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'The ultimate gift'



Benedictine Father Julian Peters, administrator pro-tem of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis, lays his hands on the head of Russell Jenkins in a celebration of the rite of confirmation during Cathedral Parish's Easter Vigil on March 22. Jenkins and his wife, Linda, second from left, were received into the full communion of the Church during the liturgy at which their son, transitional Deacon Aaron Jenkins, assisted Father Julian. Russell and Linda Jenkins are members of St. Mary Parish in Rushville.

Parents of transitional deacon received into Church

By Sean Gallagher

RUSHVILLE—An offertory procession at Mass ordinarily isn't an unusual event.

Members of the congregation bring gifts of bread and wine to the sanctuary. The celebrant and other ministers receive the gifts from them. Then the two groups depart—one back to the congregation, the

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other to the altar. But on March 22 at

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, the offertory procession during Cathedral Parish's Easter Vigil wasn't so ordinary. A husband and wife brought up the gifts and they were received by Benedictine Father Julian Peters, the parish's administrator pro-tem, and

transitional Deacon Aaron Jenkins, who will be ordained a priest for the archdiocese on June 7.

After the gifts were received, however, something different happened.

Deacon Jenkins stepped forward and embraced the man and woman who had brought forward the bread and the wine.

They were his parents, Russell and Linda Jenkins, who, just minutes earlier, were received into the full communion of the Church and were confirmed.

Minutes later, they would receive Communion for the first time from the hands of their son.

That celebration of the Easter Vigil marked the culmination of a long journey of faith for Russ and Linda, who are now members of St. Mary Parish in Rushville.

They chose to enter the Church at the cathedral instead of their home parish because their son had been asked to assist

with liturgies at the cathedral during Holy Week.

At one and the same time, their journey was interrelated with their son's faith journey, but also distinct from it as well.

An expanding family

As he was growing up, Deacon Jenkins and his family were members of Zion United Church of Christ in Shelby County.

That faith community was important to the family for many reasons, not the least of which was that some of Linda's ancestors helped found it in the early 19th century.

When Deacon Jenkins went to Anderson University in Anderson, Ind., however, he explored other faith

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Pope says he wants to bring message of hope to U.S. and U.N.

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a videotaped message, Pope Benedict XVI said he wants to bring a message of Christian hope to all Americans and to the United Nations when he visits in mid-April.

"I shall come to the United States as pope for the first time to proclaim this great truth: Jesus Christ is hope for men and women of every language, race, culture and social condition," the pope said.

He said he intends to reach out spiritually to U.S. Catholics and show

fraternity and friendship to other Christians, to followers of other religions and to all people of good will.

The text of the papal message, released at the Vatican on April 8, was designed to set the thematic stage for the pope's April 15-20 visit to Washington and New York.

The pope read the text, mostly in English but with a short section in Spanish, while seated at a desk beneath a painting of Mary and Jesus.

Rather than focus on specific events, the pope spoke about the theme of his visit, "Christ Our Hope." Those three words express the Church's belief that Christ is the face of God in human history and gives fullness to people's lives, he said.

"I know how deeply rooted this Gospel message is in your country. I am coming to share it with you in a series of celebrations and gatherings," he said.

He thanked people for their prayers for the success of his visit, saying that "prayer is the most important element of all."

Without intimate union with the Lord, he said, human endeavors would mean very little.

"It is God who saves us, he saves the world and all of history. He is the shepherd of his people. I am coming, sent by Jesus Christ, to bring you his word of life," he said.

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Liturgical logistics: Keeping track of details for pope's U.S. Masses

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—From the huge windows of his office overlooking St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict XVI's chief liturgist can, and does, keep track of every detail that goes into preparing a papal liturgy.

The papal venues in the United States are not directly under his nose, but Msgr. Guido Marini still knows every detail of the two evening prayer services and three Masses that Pope Benedict will celebrate in Washington and New York from April 15-20.

Msgr. Marini, 43, did not plan every element of the five U.S. services, as he does with Vatican services, although he did make suggestions and did have veto power.

In an interview in early April, the monsignor said the readings, the prayers of the faithful, the music, and the readers and servers, for the most part, are those decided by the liturgy organizers in the archdioceses of Washington and New York, who coordinated their efforts with a representative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Female altar servers will be involved in some of the liturgies in accordance with local diocesan practice, he said. And, just as at the Vatican, men and

women will alternate reading the Scriptures and the prayers of the faithful.

Early in the planning process for a papal trip, the monsignor said, his office sends the local Church a set of guidelines, which is "substantially the same" as the set developed during the pontificate of Pope John Paul II.

"A few small things were modified to reflect the liturgical attitudes of Pope Benedict," he said. They include a request that a crucifix be placed on the altar for eucharistic celebrations, that concelebrating priests be as close to the altar as possible, and that the offertory gifts be limited to the bread, wine and charitable gifts.

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Msgr. Guido Marini

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traditions and eventually felt called to enter the Catholic Church, which he did in the spring of his senior year of college.

While that change did not disturb his parents, his announcement to them about a year later that he was going to enter the seminary was difficult for them.

"We took it very hard," said Linda.

So hard, in fact, that when she and Russ met with Father Joseph Moriarty, then-archdiocesan vocations director, her tears flowed throughout their conversation.

"I cried the whole time he was talking to us," Linda said. "I could not stop crying. He was very understanding."

"Our marriage has always been great," Russ said. "And so the first thing was that I looked at it and thought, 'He's going to miss out on that.'"

But over the next few years, Russ and Linda learned that while their son would make sacrifices in becoming a priest, other blessings would come his way.

They saw the camaraderie that Deacon Jenkins shared with the other seminarians at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, where he has received his priestly formation.

Over time, Russ and Linda joined in that fellowship with the seminarians and Benedictine monks on staff at the seminary.

Russ even offered his wood-working expertise to construct frames and a cross for a Stations of the Cross at the seminary, make a base for a statue of St. Thomas Aquinas in the seminary's chapel and help renovate the Unstable, the seminary's pub and pizza parlor.

"[The seminarians] are all just common-folk guys," Russ said. "They're just like my son. They're not a different bunch of people. They're just godly people."

A three-year journey

Coming to feel that the seminarians were like family members helped draw Russ and Linda closer to the Catholic Church.

"That's something that really turned me onto it . . .," Linda said, "just to see those guys, their brotherhood and how they get so excited every time someone would make that next step to becoming a priest. And with us, they're just so excited about us being in the RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] classes."

Russ and Linda participated in St. Mary Parish's RCIA during the last three years.

At first, they did it to learn more about the Catholic faith that their son had

embraced.

It was only after finishing their second year of RCIA that they finally felt that God was calling them into the full communion of the Church.

Part of the delay was related to getting used to a style of worship that was very different than the one they had been used to their whole lives.

"To me, when I first walked in as a Protestant, the Catholic Church was not very welcoming," Russ said. "You walk in and you're just lost. I had no idea what was going on [at Mass]."

Perhaps a more significant factor was their deep ties to Zion United Church of Christ, where Linda's family had worshiped for more than 150 years.

"It was really tough to leave my family church," Linda said. "But I knew I wanted to. I knew from studying that the Catholic Church was a beautiful thing. We have learned so much."

Her ultimate choice to enter the full communion of the Church made an impression on her son.

"For her to make that decision had to be pretty difficult," said Deacon Jenkins in an interview before the Easter Vigil. "I'm kind of amazed that, with all of that, she still wants to make this decision to become Catholic."

Making their own choice

Russ and Linda's journey into the Church culminated just a couple of months before their son is to be ordained a priest.

This fact made Russ feel a little uncomfortable.

"It's been good that it's taken us this long," he said. "But I hate that it's coming this close to Aaron's ordination. I just hate to take away from his experience."

Deacon Jenkins has a different view, describing their choice to join him in the faith as "the ultimate gift."

Russ and Linda see their son's embrace of the Catholic faith and his call to the priesthood as being a moment providentially planned by God to invite them into the full communion of the Church.

At the same time, they are convinced that their choice was theirs alone, something that was important for Deacon Jenkins.

One of their RCIA instructors saw that they were making their own choice by how they became involved in their parish community by organizing a trip to Saint Meinrad for their RCIA classmates.

"I think that shows that they take initiative," said Carolyn Sorber, a member

Photos by Sean Gallagher



Above, Linda Jenkins receives Communion from her son, Deacon Aaron Jenkins.



Left, Russell Jenkins, Deacon Aaron Jenkins and Linda Jenkins pose in the cathedral after the Easter Vigil.

of St. Mary Parish. "They're not just sitting on the sidelines and waiting for others to do things.

"They're already actively doing things in our parish by providing this opportunity for their classmates to come down and experience what they found to be so enriching."

Markus Strobl, another of the Jenkins's RCIA instructors, knew from his experiences with them that they were on their own journey of faith.

"Russ was always interested in finding out more about it and bringing up some points where you had to discuss things a bit longer," he said. "He wasn't just joining the Church because his son was becoming a priest. He really wanted to know what this was all about and why he should join . . ."

A little more than a week before the Easter Vigil, Russ knew why.

"I wouldn't have thought this five years ago, but I think that this has been a good experience for me," he said. "It has really brought me closer to the Church. I was at the point where I was lukewarm. And now this has fired me up again."

Still aglow after the Easter Vigil at the cathedral, where she was received into the Church, Linda spoke of her happiness about becoming Catholic.

"To be part of the Catholic Church is something now that I can say that I truly wanted to do," she said. "Now I understand the traditions and the rituals better. And I see why it all brings you to our Lord to worship every week."

(A link to an article about Deacon Aaron Jenkins' vocations journey can be found with the online edition of this story at www.CriterionOnline.com.) †

Official Appointments

Rev. Lawrence Voelker, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis, reappointed pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis for an additional six-year term, effective May 9, 2008.

Rev. Eric Augenstein, administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, to pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany for a six-year term, effective July 2, 2008.

Rev. Brian Esarey, administrator of St. Martin Parish in Yorkville and St. Paul Parish in New Alsace, to pastor of St. Martin Parish in Yorkville and St. Paul Parish in New Alsace for a six-year term, effective July 2, 2008.

Rev. Stanley Pondo, administrator of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove, to pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove for a six-year term, effective July 2, 2008.

Rev. Shaun Whittington, administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in

Osgood and St. Magdalen Parish in New Marion, to pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood and St. Magdalen Parish in New Marion for a six-year term, effective July 2, 2008.

Rev. Paul Dede, pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Spencer, granted permission to retire, effective July 2, 2008.

Rev. William Ernst, pastor of St. Mary Parish in New Albany, granted permission to retire, effective July 2, 2008.

Rev. Wilfred E. Day, pastor of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, reappointed pastor of Holy Family Parish in New Albany for an additional six-year term, effective Aug. 27, 2008.

Rev. Daniel J. Staublin, pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, reappointed pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg for an additional six-year term, effective Aug. 27, 2008.

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Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

Youths reflect on pilgrimage to see pope in New York

By John Shaughnessy

Like most people, Laura Mason looks forward to her weekends.

The 17-year-old Shelbyville youth especially had that feeling about an upcoming April weekend that she knew would be filled with music, sports and good times—a weekend that would also be highlighted by her junior prom.

Then Laura received a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that tempted her to set aside that special high school event.

If you want, Laura was told, there's a seat for you on a bus that's headed from Indianapolis to New York to see Pope Benedict XVI at a youth rally, a bus that holds just 50 people.

"I was really excited," recalls Laura about the invitation for the trip on April 17-20. "Then I got out my assignment book and saw all the conflicts. I had two tennis matches that Thursday and Friday, a band concert, a band contest and the junior prom that Saturday night.

"It was a very tough decision, but I decided I could go to prom next year. Not many people get to see the pope at all, let alone attend a rally with him. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Laura will be one of the 44 youths and six adult chaperones on the bus that will be filled with Catholics from across the archdiocese. Some of the young people were recommended by their youth ministers and others were invited because of their service with the Archdiocesan Youth Council.

"I think the trip will be amazing," says Laura, a student at Shelbyville High School and member of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville. "It's a good idea [that the pope is meeting with young people]. During this past year, my confirmation sponsor made me realize we are the future of the Church. It's in our hands."

The Criterion contacted Laura and three other youths to share their thoughts—and their stories of faith—about making the trip to see the pope on April 19 at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y., where about 22,000 people are expected to attend the historic rally.

Here are their stories:

Sparkling the fire inside

For 16-year-old Kyle Field, the

trip to New York to see Pope Benedict XVI will be another amazing part of a longer, incredible journey that has led him to consider the priesthood.

In fact, this will be the second time in less than two years that Field will experience being in the pope's presence. In the fall of 2006, he was part of a pilgrimage to Italy that was led by Father Michael Fritsch, his pastor at St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington.

"A guardian angel helped to pay for me to go on that trip," Kyle recalls.

"Before the trip, Father Mike asked me to come visit him at the rectory. He said, 'How would you like to go to Rome?' He said there was a person who was paying for my trip. It was an awesome opportunity. I heard the pope's Wednesday address. Any opportunity to hear him and see him again, I'm going to take. I'm not sure what he'll say to the American youth, but I'm sure it will be amazing."

Kyle has the same excitement as he talks about another recent journey of faith he made to Washington, D.C., in January for the annual March for Life.

"It was amazing," says Kyle, who is home-schooled. "I had never been before. Just to see how many people care about how evil abortion and euthanasia are. You know they're trying to get *Roe v. Wade* overturned. It makes you want to work hard to get it overturned."

Those trips and the spiritual retreats he has experienced have shown him how deeply people care about their faith and made him think seriously about his own.

"If they care that much, why shouldn't I?" he says. "It's sparked a fire inside me to care about my faith. People want me to think

about the priesthood. I've been praying about it, and I'm open to it, to see if that's where I'm supposed to be."

A prayer for the future

Jessica Peters' senior year in high school already had been marked with great moments.

Her senior retreat at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis this year drew her even closer to her faith and her friends. She enjoyed playing in the band during her

school's football and basketball games. She also rejoiced in being accepted at Xavier University in Cincinnati to continue her education in college.

Recently, her senior year took another special turn when she was invited on the New York trip to see the pope.

"He's the symbol of our faith," says Jessica, 18, a member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council.

"I'm just thinking of how I admire anyone who has devoted their life to the Catholic faith. It will be great to be there with the other youth who are excited to see him."

She believes the experience will help

strengthen her faith even more.

"I feel pretty good about my faith right now," says Jessica, a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

"With all the good things in my life now, it's easy to be strong in my faith. But sometimes it's difficult for me to stand up for my faith. That's why I think this trip will be so good—to be surrounded by people who feel the same way and will stand up for what they believe in."

Jessica is counting on that spiritual growth to help her when she starts college.

"I'll be on my own in college," she says. "There will be a lot of

temptations. Once I see it's OK to be strong in my faith, I think it will be a lot easier. I think I'll be able to look to God and trust that he'll help me make the right choices. I think I've gotten better at putting my faith in him. God will take care of me."

'This is my faith. This is my belief.'

When he steps on the bus to see the pope in New York, Ian Barnstead will think of another trip that changed his life and his faith.

It was on spring break in 2006 when he was part of a youth group from St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis that traveled to Biloxi, Miss., to help people whose lives and homes had been devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

"Going to Biloxi took me out of my comfort zone and helped me experience my faith in the real world," says Ian, 17, a member of the Archdiocesan Youth Council.

"It really was me breaking out of my shell. It helped me experience the love of Christ."

One moment from that trip especially made a difference.

"There was a eucharistic procession we did late at night from the church to the gym where we were staying. It was the first time I was in that kind of procession. It was a quiet night, and we were all walking down the street holding candles and singing. I had never experienced the Eucharist in that way. That was the climax of the week. It made me think, 'This is my faith. This is my belief. I have to take it seriously and take action.'"

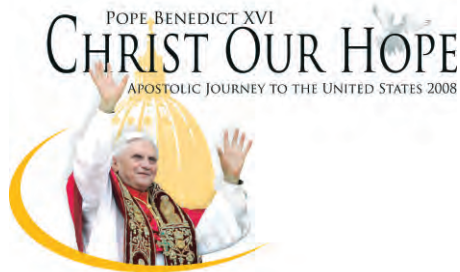
He's tried to follow that approach for two years.

"My faith is growing," says Ian, a junior at North Central High School in Indianapolis. "I've grown a lot since I started taking my faith seriously, but I still have a long way to go."

He views the trip to see the pope as a special part of that journey.

