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In a moment where joy intersects with innocence, Deacon Bill Reid smiles as he overlooks the preschool children of St. Elizabeth Seton School in Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese. This scene unfolded at the end of the 2021-22 school year after the preschoolers paraded around the parish church. As part of that event, Deacon Reid prayed for and blessed the children and their parents. (Submitted photo)

After being at the edge of life and death, deacon shares his thanks for God's gift

(Editor's note: As Thanksgiving approaches, The Criterion will be featuring stories of gratitude shared by our readers.)

By John Shaughnessy

In the days before his open heart surgery, Deacon Bill Reid gave his funeral plans to his wife.

He also had his parish priest give him the sacrament of the anointing of the sick during a Sunday Mass.

At the same time, the father of four carried with him a

special memory from years ago—the memory of one of the defining moments from his formation as a deacon for the Catholic Church.

That moment unfolded as he was given the yearlong chaplain's assignment of trying to bring hope and comfort to people who had been rushed to a hospital's emergency ward, including people who had been shot, had a heart attack or been seriously injured in a car accident.

Deacon Reid recalled that moment as the time "where I

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In Bahrain, pope sees joy of Catholic minority, deepens ties with Muslims

AWALI, Bahrain (CNS)—Traveling as a "sower of peace" to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Pope Francis further strengthened ties with the Muslim world



Pope Francis

and witnessed the joy and vitality of its minority and predominately expatriate Christian population.

His message promoting the peaceful coexistence of different cultures and ethnicities also included the wider Persian Gulf region,

which is also increasingly more diverse due to growing communities of migrant workers, who constitute a significant percentage of the population.

The 85-year-old pope's visit to Bahrain on Nov. 3-6 was his 39th international trip in nearly 10 years as pope and his 13th trip to a Muslim-majority nation, reflecting his deep commitment to interreligious dialogue and the need to work together to face today's global challenges and moral crises.

The pope's first stop in Awali on Nov. 3 was Sakhir Palace, home of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the royal family.

Meeting with authorities, members of the diplomatic corps and local representatives at the palace, the pope said, "The numerous national, ethnic and religious groups that coexist in Bahrain testify that we can and must live together in our world."

He commended the kingdom's efforts to promote mutual respect, tolerance and religious freedom. However, he said more should be done to offer equal opportunities to all groups and individuals; counter discrimination; protect immigrant workers; guarantee human rights; and abolish the death penalty.

The following day was the busiest for the pope, whose chronic knee pain had worsened, keeping him in a wheelchair when he needed to move around and

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Parishes can offer the precious blood in Communion starting on the first Sunday of Advent

By Sean Gallagher

Beginning with Mass for the first Sunday of Advent on Nov. 26-27, archdiocesan parishes may reintroduce offering the precious blood at Communion.

This practice was suspended across the Church in central and southern Indiana more than two years ago at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

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Deacon Richard Cooper of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville offers the precious blood in Communion on March 31, 2015, in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis during the annual archdiocesan chrism Mass. (Criterion file photo by Sean Gallagher)



Pope Francis waves as he arrives for a meeting with young people at Sacred Heart School in Awali, Bahrain, on Nov. 5. (CNS photo/Yara Nardi, Reuters)

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seeing him stand only briefly with a cane for support.

Pope Francis helped close the Bahrain Forum for “Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence,” an event sponsored by the king, on Nov. 4 in Al-Fida’ Square at the palace.

Riding in a compact white Fiat with Vatican City plates, the pope was accompanied through the lush green oasis of the palace’s walled compound by royal guards on horseback. The pope was then invited to pour water from a metal pitcher onto the base of a large palm tree.

He told representatives of different religions and international leaders that “it is our duty to encourage and assist our human family,” especially those who are neglected by the powerful: the poor, the unborn, the elderly, the infirm and migrants.

God wants his children to be “one family, not islands, but one great archipelago,” like Bahrain, the pope said. The world can “only advance by rowing together; if we sail alone, we go adrift.”

Later in the day in the courtyard of the palace’s mosque, the pope addressed Sheikh Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of Egypt’s Al-Azhar mosque and university, and top representatives of the Muslim Council of Elders, an international group of Islamic scholars and experts.

He encouraged those working to avoid divisions and conflicts in Muslim communities to promote mutual respect, tolerance and moderation, and to dispel “erroneous interpretations that, through violence, misconstrue, exploit and do a disservice to religious belief.”

“The God of peace never brings about war, never incites hatred, never supports violence,” he said. Peace is built with “encounter, patient negotiations and dialogue,” and it is based on justice.

Prayer and fraternity “are our weapons,” Pope Francis said, again condemning the world’s arms trade, calling it “the ‘commerce of death’ that, through ever-increasing outlays, is turning our common home into one great arsenal.”

“Unity in diversity and witness of life” were the central themes of the pope’s talk at Our Lady of Arabia Cathedral, the largest cathedral in the Persian Gulf region, for an ecumenical meeting and a prayer for peace. Many local Christians and Catholics were in attendance as well as King Al Khalifa, Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and other dignitaries.

The new cathedral serves the Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia, which includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, and was built in response to the Gulf region’s increasing Catholic population, now estimated at 2.5 million.

The pope traveled on Nov. 5 to Bahrain National Stadium to celebrate Mass for the more than 20,000 foreign residents working in Bahrain and thousands more from neighboring countries, all together representing more than 100 nationalities.

“This very land is a living image of coexistence in diversity, and indeed an image of our world,” the pope said in his homily.

He encouraged the faithful to live as “children of the Father and build a world of brothers and sisters.” They must “learn how to love everyone, even our enemies,” and find the courage to take the risk of overcoming evil with good.

That evening he went to Sacred Heart School, whose 1,215 students represent 29 nationalities, cultures, languages and religious backgrounds. A choir treated the pope to Christian songs and another group of boys and girls showcased a traditional Bahraini dance.

The pope praised their enthusiasm and openness, saying, “As I look out at you, who are not all of the same religion and are not afraid of being together, I think that without you this coexistence of differences would not be possible.”

On his last day on Nov. 6 in the kingdom, the pope prayed and spoke with bishops, priests, religious, seminarians and pastoral workers from the Persian Gulf region at Sacred Heart Parish in Manama.

Again, he pressed the need for Catholics in the region to be guardians and builders of unity, reaching out to dialogue with others and living as brothers and sisters. †



Public Schedule of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

November 11–30, 2022

November 11-17
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee and General meetings in Baltimore, Md.

November 19 – 10 a.m.
Archdiocesan Pastoral Council meeting at St. Bartholomew Parish, Columbus

November 20 – 2 p.m.
Confirmation Mass for youths of St. Bridget of Ireland Parish, Liberty; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Richmond; St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Cambridge City; St. Gabriel Parish, Connersville; St. Anne Parish, New Castle; and St. Mary Parish, Rushville, at St. Andrew Church, Richmond

November 22 – 1 p.m.
Council of Priests meeting at Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

November 29 – 11 a.m.
College of Deans meeting at Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center

November 30 – Noon
Indianapolis Eucharistic Revival Planning Team meeting at Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center

November 30 – 3 p.m.
Finance Council meeting, Mass and dinner at Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center

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An e-mail sent on Nov. 2 to pastors, parish life coordinators and religious superiors across the archdiocese from the archdiocesan Office of Worship explained the reintroduction of the offering of the precious blood in this way:

“Other than as a part of the precautions observed during the



Father Patrick Beidelman

pandemic, the distribution and reception of holy Communion under both kinds has been the practice in the parishes and institutions of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for over 35 years to the benefit of our local Church,” the

e-mail read. “Archbishop [Charles C.] Thompson is again permitting the reception of holy Communion under both kinds at any Mass where it can be done according to the Church’s instruction.”

Father Patrick Beidelman, executive director of the archdiocesan secretariat for worship and evangelization, said that he has received an increasing number of requests from parishes to consider restoring offering the precious blood.

While some faith communities are interested in reintroducing this practice soon, Father Beidelman recognizes that this won’t be the case in all archdiocesan parishes.

“We want parishes to have that flexibility to make the decision at the local level when they are able to do it,” he said. “Some may postpone it just because logistically they need to re-activate their extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, do a little bit of

renewal, do a little catechesis with the parish.”

At the same time, Father Beidelman is gratified that parishes will be able to offer anew the precious blood at Mass in the archdiocese.

He noted that the U.S. bishops’ 2002 “Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under both Kinds” explains well the benefit of having Communion available under the appearance of both bread and wine:

“Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds. For in this manner of reception a fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet shines forth.”

Father Beidelman also said that the reintroduction of offering the precious blood in Communion in archdiocesan parishes comes at a good time as the Church in central and southern Indiana is participating with dioceses across the country in the first of the three years of the National Eucharistic Revival.

“Because the eucharistic revival is striving to cultivate a deeper and more vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist,” he said, “having the more complete form of Communion as a sign with the offering of the precious blood can allow the eucharistic banquet to be a fuller experience of the presence of Christ and can connect us with the heavenly banquet to which we are all called.”

(For information on the history and theology of offering the precious blood in Communion, go to www.archindy.org/worship/communion.html.) †

Corrections

The article about Jesuit Father Joseph Kraemer in the Vocations Awareness Supplement in the Nov. 4 issue of *The Criterion* misstated his age. He is 55. †



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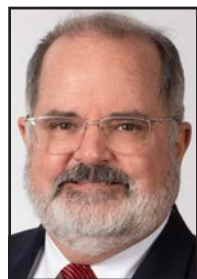
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Catholic Radio Indy announces acquisition of two new stations

By Sean Gallagher

CARMEL, IND.—Catholic Radio Indy keeps growing and growing.

When it went on the air initially in 2004, it had one frequency (89.1 FM) that could be heard by 1.1 million people and about 150,000 Catholics on the west side of Indianapolis and in counties west of the city.



Gordon Smith

Through the years, two more frequencies were added that could be heard north of Indianapolis in Noblesville, Ind., and Anderson, Ind.

At its annual fundraising dinner on Oct. 18 in Carmel,

Ind., Catholic Radio Indy general manager Gordon Smith announced that two new stations have been acquired by the radio apostolate: 89.5 FM in Franklin—formerly the radio station of Franklin College—and 94.3 FM in Lafayette, Ind.

“This is a huge deal,” said Smith in a press release about the acquisitions. “Catholic Radio Indy is positioned to become the premiere go-to for Catholic media and programming, and ultimately bring more souls to Christ through our local Catholic media network.”

The Franklin station is now on the air with Catholic programming. Final approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the Lafayette station is expected to come in the next couple of months. A request has also been made to the FCC to expand the coverage area of 89.5 FM. If it is granted, that station is expected to be heard throughout much of Marion County and areas south of Franklin.

These two new frequencies will cover an area with a population of nearly 3 million people and nearly 400,000 Catholics.

“Mother Angelica said, ‘Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous,’” said Smith at the dinner, referring to the late Poor Clare nun who founded the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). “When you have God, you don’t have to know everything about it, you just do it. And we’ve done so intentionally and incrementally over these past [18] years.”

Catholic Radio Indy broadcasts EWTN programming but also has an increasing number of shows that are locally produced.

“We take seriously our responsibility to save souls,” Smith said. “We want to remain relevant to our audience by providing local programming and, at the same time, provide a lot of important programming that comes from EWTN.”

Msgr. Joseph Schaedel was honored during the dinner with Catholic Radio Indy’s annual Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Evangelist of the Year Award.

The current pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis was archdiocesan vicar general in late 1999 when Catholic Radio Indy founder Robert Teipen approached him about his desire to start a Catholic radio station in Indianapolis.

Msgr. Schaedel, who had worked as a radio broadcaster as a young adult before being ordained, was enthusiastic about the idea.

“I always thought radio was a very effective tool of communication because it’s so versatile,” he said in an interview with *The Criterion* prior to the dinner. “You can listen to the radio anywhere.”

Through the 18 years that Catholic Radio Indy has been on the air, Msgr. Schaedel

has advised its leadership and been glad to see its growth and success.

“It’s a proof of the need and hunger for instruction and evangelization among people,” he said. “They don’t get anywhere if they don’t have a lot of listeners. There are a lot of people who are listening. And once they listen, they want to get involved and be supportive.”

Grace Trahan-Rodecap, who was a broadcast journalist at WRTV Channel 6 in Indianapolis for 18 years, was the keynote speaker at the dinner.

A member of St. Monica Parish and the director of marketing since 2018 for Cathedral High School, both in Indianapolis, Trahan-Rodecap told the more than 200 people attending the dinner how grateful she is to work at a Catholic school.



Grace Trahan-Rodecap

“We start the day with prayer, and we end the day with prayer,” she said. “We start meetings with prayer. We go to Mass together as a school. I’m surrounded by like-minded people. I can talk about my faith openly and be supported.”



Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, right, speaks on Oct. 18 to attendees of the annual Catholic Radio Indy fundraising dinner after receiving the radio apostolate’s Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Evangelist of the Year Award. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

Trahan-Rodecap noted how she experiences a “sense of peace” in her work now that she never had as a broadcaster.

“I get that sense of peace because I stay in the truth,” she said. “The truth is the real source, and the faith is the real source that we should get our news from—the good news.”

