmed in Mandarin Chinese while living in Taiwan.

Father Sloboda explained that the Diocese of Hong Kong publishes two Catholic weeklies—one in English, the other in Chinese—without any interference or censorship from the government.

"It is business as usual for all Churches since the change of Chinese sovereignty over Hong Kong on July 1, 1997," he said.

Though the Catholic Church is divided in some places in China, Father Sloboda said, "for the Church in Hong Kong, so far, so good." (See related column by Shirley Vogler Meister on page 14).

He will return to Hong Kong in a few years after a period of "society service," when Maryknoll missionaries come back to the U.S. to tell people about their work. The missionary talks cover vocations, mission education and fund raising.

"I contact people who might want to spend their lives in Maryknoll," said Father Sloboda.

He has talked to students in "kindergarten through college" classes, and is available to speak at schools and parishes about his ministry in China.

Before Michael Sloboda became a priest, he earned a bachelor's degree in physics at the University of Missouri and worked in electronics.

He joined the Maryknollers in 1977 "and lived happily ever after," he said. †

(Maryknoll Father Michael Sloboda may be contacted through the archdiocesan Mission Office at 317-236-1485 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1485, to arrange speaking engagements. For information about vocations to the priesthood and religious life, including opportunities for missionary service, contact the archdiocesan Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 317-236-1490 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1490.)

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A million copies of his company's newest release, *Abbà Pater*, a CD featuring the voice of Pope John Paul II set to custom-made instrumental works, went on sale worldwide March 23.

On March 17, the pope received the first pressing of the compact disc before thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square who had gathered for his weekly general audience.

The pontiff also was handed a shiny, metallic gold copy of the disc in a terra cotta box, which Gelb later explained “shows up better in the photos.”

Within hours, the record executive—who normally works in New York—told assembled journalists from around the globe that he wanted the papal compilation to outsell the soundtrack for the movie *Titanic*, a smash hit also produced by Sony.

Gelb said in an interview after the papal audience that the company was “in some ways more excited about the pope CD” than about the planned release in May of the soundtrack to the new movie in the *Star Wars* series, *The Phantom Menace*, also expected to be a big seller.

Before fielding questions alongside a panel of Vatican officials, Gelb showed a promotional video Sony planned to get

“into rotation on the music video channels” in addition to offering it to television news broadcasters for additional publicity.

Asked how much the company was spending to promote the Holy Father's CD, Gelb declined to give an exact figure, saying Sony planned to spend an amount “commensurate with the kind of sales that we expect [the CD] to have—what would be typically expected for a pop music recording.”

Jesuit Father Pasquale Borgomeo, director of Vatican Radio, said the Vatican had retained the right to control how the video was used and all other means of promoting the compact disc.

There was a danger, the priest explained, that the pontiff's recording might otherwise “be promoted in a way which is not appropriate to what it deserves.”

Likewise, he said, final creative control over the CD belonged to Vatican Radio, the legal owner of the recording and broadcast rights to the pope's voice.

Vatican officials ensured that a “very important clause” guaranteeing their rights went into the recording contract with Sony Classical, Father Borgomeo said, because “obviously, this is a delicate initiative to carry forward.”

So far, Father Borgomeo said, the experience has been so positive that it has caused them to consider undertaking “other initiatives involving the voice of the pope.” †



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Sony Classical, in cooperation with Vatican Radio, is releasing *Abbà Pater*, featuring instrumental works and reflections by Pope John Paul II. The CD went on sale worldwide March 23. The Holy Father recites psalms, Gospels and other inspirational passages in five languages and occasionally sings on the compact disc.

Pope will lead Holy Week events

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II will lead a full slate of Easter events in Rome and at the Vatican next week, highlighted by a nighttime Way of the Cross at the Rome Colosseum and an Easter Mass and blessing televised around the world.

Despite his declining mobility, the 78-year-old pope has refused to cut back on his appearances during Holy Week, when he presides over seven major ceremonies or liturgies.

The Vatican said this year's Holy Thursday evening Mass would feature a special collection to benefit the victims of recent earthquakes in Armenia and Colombia. That Mass, normally held in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, is being celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica to allow more people to attend, the Vatican said.

The pope's Easter schedule, published by the Vatican, lists local times in Rome:

March 28, Palm Sunday, 10 a.m.—The pope blesses palms and olive branches for a procession, then celebrates Mass in St. Peter's Square.

April 1, Holy Thursday, 9:30 a.m.—

The pope celebrates a Chrism Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with cardinals, bishops and priests resident in Rome.

6 p.m.—The pope celebrates Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. During the liturgy, he will wash the feet of 12 priests, in remembrance of Christ at the Last Supper.

April 2, Good Friday, 5 p.m.—The pope leads a liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica commemorating Christ's passion, with veneration of the cross. Traditionally, the pope hears confessions for more than an hour earlier in the day in St. Peter's.

9:15 p.m.—The pope leads the Way of the Cross at the Rome Colosseum.

April 3, Holy Saturday, 8 p.m.—The pope leads an Easter Vigil liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica, including a baptismal rite for adults.

April 4, Easter, 10:30 a.m.—The pope celebrates Mass on the steps in front of St. Peter's Basilica. Afterward, he imparts his blessing *urbi et orbi*—“to the city (of Rome) and to the world” and offers Easter wishes in many languages. †

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As children of God, we must help the poor

By Fr. Dale Lauderville, O.S.B.

In the Final Judgment scene recounted in Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus teaches that the Son of Man will come to separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep, who will enter into the heavenly kingdom, are those who cared for others during their lifetime.

In this scene, the glorified, enthroned Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Notice, however, a startling point of this teaching: The sheep did not know that they were caring for Jesus when they were serving others in need. Jesus identifies himself with the weak, the poor and the powerless.