"I think it's awesome. It shows the Holy Father really cares about youth. He's carrying on the message of Pope John Paul II—that we are the future of the Church and he cares about us."

"I'm going on this trip with the same attitude I've learned from a lot of retreats—to go in with an open heart and an open mind and see what the Lord provides for me." †



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—Ian Barnstead



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Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd gathered for recitation of the *Regina Coeli* prayer in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 6.

A heartfelt Easter welcome to our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI

"The death and resurrection of the Word of God incarnate is an event of invincible love, it is the victory of that Love which has delivered us from the slavery of sin and death. It has changed the course of history, giving to human life an indestructible and renewed meaning and value."

—Pope Benedict XVI
2008 Easter message

The Church in central and southern Indiana welcomes with great joy the successor of St. Peter, Pope Benedict XVI, on the occasion of his first official visit to the United States.

Representatives of our archdiocese will be present in Washington, D.C., and New York as the pope meets with clergy, religious and lay leaders from all regions of our country. The rest of us will watch eagerly as the news media covers the pope's visit in vivid detail.

We will also join the Holy Father in prayerful support as he addresses world leaders at the United Nations—urging them to work tirelessly for life, for human dignity and for peace throughout the world.

Pope Benedict's comparatively short pontificate has already been a distinguished one. Calling on his many years as a teacher and writer, the Holy Father has used every opportunity available to him to exercise his special ministry as a witness to the person of Jesus Christ and to the mystery of his Resurrection.

Pope Benedict's homilies, his weekly catecheses, his encyclical letters, his formidable book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, and all his communications—formal and informal—speak of his profound faith in the reality of Christ's Resurrection.

This is not a myth, he tells us in his Easter message. The Resurrection is real. And it really matters in our personal lives and in the life of our global community—past, present and future.

The Holy Father arrives in America this Easter season during a time of political, economic and cultural turmoil. We Americans are eager to hear the pope's message of hope. And we need to be reminded of the primacy of love (*caritas*), and the call to set aside our personal wants and desires for the sake

of the greater good.

While the pope is here, we know he will affirm the sacredness of human life. He will call for an end to the inhumanity of war and the abuse of human freedom and dignity.

We know that he will invite us to cast off despair and find hope in the person of Jesus Christ. We also know that he will urge us to be grateful, generous and responsible in our use of the spiritual, material and environmental resources entrusted to our care as citizens of one of the world's richest and most powerful nations.

Finally, we can be sure that Pope Benedict will call each and every one of us to experience the joy of Easter, which can only come through our personal participation in the Easter mystery, the selfless love and sacrificial giving of Christ our Redeemer.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#643) tells us that Peter and the Twelve were primary witnesses to Christ's Resurrection along with Mary Magdalene and the women who came to anoint the body of Jesus.

From this perspective, Pope Benedict, and our own Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein are called to carry on (in a special way) the original and enduring witness to the Resurrection of the Apostles.

But the catechism goes on to say that all baptized Christians have important roles to play as the successors of the first community of believers, "those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people" (Acts 13:31).

So, as members of this particular community of believers, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we are all called to be witnesses to the Resurrection.

In this spirit, let us extend to our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, an authentic Easter welcome that reflects our hospitality, our hope and charity, and our faith-filled confidence in the decisive victory that Christ has won over sin and death—here in the United States and throughout the world. Now and forever. Amen.

—Daniel Conway

Be Our Guest/Patti Lamb

In this world, there is no 'perfect'



A few weeks ago, I was talking with a friend who moved, and she told me that after an arduous search she had finally found the perfect house in Chicago.

The neighborhood was quaint, the school district was great, and if she and her husband could just win the bidding war in which they were battling with another family, then she'd be so happy.

"It's the perfect house for our family," she told me. "The absolute perfect house."

She went on to describe the hardwood floors and recently updated kitchen.

This morning, she phoned me and was completely disappointed. The other family had won the bidding duel and she was at a loss.

"It would've been so perfect," she said. Her husband's drive to work would have been less than 45 minutes, and she had already pictured walking their children to school, just blocks away from home.

She was obviously disappointed, and we talked for more than an hour about the whole issue.

All that kept coming to my mind was an excerpt from a reflection on the Stations of the Cross that I had heard not more than a few weeks prior. It went something like this: "In this world, there will always be trouble. But by his death and resurrection, Jesus has conquered this world."

I got to thinking about how many times I say to myself, "If I could just get through this and that, then I'll be happy." I began to recall petitions about everything from my son's bout with a neurological issue to resolving a petty dispute with a family member.

I didn't like the pattern I was noticing in my own prayers: If what I want happens, then I'll be happy. Then everything will be perfect.

But I'm kidding myself. In this world, there is no "perfect." God's kingdom is not of this world. And when the one intention for which I would pray might finally come to fruition, then I'd only pray for something else and something more.

This reflection reminded me of a good friend. She's not even 40 years old, and she's seen tougher days than I can fathom. She has lost both her husband and a child to illness, yet she is one of the most positive people I know.

I finally gathered the wherewithal to ask her candidly, "How do you do it? How do you keep going on like nothing is wrong?"

Her response: "What else am I going to do? Curl up in a ball? You have to keep going. I'm happy and content because I choose to be. Nothing is ever

going to be perfect. Not here, honey."

She is so right—this is not heaven, it's not our final destination. This is not our home. Life will never be perfect. There will always be heartache, illness, poverty, fighting and crosses that seem too much to bear.

But we've got to do our best to move forward, despite all the setbacks, and remember Psalm 118, verse 24: "This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

We've got to keep an eye out for those glimpses of heaven that come in an unexpected variety of forms.

A month or so ago, we had a sunny, 60-degree day—right in the middle of winter. And I thought to myself, "This is a little glimpse of heaven. God is reminding us that winter is not forever, and spring and new life are just around the corner."

So I'm trying my hardest to be done with "perfect." Perfect teeth. Perfect score. Perfect season. Perfect job. Perfect couple. *Phooey*. Perfect is not of this world.

And I'm trying as much as I can to quit comparing myself with others. My husband reminds me that comparing ourselves with others is always a losing game.

Yes, we'll always be able to name someone who has something more or something better. But what about the half of the world's population that lives on less than \$2 a day? What about the quarter of the world's population that doesn't have electricity? What about those who have to walk miles to get clean, fresh water?

Then I start to feel ashamed for ever having started the comparison game. We are all so blessed.

I think we've got to take what God has given us and cultivate it. My brother once said he thinks that is what we'll be judged on. He believes that when we meet our Maker, he will ask, "What did you do with what you were given? Did you cultivate it and use your unique gifts and talents or did you bury your head in the sand? Did you make the world better, if only in your own zip code? If only in your own neighborhood? Then enter into my kingdom!"

So the next time I find myself wishing for better, for more, for *perfect*, I'll try to remember that this is not my final destination. This is not my home, and it's certainly not the end.

There's so much more, as we're told in 1 Corinthians 2:9: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."

This imperfect world is all that we know right now. And to me, *that's* the real miracle of Easter: by his death and resurrection, Jesus has *conquered this world*.

(Patti Lamb is a member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield.) †

Letter to the Editor

Find a quiet place in your home and pray for one hour each week

A few months ago, I wrote a letter to the editor pertaining to adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in chapels available throughout the city.

Now, I would like to make a suggestion to those who cannot go to one of these chapels because of age, health, lack of transportation or whatever reason.

I would like to suggest that they choose one day of each week to go to a quiet place in their home and pray for one hour.

I would suggest that this be done on the same day and hour each week, if possible, so it becomes a habit. If there

are others in your home, it might serve you well to tell them what you will be doing for the next hour to avoid any disruptions.

I would also like to suggest that you build a "shrine" in this room, with perhaps a crucifix and/or statues, as a means for keeping your mind focused.

I think God will bless you for doing this.

And I would like to add a suggestion to this practice: spend some of this hour praying for those who could spend time in one of the chapels, but do not.

Winferd E. "Bud" Moody
Indianapolis

ARCHBISHOP/ARZOBISPO DANIEL M. BUECHLEIN, O.S.B.



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

Mom and Dad were truly my teachers in life and in faith

April is my most sentimental month. All the signs of new life begin to arrive. It also happens to be the month of my birthday.

This year, I will celebrate my 70th birthday and my 21st year as a bishop. It is still true, every year gets shorter!

I have figured out why I am not particularly excited about celebrating birthdays like I used to be. The years are coming around too quickly, and there is more to do in God's vineyard. The opportunities are countless, and the time seems so short. Birthdays are a timely reminder that God is in charge.

The other day, a friend said that when we are young we look forward to birthdays because we want to be older. Now we celebrate our birthday because we are grateful to be here.

It really is not so much a matter of fearing death, although for a while despite my faith that may have been a factor. Now I peacefully and confidently believe that life in eternity will be even better and will last forever. At the same time, I pray for more time to repent and make amends for my sins so that my years of purgation are as few as possible!

Birthdays usually begin with an early morning call from my brother and sister-in-law, followed shortly by calls from friends like my Saint Meinrad classmate, Benedictine Father Gregory Chamberlin.

These phone calls make it even easier to

remember my early life-roots in prayer. Needless to say, my prayer is laced with thoughts of my Mom and Dad, who are surely in heaven.

The older I get and the more I experience in life, the more grateful I am for the blessings of having such a wonderful family. Mom and Dad were truly my teachers in life and in faith. With afterthought, I would say they may have taught me more by the way they lived than by what they told me.

Even in his last days, after Dad had pretty well lost his ability to remember things, when I would say a Mass at home with him, he knew the responses to every prayer and responded vigorously.

Before he needed nursing care, when I would visit him at home, I would sometimes sleep in later than he did. Inevitably, I would hear him say his morning prayers out loud, the same prayers that he and Mom and my brother and I said together at the breakfast table. Those kinds of family practices affect us deeply and forever.

Mom and Dad were active in our local parish apostolate in Jasper long before the word "collaboration" in ministry became popular. They offered generous leadership in parish organizations and projects, all the while wondering and worrying if they had the ability to do the job. While he could still go, especially after retirement, Dad was a regular visitor to shut-ins. Mom taught at

Holy Family School (for very little) until failing health took its toll.

She was a regular reader of the diocesan weekly newspaper. If Dad was, he never said much about it. But Mom used to comment on Evansville Bishop Henry Grimmelsman's weekly column, a memory that motivated me to agree to write a column when I became a bishop.

These and many other thoughts remind me of how much our family environment equips us for our life of faith, and does so in simple ways.

For you parents who wonder how much influence you have on your children, I can tell you that many a time I resisted (or acted like I was ignoring) Mom and Dad's supervision of my life and faith. But it made its mark, and I am eternally grateful.

Memories of my seminary and monastery roots could fill books. At age 21, the monastery at Saint Meinrad became my new home for life, I thought. I did spend most of the next 30 years there, and loved it from the first day that I entered the seminary.

Two challenges from my parents served me well in learning to live in a community of like-minded men. Mom taught me never

to claim privileges for myself that every other person in the group could not claim. She reminded me that I am no better or more privileged than the next person for we are all God's children.

And Dad drummed into my head that "a job worth doing is worth doing well." But most of all, my parents taught me to pray and to be willing to serve. They did so until they could do no more.

As I look to the future, I pray that I might emulate the humility, generosity and serenity of my Mom and Dad. I am so conscious of the gift that my brother and I received. I hope this encourages you parents. †

Do you have an intention for Archbishop Buechlein's prayer list? You may mail it to him at:

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

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for April

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

Mamá y papá fueron verdaderamente mis maestros de vida y de fe

Abril es el mes más sentimental para mí. Todas las señales de vida nueva comienzan a surgir. Es también el mes de mi cumpleaños.

Este año celebraré mi septuagésimo cumpleaños y el vigésimo primero como obispo. Y sigue siendo cierto, ¡cada año se hace más corto!

Ya he averiguado por qué no me siento particularmente emocionado al celebrar los cumpleaños como solía estarlo. Los años están pasando demasiado rápido y hay mucho que hacer en la viña del Señor. Las oportunidades son infinitas y el tiempo parece demasiado corto. Los cumpleaños son un recordatorio puntual de que Dios está a cargo.

El otro día, un amigo dijo que cuando somos jóvenes esperamos con ansia los cumpleaños porque deseamos ser mayores. Ahora celebramos nuestro cumpleaños porque agradecemos estar aquí.

No se trata tanto del temor a la muerte, aunque durante un tiempo y a pesar de mi fe, ese pudo haber sido un factor. Ahora apacible y confiadamente creo que la vida en la eternidad será incluso mejor y perdurará para siempre. Al mismo tiempo, ruego porque se me conceda más tiempo para arrepentirme y enmendar mis pecados ¡de modo que mis años de purgación sean los menos posibles!

Mis cumpleaños generalmente comienzan con una llamada de mi hermano y mi cuñada temprano en la mañana, seguida poco después por llamadas de amigos como mi compañero de clases de Saint Meinrad, el padre benedictino Gregory Chamberlin.

Estas llamadas telefónicas me facilitan

recordar mis raíces en la oración a comienzos de mi vida. No necesito decir, que mis oraciones están adornadas con pensamientos de mamá y papá quienes con seguridad están en la gloria.

A medida que envejezco y adquiero más experiencia en la vida, agradezco más la bendición de tener una familia tan maravillosa. Mamá y papá fueron verdaderamente mis maestros de vida y de fe. Reflexionando sobre mi planteamiento, diría que ellos me enseñaron más por la forma en que vivieron que por lo que me dijeron.

Incluso en sus últimos días, después de que mi papá había perdido su capacidad de recordar cosas, cuando celebraba la Misa en la casa con él, recordaba las respuestas a cada plegaria y respondía vigorosamente.

Antes de que necesitara cuidados especializados, cuando lo visitaba en la casa, a veces yo dormía hasta más tarde que él. Inevitablemente, lo escuchaba recitar sus plegarias matutinas en voz alta, las mismas plegarias que él, mamá, mi hermano y yo decíamos juntos sentados a la mesa para desayunar. Esa clase de prácticas en familia quedan grabadas de manera profunda y perdurable.

Mamá y papá eran miembros activos en el apostolado de nuestra parroquia local en Jasper mucho antes de que fuese popular la palabra "colaboración" en el ministerio. Ellos ejercían un generoso liderazgo en las organizaciones y proyectos de la parroquia, siempre preguntándose y preocupándose de si tendrían la capacidad de ejecutar la tarea. Mientras todavía podía asistir, especialmente después de haberse retirado, papá era un visitante habitual de las

personas que estaban confinadas. Mamá enseñó en la escuela Holy Family hasta que su salud se lo permitió.

Era una lectora asidua del periódico diocesano semanal. Si papá lo era también, nunca dijo mucho al respecto. Pero mamá solía comentar sobre la columna semanal del Obispo de Evansville, Henry Grimmelsman, un recuerdo que me motivó a escribir una columna cuando me convertí en obispo.

Estos y muchos otros pensamientos me recuerdan cómo el entorno familiar nos prepara para la vida de fe y lo hace de maneras tan sencillas.

Para ustedes padres que se preguntan cuánta influencia tienen en sus hijos, puedo decirles que muchas veces me resistí a la supervisión de mamá y papá (o actué como si la estuviese ignorando) en mi vida y en la fe. Pero dejó su huella, y por ello estoy eternamente agradecido.

Los recuerdos de mis orígenes en el seminario y el monasterio podrían llenar libros. A la edad de 21 años, pensaba que el monasterio de Saint Meinrad se convertiría en mi nuevo hogar de por vida. De hecho pasé la mayoría de los siguientes 30 años allí, y me encantó desde el primer día que ingresé en el seminario.

Dos lecciones de mis padres me sirvieron mucho para aprender a vivir en una comunidad de hombres de mentes similares. Mamá me enseñó a no reclamar

nunca privilegios para mi mismo que otra persona del grupo no pudiera reclamar. Ella me recordaba que yo no era mejor ni más privilegiado que otro porque todos somos hijos de Dios.

Y Papá repiqueteaba en mi cabeza que "un trabajo que merece realizarse, merece realizarse bien." Pero por sobre todo, mis padres me enseñaron a orar y a tener la disposición de servir. Lo hicieron hasta que ya no les fue posible hacerlo más.