“That’s why Catholic radio and Catholic newspapers and Catholic magazines have never been more important than they are today. There are so many forces out there that are dividing us and pulling us away from what really matters and from that truth.”

“When you want to come back to the truth, come back to your Catholic media.”

(For more information on Catholic Radio Indy, to listen to it online, to learn other ways to listen or to donate, visit catholicradioindy.org.) †

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Editorial



Newly ordained Father Michael Clawson, left, and Father Matthew Perronie join Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, center, in praying the eucharistic prayer during the June 4 priestly ordination Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Transitional Deacon Jack Wright, second from left, assists at the altar. (Criterion file photo by Sean Gallagher)

Is there a life better than bringing Jesus to people and people to Jesus?

If you heard a homily centered on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life this past weekend, you were not alone.

Although statistics are not readily available, we believe there is a fair chance that pastors around central and southern Indiana and throughout the United States—and deacons who preached as well—used their homilies to highlight National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW), which was held on Nov. 6-12.

The annual weeklong celebration of the Church in the United States is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Which leads to a question: Do you pray for vocations every day? If not that your children consider one of these vocations, that other young people in your parish or family consider responding to God's call with the courage to serve the Church?

Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen, N.J., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, noted that NVAW is a time to foster vocations in our local faith communities.

"Studies of those recently ordained and religiously professed consistently show that the encouragement of the parish priest is the most influential factor in vocational discernment," Bishop Checchio said in a statement about the weeklong observance.

"But the accompaniment of the whole faith community is key for genuine vocational discernment—from one's parents and family members, to the Catholic educators, as well as the vital role that youth ministers and fellow parishioners play as the early encounters for young people to the faith," he added.

Look around central and southern Indiana. There are several parishes where seeds are being planted in spiritual soil and vocations are flourishing. With 29 men in formation for the priesthood at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis and Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, and several women joining religious orders, we have examples of individuals allowing the Holy Spirit to move their hearts to discern whether God is calling them to that type of vocation.

According to the USCCB's website,

NVAW began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th week in Ordinary Time for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

The Criterion included a special 12-page section focusing on NVAW in our Nov. 4 issue, and in it we highlighted individuals and orders who have heard and answered God's call to live out a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Father Michael Keucher, archdiocesan director of vocations, reminded readers all vocations are imbued with God's mysterious grace and mercy.

"Isn't that true for all of us who have followed a call of God? There's a necessary mystery about our callings, our vocations," he wrote. "We walk where God is leading simply because we are drawn there, and then we get there and pause from time to time, thinking, 'I'm here, because—I don't know why!'"

"Except, of course, we do know why: God's grace! When it comes to vocations, all is grace and mercy," Father Keucher continued. "None of us deserves a vocation, none of us is smart enough to know our vocation and none of us is strong enough to fulfill the demands of our vocation. It is all God's grace and mercy, from start to finish."

While the Church has encouraged each of us to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure in living out our faith, the one constant we can all offer is prayer. Prayers to build up the kingdom of God, prayers to be the hands and feet of Christ to other brothers and sisters in need and prayers for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, among other things.

Many parishes pray for vocations at ever Mass, but why not pray for them on your drive to or from work, or even better, including those prayers at home with your family?

Pope St. John Paul II offered these words about vocations: "What will you do with your life? What are your plans? Have you thought of committing your existence totally to Christ? Do you think that there can be anything greater than to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus?"

Bringing Jesus to people and people to Jesus. Could there be a more beautiful witness in living out your vocation?

—Mike Krokos

Be Our Guest/Vicki Horine

Priest's actions on All Souls' Day bring comfort to many and offer a lesson in faith to all

As a lifetime member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Henryville, I've visited the church cemetery many times. My first memories were to mourn the loss of family and friends, and then as an adult, to assist as cemetery caretaker with my husband.

As I walk the grounds of our cemetery, I remember so many wonderful, faith-filled people that influenced me and my love of God. I pray for their souls and find peace in the memories. I reflect on the sorrow of seeing some taken so young, or the ones I remember that suffered with illness or loneliness in their final days. Visiting there gives me time to pray for their families and our parish community.

Growing up, I learned about All Souls' Day. I knew it was a day the Church prayed for all souls in purgatory. I usually did this at my home, then drove through the cemetery for some quiet reflection.

But this year was different. With the arrival of Father Jeyaseelan Sengolraj—better known as Father Jey—as our parish's administrator, we came to bless each grave. With respect, a love of God's promises, and a priest who is passionate about teaching, we truly celebrated the souls of our dearly departed.

All in attendance gathered near the center and prayed for those laid to rest in this cemetery. After Father Jey's Scripture message, we sang as he blessed the graves.

We also shared the names of our dearly departed. Parishioner Charlotte Higdon said, "I felt a spiritual connection with my loved ones."

Margaret Short added, "This was a wonderful way to remember our family

and friends as well as offering prayers for their souls." Flo Hayes stated, "I am so happy I came and am leaving feeling blessed and peaceful."

Newcomer Bill Hahn shared, "I couldn't be happier with my move and new church family at St. Francis Xavier." He added, "I can sense the strong community and the way everyone supports each other."

Carla McReynolds said, "I have found a level of peace in my life." She continued, "The one thing that remains constant, a source of strength for me, is my Church family."

The All Souls' Day experience brought many of us comfort. Liz Cooper agreed, adding, "Being at the cemetery, praying for my only child's soul with friends and family gave me the feeling of doing something for my child. Father's blessing added a touch of beauty."

So many felt the way I did, like we were a part of a gift given to each soul resting at our cemetery. We prayed for our loved ones, as well as the souls of individuals who passed in the 1800's. We also prayed at the gravesites of the unknown.

For the first time, I experienced this celebration in a way that I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. I also felt I was fulfilling my role as a Catholic.

I certainly appreciate Father Jey and the lessons he brings to our parish. At a time when the world seems out of control, our need to pray and turn toward God is very important.

(Vicki Horine is a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Henryville.) †



Father Jeyaseelan "Jey" Sengolraj, administrator of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Henryville, leads a prayer in the parish's cemetery on Nov. 2, All Souls' Day. (Submitted photo)

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Christ the Cornerstone

Christ is revealed in both the giver and the recipient of God's love

"May St. Martin help us to understand that only by means of a common commitment to sharing is it possible to respond to the great challenge of our time: to build a world of peace and justice where each person can live with dignity." (Pope Benedict XVI)

Friday, Nov. 11, is the memorial of St. Martin of Tours, one of the most significant figures in the evangelization of Europe. Born in present-day Hungary, Martin grew up in Italy and following his military service, he settled in France.

While still a soldier, he once encountered a poor beggar shivering from the cold in his tattered rags. Instead of passing him by, Martin took off his cloak, tore it in two with his sword, and gave one half to the beggar. That night, the Lord appeared to Martin in a dream wearing the beggar's half of his cloak.

This powerful story of generosity captured the imaginations of the people of fourth-century Europe and became a symbol of the true meaning of Christian charity. Even later periods of European history and culture found meaning in the story of St. Martin and the beggar—as seen in paintings by El Greco (1578)

and van Dyck (1618) that depict this famous scene.

Martin left military service convinced that Christ demanded of him peace, not violence, and he became a monk and hermit, later founding the Abbey of Ligugé, the oldest monastery in Europe. His holiness, pastoral zeal and administrative skill were recognized by the Christian people of the French city of Tours who acclaimed Martin as their bishop.

After reluctantly accepting this call to episcopal ministry, he dedicated himself to evangelization, generous service of his people, and formation of the clergy.

During his *Angelus* remarks on this feast day in 2007, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that while many miracles are attributed to St. Martin of Tours all across Europe, he is known mainly for the act of charity he performed as a young soldier.

"St. Martin's charitable gesture flows from the same logic that drove Jesus to multiply the loaves for the hungry crowd," the Holy Father said, "but most of all to leave himself to humanity as food in the Eucharist, supreme sign of God's love, *sacramentum caritatis*."

Feeding the hungry, clothing the

naked, sheltering the homeless are all signs of God's love. As such, they are actions that symbolize Christ's giving of himself to us in the holy Eucharist. And these actions are not only symbols, they are concrete expressions of God's work in the world.

Yes, Christ is visible in the beggar who received half of Martin's cloak, but he can also be seen in the face of the young soldier who stopped to share what he had with a poor man shivering in the bitter cold. We are all one person in Jesus Christ our Lord. When we give generously, we are Christ. When we receive humbly the gift of God's love, we are also Christ revealed in the faces of all humankind.

Our archdiocese and dioceses throughout the United States are now preparing for what we pray will be a great renewal of devotion to the holy Eucharist in our time.

The National Eucharistic Revival that is taking place from 2022-25 is a three-year initiative sponsored by the bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the people of God to be formed, healed, converted, united and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the

Eucharist—the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

The revival officially began in June, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to Pope Francis' call for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church in the United States might be "permanently in a state of mission" (*"Evangelii Gaudium,"* #25).

As we engage in this Eucharistic Revival, and prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, there is much we can learn from the witness of St. Martin of Tours who saw the face of Christ in a homeless beggar, and who responded to him by unhesitatingly sharing his cloak with him.

Much work is now being done to prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress which we are privileged to host in less than two years. Please join me in praying: St. Martin of Tours, pray for us. Help us to *see Christ* in all our brothers and sisters. And teach us to *be Christ* for those most in need of our help. †



Cristo, la piedra angular

Cristo se revela tanto en el que da como en el que recibe el amor

"Que san Martín nos ayude a comprender que solo mediante un compromiso común de compartir es posible responder al gran desafío de nuestros tiempos: construir un mundo de paz y justicia donde cada persona pueda vivir con dignidad." (Papa Benedicto XVI)

El viernes 11 de noviembre se conmemora a san Martín de Tours, una de las figuras más importantes de la evangelización de Europa. Nacido en la actual Hungría, Martín creció en Italia y, tras el servicio militar, se instaló en Francia.

Cuando aún era soldado, se encontró con un pobre mendigo envuelto en harapos que temblaba de frío. En lugar de pasar de largo, Martín se quitó la capa, la rasgó en dos con su espada y le dio una mitad al mendigo. Esa noche, el Señor se le apareció a Martín en un sueño vistiendo la mitad de la capa que le dio al mendigo.

Esta poderosa historia de generosidad cautivó la imaginación de los pueblos de la Europa del siglo IV y se convirtió en un símbolo del verdadero significado de la caridad cristiana. Incluso en épocas posteriores de la historia y la cultura europeas el significado del relato de san Martín continuó reverberando, tal como se aprecia en las pinturas de El Greco (1578)

y Van Dyck (1618) que representan esta famosa escena.

Martín dejó el servicio militar convencido de que Cristo le exigía paz, no violencia, y se hizo monje y ermitaño, quien a la postre fundaría la abadía de Ligugé, el monasterio más antiguo de Europa. Su santidad, celo pastoral y habilidad administrativa fueron reconocidos por el pueblo cristiano de la ciudad francesa de Tours, que aclamó a Martín como su obispo.

Tras aceptar a regañadientes esta llamada al ministerio episcopal, se dedicó a la evangelización, al servicio generoso de su pueblo y a la formación del clero.

Durante su discurso del *Ángelus* en el día de esta festividad en 2007, el papa emérito Benedicto XVI dijo que, aunque se atribuyen muchos milagros a san Martín de Tours en toda Europa, se le conoce principalmente por el acto de caridad que realizó cuando era un joven soldado.

Según afirma el Santo Padre: "El gesto caritativo de san Martín emana de la misma lógica que impulsó a Jesús a multiplicar los panes para la multitud hambrienta, pero sobre todo a entregarse a sí mismo como alimento para la humanidad en la Eucaristía, signo supremo del amor de Dios, *sacramentum caritatis*."

Alimentar al hambriento, vestir

al desnudo, acoger a los sin techo son signos del amor de Dios. Como tales, son acciones que simbolizan la entrega de Cristo a nosotros en la santa Eucaristía. Y estas acciones no son apenas símbolos, son expresiones concretas de la obra de Dios en el mundo.

Sí, vemos a Cristo en el mendigo que recibió la mitad de la capa de Martín, pero también en el rostro del joven soldado que se detuvo para compartir lo que tenía con un pobre hombre que temblaba de frío. Todos somos una sola persona en Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Cuando damos generosamente, personificamos a Cristo; cuando recibimos humildemente el don del amor de Dios, somos también Cristo revelado en el rostro de toda la humanidad.

Nuestra Arquidiócesis y las diócesis de todo Estados Unidos se están preparando para lo que, con el favor de Dios, será una gran renovación de la devoción a la santa Eucaristía en nuestro tiempo.

El Renacimiento Eucarístico Nacional que se llevará a cabo entre 2022 y 2025 es una iniciativa de tres años patrocinada por los obispos de los Estados Unidos para inspirar y preparar al pueblo de Dios para que se forme, sane, se convierta, se unifique y se despliegue en un mundo herido y hambriento a través

de un encuentro renovado con Jesús en la Eucaristía, el origen y la cumbre de nuestra fe católica.

