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Court hears extortion, racketeering claims against abortion protests

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Supreme Court heard arguments on Dec. 4 over whether protests at abortion clinics fall under laws against racketeering and extortion.

In the latest round of a case that has been to the court once before, attorneys tried to persuade the justices about whether protests by Operation Rescue and the Pro-Life Action League fit what Congress intended to prohibit in laws aimed at preventing people from profiting by controlling others' businesses.

Although a handful of protesters for and against legal abortion carried signs and

chanted slogans outside the Supreme Court, the questions facing the court in the case have nothing to do with the legality of abortion. A ruling could, however, affect all sorts of protests, if targeted institutions or businesses are able to have protesters prosecuted under federal laws for restricting their operations.

The two cases being heard together, *Joseph Scheidler and the Pro-Life Action League vs. the National Organization for Women*, or NOW, and *Operation Rescue vs. NOW*, originated with blockades and sit-ins at abortion clinics in Delaware and

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Thomas Brejcha and Deborah Fischer of the Thomas More Society brief the media in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on Dec. 4 after giving their arguments in a case about applying laws against racketeering and extortion to abortion clinic demonstrations. The attorneys represent the petitioners in the case, including members of the Pro-Life Action League and Operation Rescue.

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception celebrates 150 years of excellence

By Mary Ann Wyand

OLDENBURG—Virtue. Honor. Education.

Those values sum up the 150-year history of the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception, which was founded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg in 1852 to provide a Catholic education for girls in this predominantly German area of southeastern Indiana.

The words are featured on the Franciscan school's crest as a reminder to students to strive for excellence in academics and character development.

Three years ago, the former all-girls boarding school became a coeducational college preparatory school after the Sisters of St. Francis and the academy board of trustees decided to open the school to boys to reverse dwindling enrollment figures.

This year, boys comprise about 40 percent of the academy's 177 students. Members of the last all-girls class graduate this spring.

"It's really great to go to school at Oldenburg," junior Tom Haynes, a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, said before the academy's 150th anniversary Mass on Dec. 8. "I think going coed gave new life to the academy. Most of the girls are now OK with having boys at Oldenburg."

Tom presented the first reading during the anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the Franciscan motherhouse.

"It's a great honor to participate in the Mass with the archbishop," Tom said about the historic liturgy.

Sophomore class president Amanda Mersch, also a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, read the second reading.

"I think it's pretty great that this small school has survived for 150 years



Oldenburg Academy sophomore Sarah Kirschner, a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, carries the crucifix during the Franciscan school's 150th anniversary Mass on Dec. 8 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the Sisters of St. Francis motherhouse.

and that I'm helping carry on the tradition of Oldenburg Academy," Amanda said before the Mass. "There's a good connection between the students and the sisters. I'm part of the Adopt-a-Sis Program. Students have lunch with the sisters and get to know them."

Senior Stephanie Kohlsdorf, a member of Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Cedar Grove, helped present the petitions.

"I'm glad to be a part of Oldenburg Academy," Stephanie said. "My mom, Darlene Rennekamp Kohlsdorf, went to school here. Maybe, some day, my kids will go to school here, too."

Franciscan Sister Therese Gillman, president of the academy, welcomed students, parents, trustees and guests to the special liturgy last Sunday.

"For 150 years, many young people

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Saint Meinrad priest honored for scholarly studies of black Catholic Church

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Hailing him as the "single most important leader in historical studies of the African-American Catholic Church in the United States," The Catholic University of America awarded the 15th annual Johannes Quasten Medal for Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership in Religious Studies to Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis on Dec. 4.

"Without a doubt, Father Cyprian is the major figure in black Catholic Church history in the United States," said Father Stephen Happel, dean of the university's School of Religious Studies, which awards the medal annually.

[Father Happel was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and also was a professor at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.]

Past recipients, Father Happel said, include "a succession of major Church thinkers, historians and theologians."

A professor of Church history at the Saint Meinrad School of Theology in southern Indiana and a history professor at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana, in New Orleans, Father Cyprian has written countless books and articles, including 1990's *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*, which was the recipient of

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presents a papal blessing from Pope John Paul II to Oldenburg Academy principal Connie Deardorff during the anniversary Mass.

Archdiocesan accountability report in this issue

The 2002 Accountability Report for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis begins on page 11 of this issue. The three-page report gives a detailed explanation of the financial status of the archdiocese.

The report includes a letter from Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein to all members of the archdiocese in which

he reviews the many blessings the archdiocese has received in the past 10 years and lists some of the challenges the Church in central and southern Indiana faces.

The report also lists the archdiocese's financial assets, liabilities and operating expenses and revenues as well as informa-

tion about Legacy of Hope allocations and distributions and other archdiocesan investments.

Jeffrey D. Stumpf, chief financial officer for the archdiocese, highlights several of the most significant aspects of the archdiocese's financial operations. †

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have come through the doors of Oldenburg Academy seeking in their own unique ways to prepare for life directed by our God through academics, the arts, service, faith and lifelong friendships," Sister Therese said. "Thousands of eager young adults have left these halls to venture out and answer the call that God has sent to them. For a century and a half, our graduates have prepared the way of the Lord in married life, single life and religious life."

In his homily for the anniversary liturgy, Archbishop Buechlein spoke of how the Advent message of "Prepare the way of the Lord" continues to be lived at Oldenburg Academy.

The history of the Oldenburg Franciscans and their educational ministry has been a pilgrimage of faith and hope, the archbishop said, marked by challenges through the years.

"We stand on the shoulders of the remarkable Sisters of St. Francis and our Catholic ancestors in southeastern Indiana," he said, who recognized the importance of providing Catholic and Franciscan education for future generations.

"Always remember that our foundation stone is Jesus Christ," Archbishop Buechlein said. "Let us fulfill the wish of St. Paul when he wrote to the Ephesians, 'May Christ find a dwelling place in your hearts.'"

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bruce Rippe, chairman of the board of trustees, and a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, reflected on the many dramatic changes in world history since the Franciscan sisters began their educational ministry in Franklin County a century and a half ago.

The sisters founded the academy before the start of the Civil War, he said, and have kept the academy going through two world wars, the Great Depression and declining religious vocations.

Sister Theresia Hackelmeier founded the Oldenburg Franciscan community on Jan. 6, 1851, and Sister Antonio Dreer was the academy's first principal in 1852.

"This day is a tribute to the Sisters of St. Francis," Rippe said, "and to all past and present faculty, administrators and trustees. Not many organizations could have survived the last 150 years. The fact that Oldenburg [Academy] has survived speaks of the sisters' commitment and their sacrifices for the benefit of the school and the students."

The Franciscan sisters continue to be a source of inspiration to the academy administrators and faculty, Rippe said. "The sisters' tradition is now carried on by an outstanding faculty and administration, who are moving us forward to the next chapter in its history."

Oldenburg principal Connie Deardorff, who has been a faculty member since 1990, said after the Mass that the academy has been blessed throughout its unique history with "a lot of Church and community support" that has enabled it to continue educating young people in the 21st century. †



Above, Oldenburg Academy junior Nick Cossentino, an orchestra member from St. Nicholas Parish in Sunman, carries a drum from the academy to the Church of the Immaculate Conception for the Franciscan school's 150th anniversary Mass on Dec. 8. Junior Matt Schutte, a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, follows Nick with his trumpet case. Boys were admitted to the former all-girls' school three years ago.

Above left, this sign in front of the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception marks the Franciscan school's 150 years of educational ministry in southeastern Indiana. President George W. Bush and Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon sent proclamations honoring the academy for excellence in education. Oldenburg students consistently earn high scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Left, this Oldenburg Academy archival photograph shows the late Bishop Paul C. Schulte leading the Sisters of St. Francis and Oldenburg Academy students in a procession for the dedication of the new school building in 1967. The Franciscan academy formerly was an all-girls boarding school. It is the oldest Catholic secondary school in the archdiocese.

Correction

Msgr. Owen Campion, the syndicated columnist who writes the weekly "Sunday Readings" reflection for *The Criterion* and other diocesan newspapers, accidentally used the Scripture passages for Cycle A instead of Cycle B for his Dec. 8 column. However, the Scripture passages listed in the headline were correct. †

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Marian College receives \$2 million grant for new program

By Jennifer Lindberg

Marian College has received a \$2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, allowing the college to immediately move forward with a new program aimed at preparing students as leaders in the Church and society.

"Rebuild My Church," an initiative to reach students who want to work for the Church while providing formation to other students for any career they choose, will start next fall, said Daniel J. Elsener, president of the college.

"This helps us to immediately make the investments that take our past commitments of educating and forming people for service to the Church and helps us be more intentional, thorough and supportive of young people who want to serve," he said.

Already, the Indianapolis college has received numerous résumés for a director of Church relations to oversee the program.

The Lilly Endowment grant will speed up the program's implementation, allowing for the director to be hired as well as a liturgical musician.

The program will provide as many as 40 scholarships of \$11,000 to students, called San Damiano Scholars, to explore their vocation as a priest, religious sister or brother, or an informed layperson.

With the Lilly Endowment grant and a \$1 million anonymous gift, the college will begin to actively recruit students for the scholarship, Elsener said. There is also a \$55,000 pledge for scholarships.

San Damiano Scholarships are a way to help students ease college debt and work for the Church in jobs that may not pay as

much as the private sector.

The "Rebuild My Church" program also includes new Catholic tracts for majors, retreats, pilgrimages, recruitment and a new Catholic studies major.

Marian College received the largest grant of the two Indiana schools chosen by Lilly Endowment. Butler University in Indianapolis received the other.

Lilly Endowment awarded the grants as part of its theological-vocation initiative to help Church-related liberal arts colleges implement programs for students to explore Christian ministry and consider a career in that type of service.

The new program at Marian was inspired by the work of St. Francis, the founder of the Franciscan order who began his life ministering to God in Assisi, Italy. St. Francis, born in 1182, had a vision

of Christ telling him to rebuild his Church while he was praying in front of a crucifix. St. Francis understood the vision literally at first and started rebuilding churches in disrepair. Later, he realized Christ was calling him to rebuild the Church in people's hearts.

Elsener said the Marian College program is aimed at changing hearts by helping students prepare intellectually and spiritually for their future careers.

The program will help all students on campus explore how they are called to use their talents in the world by continuing to use the tenets of the Franciscans. The Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg founded the school.

Elsener said the new program builds on Franciscan values and will enhance what Marian College can give to the Church. †

Holiday train trip gives Indianapolis parishioners a scare

By Jennifer Lindberg

A holiday train trip for members of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis turned into an emergency when the train they were riding in derailed.

However, no parishioners were injured and they ended up giving away their food and blankets to other passengers who were stuck waiting in other train cars without heat as emergency personnel secured the scene.

"We didn't reach the destination we thought we were going to, but we figure we reached the Lord's destination," said Maria Pimentel-Gannon.

Maria and her husband, Jack, organize the yearly train trip to Metamora in south-eastern Indiana through the parish's Family and Social Activities Committee.

For more than a decade, St. Monica parishioners have traveled to historic Metamora, for Christmas shopping and cheer. They climb aboard the train, which only goes about 12 mph, for a two-hour ride from Connersville along the banks of the old Whitewater Canal, south of Laurel in Franklin County.

During the trip, parishioners bring food and holiday decorations and sing lots of Christmas songs. Prizes are awarded for the best food and best holiday garb or decorations.

Around 6:30 p.m., Pimentel-Gannon said they felt a "big jerk" while acting out and singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The conductor's wife came in and said there had been an accident, with three cars derailed.

A broken rail is being blamed for the accident that injured more than two dozen people, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported.

Parishioners stayed four hours on the train in their heated car that had a wood-burning stove. They welcomed other passengers on the train into their car, giving them food and helping cheer them up by singing songs.

"I was so proud of our group," Pimentel-Gannon said.

Witnessing the way St. Monica parishioners kept the morale high for others impressed Jennifer Kremer so much that she's decided to enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process to become Catholic.

Kremer, who attends Mass at St. Monica's but isn't Catholic, said she was "so impressed by the way people were welcomed into our train car."

While she'd thought seriously about becoming Catholic before the trip, Kremer said the incident made up her mind.

"That was the best way to witness," she said.

Kremer, a pediatric nurse, and her husband, a pediatrician, helped the injured while awaiting other emergency personnel.

They decided to take the train trip, their first, to get to know more people at the parish.

"Now, we know a lot of people," Kremer said, especially after spending hours with them in a train car and witnessing how well they dealt with the situation.

"I'm just impressed with the whole experience," she said.

Parishioners gave up their flashlights to help in the rescue when the lights went out on the train, and then began singing "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful" along with other religious Christmas songs.

Jack Gannon said about 50 parishioners went on the trip and then welcomed another 30 people into their train car to

minister to them.

"You just never know when you will be called on," he said. "We were just thankful there were no serious injuries."

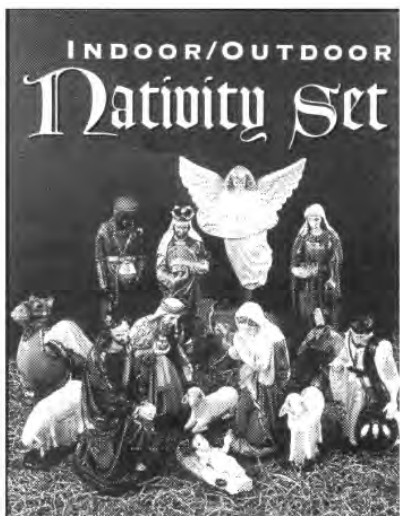
Two of the three cars slid about 10 feet from the tracks. One fell against a tree, which kept it from overturning and falling into the canal about 30 feet down, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported.

Pimentel-Gannon said the trip showed a lot of "miracles," especially when it came to that tree.

"Praise the Lord for the person who planted that tree," she said.

Parishioners ended up getting home around 3 a.m. After getting off the train, they were taken to an elementary school before being put on buses back to Connersville, where they left their cars before boarding the train. †

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Editorial

Joe Scheidler before the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court heard a case on Dec. 4 that could have major implications for social and political demonstrations. It will now resolve a case that has been continuing for the past 16 years. It's known as *NOW vs. Scheidler*.

Joe Scheidler is well known in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. A native Hoosier, he has siblings here in Indianapolis although he now lives in Chicago. He is especially well known among pro-life groups because he is the founder and director of a national organization called the Pro-Life Action League. In that capacity, he has led hundreds of pro-life demonstrations in front of abortion clinics.

The pro-abortion forces fought back in 1986. The National Organization for Women (NOW) accused Scheidler and some of his associates of interfering with interstate commerce by conspiring together to close down abortion clinics. This, they claimed, was a violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. RICO was a law passed in 1970 to fight organized crime and drug cartels, and legislators who passed it had no intention of making it a weapon against peaceful demonstrations.

Three years later, NOW expanded the scope of the case to include all abortion clinics throughout the country. Then it appeared for a while that Scheidler would win because a district court dismissed the suit. It concluded that RICO could be used only when the alleged conspirators profited financially.

After an appeals court upheld that ruling in 1992, NOW appealed to the Supreme Court, which ruled 9-0 in 1994 that the law was not clear on the issue of monetary gain. This allowed the suit to continue.

In 1998, a six-person jury found Scheidler and his associates guilty and awarded NOW \$300,000. The judge also issued a nationwide injunction against protests at abortion clinics. Scheidler appealed to the Supreme Court, which heard the case on Wednesday.

As important as this case is for those who demonstrate around abortion clinics, it is more far-reaching than that. The decision will affect any groups that

conduct demonstrations on behalf of their causes.

A varied assortment of organizations are concerned about the erosion of the right of free speech under the First Amendment to the Constitution. Groups such as the Catholic Peace Fellowship, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference have submitted *amici curiae* ("friends of the court") briefs on Scheidler's behalf. Individuals, too, such as St. Joseph of Medaille Sister Helen Prejean, First Amendment advocate Nat Hentoff and actor Martin Sheen have joined as *amici*.

The Supreme Court is considering only two questions: whether only the government may seek penalties under RICO to dissolve an organization and/or get an injunction against its activities, or if private parties may also do so, as NOW did in this case; and whether a peaceable and nonviolent action would constitute a federal felony crime of extortion rather than only a misdemeanor.

The Thomas More Society Pro-Life Law Center is handling the case for Scheidler and his associates. The Solicitor General of the United States, Theodore Olson, was expected to participate in the arguments to represent the government on the question about injunctions but not on the question about extortion.