Al mirar hacia el futuro, oro porque pueda emular la humildad, la generosidad y la serenidad de mamá y papá. Estoy consciente del don que mi hermano y yo recibimos. Espero que esto les anime a ustedes como padres. †

¿Tiene una intención que desee incluir en la lista de oración del Arzobispo Buechlein? Puede enviar su correspondencia a:

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en abril

Sacerdotes: ¡Que ellos realicen sus promesas como sacerdotes con júbilo y fe y den ánimo a otros hombres para que contesten la llamada de Dios al sacerdocio!

Events Calendar

April 11
St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis. **“Notre Dame Celebration and Handbell Choir Concert,”** 7:30 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-257-1085 or e-mail apuscas@spxparrish.org.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 4598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). Couple to Couple League of Greater Indianapolis, **Natural Family Planning (NFP) class**, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-848-4486.

April 11-12
St. Boniface Parish, St. Meinrad. **“Gregorian Chant Workshop,”** Fri. 7-8:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Mass, 4:30 p.m., lunch \$8 per person, must be pre-ordered. Information: 812-742-5063.

April 12
St. Roch Parish, Family Center, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **“Single Seniors” meeting**, 1 p.m., age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-1102.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Clowes Amphitheater, Indianapolis. **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts spring retreat**, 8:30 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Information and reservations: 317-784-5537.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Tournées Festival, French Film Festival, Paris, Je T’aime (Paris, I Love You)**, 7 p.m.

Information: 317-955-6213 or e-mail afagan@marian.edu.

Angels’ Corner Gift Shop, 6901 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. **Book signing, A Belief in Providence**, Julie Young, author, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: 317-353-8220.

April 13
St. Barnabas Parish, House of Joseph, 523 Fabyan Road, Indianapolis. **Divorced, Separated or Widowed Singles, social**, 6:15-8 p.m. Information: 317-919-8186.

St. Anthony Parish, 379 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis. **Euchre party**, 1:30 p.m., \$3 per person.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Tournées Festival, French Film Festival, Into Great Silence**, 2 p.m., **Bamako**, 7 p.m. Information: 317-955-6213 or e-mail afagan@marian.edu.

MKVS, Divine Mercy and Glorious Cross Center, Rexville, located on 925 South .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. **Confession, 1 p.m., Mass, 2 p.m.**, on third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in, groups of 10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

April 15
St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. **“Catholics Returning Home,”** session 3,

7:30-9 p.m. Information: 317-291-5376.

April 16
Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, Sunman. **Eucharistic healing service**, rosary for vocations, praise, worship, music, 6 p.m. Information: 812-623-8007.

April 17
Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., Indianapolis. **“Smart Discipline Parenting Program,”** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-353-9249 or e-mail teresa_short@sbclgloba.net.

April 18
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange, Cathy Langham, president of Langham**, speaker, Mass, 6:30 a.m., buffet breakfast and program, \$12 per person. Information and registration: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

April 19
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St.,

Indianapolis. **Helpers of God’s Precious Infants Pro-Life Mass**, Father Paul Landwerlen, celebrant, 8:30 a.m., followed by rosary outside abortion clinic and Benediction at church. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1569.

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Indianapolis North Deanery Scholarship Fundraiser, “Tropical Tribute to Joe and Barb Krier,”** 7 p.m.-midnight, \$30 per person. Information: 317-872-5088 or e-mail sherrymp@comcast.net.

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Tournées Festival, French Film Festival, Vers le Sud (Heading South)**, 7 p.m. Information: 317-955-6213 or e-mail afagan@marian.edu.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane, New Albany. **“An Unforgettable Evening with Dr. Paul Thigpen,”** 4 p.m., Mass, 5:30 p.m. dinner following Mass, \$25 adult, \$15 student, second talk, “Simple Ways to Share Your Faith,” 8 p.m. Information: 812-944-1184, ext. 5.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parish, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana (CCRCI), “Life in the Spirit” retreat**, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information: 317-592-1992 or e-mail ccrci@holyspirit.org.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 10655 Haverstick Road, Carmel, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). **“Gabriel Project Day of Reflection 2008,”** 9 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. retreat. Information: 317-844-5658 or e-mail jsblanch@sbcglobal.net.

White Violent Center for Eco-Justice, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **10th annual Earth Day celebration**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., entertainment, biodynamic gardening presentations, educational opportunities, food, baked goods, hands-on activities, free, good will donation welcome. Information: 812-535-3131.

April 20
Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Tournées Festival, French Film Festival, Le Fond de l’air est Rouge (A Grin Without a Cat)**, 2 p.m., **Chats Perchés (The Case of the Grinning Cat)**, 7 p.m. Information: 317-955-6213 or e-mail afagan@marian.edu.

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, Sunman. **Whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast**, 7:30 a.m.-noon, freewill offering to benefit seventh- and eighth-grade field trip. Information: 812-623-2964.

April 22
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **“The Future of Catholic Healthcare,”** Robert J. Brody, chief executive officer of Central Indiana Region of Sisters of St. Francis Healthcare Services and president of St. Francis Hospitals and Health Centers, and Franciscan Sister Marlene Shapley, vice president of mission services at St. Francis Hospitals and Health Centers, 7 p.m. Information: 317-402-1636 or e-mail perigo5068@msm.com.

April 22-June 3
Holy Spirit Parish, rectory, conference room C, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. **“Divorce and Beyond Program,”** 7:30 p.m., \$30 per person includes materials. Registration: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596, or e-mail mhess@archindy.org.

April 26
St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **Skin cancer screening**, 9 a.m.-noon, no charge. Information: 317-782-4422. †

‘Sustaining the Spirit’ convocation will be held April 19 in Columbus

“Sustaining the Spirit,” an archdiocesan ministry convocation, will feature Dominican Sister Donna Ciangio of Caldwell, N.J., as the keynote speaker.

The convocation begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. on April 19 at St. Bartholomew Church, 1306 27th St., in Columbus.

Sister Donna is the director of Church Leadership Consultation in Caldwell, N.J., and is an adjunct faculty member at Drew University in Madison, N.J.

She will discuss “My Passion Is the Parish, Which Gives the Church Essential Life” in her keynote address and “Engaging All Generations in the Parish” during her workshop presentation.

“Our goal for the day is to assemble

the best thinking and practice contributing to effective pastoral ministry for evangelization, Christian initiation and lifelong faith formation,” explained John Valenti, archdiocesan associate director of evangelization and faith formation.

Valenti said the day will benefit parish leaders of adult faith formation, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Special Religious Education (SPRED) as well as members of small Church communities and Christ Renews His Parish groups.

(The registration fee is \$30 per person or \$25 per person for four or more people from the same parish. To register, log on to <http://archindy.org/evangelization> by the April 17 deadline.) †

VIPs

Paul J. and Irene (Patterson) Bacher, members of Holy Family Parish in



New Albany, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 12.

The couple was married on April 12, 1958, at St. Francis Assisi Church in Louisville, Ky.

They have two children, Mark and Matthew Bacher, and four grandchildren.

Harold and Betty (Tylicki) Braun, members of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus



Christ Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 13.

The couple was married on April 12, 1958, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis.

They have three children: Daniel, David and Timothy Braun. They have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. †



Soloist

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father Michael Magiera, associate pastor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, sings during an April 2 rehearsal for the Master’s Chorale of Central Indiana’s April 6 performance of “Praise to God—A Concert of Sacred Baroque Music” at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. Father Magiera was the featured soloist. Before his ordination, he sang professionally for 32 years in the U.S. and Europe.



Master’s Chorale

Master’s Chorale of Central Indiana members Laura Holtz, from left, Frankie Starlin, Gladys Caulfield and Carolyn Noone practice George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah” with choir director Leonardo Panigada of Bloomington (not pictured) during an April 2 rehearsal at St. Pius X Church in Indianapolis. Their April 6 concert featured sacred baroque music by several composers. For information about the choir, call 317-251-1692.

Photos by Mary Ann Wyzard

'Run for Vocations' team members train for Mini-Marathon in May

By Sean Gallagher

For several months, dozens of young adults across the archdiocese have been in training.



Fr. Rick Nagel

They're running mile after mile to prepare for the One America 500 Festival Mini-Marathon on May 3 in Indianapolis.

They're also in spiritual training because they hope running in the race, also known as the "Mini," will raise awareness about vocations since tens of thousands of people participate in the marathon each year.

They're all members of the "Run for Vocations" team, a program initiated by Father Rick Nagel, archdiocesan associate director of vocations.

And they're asking that Catholics across the archdiocese join them spiritually in their effort by pledging prayers for every mile that they will run.

Those interested in praying for vocations should log on to www.archindy.org/vocations and click on "Send in your prayer pledges."

Father Nagel and the other young adults on the team will wear a specially made T-shirt during the race. On one side will be the message: "Vocation ... Everyone has one. What's yours?" The other side of the shirt will list such vocations as the priesthood, religious life and marriage.

With so many thousands of people who may see the shirts, Father Nagel thinks the vocation runners' impact could be big.

"Everybody is called to something special in life," Father Nagel said. "To have that as a kind of billboard running down the street undoubtedly would get a lot of attention, and people would begin to think, 'I wonder what my vocation is?'"

Victor Neff, a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Aurora, is already pondering that question as an archdiocesan seminarian.

He will run in the Mini for the first time as part of the "Run for Vocations" team.

"Physical exercise has always been a spiritual part of my life," Neff said. "I talk to God and pray when I run. It's wonderful that a group of us can do this. It's the Church praying and exercising together."

Julie Burns, 27, a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, is also on the "Run for Vocations" team. She sees it as a chance for young adult Catholics to strengthen their faith together.

"I think that it is really important for young adults of faith to have opportunities for fellowship and consider the 'Run for Vocations' such an opportunity," Burns said. "It makes me sad that I don't see as many people my age at Mass as people from other stages of life. I think any opportunity that creates fellowship among young adults is wonderful because it can help build the young adult community within the Church."

Lissa Ritter, a 35-year-old mother of five and member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, has run in mini-marathons in other cities, and she and some of her friends jumped at the chance to participate in the Indianapolis race for what she called "a higher purpose."

"I love the fact that I've asked family and friends to support me with [prayer] pledges," Ritter said. "This alone has stirred up some great conversation and much-needed attention to vocations."

"In addition, while I'm out training, I've been praying with my friends."

John Demerly, a 34-year-old member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield, also has five children and is a member of the "Run for Vocations" team.

While training for the Mini, he prays along with a recording of the rosary that he has on his MP3 Player.

He hopes that being part of the team will set a good example for his children.

"It is always my hope that at least one of my children considers the religious life," Demerly said. "Certainly, this is God's will more than it is mine so I will accept whatever he wills."

"I do hope that through showing my commitment to training that they will get a better understanding of the importance of physical activity, commitment, sacrifice and prayer."

The evening before the race, all team members will gather for prayer at a Mass scheduled to start at 6 p.m. The runners will receive a special blessing at the Mass.

Catholics across the archdiocese, especially those who are making prayer pledges for the team, are invited to attend the May 2 Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in downtown Indianapolis.

(Although registration to run in the Mini-Marathon is closed, Catholics who have already signed up and would still like to participate in "Run for Vocations" can do so. Those interested should log on to www.archindy.org/vocations for more information.) †



Julie Burns, a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, runs on a treadmill at her apartment complex in Indianapolis while training for the One America 500 Festival Mini-Marathon scheduled on May 3. She will be a member of the archdiocese's "Run for Vocations" team.

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Building bridges

Finnish principal impressed by Hoosier hospitality during visit

By Mike Krokos

Ask Kaija-Leena Salovaara about her impressions of Indiana, and you quickly learn that Southern hospitality has nothing on Hoosier hospitality.

"People here are so friendly, and my hosts have been so kind," said the principal of Central School of Viiala in Akaa, Finland, recently.

"I love how people take care of one another," she said. "I love it here."

Salovaara's name may look familiar. She was a host to Immaculate Heart of Mary School principal Annette Jones when the Indianapolis educator visited Finland last fall. (*The Criterion* featured a story in its Dec. 14, 2007, issue. Log on to www.archindy.org/criterion/local/2007/12-14/finland.html to read the story.)

Thanks to the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Jones was able to travel to northern Europe for more than a month last fall to see a Finnish school operate firsthand.

Established by an act of Congress in 1946, the Fulbright program provides opportunities for teachers, administrators and other faculty to participate in a direct exchange of positions with colleagues from other countries.

Thus, Jones served as Salovaara's host when the Finnish principal visited the United States during the month of March.

"The first goal was to make Kaija feel comfortable in the U.S.," Jones said, "because it would be such a transition. We wanted to make her feel at home."

"I also wanted to introduce her to the American educational system and the strategies we use here."

That introduction included spending lots of time at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, where Salovaara moved from classroom to classroom, soaking in what each instructor and the students had to offer.

While she learned many things, Salovaara shared her unique perspective from a world away as well. Her visit even became part of the lesson plan.

The school hosted an International Day on March 12. There was a Finnish Day and Immaculate Heart of Mary students were allowed to wear slippers, like their European counterparts do, and spend part of the school day outside.

There was also a map of Finland placed in the school's front office. (For those who need a refresher, Finland is comparable to the state of Montana in size, and is home to approximately 5 million people.)

Another geography lesson taught the students this tidbit:

- Board a plane in Indianapolis, fly 1½ hours north, and you'll touch down in Detroit.
- Get on a jet in Finland, fly 1½ hours north, and you'll end up at the Arctic Circle.

Photo by Mike Krokos



Finnish principal Kaija-Leena Salovaara, left, and Annette Jones, principal at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Indianapolis, stand in front of a race car exhibit at the National Catholic Educational Association convention at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis on March 26.

Cultural differences were also brought to light. You can walk the halls at Immaculate Heart of Mary School and pass open classroom doors throughout the campus.

If you walk the halls at Central School of Viiala in Akaa, Finland, closed classroom doors are the norm.

"There is openness in everything here," Salovaara said. "People are so polite and open, and they aren't shy."

"People are shy in Finland."

When it comes to transportation, there are no yellow school buses in Finland. Most children live close enough to walk to their neighborhood schools, Salovaara said.

While in Indianapolis, the Finnish principal took part in the National Catholic Educational Association convention, where she attended various seminars and visited exhibit halls.

Since it was her first trip to the United States, Salovaara also took time to travel to Chicago, San Francisco and Florida. She also visited Amish country in Nappanee, Ind. Her stay in Indianapolis included visits to the Children's Museum, Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Indiana State Museum.

In San Francisco, she sampled crab meat. Other food musts included Ghirardelli chocolate and a hamburger.

"They were both good," she said. Salovaara added that she will never forget how overwhelmed she was by the vastness of America.

"The U.S. is so big," Salovaara added.

She paused.

"Even your squirrels are bigger than ours," she laughed.

Jones and her family also treated the Finnish principal to a traditional American breakfast of sausage, omelets, bacon, cinnamon rolls and juice. In Finland, Salovaara usually eats ham, cheese and cucumbers for breakfast.

And pancakes? "They are dessert" for us, Salovaara said.

Though Salovaara takes many memorable experiences back home with her, she said her trip re-enforced one thing: building an educational bridge can bring our world that much closer.

"I think children are quite the same all over the world as are teachers," she said. "Teachers care for [other] teachers. Teachers are hard workers, and take so good care of the children."

The pen pal relationships that have begun between students at the schools will continue, both Salovaara and Jones said, and the principals hope a teacher-exchange program can happen in the future.

"We hope to create a foundation, a scholarship program where that is possible," Jones said.

It is, after all, about building bridges, they said.

"We've created quite a lot of contact and friendships," Salovaara said. "This has been a great experience."

"The most important thing for me has been the people I've met," the Finnish principal said. "That's the best part." †

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Carpenter says building altar for papal Mass is an 'awesome' job

POOLESVILLE, Md. (CNS)—For Deacon Dave Cahoon, working at his St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop on a quiet country road in Poolesville, this year's Holy Week was one like no other.

"How awesome is this? It's Holy Thursday, and I'm working on the altar for the Eucharist, for the papal Mass. How awesome is that?" he said, smiling.

With a hammer and chisel, the carpenter worked on a long maple board for the base of the altar that Pope Benedict XVI will use for his April 17 Mass at Nationals Park in Washington.

"This is an awesome job to have," said Deacon Cahoon, who has worked as a carpenter for nearly three decades, fashioning many church and home furnishings over the years at his shop, which includes a sawmill.

"I can take it from a tree to the finished product," he said in an interview with the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese.

The day before Holy Thursday, he picked up the metalwork for the altar, which was designed by two Catholic University of America graduate students, John-Paul Mikolajczyk and Ryan Mullen. They also designed the papal chair and the ambo that will be used at the Mass.