If we want to encounter Jesus, we are instructed to reverse our all-too-human tendency to pay attention to the powerful rather than to the powerless. Furthermore, our worries about our own survival, achievement and comfort can consume our time and energy, and blind us to the invitation to life offered by Jesus through the poor and the powerless.

As responsible members of families and communities, we naturally try to do our part to support our lives together. Too often we may feel that we remain faithful to our responsibilities simply from a sense of duty.

Of course, it is no small thing to be dutiful. But in the midst of daily tasks, God calls us to move to a deeper level of reality and to live in ways that show we are creatures made in God's image. And we manifest our identity as children of God in a particularly clear way when we care for the needy and poor among us.

Why does Jesus teach that the deeds that qualify us for entry into the kingdom of heaven are corporal works of mercy?

When we examine our consciences, do we challenge ourselves about our care for the poor and the powerless?

Sometimes I wonder if the busyness and the noise of our lives has the effect of keeping Jesus' call to love our neighbor at arm's length. The poor can make us uncomfortable and disturb our routines. And Jesus often shows up in our lives in ways that we would avoid.

So many of us—from teen-agers to senior citizens—characterize our lives as "very busy." Time is a precious commodity. But how much of our busyness is the result of our own choices?

In Luke's Gospel, a scholar of the law asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Then Jesus elicited a response from the scholar showing that what must be done is to love God wholeheartedly and to love one's neighbor as oneself (Lk 10:25-28).

The scholar wanted to make sure that he was carrying out this important commandment, and so he asked Jesus to define the term "neighbor."

Jesus then told him the story of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37). The injured man in this story desperately needed assistance, but several persons passed him by.

It is possible for us to shield ourselves from caring for others. We can shape our "world" and our thinking about ourselves in such a way that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to others.

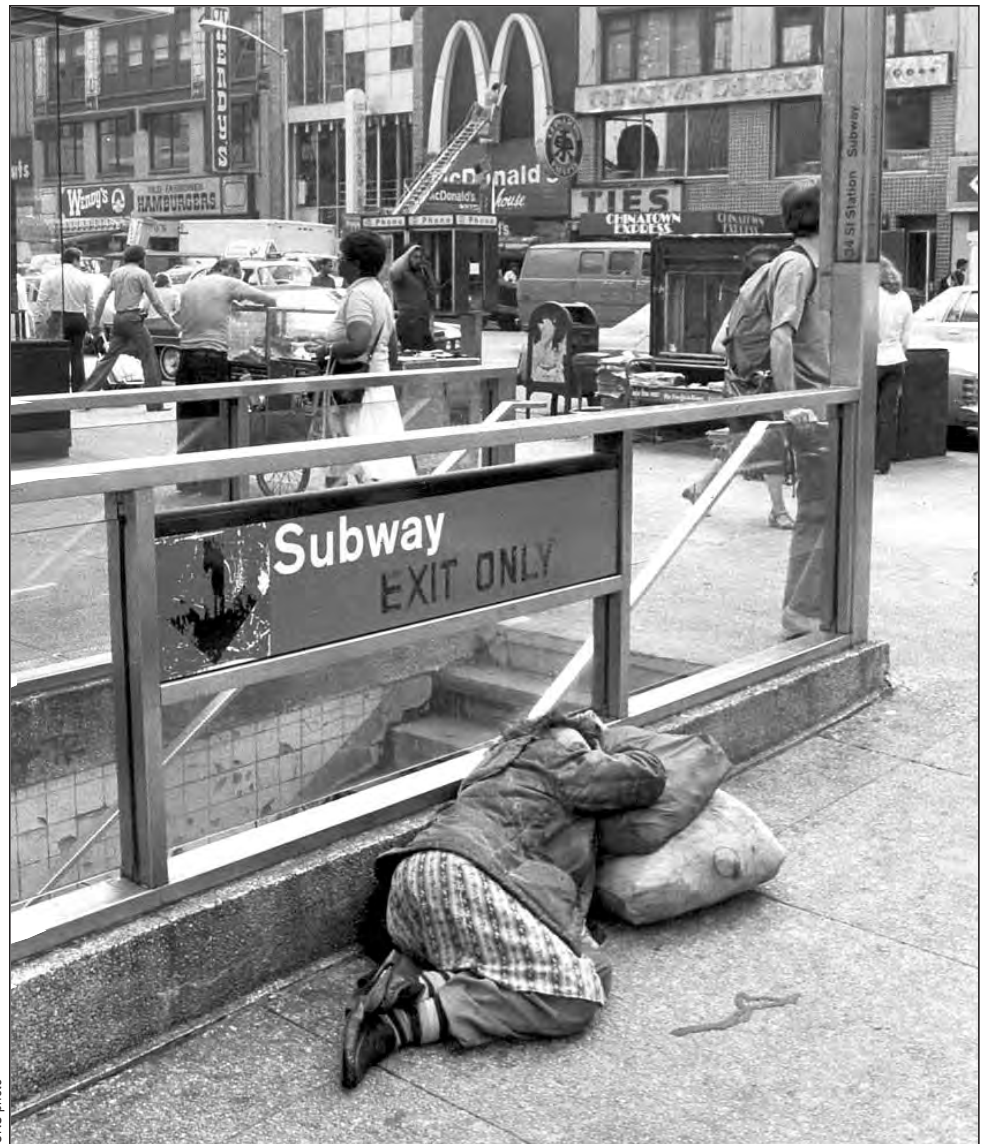
This can be countered, however, by doing ordinary, undramatic acts of kindness for others. Through the smaller deeds within our reach, we can encounter Christ in the lives of others and make a difference in our common life.