El Renacimiento comenzó oficialmente en junio, y su evento más importante será un Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis del 17 al 21 de julio de 2024. El Renacimiento y el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional son una respuesta directa al llamado del Papa Francisco a una "conversión pastoral y misionera, que no puede dejar las cosas como están" para que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos pueda estar "en estado permanente de misión" (*"Evangelii Gaudium,"* #25).

Mientras nos comprometemos en este renacimiento eucarístico, y nos preparamos para el Congreso, hay mucho que podemos aprender del testimonio de san Martín de Tours, que vio el rostro de Cristo en un mendigo sin hogar, y que le respondió al compartirle su capa sin vacilar.

Se está llevando a cabo una enorme labor para preparar el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional que tenemos el privilegio de acoger en menos de dos años. Les pido que me acompañen a elevar esta oración: San Martín de Tours, ora por nosotros. Ayúdanos a *ver a Cristo* en todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Y enséñanos a *ser Cristo* para quienes más necesitan nuestra ayuda. †

Events Calendar

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/events.

November 14

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklondon Rd., Indianapolis. **Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of God**, 7 p.m., Dominican Sister Mary Michael Fox presenting, free. Information: 317-826-6000, ext. 159, or brutski@saintsimon.org.

November 15

The Atrium, 3143 W. Thompson Rd., Indianapolis. **Gabriel Project: First Post-Roe Fundraising Dinner**, 6:30 p.m., national speaker Pam Stenzel presenting, free, register by Nov. 10. Information and registration: gpdinner2022@gmail.com or 317-213-4778.

November 16

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

November 17

Holy Cross Parish, 12239 State Road 62, St. Croix. **Holy Cross Raffle**, 9 a.m., 1st prize \$2,500, 2nd-4th prizes \$1,000, \$20 per ticket, only 585 tickets available. Information: 812-843-5143.

St. Joseph Church, 1401 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **Third Thursday Adoration**, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002.

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

Virtual Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, 8 p.m. every third Thursday, sponsored by the archdiocesan Catholic Charities-Social Concerns Ministry, free. Information, registration: bit.ly/scripturalrosary.

November 18

Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, O'Conner House executive director Michelle Corrao presenting, rosary 6:35 a.m., Mass 7 a.m., buffet breakfast and program following, \$18 members, \$24 non-members. Register by 4 p.m. on Nov. 15. Information, registration: cutt.ly/CBE-Reg.

St. Malachy Church, 9833 E. County Road 750 N., Brownsburg. **Memorial Mass with Requiem by Maurice Duruflé**, 7 p.m., music by archdiocese's *schola cantorum* Vox Sacra and full orchestra, free. Information: voxsacra.com/requiem.

St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Pan Am Building, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Pro-Life Film Series: One Child Nation**, 6-9 p.m., film viewing followed by panel discussion, pizza, freewill offering. Information: 317-407-6881, smdye1@gmail.com.

November 19

Providence Spirituality and Conference Center, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Teen Volunteering Opportunity**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., ages 12-18, assist retired Providence Sisters. Information, registration: TeenVolunteer.SistersofProvidence.org, jluna@spsmw.org or 361-500-9505.

Mussallem Union, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 5500 Wabash

Ave., Terre Haute. **Cheers for Charity!**, 7-10 p.m., wine and bourbon tasting event benefitting Catholic Charities, 21 and older, general ticket \$46.80, VIP ticket \$62.40. Information, registration: cutt.ly/Cheers4Charity22.

November 19-20

Ferdinand, Ind. (Evansville Diocese), multiple locations. **Christkindlmarkt**, Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German heritage market, antiques, food, wine, live Glockenspiel, marionette theater, reindeer meet-and-greet, Santa Claus, free Evansville Philharmonic concert, free tours of Sisters of St. Benedict Monastery Immaculate Conception, shuttle service to all six Christkindlmarkt sites. Information: 800-968-4578 or ferdinandchristkindlmarkt.com.

November 20

St. Michael Parish, 107 S. 8th St., Cannelton. **Turkey Bingo**, noon-7 p.m., bingo, cash raffle, quilt raffle, refreshments, free admission. Information: 812-547-7994.

November 21

Sr. Thea Bowman Black Catholic Women Monthly

Prayer Gathering, via Zoom, third Monday of each month, sponsored by archdiocesan Black Catholic Ministry, 7 p.m. Join meeting: cutt.ly/SrTheaPrayer, meeting ID: 810 3567 0684 or dial-in at 301-715-8592. Information: Pearlette Springer, pspringer@archindy.org or 317-236-1474.

November 23

Group Lectio via Zoom, 7 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, Benedictine Sister Jill Marie Reuber, facilitator, sponsored by Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. (Diocese of Evansville). Information: vocation@thedome.org

Gabbard Park, corner of 2nd St. and Judiciary St., Aurora. **Pre-Turkey Day 5K Walk/Run**, 5:30 p.m., benefiting local food pantries and St. Vincent de Paul, sponsored by All Saints Parish, \$27.66 without T-shirt, \$32.98 with T-shirt, early registration to receive T-shirts ends Nov. 4. Information, registration: cutt.ly/pre-tday5K22.

November 24

St. Joseph American Legion Post, 28866 Post 464 Rd., St. Leon. **Gobble Wobble**

5K, 9 a.m., pick up packets at event location Nov. 23 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or day-of event 7-9 a.m., benefiting local food pantries, up to age 5 free; ages 6-17 \$20; adults \$30. Information, registration: cutt.ly/gobwob5k22.

Downtown Depot 1401 J St., Bedford. **Becky's Place Run for Hope 5K**, 9 a.m., pick up registration packets Nov. 23 at Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce noon-6 p.m. or Downtown Depot on race day 8-8:45 a.m., \$12 ages 18 and younger, \$17 adult, \$10 for one-mile fun walk, \$12 for t-shirt, sponsorships available, prices increase after Oct. 31. Information, registration: cutt.ly/Race4Hope22.

November 27

Providence Spirituality and Conference Center O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Sunday No More Turkey Please Brunch**, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$19.50 adults, \$18.50 ages 62 and older, \$9.50 ages 5-11, ages 4 and younger free. Information: Events.SistersofProvidence.org or 630-776-0811. †

Retreats and Programs

For a complete list of retreats as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/retreats.

December 3

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **O Come Let Us Adore Him: Advent Dinner and Concert**, 6-8:30 p.m., dinner, performance by Francesca LaRosa, prayer, adoration, \$50. Information, registration: ftm.retreatportal.com/events, 317-545-7681 or lcoons@archindy.org.

Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, 8220 W. State Road 48, Bloomington. **Advent Day**

of Reflection: "Bethlehem: House of Bread," 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Gabriel Cortes presenting, includes Mass, confessions available, adoration, free will offering. Information, registration: 812-825-4642, ext. 1.

December 5

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Emmanuel—God is With Us Advent Evening of Reflection**, 6-9 p.m., Benedict Inn Spiritual Direction

Internship director Bev Hansberry presenting, \$45 includes dinner. Information, registration: benedictinn.org/programs, 317-788-7581, benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

December 6

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Personal Day of Retreat**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$40, includes private room for the day and lunch; spiritual direction available for additional \$30, must be scheduled in advance. Information, registration:

benedictinn.org/programs, 317-788-7581, benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

December 7

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guesthouse, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. **Soul Collage: Imagining Our Inner life**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. CT, Benedictine Sister Jeana Visel presenting, \$55 includes talk and lunch. Registration: saintmeinrad.org/retreats.

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, 22143 Main St., Oldenburg. **Contemplative Prayer**, in person or via Zoom, 2-3:30 p.m., Franciscan Sister Olga Wittekind

presenting, freewill donation. Information, registration: 812-933-6437, center@oldenburgosf.com, www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org.

December 9

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, 22143 Main St., Oldenburg. **A Day of Quiet Renewal**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$20, \$70 with spiritual direction. Information and registration: 812-933-6437, www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org.

Dec. 13, 14, 15, 16

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Advent Days of Silence**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.,

\$40 per day, includes room, continental breakfast, lunch and use of common areas and grounds, overnight stays available for additional \$30 per night, dinner additional \$10 per meal. Registration: ftm.retreatportal.com/events, 317-545-7681 or lcoons@archindy.org.

December 16-18

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guesthouse, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. **Benedictine Spirituality as Lived in Marriage**, for married couples, Deacon Rich and Cherie Zoldak presenting, \$425 double. Registration: saintmeinrad.org/retreats. †

St. Rita Parish and historic church will be topic of Indiana Landmarks talk on Nov. 29

A presentation called "The Forward-Thinking Legacy of St. Rita Catholic Church" will be offered at Indiana Landmarks Center, 1201 Central Ave., in Indianapolis, from 6-7 p.m. on Nov. 29. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Caleb Legg, member and historian of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, will discuss the parish's Black cultural heritage

and the church's Mid-Century Modern architecture. The parish was established in 1919 as the first parish in Indianapolis to minister primarily to Black Catholics.

Tickets are \$5, or free for Indiana Landmarks members.

For more information or to register, go to stritachurchtalk22.eventbrite.com or call 317-639-4534. †

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright will offer drive-through Christmas Light display

"Bright Lights: Drive-Thru Christmas Light Display" will be offered at St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish, 23455 Gaven Lane, in Bright, on Friday, Saturday and Sundays between 6-10 p.m. from Nov. 25-Jan. 6.

The display will focus on the joy, hope and message of Christ's birth.

There is no charge for the experience.

For more information, call 812-512-1941 or send an e-mail to brighlightsdcc@gmail.com. †



Homeschoolers for life!

Members of a new group called Homeschoolers 4 Life pose in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Indianapolis during a prayer vigil on Oct. 19. It was the first official event of the group, which was started by homeschooled teens Sara Cabrera, second from left in the back row, and Olivia Murrey, fourth from left in the back row. Both youths and their families are members of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville. During welcoming comments, Sara said, "I am here today, one, because my mother bravely chose life for me; two, because I am homeschooled and can do awesome things like this during 'regular school hours'; and three, because I want everyone to have

the simple, most basic right to live." Olivia said she co-founded the group because she wants "to show homeschoolers that ... [i]f we join together in large numbers, we can make a difference and show other pro-life students that we support them, because that is what this cause is all about—showing up, showing support to each other and moms, and showing the world and [its] leaders that there are still people, young people, fighting for the end of the injustice of abortion." For more information on Homeschoolers 4 Life, e-mail homeschoolers4life.indy@gmail.com or search Facebook for Homeschoolers 4 Life (select the site with "Indiana-based" in the description). (Submitted photo)

Prince of Peace pastor in historic Madison invites visitors 'anytime'

By Natalie Hoefler

Prince of Peace Parish in Madison might be just shy of 30 years old, but its roots reach back to the 1830s.

Four parishes founded between 1837-1861 were joined in 1993 to form Prince of Peace: St. Michael the Archangel, St. Mary and St. Patrick, all in Madison, and St. Anthony in nearby China. In 2013, St. Mary Magdalene Parish in New Marion was merged into Prince of Peace as well.

The former St. Mary Church is now Prince of Peace Church, and the former St. Patrick Church serves as a chapel for the parish.

"We've got 1,072 families in the parish," says Father Christopher Craig, the parish's pastor. "It's a very close-knit parish. We've got families who've remained in Madison for three to four generations still involved in the parish."

He notes that young people of the parish might leave Madison for college or work elsewhere, but they "come back when they start having kids. We've got a lot of younger families. It's amazing how many infants we're baptizing now—a lot of COVID babies," he adds with a chuckle.

Like many other archdiocesan faith communities, Prince of Peace's largest ministry is in education: Pope John XXIII Elementary School and Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School.

"A lot of alumni work for the parish and school," says Father Craig. He notes that he, the Prince of Peace Schools president and the high school principal "are all 12-year alumni."

Both parishioners and students work to support the faith community's St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, which operates twice a week. The elementary students hold a canned food drive for the pantry in the fall, and the high school

students hold one during Lent, says Tim Hoffman, president of the parish's St. Vincent de Paul conference.

"Last spring, the high school

[students] gathered 4,000 cans—I had to get a school bus to take it all!" he says.

As for the church's most notable features, Father Craig struggles to narrow it down.

"The whole church is just beautiful," he says of the 1850s structure. "We just completed an interior and exterior renovation of the church. Our stained-glass windows were completely cleaned and repaired. The Stations [of the Cross] are full-body stations. We just had new statues made in Italy. It's just a beautiful church."

Another new addition to the parish is a Divine Mercy grotto, located behind St. Patrick Chapel. Built with stone from a local creek and featuring an Italian-made Divine Mercy statue, the grotto was completed in 2016. (Go to cutt.ly/DMGrotto for an article in *The Criterion* about the grotto.)

"There's always something going on in Madison," says Father Craig. The parish and school hold an annual festival on the second weekend in September. And Madison has several large annual events, including a regatta on the Ohio River, a Chautauqua arts festival and several music festivals.

"Madison has really become a tourist destination," he says. "Visitors are welcome anytime."

For Mass times, go to www.popeace.org or call the parish at 812-265-4166.

Fast boats, historic homes and a 2-for-1 deal

Madison is teeming with sites to see and things to do. The Madison Regatta takes place around the Fourth of July weekend, the Chautauqua Festival of Arts occurs around the end of September and several music festivals take place during the summer. Additional events can be found at visitmadisonindiana.com.

