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## Teens honored for choosing abstinence until marriage

By Mary Ann Wyand

Marian College students Anne Elsener of Indianapolis and Dave Guarino of Madison were the keynote speakers for the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education's sixth annual recognition luncheon for chastity peer mentors April 14 at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

"Dave and I are here today to tell you that chastity is still possible in college," Elsener told the teen-agers, who responded with applause.

The event honored more than 300 central and southern Indiana high school students for their volunteer service as peer mentors in the A Promise to Keep: God's Gift of Human Sexuality program—the Office of Catholic Education's chastity program—and Peers Educating Peers about Positive Values, the program's public school curriculum.

Elsener is a 1997 graduate of Roncalli High School and a member of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis.

"You have remained abstinent throughout high school," she said. "It's important to make that decision again now, and real-

ize why you believe what you do, because as you enter college and adult life you will be faced with many compromising situations, when it's not so easy to make that decision.

"The decision to wait to have sex until marriage is a decision to save your self-esteem," Elsener said. "It's a decision to save yourself from sexually transmitted diseases. It's also the decision to be able to pursue your goals freely without the problems and the responsibilities of an unwanted pregnancy.

"Most of all, the decision to wait is a

decision to save yourself for one person, to build a relationship and a life with that person," she said. "It's a decision to be able to enter into the sacrament of marriage with the knowledge and the confidence that is based on true love and honesty and respect."

Guarino is a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison and was recently elected president of the Marian College Student Association.

"I want you all to know what an honor and a pleasure it is to stand before each of

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### Vatican in watercolor



A watercolor by Noelle Herrenschmidt from her book *Carnets du Vatican*, or *Vatican Notebooks*, depicts nuns ironing vestments in the pontifical sacristy. The French artist has been painting scenes from major Holy Year events at the Vatican.

CNS photo of painting

## Pope calls for new world order of peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Surrounded by an explosion of springtime color and a multitude of jubilee year pilgrims, Pope John Paul II celebrated the holiest day of the Christian calendar with a call for a new world order.

"The risen Christ signals the paths of hope along which we can advance together toward a world more just and mutually supportive, in which the blind egoism of the few will not prevail over the cries of pain of the many," the pope said in his traditional Easter address April 23.

Eclipsing all turnout predictions, a cheering crowd of 150,000 people packed

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Pope John Paul II lights the Paschal candle during Easter Vigil service in St. Peter's Square.

CNS photo from Reuters

## Artist captures closed world in paintings

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—When Pope John Paul II's jeep swung into St. Peter's Square at the end of a Palm Sunday procession, Noelle Herrenschmidt swung into action.

As thousands of pilgrims waved olive branches and snapped photos, the silver-haired artist sketched swiftly on a wide tablet. Then, plucking a brush from inside a vest pocket, she carefully applied color

to the page, occasionally dipping into a water-filled canister balanced on her makeshift easel.

The ochre tint of the square materialized in broad strokes, then small ovals of pink appeared—soon to be the faces of cardinals. Red vestments stood out against deep green palm branches.

By the time the pope and his entourage left the square a few minutes later, the

scene on paper was already coming together: another liturgical moment captured in watercolors.

Working quickly is an occupational hardship for Herrenschmidt, who has been quietly documenting life inside the Vatican for the last two years. She recently published a book of watercolors with scenes from Vatican City, and is now

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## Welcome new Catholics

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein anoints newly baptized Jeffery Phillips in confirmation during the Easter Vigil at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. At Phillips' right, Dawn Chandler—also baptized moments earlier—waits to be anointed with chrism. Father Richard Ginther, pastor of the cathedral parish, can be seen to the left of the archbishop. At far right is Don Critchlow, Phillips' sponsor.

For a list of those receiving the sacraments of initiation throughout the archdiocese, see page 10.

Photo by Margaret Nelson

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you, a keeper of the promise," he said. "I stand behind what the Promise to Keep program represents to the high school community and especially as you enter the college scene."

Sexual promiscuity is a serious problem on college campuses today, Guarino said. "It's a sad reality of college life that many students choose to have sex, even with people they do not know. And a lot of times people like to make the excuse that alcohol was a factor in their decision to have sex. That's not an acceptable excuse, yet people continue to use it again and again and again."