Deacon Cahoon graduated from Good Counsel High School in Wheaton

in 1974, in the same class as Greg Campbell, an artist and blacksmith who oversaw the production and completion of the altar's ornate metal framework.

"It's gonna look awesome," said Deacon Cahoon, who has completed dozens of carpentry jobs for the Archdiocese of Washington, including building the mobile altar used for the Mass for Life that follows a youth rally each January at the Verizon Center sports arena in downtown Washington.

He praised the work of craftsmen who participated in building the papal altar at each step, and he praised the work and spirit of the students who designed the pieces.

Working on the papal altar "is the highlight of my craft. It's all gonna be downhill from here," the carpenter said.

Nearby, the ambo for the papal Mass and the papal chair, also crafted in maple by Deacon Cahoon, were nearly complete.

"I'm gonna have hundreds of hours [invested] in this thing. On a project like this, you really work on one piece at a time," he said.

Later, he smiled when contemplating the tight deadline for building the furniture for the papal Mass. "One day late won't make it!" he said, laughing.

The year after Pope John Paul II visited Washington in 1979, Dave Cahoon had been offered a job at the National Institutes of



Deacon Dave Cahoon works on constructing an altar and chair in his St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop in Poolesville, Md., on March 27. He was making the furniture that will be used at the April 17 Mass with Pope Benedict XVI at Nationals Park in Washington.

Health after doing graduate work in physics at Catholic University. To help pay for his education, he had been doing carpentry work during his summers between classes.

"I realized I really enjoyed carpentry," he said of the profession he took up. Growing up in St. Mary's Parish in Rockville, he had taken the confirmation name of Joseph, and when he opened a carpentry shop, he named it after St. Joseph, a carpenter who became the patron saint of carpenters.

"Here was a patron saint, working behind the scenes in my life," he said. "I had always liked woodworking, but I never thought of it as a career."

Deacon Cahoon and his wife, Rani, have two grown daughters, Casey and Jessie.

Ordained a deacon in 1991, he serves at St. Mary's Parish in Barnesville. He built the new altar there.

"I get to kneel quite regularly [there] at my altar," he said. †

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The pope said his message of Christian hope had particular relevance to the United Nations at a time when the world needs hope more than ever before—hope for peace, justice and freedom.

But he said this hope can never be fulfilled without obedience to the law of God, which Christ expressed in the commandment to love one another.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you, and avoid doing what you would not want them to do. This 'golden rule' is given in the Bible, but it is valid for all people, including nonbelievers," he said.

The pope said that although his itinerary will take him to only two cities, his visit aims to reach out to everyone, especially those in need.

"I want you to know that ... my heart is close to all of you, especially to the sick, the weak and the lonely," he said.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told reporters on April 8 that the pope could be expected to focus largely on religious and moral values during his visit.

During his visit to the United Nations, he said, the pope will probably concentrate on human rights.

At ground zero in New York, the pope will not make a speech, but will descend to the bottom of the 70-foot-deep pit, recite a prayer and light a candle in remembrance of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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Welcome, new Catholics

We welcome the new Catholics who have become full participants in the Church since last Easter. Most of the people listed here received initiation sacraments during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 22. The names listed were provided by religious education leaders in archdiocesan parishes.

The 459 catechumens listed are people who had never been baptized and—

within the past year—were baptized, confirmed and received their first Eucharist.

The 496 candidates listed were baptized in other Christian traditions and were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church with a profession of faith, confirmation and first Eucharist during the past year.

Most people are listed in the parishes where they received their religious formation and the sacraments of initiation. †

Batesville Deanery

St. Louis, Batesville

Errick Cox, Vicki Schrader and David Taylor (catechumens); Kimberly Brown, Christina Harmeyer, Dale Meyer, Sara Miller, Jennifer Saner and Amy Wanstrath (candidates)

St. Mary, Greensburg

Adam Cunningham, Andrea Farr, Morgan Herbert, Charles LeGere, Dylan LeGere, Kendall Whitham and Mercedes Whitham (catechumens); Terry Castle, Carol Flint, T. J. Greiwe, Amy Snyder, Laura Snyder, Melissa Snyder, Angie Stapp and Kyle Vanderpohl (candidates)

St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg

Jonas Butler, Lee Clark and Lisa Leyendecker (catechumens); Missy Cole, Cerrah Lill, Angie McCool and Samantha Rehorst (candidates)

St. Charles Borromeo, Milan

Brian Vogel and Fred Weston (candidates)

Immaculate Conception, Millhouses

Aaron Gault (candidate)

St. Anthony of Padua, Morris

Tyson Bockover, Savannah Conley, Kayla Craig, Layla Craig and Jason Honnett (catechumens)

St. Paul, New Alsace

Shari James and Christopher Kirchgassner (catechumens); Jason Back and Meagan Farr (candidates)

St. Nicholas, Sunman

Sara Hylton (catechumen); Mary Dundas, Tom Myers and Sara Prifogle (candidates)

St. Peter, Franklin County

Jordan Raines (catechumen); John Benson and Carrie Stemler (candidates)

Holy Family, Oldenburg

Jeremy Richardson and Rick Webber (catechumens); Tom Habig, Evan Jenner and Judy Wilhelm (candidates)

St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock

Christy Lecher (catechumen)

St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County

Chase Kuhn, Julianna Kozma and Amanda Leffew (catechumens); Loriann Hansel, Jennifer Runnebohm and Alletta Thurston (candidates)

Bloomington Deanery

St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford

Amy Cieslik (catechumen); John Brown, Seth Burris, Kory Masterson, Karen Wade and Jason Woodward (candidates)

St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington

Rebecca Fogle, Vera O'Lesser, Jeff Straw and Patty Tryon (catechumens); Bradley Barger, Tammy Bravo, Laura Brzegowy, Leah Champion and Callie Kocaja (candidates)

St. John the Apostle, Bloomington

Ruth Sekaz, Colleen Telfer and Eric Telfer (catechumens); Ashley Schaeffling and Joseph Schaeffling (candidates)

St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington

Kathryn Doller, Elijah Durnell, Amanda Fox, Jaimi Gibbon and Chris Weitzel (catechumens); Kim Arnold, Robert Auera, Abigail Cox, Kimberly Day, Paul Fox, Deborah Harding, Kyle Nelson, Anita Park, Ryan Perisin, Claudia Rhye and Elizabeth Taber (candidates)

Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick

Tyla Wells and Wes Whitfield (catechumens); Adam Fischer, Sandra Flick, Anita King, Tabitha Wolfington, Ed Weikert and Marsha Wells (candidates)

St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville

Dallas Bailey, Tyler Martens and Tracy Meyer (catechumens); Amy Abel and Sarah Richer (candidates)

St. Agnes, Nashville

Craig Hoskins (candidate)

St. Jude the Apostle, Spencer

Lacey Newton (catechumen); Carol Garvin (candidate)

Comersville Deanery

St. Michael, Brookville

Tom Dunn and Kevin Mace (catechumens); Lucinda Kolb, Sarah Kolb, Wanda Lee and Tina Strohmer (candidates)

St. Gabriel, Comersville

Karen O'Brien (catechumen); Vanessa Mitchell (candidate)



Benedictine Father Julian Peters, administrator pro-tem of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis, baptizes Scott Warpool during Cathedral Parish's Easter Vigil on March 22. Transitional Deacon Aaron Jenkins, holding the parish's Easter candle, stands at left.

St. Rose, Knightstown

Linda Hughett (catechumen); Donna Lee (candidate)

St. Anne, New Castle

Ashley LeDuc, Bailey LeDuc and Chadwick LeDuc (catechumens)

St. Mary, Rushville

Kegan Bennett, Amber Dwenger and Michelle McLaughlin (catechumens); April Bennett, Linda Jenkins, Russell Jenkins and Carolyn Kennedy (candidates)

Richmond Catholic Community, Richmond

Dan Capps Jr., Eric Cole, Nicki Cox, Eugene Crawford, Kyle Killion, Becky Lindsey, Allison Rivera, Lisa Schultz and Clifford Warner (catechumens); Kiffany Abney, Treena Amyx, Jim Bankanowicz, Larry Bellew, Jeremy Byrum, Jenny Capps, Ashley Cox, Teresa Dooley, Julia Downs, Ashley Elstro, Mark Gibson, Mary Ann Gibson, Paul Homdrom, Steve Hurd, Gail Jenkins, Dana Risk, Rafael Rivera, Brenda See, Bobby Sell, Marica Stein, Robert Stonebraker, Lori Thornburg, Kirk Thornburg and Teresa Wourms (candidates)

Indianapolis East Deanery

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

David Hanley and Scott Warpool (catechumens); Samantha Amore, Jennifer Medve, Racheal Wilds and Matthew Willey (candidates)

Holy Cross

D. Allen Hilton, Mariah Mundy and Joshua Welch (catechumens)

Holy Spirit

Joe Anthis, Evan Bone, Michael Buell, Samantha Castro, Eddie Conley, Jennifer Cox, David Dotson, Deja Dotson, Thomas Doyle, Janet Emmert, Todd Hill, Sherry Johnson, Elijah Kruse, Jeff Miles, Austin Montgomery, David Piler, Haley Russo, Hannah Russo, David Shelton, Evangeline Wolanski, Jacob Yeager and Monica Yeager (catechumens); Brandon Ballard, Jennifer Jo Denny, Michelle Dotson, Joann Dowden, Cindy Mattingly, Andrew McBride, Ronald Roessler, Robert Russell, Kevin Talbot and Natalie Wood (candidates)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Bill Boruff, Carrie Godby, Brandy Gregory, Christopher Higgins, Emily Higgins, Hannah Higgins, Amanda Miller, Carlee Montgomery, Jennifer Montgomery, Ranganathan Narayanaswamy, Brandon Sparks and Madyson Sparks (catechumens); Kristen Ajamie, Scott Godby, Lisa Higgins, Terri Killiea and Brian Matthysses (candidates)

St. Mary

Adam Anderson, Tannya Appleberry, Jason Chapman and Roberta Hudson (catechumens); Martine Diez, Joanna Escamilla, Brandy Merced, Ray Leyra, Beatriz Marcial, Jessica Reyes Palacios and Artemio Cabrera Rosas (candidates)

St. Michael, Greenfield

Sheri Ashcraft, Janis Mecklenburg, Dawn Reboulet,

Mark Sitton and Kiley Wooldridge (catechumens); Emily Capen, Matthew Capen, Nathaniel Capen, Nicholas Capen and Dr. Scott Capen (candidates)

St. Rita

Kylee Patterson, Shawn Stevens and Maurice Turner (catechumens); Nakoma Diaz and Mark Messer (candidates)

St. Simon the Apostle

Joe Butor, Corey Hart, Amber Highfield, Zachary Jordan and Bob Morris (catechumens); Carol Bartlett, Sarah Conrad, Matt Cridge, Amber Hart, Elicia Mohler, Phil Ritchie and Stacey Wainscott (candidates)

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower)

Michael Curtis, Carla Fletcher and Clinton Meadows (catechumens); Penney Fowler, Jessie Graves, Dandella Radford, Bradley Ringer and Stephen Sharpe (candidates)

Indianapolis North Deanery

Christ the King

Steve Alvarez, Rochelle Bailey, Kirstin Fuller, Emma Kalinowski and Lisa Rossetter (catechumens); John Benson, Seth Corcoran, Kelly Maxwell and Jeremy Messer (candidates)

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Brent Coe, Lori Coe, Audra Eberly, Brad Horton and John Roselle (catechumens)

St. Andrew the Apostle

Judith Finn (catechumen)

St. Joan of Arc

Jason White (catechumen); Jeff Collier, Mark Davy, Tori Gramman, Scott Long, Richard Toumey, Dana Smith and Joel Wentworth (candidates)

St. Lawrence

Esperanza Aguilar, Lizeth Chora, Patrick DeCallier, Obi Mitchell, Jose Morales, Fermin Reyes and Donna Slayton (catechumens)

St. Luke

Laura Deer, Roman Deer, Anthony Finchum, Jacob Finchum, Michelle Finchum, Nancy Gray, Nicole Patrick and Stephanie Smith (catechumens); Joshua Gilliam, Shelley Gray, Ollie Habiby, Renee Kely, Mark Van Meter and Barbara Wentworth (candidates)

St. Matthew

Melissa Bieker, Adam Helton, Brenda Hudson, Amy Lipka, Olivia Lipka, Sophia Lipka, Eric Quinn, Seth Urban, Eligh Wilson-Dodd and Lindsey Wilson (catechumens); Karen Agnew, Emily Beck, David Denise, Andrew Hirschey, Jim Jacobi, Kathleen Miller and Doug Stahly (candidates)

St. Pius X

Reg Cornett, James Hightshoe, Yong Sannicolas and Barry Wagoner (catechumens); Ellicia Burke, Larry Callis, Laura Feeney, Casey Green, Geoff Horen, Mary Howald and Heather Stone (candidates)

St. Thomas Aquinas

Amy Carpenter, Lyonna Lam and Jessi Stevens (catechumens); Jonathan Wright (candidate)

Indianapolis South Deanery

Good Shepherd

Donna Gilmore, Elfreda Nordsiek and Wanda Propes (candidates)

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Lisa Fernandez, Cherise Geary, Cory Heinrichs, Donald Heinrichs III, Jourdin Heinrichs, Kristine Heinrichs, Anthony Karres, Betty Scheil, Jack Wade and Jorge Wade (catechumens); Misty Benoit, Jeffrey Dahtorp, Matthew Davis, Jeffrey Geary, Donald Heinrichs Jr., Tiffanie McMichael, Jay Scheil, Madalyn Scheil, Parker Scheil, Molly Wade and Tina Weaver (candidates)

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Brandon Barber, Mary Ferguson, Patrick Malone, David Van Cleave, Kayla Van Cleave and Sue Van Cleave (catechumens); Michael Danielewicz, Michael Huffman, Sidney Johnson, Seth Livingston, Susan Schlundt, Keith Scott and Mindy Scott (candidates)

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ashley Hobson, Robert Hobson and Ryan Hobson (catechumens); Mildred Botos, Deborah Bruce, Patrick Cummings, Miranda Dellinger, Virgil Honeycutt and Shirley House (candidates)

St. Barnabas

Paul Clodfelter, Whitnie Darvell, Richard Hollingshead, Michael Noland and April Schilling (catechumens); Thomas Hawk II, Michael Hegwood, Jama Kotik, Jessica Morgan, Angel Murdock, Lisa Orem, Cynthia Roberts, John Schilling, Susan Shaffer, Andrew Sutton, Erin Sutton, Thomas Wamsley, Elizabeth Ward and Tamara Ziegler (candidates)

Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove

William Allen, Peyton Keller, Lindsay Koehler and Timothy Lane (catechumens); Pat Allen, Andrea Burger, John Burger, Abe Hill, Austin Norris, Pete Piazza, Kylee Pitman and Jack West (candidates)

SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood

Ashley Atwell, Lindsey Black, Moira Darnell, Amanda Deffner, Don Dunlap, Stacey Gallardo, Kelsi Garrison, Christopher Hogue, Lee Johnson, Jennifer Lantzy, Justin Matteson and Mitch Miller (catechumens); Carina Barnes, Jim Barnes, Megan Grothe, Jennifer Huck, Brian Jones, Jane Loper, Nathan Loper, Lindsey Miller, John Norris, Martha Pearson, Lee Pearson, Leslie Pringle, Kathryn Red, Christy Ross, Racheal Schultz, Mary Jo Whitesell and Joshua Wikel (candidates)

St. John the Evangelist

Christopher Chin, Jason Kyle and Ashlie Powell (catechumens); Aaron Allen, Michelle Rhodes and Stephanie Steiner (candidates)

St. Jude

Jessica Allen, Jennifer Brooks, Christopher Freed, Rylee Harper, Steve Hines, Tim Humbert, C. Elaine Matthews, Valerie Matthews, April Reiber, Jacob Reiber, Michelle Salisbury and Jessica Thomas (catechumens); C. Howard Ferguson, Jeffrey Harper, Kathleen Hendricks, Lisa Killila, Melinda McCarthy, Philip Oehrle, David Parker, Chantel Stone and Lindsey Zysset (candidates)

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St. Patrick

Rene Altamigano, Maria Elena Altamigano, Andrew Berchem, Frances Carra, Edward Chavez, Jessica Cornejo, Juan Cornejo, Mirando Cornejo, Amairani Gonzalez, Sharon Gonzalez, Marcus Hermosa, Alan Marin, Christofer Marin, Eric Rodriguez and Marianne Stonebraker (catechumens)