It's the second question, about whether peaceable demonstrations can be considered a crime of extortion, that is the more important. If the lower court's decision that is being appealed is allowed to stand, it would be a message to anyone contemplating civil disobedience—whether in support of liberal or conservative causes—that he or she could run the risk of losing his or her fortune and could even be imprisoned for up to 20 years.

The court will make a decision on the case sometime during the first half of next year. Scheidler is optimistic that the court will see things his way. We are too. It would seem that most justices would recognize the importance of protecting free speech, especially since any other decision would affect demonstrations of all types.

— John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



The continuing message of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Last week, I sketched the path of the recent archdiocesan pilgrimage to several awesome Marian shrines in Mexico. It should not surprise anyone that the visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast we celebrate this week, was a highlight. There is more to be said about the meaning of the apparition to St. Juan Diego and the image of the Blessed Mother that was left on his outer garment, called a *tilma*.

Mary asked Juan Diego to report her apparition to the local bishop of the diocese, Bishop Juan Zumarraga. As he feared would be the case, Juan Diego found the bishop to be skeptical at best. The bishop told him to ask the Blessed Mother for evidence of her appearance. Thinking this would not be given, Juan Diego tried to avoid the place where she had appeared.

Not to be outwitted, Mary instructed him to return to the hill of Tepeyac, the sight of her apparitions. There, Juan Diego discovered blooming white roses, despite the fact it was winter. He put them in his mantle to carry to the bishop as evidence. When he dropped the roses from his *tilma* in front of the bishop, much to his surprise the bishop and his translator fell to their knees. On the *tilma* was the image of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

At best, the survival of that garment would have been for 50 years, not centuries. The material of the mantle would not last under normal circumstances.

There is another interesting fact about the mantle that carries the Blessed Mother's image that is now so revered, especially by the poor of Mexico. Some years ago, under the then Mexican Communist regime, an attempt was made to blow up the glass-encased image with dynamite placed immediately in front of it. One can see on display the huge brass candlesticks and crucifix that were completely disfigured by the blast, yet the glass case around the image was not shattered.

But for pilgrims, some of the details on the indigenous clothing of the Blessed Mother's image are of far greater importance. Father Scott Friend, who was our spiritual guide, preached at the Mass we celebrated at the shrine. He spoke of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as "a window to eternity."

Father Friend pointed out that the sash on the Blessed Mother's dress is an indigenous image of pregnancy. And just under the sash is a native

Indian flower with four petals. Usually seen with only three petals, the four petals symbolize perfection, namely the presence of the divine son in Mary's womb.

It is especially interesting to learn that because of today's technology and digital capabilities, the eyes in the image of Mary on St. Juan Diego's mantle are revealing. In the right eye, one sees the reflection of three people: Juan Diego, Bishop Zumarraga, who asked for evidence of Mary's apparition, and the Indian translator.

Recently, it was discovered that with digital magnification of the image, in Mary's left eye one can see the reflection of 13 (unidentified) people, at the center of which, clearly, is a family. This latter information has affirmed the pilgrims' veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe as patroness of families and the pro-life movement.

Father Friend pointed out the significance of the respective roles of St. Juan Diego, a humble peasant of simple faith, and of Bishop Zumarraga in the story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is readily apparent that St. Juan Diego is the major instrument of Mary's message of hope and the promise of the healing salvation by Christ.

Father Friend also invited us to note that if the bishop had not asked for the sign of evidence, the miraculous *tilma* would not exist and the message of Guadalupe would not be visibly present as it has been through the centuries.

Both St. Juan and the bishop represent simple humanity in need of assurance of Mary's love and the healing touch of God.

Father Friend also pointed out something we might otherwise not notice about the Blessed Mother in this apparition when she asked Juan Diego to inform the local bishop of her apparition and her simple message. Implicit in her request is Mary's respect for the role of the bishop, the apostolic hierarchy established by Christ.

Of significance for the challenge we face in the pro-life movement in contemporary society is a further note that without much stretch of the imagination, on the Blessed Mother's left cheek one can see the image of a fetus. I couldn't help but note that with these new discoveries of detail on Our Lady of Guadalupe's image on the *tilma*, the apparition continues. †

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La continuación del mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La semana pasada esbocé el camino de nuestra reciente peregrinación de la arquidiócesis a varios santuarios marianos impresionantes en México. No debería sorprender a nadie que la visita al Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, cuya festividad celebramos esta semana, fuera un punto relevante. Hay aun mucho más que decir sobre el significado de la aparición a San Juan Diego y la imagen de la Madre Divina que quedó impresa en su prenda llamada *tilma*.

María le pidió a Juan Diego que reportara su aparición al obispo local de la diócesis, el obispo Juan Zumarraga. Como Juan Diego temía, el obispo se mostró escéptico, como mínimo. El obispo le dijo que le pidiera a la Madre Divina una prueba de su aparición. Pensando que esto no le sería concedido, Juan Diego trató de evadir el lugar donde Ella se le había aparecido.

Para evitar que se le burlara, María le instruyó que volviera al monte Tepeyac, el lugar de su aparición. Allí, Juan Diego descubrió que florecían rosas blancas, a pesar del invierno. Las colocó en su manto para llevárselas al obispo como evidencia. Para su sorpresa, cuando dejó caer las rosas de su *tilma* delante del obispo, él y el traductor cayeron de rodillas. En la *tilma* estaba la imagen de la Virgen María, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

En el mejor de los casos, dicha prenda llamada *tilma* habría sobrevivido por 50 años, no siglos. El material del manto no duraría en condiciones normales.

Existe otro hecho interesante sobre el manto que lleva la imagen de la Madre Divina que es ahora tan venerado, especialmente por los pobres en México. Algunos años atrás, bajo el régimen comunista mexicano de entonces, hubo un intento de hacer explotar la imagen guardada en una caja de cristal colocando dinamita enfrente de ella. Se pueden ver en exhibición enormes candelabros de bronce y un crucifijo que quedaron completamente desfigurados por la explosión, sin embargo la caja de cristal que protegía la imagen no se vio afectada.

Pero para los peregrinos, algunos de los detalles de la vestimenta indígena de la Madre Divina tienen mucha más importancia. El padre Scout Friend, quien fue nuestra guía espiritual, dio un sermón en la misa que celebramos en el santuario. Habló de la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como "una ventana a la eternidad".

El padre Friend señaló que la faja del vestido de la Madre Divina es una imagen indígena del embarazo. Y justo debajo de la faja hay una flor indígena de cuatro pétalos, Los cuatro pétalos

simbolizan la perfección, a saber, la presencia del hijo divino en el vientre de María.

Es especialmente interesante descubrir que, debido a la tecnología de hoy en día y las posibilidades digitales, los ojos de la imagen de María en el manto de San Juan Diego son reveladores. En el ojo derecho se puede apreciar el reflejo de tres personas: Juan Diego, el obispo Zumarraga, quien pidió evidencia de la aparición de María, y el traductor indígena.

Recientemente, a través de la ampliación digital de la imagen, se descubrió que en el ojo izquierdo de María se puede ver el reflejo de 13 personas (no identificadas), en medio de las cuales, claramente se encuentra una familia. Esta última información ha reafirmado la veneración de los peregrinos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como la patrona de las familias y el movimiento en favor de la vida.

El padre Friend resaltó importancia del papel de San Juan Diego, un humilde campesino de fe sencilla, y el obispo Zumarraga, respectivamente, en la historia de las apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Resulta bastante evidente que San Juan Diego es el principal instrumento del mensaje de María de esperanza y la promesa de salvación redentora de Cristo.

El padre también nos exhortó a que recordáramos que si el obispo no hubiera pedido una evidencia, la milagrosa *tilma* no existiría y el mensaje de Guadalupe no estaría tan presente como lo ha estado durante todos estos siglos.

Tanto San Juan como el obispo representan la sencillez humana que necesita la reafirmación del amor de María y la curación de Dios.

El padre Friend también señaló algo que de otro modo no veríamos sobre la Madre Divina en su aparición, cuando le pidió a Juan Diego que le informara al obispo local de su aparición y su mensaje. En su petición está implícito el respeto de María por el papel del obispo, la jerarquía apostólica que Cristo fundó.

De gran importancia para el reto que enfrentamos en el movimiento en favor de la vida en esta sociedad contemporánea, es el hecho de que, sin hacer un gran esfuerzo de imaginación, en la mejilla izquierda de la Madre Divina, podemos ver la imagen de un feto. No pude evitar darme cuenta que, con estos nuevos descubrimientos de los detalles de la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la *tilma*, la aparición continúa. †

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en diciembre

Escuelas primarias católicas: que ellos puedan enseñar la fe católica a nuestros niños y puedan ayudarles a oír y contestar la llamada de Dios para servir en la Iglesia, sobre todo como sacerdotes o religiosos.

Letters to the Editor

Doesn't like column

I am an avid weekly reader of *The Criterion*. I do not like James Davidson's "Research for the Church" column.

For example, this week's article seems to indicate that the change (for the worse) in the Catholic Church is due to Vatican II! Nothing could be further from the truth. We might ask ourselves, Where would the Church be today if Vatican II had never been called?

Paul J. Frey, Indianapolis

Scripture, marriage and the priesthood

Concerning married priests, please note 1 Corinthians 7:32-35: "I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. ... I say this for your own benefit not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order

and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord."

Jerome W. Schneider, Jasper

Other Catholic schools deserve recognition

While I appreciate Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's congratulatory letter on the front page of *The Criterion* to the football performances of Roncalli, Father Thomas Scecina and Bishop Chatard high schools, I would have enjoyed seeing some recognition and reference to the other parochial participants in the state championship. Even though the schools are not within the diocese, there are many parishioners in central and southern Indiana who graduated from Bishop Luers, Bishop Dwenger and Andrean high schools. We are equally proud of the performances of our out-of-town schools, as well as the Catholic education provided to us.

Peter Battistini

Class of 1973

Andrean High School, Merrillville

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Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

Preparing for Christmas

In recent months, scandals have rocked the Church, and many people have lost their trust in our leaders, but they have not lost their faith. They know that Christ never turned away from his Church.

Again and again, Christ comes to gather what is broken and divided. The Lord constantly reforms and reforms his body, the Church. Those who are lost and lonely have every reason to rejoice and celebrate this year. In spite of all that has happened, they know they are loved by God.

The real miracle of Christmas is hidden from our eyes. It is easy to miss the fact that during the Christmas season we celebrate God's compassion. He reaches out to us because he loves us with an infinite love.

Some see the Church as an obsolete institution, crumbling in disarray. The truth is that the doctrine of the Incarnation is as fresh as ever. God sends his only begotten Son into a world of darkness to bring light and healing. He creates order out of chaos.

The recent scandals have led to a zero-tolerance policy, which in my view is now stronger, not weaker, than the one proposed at the Dallas meeting of bishops. Never again will a bishop knowingly put a child in harm's way. His career would be over, and he would live the rest of his life in disgrace. The moral outrage of the laity is not going to go away.

In addition, we now have a policy that will do a much better job of protecting innocent priests. Believe it or not, there have been quite a few cases of false denunciation. Under the Dallas policy, which was recently reformed, many felt that an

accused priest could be removed and disgraced before he had a chance to present his side. To defame an innocent priest is a crime against justice.

The joy of Christmas helps us to transcend the darkness. It is a holy season of giving and loving. We celebrate God's love for his people, and we try to keep the crass and commercial aspects of the season from ruining the holidays. If we focus on the blessings of peace and joy that surround Jesus Christ, we will prevail over sorrow.

Freshen the days ahead with thoughts on God's unchanging love. God's love has been compared to the intimate love between a young husband and his bride. It's a way of saying that God loves each one of us the way a newly married man loves his wife. The metaphor is not exactly apt because the bride in this case is not an individual, but a collective entity, namely, the entire assembly of struggling human beings we call the people of God.

Some members of the Church are desperately sick. In his love, God brings them healing and forgiveness as well. No one is excluded. Each and every person is part of the assembly we refer to as the bride of Christ.

Many scientists and intellectuals reject the mystery of Christmas. Many ordinary believers get caught up in the commercialism of the season and lose their fervor. We pray that all of them will find their way to God in their own way and in their own time.

But those of us who do accept the doctrine of the Incarnation are proud to proclaim God's entry into our world in the person of Jesus Christ as the greatest event of human history.

The Lord Jesus Christ has become our strength and our joy.

(Father John Catoir is a columnist for *Catholic News Service*.) †

Check It Out . . .

Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, will be the guest on "EWTN Live" on Jan. 29. There will be an **EWTN/Mother Angelica Pilgrimage** to Birmingham and Hanceville, Ala., on Jan. 28-30. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, will concelebrate the televised Masses in Birmingham on Jan. 29-30. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$260 per person based on double occupancy. There are a limited number of seats available. If you would like to be part of this pilgrimage and the "EWTN Live" show, or for more information, call the Marian Center in Indianapolis at 317-924-3982 or 317-888-0873.

The Oldenburg Academy music department will present the school's **annual Christmas Concert** at 3 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the academy auditorium, 1 Twister Circle, in Oldenburg. A reception will follow in the auditorium lobby. A free-will donation will be taken at the door. For more information, call the school office at 812-934-4440.

The faculty, staff, students and friends of Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, will present "**A Living Nativity**" from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 on the school campus. Cathedral's choir and band will perform during the evening. The event is free and open to all. For more information, call the school office at 317-542-1481.

An exhibit of Christmas crèches will be on display in

the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library, in St. Meinrad, from Dec. 8 to Jan. 8. The crèches were collected from around the world by Catherine A. Smith of Bloomington and were recently donated to Saint Meinrad. Among them is a painted wood crèche from Mexico, a crèche carved from coal in West Virginia, a hammered silver crèche from Jerusalem, a Nativity collection made in Kenya from banana fiber and a crystal crèche from France. The exhibit is in memory of Smith's brother, Charles Patrick Smith, who was a priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The library exhibit is free and open to the public. For hours and other information, call 812-357-6501.

The public is welcome to join the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad as they **celebrate Christmas in the Archabbey Church**. The vigil begins at 7 p.m. and Mass will be celebrated at midnight on Dec. 24. Christmas Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Dec. 25. For more information, call 812-357-6501.

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. in Indianapolis, will have a "**Khrist Kwanzaa Celebration**" from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. It will be seven days of celebrating the seven Kwanzaa principles from an African-American Catholic perspective. There will be a variety of activities from a youth lock-in on Dec. 26-27, to a Mass at 10 a.m. on Dec. 29. For more information on the events, call the parish at 317-632-9349.

This holiday season, the St. Francis Hospice staff will decorate the **Tree of Honor** on display in the lobby of St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., in Indianapolis. Personalized ornaments may be purchased to honor or memorialize friends or loved ones. The name of the person honored will be placed on an ornament and hung on the tree, and a card will be sent to the individual or their family to let them know that they are being remembered. The different types of ornaments are on display in the gift shops at the Beech Grove, Indianapolis, and Mooresville hospital campuses. They may be purchased for a suggested minimum donation of \$5 each. Funds raised support the care of hospice patients in the local area. For more information, call 317-865-2092.

Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th St., in Beech Grove will present "**Christmas Concert XLI**" at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Dec. 22. The concert, in its 41st consecutive year, will be held in the church and feature the adult, boys' and girls' choirs. The combined choirs, with a total of 150 voices, will present traditional and contemporary music of the season while accompanied by an orchestra of strings, brass, percussion, organ and guitar. The concert is under the direction of Jerry Craney, parish music director. Tickets are \$5 each and may be obtained by calling Marcia Cleary at 317-787-1682. Tickets for the 3 p.m. concert will also be available at the door. For more information, call the parish at 317-784-5454.

The Servants of the Gospel of Life is a religious community dedicated to promoting the Gospel of Life in its fullness while being entrusted to the Blessed Mother. Visitors are welcome at Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent, 8300 Roy Road, in Indianapolis. Weekend visits or extended visits may be arranged. For more information, call Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521. †

VIPs . . .

James P. Houser was recently announced as the new chief operating officer of Central Indiana Health Systems (CIHS), the sponsoring organization of St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Houser comes to CIHS from CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care in San Antonio, Texas, where he was the regional president/chief executive officer. He is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives.