Many college students still choose to postpone sexual activity until marriage, Guarino said. And many collegians know other young adults who have learned the hard way that premarital sexual activity can result in pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

"It certainly isn't worth the risk of living in fear," he said, "wondering whether or not you have AIDS."

Guarino asked the teen-agers to stand and hold hands with other peer mentors, then to pledge again to postpone sexual activity until marriage.

"I challenge you to abstain from sexual activity throughout college," he said. "Remember this very moment [and your pledge]. Lead your life as God would want you to."

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and David Harris, an assistant to Indianapolis

Mayor Bart Peterson, thanked the high school students for promoting abstinence to middle school students. On behalf of the mayor, Harris also presented "key to the city" pins to the peer mentors from Indianapolis.

Eve Jackson, program coordinator, told the youth that "as positive role models you have done yourself a favor as well as helped thousands of middle school students in Indianapolis, Batesville, Nashville and the New Albany area."

Jackson said the program's public school curriculum is now available in 20 public school systems around the state and in other areas.

"We know that it is a tremendous challenge for you to continue to be positive role models, especially when the average age of marriage today is about 26," she said. "This depends upon whether being chaste is something you really believe in your heart."

College campuses can be dangerous, Jackson said, particularly if students attend parties.

"We want you to be street-smart," she said. "About 60 American women have died from overdoses of GHD, one of the date rape drugs, which was slipped into their drinks or soft drinks. And with 42,000 new cases of sexually transmitted diseases contracted by Americans every day, it is not surprising that one in three 24-year-olds has a sexually transmitted disease."

Statistics indicate that half of engaged couples break their engagements, she said, but the good news is that couples who save sex for marriage are 60 percent more likely to stay married. †

## Celebrating the jubilee in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis



### Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee

The major event of the archdiocese's Jubilee Year celebration will take place Sept. 16 in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis with Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee. Everyone in the archdiocese is invited to attend this special Mass to celebrate 2,000 years of Jesus Christ and the carrying forward of the faith into the new millennium.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and at least 20 other bishops and several archdiocesan priests will concelebrate Mass and confirm more than 2,500 people from the archdiocese. The Mass is scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m.

### Jubilee Masses for senior citizens and young adults

Celebration in the Spirit of Hope: The Great Jubilee will be the highlight of the Jubilee Year, but several other special Masses will be celebrated throughout the year. These Masses will focus on senior citizens and young adults, but are open to all. Archbishop Buechlein said the Masses will celebrate the contributions of those who have shouldered the faith through the past century and the younger generation that is being asked to carry it forward.

### Young Adult Masses (Ages 18-39)

- May 10 St. Mary Church, Richmond, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 15 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church New Albany, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 1 St. Paul Catholic Center Bloomington, 7 p.m.

Nov. 4 St. Louis Church, Batesville, 7:30 p.m.

### Senior Citizen Masses

- May 31 St. Andrew Church, Richmond, 2 p.m.
- Aug. 13 St. Ann Church, Terre Haute, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 22 St. Charles Borromeo Church Bloomington, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 19 St. Joseph Church, St. Leon, 2 p.m.

### Archdiocesan indulgence churches

The faithful can receive an indulgence—an amnesty of any temporal punishment accrued because of past sins—by making a pilgrimage to an indulgence church during the Jubilee Year. It is recommended that a sacramental confession and Eucharist be administered at the pilgrimage site to receive the indulgence. Pilgrims should also pray for the intentions of Pope John Paul II.

The designated indulgence churches are:

- SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis
- Immaculate Conception Church, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
- St. Andrew Church, Richmond
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, Bloomington
- St. Mary Church, New Albany
- St. Anthony Church, Morris
- Monte Cassino Chapel, St. Meinrad
- Holy Trinity Church, Edinburgh.

Readers should check with the individual churches for times of Masses and when confessions will be heard. †

## Official Appointments

Effective July 22, 2000

**Sister Marilyn Herber, S.P.**, parish life coordinator, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Indianapolis, reappointed to a three-year term.