St. Roch

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Tim Baier, Andrea Beck, Garrett Crowthers, Peggy Crowthers, Kayla Davidson, Jerry Dougherty, Tammy Lanman, Eric Meredith, Alex Simpson, James Toder, Angela Torres-Davidson and Beulah Wiggs (catechumens); Steven Ahaus, Diana Baier, Amy Brindle, Whitney Collins, Brent Crowthers, Brittany Crowthers, Michelle Crowthers, Shelby Crowthers, Jessica Geisler, Jeremy Johnson, Lynsie Magill, Sarah Miller, Ryan Mueller, Matthew Peters, Erin Ricke, Jody Schoettle, Julie Shaver, Erica Shelby, Jeanie Simpson, Christopher Speer, Ashlee Thompson and Amy Wray (candidates)

Indianapolis West Deanery

Holy Angels

Peggy Goggans (candidate)

St. Anthony

Carina Gonzalez, Owen Price and Michael Weatherspoon (catechumens); Magdaleno Aguilar, Jennifer Banuelos, Wilber Benitez, Lacy Anne Bohlen, Pedro Luis de la Rosa, James Grater, Rafael Romero Jr. and Tyson Wise (candidates)

St. Christopher

Farah Auguste, Jaden Auguste, Isiah Goolsby, Erika Harrell, Aaron Hocker, Sarah Kear, Bran Loko, Alli Miles, Erin Smith, Michaela Storm, Ryan Storm and Robert Wood (catechumens); Ila Archer, Brad Bilsland, Stefanie Corbitt, Andrew Crookston, Brian Greer, Barbara Hazelwood, Rhonda Herrington, Sonja Hunter, Sharon Spencer and Jonathon Weinschrott (candidates)

St. Gabriel the Archangel

Megan Zurawicz (catechumen); Kelly Fisher and Mary Beth Fredette (candidates)

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Tarlon Bohall, Racheal Komaskinski, Christina Lively, Brittany Mosteller, Felicia Rodriguez and Maria Rodriguez (catechumens); Dave Gorsuch, Diana Mosteller, Carla Moulton, Mitzi Snyder, Frances Stewart and Mildred White (candidates)

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Jason Coleman, Raechelle Conley, Brooke Darden, Helania Darden, Madison Smith-Majors, Michael Oswald, Richard Phillips, Shawn Smith and Russell Watkins (catechumens); Cheyenne Carr, Heather Carr, Hunter Carr, Nicole DeBau, Burke Eizinger and Tracy Neihart (candidates)

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Debbie Atkins, Elaine Cassidy, Angie Dufek, Bailey Dufek, Bryan Faust, Joshua Faust, Lisa Fosnight, Alva Grismore, Kalysta Hurd, Kyle Hurd, Ashley Irwin, April Lam, Curt Parrott, Sara Peterson, Angela Ritenour, Michelle Stephens, Bradley Swalley, Angel Ray Valdez, Marie Weller, Josh York and Justin York (catechumens); Jesse Ballard, Renee Batta, Chris Collins, Kevin Cook, Laura DeFabis, Sharon Dias, Rosie Dreyling, Sabrina Faust, Cory Gehring, Rebecca Gwyer, Russell Hardegree, Kyle Hassler, Curt Horein, Greg Jones, Lori Konermann, Judith Meyer, Christie Miner, Shelley Parrott, Karen Peterson, Russell Peterson, Jose Pizana, Lisa Remington, Mike Remington, Donald Riley, Karen Riley, Dan Ritenour, Patrice Tamayo, Hearther Unrue, Tammra Wallace, Barbara Walters, Sasha Woods and Melissa Yetter (candidates)

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Juan Aguilar, Derly Aguirre, Morgan Anderson, Deisy Andrade, James Arduy, Kevin Bravo, Kyleen Bravo, Priscila Brito, Kenny Callejas, Merari Cuevas, Kristen Doster, Angel Gil Jr., Kara Harkness, Kelly James, Patrick McDonald, Aaron Milam, Kenya Perkins, Yasmeen Tevis, Amy Schoenberger, Edwin Serrano, Julio Sotelo, Angel Trejo, Maria Vargas, and Josue Zaquez (catechumens); Jonathan Anderson, Kimberly Anderson, Michael Baker, Erick Callejas, Chris Coons, Laura Dunlap, Bente Fein, Megan Fletcher, Edgardo Garcia, Angel Gil Sr., Carmen Gil, Fred Green, Jennifer Green, Kenneth James, Sylvester James, Brian Jarrett, Jorge Jimenez, Justin Lash, Francisco Chavez Luna, Derrick Moore, Olivia Peña, Luis Ramirez, Norma Ramirez, Brad Reed, Leslie Rowan, Michael Solari, Emmanuel Sotelo, Margarita Soto, Mel Ullrich and Brent Whaley (candidates)

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New Albany Deanery

St. Michael, Bradford

Nicole Friedholdt and Lori Lockard (catechumens); Jeff Schenck (candidate)

St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville

Hunter Day, Justin Day, Noah Day, Zachary Day, James Hutchings, Kevin Matthews, Samantha Shofner and Bernice Wayne Jr. (catechumens); Angela Albertson and Arthur Decker Jr. (candidates)

St. Joseph, Corydon

Chet Budd, Jan Budd and Steven Henderson (candidates)

St. Bernard, Frenchtown

Bruce Shope (candidate)

St. Francis Xavier, Henryville

Peggy Keshaw (catechumen)

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville, and St. Augustine, Jeffersonville

Jacob Becker, Hannah Fenstermaker, Jonathan Fenstermaker, Susan Fenstermaker, Doris Hicks, Gavin Howard, Linda Meachum, Scott Turner and Timothy Wallace (catechumens); Kenneth Conklin, Bryan Fuller, Robert Haas, James Hicks, Tina Skaggs and James Vogelsang (candidates)

St. Mary, Lanesville

Rodney Green and Christi Lauder (catechumens)

Holy Family, New Albany

Verencio Allen, Elizabeth Hogan, Sarah Martin, Paul Robbins, Anthony Price and Jessica Price (catechumens); Greg Plummer, Michelle Plummer, Adelyn Snodgrass, Jacob Snodgrass, Julia Snodgrass and Jacob Wethington (candidates)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany

David Fulkerson, Patricia Fulkerson, Daniel Hardesty, Giavanna Wilson and Hannah Wilson (catechumens); Amanda Wilson (candidate)

St. Mary, New Albany

Tiffany Bordenkircher, Brandon Coleman, Sterling Detenber, Brett Deuser and Sunshine Tuell (catechumens); Barbara Book and Meredith Book (candidates)

St. Joseph, Sellersburg

Greg Groher, Cody Hurst, Wyatt Hurst, Andrew Smith and Ashley Smith (catechumens); Angela Kelly, Mariann Krueger, Alanna Richards and Jennifer Smith (candidates)

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs

Sara Lemmel (catechumen)

Seymour Deanery

St. Bartholomew, Columbus

Dylan Burge, Michael Bush, Michaela Davis, McKenzie Davis, Claire Edwards, Kelley Edwards, Drew Hundley, Madyson Jessie, Madison Sandlin, Nolan Sandlin and Ciera Torres (catechumens); Anna Andrews, Elizabeth Andrews, Greg Andrews, Pat Badgley, Steve Badgley, Judy Chadwick, Katie Clingenpeel, Alex Duge, Jason Duncan, Mike Edwards, Denise Handy, Mitch Handy, Russell Hilderbrand, Jo Ann Jones, Angie Kramer, Bogdan Minut, Alma Montelongo, David Ransdell, Autumn Sandlin, John Sandlin, Alonza Slone, Enrique Vazquez, Felipe Vera, Art Wodecki and Rena Wodecki (candidates)

Holy Trinity, Edinburg

Erich Plunkett (catechumen); Rachel Plunkett (candidate)

St. Rose of Lima, Franklin

Jeannie Staehler (catechumen); James Admire (candidate)

Prince of Peace, Madison

Chad Warren (catechumen); Lori Henderson, Terri Waits and Kevin Wisman (candidates)

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St. Mary, North Vernon

Ethan Ruedlinger and Katherine Smith (catechumens); Amie Brunner, Erich Kopitzke, Darla Reitman, Connie Ruedlinger, Leonard Ruedlinger and Erin Treadway (candidates)

St. Patrick, Salem

Kristi Humphrey, Jennifer Martin and Norma Smith (candidates)

St. Ambrose, Seymour

James Boyt, Shannon Day and Roman Perez (catechumens); Melissa Lemarr (candidate)

Tell City Deanery

St. Boniface, Fulda

Amanda Gudorf (candidate)

St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad

Samantha Edwards (catechumen)

St. Paul, Tell City

Sheena Hagedorn, Phillip Kling, Brenda Pund and Mike Rogers (catechumens); Carol Black, James Black and Austin Craig (candidates)

Terre Haute Deanery

Annunciation, Brazil

Harley Burkhart, Laura Fisher, Amanda Schutter and Daniel Thompson (catechumens)

Sacred Heart, Clinton

Damon Lommock, Jennifer Miller, Kay Smith and Tim Wilson (candidates)

St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle

Caroline Cupp, Elizabeth Heiser, Jessica Savarese and Louison Savarese (catechumens); Nicholas Cupp and Drew Olson (candidates)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute

Cora Cheesman, Lillian Cheesman and Stella Cheesman (catechumens); Toni Cheesman (candidate)

St. Ann, Terre Haute

Thomas McCullough (catechumen)

St. Benedict, Terre Haute

Amy Isbell, Darci James, Amanda Payne and Larissa Turner (catechumens); Judy Hogan (candidate)

St. Joseph University, Terre Haute

Pam Dorman (catechumen)

St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute

Donna Leggett, Audrey Nelson and Lisa Nelson (candidates)

St. Patrick, Terre Haute

Gayle Findley and Michelle Hemrich (catechumens); Alan Beckley, Benjamin Beckley, John Brunette, Rebecca Crawford, Carrie Evans, Tyra Howard, Baelee Stearley and Richard Zellars (candidates) †

In Westminster lecture, Blair says faith can transform humanity

LONDON (CNS)—Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair has spoken of his



Tony Blair

“passionate” conviction that religious faith can transform humanity for the better.

Blair, 54, a former Anglican who was received into the Catholic Church just days before Christmas, said he wanted to promote the “idea of

faith itself as something dynamic, modern and full of present relevance.”

He told 1,600 people gathered in London’s Westminster Cathedral on April 3 that faith had a “major part to play in

shaping the values which guide the modern world, and can and should be a force for progress.

“But it has to be rescued on the one hand from the extremist and exclusionary tendency within religion today and on the other from the danger that religious faith is seen as an interesting part of history and tradition, but with nothing to say about the contemporary human condition,” he said. “I see faith and reason, faith and progress, as in alliance, not contention.”

His remarks came in a lecture on the subject of “Faith and Globalization,” the first in a series of six speeches hosted by the Archdiocese of Westminster on “Faith and Life in Britain.”

Blair, now the Middle East peace envoy for the quartet of the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and

Russia, said that many British people shared the notion that “religion is divisive, irrational and harmful.”

“For years, it was assumed that as humanity progressed intellectually and matured morally, so religion would decline,” he said.

“But, in fact, at no time since the Enlightenment has religion ever gone away,” he said. “It has always been at the very core of life for millions of people, the foundation of their existence, the motive for their behavior, the thing which gives sense to their lives.”

Faith is not in decline, he added. “It isn’t disappearing inevitably under the weight of scientific and technological progress. It is still here with us, not just surviving but thriving.”

He said that since leaving office as prime minister in June, he had become more acutely aware of the dynamics of globalization, and he said that it was in this context that the

role of faith was especially important.

He said that the world’s religion could transform and humanize impersonal forces of globalization, and shape the values of changing economic and political relationships of the early 21st century.

He said that power was shifting rapidly from the West to the emerging superpowers of China and India, and the role of faith was vital in the struggle for a world of peaceful coexistence.

Blair said the world “will be immeasurably poorer, more dangerous, more fragile and, above all, more aimless” without a spiritual dimension.

“Today is more than ever when we need to discover and rediscover our essential humility before God, our dignity as found in our lives being placed at the service of the source and goal of everything,” Blair said. †



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St. Joan of Arc's resurrection leads to national recognition

By Mary Ann Wyand

Embracing and celebrating diversity helped St. Joan of Arc Parish and School in Indianapolis earn national recognition last month.

Father Guy Roberts, administrator, and Mary Pat Sharpe, principal, accepted a Catholic Identity Award from William H. Sadlier Inc. and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis during the National Catholic Educational Association convention on March 25 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Presented on Easter Tuesday, the award for "shaping Catholic identity in the Church's life, faith and mission through the various ministries of Catholic education" symbolizes a resurrection of new life at the multicultural school on the near north side, which struggled with declining enrollment and low standardized test scores of students for years.

To help address these challenges, parish and school officials invited Eileen Gale Kugler, the author of *Debunking the Middle-Class Myth: Why Diverse Schools Are Good for All Kids*, to speak during an Indianapolis North Deanery program in 2007 at St. Joan of Arc Church as part of Catholic Schools Week activities.

Kugler's book was inspired by the benefits of attending Annandale High School in Fairfax County, Va., one of the most diverse public high schools in the U.S. due to the "broad mix of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds" of students.

During the program, Kugler shared stories from her research at diverse schools across the U.S. about the merits of growing up and learning with students from other countries and cultures.

"Learning comes alive when wisdom is shared not only by competent teachers and textbooks," she noted, "but also by fellow students with life experiences and cultures that illuminate whole new worlds."

Diversity enables educators to achieve extraordinary things in the classroom, she said, with the "wealth of information" from interaction by multicultural students.

"When you have students who are from different backgrounds [in class together], it opens the world to them," Kugler said. "Kids start thinking differently. ... They stop thinking there is only one right way, only one answer to a problem. They become critical thinkers. They become problem-solvers. ... They see wisdom in lots of places."

Kugler's book emphasizes that "a diverse school that is well run and supported by the community is an academic and social gold mine [that] provides ... [world-class] education that our students and our greater society need."

Myths about education include the mistaken belief that the best schools have the highest standardized test scores, she said, and the misguided perceptions that diverse schools aren't safe and can't provide rigorous curriculum for students.

Diverse schools teach students to respect and celebrate each others' cultures, Kugler said, by building character and friendship among youths through the arts and assignments that provide opportunities to express ideas.

Father Roberts said parish and school staff members try "to make a Catholic education relevant in the 21st century in our circumstances here with the demographics that we're serving."

Staff members focus on "thinking outside the box," he said, to better minister to the school's 171 students. About 54 percent of the students are black and about 60 percent are non-Catholic.

"We're trying to introduce students to more technology," Father Roberts said.

"We also have a vocational piece to introduce the students to careers and expand their horizons by visiting [area] businesses and universities to get them thinking about their futures.

"If they don't know what's out there, then they can't begin to dream," he said. "We're trying to encourage them to dream and to be forward-looking, not only for this life but, of course, certainly the spiritual element is there. What I try to do with the students is get them to think about their personal vocation. 'Why did God put you here and how are you best going to exercise that blossoming of your life in the context of the next 60 to 70 years?'"

Mary Pat Sharpe, principal, said during the past

Photo by Mary Ann Wyand



St. Joan of Arc School fifth-grade students Jaela Payne, from left, Mary Cate Pachciarz and Sam Osborn place their Accelerated Reader (AR) data onto a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet during a technology class on Jan. 11 at the Indianapolis North Deanery grade school. This project helps them track their overall progress, view their reading comprehension success and learn how to analyze the data.

five years of her leadership the students have moved from 57 percent passing the ISTEP (Indiana Standard Testing for Educational Progress) to 86 percent passing the proficiency test.

In addition to building school enrollment and improving academic standards, Sharpe said, St. Joan of Arc staff members regularly welcome non-Catholic students into the Church.

"Our mission as a Catholic Church is to be open and respectful to everyone," she said. "That's what we're called to do. ... It's a very diverse environment here, and there is much respect and appreciation for everyone." †

Local speakers share insights at national Catholic educational convention

By Mary Ann Wyand

Archdiocesan presenters featured during the National Catholic Educational Association convention on March 25-28 in Indianapolis offered a variety of "how to" programs for educators from throughout the U.S. and several other countries.