According to that site, the city contains one of the country's largest National Historic Landmark Districts, including the Lanier Mansion overlooking the Ohio River. Go to visitmadison.org for a list of historic sites and museums.

Among the historic sites available for touring is the former St. Michael the Archangel Church, completed in 1839. Tours must be arranged at least two



weeks in advance. For more information or to schedule a tour, go to www.historicmadisoninc.com or call 812-265-2697 on weekdays.

The Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes offers one way to see some of Madison's historic homes up close. The 2022 tours will take place from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays and 3-9 p.m. on Saturdays on Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 2-3. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to cutt.ly/MadisonChristmas.

While in Madison, be sure to visit or even stay at Clifty Falls State Park. The park offers many trails, and its inn

provides beautiful views of the Ohio River. Clifty Falls Inn (and most state park inns) offers a winter special: from Nov. 27-Mar. 2 (except on Dec. 25, 2022-Jan. 5, 2023), stay two consecutive nights Sunday-Thursday for the price of one night. For more information or to make a reservation, go to cutt.ly/2for1Night.

(*Mass Excursions is a feature highlighting an archdiocesan parish and local attractions, encouraging a trip to the area that includes Mass with the members of that parish.*) †



U.S. bishops launch new approach to teaching the faith in today's world

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Catholic Church leaders are taking a new approach to passing on the faith, saying they recognize a pressing need to do this in a way that adapts to the modern world.

This new outreach, called the Institute on the Catechism, is not a place but instead a new springboard for faith formation developed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on the Catechism.

It will involve catechetical publishers working directly with the USCCB subcommittee on new ways to pass on the faith using digital tools and aiming to reach a more diverse Church. It will also provide resources to dioceses and yearly, in-person training conferences and retreats for diocesan catechetical leaders.

As Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Conn.,



Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Conn., is seen in this Oct. 1, 2020, file photo. He is chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on the Catechism. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

chairman of the bishops' Subcommittee on the Catechism, sees it: Catholic parishes need to re-create a "Catholic culture that recognizes we're in the 21st century. We can't go back to 1950; it's gone."

Re-creating what he describes as a "radically different model" for teaching the faith is something he has been working on with this subcommittee for the past several years.

The bishop announced the proposal to create the institute at the bishops' spring meeting last June. It will officially launch on Nov. 10-12 just ahead of the bishops' annual fall meeting in Baltimore.

This new approach, starting on the 30th anniversary of the issuing of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, draws inspiration from Pope Francis' 2021 apostolic letter "*Antiquum Ministerium*" ("Ancient Ministry") that described catechesis as an official Church ministry. It also builds on the Vatican's *Directory for Catechesis*, issued in 2020, that gives guidelines for catechists and pastors particularly in the role of evangelization.

The most frequently used description for the Institute on the Catechism is "evangelizing catechesis."

In explaining this phrase to Catholic News Service (CNS) on Oct. 19, Bishop Caggiano said this new method will emphasize truth, beauty and goodness, and that it "recognizes that the passing on of the faith is no longer in a Catholic culture, but in a secular and hostile culture toward Christian faith."

He said the institute's mandate is to "create multiple opportunities where a young person can encounter Christ in an ongoing way" and have the "leadership of the Church and their parents accompany them."

In other words, it's not just religious education through textbook learning or even service projects, but a more concentrated effort to engage young people with the Church and provide role models for them with diocesan and parish resources to facilitate this. One of the hopes is

that these youths will in turn reinvigorate the Church.

In a previous interview with CNS about this project, catechetical consultants said the institute has the potential to change the fundamental relationship between publishers and bishops into something that's less reactive to a finished product and more collaborative.

Mike Raffio, vice president director of sales for Pflaum Publishing Group and the president of the Association of Catholic Publishers, said leading people to a meaningful encounter with Christ through catechesis and an understanding of their role in the mission of the Church is something many catechetical materials attempt. "But we must admit our own limitations," he added.

"Any person's faith development is a lifelong journey. That journey, even for young people, includes so many more variables than catechetical texts can be expected to provide," he said.

Similarly, Sabrina Magnuson, a catechetical consultant for Loyola Press, said the institute's aim of forming leaders who will in turn inspire and form parents, teachers and catechists in their home diocese is a daunting prospect.

"At the end of the day, the textbook is a resource, a tool," she said. "Encounter is so much more than that."

Bishop Caggiano said about 17 bishops plan to attend the institute's launch, committing to using this new model in their dioceses, and he hopes more dioceses will join next year.

In the meantime, he said, participating dioceses will get the support they need to get this work started. It will also be a learning experience for all participating dioceses and a time to come to a deeper understanding of what parishes really need to make this work.

"It has to be the work of the Holy Spirit," he added, and he also said it will need financial support that he hopes to get from those who want to be partners in this effort. †

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learned to pray really well. I'd stop outside the room and pray to Mary. My prayer went something like this, 'You said yes not knowing what you were getting into. I don't know what's on the other side of this door. Help me to be effective to help them in their time of need.' And then I'd go in. The Virgin Mary helped me through it. That's where I learned to face big issues where I don't know what the outcome is going to be."

So as Deacon Reid prepared to face the unknown outcome of his upcoming heart surgery, he turned to prayer again, this time telling God, "If this is my time, it's my time. I'm in your hands. I trust you."

During the surgery that took place at Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center in Carmel, Ind., Dr. Peter Walts stopped Deacon Reid's heart, opened up his aorta and trimmed a thick muscle between the

right and left ventricles of his heart before reversing the process and trying to restart his heart.

When the surgery was ended, the prayers of Deacon Reid and so many other people were answered.

"As I woke up, I thought, 'I'm alive!'" Deacon Reid recalls.

It was a moment of great gratitude. A moment that has allowed Deacon Reid to continue as a husband, a father, a grandfather, a friend, a deacon—the ministry that has blessed his life for the past 14 years.

"The biggest thing for me is payback," says Deacon Reid, who is 74. "I've had an absolutely blessed life. My dedicated and devoted wife of 52 years, Mary. Four wonderful children, nine grandchildren. It's been an opportunity for me to pay back for all these blessings God has given me. To know you're helping other people get closer to God, that's where the payback is."

Prayer of gratitude guides a woman's life

By John Shaughnessy

Joanne McKinley begins every morning with this simple prayer of gratitude:

"Thank you, God, for my eyes that see. Thank you for my legs that I can take care of me. Thank you for my beating heart so filled with love. Thank you for all the blessings you have sent me from above."

At 90, McKinley focuses on her family when she counts her blessings, starting with her parents.

Looking back to her childhood, she remembers her mother as her best friend who taught her so much about loving and caring for a family.

She recalls how her father showed

his love for her by building "a whole set of furniture my size" and making a baby bed for her dolls. She also appreciated her three brothers who "were always so good to me" despite their aversion to playing dolls with her.

Then there is the family she created with her husband of 67 years, Thomas—a marriage that has led to six children, 19 grandchildren, more than 20 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to think about our many blessings," notes McKinley, a member of St. John Paul II Parish in Sellersburg. "I sometimes think I have received more than my share. A happy family life is the greatest blessing of all for anyone." †

'That's a gift from God'

As Deacon Reid talks on this autumn morning, he's back at Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center. Three years have passed since his heart surgery. He's sitting in the heart center's chapel, sharing his story of gratitude and giving back.

Part of that giving back includes visiting people who come to the heart center for surgery.

"I've been a patient of some serious medical care," he says. "When I come in here to see somebody who has a heart condition, I feel like I can give them some inspiration and hope—to say, 'Hey, I made it through this. I've been through this.'"

While that outreach is close to his heart, even more so is one of his ministries as a deacon at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carmel in the Lafayette Diocese—being part of the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program that prepares non-Catholics to enter into full communion with the Church.

"It's one of my absolute favorite things to do, to help these people," he says. "Their response to the spark of faith that God has put into them ignites my own faith."

His own faith journey to becoming a deacon began after he retired from Eli Lilly & Co. in Indianapolis, where he spent most of his 31-year career there in information technology. Still, his determination to live his faith began much earlier than his ordination as a deacon in 2008.

"I remember a time in my early working life," he says. "We worked in cubicles. I remember someone coming into an office next to mine and saying, 'Tom, I didn't realize you were Catholic?' I heard that and thought, I don't want anyone to ever be surprised that I'm Catholic. I want to live my life in such a way that they say, 'Well, I figure you probably were.' That became a driving force for me throughout all my life."

"And now I hope that even for people who don't know me they see God working

through me. You can't buy that. That's a gift from God. But it's only a gift if you open it. I feel that God has given me these gifts. Having that surgery was a gift. I didn't recognize it as a gift at the time. Then it seemed a burden. But it was a gift in terms of what I'm able to do afterward."



Deacon Bill Reid

A sharing of smiles and gratitude

A few minutes after sharing that thought, someone enters the

chapel where Deacon Reid is sharing his story. The person is Walts, the heart surgeon who did Deacon Reid's surgery three years ago. Learning that Deacon Reid is in the heart center, the surgeon took time to visit his former patient.

Their shared smiles reflect pure delight in seeing each other.

"I love to see patients down the road," Walts says. "This particular case is very gratifying. It's always worth it for me to step out to see a patient, to see an old friend."

Deacon Reid still beams as he thanks his surgeon again and says, "To be able to say thank you to someone who has saved your life is just wonderful."

After Walts leaves, Deacon Reid returns to sharing his gratitude toward God.

"I feel so blessed," he says. "At times, I feel guilty because I've been so lucky. I worked the first half of my life for success. The second half of my life is for significance. A lot of significance for me is to make a difference in people's lives. To help them grow closer to God."

"I have gotten so much closer to God through my life and my diaconate ministry. To be able to help other people to get an inch or a mile closer to God is so very gratifying for me. I'm now able to do what God has always wanted me to do." †



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Prayer, elections and 'Faithful Citizenship' discussion are on agenda for bishops' fall meeting

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The fall general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will find the bishops voting on a new president and vice president and how to proceed in disseminating their quadrennial document on Catholic participation in public life.

The agenda for the Nov. 14-17 gathering also incorporates more time for prayer and reflection with opportunities for wider engagement and interaction with each other to build fraternity.

Public sessions are scheduled for the afternoon of Nov. 15 and on Nov. 16.

USCCB leaders will be elected from a slate of 10 candidates nominated by their fellow bishops.

In addition, the bishops will vote on chairmen-elect for six standing USCCB committees.

The candidates for president and vice president are, in alphabetical order:

- Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services.
- Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Va.
- Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Conn.
- Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City.
- Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco.
- Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Seattle.
- Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas.
- Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio.
- Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.
- Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind.

The president and vice president are elected to three-year terms, which begin at the conclusion of this year's general assembly.

Chairmen-elect will be chosen for the committees on Canonical Affairs,



Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Evangelization and Catechesis, International Justice and Peace, the Protection of Children and Young People and Religious Liberty. Archbishop Charles C. Thompson of Indianapolis and Bishop William

D. Byrne of Springfield, Mass., are the two nominees to lead the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

The six bishops elected will serve for one year as chairmen-elect of their respective committee before beginning a three-year term as chairman at the conclusion of the bishops' 2023 fall general assembly.

Also on tap is a discussion on "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," the bishops' document developed to help Catholics form their consciences in voting and other areas of public life. The bishops will decide what steps to take regarding whether to begin a routine update or significantly revise the document.

The document was last updated in 2019 and remained unchanged except for the addition of an introductory letter addressing issues of importance to the Catholic Church.

Archbishop Lori, who chairs the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, will provide an overview of how the Church can respond following the U.S. Supreme Court's June 24 ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, returning the issue of abortion to the states.

His presentation follows an Oct. 26 letter that Archbishop Lori and three other USCCB committee chairmen sent to all members of Congress calling for "radical solidarity" with mothers and babies—born and unborn—and advancing

an ambitious legislative and policy agenda that prioritizes the well-being of families.

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair of Hartford, Conn., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Divine Worship, will present for approval revisions in rites related to the anointing of the sick and lay ministry for the sick as well as liturgical texts for two recently instituted feast days.

Votes will be taken on a revision of the U.S. English-language edition of "The Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care" and a new U.S. Spanish language edition of the same text.

The revision follows work undertaken by the International Committee on English in the Liturgy, or ICEL, to bring the prayers closer to the original Latin text promulgated in 1972, said Father Andrew Menke, executive director of the bishops' Secretariat on Divine Worship.

Votes also will be taken on English- and Spanish-language editions of "Lay Ministry to the Sick," a proposed collection of excerpts from various liturgical books. The texts include the prayers and rites that can be used by lay ecclesial ministers in their ministry to the sick. The material was drawn from multiple sources traditionally used in such ministry.

Updates on the canonization causes of three American women will be presented during the assembly. The bishops will vote whether to advance the causes of Cora Evans, Michelle Duppong and Mother Margaret Mary Healy Murphy.

Evans, a wife, a mother and possible mystic, was baptized Catholic in Utah in 1935 after becoming disillusioned with the Mormon faith. Born in 1904, she moved to California with her family in 1941. She died at age 74 in Boulder Creek, Calif., on March 30, 1957.