The call to love our neighbor is serious. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus relates the parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Lk 16:19-31). The poor and desperate Lazarus lies at the rich man's door day after day, but he is overlooked. Such indifference results in a reversal of fortunes in the next life: Lazarus, the poor man, is comforted while the indifferent rich man is in torment.

Do we humans almost instinctively find ways to remove the poor from our sight? Jesus teaches us that such indifference carries a high price.

Accepting Jesus' call to embrace our status as children of God and to receive a share in the divine life means that we regard all humans as made in the image of God. That, in turn, means treating the poor and the needy as people with whom Jesus has told us he identifies. To be attentive to those in need is to be near Jesus. †

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Sometimes the busyness and noise of daily life has the effect of keeping Jesus' call to love our neighbor at arm's length. The poor can make us uncomfortable and disturb our routines.

Pope: The world's need for the charity of God remains 'immense'

By David Gibson

At the start of Lent this year, Pope John Paul II called this pre-Easter season "a unique time of charity."

He also recalled that charity is the theological virtue he urged people to explore more deeply during 1999.

Today, the world's need for the charity of God remains "immense," he said. New forms of poverty await a "concrete and appropriate response" from Christians.

"In the Church's loving care," he wrote, all people must experience God's love. The pope cited lonely people, those on society's margins, the hungry, victims of violence and people without hope.

Brave plans are needed to ensure that the world's goods are shared more justly

within and between nations, Pope John Paul said. Action is called for by international institutions, national governments and centers controlling the world economy.

Among those who need love, the pope said, are people "excluded from the banquet of everyday consumerism."

Then the pontiff recalled Lazarus, the poor man of the Gospels. Like Lazarus, many people knock on society's door, he said, mentioning all the people who don't share in the material benefits of progress.

"There are situations of persistent misery which cannot but impinge upon the conscience of Christians" he said, who have a "duty to address these situations both as individuals and as a community." †

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Discussion Point

Gospels call us to serve others

This Week's Question

Tell of a specific way a parish, motivated by charity, can contribute to the common good.

"Our parish assists Catholic Charities with refugee resettlement. We have helped families from Cuba, Vietnam and Bosnia by sponsoring them as a parish. We meet the family at the airport, help with the paperwork, sponsor a collection to get them set up in an apartment, and maintain a supportive relationship with the family for six to eight months." (Robert Dever, deacon, Louisville, Ky.)

"Our parish has a St. Vincent de Paul Society that helps the poor by assisting them with their utility bills, food or medicine when it's needed. It's a local effort to help our community." (Celia Lusk, Beeville, Texas)

"Our parish participates in Loaves and Fishes, which is a community effort, sponsoring a community soup kitchen that takes up the slack on Saturdays and holidays when there isn't another source of food for the needy. We support the Muscatine Food Pantry by having a monthly food drive, and the Muscatine Birthright, a Catholic pro-life action group, with money and goods." (Gayle Sayles, Muscatine, Iowa)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: What would you hope Christians [living] centuries from now would remember about the Christians of the 20th century?

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Our redemption was won by Jesus' obedience to God's will

During Holy Week, which begins this Sunday, we reflect on the fact that, through his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus made infinite satisfaction to God for our sins and thus accomplished the redemption of the human race.



The daily liturgies next week will include the Gospel accounts of Jesus' arrest, condemnation, crucifixion and death. They tell us the facts of what happened to this Jewish man killed by the Roman occupiers of the Holy Land around the year 30. But it is up to us to meditate on the meaning of this episode and its importance in salvation history.

It's well for us to recognize the intense suffering that Jesus experienced in his scourging and crucifixion. But let us consider primarily Jesus' perfect obedience and loving acceptance of his Father's will for our sake.

This was demonstrated in the Agony in the Garden, reported by Matthew, Mark and Luke. Jesus, in contrast to his apostles, realized that his passion and death were imminent. Even though he had told his apostles that he had to suffer and die, when the time actually came he dreaded it as much as any other fully human person would. So he prayed to his Father, "If you are willing, take this cup away from me." Matthew and Mark say that he prayed this prayer three times, hoping that somehow his death might be avoided. But he also prayed, as

Matthew says, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" He obediently accepted God's will.

In our eucharistic celebrations, the priest consecrates the cup of the blood of the new and everlasting covenant which "will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven," the words that Jesus used during the Last Supper shortly before his Agony in the Garden. The Letter to the Hebrews elaborates on this new covenant, which replaced the first covenant.

The Letter to the Hebrews also helps us meditate on the fact that Jesus was both priest and victim when he offered himself. He was the heavenly high priest, the mediator of the new covenant, who offered himself as "one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God" (10:12).

The Letter to the Hebrews might help us to understand, too, the idea of a sacrifice during the time when Jesus lived. Jesus died in a bloody manner, as did the lambs and other animals sacrificed by the Jews. That is why John the Baptist called him "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29), the title we repeat before the Communion of each Mass.

God did not, though, necessarily will the suffering that Jesus endured. He willed our redemption; he permitted the conditions that brought about Jesus' death. That death was brought about by human sin—by our sins.

"We adore you, O Lord Jesus Christ, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." †

Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel

God's voice is voice of love

Has God spoken to you in a burning bush? Have you heard the voice of the Lord? Has an angel appeared to you in a dream?



Only a few biblical personalities have been able to answer "yes" to such questions. What about the rest of us? How does God speak to us?

Most people have no problem talking to God but do have a problem listening to him. God "speaks" to us constantly. Unfortunately we often fail to hear him because the "divine voice" is drowned out by the noises of the world.

Concentrating on the divine presence in silent prayer enables us to more readily "tune in" on the voice of God.

For example, we can "hear" the divine voice in nature. On a clear evening the stars seem to echo the voice of God. "Out of love I have created this great universe to share with you."

When we feel a soft breeze on a summer night, one can almost hear the soft voice of God say: "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you with my love."