John F. Fink, editor emeritus of *The Criterion*, recently had his latest book *Letters to St. Francis de Sales: Mostly on Prayer* published by Alba House. The book is Fink's seventh since he retired as the newspaper's editor six years ago. His previous books include *Traveling with Jesus in the Holy Land*, which was published by Criterion Press, Inc. *The Mission and Future of the Catholic Press*, which the Catholic Press Association published; and *Married Saints, American Saints, The Doctors of the Church of the First Millennium and The Doctors of the Church of the Second Millennium*, which were all published by Alba House. †

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting movie ratings

Adaptation (Columbia)
Rated **A-IV (Adults, with Reservations)** because of brief but intense violence, recreational drug use, a sexual encounter, implied masturbation, fleeting nudity and glimpses of a pornographic Web site, much rough language and some profanity.
Rated **R (Restricted)** by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

Empire (Universal)
Rated **O (Morally Offensive)** because of intense violence, rationalization of crime, sexual situations with nudity, a few instances of profanity and nonstop rough language.
Rated **R (Restricted)** by the MPAA.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (New Line)
Rated **A-III (Adults)** because of many gory scenes of battle violence with several frightening images.
Rated **PG-13 (Parents are Strongly Cautioned)** by the MPAA.

The Wild Thornberrys Movie (Paramount)
Rated **A-I (General Patronage)** because of occasional mild peril.
Rated **PG (Parental Guidance Suggested)** by the MPAA. †

Stuffing stockings

Women from the Indianapolis Deanery Council of Catholic Women fill large men's socks with candy and toiletries. The finished products will be distributed at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen in downtown Indianapolis. The women working at the different stations are, from left, Barbara Temple of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield, Mary White of Indianapolis, Sharon Testerman of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg and Pat Chastain of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg. Chastain is the president of the group, which is a local chapter of a larger, national organization.



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Prayer helps us find serenity in daily life

By Fr. Herbert Weber

One evening, I joined one of the small faith communities in my parish. The discussion came to the topic of maintaining equilibrium in one's life.

A woman who works in the emergency room at a hospital said that after work she has to run three or four miles to feel relaxed, especially on stressful days.

A man who is a manager of a small business said that he gets up early and reads the Bible while he drinks coffee.

Others told how they take walks in the woods or work in the garden.

Having a way to refocus was common to almost all the participants.

A great many people today live in a fast-paced and turbulent world.

Parents rush to get their children from soccer games to piano lessons. In the majority of marriages, both husband and wife hold at least one job.

Some folks generously participate in community or Church organizations, even investing themselves beyond what originally was intended.

The result is that a whirlwind of activity, countless obligations and too little time conspire to pull many people away from a spirit of calm.

Is it even possible to find serenity anymore, much less live in serenity on a daily basis?

True serenity is more than the moments when someone manages to handle personal stress relatively well. Serenity is a quality that can exist in the midst of a turbulent world and a busy life.

At the same time, serenity does not require that we pretend there is no confusion or stress.

People who experience serenity have a profound sense of their limitations as well as their abilities. They know what they can and cannot do.

When Carrie got her first job out of college, she was eager to prove to the boss that she could handle the challenge. As the days went by, however, it became apparent that the position called for someone with more experience.

When we talked, Carrie expressed how her life was coming apart. Whether at work or at home, she felt like an imposter whose real self would be exposed some day. There was not much peace in her life.

Finally, Carrie decided to talk with her supervisor about needing more direction and advice in order to handle the tasks at hand. She was afraid of disappointing

herself and the company, but much to her surprise this was the point at which she started to find peace again.

Often, our acceptance of our limitations comes about in relationships with other people.

Frequently, parents of adult children discover that they have little influence on their sons or daughters. They can share their opinions, if asked, and pray that their offspring will make good decisions. Beyond that, they have to trust that the good seeds they planted earlier in their children's lives will grow and mature.

But serenity also comes about when people discover their abilities and strengths, knowing they are blessed with gifts from God. Having a sense of God's graciousness evokes a spirit of thankfulness.

The daily habit of expressing thanks allows a person to find peace and serenity because it helps that person to know priorities and what really matters.

But too often, expressing thanks is limited to holidays, wedding anniversaries or retirement dinners.

An elderly woman once said in reviewing her life, "I thank God for the good and ask forgiveness for the bad."

This was a woman who recognized that God's goodness far outweighed her own failures. That kind of attitude fosters serenity.

Finally, serenity requires that people sometimes let go of things.

A friend said that her daughter and son-in-law wanted to have it all and do it all. They were both working in high-pressure careers and raising a family, trying to be active in Church and school, maintaining homes, socializing and more.

It was a difficult decision for the young wife to decide to step out of her job for a while, but it turned out to be a graced moment. She began to smile again and enjoy the things she was doing. She even laughed at her own failures and mistakes.

Letting go is incredibly hard. It should not be seen as a negative, however, since it usually allows new opportunities for someone to be re-engaged with important aspects of life.

Finding serenity does not happen accidentally. Choices have to be made.

In choosing how they want to live their lives and in accepting both their strengths and weaknesses, people become capable of handling the craziness of daily life.

(Father Herbert Weber is pastor of St. Peter Parish in Mansfield, Ohio.) †



A great many people today live in a fast-paced and turbulent world. The result is that a whirlwind of activity, countless obligations and too little time conspire to pull many people away from a spirit of calm. But prayer helps make it possible to find serenity in the midst of the stress of daily life.

Worrying robs us of serenity

By Theresa Sanders

An old joke runs something like this:

A priest stands in the pulpit and urges the congregation to adopt a calm, peaceful approach to life because "99 percent of the things we worry about never happen."

A parishioner then calls out, "See! That shows how effective worrying is!"

How difficult it is to maintain peace of mind when there seems to be so many reasons to be anxious. Just watching the evening news can cause us to feel fearful and helpless. Worrying seems to be all we can do in response to violence in society.

Worrying may give us the illusion of control, but that illusion comes at tremendous cost. It robs us of serenity.

You may be familiar with this part of the text known as the Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

For millions around the world, reciting it is a daily reminder of how useless

worry is and how it can distract us from the things we can do to make the world better.

No one knows who actually wrote that prayer. Credit often goes to the famous 20th-century Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, but it may date back as far as the 14th century.

In the 1940s, it was adopted by the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous and is an important part of the AA movement.

The prayer's purpose is, first, to reconcile us to the reality of suffering. Yet the prayer does not end there. It urges us to have the courage to change what we can. The prayer also asks for something besides courage: wisdom.

How do we distinguish the things we can change from those we are powerless to control? Praying can remind us that we are not, after all, God. Only God is God. In the end, that's enough.

(Theresa Sanders is associate professor of theology at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.) †

Discussion Point

Wisdom requires listening

This Week's Question

What does wisdom mean when it comes to handling a situation that you truly don't welcome?

"To me, wisdom in this situation would mean to stop, listen, focus and reflect before you act." (Mary Holzberger, Green Bay, Wis.)

"Wisdom means stopping and thinking before responding, and realizing that every situation is not necessarily black and white or does not necessarily have a right or wrong response." (Karen Boucher, Lebanon, N.H.)

"Wisdom is the ability to accurately know whether you are able to handle the situation with grace and

decorum, and the pertinent knowledge, or whether this situation is beyond your scope and abilities. If one is not able or willing to take part in this situation, then one should have the wisdom to remove oneself from it." (James Netusil, Omaha, Neb.)

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Important events: Cyprian becomes a bishop

Ninth in a series

The ninth of my 50 most important events in Catholic history happened in 248 when St. Cyprian became bishop of Carthage, North Africa. Cyprian is important because he led the way in determining what should be done about Christians who lapsed during severe persecutions and then wanted to return to the Church after the persecutions ended.

Cyprian was a renowned pagan lawyer and rhetorician who converted to Christianity in 246. He was elected bishop of Carthage two years later. Unfortunately, it was just in time for the persecution of Emperor Trajanus Decius. In Rome, Pope Fabian was martyred. In Carthage, Cyprian went into hiding, a decision that brought severe criticism both in Rome and in Africa.

The persecution ended in 251 and Cyprian returned to Carthage. During the persecution, numerous Christians had



either offered sacrifices to the Roman gods or had bought *libelli pacis* certificates stating that they had offered such sacrifices. Now these *lapsi* (the lapsed), repentant, wanted to return. What should be done about them?

Two men with similar names had opposite viewpoints. Novatus favored allowing the *lapsi* to return. Novatian, who had been the spokesman for the Church in Rome since Fabian's death but not elected pope, was adamant that they could not be absolved and readmitted to the Church. He also wanted to keep out those guilty of murder, adultery, fornication or second marriage.

Cyprian preached a middle course: The *lapsi* could be admitted back into the Church after they confessed their sins and did penance, the terms of the penance varying in length. He then supported the papal election of Cornelius, who agreed with him. Cornelius was elected pope, but Novatian set himself up as an antipope.

Cyprian rallied the bishops of Africa to support Cornelius. Cornelius called a synod in Rome, which both excommunicated Novatian and his supporters and affirmed the policy of readmitting *lapsi* after suit-

able penance.

Cornelius was pope for only two years. Lucius I, who succeeded him, was pope for less than a year before he died. Stephen I succeeded him and, this time, Cyprian got into a serious dispute with him. Contrary to the pope's teaching, Cyprian and the other African bishops refused to accept the validity of baptism conferred by heretics and schismatics. They believed that baptism could be conferred only within the Church. Furthermore, they believed that heretics and schismatics had to be rebaptized to return to the Church. Pope Stephen held that they only had to receive absolution.

That controversy threatened to become serious. The pope wrote to the Churches of Asia Minor saying that he could no longer hold communion with them because they rebaptized heretics, and he refused to receive Cyprian's envoys. But it was cut short by the renewal of persecution, this time by Emperor Valerian in 257 and 258. Pope Stephen died in 257 and Cyprian was beheaded on Sept. 14, 258. St. Augustine was to say that Cyprian atoned for his excessive impatience during the controversy over baptism by his glorious martyrdom. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

When change is for the better

If you live long enough, you come to realize the absolute truth of the saying that the only certain thing in life is change. And, if you've been paying attention along the way, you learn that change can be good or bad, but its result is mostly up to us.

Nowhere is this idea presented more winningly than in the cable TV program called "Trading Spaces" on the House and Garden channel. The premise is that two couples from the same neighborhood "trade spaces" for a couple of days and go into each other's homes to redecorate a room without peeking at what's going on back home.

These folks are aided by professional interior decorators and carpenters, who do most of the real planning and execution of the changes. The results, in the few times we've watched the show, range from stunning to—well—stunning, as in taking a blow upside the head.

The couples whose rooms have been redone usually appear to be pleased when

they're brought in to see the finished product, although a note of horrified shock can sometimes be detected beneath their enthusiasm. Of course, the decorators are satisfied. They've been featured on TV and given *carte blanche* to present any wild scene they've always wanted to "do." And the audience of home-owning voyeurs gets to comment on the results without having to live with them.

While we're on the subject of TV, let's consider the changes that occur in a program series. We used to think that watching "The Practice" was a reasonable way to pass an hour until they presented a show in which the leading man left the Catholic Church because of the recent clergy sex scandals. The script was riddled with misinformation about the Church and implicit approval of the character's dopey decision.

"Seventh Heaven," which we always considered to be a fine family show, has deteriorated into a bad soap opera. The characters act out of character, or what used to be their character, and the plots focus on incredible immaturity rather than honest moral dilemmas.

Many cops-and-robbers programs have changed from being your ordinary bad guy-

good guy morality play to featuring so much unrelieved violence of all kinds that they are virtually unwatchable.

If popular culture actually reflects our level of moral maturity or intellectual capacity to change for the better, we may be in big trouble.

That is, until you see a movie like "Changing Lanes." Here is a story dealing with many of the attitudes and institutions of our modern world, including economic and racial differences, corporate greed, governmental bureaucracy, the integrity of law and human relationships.

Two men, one rich, white and ambitious, the other middle class, alcoholic and black, meet literally by accident and begin a day of repeated confrontation that leads ultimately to their individual salvation.

This refreshing depiction of changing for the better reminds us of what change should be about. Just as Christ's birth offers the opportunity to change from darkness to light, and from moral confusion to faithful hope.

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Nudging parents in the right direction

Did you know that former President Jimmy Carter, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in October, wrote a poem about his father eight years ago that reflects what he still feels about that relationship? Here it is:

*This is a pain I mostly hide,
but ties of blood, or seed, endure
and even now I feel inside
the hunger for his outstretched hand,
a man's embrace to take me in,
the need for just a word of praise.*

I learned this in an e-mail from The Joseph and Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics, a non-profit organization founded in 1985 by radio commentator and former law professor Michael Josephson in honor of his parents.

The message added, "Unfortunately, there are lots of people in Mr. Carter's shoes, left with bitter feelings and enduring wounds inflicted by parents. ... Caring

parents can unintentionally injure children through excessive harshness or permissiveness or through well-intended criticism and advice that comes out as relentless disapproval or oppressive negativity. ... Kids not only need to know they're loved; they need to feel worthy of our love. They need to be valued not simply because they're ours, but because of who they are."

Josephson also shared the following tips for parents, saying "It's never too late to try to fix whatever is broken" but, although this might not always be possible, "it's worth a try." These tips apply to teachers and youth leaders, too.

Consider expressing caring, pride and approval more lavishly and often.

Be less critical, more helpful, less controlling.

Set aside your need to be right, be less self-righteous and more respectful to the people they love.

Be sincerely accountable and genuinely apologize even if whatever you do may not be enough.

When our own daughters were young, we encountered many of the problems parents face—in some areas a little more than

most. At a Home-School Association meeting in our parish when my husband, Paul, was president, he suggested our organization sponsor a parenting series led by two child psychologists we knew from Community Hospital's Gallahue Mental Health Services in Indianapolis.

One man challenged my husband, implying how we were all caring Catholic parents who didn't need programs like that. I was surprised yet very proud of Paul when he calmly revealed to the filled auditorium how much our own family learned and gained from these professionals. The school project was approved, and subsequent parenting sessions were filled to capacity.

It's not easy to admit one needs help doing what we think comes naturally. Sometimes we stray on our parental paths, needing a nudge in the right direction. For nudging you can find out more at www.charactercounts.org and www.josephsoninstitute.org.

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

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

The prayer of St. Francis and the war to end all wars

The Advent season is here, the time we prepare for the birth of the Prince of



Peace. But this year, with preparations for yet another war dominating the news, are we really allied with the Prince of Peace?

I couldn't help wondering about that as I heard a clergyman speak about our "right" to defend ourselves in

a war with Iraq, while he ended his talk by asking us all to say the famous prayer of St. Francis, "Lord make me an instrument of thy peace." I felt a curious contradiction.

I wonder if he knew that it was war that brought the prayer of St. Francis to light, the horrendous World War I. I have just completed an expanded version of a book on that war, written by my late son, Peter, at the request of the publisher, Facts on File. Immersed in research on this *Great War, the War to End All Wars*, I discovered that this prayer for peace first appeared in 1913 in a small magazine put out in Normandy, France.

It was nearly two years later that *L'Osservatore Romano*, the official Vatican newspaper, published this prayer. It was picked up the following week by the French daily, *La Croix*, and it immediately soared to popularity.

As for how the prayer reached the Vatican, it is said that Marquis de la Rochetulon, founder of a Catholic weekly paper, sent the prayer to Pope Benedict XV. Scholars of St. Francis' writings say that the peace prayer was not written by St. Francis, but by an unknown author in the early 20th century. It became associated with St. Francis when it was printed on a holy card with the saint's picture on the other side.

As for why the prayer took off, eventually spreading throughout the world, that's easy to explain. This war that was raging so furiously and so long was like no other. Begun as a conflict between Serbia and Austria, it spread to all the world's major countries, bringing a destruction never imagined, defying all past rules of war.

It became the era of surprise, because of something unknown then to most people: technology. The new "toys"—airplanes, automobiles, wireless, machine guns, killing chemicals—made it clear that war would now be inclusive, a threat to everybody. Bombardments from the skies would pile up the dead, the wounded, the homeless. Even more would be killed by starvation as farms and towns were destroyed in the holocausts.

The people, especially in France, where the bulk of the fighting took place, begged for an end to this destruction. While leaders had deaf ears, the people had only one to turn to, the Prince of Peace. The prayer of St. Francis gave them hope that this horrendous killing would end.

Soldiers, too, are victims of war, obediently following orders that make them kill a person named an "enemy," who under other circumstances might be their friend.

There was a beautiful moment in World War I, Christmas 1914, when soldiers of both sides began singing Christmas songs. They walked into "No Man's Land"—the strip of land separating them, where fighting took place—bringing no weapons, only brandy, chocolates and musical instruments to share. Both sides were joyful for this brief time of celebrating the peace before they got back to killing each other.

Let us pray this Advent that we each become an "instrument" of Christ's peace, in the footsteps of St. Francis.