Promoters of her sainthood cause in the Diocese of Monterey, Calif., have said she reported multiple visions of Jesus and the saints and received a mission from Jesus to promote the "mystical humanity of Christ," the idea that Christ is always with people and people should behave always as Christ would.

The Diocese of Bismarck, N.D., in June opened an investigation into "the holiness of life and love of God" of Duppong, who died of cancer on Dec. 25, 2015. She was 31.

When she died, Duppong was the director of adult faith formation for the diocese. Before that, she was a missionary for six years with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. In her position, the diocese said, she used "her missionary zeal to bring others closer to Christ."

Mother Margaret Mary in 1893 founded the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate, the first order of women religious in the state of Texas. The congregation was started after Mother Margaret Mary, a native of Ireland, spent years helping the poor and serving African Americans and Mexican Americans as a laywoman. She died in 1907 at age 74.

With 2022 being the 20th anniversary of the bishops' adoption of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the bishops also plan to spend time in prayer and reflection during the general assembly on their response to clergy sexual abuse.

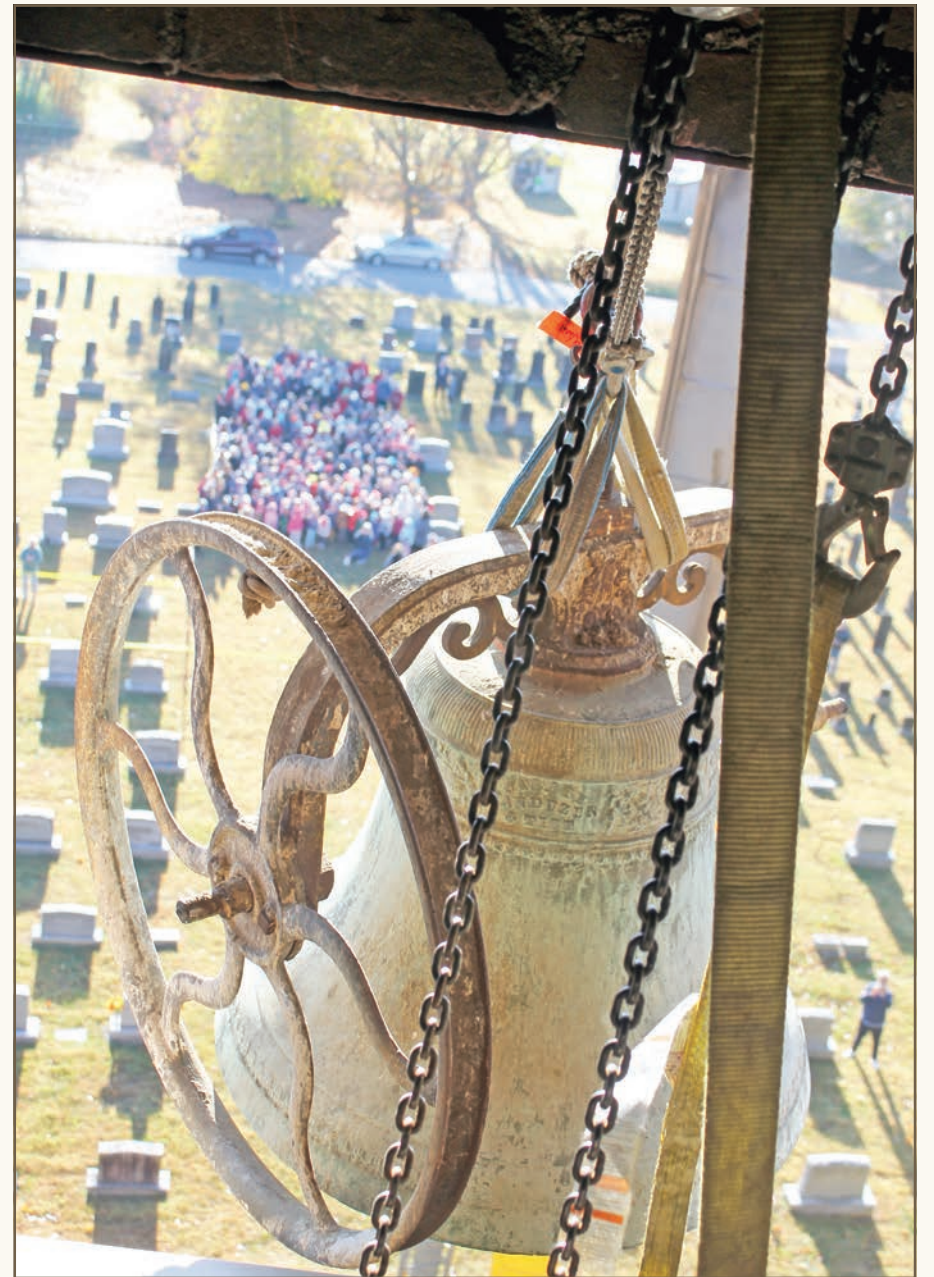
The document established minimum standards for each diocese to follow as they reviewed abuse allegations.

The agenda for the assembly also includes:

- Review and approval of the USCCB budget for 2023.
- A report on the progress of implementing the document "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," activities under the nationwide eucharistic revival initiative, and the planned 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

• An update on the Synod of Bishops on synodality as the global process initiated by Pope Francis enters the continental phase. †

Bell bound for beautification



Students of St. Mary of the Knobs School in Floyd County watch as the bell of the parish's former church—now the parish's chapel—begins its descent from the belfry on Oct. 27. Cast in 1865, the bell will be sent to The Verdin Company in Cincinnati to be professionally cleaned, then will be reinstalled on a custom-built base next year for the parish's 200th anniversary. (Submitted photo by Paul Schellenberger)

Birthline needs volunteers to help mothers and babies in need

This week, *The Criterion* begins a monthly feature highlighting organizations that help—and need support in helping—expecting and parenting mothers in need in central and southern Indiana.

Birthline

Xavier Building (north entrance)
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Indianapolis, IN 46202
English: 317-635-4808
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Volunteer needs: In-person volunteers on Mondays and/or

Birthline

Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. and/or Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m. to sort items, prepare layettes and meet with women in need. At-home phone volunteers (do not need to live in Indianapolis area) also needed to answer questions and schedule client appointments. Must have computer. Training provided. Call Keri Carroll at 317-236-1433 for more information.

Financial donations: For online options, go to cutt.ly/ArchIndyBirthline, or send check or money order made out to Office of Human Life and Dignity (include Birthline in memo line) and mail to Office of Human Life and Dignity, Attn: Birthline Ministry, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

For more information on Birthline, go to cutt.ly/ArchIndyBirthline or call Keri Carroll at 317-236-1433. †

Walking with
Moms in Need





Providence Associates welcome 22 new members

On Oct. 8, 22 women and men deepened their relationships with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, in St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and to live out the order's mission of love, mercy and justice by becoming Providence Associates. Of the 22, 10 are Catholics from cities within central and southern Indiana, including Bloomington, Greenwood, Indianapolis, Terre Haute and West Terre Haute. Other new Providence Associates hail from Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Providence Associates are women and men of faith who choose to have an intentional relationship with the Sisters of Providence. They commit to sharing their own unique gifts and talents with others while walking with the Sisters of Providence. More than 300 Providence Associates live out Providence spirituality in their daily lives across the United States and in Taiwan. Learn more at ProvidenceAssociates.org or call Providence Sister Sue Paweski at 312-909-7492 or Providence Associate Debbie Dillow at 317-250-3294. (Submitted photo)

Showing love, mercy are key to entering heaven, pope says on All Souls' Day

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As Christians await their death and the final judgment of God, the Gospel tells them what they must do to be welcomed into heaven: love others because God is love, Pope Francis said.

In life "we are in the waiting room of the world," hoping to hear Jesus say, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father," the pope said during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Nov. 2, the feast of All Souls.

Pope Francis celebrated the Mass with special prayers for the nine cardinals and 148 archbishops and bishops from around the world who died between Oct. 30, 2021, and Oct. 17 this year, including 14 bishops from the United States.

The Gospel reading at the Mass was St. Matthew's description of the last judgment when those who fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger and visited the prisoner are welcomed into God's kingdom, and those who neglected to care for others are sent into "the eternal fire" (Mt 25:41).

While praying for those who have died, he said, the feast day also is a call to "nurture our expectation of heaven" and question whether one's strongest desires are for union with God or for earthly status and pleasures that will pass away.

"The best careers, the greatest achievements, the most prestigious titles and accolades, the accumulated riches and

earthly gains—all will vanish in a moment," the pope said.

But the Gospel of Matthew makes clear what will last, he said: love and care for others, especially the poor and those usually discarded by society.

And, he said, the Gospel also explains that God's final judgment is not like a civil court where the judge or jury sifts through every piece of evidence and weighs them.

In the divine tribunal, the only thing that counts "is mercy toward the poor and discarded: 'Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me,' " (Mt 25:40) the pope said. "The Most High is in the least, he who inhabits the heavens dwells among the most insignificant to the world." †

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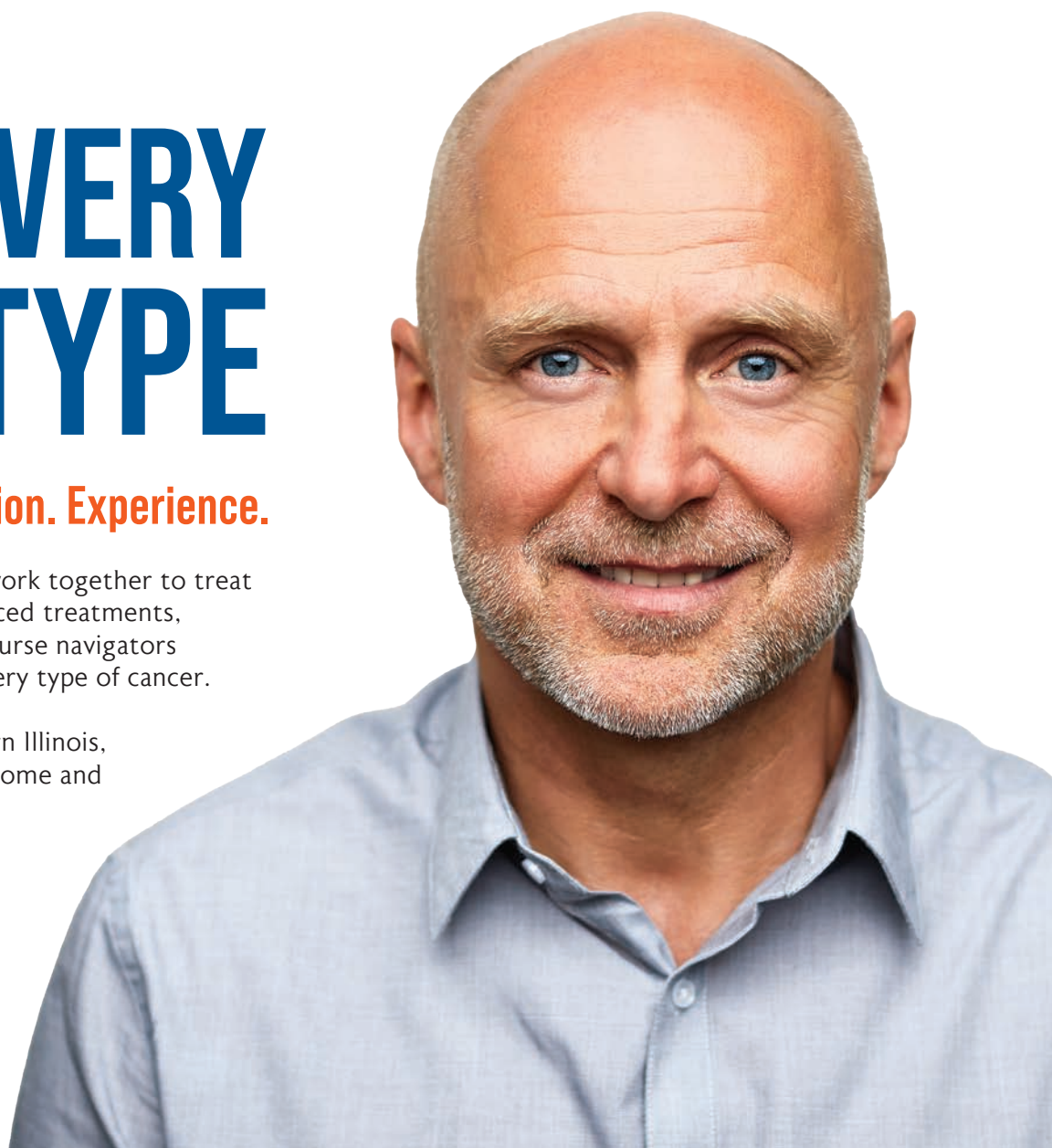
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There are many ways parishes, dioceses can care for creation



Members of St. John Neumann Parish in Lilburn, Ga., work on the parish garden in 2020. The parish has saved \$9,000 per year on energy costs by going green. (CNS photo/courtesy St. John Neumann Parish)

By Effie Caldarola

The environmental crisis facing our world can overwhelm us. In light of the challenges, what can one person do?