In the midst of a thunderstorm the wind seems to shout a divine message. "My power is awesome and my love for you is even more so."

When the birds build their nests, the bees gather pollen and the geese fly south for the winter, God's voice can be heard. "Let the wonders of creation remind everyone of the wonder of my love for you."

People think that one must go out into the country to see nature. Let us not forget that human beings are also natural and reflect God more than anything else in the

world. Whenever we come into contact with another person, we can almost hear God speak. "I created human beings in my image so that they might partake in supreme love and happiness."

When we were growing up, our parents watched over us and protected us from harm. In their love for us God speaks volumes. "Through your parents, I watched over and protected you, my beloved children."

We all have a natural craving to love and to be loved. In this essential need, God is telling us: "I am love itself and I hunger for your love."

Friends make life worth living. My friends and I express our love for one another by spending time together and doing acts of kindness on one another's behalf. In the midst of this intimate relationship, God's voice can be detected. "I am with you and express my love for you through your friends. Their love for you, came from me."

We all hear that "little voice" deep within that affirms us when we act in a loving fashion and scolds us when we sin.

Through our conscience God tells us: "I want you to share the divine joy that comes from taking the most loving course of action."

God's voice comes through loud and clear in the Bible. As the very Word of God, Jesus spoke on the Father's behalf about the wonder of divine love and mercy.

Perhaps we have not experienced God in a burning bush, heard voices from heaven or conversed with an angel. Nevertheless, we listen to God's voice in ways that are no less real. †

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Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

How to really simplify life

This club I belong to has presented at least two or three programs on simplifying your life.



We've filled out questionnaires designed to reveal exactly what's cluttering up our lives so that we can do something about it. We've shared discussions, given each other lurid examples of our personal disorganization, expressed hope for change, and even displayed some energy toward that end.

So far, no results.

This is something like trying to lose weight or get in shape. Or deciding to learn a second language, or quit smoking, or clean the garage, basement, closets. It's on the dowdy "should" list as opposed to the thrilling "wants." Guess which ones get done.

We dream of some kind of impetus to get us going, some *deus ex machina*, some savior to force us to correct action. Is it any wonder, then, that the Jews were absolutely thrilled when Jesus rode into Bethlehem on a donkey on that first Palm Sunday? Can we blame them for exulting over someone they thought had the power to save them at last?

Of course, their idea of a Messiah was that Jesus would be a kind of king. His majesty would release them from bondage and subservience to whoever was oppressing them at the moment. They probably would've backed anybody who promised to do that, but if he was presented as the prophesied Messiah as well, so much the better!

Actually, I think the metaphor of simplifying our lives is closer to the meaning of Palm Sunday than was the Jews' expectation of a powerful king. Jesus came to save us from ourselves, our human failings and sins, not from political or physical oppression.

Certainly it must help our temporal being if we're empowered spiritually. But as for relieving us of personal slavery to others, poverty, or national humiliation, that's not what the Messiah came to do.

Now, saving us from ourselves is an interesting concept that Lent has been providing us an opportunity to study closely. We've been invited to examine the various kinds of disorganization that clutter up our spiritual lives; things like neglecting the sacraments meant to nourish us in favor of sleeping in, or ignoring the guidelines offered by Scripture and the Church in favor of the gospel according to *People* magazine.

And our physical lives may be overorganized with busyness. We can be submerged in a clutter of meetings, sports schedules, work deadlines, appointments, gym workouts, social events. Maybe we're tied to the clock, the car, the TV, or the expectations of others. We may be judging ourselves by social or economic standards.

But on Palm Sunday the Messiah comes, not necessarily to save us from all that stuff, but to show us the way to dissipate the spiritual disorganization that causes it. On this day God's promise begins its fulfillment in Christ's passion. Music up! †

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

Be Our Guest/Shirley Vogler Meister

Franciscan priest in China is 'Father Deep Happiness'

One day while opening my e-mail, I came across a return address I didn't recognize, since it included a Chinese word.



To my pleasant surprise, the message was from an American priest. I'd admired a column he'd written for a Catholic publication, and I'd complimented his work via the editor, who then passed it on to him in China.

I had no idea from the column that the priest was there, but then neither did the Chinese people. He was not specifically

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in their country as a priest, but in another capacity. Because of the shaky—even dangerous—relationship between the Chinese government and those who are Church-affiliated, I refrain from sharing too many details in order to ensure the priest's safety. However, I can share this:

A Chinese word in the priest's e-mail address fascinated me. One day while in a Chinese restaurant, I asked the native-speaking waitress the definition of the word. She smiled sweetly and said, "Ah, yes, this means *I give you happy*."

In my next message to the priest, I told him how charmed I was to discover this interpretation. His return note said bluntly, "She's wrong." He claimed it means "Father," which is how Catholics address priests.

He explained how intricate the Chinese language is: Different tones can bring about completely different meanings. As he worked the word through the various tonal differences, he himself came to a revelation right in the midst of his message. He realized that, in certain tones, the word "could actually mean *deep happiness*. I never thought of that before," he said.

So, the waitress was right after all, I thought.

As the priest and I continue our correspondence, I can tell he is truly happy in his work, even though he's been in some frightening situations. His outward role in China is to help others in ways accepted by the government. By his daily

example—by living his life in a Christian manner—he edifies those with whom he interacts. In quiet ways, he continues his priestly role in a clandestine manner, giving comfort to those

yearning for spiritual interaction.