**Rev. Patrick Doyle** appointed priest moderator, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish,

Indianapolis, while continuing his appointment as pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis, and dean of the North Deanery.

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



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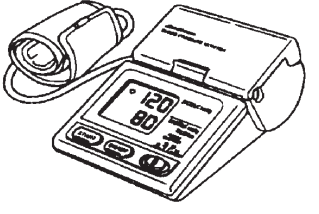
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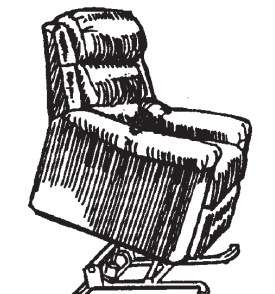
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# Catholic Home Missions Appeal is April 30

By Mary Ann Wyand

Home missions, and the need to support a variety of these local and national Church ministries, was the topic of a March 9 program at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis.

The Church's annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal is April 30.

Providence Sister Marikay Duffy, who grew up in St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, told Cardinal Ritter students that her religious vocation took her to South America for 10 years. When she returned to the archdiocese in the 1970s, [the late] Archbishop George J. Biskup asked her to minister to Hispanics living in Indianapolis.

"Archbishop Biskup said that we were beginning to have a number of Hispanic people moving to Indianapolis," Sister Marikay recalled. "He asked me if I would like to work for the archdiocese [in Hispanic ministry], so I worked at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis for a while. After that, we

looked at the situation and decided the archdiocese needed to offer more than just pastoral entities. Hispanic people needed opportunities for education, so we founded the Hispanic Education Center in Indianapolis in 1987."

The 1990 census reported 6,000 Hispanics living in Indianapolis and 12,000 Hispanics living in Marion County, she said, but the actual number was probably undercounted.

"We're expecting the 2000 census to say that there are 80,000 Hispanics living in Marion County," Sister Marikay said. "They come here from 21 Spanish speaking countries. Many of the people are uncomfortable here because they don't speak English. They are trying to learn the language."

High school students and adults can help with this important home mission, she said, by volunteering as tutors for Hispanics new to the city.

Just as missionaries travel to foreign

lands to bring the word of God to unchurched people, she said, home missionaries share the word of God with people.

"Being a missionary, sharing the word of God, sharing your Christian spirit, comes down to our attitude toward one another," she said. "You don't even have to step outside Cardinal Ritter High School to share your Christian beliefs and treat other people the way you want to be treated."

Msgr. James Lindenmeyer, a native of Batesville, said he began a lifetime ministry to Native Americans at the suggestion of the Indianapolis Archbishop Joseph Elmer Ritter, later named cardinal of St. Louis.

"He suggested I serve in the home missions in the Southwest," Msgr. Lindenmeyer said. "Since my ordination 52 years ago, I've been in the diocese of Gallup, N.M. Archbishop Ritter did me a great favor when he asked me to go out to New Mexico."

Msgr. Lindenmeyer said his ministry to Hopi and Navajo Indians in Arizona and New Mexico is challenging and rewarding.

"Years ago, there was not a Christian among them," he said. "Thanks be to God, within the last couple of years, we have been permitted to go onto the Hopi Indian Reservation to preach the Gospel. We have a little church there now, and a Vincentian priest and two Sisters of Charity are doing wonderful work there."

Msgr. Lindenmeyer said there are 200,000 Navajo Indians living on a reservation within the Gallup diocese and about 25,000 are now Catholic.

"Every tribe has its own language, government and laws," he said. "When you go to a reservation, even as a volunteer, you are expected to respect their culture. That's why, in our ministry to Native Americans, we teach them about God without interfering with their heritage, traditions and beliefs. Recently we ordained several Native American deacons. We want them to feel that it's not the white man's Church. It's their Church too. It's a Church for everyone." †

# Knights of Peter Claver hold conference in Indianapolis

By Charlene C. Duline

After four years of planning, the 62nd Northern District Conference of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary was held in Indianapolis April 14-16.

About 700 representatives of the Catholic organization from throughout the United States attended the conference, which was sponsored by the Indianapolis Central Committee. The Northern District includes Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The leaders of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary, Supreme Knight Jackie Elly and Supreme Lady Leodia Gooch, attended the convention.