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

Third Sunday of Advent/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002

- Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8, 19-28

Again this season, the Book of Isaiah provides the first biblical reading.



This section of Isaiah was written when God's people were severely tried by their life circumstances. The prophet must have faced much disillusionment, even cynicism and despair. For so long, the people had lan-

guished in Babylon, literally dreaming of the day when they could return to their homeland. Those remaining in the homeland probably had had miserable experiences.

At last, the Jews in Babylon were allowed to return. A wave of great excitement swept over them all. The answer to their prayers had come!

However, their return produced a great disappointment. The land was arid and dead. Nothing was appealing; nothing was promising. This unhappy circumstance endured for a long time.

Eventually, the author, or authors, of this last part of Isaiah came on the scene. The writings, from which we hear this weekend in the first reading, had to cope with the understandable grumbling of the people.

Instead of joining in the complaints, instead of threatening those who complained with divine punishment, this part of the Book of Isaiah literally sings of the glory and righteousness of God. It proclaims that God will favor the people.

How can this be? It is not explained, but God's goodness will prevail.

Saluted as special are the poor and troubled. Lacking privilege and ease, they have the ability to see what truly is important in life.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians provides the second reading.

Its theme also is of rejoicing. In this reading, the Apostle calls disciples to be strong and confident in God's grace. There is nothing to fear.

For its Gospel reading, the Church offers St. John's Gospel.

As was the case last week, John the Baptist is an important figure. Indeed, some see in this Gospel a special interest in St. John the Baptist. Certainly, this saint's intensity would have appealed to

the author of this Gospel. The Gospel itself suggests the same intensity.

Was the Evangelist once a follower of John the Baptist? Who knows? The Gospel presents John the Baptist with care and as a critical figure in the development of moods just prior to the Lord's coming.

Jesus never appears in this reading. Yet Jesus is the point of the story. Groups of scholars and religious leaders come to John, asking him if he is the promised redeemer.

John states that he himself is not the redeemer. However, he very clearly refers to Jesus. John states that he himself baptizes with water. (Baptisms, or ritual cleanings, apparently were major parts of John's appearances.)

John emphasizes that the true Savior would come. He would baptize with the Spirit. The true Savior, of course, would be Jesus.

Reflection

Although revisions in the liturgy have altered much of what was distinctive for this weekend in terms of symbolism, a powerful message still comes from the Third Sunday of Advent.

When the liturgy was celebrated in Latin, this weekend was called "Gaudete Sunday," a name derived from the first word of the Introit, or Entrance Antiphon. "Gaudete" is the imperative form of "Rejoice!"

The Church calls us to rejoice. Priests wore rose-colored vestments. They symbolized not so much that Advent, the penitential season, was approaching its close, but rather that the Lord would soon come. Of course, he would come at Christmas.

The rose shade of the vestment represented the more somber, harsher violet, the traditional color of Advent, brightened by the forthcoming birth of Christ. Think of a scene at early dawn, when the first rays of the sun break the darkness. Christmas is just across the horizon.

Eagerly, the Church proclaims Jesus as the source of our joy. With Isaiah, the Church salutes Jesus as the cause of true joy. The second reading underscores this theme.

Finally, St. John's Gospel reminds us that Christmas, the symbolic coming of Jesus, will occur soon. No less a figure than St. John the Baptist understands that Jesus is Lord, and the Baptist delights in explaining that the Lord's arrival is imminent.

But, as Paul counseled the Christians of Thessalonica, we must make ourselves worthy to receive the Lord. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Dec. 16
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Psalm 25:4-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, Dec. 17
Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Psalm 72:3-4, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday, Dec. 18
Jeremiah 23: 5-8
Psalm 72:1, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday, Dec. 19
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17
Luke 1:5-12

Friday, Dec. 20
Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec. 21
Peter Canisius, priest and doctor
Song of Songs 2:8-14
or Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, Dec. 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Lutherans also believe in real presence of Christ

My understanding has always been that Protestants do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



However, some friends who are Lutheran tell us they definitely believe that Jesus is present. The sacrament is even reserved in their church, and Communion is taken to the sick. Can you explain? (Florida)

In practice, a variety of Lutheran practices and beliefs exist concerning the Eucharist. Some differences are related to the Lutheran synods (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Missouri Synod are the two largest ones in the United States) to which individual congregations belong.

Lutheran teaching and liturgical guides for worship, however, are clear about belief in the continuing presence of the Lord in the Eucharist.

The Lutheran Book of Worship, Occasional Services, which is similar to our missal, provides instructions for distribution of Communion on Good Friday, when, as in Catholic tradition, no full eucharistic liturgy is celebrated.

It also assumes that the Eucharist will be reserved for distribution of Communion to people in special circumstances.

The 1978 Lutheran statement on the subject says, "Sick and homebound members should be included in the Communion of the congregation ... by sending pastors or trained and designated lay members out from the corporate assembly."

These eucharistic practices are increasingly common in the Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue, carried on now for several decades, notes as one of their points of agreement, "We agree that as long as Christ remains sacramentally present, worship, reverence and adoration are appropriate" ("The Eucharist as Sacrifice," Lutherans and Catholics in Dialogue I-III).

Most Catholics and, as I understand, many Lutherans, are unaware that Martin Luther himself firmly believed in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Among many affirmations of this

belief, Luther wrote, "No one but an Arian heretic can or will deny that Christ himself, true God and true man, who is truly and essentially present in the supper when it is rightly celebrated (to give Communion to the community) should be adored in spirit and in truth in all places, but especially where his community is present" (Smalkald Articles VII, Formula of Concord).

It is true that Luther believed the consecrated eucharistic elements should usually be disposed of after the celebration. This followed, however, not from a denial of Christ's presence, but from his conviction that Jesus gave his eucharistic body and blood to be consumed in the sacrament, not to be adored outside of Mass.

Historians and theologians tell us that only later, in the 17th century, did official Lutheran doctrine develop a theology of the termination of Christ's eucharistic presence.

Your friends' congregation is obviously one that adheres to these particular eucharistic beliefs and policies.

Whatever happened to the Holy Name Society? (Michigan)

The Holy Name Society and other parish groups like the altar and rosary societies were popular in the 19th and early 20th centuries. They gave Catholic men and women more Catholic identity and fellowship, and in a special way encouraged frequent Communion.

When many Catholics received the Eucharist perhaps only once or twice a year, monthly "Communion Sunday" for men's and women's groups made much sense.

Since the mid-20th century especially, numerous other Catholic organizations and programs are available, and most Catholics go to Communion whenever they go to Mass, as Pope Pius X urged 100 years ago.

Parish groups like the Holy Name Society apparently do not fill the need they once did.

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com) †

My Journey to God

Christmas Vignette

O that I were one of them
Long ago in Bethlehem
Tending sheep 'neath starry skies,
First to hear the angels' cries,
First to hasten in the night,
First to reach the hallowed site,
First to fall on bended knee
Knowing who it is they see.

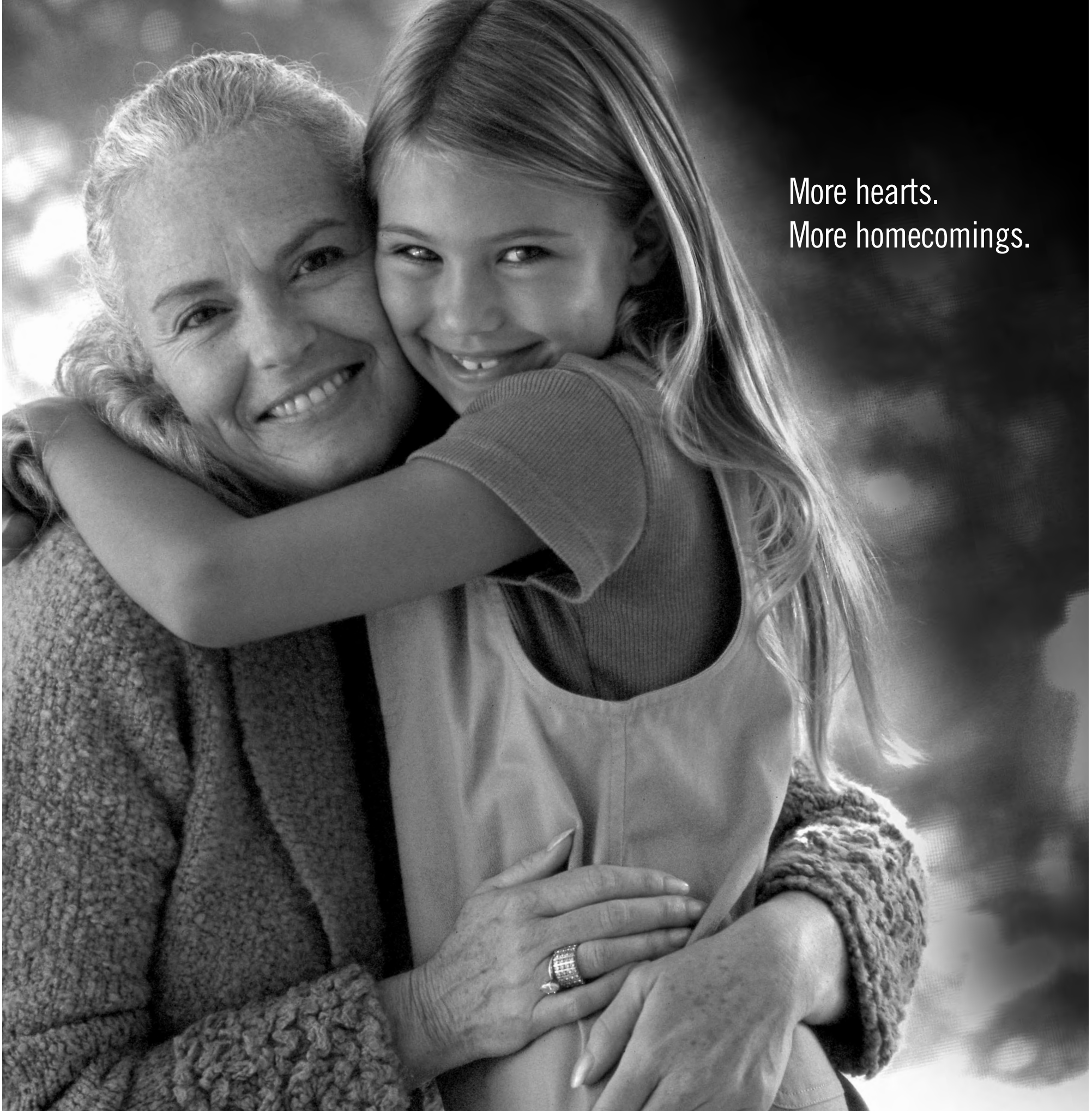
Simple shepherds, chosen few
O that I were one of you!

By Dorothy M. Colgan

(Dorothy M. Colgan is a member of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad. She is the mother of Benedictine Father Tobias Colgan, prior of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. In this contemporary painting of the Nativity, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds admire the infant Jesus. The artist is Sacred Heart Sister Lucy Serna, who teaches in Guadalajara, Mexico.)



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ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

2002

Generosity marks decade, enabling God to accomplish much in local Church

Dear Friends in Christ:

I have now been among you as archbishop for 10 years, and I would like to take the opportunity in this annual accountability report to review with you some of the things that God has accomplished in the Church in central and southern Indiana during the last decade.

I'd also like to take a look at some future challenges, and I'd like to reflect with you on the joy of generosity.

Joy and generosity

Some years ago, in an archdiocesan-produced videotape, one of our parishioners said that he'd often heard people say that you should "give 'til it hurts." He didn't agree. "I think you should give until it feels good," he said.

Once we recognize that everything we have comes from God and that we are merely tending it until we return to God, something happens deep within us. Gratitude wells up in our hearts. And that gratefulness demands a response.

We naturally want to say thank you and to give back to God who has given us life itself and all the gifts that flow from that. When we do this, the gratitude and joy become one. Being generous is part of our nature; it plays an important role in our spirituality.

As I continue to look back on my 10 years here as archbishop, I have to conclude that there are a lot of joyful people living in southern and central Indiana!

What God has accomplished

Time moves by so quickly. It is good to consider all that God has accomplished through your generosity and through the communion that binds us together as one people who work together to do God's work.

A few statistics will help tell this story. In the last decade, we have dedicated 13 new churches and renovated 10 churches.

We're happy to report that the eight priests we ordained in June—our largest group of ordinands in the last 25 years—have been succeeded in the seminary with nine new seminarians.

In 1992, we Catholics in central and southern Indiana numbered about 200,000. With those joining us through Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the influx of new Hispanic members, now the number is probably closer to 300,000.

Financially, we have also experienced many blessings.

Our United Catholic Appeal has increased from \$2.7 million in 1992 to \$5.4 million in 2002.

The Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign received pledges of \$98 million.

The Building Communities of Hope campaign aimed at supporting our Indianapolis center-city schools and Catholic Charities agencies has raised \$29 million.

Our Catholic Community Foundation assets increased from a little over \$1 million in 15 endowments in 1989 to nearly \$80 million in 261 endowments at the close of the last fiscal year.

The financial outlook of the archdiocese is sound yet we are challenged to make adjustments caused by the economic downturn in our investments and rising health care costs.

Home missions

I also want to emphasize that our home missions responsibilities continue to challenge us.

What and who are the home missions?

We tend to think of missions being elsewhere, usually in a foreign country. And that's certainly true. But we also have missions here at home—here in our own archdiocese. These are the parishes and schools that need to be where they are so that the Church's ministry can be present, but they can no longer carry out that ministry alone. The St. Francis Xavier Home Missions Grant Program, funded largely through the United Catholic Appeal, continues to help us help them.

Our obligations to our home missions are important. Just as the foreign missions do, our home missions call each of us to a vision of our larger Church family—to our responsibilities to those beyond our parish boundaries.

Shared ministries

We also have serious obligations to our shared ministries—those ministries that no one parish can do alone—such as seminarian education, the work of Catholic Charities, and Catholic education.

Future challenges

Now, what are some of the challenges we face in the years ahead?



Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

We need to sustain our ministry to the poor, especially those served by our Catholic Charities agencies. We must continue to be present in our center-city, in our small rural, and in our urban schools.

We are experiencing reduced help from local, state, and national governments for social services. We must find new ways to fund these services that serve so many people—non-Catholic and Catholic alike.

The welcome, rapidly growing Hispanic population challenges us as did immigration in earlier days of our archdiocese.

Ministry to our Young Church may be the most far-reaching and critical challenge to our Church in the 21st century. How will we meet the needs and capture the hearts and the imaginations of our young members? How will we successfully integrate them into the daily life of the Church?

We must increase vocations to the priesthood. I have a personal goal of seeing 50 men in seminary by 2007. Our young priests tell me that I am aiming too low and that we will have 50 men studying for the priesthood before that date.

We need to find ways to attract and retain teachers for our schools. The future of Catholic education depends on our recruiting the finest, committed educators we can find.

And, of course, the finances that make all these ministries possible will always be a challenge.

Generous Catholics

So many people in our archdiocese have been significant collaborators with the Lord and his Church in the accomplishments that have taken place over the last decade. Many have been involved in developing and implementing our strategic plans.

So many of our generous Catholics have given witness to what God can accomplish through a grateful people, a generous people, a joyful people. Our archdiocesan Church is blessed with people who work together and keep their eyes on the goal and their focus on our mission.

Last year, when the Indianapolis Colts were having such a poor season, I asked a coach what he thought the problem was. The coach said that he thought that many of the players were paying too much attention to their press and not enough attention to their game.

Rooted in prayer

Our "stats" for the last decade show that we've been paying attention to our game. Keeping that focus means first of all that everything must be rooted in prayer.

And our prayer begins in thanksgiving and springs from our gratefulness to God for all he has given us. Our gratefulness calls for a generous response to share our treasure, our time, and our talents.

May joy and happiness be yours. Thank you, and God bless you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATUS

This summary of the financial status of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis reflects activities of the chancery of the archdiocese and certain affiliated agencies with direct accountability to the Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., archbishop of Indianapolis. The information presented has been reformatted from the audited financial statements

and does not include the activities of parishes, missions, and schools of the archdiocese. All significant transactions among entities detailed in this summary have been eliminated. As always, the complete audited financial statements are available for public inspection by contacting Jeff Stumpf, chief financial officer of the archdiocese, at 317-236-1410.