Just as his presence edifies those with whom he works, his happiness in his work edifies me. I pray for him, just as I do for all religious and lay missionaries, both at home and abroad. What's more, I often silently and prayerfully say the beautiful Chinese word that means both "Father" and "I give you happy"—and I'm pleased to know this "Father" who not only enjoys "deep happiness" himself, but brings happiness to others. †

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Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 28, 1999

- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Matthew 26:14-27:66

This weekend the Church celebrates the great day of Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday, long such an important and moving liturgical event for Catholics. It begins Holy Week. The first reading is from the Book of Isaiah. At no time is Isaiah in want of literary magnificence. Certainly this weekend's first reading is typical in this sense, but even more so. The reading for Palm Sunday is one of the four glorious Songs of the Suffering Servant, long revered as among the special treasures of this particular book of prophecy.

No one now can say whom the author of the third section of Isaiah had in mind when writing the Suffering Servant songs.

Some think that it may have been the prophet himself. After all, as a general rule, prophets won no popularity contests. They inevitably were scorned and challenged.

Others believe that the servant is a collective figure representing the holy people of God. When the prophecy was written, the Babylonian Captivity had ended and a calm prevailed, at least in military terms. But the backdrop was the awful history of conquest and abuse visited upon God's people by their pagan, more powerful neighbors.

Still others conjecture that the servant is a messiah who will come to redeem God's people from the effects of their sins.

In any case, this weekend's song splendidly proclaims the faithfulness of the servant. Come what may, the servant is loyal to God.

The Epistle to the Philippians supplies the next reading.

Actually, this passage also was written in the poetic style. Scholars speculate that more probably it was a hymn sung by the early Christians. Its trademark, of course, is the emphatic and excited verse with which it closes, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Powerfully, this reading reminds us of the central, indeed the essential, place Jesus occupied in the faith and in the belief of the first Christians.

In Christ was salvation. For the earliest followers of the Lord, Jesus linked them with God and with eternal life. He connected them with everything good.

He redeemed them on Calvary. In the Lord, they possessed eternity itself.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the third reading. Proclaiming the poignant and expressive story of the Lord's trial and execution is historically the Scriptural centerpiece of Palm Sunday.

The four Gospels are alike in the detail with which they tell the story of Christ's death. If nothing else, this careful attention to detail reveals how very important the Evangelists thought the Passion and Crucifixion were in the agenda of redemption.

Surely Matthew's Gospel fits into this general category. About 80 percent of Matthew's account copies the story in Mark. However, Matthew has its own special insight. Jesus is surely victimized by the Romans' disdain for anything true and just, and by the political intrigue of the time.

Yet, Matthew seems to insist, Jesus is no helpless victim. To the contrary, Jesus is majestic. He is mighty. He is in control. What unfolds is God's plan of love to reconcile with humanity regardless of the hurdles created by human sin and evil.

Important also to Matthew is that all the prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus.

Reflection

This weekend, with this imposing liturgy, the Church begins Holy Week. As the week progresses, the Church liturgically will guide its faithful through Holy Thursday. It superbly will teach through the liturgy the great spiritual realities of love and service contained in the Chrism Mass and the Mass of the Last Supper. It will teach the meaning of the Holy Week. Then will come Good Friday.

Finally, with an unrestrained excitement and joy, the Church will salute Jesus as the Risen Lord. Moreover, it will link all who love Jesus with God in the resurrected Savior. This will be the



Daily Readings

Monday, March 29

Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 30

Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17
John 13:21-33, 36-38
Mass of Chrism
Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27
Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21

Wednesday, March 31

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 2

Good Friday
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1 - 19:42

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday
The Easter Vigil
(1) Genesis 1:1 - 2:2
or Genesis 1:1, 26-31a
Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c
or Psalm 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22
(2) Genesis 22:1-18
or Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 16:5, 8-11
(3) Exodus 14:15 - 15:1
(Response) Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18
(4) Isaiah 54:5-14
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
(5) Isaiah 55:1-11
(Response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
(6) Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4
Psalm 19:8-11
(7) Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Psalms 42:3, 5bcd; 43:3-4
or, when baptism is celebrated,
(Response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
or Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19
(8) Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
(9) Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9
or Matthew 28:1-10
or, in the evening,
Luke 24:13-35

Easter Vigil celebration with its baptism of new Christians.

Through all these days with the impressive and historical rituals, the Church invites us to come to God. Repeatedly, emphatically it tells us that God loves us with an everlasting love. Jesus loved us with a perfect, unending, unqualified love.

This is the message this weekend of the Song of the Suffering Servant, of the proclamation of the Passion. God loves us. Our sins crumble before God's love. The Church implores us these days to realize that God loves us, and to come to God with our own unqualified love. †

My Journey to God

Eternal Love

The cross of Jesus,
The greatest gift of love,
For without this giving
Our soul has no home,
Paradise is lost.

So pick up our cross,
Carry it proudly,
Share its meaning,
Proclaim its message,
Giving love in return.

This cross of Jesus,
The greatest gift of all,
His love overflowing,
His word,
Soul's salvation.

Take up this cross,
Precious gift that it is,
Carry it well with others.
He is with us all, showing us
Our burden will be light.

By Paul A. Jackson

(Paul Jackson is a member of St. Benedict Parish in Terre Haute.)



Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Debate continues on the safety of drinking from the communion cup

Your response a few weeks ago, pointing out that AIDS and Hepatitis C cannot be contracted from the communion cup, covered the issues in the question quite well.

However, these are not the only pathogens that are of concern. Other kinds of infections can be transmitted when drinking from a contaminated cup. It would be wrong for people to have the impression that no medical concerns are related to drinking from a common cup. (Illinois)

I thank you and several other readers who wrote making the same point.

As you note, the question and response dealt solely with AIDS and Hepatitis C. Some headlines placed over the column, however, implied that there is never a health risk from the communion cup.

Obviously, that is not true, and it is reason to be cautious and considerate.

In my experience, people are generally

very careful not to drink from the cup if they are suffering from respiratory illness or other conditions that might be transmitted to other people. That is good.