Each of them is completing a six-year term and will turn over the offices to new leaders at the group's national convention in July. Elly and Gooch thanked the members of the Northern District for their support and commitment to the organization.

During the convention, Charles Jones and Shirley Hatfield were re-elected deputies for the Northern District.

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary focus on service to others, as did their patron, St. Peter Claver—a Jesuit priest who ministered to slaves in the early 1600s. St. Peter Claver worked in Cartagena, in what is today Colombia. At that time, Cartagena was the center of the slave trade. St. Peter Claver cared for and baptized more than 300,000 slaves

during his 40-year ministry.

The Knights of Peter Claver seek to render service to the Church and society through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The organization awards scholarships and through its Claver Basket Project donates to a worthy cause in the city hosting the annual district conference. This year more than \$1,000 was given to the Martin Sickle Cell Program. Other projects supported by the Clavers include Pennies From Heaven, which raises money for AIDS and drug-addicted babies.

Indiana Congresswoman Julia Carson was the keynote speaker at the organization's banquet. Indianapolis vocalist Brenda Williams and her accompanist, David Meek, entertained the delegates. A representative of

Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson's office presented a proclamation from the mayor proclaiming the weekend "Peter Claver Weekend."

The conference ended April 16 with a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese.

Many people helped plan the conference over the past four years. The planning was overseen by Curtis J. Guynn and Wanda Barrett.

(Charlene C. Duline is a member of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis and is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Court 201, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.) †

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## Editorials

### Welcome, pilgrims!

**W**elcome! Welcome to our 1,456 neophytes and new Catholics who were initiated or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church last week during the celebration of the Easter mysteries. We are very happy to have you with us as part of our family of faith. We realize that the journey has been long and that for many of you, it has been difficult; for some of you it may have been painful.

In the late fourth century, on the Second Sunday of Easter, St. Augustine, bishop of Hippo in North Africa, joyously welcomed the neophytes to the Church, calling them "little children in Christ ... gift of the Father, proof of Mother Church's fruitfulness ... a holy seed, a colony of bees, the very flower of our ministry and fruit of our toil, my joy and my crown" (*Sermo 8 in octava Paschae* 1, 4). Augustine seemed overwhelmed with happiness, with the joy of having these new sisters and brothers in the

Lord. We can only echo Augustine's enthusiasm.

Bask in the warmth of the joy of this marvelous Easter season, but keep in mind that you—and we—have not arrived at a destination (although it probably feels that way right now). The journey of faith—the journey to our ultimate destination in God—continues. But now, we walk together on life's pilgrimage. Let us promise to urge each other on, to help those who will stumble and fall, to encourage those who will want to give up, to guide those who will be tempted to take a different, seemingly smoother, route.

With St. Augustine, let us keep our eyes fixed on our true destination, knowing that our hearts will be restless until we rest in the Lord.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! †

— William R. Bruns

### When the sun refused to shine

**W**ere you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to a tree? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there... ?

Last weekend, the sun refused to shine in Miami. During the early morning darkness, on Holy Saturday, agents of the federal government stormed the home of a Cuban-American family and seized a 6 year-old boy in order to reunite him with his father. Many in Miami, and throughout the world, were given cause to tremble last weekend by the Associated Press wire photo images of a screaming child "liberated" by storm troopers. How did this happen? How did Elian Gonzales, who survived a courageous escape from Cuba, shipwreck, and the death of his mother, end up in the middle of this predawn nightmare? Shame on those "responsible adults" in his family, in the news media and in the two nations that claim him, for allowing this innocent little boy to be so cruelly exploited for the sake of ideology, politics and the insatiable appetites of the news and entertainment industry.

Surely they are right who say, "The

boy belongs with his father." But it is also true that this courageous little boy deserves to grow up in a free land—the kind of nation that his mother died to give him, one that espouses liberty and justice for all. These two competing claims—the father's unquestioned right to his son and his Cuban-American family's ardent desire to raise him as his mother intended—must be adjudicated by wise and impartial judges in a court of law. The endless posturing and exploitation by politicians and family members on both sides of the argument are, at best, an embarrassment to the Castro and Clinton administrations and, at worst, an inexcusable form of child abuse.