Chancery and Certain Entities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Combined Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2002 with Comparative Totals for June 30, 2001

ASSETS	CHANCERY	CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	CATHOLIC CHARITIES	TOTAL BEFORE ELIMINATIONS	ELIMINATIONS	COMBINED BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2002	COMBINED BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2001
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,392,390	\$ 4,343,288	\$ 1,631,406	\$ 21,367,084	\$ 673,378	\$ 20,693,706	\$ 30,262,748
Investments	15,538,727	74,619,126	877,985	91,035,838	1,023,514	90,012,324	90,057,209
Receivables							
Contributions, net	23,476,964		242,794	23,719,758		23,719,758	28,286,960
Deposit and loan fund, net	30,369,511			30,369,511	5,939,147	24,430,364	24,259,218
Amounts due from parishes and other Archdiocesan entities, net	9,820,197	445,075		10,265,272	5,574,772	4,690,500	4,624,990
Accrued interest income	258,407	355,850		614,257		614,257	609,253
Other, net	1,930,746	42,176	439,166	2,412,088		2,412,088	1,503,983
Total receivables, net	65,855,825	843,101	681,960	67,380,886	11,513,919	55,866,967	59,284,404
Other assets	111,002		19,823	130,825		130,825	118,288
Burial spaces and other inventories	3,590,310			3,590,310		3,590,310	4,091,262
Land, buildings and equipment, net	10,397,734		4,424,231	14,821,965		14,821,965	12,425,237
Total assets	\$ 110,885,988	\$ 79,805,515	\$ 7,635,405	\$ 198,326,908	\$ 13,210,811	\$ 185,116,097	\$ 196,239,148
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5,833,563	\$ 3,862,626	\$ 437,339	\$ 10,133,528	\$ 5,484,982	\$ 4,648,546	\$ 5,439,165
Capital campaign due to parishes	14,815,717			14,815,717		14,815,717	24,023,187
Bonds payable and line of credit	43,507,524			43,507,524	5,939,147	37,568,377	38,205,337
Reserves for self-insurance	1,850,000			1,850,000		1,850,000	1,865,000
Other liabilities	1,931,741		221,455	2,153,196		2,153,196	2,034,266
Deposit and loan fund payable	31,541,347			31,541,347	777,659	30,763,688	29,881,708
Total liabilities	99,479,892	3,862,626	658,794	104,001,312	12,201,788	91,799,524	101,448,663
Net assets:							
Unrestricted	(4,194,012)	66,095,800	3,193,537	65,095,325	(5,515,233)	70,610,558	74,343,344
Temporarily restricted	4,891,319	831,899	3,109,827	8,833,045	1,740,898	7,092,147	5,501,026
Permanently restricted	10,708,789	9,015,190	673,247	20,397,226	4,783,358	15,613,868	14,946,115
Total net assets	11,406,096	75,942,889	6,976,611	94,325,596	1,009,023	93,316,573	94,790,485
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 110,885,988	\$ 79,805,515	\$ 7,635,405	\$ 198,326,908	\$ 13,210,811	\$ 185,116,097	\$ 196,239,148

Combined Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2002 with Comparative Totals for June 30, 2001

	CHANCERY	CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	CATHOLIC CHARITIES	TOTAL BEFORE ELIMINATIONS	ELIMINATIONS	COMBINED BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2002	COMBINED BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2001
OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUES							
Assessments	\$ 7,951,313	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,951,313	\$ -	\$ 7,951,313	\$ 7,291,728
Service fees	15,952,098	18,898		15,970,996	2,037,213	13,933,783	12,143,710
Contributions	1,798,801	22,295,294	3,234,501	27,328,596	21,544,889	5,783,707	4,674,737
United Catholic Appeal	5,332,017			5,332,017		5,332,017	4,926,428
Sales of goods and services	5,570,261			5,570,261		5,570,261	5,592,896
Program service fees and other	1,836,452		2,508,061	4,344,513		4,344,513	4,393,364
Other public support			3,647,420	3,647,420		3,647,420	2,983,183
Interest income and investment return	2,731,451	(1,176,458)	16,129	1,571,122	2,121,648	(550,526)	(1,095,258)
Total operating support and revenues	41,172,393	21,137,734	9,406,111	71,716,238	25,703,750	46,012,488	40,910,788
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Salaries and wages	6,014,727	61,576	5,001,051	11,077,354	30,746	11,046,608	10,629,558
Employee benefits	2,472,174	1,347	1,210,049	3,683,570	1,359,052	2,324,518	1,974,207
Health care costs	11,156,574			11,156,574		11,156,574	9,356,120
Retirement plan contributions	2,378,854			2,378,854		2,378,854	2,275,194
Cost of equipment and supplies sold	2,919,038			2,919,038		2,919,038	2,553,449
Administrative	1,215,328	296,439	740,924	2,252,691	48,507	2,204,184	1,592,890
Property insurance	1,777,787			1,777,787	164,100	1,613,687	1,376,152
Depreciation	788,393		333,182	1,121,575		1,121,575	1,089,537
Repairs and maintenance	620,390			620,390		620,390	643,047
Occupancy costs	479,431		793,014	1,272,445	147,250	1,125,195	1,169,285
Interest	3,011,921			3,011,921	334,117	2,677,804	3,978,309
Bad debts	364,820			364,820		364,820	444,789
Professional services	3,648,781	14,087	497,399	4,160,267	176,993	3,983,274	3,829,134
Contributions	23,167,506	3,737,316		26,904,822	22,272,096	4,632,726	3,831,109
Other	1,361,338	242,880	848,494	2,452,712	257,815	2,194,897	2,453,791
Total operating expenses	61,377,062	4,353,645	9,424,113	75,154,820	24,790,676	50,364,144	47,196,571
Change in net assets due to operations	(20,204,669)	16,784,089	(18,002)	(3,438,582)	913,074	(4,351,656)	(6,285,783)
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUES	6,313,354		938,584	7,251,938	697,012	6,554,926	1,876,137
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	5,381,103			5,381,103	1,703,921	3,677,182	5,091,902
Change in net assets due to capital campaign	932,251		938,584	1,870,835	(1,006,909)	2,877,744	(3,215,765)
Total change in net assets	(19,272,418)	16,784,089	920,582	(1,567,747)	(93,835)	(1,473,912)	(9,501,548)
NET ASSETS: Beginning of year	30,678,514	59,158,800	6,056,029	95,893,343	1,102,858	94,790,485	104,292,033
NET ASSETS: End of year	\$ 11,406,096	\$ 75,942,889	\$ 6,976,611	\$ 94,325,596	\$ 1,009,023	\$ 93,316,573	\$ 94,790,485

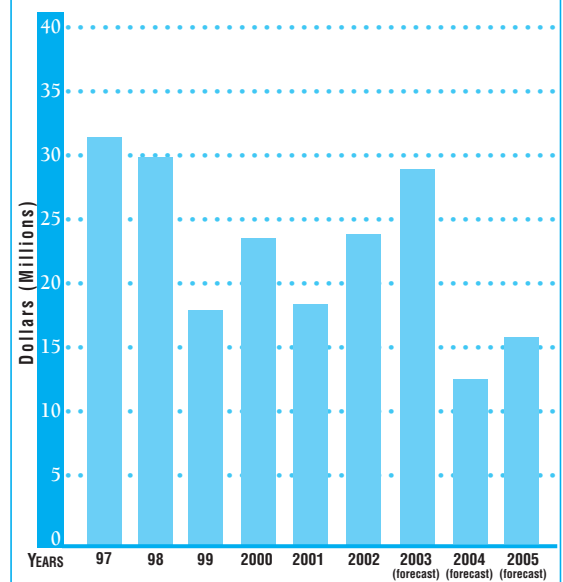
Chancery cash and cash equivalents and investments include the following:

	JUNE 30, 2002
Capital campaign cash	\$ 5,115,003
Net deposit and loan fund deposits	32,853,563
Designated cash and investments	6,188,600
Operating cash	(13,226,049)
Total	\$ 30,931,117

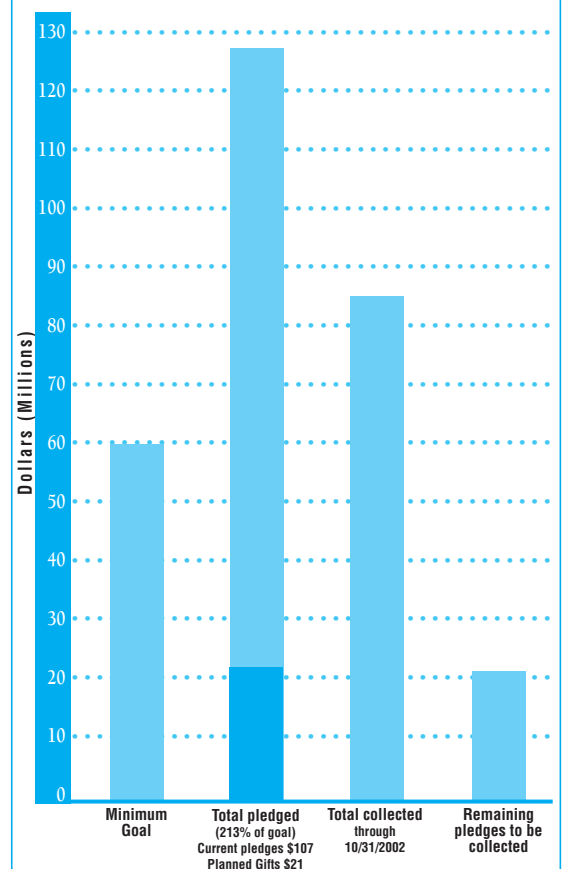
Legacy of Hope allocations and distributions

CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALLOCATION	PREVIOUS DISTRIBUTIONS	JULY 2002 DISTRIBUTION
High schools	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,365,927	\$ 634,074
CYO	750,000	631,111	118,889
Fatima Retreat House	200,000	168,296	31,704
Catholic Charities	1,000,000	841,482	158,518
Home missions	1,050,000	657,398	-
	7,000,000	5,664,214	943,185
ENDOWMENTS			
Clergy pension	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -
Archbishop's Endowment	300,000	300,000	-
Lay ministry	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Seminary education	1,500,000	1,000,000	-
Teacher/catechist training	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
High school facilities	1,000,000	400,000	283,026
Home missions	2,000,000	2,950,000	-
	9,300,000	9,150,000	283,026
TOTAL	\$ 16,300,000	\$ 14,814,214	\$ 1,226,211

Parish, School and Agency Construction/Renovation Expenditures



Legacy of Hope and Building Communities of Hope Phase I Capital and Endowment Campaigns Results through October 2002



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

A downturn in the economy, poor investment returns and increasing health care costs continue to challenge us as an archdiocese and present a difficult financial environment. Despite these challenges, the people of the archdiocese continue to respond generously to the call of stewardship, and administrators of parishes, schools and agencies continue to meet ministry needs with limited resources. This report highlights several of the most significant aspects of our financial operations.

Catholic Community Foundation Growth

The Catholic Community Foundation's total assets increased to \$79.8 million at June 30, 2002, an increase of 28.5 percent from the previous year. However, this increase was primarily due to an \$18.9 million transfer of existing investments into an endowment designated to fund benefits for parish, school and agency employees. Investment returns suffered during the year, with a return of -5.4 percent. The S&P 500 returned a -18 percent over the same one-year period. Foundation investments have returned a very respectable 9.7 percent since the inception of the current investment structure in January 1995. Parishes, schools and agencies of the archdiocese added 13 new endowments during the year, bringing the total number of endowments held in the foundation to 261. Catholic Community Foundation endowments distributed nearly \$3.3 million last year to support parish, school and agency ministries.

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Growth and Expansion Endowment Fund

Continuing an effort that began in July 2000, the parishes, schools and agencies of the archdiocese completed the second year of a three-year effort to fund the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Growth and Expansion Endowment Fund in the Catholic Community Foundation. When fully funded, this endowment will fund grants for growth and expansion projects, such as a new service-delivery site for a Catholic Charities agency, new classrooms for a school, or the establishment of a new parish.

The value of this endowment was nearly \$1.9 million at June 30, 2002. This endowment is expected to receive approximately \$1.0 million in additional funding during the 2003 fiscal year.

As the funding of this endowment comes to a close, a grant application and allocation process will be developed for the funds available through endowment distributions. This process will be similar to the process currently in place for St. Francis Xavier Home Missions Grants.

Legacy of Hope Allocations

More than \$1.2 million dollars was allocated July 1, 2002 from the archdiocesan share of the Legacy of Hope capital and endowment campaign, bringing the total allocated to date to more than \$15.5 million. (This allocation technically occurred one day after the end of the fiscal year covered in this accountability report. Previous allocations were covered in previous years' accountability reports.) Catholic Youth Organization, Fatima Retreat House, Catholic Charities agencies, archdiocesan high schools and home mission parishes received \$943,000 for capital projects. Another \$283,000 was allocated to Catholic Community Foundation endowments to support high school facilities needs.

In total, more than \$67 million has been collected against the \$87 million pledged in current gifts to the Legacy of Hope campaign. (Another \$11 million was pledged through planned gifts.) The on-time pledge collection rate stands at 93 percent, which slightly exceeds collection targets.

Building Communities of Hope Allocations

Indianapolis center-city education and Catholic Charities needs received \$1.9 million in the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Project EXCEED

During fiscal year 2002, the archdiocese began the second phase of the Building Communities of Hope campaign, also known as Project EXCEED, to enhance education at archdiocesan schools in Marion County. Contributions will

assist schools in recruiting, retaining, and training teachers, providing educational opportunities for special needs children, and increasing technology available to students. Lilly Endowment Inc. made a conditional contribution of \$10 million for Project EXCEED that requires the archdiocese to raise \$5 million. As of June 30, 2002, slightly over \$4 million in qualifying pledges had been raised.

Called to Serve: Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal

Parish stewardship, through Sunday and Holy Day collections, continued to show strong growth despite a challenging economy. Total parish Sunday and Holy Day collections throughout the archdiocese grew at a rate of 6.9 percent. This compares with a growth rate of 5.4 percent for 2000-2001. This strong growth can be largely attributed to the commitment of pastoral and lay leaders throughout the archdiocese to spread the message of Christian stewardship, particularly through Called to Serve: Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal.

The 2001 United Catholic Appeal received pledges of \$5.39 million, of which \$4.66 million has been received (as of October 31, 2002). This compares with pledges of \$4.9 million for the 2000 United Catholic Appeal and is nearly a 10 percent increase from 2000.

St. Francis Xavier Home Missions

June 2002 brought the second year of allocations of the St. Francis Xavier Home Missions Fund. The allocations committee, consisting of 11 pastors aided by two archdiocesan staff persons, made recommendations to Archbishop Buechlein for home missions grants based on applications received from 43 parishes. Approximately \$369,000 was awarded to 22 parishes.

Home missions grants are supported through the generosity of parishes that pledge some or all of the money they raise over their United Catholic Appeal goal to the St. Francis Xavier Home Missions Fund and through distributions from the Catholic Community Foundation's Archdiocesan Home Missions Endowment Fund, which was established through the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign. While we've improved our funding to support needy parishes, parish needs still far outweigh available resources. Grant requests exceeded \$2.1 million during the year, meaning that less than 18 percent of the grant dollars requested were able to be awarded.

Construction and Renovation

It was another active year for construction and renovation. More than \$23 million was spent by parishes, schools and agencies on construction and renovation projects. This brings total expenditures for construction and renovation to more than \$132 million in fiscal years 1997-2002. Parish and agency budgets for fiscal years 2003-2005 forecast another \$57 million in projects. A portion of the funding for this spending was raised in the Legacy of Hope and Building Communities of Hope campaigns, while many parishes have undertaken follow-up campaigns to prepare for future projects.

Chancery Operating Results for 2001-2002

The chancery agencies of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis operated during 2001-2002 at a deficit of \$2.2 million versus a forecasted operating budget deficit of \$1.3 million. While many individual aspects of operations varied slightly from budget, both positively and negatively, the most significant variance from budget were health care costs that exceeded budget by \$954,000, roughly equal to the variance of total actual results from budget. Please note that "operations" for this purpose are defined as combined activities of the chancery and agencies of the archdiocese, exclusive of the Catholic Community Foundation, Archdiocesan Deposit and Loan Fund, investment income, interest expense, and capital campaign activity.

The archdiocese is operating in 2002-2003 with a budgeted operating deficit of more than \$1.3 million. Additionally, this

budget includes revenues of \$1.5 million that will not continue beyond June 30, 2003. Therefore, changes are under way to improve the archdiocesan budget by a total of \$2.8 million on an annual basis. Revenue enhancement efforts account for \$1.1 million of this total, employee benefit changes to health care and retirement plans account for \$1.3 million of the total, and other agency expense reductions account for \$400,000. Strategic planning efforts are under way to identify additional options for returning to a break-even budget should any of the primary efforts not meet forecasted results.