In other words, we need to use sense and be thoughtful of others as well as of ourselves. But, to my knowledge at least, no illness, even a serious one, has been traced to the communion cup.

Thus, from all the information available, there is no reason to discontinue, as some occasionally claim, the centuries-old practice of offering Communion in both species of bread and wine. It remains a notable and meaningful element of our eucharistic liturgy. †

Editor's Note: The Criterion published this Dietzen column on Feb. 12 with the headline "Scientists say it's safe to use the communion cup." We regret any confusion caused by this headline.

(A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving and ministering the holy Eucharist is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

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March 26

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.

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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.

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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

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March 27

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, Beech Grove, 1402 Southern Ave., will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9-11 a.m. Bring the kids for games, egg hunt and more. Information: 317-788-7581.

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The Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center will present "Developing a Forgiving Heart," with Providence Sister Margaret Kern from 9 a.m.-noon at Sacred Heart Family Center, Terre Haute. Information and Registration: 812-232-8400.

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The Couple to Couple League will hold Natural Family Planning classes at St. Luke Parish, Indianapolis, 7575 Holliday Dr. East beginning at 9 a.m. Information: 317-862-3848.

March 27-28

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March 28

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

Recurring

Daily

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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).

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

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

Mondays

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

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

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St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., offers adult religious education classes from 7-9:30 p.m. there is a minimal fee. Information: 317-842-5869.

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

Wednesdays

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



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

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St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates gather at 7 p.m. to pray for lay and religious vocations.

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St. Patrick Parish, Salem, Shelby St., holds a prayer service, 7 p.m.

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St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, celebrates Liturgy of the Hours, evening prayer at 7 p.m. 317-852-3195.

Fridays

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

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

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Saturdays

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

Monthly

First Sundays

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, prayer group meets in the church from 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

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First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., north of St. Michael Church, holds Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession is at 6:45 p.m.

St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., holds holy hour for religious vocations with Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, has eucharistic adoration after the 8 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., holds adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, holds eucharistic adoration following the 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 a.m. Mass, closing with communion service at noon.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bedford, celebrates exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. The sacrament of reconciliation is available from 4-6 p.m.

St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute, holds eucharistic adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m., with rosary at noon.

First Saturdays

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, has 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music followed by the Fatima rosary. Monthly SACRED gathering follows in the parish school.

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

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

Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis, 28th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m.-noon.

Second Thursdays

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

Third Sundays

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

Third Mondays

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

Third Wednesdays

Catholic Widowed Organization meets from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

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

Third Thursdays

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds family rosary night at 7 p.m.

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

Third Fridays

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

Third Saturdays

The archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Andrew Parish, 3922 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, celebrates Mass for Life, 8:30 a.m., followed by walk to the abortion clinic at 2951 E. 38th St. to pray the rosary and return to St. Andrew Parish for Benediction.

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TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony,

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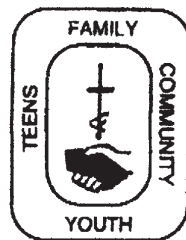
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Day 7: Tuesday, Lyon/Ars/Lyon

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Day 8: Wednesday, Lyon/Avignon

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Day 9: Thursday, Avignon/Lourdes

- Lourdes, a small town in the Pyrenees Mountains. Here in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette and identified herself as "The Immaculate Conception."

Day 10: Friday, Lourdes

- Visit the Basilica of Lourdes, and the Cachot, the place where Bernadette lived at the time of the apparitions. We will attend the Blessing of the Sick and have an opportunity to bathe in the miraculous waters of Massabielle.

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Spiritual formation retreats explore the sacred

By Susan M. Bierman

Hunger for spirituality brought lay ministers together recently for retreats in central and southern Indiana.

This new effort by the archdiocese offered "Basics of Spirituality," a spiritual formation retreat for lay ministers, at three sites.

Franciscan Sister Georgene L. Wilson of Wheaton, Ill., who holds a doctorate in ministry and is a spiritual retreat director, facilitated the retreats on March 15 at St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour and the Aquinas Center in Clarksville. She also presented a third retreat on March 16 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

The retreat featured the book written by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat titled *Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life*.

Sister Georgene said the book focuses on "learning to find eyes to be able to see the sacred everywhere.

"We can't just have eyes for seeing one religious way of the Spirit being present—the Spirit is present everywhere," Sister Georgene said.

She explained how the Spirit is present in places, among friends, animals, in pain and suffering, and in life and death.

Sister Georgene used the "alphabet of spiritual literacy," which is outlined in the book, during her presentation.

"It's A through Z of different pieces of wisdom for many different spiritual traditions that we find necessary in order to grow spiritually," she said.

Through anecdotes with stories and poetry, Sister Georgene asked the retreat participants questions for reflection and sharing.

The retreat offered time for meditation that helped participants learn about their spirituality. Sister Georgene stressed that spirituality and religion differ.

"The difference between spirituality and religion is that spirituality is one's personal relationship with God where religion is the corporate body expressing beliefs together," she said.

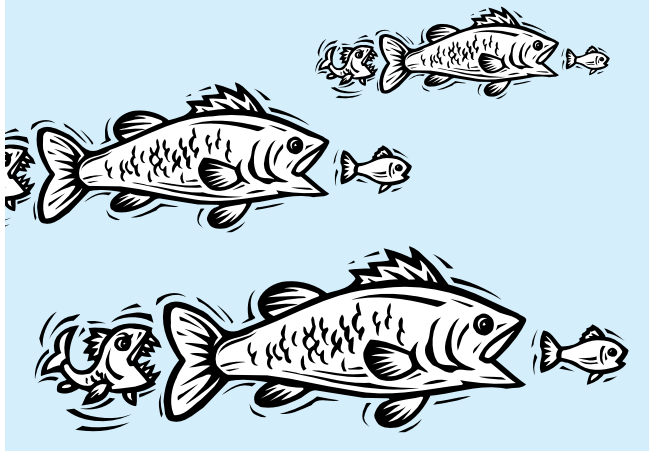
She explained that spirituality is built on experience and practice. Sister Georgene said she hoped the retreat participants would leave empowered to be able to practice spirituality.