The tragic "rescue" of Elian Gonzales happened on Holy Saturday, the one day in the Church year when we allow our hope for the future to lie buried with Christ in the grave. Let's pray this Easter season that the love of Christ, which proves itself over and over again as a force stronger than the culture of death, will revive our hope—for the Gonzales family and for all who cherish freedom.

— Daniel Conway

(Daniel Conway is a member of the editorial committee of the board of directors of Criterion Press, Inc.) †

## Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



# Jubilee celebration for everyone; will launch major outreach

**O**n Easter Sunday, we were invited to renew our profession of faith and our baptismal promises. Once more we owned our Christian vocation. We were invited to renew our commitment to live as Jesus taught and to live as Jesus lived as best we can.

Of course, this is an extraordinary challenge for all of us! Yet by the grace of baptism and the grace of the sacrament of confirmation, we can meet the challenge if we choose to do so. Our choice is further strengthened over and over again by our regular participation in the Eucharist and in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

During this year of jubilee, we have an extraordinary opportunity to find new energy and strength to live our Christian vocation. With this in mind, I want to say a little bit more about our archdiocesan jubilee observance, "Celebration in the Spirit of Hope," which will take place at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on September 16, 2000. It is for everyone, so please mark your calendars now for the 2:30 p.m. (EST) celebration! During the celebration, the sacrament of confirmation will be administered to any and all archdiocesan candidates of this year 2000. It might be helpful if I describe a little more in depth our vision concerning this once-in-a-millennium jubilee observance.

First of all, the Great Jubilee in itself calls for an archdiocesan-wide observance of the 2,000th anniversary of our redemption. Why? Because we are the Church in central and southern Indiana, and we need to see ourselves in communion with the observance of the universal Church at this propitious time. This is an opportunity to counter an isolationist mentality about our archdiocesan Church and our role in the universal Church.

Secondly, we also gather as an archdiocese so that our 152 parish communities in our 39 counties can visualize that we are all part of a larger communion of parishes. Once in awhile we need to actually see and experience that our parishes are not islands unto themselves. The second millennial jubilee is a wonderful time to do so.

There is a third reason to join together as an archdiocesan community. It is important not only to come together to celebrate the notable 2,000th anniversary of our salvation, but also because our archdiocese has been extraordinarily blessed by God, especially in recent years. We need to

thank God together.

The fourth reason has to do with our Journey of Hope 2001. We have now arrived at the third theme of celebration, namely a new evangelization. Simply put, we long for a new sense of mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ. In our mission of evangelization, we want to reach out to those of our faith who have left us or who, for whatever reason, are not practicing the faith. We will also reach out to those among us who have no Church home. We will spread wide the call, "Come home, come in." Our Great Jubilee celebration in the RCA Dome is the occasion on which we launch this third theme of our Journey of Hope. We will do so by invoking God's blessing on our shared venture for the future.

The fifth reason for our common celebration flows from our vocation as Catholics. By virtue of our baptism and confirmation, every Catholic is called to participate in our Church's mission of evangelization, that is, to tell the good news of our salvation. For this reason, it is eminently appropriate that the sacrament of confirmation should be part of our Great Jubilee celebration as we gather to pray for our future and for God's blessing on our evangelization mission. It will be a privilege, and undoubtedly a memorable occasion, for the confirmation recipients of 2000 to have been part of the historic Great Jubilee celebration and the inauguration of our special evangelization effort. I am sure they will always remember the day they were confirmed!

A great deal of planning and work has already gone into making this "Celebration in the Spirit of Hope" an exciting jubilee observance for our Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It will be an awesome experience of prayer and a heart-warming experience of solidarity and pride in our common faith. More details will be forthcoming as the time draws nearer. Meanwhile, again, I remind you to mark your calendars.

Please join in preparing for this historic opportunity of new grace for our archdiocese with your prayers. Let's get ready by special prayer so that we will truly offer special thanks to God for our redemption in Jesus Christ. Let's prepare our minds and hearts to invoke the gifts of the Holy Spirit for our mission of living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. †

### Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

**Seminarians:** that they will be faithful to prayer and study, and persevere in their desire to serve God and the Church as priests.