Plenty, say Catholics who are joyfully working to bring Pope Francis' encyclical, "*Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home," to life in parishes around the country.

"The Catholic Church can be a change agent," Susan Varlamoff said. "We're creating momentum, creating a movement. We can show the value of this work and make it a fun thing to do."

Varlamoff has been instrumental in writing the "*Laudato Si'*" Action Plan for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. It's a colorful and accessible roadmap for parishes.

Her own parish, St. John Neumann, has gone all-in in effecting change. Their environmental activities fill several pages.

And some of the most important revolve around energy efficiency.

First was conducting an energy audit, and action proceeded from that. Lights in the chapel and restrooms have motion

sensors. Air conditioning units were upgraded to energy efficient models and put on a programmed schedule.

Temperatures were set at levels to minimize energy use. Volunteers created an eco-friendly landscape, with less than 40% lawn.

Volunteers even started washing dishes at small parish events when, Varlamoff said, "they were sick of seeing so much garbage."

"We've cut greenhouse gas emissions by 40%, cut water usage by 70%, and our waste is down by 50%," Varlamoff said. Small changes include repairing leaks and installing low flush toilets.

There's a well-kept secret to this efficiency: St. John Neumann is saving \$9,000 a year on energy because of this green commitment.

Of the 103 parishes in the archdiocese, 40 have created creation care teams, with more scheduled to form. Many, like St. John Neumann, are raising fresh produce to benefit food pantries.

Kat Doyle is the director of justice and peace ministries for the Archdiocese

of Atlanta. Implementing "*Laudato Si'*" falls under her department, and she said Atlanta was the first U.S. diocese to put together an action plan, focusing on 10 areas, including energy, water, waste and recycling.

Doyle will be the U.S. representative to the Vatican's working group forming a "*Laudato Si'*" Action Platform for dioceses throughout the world.

Atlanta's green commitment began under Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, now the cardinal archbishop of Washington, and has continued under Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer.

That commitment includes, said Doyle, "a \$100,000 donation from the annual appeal."

Even if you can't make big changes in your parish's energy commitments, you can take smaller steps. Some parishes host webinars on using sustainable wrapping paper, how to start recycling projects or encourage using cloth bags to replace plastic and order compostable garbage bags for church and school.

And even in dioceses where the green commitment is not as well-organized as Atlanta, individual parishes are doing great things.

Take St. John Parish on the Creighton University campus in Omaha, Neb. Mary Ruth Stegman has been leading the creation care team there since 2017 with a focus on the major social events that the parish hosts.

"Our goal is zero waste," said Stegman, and her team attempts that by having stations available at events directing people on where they can put recyclables, like pop cans, and what can be put into composting.

"We contract with a commercial composting company," Stegman explains. "They bring a container, we fill it during an event with things like paper plates, napkins, leftover food, anything compostable. On Monday morning, they pick up the container."

The group has another station for plastic that isn't recyclable. This goes into Hefty orange bags, which can be purchased at local groceries. The plastics are processed at a plant in Omaha, then

shipped to a facility in Lincoln, the state's capital, where it's turned into items like plastic furniture or decking.

"About the only things we have to send to the landfill are aluminum food containers," Stegman said.

The campus church hosts several large social events, and one of the largest is a Wednesday night Thanksgiving feast for students who remain on campus for the holiday.

"When we started, the kids would say, 'This composting is great—why isn't the whole university doing this?'" Stegman said.

It wasn't long before suggestions from students resulted in a campus-wide program, with composting containers throughout the university.

Education is a prime goal of all creation care teams. Varlamoff's team sponsors lectures, videos and a green Zoom retreat. Stegman's team writes environmental prayers of the faithful.

To begin a parish creation care team or to become more involved individually, visit catholicclimatecovenant.org, a project launched in 2006 by the U.S. Catholic bishops along with other Catholic organizations.

Their website offers a wealth of suggestions, and their monthly newsletter provides tips on how to contact your legislators or how to make green changes at home.

The Creation Care Ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is a partner with the Catholic Climate Covenant. More information on it can be found at ourcommonhome.org.

Catholic teaching has always promoted care for the environment. From St. Francis of Assisi to Pope Benedict XVI, who introduced solar energy to the Vatican, Catholics have been at the forefront of environmental concern for centuries.

Varlamoff points out that there are more than 1 billion Catholics in the world. If we each do our part, imagine what we can achieve.

(Effie Caldarola is a columnist for Catholic News Service.) †



Solar panels sit on the roof of Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis. In addition to reducing the school's carbon footprint and utility costs, the panels are being integrated into its science and theology lesson plans. (Submitted photo)

Joyful Witness/Kimberly Pohovey

On light and dark days, God is always our blue sky

As I raked the falling leaves in my front yard, I took a brief break and looked up through the tree branches and viewed



the vibrant orange leaves juxtaposed against the bluest sky I had ever seen. My immediate thought was “thank you, God.”

Next to my family and faith, I find what most evokes thanksgiving in me is the brilliance of

nature. As I gazed up, I felt the warmth of the Indian summer sun, and I couldn’t help but feel the happiness of being enveloped in positivity.

Conversely, I woke up the following day to a gray sky and clouds that foretold of coming rain. The air temperature had chilled. I felt lethargic and tired the whole day. The gloom of the environment plunged my mood, leaving me with a definite lack of energy.

I can easily see why some people

suffer from seasonal affective disorder. But I would wager that most of us deal with some sort of seasonal slump as the weather turns from fall to winter. The long stretch of dark skies and colder weather can easily affect our mood and outlook. It made me wonder what could combat these feelings.

I thought back to the bluest sky I had ever witnessed the day before. If only we had a brilliant blue sky to look at even during the darkest days, I can’t help but think we would remain positive and hopeful.

It reminded me of a remark in a book I read years ago. A young couple had recently wed. They lived in the South in a sunny, warm climate. The wife confided in her new husband that she has long suffered from depression but that living in a sunny spot of the world helped her. A few years go by, and the husband is offered an amazing work opportunity. However, it means relocating to New England. The wife wants to be supportive, but says that she is worried that the colder

climate may worsen her depression. At that, the husband takes her into his arms and says, “I’ll be your blue sky.”

What struck me about this promise is that we all need a blue sky—whether we find that in nature, a loved one, or as I began to realize, in God.

Whether in the darkest moments of my life or merely in the long gray stretches of sadness, God has always been my blue sky.

Like the sky, he is always there. Like the sky’s expanse, I cannot go anywhere he does not touch. And like the sun that shines on blue sky days, he always radiates his love for me.

No matter whether I see blue in the heavens, I know he is the ever-faithful Father I can count on to take me in his arms and say, “I’ll be your blue sky.”

I only need to look up.

(Kimberly Pohovey is a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis. She is the director of major and planned gifts for the archdiocese.) †

Twenty Something/Christina Capecchi

No cell phones, no problems: saluting the digital minimalists

It started with news from Camp Wapo, the Bible camp I’d attended as a kid. The camp counselors in Amery, Wis., enforce a strict no cell-phone policy: Ditch your iPhone when you arrive, get it back when you leave.



My reaction surprised me. I felt relief, triumph, a sense that the arc of the moral universe, to quote Martin Luther

King, Jr., had been snapped toward justice by noble adults undeterred by the protests of preteens.

This meant that kids today can have the same authentic camp experience I’d had, that generations have had. New friends, tippy canoes, midnight adventures. Sun tanning, star gazing, soul searching. Camp could mean something more—not just be a backdrop for TikTok videos.

Georgetown professor Cal Newport makes the case for less screen time in his 2019 book *Digital Minimalism: Choosing a Focused Life in a Noisy World*. A digital minimalist, he explains, is someone who gets lost in a book, a sunset or a woodworking project. These people have developed “a philosophy that puts our aspirations and values once again in charge of our daily experience ... a philosophy that prioritizes long-term meaning over short-term satisfaction.”

I love this wording, which hints at the spiritual underpinnings: values pave the way, the big picture trumps fleeting pleasures.

Christian author Shauna Niequist explores the spiritual impact of social media in her new book *I Guess I Haven’t Learned That Yet*.

“It’s like standing in the center of a packed stadium every single day and expecting the constant noise and jostling not to take their toll on your spirit,” she writes.

How can we hear the still, small voice of God in a stadium?

There are Catholics who understand this. In order to discern their vocations and their next steps, they are eliminating the noise.

The Saint Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., runs a propaedeutic stage program, a year of preparation before young men enter seminary—or pursue other paths. They may only use their cell phones on Saturdays—a policy the men have come to appreciate.

“It pushed us to encounter each other, to engage with each other on a much deeper level than we might initially do right away,” said Dominic Wolters, 23, a St. Paul native who participated in the program last year and is now in his first year of theological studies at the seminary. “It was challenging but also deeply enriching.”

Meanwhile, first-year Fellow of Catholic University Student (FOCUS) missionaries are asked to cool off romantic relationships, making fewer phone calls to a boyfriend or girlfriend and not texting at all. Instead, they’re encouraged to write letters in order to communicate “in more intentional ways,” as Shannon Hicks, a formation director, put it.

The policy is designed to give them “a freedom of heart,” Hicks said. “We’re asking them to examine whether electronic communication carries with it the meaning their relationship deserves. I have seen it give missionaries the space to take a step back and look at their

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Our Works of Charity/David Bethuram

Let’s invest with those in need to help them live in dignity

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is Nov. 12-20. It is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to these two problems that affect too many lives and families.



Many homeless people are wrongfully thought of as criminals or miscreants. Catholic Charities hopes to educate people about the reasons why people find themselves without shelter, and to show what we can do to help them without harboring false opinions about those in need.

The struggle to fulfill basic needs can be difficult for many Hoosiers who live paycheck to paycheck. An illness, injury or job loss can easily lead to poverty, hunger and homelessness. Data shows that nearly 76,000 people live in poverty in Indiana, and one in five children are afflicted by poverty. Catholic parishes and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help by providing food, a place to sleep, medicines and more.

I’d like to share a story of a woman that illustrates how hunger and homelessness impacts people’s lives. But with caring help along the way, she was able to realize her life’s goals.

Christie spent most of her childhood battling hunger, food insecurity, poverty and sometimes homelessness. She spent many days hungry, scared and not knowing where her next meal would come from or where she might be living on a particular day.

When she was young, she didn’t understand what was happening to her family, but she knew that it wasn’t how people were supposed to live. At times, she felt like the world had forgotten about her and her family and their problems.

But then they would meet someone who treated them with respect, like the workers at a soup kitchen, where they would get two meals a day when they were homeless, or at the food pantry that would give them groceries when there was more days in the month than there was money in their pockets. The kindness that was shown to her and her family in the food pantries, meal programs and homeless shelters cannot be overstated.

When someone would give her a snack and ask her what she

wanted to be when she grew up, they were not just nourishing her mind, they were also feeding her spirit. Christie says that “they gave me a sense of being normal for a few moments, and most importantly helped me to believe that there was a future for me where I got to grow up and have the luxury to think about what I wanted to accomplish with my life.”

Hunger limits you in a way that is difficult to describe because you are constantly thinking about getting food, keeping food and not knowing when you are going to eat next. It’s a vicious cycle. You want something better, but you don’t know how to get it.

Food and housing are so fundamental to the human condition that not having those things paralyzes you and keeps you living hour by hour instead of thinking about what you would like to accomplish in a day, week, month or year.

Christie said that hunger, poverty and homelessness stole her childhood. “It took away my innocence and my sense of security, but I was one of the lucky ones. I not only survived but learned to thrive.”

She said she had many failures along the way, but in the end found success with the help of many people who came into her life. “I have accomplished my childhood dream of being a lawyer, but there are so many millions of people who continue to struggle like my family struggled.”

Christie is one of the hundreds of thousands of people who has worked hard and had the support of her family, especially her wonderful grandmother, but without charity and the social safety net, she would not have been able to achieve her dreams. She needed school lunches, welfare, health benefits, food stamps, Section 8 housing, subsidized applications for college, financial aid and student loans.

Now she is giving back to the community, helping others in need so they too have a future.

No one makes it alone; everyone has help in some way. The Church and Catholic Charities will continue to invest in our people in a way that allows them to live in dignity and can achieve their goals for a better life.

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A More Human Society/Richard Doerflinger

‘Why not love them both?’ should be at center of life discussion

“Why not love them both?” has been a message of the pro-life movement for many years, expressing a commitment



to both the unborn child and his or her mother who may be considering abortion.

For decades, the movement has put its money where its mouth is, by sponsoring and funding thousands of volunteer-staffed

pregnancy aid centers offering free pregnancy tests, baby clothes, access to prenatal care and social services, and other support.

Now that the Supreme Court’s *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*

decision has reopened a fierce national debate on abortion, much more is needed. Pro-life advocates are urging legislators to expand financial and social support for pregnant and parenting women and their families.

Leading the way is the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), whose “Walking with Moms in Need” initiative for many months has called on all parishes to assess and improve local pregnancy assistance.

The conference, which supported the original Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, has stepped up its call for this program to include paid leave.