"I hope they realize that spirituality is something they do. It's their relationship with God," she said.

She added that one of the most important things to consider with spirituality is one's relationship with God built from experiences.

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"It's not an observatory sport—it's a practice," she said.

"I keep saying practice, because you have to be involved and you have to participate," she added.

Sister Georgene said she believes that everyone has been given a gift of free will and that God will not transgress that gift.

She explained that the only way to align one's will with God's will is to open the gate for the alignment.

"It is through practice and asking for what we need and paying attention to grace," she said.

Marilyn Hess, associate director of the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Family Ministries, attended the retreat in Indianapolis. Hess said the retreat served as a reminder "to be aware of the sacred in each and every ordinary moment and action." †



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Franciscan Sister Georgene L. Wilson of Wheaton, Ill., presented lay ministry retreats in Seymour, Clarksville and Indianapolis recently based on the spiritual formation theme of finding the sacred in everyday life experiences.

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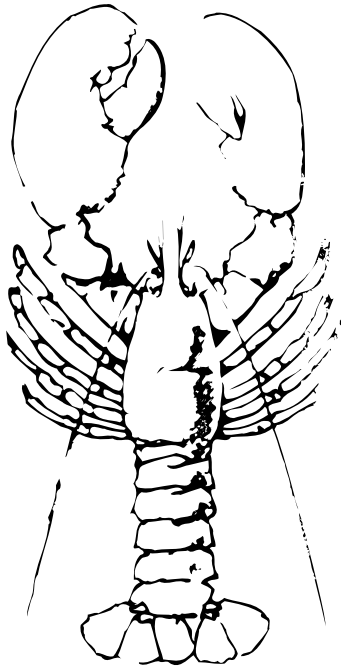
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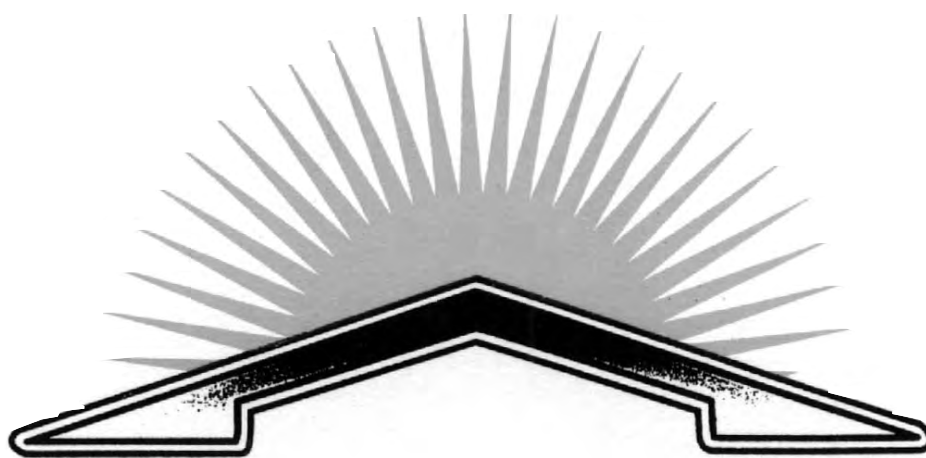
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BROOKS, Amy, 81, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 12. Wife of Raymond J. Brooks, Sr. Mother of Raymond J. Brooks, Jr., Vivian Kiel. Grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of 10.

BURKEL, Mary Etta, 81, Holy Family, New Albany, March 14. Mother of Deborah Frieberger, Wanda Johnson. Grandmother of six; great-grandmother of five.

CORLISS, Alma E., 91, Little

Flower, Indianapolis, March 8. Mother of Ann, Donna, Charles, Merle, Michael, Patrick. Sister of Viola Snyder. Grandmother of 16; great-grandmother of 22; great-great-grandmother of two.

DOUGHTERY, Eleanor T., 80, Little Flower, Indianapolis, March 12. Aunt of several.

DUFOUR, Nell R., 87, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, March 12. Mother of Daniel, Richard, Christopher, Maria Dufour, Dianne Metzler, Victoria Moors, Bernadette Bauer, Donna Culotta, Sussane Sullivan, Lenore Mahoney. Grandmother of 16, Great-grandmother of two.

GETTELFINGER, Donald, Sr., 66, St. Michael, Bradford, March 12. Husband of Yvonne Gettelfinger. Father of Jay, Donald Gettelfinger, Jr., Sheri Marshall. Son of Mary C.

Gettelfinger. Brother of John, Joe, Dave Gettelfinger, Pauline Receveur, Ann Knable, Hilda Thieneman, Mary Springler, Marcella Stumler, Delores Frieberger. Grandfather of four.

GRIENER, Ted F., 89, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, March 12. Uncle of several.

HERTEL, Catherine G., 86, St. Michael, Brookville, March 12. Mother of Thomas, Charles Hertel, Bernice Kirschner, Judy Strohmer, Pat Steffen. Sister of Emma Novak. Grandmother of 17; step-grandmother of three; great-grandmother of 25; step-great-grandmother of eight; great-great-grandmother of two.

HUFFERD, Margaret, 85, St. Mary, Rushville, March 12. Mother of John, Jim, Tom, Max Hufferd. Grandmother of 14, Great-grandmother of 28.