"How about 'Leave No Child Inside'?" by Providence Sister Theresa Boland addressed "place-based education," which connects

students with the community and the environment.

Place-based educational initiatives allow children to explore the natural world with hands-on experiences outside the classroom, explained Sister Theresa, the former principal of Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Terre Haute, which was closed in June 2007.

Sister Theresa said outdoor curriculum included a weather station, composting area and garden as well as butterfly, worm and bird habitats. Students also learned the importance of recycling.

"Problem-based Learning in the Science Classroom," a presentation by Sandra Hoy, a teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis, examined how sixth-grade students identify and study an authentic

science-related problem in the community then present their findings and solutions.

"Throughout the process," Hoy said, "students learn how to research, use technology, develop presentations and organizational skills, increase vocabulary and reading comprehension in science, and connect what they are learning with the world in which they live."

"Empower Teens to Embrace Chastity," presented by Margaret Hendricks, archdiocesan coordinator of A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality, illustrated how teenage peer mentors are "the heart" of the successful abstinence education curriculum for middle-school students.

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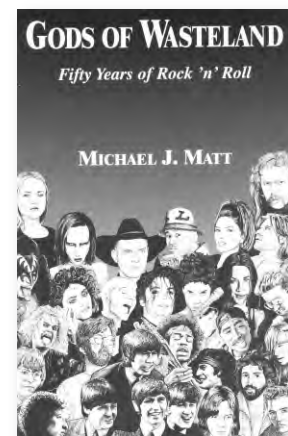
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Gods of Wasteland Fifty years of Rock 'n' Roll

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Back in the 1950s and '60s, Catholic priests and, Protestant ministers spent a great deal of effort

combating what they believed was a morally lethal new form of music, which was being marketed specifically to young people.

Michael Matt, editor of The Remnant and author of the book Gods of Wasteland, delves into the history, attraction, importance and destructiveness of rock music—a destructiveness that drives children from their parents, families from their roots and society from God Himself. Matt's discussion provides invaluable insight into what's wrong with rock music and how one goes about separating himself from it forever.

"Christianity will go. It will vanish and sink. I needn't argue about that; I'm right and will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus Christ right now."

—John Lennon

"I figured that the only thing to do was steal their kids. I still think it's the only thing to do... I'm not talking about kidnapping... but about changing young people's value system."

—David Crosby

"I think organized religion is a crutch. It's a huge abuse to teach children that God is not within themselves. That God is bigger than them. That God is outside them. That's a lie. Nobody has the right to tell anyone else what to think or believe. Especially the Catholic Church, with the amount of murdering and pillaging that it's done."

—Sinead O'Connor

"Rock has always been the Devil's music."

—David Bowie

Due to the sensitive nature of this presentation, it is recommended that small children should not attend.

Admission is free but free will offerings are accepted to defray expenses

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Msgr. Marini said the Vatican did not dictate the choice of music and hymns for the U.S. liturgies.

"The repertoire is rather vast," he said. "There will be Gregorian chant, polyphony and some hymns that are more popular in the American repertoire.

"I really like this variety of styles that has been prepared for the celebrations," he said.

After the Vatican's liturgical guidelines were sent to the United States, the coordinator appointed by the bishops' conference, Msgr. Anthony Sherman, came to Msgr. Marini's office to discuss the initial choices made in Washington and New York.

"We discussed the liturgies, suggestions were made and decisions were taken," he said.

In February, Msgr. Marini and two of his assistants, including U.S. Msgr. William V. Millea, traveled to the two cities for more discussions, fine-tuning and site visits.

A few more details, such as which altar servers will

be where, will be determined during quick run-throughs hours before the liturgies.

Msgr. Marini knows that changes in papal liturgies at the Vatican have been fueling speculation and heated discussions on Italian blogs and Web sites; he insists the increased use of older liturgical elements—such as Gregorian chant and ancient vestments—do not indicate a return to the past, but rather reflect "development in continuity."

"In the liturgy, as in the life of the Church itself, development in continuity should be visible," he said. "There are great riches, treasures that we have received, that we cannot forget, but this does not mean we oppose new developments.

"Those who have preceded us created works of art, not so they would be admired in a museum, but so they would be used," Msgr. Marini said. "Using them today underlines our continuity with the past as we walk toward the future."

As for rumors that Pope Benedict is preparing to celebrate publicly a Mass according to the Tridentine rite, Msgr. Marini said that as far as he knows that is just a rumor.

"My office has heard nothing of this. I know there are rumors, but I have not been asked to plan anything," he said.

The U.S. liturgies will raise an issue Pope Benedict, on more than one occasion, has said is problematic: preserving a sense of prayer and participation at a Mass when there are hundreds of concelebrants and tens of thousands of people in the assembly.

Msgr. Marini said many people at the pope's April 17 Mass in Washington's Nationals Park and April 20 Mass in New York's Yankee Stadium will receive Communion in the form of hosts that will have been consecrated earlier.

He said the practice, while not optimal, is common for papal Masses with a large crowd.

"If a priest were to take the Eucharist from the altar to the back of the crowd, he would not be able to reach the farthest points of the assembly before Mass ended," he said.

Instead, the monsignor said, small temporary chapels housing the Blessed Sacrament are set up at various points near the back of the crowd. A priest or deacon is stationed at each chapel and coordinates the distribution of Communion from that point.

The question of the number of concelebrants "is not simply an aesthetic question, but has substance," which is why it is the subject of ongoing study at the Vatican, he said.

In addition to highlighting the unity of the celebrant and the concelebrants and the bond between the concelebrants and the altar, "there must be a direct relationship, including a visual one, between the words of consecration and the matter that is being consecrated," he said.

The concelebration question demonstrates that, although Msgr. Marini, his co-workers, consultants and predecessors have considered and continue to study every aspect of papal Masses, they are still searching for perfection, he said.

Nevertheless, the extremely soft-spoken monsignor said, "I hope the liturgical celebrations presided over by the Holy Father may be an example and also provide an orientation for the Church in the United States." †

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"The emphasis of this preventive health model is on virtues, values and character formation, not physical development," Hendricks explained. "The lessons or topics covered include the many positive reasons for saving sex for marriage. ... The developmental period of 11 and 12 years of age is the critical time to begin preparing young people for the negative pressures and examples that will assault their Catholic values."

"Critical Thinking for School and for Life" by Providence Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp was based on her doctoral research on critical thinking and moral judgment as well as her experiences as president of Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis.

"Engaging Your Board in Advancing the Mission" by Daniel Elsener, president of Marian College in Indianapolis, emphasized that "the Church, especially its schools and social services, will thrive through the full engagement of the laity."

Elsener said keys to successful governance recruitment include organization, preparation, investment of time and belief in the mission in order to achieve success in planning, fundraising, accountability, relevance, marketing and communication.

"Exploring the Governance Relationship between the Catholic School and the Parish" by Father Jeffrey Godecker, the Catholic chaplain at Butler University in Indianapolis and former pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, explained the importance of building bridges between the parish and school communities.

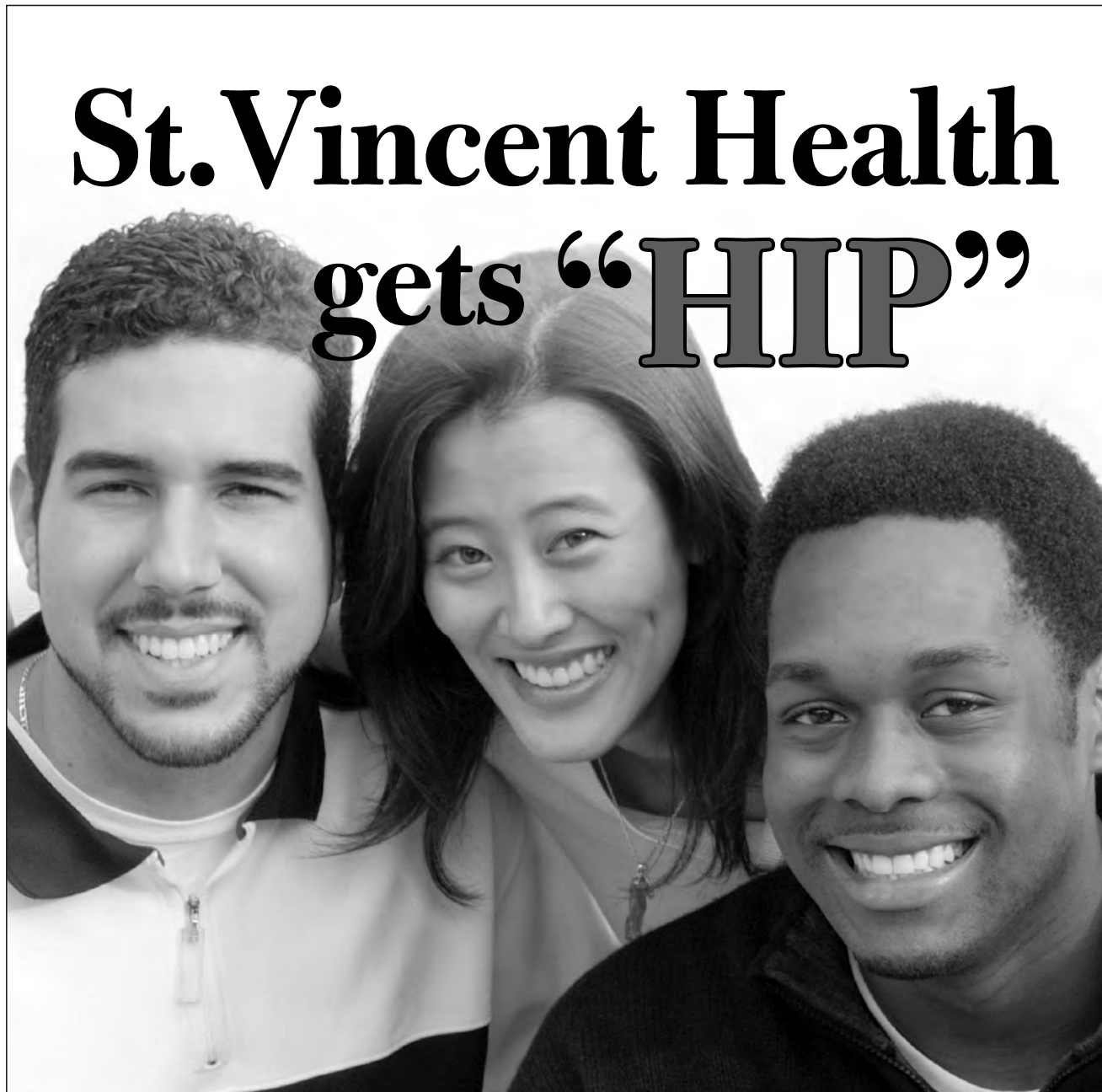
"The school [staff] needs to be a whole lot more involved in the parish than what it is," Father Godecker said. "... The school has a very specific task. It's a labor-intensive institution. They've got lots to do, and lots of challenges working with students and parents and creating a really good education.

"But somehow, if faith is to be maintained, if faith is to grow once those kids are out of school," he said, "one of the challenges for the school is keeping those kids involved in the parish, integrating students and families into the parish, and particularly those students and families that may only nominally participate in the parish."

The role of a Catholic school must include faith formation in the classroom, Father Godecker said, and also in the parish community.

"Faith formation involves how you live that faith within a community," he said, and requires student participation in the life of the parish.

"The principal has to be known in the parish community beyond just the school parents," Father Godecker said. "If there is a science fair or an art show, parishioners need to be invited and some of the exhibits need to be displayed in the narthex." †



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Papal trips are much more than just a news event

By Sharon Roulier

With 104 apostolic journeys outside Italy, Pope John Paul II was the most widely traveled pope in history.

When many people, including those in the Roman Curia, asked why he traveled to foreign countries, Pope John Paul would respond by saying the trips that he was making to the local Churches demonstrated that they “have a place in the universal Church,” said John Thavis, Catholic News Service Rome bureau chief, who has covered papal trips since 1984.

Thavis said Pope Benedict XVI vowed at the beginning of his papacy in 2005 not to travel as much as his predecessor.

“However, he’s already done seven foreign visits,” Thavis noted. “Once you’re pope, it’s hard to say no when people invite you to go.”

So far, Pope Benedict has traveled to Germany twice, and once to Turkey, Brazil, Poland, Spain and Austria.

The pope will make his first apostolic journey to the United States as the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church in April. The six-day trip will begin April 15 in Washington and continue to New York.

The trip is historic, with the pope addressing the United Nations General Assembly, meeting with President George W. Bush and visiting ground zero.

There will be several public events during the visit, including Mass at Nationals Park in Washington and Yankee Stadium in New York. The full itinerary is available at www.uspapalvisit.org and www.catholicnews.com/papalvisit.

“It’s important for the pope that he visit the U.S.,” said Thavis. “The Catholic Church in the United States is very important in the universal Church, and in the United States it is important as well. I’m certain he wanted to visit the U.S. at least once in his pontificate.”

“Christ Our Hope” is the theme of the papal visit.

The pope sees his U.S. visit “as a time to encourage people, and we’re hoping it is also a time of renewal for people,” said Helen Osman, secretary for communications for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

There have been more than 5,000 requests for media credentials to cover the pope’s travels in the U.S., said Osman. “It’s a wonderful challenge, trying to accommodate all that interest. We want to keep the solemnity and spirituality of the event while realizing that the modern communications media can be a great partner in helping us to get the Good News out.”

When the pope travels to other countries, the “local press is filled with stories about the pope and the Catholic Church, which generates good publicity,” said Thavis. It often brings world interest to the country he visits.

As for the pope, his world travels also serve to widen his vision, said Thavis. “They’re learning too,” he said of the popes who have traveled to foreign lands, “especially if they’re going to Third World countries.”

Preparations have been under way for the pope’s trip to the U.S. since early last fall, with much of the work being handled by local dioceses in cooperation with the Holy See.

“It’s very complicated and very detailed,” but the Vatican advance team has had experience in planning papal trips

for 30 years, said Thavis. Once the cities are chosen following many talks, an advance team comes to the location selected two or three times and considers the following details:

- What time will the pope arrive?
- How close will he get to the people?
- Will he say anything?
- Is there a sound system?
- What will the stage look like?
- What is the security situation?
- Will there be a motorcade?
- If he’s in a building, does it have an elevator?
- How many steps will he walk from the car to where he is going?

The Vatican advance team will also review the liturgies which are planned by the local dioceses.

Keep in mind too that the pope does not travel alone. He flies on a chartered airplane, usually leaving Italy on Alitalia. He is accompanied by an entourage of 20 to 25 staff members from the Vatican along with 50 to 70 journalists, who also

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—Helen Osman

CNS photo/Tony Gentile, Reuters



Pope Benedict XVI embraces a group of children during his visit to a Franciscan-run drug rehabilitation center in Guaratingueta, Brazil, on May 12, 2006. Apostolic journeys made by popes to countries around the world show the importance of local dioceses in the universal Church.

require seating and lodging during all events.

Much of the papal visit will be broadcast on local television and cable stations across the country. Osman said streaming video will be available on www.uspapalvisit.org. The Catholic Channel on Sirius Satellite Radio is expected to provide coverage.

(Radio broadcasts of the pope’s journey to the United States can also be heard in the Indianapolis area by tuning in to 89.1 FM or anywhere in the archdiocese by logging on to www.catholicradioindy.com and clicking on the “listen now” button.)

Certainly not everyone will be able to be present for each of the pope’s engagements while in the U.S., but Osman encourages

Catholics to think about what the pope’s visit means to them personally because it is more than just a news event.

The pope’s U.S. visit “can be an opportunity for people to participate in the Church in a rather unique way,” Osman said. “We hope people will stop and ask themselves, ‘What is my relationship with the Church and within the larger community?’ We want the pope’s message to inspire people during and following the days he is with us.”

(Sharon Roulier is a reporter for *The Catholic Observer*, the newspaper of the Springfield, Mass., diocese.) †

Discussion Point

Papal visit represents hope, love, healing

This Week’s Question

What does the pope visiting the U.S. mean to you?

“It’s like Jesus himself coming. We had the Old Testament, but Jesus came himself and brought the New Testament. It was like a breath of fresh air that enhanced our spiritual ways and life. Because he represents Jesus Christ, the pope’s coming also represents hope, love and healing.” (Jerry Goodhouse, McLaughlin, S.D.)