Even before *Dobbs*, the bishops had endorsed expanding the child tax credit and making it refundable for lower-income families and passing a Pregnant

Workers Fairness Act requiring reasonable accommodations for employees while they are pregnant.

On Oct. 26, the chairmen of four USCCB committees wrote to Congress to promote what St. John Paul II called “radical solidarity” with mothers, their born and unborn children, and families. Their recommendations include these measures and many others, including elimination of the “marriage penalty” in the tax code.

Other pro-life leaders have not been idle.

The University of Notre Dame’s de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture has spearheaded a “Women and Children First Initiative” to research and promote the most effective ways to assist pregnant and parenting women in need.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, November 13, 2022

- Malachi 3:19-20a
- 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
- Luke 21:5-19

The Book of Malachi is the source of the first reading for Mass this weekend. Malachi was not a proper name for a person in ancient Israel. Rather, it was an abbreviation of an informal title, "Messenger of God."



This prophet is thoroughly in step with all the other prophets—whose writings we now possess—in saying

that humans are responsible for their own misery and disappointment in life. Their sinfulness or indifference to God leads them into trouble.

Sin takes its toll. One day, sinners will have to pay the piper. Part of the viciousness of temptation is that we are lulled into diminishing the effects of our sins.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Thessalonians supplies the next reading. Paul must have been an interesting personality. He hardly was withdrawing and quiet, yet for all his assertiveness, he had the humility that rises from genuine wisdom and true faith. He knew that he owed everything to God's mercy, and he knew that the greatest reward in life is in being in peace with God. He offered himself as an example, because God will save others as God saved him.

In this reading, Paul goes to his well-schooled Hebrew roots, essentially repeating the theme stated centuries earlier by Malachi and the other prophets. Sin has brought grief to humanity, but God never leaves humanity to its peril. God sent messengers to the world repeatedly to lead people away from their foolish sinfulness. In the greatest act of love, God sent Jesus, the Son of God, to the world.

Jesus did not come and go. He left the community of faith that is the Church, guided by the Apostles whom the Lord commissioned to lead all to everlasting life. The Church still teaches, forgives and encourages.

In the first generations of Christianity, disciples of Christ felt at the mercy of a hostile culture. Paul urged them to be brave. God was beside them. He would receive them in glory.

St. Luke's Gospel, the third reading, follows in this theme. While sin has reaped a whirlwind, relief is on the way. A new day will come dramatically and decisively. It will occur in nature. Earthquakes will shake the Earth. Plagues will rage. Among humans, close relatives will betray each other. Danger will be everywhere.

None of this, however, will threaten those who truly trust the Lord. Not even a hair of their heads will be harmed. God will triumph. Those who love God will triumph.

Daily Readings

Monday, November 14

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 15

St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22
Psalm 15:2-4b, 5
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude, virgin
Revelation 4:1-11
Psalm 150:1b-6
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Revelation 5:1-10
Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b
Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin
Revelation 10:8-11
Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 19

Revelation 11:4-12
Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10
Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 20

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Reflection

The Church is concluding its liturgical year. Next weekend, it will rejoice that God's salvation and mercy have been poured forth on the world in and through Christ the King.

So, the Church's last statement of this fading year is its excited proclamation that, despite all the negative forces in the world, despite the attacks of the devil, even despite all the sin, Christ is king, standing as a rock of security on the edge of a raging sea.

For years now, Americans and others in the world have lived in uneasiness if not fear. The sights of the crashing towers in New York, the bleeding victims of warfare in Afghanistan, Iraq,

Syria and Ukraine haunt us.

These grim realities should teach us. As the prophets warned, as Paul emphatically declared, sin brings us death. We are vulnerable.

None of us can foretell the future, including our own personal future, with exactitude. Our deaths may not come as the result of violence, as in a war, such as now rages in Ukraine, but we will die, nevertheless.

Come what may, if we are in Christ if we are with God, we shall live. In Christ, we will live forever.

Why then should we fear? Where death is your victory? Where your sting? †

My Journey to God Today is Yesterday's Tomorrow

By Ron Lewis

Today is yesterday's tomorrow,
Make the most of it if you can,
For soon it will be a memory
As the hourglass fills with sand.

Don't waste yet another moment
Nursing grudges from the past,
Or carry guilt from days gone by
Or walk with eyes downcast.

Forgive, forget, unlock the chains
That wrap around your heart.
For life's too short, days quickly pass—
Make today a brand new start.

Each day's a chance to right the wrongs
To make amends, it's true,
A chance to heal old wounds and hurts
And let love rule in you.

The time is here, the time is now,
For tomorrow may be too late.
Let love and forgiveness be your guide
And cleanse your heart of hate.

Today is yesterday's tomorrow,
Your chance to start anew,
A chance for you to discover
The miracle of love in you.

(Ron Lewis is a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and is an oblate of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. Photo: A bronze crucifix at Allouez Catholic Cemetery in Allouez, Wis., is surrounded by fall colors on Oct. 9, 2020.) (CNS photo/Sam Lucero, The Compass)

**Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle**

The Eucharist is Christ's enduring gift to the Church amid its many troubles

(Editor's note: Father Kenneth Doyle, who had retired as a Catholic News Service columnist earlier this year, died on Oct. 28. The following is his final column, published in the March 11, 2022, issue of The Criterion.)



How, in good conscience, can I remain a practicing Catholic with all the scandal and hypocrisy exposed within the Church? So many of the Church's actions seem far removed from the message of Jesus.

The Church gathers riches upon the Earth, has its own country, bank and government and has a hierarchy. Popes have been bought, cruelty has been inflicted and the Church gets involved in politics.

Would it be a mortal sin if I left the Church? I believe in Jesus as my Savior, and I look forward to receiving the Eucharist. Am I a hypocrite in staying? (Pennsylvania)

Some of the things you mention about the Church trouble me deeply, but others do not. It doesn't concern me that the Church "gathers riches" when the goal is to help the poor or to preserve sacred items for posterity.

Nor does it bother me that the Vatican is its own nation and therefore needs its own bank and independent government. The Church has a hierarchy because that's the way Jesus established it, with Peter and his successors in the position of its universal pastor. Nor does it trouble me when the Church takes public positions on issues of human rights; that is its moral obligation.

What does concern me, of course, is that there have been a few bad popes in history and that cruelty has at times been inflicted in the name of the Church.

What centers me in the Church and what constitutes for me its biggest gift is the Eucharist—as you have mentioned. I pray for the Church that it may strive after the perfection of Christ, its founder, and I seek the Lord's strength each day, especially in holy Communion.

My mother-in-law is in the first stages of Alzheimer's disease and has not gone to confession in five or six months. She wants to receive the Eucharist, but my sister-in-law will not let her go up to receive. My mother-in-law is a very religious person and loves our Lord.

In her right mind, she was a God-fearing woman; now, in her unstable mind, she is always talking to the Lord, and receiving Communion is the only thing that she wants to do on Sundays. Can they let her go to Communion? (Texas)

Of course your mother-in-law is eligible to receive holy Communion, and she should be allowed to.

From your question, I'm not sure why your sister-in-law is unwilling to let her receive. Is it because she hasn't been to confession in several months? But one is obligated to confess before Communion only if someone is in serious sin—and I doubt very much that's the case. The precepts of the Church (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2041-43) also require Catholics to confess their sins in the sacrament of penance at least once a year.

Or is it that your sister-in-law is worried that she doesn't understand what the Eucharist is and won't fully appreciate it?

On that, I would give your mother-in-law the benefit of the doubt—especially since, as you say, receiving Communion is the only thing she wants to do on Sundays. It seems to me that she is aware that the Eucharist is a special gift that unites her with the Lord.

Perhaps it would help to show your sister-in-law this response—or perhaps have a priest she knows speak with her. †

Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.

ANGER, Ilene, 83, Prince of Peace, Madison, Oct. 21. Mother of Linda Allanson, Sharon Atkinson and Debbie Snodgrass. Sister of Mary Haines and Marceline Long. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of five.

BENNETT, Darren D., 53, St. Joseph, Corydon, Oct. 10. Husband of Laura Bennett. Father of Jacob Lancaster, Thomas and Travis Bennett. Son of Diana Harris. Stepson of Richard Harris. Brother of Kelly Green. Grandson of Helen Beckort.

BRIDGEWATER, Susan R., 71, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Oct. 30. Wife of Gary Bridgewater. Mother of Jill Wells and Jerod Bridgewater. Grandmother of two.

FRECKER, Donna, 90, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Oct. 29. Mother of Rebecca Isfalt, Katherine Miner, Monica O'Neil, Dennis, Joseph and Timothy Frecker. Sister of Ronald Miller. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of 12.

GEORGE, Edward J., 68, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, Oct. 16. Husband of Mary Ellen George. Father of Natalie and Sara George. Uncle of several.

GLEASON, Ruth I., 74, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, Oct. 25. Mother of Marie Staker. Sister of James Emch. Aunt of two.

GRANNAN, Ruth I., 95, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove. Aunt of several.

HEAVRIN, Kathryn (Palaisa), 63, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Oct. 17. Wife of David Heavrin. Sister of Phyllis Risch, Elizabeth Wilson, Melanie

and Anthony Palaisa, Jr. Aunt of several.

HENRY, Loretta L. (Schipper), 99, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora, Oct. 21. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of five.

ICE, Malaki G., infant, St. Mary, Greensburg, Oct. 29. Son of Jordan and Alexis Ice. Brother of Mira Ice. Grandson of Joe and Betty Ice and Vic and Kandy Watts.

KOORS, Cheryl A., 70, St. Mary, Greensburg, Oct. 15. Wife of Richard Koors. Mother of Bryan and Jason Koors. Sister of Michael and Steven Riley. Grandmother of four.

KUNKEL, Helen, 96, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Oct. 9. Mother of Patty Inman and Betty Littrell. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of three.

KUSSY, Judith, 81, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Oct. 13. Mother of Janet Murray, Leisa Smith, Michael and Steve Kussy. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of one.

LAMAR, Doreen, 66, St. Pius V, Troy, Oct. 18. Sister of Donna and David Lamar. Aunt of one.

LUBAVS, Anna, 83, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Oct. 22. Sister of Val Morrison, Lidija Rideout and Juris Liepnieks. Aunt and great-aunt of several.

MADDOX, Elizabeth, 82, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Richmond, Oct. 26. Mother of Angela Dudas, Lisa Oliver, Maria Pipenger, Jim and John Maddox. Sister of Mary Rose Vecera and Joseph Pappano. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of one.

MORRIS, Brian R., 51, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Oct. 29. Husband of Jennifer Morrison. Father of Hannah and Samuel Morris. Son of Paul Morris. Brother of Julie Parker, Kevin and Jason Morris.

MOYER, James D., 90, St. Mary, Greensburg, Oct. 27. Husband of Martha Moyer. Father of three. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of six.

MOYLAN, William R., 85, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Oct. 17. Father of Julie Lydick, Linda Ward and William Moylan. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of three.

MUCHLER, Gregory R., 62, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Oct. 28. Husband of Beth Muchler. Father of Anna and Daniel Muchler. Son of Mary Muchler. Brother of Karen

The Lord of the Miracles



Catholics and members of a Peruvian community living in Chile take part on Oct. 30 in a procession of El Señor de los Milagros (The Lord of the Miracles), Peru's most revered Catholic religious icon, in Santiago, Chile. (CNS photo/Ivan Alvarado, Reuters)

Hauk, Pamela Schopf and Keith Muchler. Grandfather of one.

NOBBE, Brian J., 54, St. Mary, Greensburg, Oct. 21. Husband of Jennifer Haley. Father of Alaina, Jenna and Travis Nobble. Brother of Marilyn Hoeing, Rick, Robert and Steve Nobble.

NOBBE, Urban J., 90, St. Michael, Brookville, Oct. 21. Father of Cindy Goodpaster, Tina and Christopher Nobble. Brother of Leona Martin, Rosalyn Volz, Clifford, Greg and Leonard Nobble. Grandfather and great-grandfather of several.

NORTON, Kathleen, 100, St. Mary, New Albany, Oct. 21.

OVELTON, Oscar F., 90, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, Oct. 20. Uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle of several.

PAYNE, Elizabeth A., 84, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Oct. 19. Mother of Krista Eichler and Kanessa Kramer. Grandmother of four.

PHILPOT, Regina S. (Schindler), 87, St. Mary of the Knobs, Floyd County, Oct. 17. Mother of Anthony, Jerry and Terry Philpot. Sister of Martha Fessel, Judy Krueger, Dottie Thomas, Liz Timperman, Calvin and Jimmy Schindler. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of nine.

POWERS, Robert, 85, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Oct. 9. Father of Elizabeth Hisle and Karen Kalkhoff. Grandfather of four.

ROGIER, Myrna H., 75, St. Augustine, Leopold, Oct. 19. Wife of Jim Rogier. Mother of Aaron, Christopher and Nathan Rogier. Sister of Rebecca Rhinefort. Grandmother of eight.

ROLFES, John C., 80, All Saints, Dearborn County, Oct. 23. Husband of Patricia Rolfes. Father of Annie Brown, Julie Dawson and John Rolfes. Brother of Virginia Fulmer, Margaret Reynolds, David, Fred, Jim, Ray and Robert Rolfes. Grandfather of five.