While it seems as though we've been continuously "tightening the belt" for the last five years (we've already eliminated approximately 35 positions in our archdiocesan agencies during this time), it remains important to complete this task of returning to a balanced budget. With God's blessing and the guidance of our Archdiocesan Finance Council and Management Council, we hope to arrive at a balanced operating budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Sexual Misconduct-Related Expenses

In fiscal year 2002, approximately \$33,000 was spent to provide counseling for victims of sexual misconduct perpetrated or alleged to have been perpetrated by priests or lay employees of the archdiocese. No funds were spent for legal expenses to defend the archdiocese against any legal claims. (Through December 1, 2002, approximately \$10,000 has been spent in fiscal year 2003 related to legal expenses for defense against claims.)

Accountability

Accountability is an important part of our stewardship responsibilities. Each year, the archdiocese subjects itself to the scrutiny of an independent audit. The firm of Deloitte & Touche performed the audit for the last fiscal year. The audited financial statements are available through the Office of Accounting Services.

Archbishop Buechlein has established and regularly confers with the Archdiocesan Finance Council. The council, whose existence is required by canon law, focuses on financial policies, procedures and activities of the Church in central and southern Indiana. Current members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council are:

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., *archbishop, chairman*
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, *vicar general, vice chairman*
 Jackie Byers, *president*
 Michael Dilts, *vice-president*
 Dale Gettelfinger, *secretary*
 Michael Bindner
 Jay Brehm
 Clark Byrum
 Patrick Carr
 David Milroy
 Dennis Schlichte
 James Shanahan
 Jeffrey D. Stumpf, *chief financial officer, staff*

While the economy presented many challenges in fiscal year 2001-2002, we continued efforts to place the ministries of parishes, schools and agencies of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on a more sound financial footing. Campaigns marched forward; stewardship grew; parishes, schools and agencies addressed renovation and capital needs; and leadership made difficult decisions affecting staffing and employee benefits as archdiocesan operations continued strides toward a break-even operating budget. Rising health insurance costs, poor investment returns and economic struggles for many needy parishes present challenges to be addressed. May God lead us toward continued success in our ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

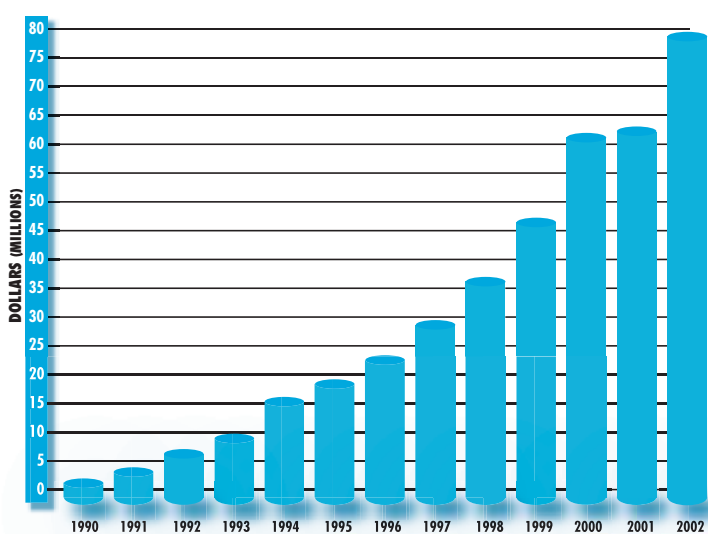
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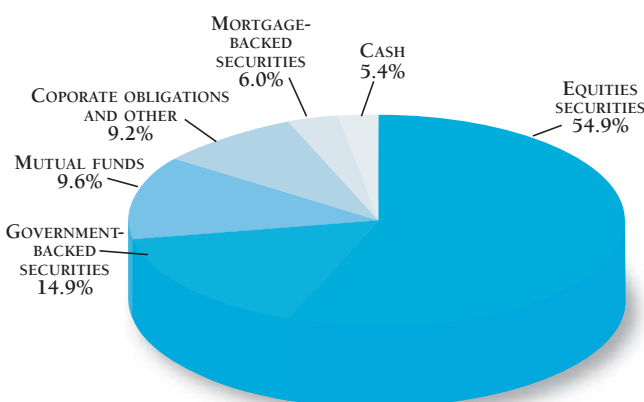
The column titled "Catholic Community Foundation" on the Combined Statement of Financial Position of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis reflects the continuing success of the Catholic Community Foundation. This foundation is a separate, not-for-profit corporation established by the archdiocese to professionally invest and administer numerous individual endowment funds for the benefit of participating parishes, schools, agencies, and other institutions affiliated with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. As of June 30, 2002, the Catholic Community Foundation comprised 261 separate endowment accounts and 80 charitable gift annuities worth \$78.96 million.

Total Assets In Millions of Dollars



Asset Allocation as of June 30, 2002

Total assets = \$79,805,515



FUND PERFORMANCE

(Annualized for the year ended) 6/30/02

Composite-5.4% Fixed3.9%
 Equity-7.9%

Advent penance services scheduled in archdiocese

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Advent. The following is a list of services that have been reported to *The Criterion*.

Batesville Deanery

Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Shelbyville
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
 Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
 Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. John, Osgood
 Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
 Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock
 Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Dover
 Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Greensburg

Bloomington Deanery

Dec. 18, 7 p.m. for St. Mary, Mitchell, and St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, at St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford

Connersville Deanery

Dec. 14, noon at St. Mary, Richmond
 Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Anne, New Castle

Indianapolis East Deanery

Dec. 19, 7 p.m. for Holy Cross, St. Mary and SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral at Holy Cross

Indianapolis North Deanery

Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Pius X
 Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Christ the King
 Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence

Indianapolis South Deanery

Dec. 15, 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at St. Roch
 Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Mark
 Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood

Indianapolis West Deanery

Dec. 15, 2 p.m. at St. Anthony
 Dec. 15, 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville

Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More, Mooresville

New Albany Deanery

Dec. 14, 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m. for St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, and Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, at St. Augustine, Jeffersonville
 Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Bradford
 Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul, Sellersburg
 Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Navilleton
 Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville
 Dec. 22, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, New Albany

Seymour Deanery

Dec. 13, 7:15 p.m. at St. Joseph, Jennings County

Dec. 15, 2 p.m. for Holy Trinity, Edinburg, and St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, at St. Rose of Lima, Franklin
 Dec. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, North Vernon
 Dec. 20, 7:15 p.m. at St. Anne, Jennings County

Tell City Deanery

Dec. 15, 4 p.m. for St. Michael, Cannelton, St. Pius, Troy, and St. Paul, Tell City, at St. Paul, Tell City
 Dec. 17, 7:15 p.m. at St. Mark, Perry County
 Dec. 18, 7:15 p.m. at St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad

Terre Haute Deanery

Dec. 15, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Rockville
 Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute
 Dec. 22, 6 p.m. at St. Patrick, Terre Haute †



Holiday greetings

Federal Death Row inmates David Paul Hammer and Jeff Paul, who are incarcerated at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute, created this holiday scene and three other seasonal paintings for use on cards that are being sold to benefit ministries for at-risk children. Last year, Gibault Inc., a not-for-profit residential facility for at-risk youth in Terre Haute, received a \$2,000 donation from the fundraising project. Mercy Sister Camille D'Arienzo of Glendale, N.Y., one of Hammer's spiritual directors, wrote verses for the cards. This card contains the message, "May worship nurtured in churches and places of the heart stir a symphony of charity, God's blessings to impart. Wishing you the blessings of this holy season." Other cards feature a waiting manger, gifts under a tree and an abstract painting with the message "Celebrate." The sets sell for \$15 for a package of 25 cards, \$30 for 50 cards, \$45 for 75 cards and \$55 for 100 cards plus \$6.75 for shipping and handling costs. To order cards, send a check addressed to the Sisters of Mercy to Mercy Sister Camille D'Arienzo, 72-25 68th St., Glendale, N.Y. 11385 or contact her by e-mail at deathrowcards@aol.com.

Roncalli Salutes Our State Finalist Spell Bowl Team



Photo (Left to Right): Sean Cary, Jessica Knoll, Elizabeth Roller, Kenny Winningham, Fatima Patino, Kristen Constant, Emily Merkel, Kim Buckley, David Franco, Coach Janet Price, and Erin Rainey

Each year the Indiana Academic Competitions for Excellence hosts three major events. The first major competition of the year is the Indiana Spell Bowl. For the fifth year in a row, the Spell Bowl Team from Roncalli won the Class II Regional Championship! The team will be one of nine competing for a State Championship in November! Roncalli teams will also be competing in upcoming IACE events including the Hoosier Academic Super Bowl and the Academic Decathlon. IACE State Championships have been brought home in past years in both the Spell Bowl and the Mathematics portion of the Academic Super Bowl. Congratulations to Coach Janet Price and these outstanding young scholars! Good luck at the State Finals!

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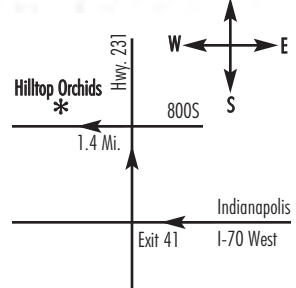
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There are plenty of ways to help the needy

There are lots of ways to help people in need in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis during the Advent and Christmas season.

Archdiocesan agencies, Catholic organizations and religious orders serving the poor in central and southern Indiana especially appreciate donations and volunteer assistance during the holidays and winter months.

Emergency Shelters

Bethany House
Terre Haute Catholic Charities
1402 Locust Ave.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-232-4978

Holy Family Shelter
Catholic Social Services of Central Indiana
30 E. Palmer St.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
317-636-7830

Service Institutions

Ryves Hall Youth Center
Terre Haute Catholic Charities
1356 Locust St.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-235-1265

St. Elizabeth's Pregnancy and Adoption Services
Archdiocesan Catholic Charities
2500 Churchman Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46203
317-787-3412

St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center
Archdiocesan Catholic Charities
601 E. Market St.
New Albany, IN 47150
812-949-7305

St. Mary's Child Center
Archdiocesan Catholic Charities
901 N. Dr. Martin Luther King St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202
317-635-1491

Catholic Charities, South Central Indiana
702 E. Market St.
New Albany, IN 47150
812-948-0438

Catholic Charities, Tell City
802 9th St.
Tell City, IN 47586
812-547-6414
Martin's Cloak (food pantry)
812-357-5533

Catholic Charities, Terre Haute
Corporate Square Annex
2931 Ohio Blvd.
Terre Haute, IN 47803
812-232-1447
Food Bank
1356 Locust St.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-235-3424
Christmas House
829 N. 14th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-234-7242
Household Exchange
1409 Locust St.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
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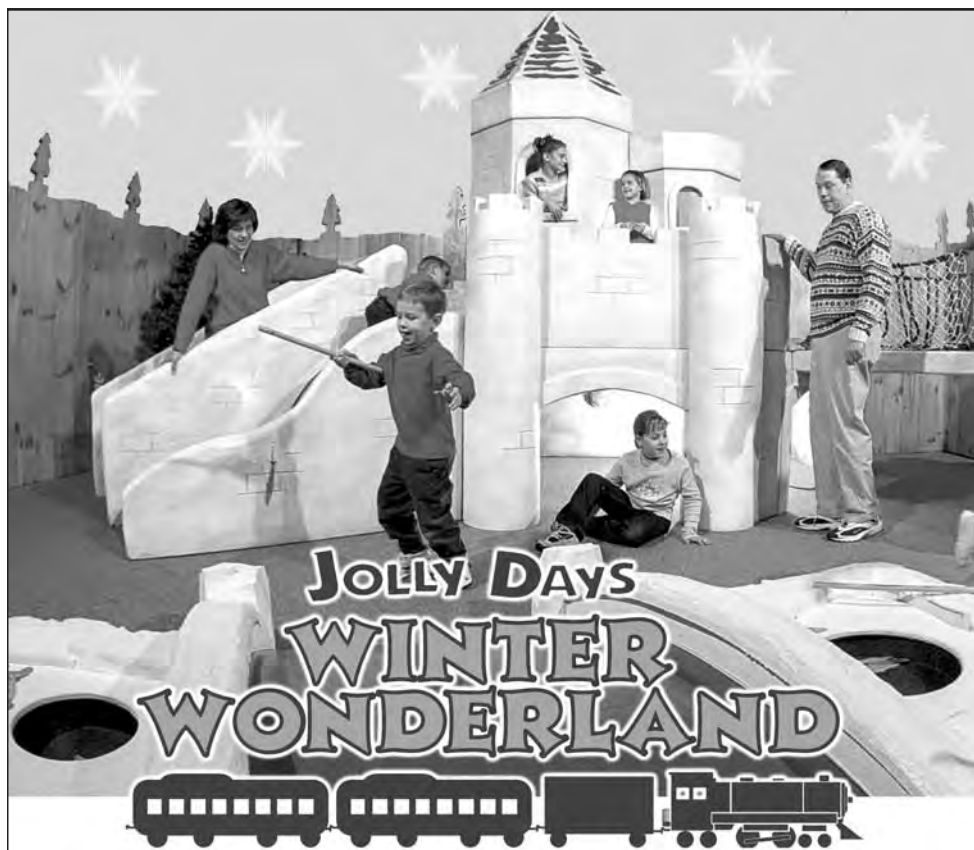
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Choirs in the archdiocese record Christmas music

By Brandon A. Evans

Two Christmas CDs are available this year that were recorded by choirs from the archdiocesan community.

Gloria Deo 2002 is the fourth Christmas CD that SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis has offered in the last five years.

"The idea is to help support our parish operation," said Father Rick Ginther, the pastor. "All of the proceeds go to the parish."

He said that revenue from each year's Christmas CD benefits the three focuses of Cathedral Parish: hospitality, liturgy and evangelization.

Ed Greene, the music director of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, said that the songs featured on the CD were based on performances from a concert last Advent.

Laudis Cantoris, the principal choir of the cathedral, is featured on the CD, as well as the instrumental talents of the

Cathedral Trio.

Among the more traditional songs are "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Ave Maria" and "Silent Night/Night of Silence."

Father Ginther said that because Cathedral Parish is so small, many people "don't have the experience to know that [the musicians] are very good."

Each year donors, generously help the parish record the CD and package it.

Gloria Deo 2002 is available at the cathedral for \$14, and can be mailed for an additional \$2. For more information, call the parish office at 317-634-4519 or log on to www.sspeterandpaulcathedral.org.

Unlike the cathedral, two southern Indiana schools recently recorded their first-ever Christmas CD. Pope John XXIII Elementary School and Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison joined musical forces to produce *A Gift to You*.

Members of the Pope John Noteables and Shawe's Encore—which make up the schools' Show Choir—worked long hours rehearsing and recording their CD.

"These kids just amaze me," said Kathy Risk-Sego, the director of the Show Choir. Sego teaches music at Pope John XXIII School and theater at Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School. "I set goals for them that seem unachievable—but nothing is. I am so blessed to be associated with these amazing children."

The CD includes the songs "Merry Christmas, Darling," "All I Want for Christmas," "Home for the Holidays" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

"The music is endearing," Sego said. "The Christmas spirit is about the human spirit, and what better way to capture the Christmas spirit than through children?"

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ABORTION

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Milwaukee in the mid-1980s.

(Joseph Scheidler is an Indiana native who lives in Chicago. See editorial on page 4.)

In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled in an earlier consideration of the case that the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act of 1970 does not require that an economic motive be established for the law to be applied and that, therefore, the clinics could use RICO against the protesters.

Following that, NOW requested injunctive relief from the protesters. That case, the current one before the high court, resulted in the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholding lower court rulings granting the injunction and awarding more than \$250,000 in damages to the clinics.

Attorney Fay Clayton, arguing on behalf of NOW, said the legislation creating the Hobbs Act clearly permits prosecution under the anti-extortion law for the type of protest at issue, in which demonstrators tried to block access to clinics where abortions are performed and caused them to lose business.

She said patients with appointments at a clinic arguably have a business contract with the agency and keeping them from reaching their appointments constitutes lost "property" for the clinic.

Arguing in part on behalf of the clinics, Solicitor General Theodore Olson said he agreed that, whether or not a stated goal of the protesters is to obtain a clinic's "property," their efforts to shut down clinics constitutes extortion under the law.

"The First Amendment is not an issue in this case," he said.