“He shows that he loves us and cares about us enough to make such a trip.” (Terese Deegan, Honolulu, Hawaii)

“I’m very excited. We can hear him and read his writings, but his visual presence for people is wonderful. You can’t beat seeing someone special in person.”

(DiAnn Bird, Milford, Conn.)

“He represents Catholics all over the world, but his coming here will make him seem more real to me and my world. I think I will focus in on his presence and [watch and listen more carefully] to what he’s doing and saying.” (Jennifer Wucherer, St. Cloud, Minn.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Describe how you or a friend converted to a life in Christ.

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Biblical women: Mary Magdalene

(Thirty-fifth in a series)

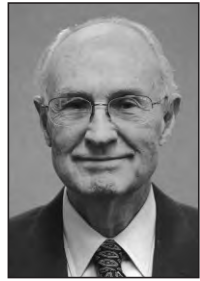
Mary Magdalene has fascinated writers and artists for two millennia. More probably has been written about her than about any other biblical woman except the Blessed Virgin.

In recent years, she has been called Jesus' lover and the mother of his children (or at least child).

Through the centuries, she has been identified as one or both of the public sinners I wrote about last week.

She has also been confused with Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus. A shrine in the village of St. Maximin la Sainte Baume in France claims that Mary Magdalene lived and died there with her brother, Lazarus, and sister, Martha.

None of this is in the New Testament. What we know from the Bible is that Mary was from Magdala, a large fishing village on the Sea of Galilee. She



became the leader of the women followers of Jesus, who traveled with him and the Apostles and supported them out of their resources, just as Peter was the leader of the men.

We also know that "seven demons had gone out" of Mary, but we don't know what that means. That phrase in Luke 8:2 is undoubtedly what prompted some people, including Pope Gregory the Great, to assume that Mary was a repentant sinner, but it's more likely that she had suffered from an illness of some kind.

We also know from the Bible that Mary was present at Jesus' crucifixion, was one of the women who went to the tomb with spices and perfumed oil on the Sunday after the crucifixion, and was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his Resurrection.

That's what we know about Mary Magdalene from the Bible, and it should be enough to realize what a special person she was. Everything else written about her is either speculation or comes from early documents written by people with specific agendas.

There's an apocryphal Gospel of

Mary Magdalene, for example, that claims that Jesus wanted Mary, not Peter, to be head of his Church. This supposedly was suppressed by the male hierarchy. The writing shows hostility toward Mary on the part of Peter. We can speculate that perhaps Peter and Mary didn't always get along—after all, the Gospels show that there were arguments among the Apostles—but it doesn't seem likely that Jesus wanted Mary to head his Church.

What role did Mary play in the early Church? We can speculate all we want, but the fact is that we don't know.

As the leader of the women who followed Jesus, and as close to him as she obviously was since he chose to appear to her first, we would expect her to have played an active role indeed.

We would assume that she was present at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on those in the Upper Room, but Luke doesn't specifically mention her in the Acts of the Apostles.

Can't we be satisfied in knowing that Mary Magdalene was Jesus' favorite among his women followers? †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Divine truths revealed in the study of English literature

Having just seen the new movie version of *Beowulf*, I was moved to take my old textbook down from the shelf and look up the poem that I had read in English Literature class long ago.

Not long ago enough to have read it in Old English, mind you, but long enough to wish that I had had the movie available then to explain the poem to me.

At the time I read it, ancient legends, pagan and early Christian beliefs muddied the waters of understanding for me, as it were. It was hard to relate to dragons and magic spells and all that while plowing through murky archaic language. Besides, I was just a kid with limited experience in mystical symbolism, having no Harry Potter on hand to guide me.

Reading Chaucer was a bit easier, although we struggled through part of the Prologue in Middle English. By Chaucer's time, medieval Christianity was the norm and primal myths were not essential to the story. The lives of the Wife of Bath and the Pardoner and the other characters were presented in pithy vignettes of human trial and error.

It turned out that Chaucer not only had a good eye for skewering human behavior on his literary spit, but also had a sense of humor. His tales were often slyly funny. I learned that literature, the "classics" so dreaded by young readers, could actually be fun to read.

Milton's work was another matter. His poems were lofty and grand, but also humorless and rather depressing in their Puritan emphasis on the sinful human condition. Paradise may have been lost and regained in his greatest poetry, but it lacked the inherent optimism I felt in Catholic works.

By the time we worked our way through the centuries to the 19th century Romantics, we had learned of various attitudes toward work, marriage, gender roles and all kinds of other things. Religious faith was still an important part of life then, but social attitudes were changing. Lord Byron and others led the way with new opinions about sexual freedom, human rights, and the importance of art and beauty.

In short, college literature classes made me think about the big questions: Who am I, and why am I here? How should I live my life? They complemented my other reading. For instance, I read *The Imitation of Christ* and *The Power of Positive Thinking* at the same time, both offering different ways

to find truth.

All of these ideas added to opinions gained earlier from reading childhood classics like *Little Women*. We're still gaining these insights.

At a recent literary tea, I heard the participants identifying some of the then-radical ideas as expressed in this book, including women being independent of men and parents raising children by sparing the rod.

Another children's story that influenced me was the Elsie Dinsmore series following Southern post-Civil War Elsie through her Girlhood, Womanhood and Motherhood. Elsie was so pious that she refused to play the piano for her father on the Sabbath and was forced to sit there all day as punishment.

As a virtual sponge, I absorbed Elsie's piety and ideas about courage, honor, duty, patriotism, loyalty, you name it, from other series, such as Tarzan, Oz, Cherry Ames and Nancy Drew. Somehow, with God's grace, all this reading, all these ideas, came together to create a spiritual model for living.

Being an English major sure worked for me. Still does.

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Spring inspires memories about kites and threads

Looking back on March, I say "Amen!" The weather was awful, but I was reminded of times past when, on milder windy days, parents helped children make the first kites of the season.

It was awesome to watch the kites floating over fields or park areas. Families delighted in this, with youngsters laughing happily—or crying because some kites crashed. From March through better weather months, kites were popular.

I remember this because in January my sister, Beverley, sent me her St. Luke Parish bulletin from Belleville, Ill., which included this (shortened) story:

"A boy and his father make a kite. They spend hours gluing together the pinewood slats, fitting the delicate paper onto the frame and fashioning the tail.

"On the first windy March afternoon, they set out to launch their wood and paper spaceship. Dad instructs his son on how to hold the string tight and run as fast as he can when Dad lets go.

"After a few false starts and frustrated launches, the kite is finally airborne. The boy is in control as Dad shows him how to let out the string, little by little. The kite flies higher and higher.

"Then to his father's surprise, the boy lets go of the string. With sheer joy and delight, the boy watches the kite soar until it is only a dancing speck in the distance.

"Walking home together, the father realized that he will soon have to loosen the tie that binds him to his son, to let the boy make his own place in the world, ... and Dad wonders: 'Will I release the string as unselfishly as that?'"

This story was adapted from the January 2008 issue of *Connections* and the Oct. 20, 2007, issue of *Christian Century*. It reminded me of a poem, "Threads of

Hope," that I wrote for the 20th anniversary of The Julian Center in Indianapolis. I share those 20 lines in prose form.

"We are the threads that bind us, one to another. We strengthen our babies' swaddling beginnings, then loosen the ties so they can wiggle in the wind like spring kites soaring to new heights, finding themselves. We are harmonious, sturdy threads carefully woven into the fiber of society, where weak fabric frays. Some souls fall through the holes into despair and confusion and suffering. We who are strong gather together to tighten the knots and knit a net of safety to catch those falling—a shawl of comfort to dry their tears and wrap their fears in courage. We teach them to make their own shawls, to become the threads that bind us, one to another—with trust, with love."

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

Twenty Something/

Christina Capecchi

Don't let your resumé become your identity

I arrived at the career fair with high hopes, 20 resumé and dozens of story ideas turning in my mind.



I had prepared meticulously, ironing my suit, straightening my hair, frying everything into submission. I had memorized the morning's news, donned my glasses for a scholastic effect and

applied a dab of lip gloss. I was set.

The recruiters quickly lowered my lofty expectations. The heavy hitters weren't exactly interested. Neither were the middle-of-the-roads. The warmest reception I got came from the editor of a teensy-tiny paper offering a yearlong internship for meager pay and no benefits. Is that all I'm worth? I wondered as I filed into a long line.

Finally, my turn came to talk to the recruiter of a big-time paper where I had applied for an internship. My application had arrived with that much-hyped distinction—the recommendation of a staff member—and I was eager to follow up with an in-person introduction.

The recruiter spent less time reading my resumé than it had taken to print.

"Come back in 10 years," she growled.

As I walked home, a car raced by, splattering mud on my heels and shins. It felt like a physical expression of the emotional damage the fair had reaped on me.

The job hunt can be a rude awakening to young adults with super-supportive parents and super-expensive degrees. Not only are many headhunters hostile, so is much of the job-searching advice.

"Your present resumé is probably much more inadequate than you now realize," cautions one Web site. "A job often attracts between 100 and 1,000 resúmes these days so you are facing a great deal of competition."

Whatever you do, don't you dare use high-quality resumé paper: "Employers HATE pretentious parchment paper. They think they're phony and toss them out."

That is, be polished, but not too polished. Get it?

I'm watching friends conform to these standards, stripping their colorful, three-dimensional personalities to black bullet points. So much is lost between the gifts we possess and the credentials we submit.

The good news is our faith defies all these silly rules. Enough with the generic verbs and padded resúmes, St. Paul writes: "Stop lying to one another. ... Here there is not Greek and Jew, slave and free, but Christ is all and in all" (Col 3:9-11).

While career consultants preach neutrality (one ring per hand, light makeup), St. Paul urges us to pile it on liberally. "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col 3:12).

While career consultants induce panic, St. Paul instills peace: "Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. And be thankful" (Col 3:15).

We are thankful because we have been granted the greatest mission on Earth. No matter what company name is stamped on our paychecks, we are ambassadors of Christ, "heralds impelled by the Gospel," as Pope Benedict XVI put it last month.

God overlooks our typos, seeing us for who we are—and who we might become.

When we seek his kingdom first, everything else is added onto us. Take it from me: I survived that awful career fair one year ago, and four months later the big-time paper that had rejected me ran my article on its front page.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 13, 2008

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- 1 Peter 2:20b-25
- John 10:1-10

This weekend's reading from the Acts of the Apostles reveals life in general in the first Christian community, but more in particular shows that Peter was the acknowledged leader of the Apostles.



In this reading, Peter preaches on Pentecost, an important Jewish feast. His sermon goes to the heart of the Gospel message. Jesus is Lord,

the Savior. He came among humans as a human, but also as God's own Son. He died. He rose. He reconciled humankind with Almighty God.

People have an option. They can accept Jesus as Lord and follow the Gospel or they can reject Jesus.

It is interesting that the author of Acts—who is also traditionally believed to have been the author of Luke's Gospel—notes that the sermon was preached on Pentecost.

This reference is more than a nod to a Jewish holiday. Jewish holidays celebrated God, in relation with humans and in particular with the Hebrew people. The holidays celebrated the Covenant and God's constant, uninterrupted mercy.

The First Epistle of Peter provides the second reading.

Jesus is the centerpiece of the reading. He died on the cross to bring—forever and without qualification—God and humanity back together.

People affirm this reconciliation for themselves by freely accepting Jesus as Lord and by living as the Lord's true disciples and children of God.

St. John's Gospel gives us the last reading, presenting a theme that was among the Lord's favorites and always has been beloved by

Christians—the theme of the Good Shepherd.

At the time of Jesus in the Holy Land, the images of shepherds and sheep would have been very meaningful since people saw sheep every day.

The nature of sheep is important. They are docile and quiet, often in peril from predators, such as wolves. They need the protection of shepherds. Also, young sheep, or lambs, were the preferred animals for sacrifice in the temple. The meat of lambs was ritually prepared for Passover. They were regarded as innocent.

Of course, sheep can wander. The shepherd does not tie them to himself. He leads them. They can turn away from him.

The Gospel's message is clear. All humans are as vulnerable as sheep without a shepherd to guide and protect them.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, leading us to pastures rich with nutrition and away from the predators that prowl in search of us, the predators that by succeeding in tempting us to sin actually take our lives away from us.

Reflection

Weeks have passed since Easter, but the Church still rejoices in the Risen Lord. He lives! Giving us the words once preached by Peter, the Church calls us to repent, to turn away from sin, and instead to turn to the only source of life, the Lord Jesus.

Preparing us for this message, the Church frankly reminds us who and what we are. We are as vulnerable as sheep. However, if we are in the Lord by true faith, we are as pure as lambs. Still, predators lurk, waiting to assail us.

Jesus is truly our Good Shepherd. He leads us. He guides us to the nourishment we need for spiritual health. He goes before us to the eternal fields of heaven.

But the essence of the message is clear and simple. We need the Lord. Otherwise, we shall die.

Here the Church's final lesson appears. We can follow the Lord or we can go our own way. However, if we turn away from Jesus then we will walk into peril. †

My Journey to God

The Way of the Cross

The journey of your suffering,
Carrying your Cross to Calvary—
The Cross that reveals redemption
And the power of your glory.

So let me journey with you
And perhaps learn something new.
Open my eyes and heart, Lord,
As I take each step with you.

You were condemned by Pilate,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Sadly, I too at times
Have washed my hands of you.

You willingly accept the Cross,
My sins add to its weight.
How many crosses have I shunned,
Unwilling to embrace?

Three times you fall along the way,
Each more agonizing than before.
I too have fallen often,
My courage and strength restore.

You meet your mother, Mary.
It is as Simeon foretold.
I am a mother who cannot comprehend
Mary's heart pierced by the sword.

Simon and Veronica,
Your vulnerability they embrace.
Help me shoulder others' burdens
And see the image of your face.

The weeping women you console,

"Do not weep for me."
Give me courage for my trials, Lord,
And show compassion toward humanity.

You are stripped of your garments,
But not of your dignity.
Meek and steadfast you become,
Accepting the Father's will freely.

You are crucified, my Lord.
Such agony and pain.
How can I ever
Look at the Cross the same?

"Father, forgive them," you say aloud.
You die between two thieves.
Truly you are the Son of God,
Such unfathomable love for me.

Your lifeless body is taken down,
Joseph of Arimethea buries you.
Death will not keep its hold
For "you make all things new."

The stone was rolled away,
"The Gardener" you were thought to be.
You are the Resurrected Christ
And in you I do believe.

So the stations are a journey,
Yesterday and today,
As we remember and proclaim
That you, Lord, are "The Way."

By Cathy Dearing

(Cathy Dearing is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.)

Daily Readings

Monday, April 14
Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4
John 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 15
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1b-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 16
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 17
Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20

Friday, April 18
Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11b
John 14:1-6

Saturday, April 19
Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

Sunday, April 20
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Church requires Catholics to receive sacrament of penance

QIn a past column, you discussed a question from a lady who was concerned about confession without mortal sin.



She was told that since she had no mortal sins to confess she was wasting the priest's time.

After that, she had been to confession only a few times over many years, and wondered about going to Communion.

In your response, you wrote, "Nothing in anything you said is a reason to forego receiving Communion."

Am I wrong that one of the commandments of the Church is that we receive the sacrament of penance at least once a year, whether or not we are guilty of serious sin?

We learned that it is sinful to receive the Eucharist if we had not confessed within the prior year.

Don't the "six precepts of the Church," including yearly confession, exist any more? (Ohio)

AIn 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council decreed that all Catholics should confess any serious sins once a year.

In spite of the rather different wording that you remember—which I too learned in school in the 1930s—that has been the law of the Church during the past 800 years.

The old *Baltimore Catechism No. 3* (St. Joseph Edition, Question #293), which for decades defined authoritative beliefs and practice for American Catholics, says the obligation for annual confession binds "if we have a mortal sin to confess."

The present *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1457) and current canon law (#989) say the same.

It bears repeating again that the Church does not recommend receiving this sacrament only once a year or only when one is conscious of a serious sin. It is simply the bare minimum required for Catholics.

As I indicated in the column to which you refer, most Catholics who wish to benefit spiritually from this sacrament would receive it more than once a year, whether or not they have committed a mortal sin.

As for the precepts of the Church, current canon law describes the

obligations and rights in general for all Catholics, and specifically for the laity, largely in canons #206-#231.

These regulations reflect what Catholic faith teaches about our common responsibility to cooperate in building and sanctifying the body of Christ.

They can be briefly summarized as follows.