SMITH, Jack, 83, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Oct. 27. Husband of Dorothy Smith. Father of Susan Gilbert, Tricia Scanlan and Katie Smith. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of one.

STACK, Nancy, 79, Prince of Peace, Madison, Oct. 8. Wife of Charles Stack. Mother of Julia, Maria, Michael and Robert Stack. Sister of Charles Petty. Grandmother of five.

STEINMETZ, Richard W., 75, St. Michael, Greenfield, Sept. 26. Husband of Cindy Steinmetz. Father of Tracy Hagedorn, Shelley Keeling and Kim Steinmetz. Brother of John Steinmetz. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of one.

TERRELL, Edgar, 89, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, Oct. 26. Father of Kim Anthony, Edgar, Greg and Kevin Terrell. Grandfather of nine.

TROG, Mary Frances (Connellton), 87, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Aurora, Oct. 15. Sister of Helen Ann Peters. Grandmother of five.

WERNING, Willie J., 92, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Oct. 25. Father of Matthew, Richard and Willie Werning. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of five.

WHITE, Fannie, 96, St. Michael, Brookville, Oct. 23. Mother of Judith Sparks and Richard White.

Sister of Joseph Garafola. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of 19.

WILSON, Marion E., 98, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Oct. 28. Mother of Kathleen Day, Linda Welch and Bonnie West. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of seven. Great-great-grandmother of one.

WOLFE, Thomas R., 79, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Oct. 29. Brother of Marilyn Miller. Uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle of several.

YANG, Joyce, 92, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Oct. 25. Mother of Karl Yang. †

Benedictine Brother Giles Mahieu served as a volunteer firefighter for many years

Benedictine Brother Giles Mahieu, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, died on Oct. 25 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind. He was 84.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 31. Burial followed at the Archabbey Cemetery.

Brother Giles was a jubilarian of monastic profession, having celebrated 64 years of monastic profession.

Brother Giles was born on July 3, 1938, in Moline, Ill., and given the name Robert at his baptism.

He was a student for one year at Alleman High School in Rock Island, Ill., before entering Saint Meinrad's former Saint Placid Hall in 1956, a high school for young men seeking to become a brother in the monastery.

Brother Giles was invested as a novice on April 7, 1957, professed simple vows on April 16, 1958, and perpetual vows on April 16, 1961. He solemnized his religious vows on July 11, 1973.

His early assignments included service in the bakery and electrical department. He also joined the Saint Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department and served there for more than 40 years.

Brother Giles served as chaplain for the 18th District of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association and was secretary-treasurer of the Spencer County Fire Chiefs' Association for 33 years. In 2001, he was named Spencer County's Firefighter of the Year.

In the early 1970s, Brother Giles was installed as a lector and assisted for several years the pastors of the former St. Martin of Tours Parish in Siberia and the former St. John Chrysostom Parish in New Boston, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese.

He was appointed Saint Meinrad's director of sanitation in 1975 and, in 1976, was certified by Purdue University as a licensed pesticide operator and applicator. He served on the board of directors of the Indiana Pest Control Association for eight years, including a term as its president.

Brother Giles also enjoyed directing traffic at the May and October Marian pilgrimages at Saint Meinrad's Our Lady of Monte Cassino Shrine and serving as a cooperative observer for the central region of the National Weather Service.

He was especially fond of trains and through the years assembled an elaborate model railroad display, complete with landscapes, road crossings and villages, which he eventually donated to the Dubois County Museum in Jasper, Ind.

Surviving are four sisters: Marcella Johnson of Port Byron, Ill.; Kathleen Kelly of Bloomington-Normal, Ill.; Dr. Patricia Mahieu of Stow, Ohio; Susan Polton of Davenport, Iowa; and a brother, Lawrence Mahieu of Davenport, Iowa.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577. †

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State champion overcomes the pain and strides toward a certain peace

By John Shaughnessy

The pain kept surging through Lily Cridge's petite body, challenging her, testing her, letting her know that this was the price to pay for going out too fast in this race, trying to match one of her toughest competitors.

That runner had faded, and Lily was still in first place, but as she fought the pain while running this final straightaway of the Indiana girls' high school cross-country state championship race on Oct. 29, the roar of the crowd let her know that another challenger was closing in fast on her.

Last year, Lily had won this race in stunning fashion as a junior, finishing more than 30 seconds in front of her nearest competitors on a rainy day when the course in Terre Haute was marked by mud and puddles. Now, the 17-year-old senior wanted to repeat as champion on a day filled with sunshine and more tough challengers than a year ago.

As she prepared for both races, the student at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis had prayed to God throughout the week—"just asking him to take away my worries, to save me from the stresses and anxieties I'm feeling."

Yet while she felt the pressure from herself to defend her title, she also believed she had gained a different perspective for this year's race.

"This year, I had a better handle on the pressure," says Lily, a member of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. "It was experience. And I have the mindset that whatever happens, everything will be OK. And I've already shown what I can do with my special abilities that God has given me. And so, no matter what happens during this race, everything will work out. And even if I do get passed, it's going to be OK. God is still going to love me. My family and friends are still going to be there for me."

As those family and friends cheered for her in the final straightaway, and as the

crowd roared about the heart-pounding, tightening race to the finish line, Lily made her own surge through her pain. With her one-word, inspirational motto, "DRIVE", written on her left leg, Lily found the gear she needed.

"The girl who was second behind me was closing in on me pretty hard, and so I just had to remember I needed to drive it home one last time. I was definitely pumping my arms and moving my legs pretty fast in that last straightaway."

Lily crossed the finish line first, three seconds ahead of the second-place runner, and collapsed to the ground, exhausted and exhilarated.

"It was so amazing," she says about her feeling at the finish. "Just seeing everybody—my family and friends. It was indescribable. It's one of my favorite feelings."

Getting up from the ground quickly, she turned toward the finish line where she started greeting and congratulating the other runners, especially praising the ones who had pushed her.

"I think I need to give back and congratulate them because they're amazing runners, too. I just wanted to give my respect to them."

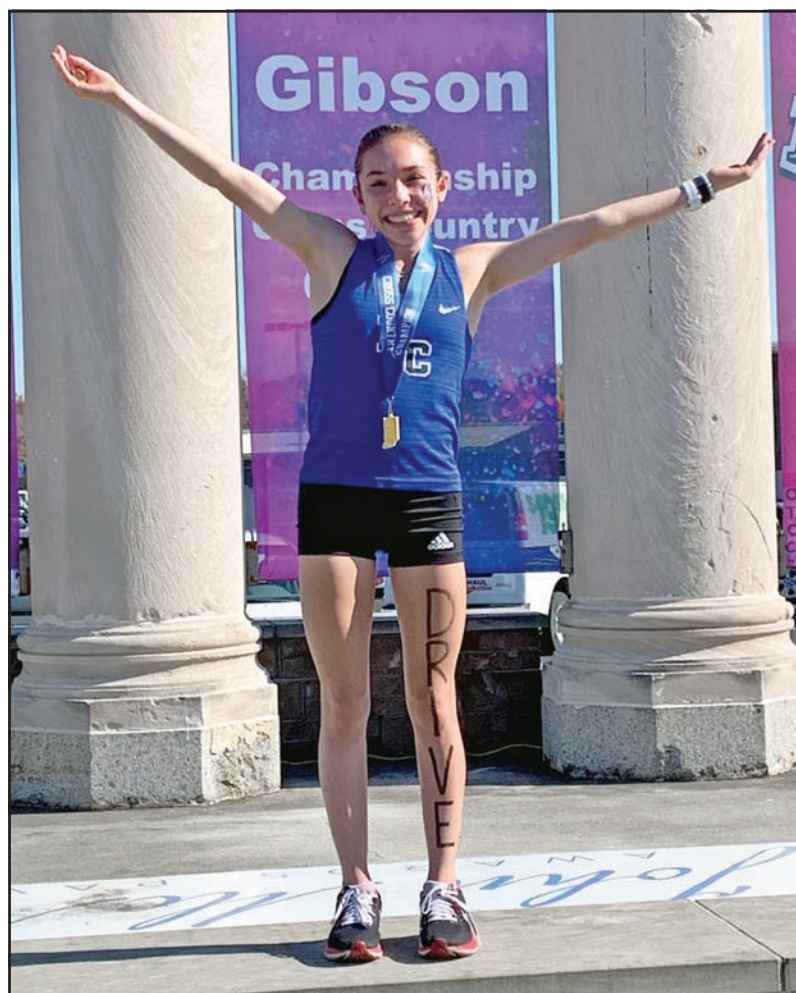
As she talks about her back-to-back state championships a few days after the race, Lily also offers praise to her high school coach these past four years, Dan Kinghorn.

"He's like my second dad," says the daughter of Matt and Jill Cridge. "I tell him everything. He's seen me at my lowest. He's seen me at my highest. He gets up at 5:15 in the morning and bikes with me when I run. He sacrifices as much as I sacrifice for the sport. The one thing I'll remember is him being so supportive, no matter what's going on with me."

She has a similar feeling about her relationship with God.

"It's definitely pretty strong," she says. "When I went to church the day after the race, I thanked him for everything he has done for me."

Lily made that prayer of thanks even as



Lily Cridge of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis celebrates finishing first—for the second year in a row—in the Indiana girls' high school cross-country state championship race on Oct. 29 in Terre Haute. (Submitted photo)

she has felt that God has tested her more than any competitor, especially when she has dealt with challenges that have limited her at times during her high school running career.

"The battle for me in the past has just been with my health, just asking God, 'Why would you have this happen to me when I have such a bright future? Why would you want to take running away from me when it's so much of my life—just such a pure joy?'"

"Even though he has definitely put me through a battle, I always say God gives his toughest battles to his strongest soldiers. I think he definitely gave me a tough battle, but together I've come back stronger. I've found those lowest of lows make me the strong person I am, and it makes me

appreciate the highs and wins even more. You're going to have highs and lows in life. That's just part of God's plan for you."

In this moment, the pain she felt during the race and the pain from her health issues are behind her. Lily soon flashes a smile that beams with pure joy.

It's the smile of someone who knows she has so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to, including knowing God will be there with her through it all.

(Stories about the state championship victories of the boys' soccer team of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis and the girls' volleyball team of Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville will be featured in upcoming issues.) †

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motivations for romantic relationships."

Tessa Soukup, a 22-year-old from Duluth, Minn., serving as a FOCUS missionary at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, struggled with the policy at first, wishing she could connect more readily with her boyfriend, Jacob.

"Is it hard?" she said. "Yes. But is it worth it? Even more so, yes. It truly is an opportunity to be stretched to learn how to love better, to discover where some of my priorities were not ordered.

Now I think of him throughout my week in moments, and think of ways I can share that with him when we do have our conversations. I look forward to sharing my week with him in that way, and I've learned to pray for him when I can't have that immediate gratification."

We can cave to the addiction of scrolling or we can pursue a freedom of heart.

Will it be hard? Yes.

But will it be worth it? Even more so, yes.

(Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) †

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In Washington, the Ethics and Public Policy Center has issued a statement, "Envisioning a Pro-Family Policy Agenda," that dovetails with much of what the bishops advocate. Authored by a dozen experts in law and policy, it has been endorsed by dozens more.

Another group has issued a "Joint Statement on building a post-Roe future" with similar goals.

The Ethics and Public Policy Center is commonly associated with conservative politics, while the second statement was co-authored by some seen as more liberal, such as professor Charles Camosy.

But their proposals overlap extensively with each other and with the bishops' goals. The authors realize that these goals are easier to state as general concepts than to turn into legislative language. (Full disclosure: I've endorsed both statements.)

The greatest challenge of all, however, will be to bring these proposals into a political climate in which demonizing one's political opponents is a virtue and

bipartisanship is seen as betrayal.

Among the legislative goals, for example, is improved support for pro-life pregnancy aid centers. But some abortion activists have vandalized or tried to destroy these centers—and Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts has declared that "we need to shut them down all around the country."

President Joe Biden's recent statement that promoting abortion will be his first priority if his party takes full control of the Senate included not a word about supporting other options for pregnant women.

Yet those options will be essential in states restricting abortion, so women will know where they can find help. And they will be essential in states promoting abortion, so these women won't feel social and economic pressure toward thinking that abortion is their only choice.

One advantage of divided government is that it may get politicians of both parties to finally sit down and talk about this.

(Richard Doerflinger worked for 36 years in the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.) †

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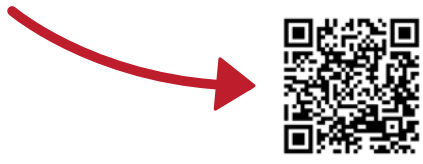
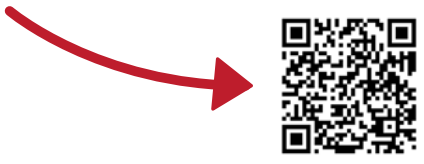
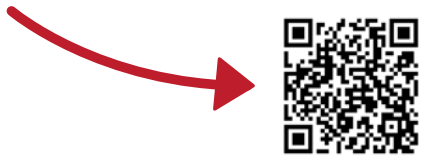


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