MAASS, Lyall Walter, Sr., 68, St. Thomas Moore, Mooresville, March 12. Father of Mary, Lyall, Jr., Lisa Maass. Grandfather of three; great-grandfather of one.

MAYER, Vicki, 36, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 13. Wife of

Rick F. Mayer. Mother of Matthew, Bryan Mayer, Daughter of Elizabeth and William Menish, Sr. Granddaughter of Eva Macellis Moore, June Menish. Sister of Bill Menish Jr.

MELLON, Elizabeth Ellen, 54, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, March 5. Mother of Sarah, John, Brian, Charlie, Sam Hutchinson, Melissa Brown, Michelle Haas, Grandmother of eight.

ROGERS, Judith Ann, 61, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Feb. 25. Wife of Jimmy. Mother of Cathy Arthur, Joanne Carroll, Kim Hart, Nancy Roberts, Marilyn Bittle, Leslie Watson. Daughter of Marie LeMasters, Sister of Bill Larsh, Tom, Richard LeMasters. Grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of two.

SPEER, Charles E., 85, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 11. Husband of Mary (Hornberger) Speer. Father of Charles Speer, Jr., Shirley Spitz, Rita Saylor. Grandfather of five; great-grandfather of 12.

STROTHER, Vivian R., 81, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, March 12. Mother of Charles; stepmother of Terry. Grandmother of four; great-grandmother of two.

SULLIVAN, Katherine (Quinn), 85, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Feb. 24. Mother of James, John and Mary C. Sullivan, Kathleen Hammerle, Peg Fillenwarth, Susan Sark. Grandmother of 28. Great-grandmother of 21.

TEIPEN, Henry I., 72, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, March 1. Husband of Doris Teipen. Father of Kelly Manning, Tracy Teipen. Brother of Paul Teipen. Grandfather of four.

THATCHER, Richard "Dick," 69, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, Feb. 21. Husband of Bertha Thatcher. Father of Theresa Seyfried, Steven Thatcher, Connie Griffin. Brother of Robert Thatcher, Ruby Norman, Betty Greer. Grandfather of seven.

TODT, Thomas, 49, St. Bartholomew, Columbus,

March 14. Brother of John Todt, Alice Perry, Margaret Jewitt.

TRISCHLER, Gloria, St. Thomas Moore, Mooresville, Feb. Wife of Floyd Trischler.

UBERTA, Anthony, Sr., 78, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, March 9. Father of Judith McLinn, Rosa Spoon, Harriet Smith. Brother of Denny, Palman Uberta. Grandfather of 10; great-grandfather of 10; great-great-grandfather of one.

WATT, Flora Marie Altmeyer, 92, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 1. Mother of John and James Watt. Grandmother of six; great-grandmother of six.

WILLIAMS, Richard E., 76, St. Rita, Indianapolis, March 3. Father of Richardean Williams. Brother of Charlie Williams, Gertrude Newman. Grandfather of two.

WYMAN, Raymond H., 90, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Feb. 21. Husband of Frances M. Zakrzesk Wyman. Father of Harold E. Wyman, Mollie Stanfield, Pauline Taylor. Grandfather of six; great-grandfather of seven. †

Sainthood cause advances for Pope Paul VI

ROME (CNS)—With a solemn *Te Deum* song of thanksgiving, Italian Church leaders closed the initial phase of the sainthood cause for Pope Paul VI.



Pope Paul VI

A ceremony in the Basilica of St. John Lateran March 18 marked the end of a six-year Rome diocesan investigation of the late pope's activities and spiritual virtues.

The cause now goes to the Vatican for further investigation, which is expected to

take several years. The diocesan process included a review of documents written by or associated with Pope Paul, interviews with 165 witnesses, and acceptance of 10 sworn statements from cardinals and bishops who knew him well. In a talk, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar of Rome, said the documentary phase had highlighted the late pope's great humility, along with his foresight in opening the Church to the world. Cardinal Ruini noted that it was Pope Paul VI who unexpectedly knelt to kiss the feet of an Orthodox metropolitan during a ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica.

The late pope also abolished the papal court and did away with the papal tiara and other trappings of the papacy. Implementing the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul promoted the Church's dialogues with contemporary culture, with other religions, with other Christian churches and within the Catholic Church itself, Cardinal Ruini said. Pope Paul also was the first modern pope to travel extensively, kissing the ground when he arrived in a new country. Cardinal Ruini said the reputed pes-

simism of Pope Paul VI was "an invention of the media." The pope was a realist when it came to the presence of evil in the world, the cardinal said, but he firmly believed in the resurgence of Christianity and a modern thirst for spirituality. In an interview with Vatican Radio, the postulator for the cause, Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, said Pope Paul VI was a man who lived "in a profound, intimate union with God, which is the nucleus of sainthood." †

Pope prays for 39 missionary martyrs killed during 1998

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II prayed for the 39 missionaries martyred in 1998 around the globe and said their witness to the faith was an important sign to the Church and to the world. "The blood of these brothers and sisters is the seed of new Christians, the seed of reconciliation and of hope," the pope said at a noon blessing March 21. "Their witness enriches the treasure of grace that the Church will open up to everyone in the great jubilee, and their memory helps us live more intensely this period of preparation for Easter," he said. On March 24, many countries were celebrating a day of prayer and fasting for missionary martyrs.

In Italy, the Young Missionary Movement organized three days dedicated to the memory of slain missionary workers. Catholics were asked to light a candle in remembrance of those who died, observe a day of silence and join in the day of prayer and fasting. The organization also distributed a martyrology that lists and describes the approximately 1,300 missionary workers slain from 1928 to the present. The pope has asked organizers of Holy Year 2000 to highlight the sacrifice made by all 20th-century martyrs. In recent years, the pontiff has made a point of praying for the increasing numbers of missionaries killed for the faith. †

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