1. To lead a full sacramental life, especially to participate in the Mass on Sundays and holy days, share in holy Communion, and receive the sacrament of penance regularly, at appropriate times.

2. To provide proper religious education for oneself and one's children, especially by use of Catholic schools and other education programs.

3. To observe the marriage laws of the Church.

4. To strengthen and support the Church, one's own parish community and clergy, and the worldwide Church.

5. To practice penance and self-denial in the spirit of Christ, including fast and abstinence on days appointed by Church leaders.

6. To share in the missionary spirit and apostolic work of the local and universal Church.

It is just coincidence that this group numbers six requirements, but they cover essentially what the "precepts of the Church" have been and are today.

(A free brochure answering questions that Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail to jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

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The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the "My Journey to God" column.

Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

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Rest in peace

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ARNOLD, Phillip E., 97, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, March 18. Brother of Elizabeth Quinlan.

BALFOUR, Mary E., 88, St. Gabriel, Connersville, March 27. Wife of Joseph Balfour. Mother of Lynn Oliver, Brian and Stuart Balfour. Grandmother of three.

BALON, Roman, 83, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, March 15. Husband of Maria Balon. Father of Janina Baldwin and Theresa Balon-Bowden.

BRUNNER, Mildred A., 82, St. Monica, Indianapolis, March 25. Mother of Janet Christie, Bonnie Cornn, Mary Mathis, Tammy, David and John Brunner. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 39.

CONWAY, Edith M., 96, Christ the King, Indianapolis, March 29. Wife of Charles H. Conway. Mother of Susan Beilouny, Chris Henry, Kay Ramsey and Charles Conway. Sister of St. Agnes Sister Irene Lengerich. Grandmother of nine.

Great-grandmother of three.
CRAVENS, Earl, 75, St. Paul, Tell City, March 12. Husband of Shirley (Harris) Cravens. Father of Pam Dowland, Chris, Chuck and Doug Cravens. Brother of Priscilla Asche, Melba Fortwendel, Mary Freeman and Helen Linne. Grandfather of nine.

DEVOR, Betty L., 80, St. Gabriel, Connersville, March 30. Mother of Diane, Daniel and Mark Devor. Sister of Dorothy Spaulding and Richard Ramey.

FAY, Mary Agnes, 98, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, March 22. Mother of Judith Gray, Janice Walsh and Frederick Fay. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 11.

FERGUSON, Clarence E., 90, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, March 24. Father of John Ferguson. Grandfather of two.

FOX, James E., 77, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, March 13. Father of Mark and Patrick Fox. Brother of Carmelite Sister Michael Fox, John, Kenneth, Larry and Richard Fox.

GOFFINET, Lillian, 89, St. Paul, Tell City, March 12. Mother of Patricia Saalman, Charlotte Smith, Bill, Bob, Mike and Rick Goffinet. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 18.

FRANZ, Marie, 97, St. Mary, Richmond, March 19. Aunt of several.

HENDRIX, Charlotte Jean, 68, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, March 17. Wife of Ronald

Hendrix. Mother of Linda Hammons and Tom Butler. Sister of Sueanna Sears and Roger Smith. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of one.

HENRY-MARTIN, Candida A. (Roell), 54, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, March 31. Mother of Shauna, John and William Henry. Daughter of Robert and Wilma (Bigler) Roell Sr. Sister of Christine Beck, Deborah Harney, Cynthia McConnell, Laura Terry, Charles, David, James and Robert Roell Jr. Grandmother of seven.

HUTHSTEINER, Margaret, 75, St. Paul, Tell City, March 18. Aunt of several.

KOCHERT, Clemence, 83, St. Paul, Sellersburg, March 25. Husband of Jean (Seipp) Kochert. Father of Linda Davis, Barbara Smith and Kenneth Kochert. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of 13.

KOPAC, Stephen Thomas, 73, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, March 27. Father of Kari-Jo Provencher. Brother of Florence D'Auria, Pauline Dizzine, Anne Ventriglia, George, John and Joseph Kopac.

LANG, Marian (Culp), 96, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, March 21. Mother of Marian Raidy and James Lang. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of five.

LAURIE, Freda May, 77, St. Anne, New Castle, March 22. Wife of Chester Laurie Sr. Mother of Chester Laurie Jr. Sister of Martha Keever and James Vaughn. Grandmother of two.

LONG, Thelma, 82, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, March 18. Mother of Karen Blake, James and Jeffrey Long. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 11.



Papal window

Pope John Paul II is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Patrick Church in Smithtown, N.Y. Pope Benedict XVI celebrated a Mass at the Vatican on April 2 marking the third anniversary of the 84-year-old pontiff's death. See related stories on page 20.

MCCORMICK, Mary Rita, 89, St. Mary, New Albany, March 29. Mother of Mary Lyskowski, Brian, Bruce, Chris, Marc and Paul McCormick. Grandmother of five.

METZLER, Judith, 98, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, March 22. Mother of Robert and Thomas Metzler. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

MORGAN, Melvina (Cody) Coopridier, 89, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, March 16. Mother of Marcia Liphardt, Linda Tekulve, Carol Williams and Edmund Coopridier. Step-mother of four. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of five. Step-grandmother of several. Step-great-grandmother of several.

RENN, Marie E., 88, St. Joseph, Sellersburg, March 21. Mother of Mark Renn. Sister of Dorothy McDaniel, Luella Rauck and Kenneth Kleehammer. Grandmother of one.

REPASS, Peggy L., 54, Christ the King, Indianapolis, March 25. Mother of Christin Croom. Sister of Norma Pardekoooper and Butch Hibbs.

RILEY, Charles C., 78, St. Anne, New Castle, March 23. Husband of Grace Jackson-Riley. Father of Theresa Pierce and Curt Jackson. Brother of Mertle Carter. Grandfather of four.

SCHAEFER, Clara Mae (Ronnebaum), 76, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, March 25. Wife of Elmer Schaefer. Mother of Marilyn Allen, Cheryl Ankey, Ann Fletcher, Peggy Redmond, David, Gary and Mike Schaefer. Sister of Frances Batta, Agnes Fuchs and Delores Kaufhold. Grandmother of 18.

SCHMITT, Anthony Dominic, 55, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, March 24. Brother of Martha Ferguson, Mary Meadows, Rosemary, Christopher, Herman, John, Louis and Michael Schmitt.

SHELTON, Sylvia, 53, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, March 16. Daughter of Ella Shelton.

SMITH, Cletus E., 89, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd's Knobs, March 20.

SPATH, Sue E., 93, St. Mark, Perry County, March 18. Mother of Mary Kay Elder, Brenda Gramelspacher, Charles and John Spath. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 14.

STANICH, Frances (Seban), 79, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, March 16. Mother of Susan Berry, Janet Black and Chris Stanich. Sister of Dolores Kazacoff. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of one.

TOBIN, Mathias J., Sr., 78, Holy Cross, Indianapolis, March 21. Father of Kathy, Mathias Jr. and Mike Tobin.

Brother of Elizabeth Pekar and Mildred Waskiewicz. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of two.

WALLPE, Lillian B., 85, St. Louis, Batesville, April 2. Mother of Karla Caudill, Cindy Frey, Dan, Dave, Dennis, Mark and Michael Wallpe. Sister of Robert Wintz. Grandmother of 11.

WANICKI, Frank J., 75, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, March 30. Husband of Joan Wanicki. Father of Cheryl Majewski, Anthony and Steve Wanicki. Brother of Claire Matusiak, Charles and James Wanicki. Grandfather of 21. Great-grandfather of nine.

WASSILL, Mary, 89, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, March 22. Sister of Helen Bechtol, Susie Bramble and John Wassill.

WELCH, Patricia C., 79, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, March 27. Sister of Judy Henderson and Joan Welch.

WELSH, Mary, 87, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, March 13. Mother of Jane Andrews and Donald Welsh. Sister of Rose Scott and Catherine Steppe. Grandmother of five.

YOUNG, Thelma, 87, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, March 31. Mother of Susan Batton and Richard Young. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of nine. †

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Cardinal Dulles gives farewell speech as Fordham's McGinley professor

NEW YORK (CNS)—Warmth and congeniality characterized Cardinal Avery Dulles's farewell address on April 1 as the Laurence J. McGinley professor of religion and society at Jesuit-run Fordham University.



Cardinal Avery Dulles

Cardinal Dulles, a Jesuit theologian, ended his 20-year series of annual McGinley lectures, from 1988 to 2008, with a short summation of his theology and his ministry and a synopsis of his previous lectures.

The 89-year-old cardinal has addressed theological issues and spoken on secular issues, such as politics, human rights and the death penalty.

The cardinal is confined to a wheelchair and incapable of prolonged speech as a result of post-polio syndrome, which he originally contracted when he was in the Navy 62 years ago, so Jesuit Father Joseph P. O'Hare, Fordham's former president, gave the presentation for the cardinal.

Father Robert P. Imbelli, a New York archdiocesan priest

who is associate theology professor at Jesuit-run Boston College, presented an analysis of the cardinal's speech. The priest referred to himself as a "Jesuit 'in pectore,'" or "in his heart," which refers to the pope's privilege of naming cardinals whose names he keeps a secret.

In his lectures, which have always been well attended, the cardinal has defended Catholic orthodoxy and explored oft-debated topics.

He said his principal aim in his lectures was "to present and classify the existing opinions" and "to criticize views that are inadequate."

He always tried "to incorporate the valid insights of all parties to the discussion, rather than perpetuate a one-sided view that is partial and incomplete," he said.

"I think of myself as a moderate trying to make peace between [opposing] schools of thought. While doing so, however, I insist on logical consistency. Unlike certain relativists of our time, I abhor mixtures of contradiction," Cardinal Dulles said.

He began his theological lectures "by asking what others, especially authoritative voices, had to say about pertinent questions," he said. If everyone agreed, "it is sufficient to note the consensus," he added.

If a spectrum of opinions existed, "I sought out the best arguments in favor of each major position," he continued. He said his intention was "to give an informed judgment as to which positions are sound and which should be rejected."

In each case, "I am willingly adhering to the testimony of Scripture and perennial Catholic tradition," he said.

The cardinal admitted he never strove for originality.

"Very few new ideas, I suspect, are true. If I conceived a theological idea that had never occurred to anyone in the past, I would have every reason to think myself mistaken," he said.

In the presentation, Cardinal Dulles reconfirmed his faith, his orthodoxy, his spirituality and his commitment to the Society of Jesus. He also offered a final word against the materialism, relativism, subjectivism, hedonism, scientism and superficial anti-intellectualism he said is found in modern society.

"Western thought," he said, "followed in the path of cognitive realism for many centuries before the revival of agnosticism in the Renaissance." The cardinal repeated Pope John Paul II's admonition that philosophy should seek to "resume its original quest for eternal truth and wisdom." †

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Pope Benedict prays JP II will help him build on spiritual gifts

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI prayed that Pope John Paul II would intercede for him with God, helping him to gather and build on the spiritual gifts that Pope John Paul gave to the Church.

The Vatican police said almost 40,000 people joined Pope Benedict on April 2 in St. Peter's Square for a Mass marking the third anniversary of Pope John Paul's death.

"We pray that from heaven he will continue to intercede for each one of us, and in a special way for me, whom Providence has called to harvest his invaluable spiritual heritage," the pope said in his homily.

"May the Church, following his teaching and example, continue his evangelizing mission faithfully and without compromise, tirelessly spreading the merciful love of Christ, the source of true peace for the whole world," he said.

The concelebrants included Polish Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, who had served as Pope John Paul's secretary for almost 40 years.

At an April 1 conference dedicated to the memory of Pope John Paul, Cardinal Dziwisz said he continues to receive hundreds of letters from people who have asked for Pope John Paul's intercession and he, himself, continues to pray for his former boss' assistance.

"I do not miss John Paul," he said. "I accompanied him for almost 40 years, and now he accompanies me. When I have a problem, I turn to him and he is with me."

Speaking in Poland before traveling to Rome for the anniversary events, Cardinal Dziwisz said he hopes Pope John Paul will be beatified and canonized soon, but he would not put any pressure on Pope Benedict to speed the process further.

"The pope will know when and at which moment to proclaim John Paul II's beatification. We trust in his wisdom and assistance," the cardinal said.

Msrgr. Slawomir Oder, the priest in charge of promoting the cause, told Vatican Radio on March 31 that he had completed a 2,000-page draft of the "positio," the official position paper explaining why Pope John Paul should be proclaimed a saint.

An official at the Congregation for Saints' Causes is examining the draft, a few adjustments are expected, and then the report will be officially submitted for judgment, Msrgr. Oder said.

Speaking at the April 1 conference, Msrgr. Oder recommended "patience and optimism," but he refused to guess how much longer the process would take.

Among the participants at the April 2 memorial Mass were hundreds of people from all over the world attending the first international conference focused on the Divine Mercy devotions promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska, who was canonized by Pope John Paul.

Pope Benedict said God's mercy was a predominant theme in the pontificate of Pope John Paul.

"He wanted the message of the merciful love of God to reach all men and women, and

he exhorted the faithful to give witness to it," the pope said.

Pope John Paul personally lived through "the appalling tragedies" of the Second World War and communist dictatorship, "and for a long time asked what could contain the tide of evil. The response could be found only in the love of God.

"In fact, only divine mercy is capable of limiting evil," the pope said. "Only the omnipotent love of God can defeat the arrogance of evildoers and the destructive power of selfishness and hatred."

Pope Benedict said Pope John Paul's repeated calls for people not to be afraid were not based on a trust in human potential or success, "but only on the Word of God, the cross and the resurrection of Christ."

"He always said it with inflexible firmness, first brandishing his pastoral staff topped with the cross and then, when his physical energies were diminishing, almost hanging on to it, and then—on that last Good Friday in which he participated in the Way of the Cross from his private chapel—gripping the cross in his arms," the pope said.

Pope John Paul was totally devoted to Christ, Pope Benedict said. "With him he lived, and with him he wanted to die." †



Pope Benedict XVI arrives to celebrate a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 2, marking the third anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death. Pope Benedict prayed that Pope John Paul would intercede for him with God, helping him to gather and build on the spiritual gifts that the late pontiff gave to the Church.

At Vatican, pilgrims remember pope as man of peace, father figure

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square to mark the third anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death remembered him as a man of peace and a pastoral father who inspired a whole generation of young people around the world.

Tens of thousands of people of every age and nationality attended the April 2 outdoor memorial Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. Banners and flags, many of them representing Poland, fluttered in the gentle breeze under Rome's warm spring skies.

Pope John Paul "really felt like a father figure, and the way he loved Christ inspired me to love God more," said Carolina Robles, 25, of Lubbock, Texas.

She told Catholic News Service that the late pope convinced her that committing oneself to God was something that every young person needed to and could do.

"Being young, he made me think I could do that and not wait until the end" to follow Christ, she said.

"He knew young people had a yearning for God in their hearts," said Robles, one of a small group of graduate students of theology studying in Rome this spring.

Another Texas student, Stephen Schietinger of Austin, said when Pope John Paul died, "I felt this void."

It suddenly felt like this "pastoral father who had watched over me my whole life" and "who had personally cared for me wasn't there anymore," said Schietinger, 22.

Father Stefaan Leclair, a member of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, said the pope's main message throughout his nearly 27-year pontificate was "to gather the youth and to be a real father for them and to give them a strong message of truth."

The priest from Antwerp, Belgium,

said the Polish pope helped all people "feel at home in the Church."

The late pope was popular in part, he said, because people saw him as a man who practiced what he preached.

"He was a man who suffered under communist rule, who was true to himself even during persecution. What he believed and what he did were united, and I think people feel that when someone is true" to his or her beliefs, he said.

Federico Geli of Mendoza, Argentina, said the late pope "could communicate the Word of God really well."

He always urged young people to not be afraid "because God is with you, Jesus needs you. So I think that's why the youth loved him," he said.

Sefanit Mekonnen said Pope John Paul "gave us a lot to be thankful for, and I'm here to pray for him.

"His joy and love were contagious," said the 26-year-old from Dallas.

Many pilgrims said they were happy Pope John Paul's sainthood process was



A nun holds a rosary and picture of Pope John Paul II during a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 2, marking the third anniversary of Pope John Paul's death.

going forward. Teresa Deebble of Essex, England, said the pope, who always prayed for peace, deserved to be honored in such a way.

Nikki DeMarco and her husband, Anthony, who reside in Vicenza, Italy, said they did not think the canonization process was going too slowly.

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