Justice Anthony Kennedy disagreed. "The First Amendment is always an

issue in a protest," said Kennedy.

Justice Stephen Breyer noted that the more recent law, RICO, did not specifically provide for private organizations to obtain an injunction such as that sought by NOW. Breyer said he found in records of the legislation that, as the bill progressed through the House and Senate, members of Congress realized they left out a provision for such injunctions and discussed fixing the oversight, but that never happened before the bill was signed.

Representing the protesters, attorney Roy Englert said the court should reverse the 7th Circuit decision because RICO and the Hobbs Act simply should not apply to protests that are protected under free speech laws.

He compared the anti-abortion protests to prohibitionist Carrie Nation's attacks on saloons and civil rights-era sit-ins.

Englert said protesters from Operation Rescue and the Pro-Life Action League

have appropriately been charged with trespassing when they break that law.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor interrupted Englert to note that trespassing was not the only law broken. In some cases, she said, there were assaults against clinic employees so "to paint a picture that what we're talking about is pure speech is not the case."

But Englert said, just like those earlier protests against alcohol consumption and segregation, the anti-abortion activists' goal was not to obtain "property" from the target of their protests, but to change people's minds.

Englert said that groups ranging from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and disability-rights groups to the Seamless Garment Network had filed briefs supporting the right to protest without fear of being prosecuted for racketeering and extortion.

The court is expected to rule in the case before the end of its term in June. †

PRIEST

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the John Gilmary Shea Award.

Father Cyprian has "recovered the past," Father Happel said, "resituating black communities in the present" by "recovering the history of churches like St. Augustine's," a historically black church in Washington.

Father Happel told Catholic News Service in an interview that Father Davis has helped modern-day Catholics understand just how diverse the Catholic Church's history in America has been since the 17th century.

"Just what happens when you have the hidden and dissonant voices?" he asked. "[Father] Cyprian has been able to recover those for us."

Father Cyprian said simple curiosity and the thrill of the chase hooked him on history.

"I had a fascination with all kinds of history," he told CNS. "I've enjoyed research. When I wander into archives, I realize that I might find something today. There is a joy—that other professions may find, a scientist for instance—that there are things to be discovered."

Following the award ceremony, Father Cyprian, a Washington native and former student at Catholic University, presented a lecture on "Opening the Doors of History: Black Catholics in America and a Forgotten Past."

After studying history at the University of Louvain in Belgium, focusing on the Middle Ages, for which he said he had a romantic passion from a young age, Father Cyprian returned to the United States "in the full throes of the civil rights movement."

"I sought to avoid the American unpleasantness of slavery issues and racial strife" in Belgium, he said. "Still, the relevance of the past is ultimately shaped by the needs of the present. And we never really escape our own history."

Back in the United States, he participated in the March on Washington, heard the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech, traveled to Selma, Ala., and was part of a Detroit caucus called after Rev. King's assassination.

The caucus, which met the day before the Catholic Clergy Conference on the Interracial Apostolate, was "the first time African-American priests had ever met on a national basis," he said.

"The room was filled with very angry men, all in Roman collars and all a little uncomfortable as to what the bishops and respective superiors would say," he recalled. "I remember asking myself how I was going to explain to my abbot that I had signed a manifesto addressed to the

American bishops in which the Catholic Church in the United States was referred to as a 'white racist institution.'"

That manifesto, he said, "began the American Church's dialogue with the black Catholic community."

"For the record," he added, "my abbot never talked to me about it."

The civil rights and black power movements forced him to rethink his task as historian, he said.

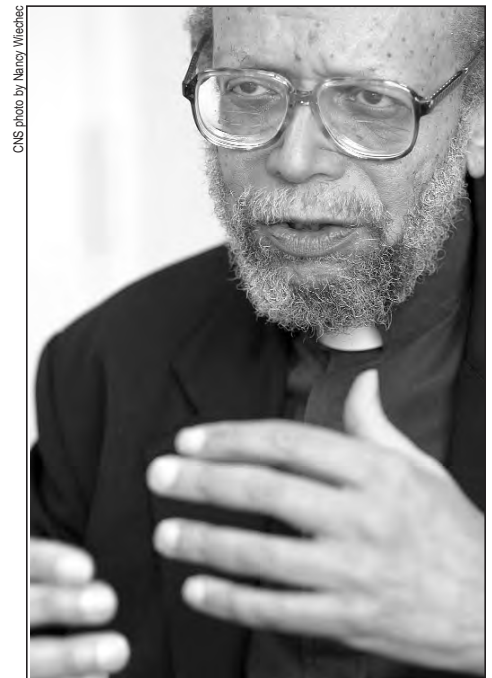
"Black Catholics began to ask me where they fit into the Catholic Church," he said. "Young African-Americans were skeptical of what

they considered to be a 'white man's Church.' Especially in the face of the brutal facts of slavery, in all the pervasive reality of racial discrimination ..., and in the memory of consistent neglect of black Catholics in many parts of the country, one could well ask whether Catholicism had anything meaningful to say to people of African descent."

This sentiment, Father Cyprian said in the interview, lingers today "only in the fact that the Church is part of larger American society."

"The ills of American society are going to be reflected in the American Catholic Church," he said. "What I think has changed is that African-American Catholics

'African-American Catholics have a different perspective now in the sense of membership in the Catholic Church. There is no longer this sense that African-American Catholics are on the outside.'



Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis talks with staff at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington on Dec. 4. The professor of Church history was given The Catholic University of America's Johannes Quasten Medal for excellence in scholarship and leadership in religious studies. His concentration of work on African-American Catholics is without precedence.

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Indiana Catholic Conference presents Human Dignity Award to State Rep. John Day and U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar

By Margaret Nelson

The Indiana Catholic Conference has awarded its 2002 Human Dignity Award to Democratic State Rep. John Day of Indianapolis and Republican U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar.

At the Dec. 7 luncheon at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis, the ICC marked 35 years as the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, chairman of the ICC board of directors, presented the award to Day, noting that he is a member of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis, a graduate of Marian College and a longtime coach of the boys' and girls' Catholic Youth Organization basketball teams at his parish.

The archbishop told how Day once promised a mother, threatened with eviction after complaining to her landlord about her unheated building, that he would try to change the situation. The passage of HB 1013, which Day introduced in the last session of the Indiana legislature, guarantees to Indiana tenants that their rented property will be safe and habitable.

For 27 years, Day's legislative agenda has often focused on promoting human dignity and widening the circle of opportunity and support for families and children.

In 1987, the ICC board of directors expressed its written appreciation for his successful nine-year effort to improve health care for the poor. He authored a program in 1993, in which schools with 25 percent of their children qualifying for reduced price lunches would be required to offer school breakfasts for all children.

In 1997, he sponsored an individual development accounts bill to encourage moderate- and low-income families to acquire assets through a subsidized savings plan.

In 1998, Day worked for newborn screening tests for hearing loss and intervention services to help develop language skills within the normal range for those with hearing losses identified early in life. That same year, he sponsored HB 1015 to bring Indiana's minimum wage law up to the federal rate.

Day responded by thanking the ICC for its "great work without much recognition" and acknowledging the work of ICC director Des Ryan. He said the conference provided valuable leadership in advancing social justice in the state.

"Thanks also for recognizing and encouraging my vocation in public service and for the kind words of our archbishop," Day said.

He remembered his Irish immigrant grandmother's wise comment when he was in the seventh grade at Holy Cross School and came home boasting of a good day on the football team. She smiled and said "self-praise, no praise."

"She would approve of this method of praise," he told Archbishop Buechlein.

"It may not be apparent at first glance, but those in the clergy and those of us in public office have much in common," he said. "The clergy and the bishops have a parish or a diocese, while we have a district, city or state. We both in our own way seek to promote the common good. We have both been given unique leadership opportunities and we both must be accountable to our own consciences and to the people we are privileged to serve."

Day remembered what he wrote in *The*

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Democratic State Rep. John Day of Indianapolis accepts the Indiana Catholic Conference's 2002 Human Dignity Award from Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at the 35th anniversary luncheon of the ICC board of directors on Dec. 7 in Indianapolis. U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, who could not attend the luncheon, also received the award.

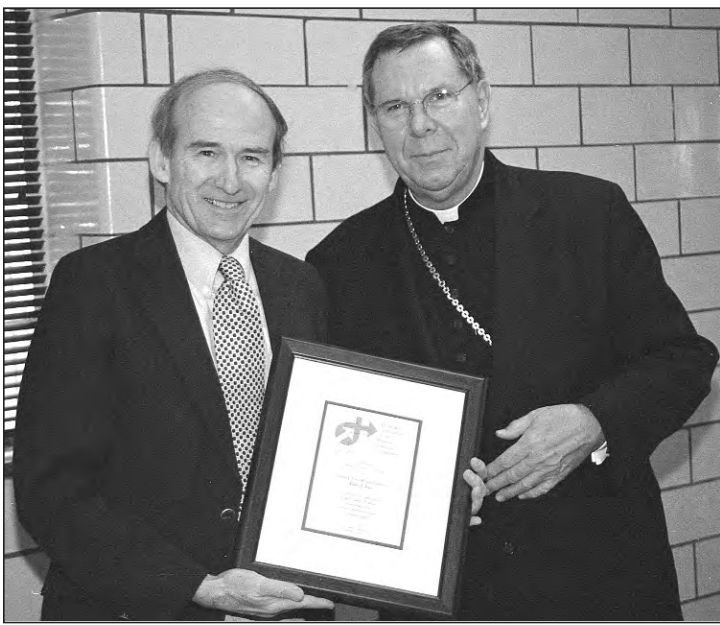


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December 13

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., **Beech Grove**. "Advent Interpreter Presentation," 6-10 p.m., \$10. Information: 317-788-7581.

Marian College, St. Francis Hall Chapel, 3200 Cold Spring Road, **Indianapolis**. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, prayer meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-927-6900.

December 13-15

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mount St. Francis**. "Christmas Family Retreat." Information: 812-923-8817.

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December 19

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. Healing Mass for reconciliation and peace, sacrament of reconciliation, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

December 22

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December 24

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Christmas Concert of Praise and Worship," 11 p.m., midnight Mass. Information: 317-632-9249.

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December 31

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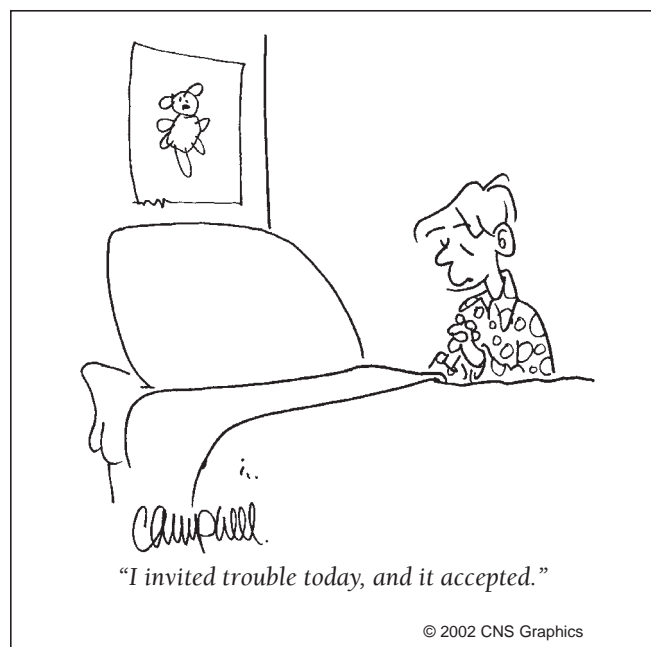
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St. Roch Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., **Indianapolis**. Holy hour, 7 p.m.

Marian Center, 3356 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Prayer group, prayers for priests and religious, 9 a.m. Information: 317-257-2569.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Monday silent prayer group, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

Tuesdays

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Shepherds of Christ rosary, prayers after 7 p.m. Mass.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Madonna Hall, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Video series of Father Corapi, 7 p.m. Information: 317-535-2360.

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

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Bible sharing, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., **Indianapolis**. Marian Movement of Priests prayer cenacle, Mass, 7-8 p.m. Information: 317-842-5580.

Holy Spirit Church, 7243 E. 10th St., **Indianapolis**. Bible study, Gospel of John, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-353-9404.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Tuesday silent prayer hour, 7 p.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

Wednesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St. (behind St. Michael Church), **Indianapolis**. Marian prayers for priests, 3-4 p.m. Information: 317-271-8016.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 7 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5692 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Marian Movement of Priests prayer cenacle for laity, 1 p.m. Information: 317-253-1678.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**.


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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, between Masses, noon-5:30 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Chapel, 46th and Illinois streets, **Indianapolis**. Prayer service for peace, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Thursdays

St. Lawrence Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mass.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Faith Sharing Group, 7:30-9 p.m. Information: 317-856-7442.

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. Shepherds of Christ prayers for lay and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

St. Malachy Church, 326 N. Green St., **Brownsburg**. Liturgy of the Hours, 7 p.m. Information: 317-852-3195.

Christ the King Chapel, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Marian prayers for priests, 5:30-6:30 a.m.

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, **Indianapolis**. Euchre, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Parish Hall, 1125 S. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Adult religious education, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Thursday silent prayer group, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-543-0154.

Fridays

St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

St. Lawrence Parish, Chapel, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Spanish prayer group and conversation, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-546-4065.

Saturdays

Clinic for Women (abortion clinic), 3606 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**. Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Tridentine Mass, 9 a.m.

St. Patrick Church, 950 Prospect St., **Indianapolis**. Mass in English, 4 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. "Be Not Afraid" holy hour, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Monthly

First Sundays

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

Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road, **Indiana-**

polis. Euchre, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

Holy Cross Church, 125 N. Oriental St., **Indianapolis**. Mass for Catholics in recovery, 5 p.m. Information: 317-637-2620.

First Mondays

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

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St., **Indianapolis**. Confession, 6:45 p.m., Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Holy hour for religious vocations, Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1723 "I" St., **Bedford**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. Mass-9 p.m., reconciliation, 4-6 p.m.

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**. Mass,

8:15 a.m., devotions following Mass until 5 p.m. Benediction. Information: 317-784-5454.

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

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

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

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 5:30 p.m. Mass-9 a.m. Saturday. Information: 317-636-4478.

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

St. Anthony Church, 379 N.

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

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

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

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, after 9 p.m. Mass-midnight.

St. Joseph Church, 113 S. 5th St., **Terre Haute**. Eucharistic adoration, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Benediction, rosary, noon, Mass, 5:15 p.m. Information: 812-235-4996.

First Saturdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Devotions, Mass, sacrament of reconciliation, rosary, mediations, 8 a.m.

Holy Angels Church, 740 W. 28th St., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, Chapel, 4720 E. 13th St., **Indianapolis**. Apostolate of Fatima holy hour, 2 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman Ave., **Indianapolis**. Reconciliation, 7:45 a.m., Mass, 8:15 a.m. followed by rosary.

St. Mary Church, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. Eucharistic adoration and confessions after 9 p.m. Mass.

St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., **Sunman**. Mass, praise and worship, 8 a.m., then SACRED gathering in the school.

Second Mondays

Church at **Mount St. Francis**. Holy hour for vocations to priesthood and religious life, 7 p.m.

Second Thursdays

St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., **Indianapolis**. Holy hour for priestly and religious vocations, 7 p.m.

Third Sundays

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd., E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m.-7 a.m. (Monday), rosary, 8 p.m. Open until midnight.

Third Mondays

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

Third Wednesdays

Holy Name Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**. Holy hour and rosary, 6 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

St. Jude Church, 5353 McFarland Road, **Indianapolis**. Rosary, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-783-1445.

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Widowed Organization, 7-9:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-1102.

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 Troy Ave., **Indianapolis**. Mass, 2 p.m. †



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ABSHIER, Thomas Riley, Jr., 72, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Nov. 24. Husband of Kathleen M. (Kiefer) Abshier. Father of Dana, Jerry and Thomas Abshier III. Brother of Carol Doran, Priscilla Muse, Susanne Thompson, Allen Abshier and Frederick Otto. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of two.

ARTMAN, Phyllis, 73, St. Mary, Richmond, Nov. 21. Wife of Louis Artman. Mother of Deborah Fellberg, Linda and Louie Artman. Grandmother of five.

AULBACH, Henry F., 59, St. Michael, Brookville, Nov. 22. Son of Edith May (Schaefer) Aulbach. Brother of May Lou Youngman.

BARRAR, Adelia Mora, 85, Prince of Peace, Madison, Nov. 30. Mother of Barbara Cox, Dalphine Ford, Patricia Wells, Clifford and Nicholas Barrar. Sister of Pauline Day. Grandmother of 16.

BRADEN, Virginia, 75, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Nov. 17. Mother of Katherine Conway, Theresa Fruecht and Andrew Braden. Sister of Donald Tredway. Grandmother of eight.

BRENNAN, John Patrick, 45, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Nov. 24. Son of John Brennan and Jo Brennan.

BURTON, Mary Katherine (Wolfinger), 56, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, Dec. 2. Wife of Richard Lee Burton Sr. Mother of Scott Hensley, Bobbie, Richard Jr. and Timothy Burton. Daughter of Rebecca Katherine Hall. Sister of Chrystalee Booher, Kathy Crane, Kimberly Hansen and Theresa Martin. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of six.

CANTRELL, Benjamin A., 15, St. Michael, Bradford, Nov. 23. Son of Gregory and Mary Cantrell. Brother of Amy, Bridget and Adam Cantrell. Grandson of Maupin Cantrell, John and Marilyn Young.

CARMAN, Jeff, 53, St. Anne, New Castle, Nov. 30. Husband of Rita Carman. Father of Katie

and Melisa Carman. Son of Thomas and Betty (Griffin) Carman. Brother of Sharon and Joe Burkholder.

DAVIS, Dolores G. (Williams), 76, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Nov. 25. Wife of John W. Davis. Mother of Diana Goodin, Rebecca Kincaid and Mark Davis. Sister of Carl and Jerome Williams. Grandmother of four.

DAY, Paul Adolph, 92, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, Nov. 30. Husband of Cecilia (Zimmerer) Day. Father of Judith Brizendine, Kathleen Henderson, Alice Meisberger, Janet Walker, Donald, Kenneth, Richard and Thomas Day. Brother of Frances Gibson, Agnes Mohny, Dorothy Naville and Bernard Day. Grandfather of 24. Great-grandfather of 11. Great-great-grandfather of one.

DIERCKMAN, Lambert B., 80, St. Mary, Greensburg, Nov. 30. Father of Judith Barack, Anita Early, Debra Loveless and Nancy Stuehrenberg. Brother of Bernadette Ollier, Alfred and Emmanuel Dierckman. Grandfather of seven.

FAGAN, Mary F., 78, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Nov. 25. Wife of Jack Fagan. Mother of Karole Butz, M. Kathleen Sherman and Daniel Fagan. Sister of Aileen Lloyd. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of three.

FARMER, Raymond Leroy, 80, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Nov. 23. Father of Ramona and David Farmer. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of three.

FLIKE, Mary E. (Welsh), 77, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Nov. 19. Mother of Pamela Benjamin, Marianne Ngo and Steven Flike. Sister of James Welsh. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of 10.

GILLAND, Terrance R., 50, St. Charles, Milan, Nov. 7. Son of Grover and Marian Gilland. Brother of Sandra Kennedy, Patricia Ritchie, Dennis and Rick Gilland.

GOEBEL, Paul Joseph, 72, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Nov. 19. Brother of Ann Ison, David, Edwin and James Goebel.

JONES, David R., 63, St. Michael, Greenfield, Oct. 28. Husband of Nancy A. Jones. Father of David, Edward, Paul and Phillip Jones. Brother of Jean Jell, Nancy Rogers, Donald, Robert and

William Jones. Grandfather of seven.

JONES, Kevin P., 23, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Nov. 29. Son of Jeff and Karen (Copas) Jones. Brother of Michael Jones. Grandson of Clarence and Betty Jones.

JUAREZ, Victoria Ruiz, 79, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, Nov. 27. Mother of Carmela, Cristina, Guana, Jesus and Maria Ruiz Juarez. Sister of Antonia, Paula, Arnulfo and Nemesio Juarez Almaras. Grandmother of 29. Great-grandmother of 30.

KOWALSKI, James David, 68, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, Nov. 30. Husband of Shirley (Phillips)Kowalski. Father of Elizabeth Camp, Jennifer Micinski, James Jr. and Phillip Kowalski. Stepfather of Kimberly Hood. Brother of Roberta Hill and Leon Kowalski Jr. Grandfather of six.

KROGER, Maurice L., 92, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, Dec. 3. Husband of Marjorie (Nicholls) Kroger. Father of John Kroger. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of two.

LAMKE, Diana E., 92, Holy Family, New Albany, Nov. 26. Mother of Sandra Volpert. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of one.

LIBS, Donald F., 52, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, Nov. 28. Husband of Beverly Libs. Father of Kimberly Allen and Tracy Libs. Stepson of Eva Libs. Brother of Jane Best, Cathy Boone, Pat Hutt, Linda Smith, Richard and Robert Libs. Stepbrother of Carolyn Gehlbach, Vernetta Gettlefinger, Joann Pendleton, Alice Volpert, Bruce and Robert Andres. Grandfather of one.

MAST, Sandra I. (Shields), 64, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Dec. 2. Wife of Leroy Mast. Mother of Annette Looney and Michael Mast Sr. Sister of Audrey Hancock and Karen Richey. Grandmother of three.

McGOVERN, Mildred M. Drew (Walker), 91, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Dec. 8. Mother of Ann Louise Caric. Stepmother of Betty Fisherkeller, Jane Harnishfeger, Mary Anna Mack and Philip R. McGovern. Sister of Dick and Leonard Walker. Grandmother of two. Step-grandmother of nine. Step-great-grandmother of six.

McILHENNY, Anna Katherine, 90, St. Mary, Lanesville, Nov. 24. Mother of Patricia Nevitt. Grandmother of three.

MOLL, Dorothy C., 86, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Nov. 17. Mother of Mary Myers, James, John, Robert and Thomas Moll.

Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of two.

NIEDENTHAL, James R., 80, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Dec. 3. Father of Karen Terhune. Brother of Amelia Bristow and Margaret "Dolly" Reed. Grandfather of two.

REIDENBACH, Geneva C., 90, St. Michael, Brookville, Nov. 20. Mother of Laverne, Virginia, Harry and Richard Reidenbach. Sister of Luella Lanning, Leona Oyler and Elsie Wiwi. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of seven.

SANDERS, Benjamin F., 81, St. Michael, Greenfield, Nov. 8. Husband of Wanda M. (Caloud) Sanders. Father of Carol Brunty, Sue Case, Sherry Schlosser and Jeffrey Sanders. Brother of Sandy Floen. Grandfather of seven.

SELZER, Louise A. (Sauter), 87, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, Nov. 26. Mother of Betty Akers, Sharon Dakin, Ann Davis, Bobbie Stephey and John Selzer. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of 11.

STEELE, Jean Marie, 54, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Nov. 20. Wife of Robert "Pat" Steele. Mother of Andrew and Christopher Steele.

STERGER, Raphael "Ray," 91, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, Dec. 4. Father of Barbara Kimball and Mary Ann Sterger. Brother of Ed Sterger. Grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of two.

STILGER, Beatrice R., 88, St. Mary, Lanesville, Nov. 29. Mother of Darrell, Larry and Ronald Stilger. Sister of Jeanette Kiefer, Virginia Lillpop and Imelda Zollman.

TATGENHORST, Dixon Alexander, 75, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Nov. 21. Father of Carol Perkins and Mark Tatgenhorst. Grandfather of 10.

TRETTER, Donald Austin, 71, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, Nov. 26. Husband of Janet (Warren) Tretter. Father of Janeen Spaulding and Lizabeth VerKamp. Brother of Imogene Perry, David and LeeRoy Tretter. Grandfather of one.

WESTERMANN, Charles A., 77, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, Nov. 28. Husband of Marian (Herden) Westermann. Father of Christina Bottoms, Linda Merkel, Joanne Miller, Andrew and John Westermann. Brother of George and Phillip Westermann. Grandfather of 10.

WUENSCH, Jo Ann, 68, St. Luke, Indianapolis, Dec. 5. Wife of Ronald Wuensch. Mother of Ronna Felber, Cheryl Mayo, Gina Meriwether, Christopher and Jeffrey Wuensch. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of one. †



Mary and Christ Child

Snow falls on a statue of Mary and the Christ Child outside the Theological College in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 5 during the first winter storm of the season. The college is the national seminary of The Catholic University of America.

Jesuit Father Ronald Ferguson was Indianapolis native, computer expert

Jesuit Father Ronald J. Ferguson, an Indianapolis native, died on Nov. 27 at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Mich. He was 69.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Dec. 3 at Madonna della Strada, the chapel at Loyola University in Chicago.

Father Ferguson was a teacher, musician and computer pioneer.

After graduating from Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Milford, Ohio.

He began his studies for the priesthood at the former West Baden College in West Baden Springs then earned a master's degree in mathematics from Boston College and a licentiate in sacred theology at Bellarmine School of Theology in Aurora, Ill., where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1965.

Father Ferguson began his ministry with the Jesuits by teaching mathematics at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1958-60 and at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill., from 1967-73.

In 1968, Loyola Academy obtained its first computer. He was quick to see the potential of computerization to change the ways that people work, study and live, so he enrolled in a computer training course at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

As a Jesuit, his knowledge and mastery of computer technology was motivated by his desire to serve others.

"My work is the same as any Jesuit in the natural sciences," he said. "I believe all knowledge comes from God. The Jesuits represent the Church in science. Everything we do reflects God's wisdom and knowledge."

In 1979, after serving six years as executive assistant to the Chicago provincial, Father Ferguson was assigned to Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he became director of academic computing with responsibility for providing computer services to faculty, staff and students.

During nine years of ministry there, he directed a 40-member staff and helped modernize and advance the computer infrastructure of the university, which was recently ranked third out of 142 Midwest colleges and universities by *U.S. News and World Report*.

"Computers make it possible for people to live on a human level," Father Ferguson said. "Computers can make life better for people so they are more able to practice virtue."

In 1989, Father Ferguson served as national coordinator of the Jesuit Refugee Service for a year before his appointment as assistant to the president of Loyola University of Chicago. He ministered at Loyola until he became ill a few months ago.

Father Ferguson was a gifted flautist and was studying the oboe at the time of his death. During his tenure at Loyola, he also engaged in a ministry of music to the elderly in local nursing homes.

Jesuit administrators in the Chicago province described him as "a thoughtful, gifted minister of the Gospel," "a good musician" and "an accomplished mathematics teacher whose abilities translated well into computer skills in the technological age."

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Criterion when he and others were invited to recognize the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's social justice encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*.

On May 17, 1991, he wrote, "An environment which crushes the human spirit is in stark contrast to the eloquent message of the Church on the worth and dignity of each person. If we believe in these social justice principles, then we must all work, each in our own way, to create a more life-giving, supportive environment."

Last Saturday, Day told board members, "In the current national climate with talk of war and increased military spending, more

than ever we need organizations like the Indiana Catholic Conference to speak up for the forgotten in our society, for those without power or resources."

Day asked them to be advocates for the 6 percent of U.S. workers, many with families, who are now unemployed. He asked them to join with others in resolving the scandal of 41 million Americans who have no health insurance.

"And who will speak on behalf of those families who will struggle through this winter without adequate heat in their homes?" he asked.

"Those of us who dream of a more just and compassionate society are counting on you," said Day.

Mary Jo Thomas-Day, administrator of religious education at St. Monica Parish in

Indianapolis, was present as her husband was honored.

Archbishop Buechlein read the award letter he sent to Sen. Lugar, who was not present.

"Since its very beginning, the conference's goal has been to uphold the dignity of every human being because we are all made in the image of God and to call our society to recognize that dignity in its public policies," he said.

"In your long public service career, you have been honored numerous times for your leadership in a wide range of issues from agriculture to nuclear disarmament. We want to honor you for your efforts to help children and families in need.

"During your tenure in the U.S. Senate,

you used your influence to make families more aware of the availability of health care. In recent years, you introduced bills that allowed greater use of school lunch participation and expanded health coverage to children and pregnant women.

"Your efforts to improve the nutritional needs and health coverage for children and pregnant women deserve our recognition. For this, we present you with our 2002 Human Dignity Award."

The bishops of all five dioceses in Indiana attended the anniversary meeting, along with their lay representatives who are on the board of directors.

(Margaret Nelson is a member of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.) †

Review board to interview bishops on scope of sex abuse

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A subcommittee of the U.S. bishops' National Review Board on clergy sexual abuse will begin interviewing bishops, archbishops and cardinals in an effort to understand the scope of the abuse scandal.

A Dec. 6 statement from attorney Robert S. Bennett, who chairs one of the board's subcommittees, said the group, appointed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has begun extensive interviews and studies into the problems of sexual abuse by priests.

"The timing of this effort is particularly appropriate because the board is troubled

about recent public revelations which suggest that past abuse and how it was handled [were] more aggravated than previously thought," Bennett said in the statement, which was provided on Dec. 9 to Catholic News Service by his Washington law firm.

The statement was made a few days after the Dec. 3 release of more than 2,000 pages of Boston archdiocesan records on eight priests accused of sexual misconduct from the 1960s to the 1990s. The files discuss cases of the accused priests receiving or retaining assignments despite recommendations against moving them.

The release of the information sparked a

fresh wave of calls for the resignation of Boston Cardinal Bernard F. Law, including the circulation of a draft petition for his resignation by some 50 of the archdiocese's 900 priests.

Bennett said Catholic lay people are rightfully outraged over the Church's handling of abuse cases and that the board has a special responsibility to them.

He said "a number of cardinals, archbishops and bishops are scheduled to be questioned as a key part of the review board's investigation."

At about the same time as Bennett's statement, *The New York Times* published

an article based on an interview with Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, chairman of the review board, who said record-keeping on abuse cases in some dioceses had been "slovenly to the point of reckless."

Keating told the *Times* the board had contacted some dioceses to review their files on abuse and that most bishops were cooperating with the panel's requests.

"Some of these dioceses have very little in the way of definite records," Keating said in the interview. "They are slovenly to the point of reckless in some cases, and that's why I think that some of the information is suspect." †

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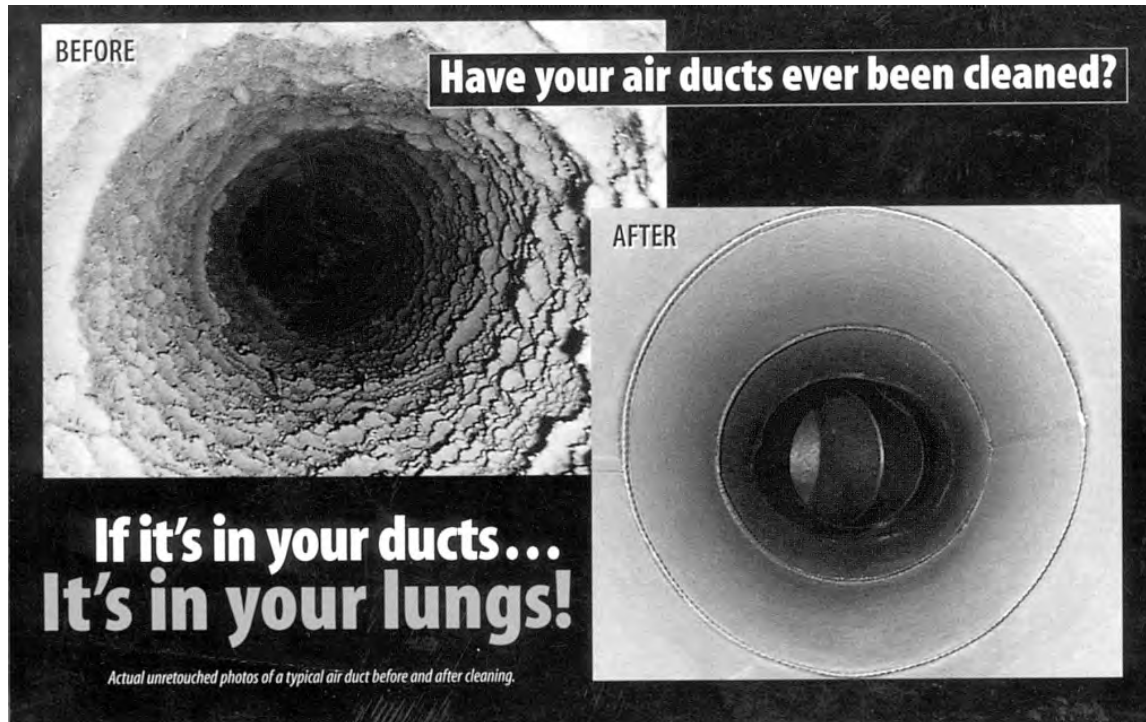
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