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¡Claro está que este es un desafío extraordinario para todos! No obstante, por la gracia del bautismo y la gracia del sacramento de la confirmación, podemos enfrentar este desafío si elegimos hacerlo. Cada vez más nuestra elección se fortalece a través de nuestra participación regular en la Eucaristía y en el sacramento de penitencia y reconciliación.

Durante este año del jubileo, tenemos la oportunidad extraordinaria de encontrar nueva energía y fuerza para vivir nuestra vocación cristiana. Teniendo esto presente, quiero mencionar un poco más acerca de la observancia de jubileo en nuestra archidiócesis. "Celebración en el Espíritu de Esperanza," que tendrá lugar en el RCA Dome en Indianápolis el 16 de septiembre de 2000. Es para todos, así que ponga la fecha en sus calendarios para la celebración a las 2:30 p.m. (EST)! Durante la celebración, se dará el sacramento de confirmación a todo y cualquier candidato de la archidiócesis del año 2000. Quizá sea útil que yo describa un poco más detalladamente nuestra visión concerniente a esta observancia que sucede sólo una vez por milenio.

Primero de todo, el Gran Jubileo requiere que haya una observancia del aniversario de nuestra redención 2000 por todas partes de la archidiócesis. ¿Por qué? Porque somos la Iglesia en el centro y sur de Indiana, y necesitamos ver el uno al otro en comunión con la observancia de la Iglesia universal a este momento oportuno. Esta es una oportunidad de oponerse a una mentalidad aislacionista sobre nuestra Iglesia de la archidiócesis y nuestro papel en la Iglesia universal.

Segundo, como una archidiócesis nos reunimos para que nuestras 152 comunidades parroquiales en nuestros 39 condados puedan visualizar que somos parte de una comunión de parroquias mayor. De vez en cuando necesitamos ver y experimentar realmente que nuestras parroquias no son totalmente distintas. El segundo Jubileo del milenio es el tiempo perfecto para hacerlo.

Hay una tercera razón para reunirnos como una comunidad de la archidiócesis. Es importante no sólo reunirnos para celebrar el aniversario 2000 de nuestra salvación, sino también porque nuestra archidiócesis ha sido tremendamente bendecida por Dios, sobre todo en los años recientes. Nos falta agradecer a Dios juntamente.

La cuarta razón tiene que ver con nuestro Viaje de Esperanza hacia el 2001. Ya hemos llegado al tercer tema de la celebración, es decir una nueva evangelización. En términos sencillos, anhelamos un nuevo sentido de misión para compartir las buenas nuevas de Jesucristo. En nuestra misión de evangelización, queremos ayudarles a aquellas personas que han salido de la iglesia o, por alguna razón, no están practicando la fe. También trataremos de llegar a aquellas personas entre nosotros que no tengan una iglesia hogar. Divulgaremos la llamada por todos lados, "Regresen a casa, pasen". Nuestra gran celebración del jubileo en el RCA Dome es cuando podremos lanzar este tercer tema de nuestro Viaje de Esperanza. Vamos a hacer esto usando la bendición de Dios en nuestra aventura hacia el futuro.

La quinta razón para nuestra celebración común viene de nuestra vocación como católicos. En virtud de nuestro bautismo y confirmación, se llama a cada católico para que participe en la misión de evangelización de nuestra iglesia, es decir, divulgar las buenas nuevas de nuestra salvación.

Por esta razón, es sumamente apropiado que el sacramento de la confirmación debe ser parte de nuestra gran celebración del jubileo mientras que nos reunimos para rogar por nuestro futuro y por la bendición de Dios en nuestra misión de evangelización. Será un privilegio y, sin duda, una ocasión inolvidable para los recipientes de la confirmación de 2000 al participar en la gran celebración histórica del jubileo y de la inauguración de nuestro esfuerzo especial de evangelización. ¡Estoy seguro de que recordarán siempre el día de su confirmación!

Se ha hecho mucho para asegurar que esta "Celebración en el Espíritu de Esperanza" sea una observancia del Jubileo emocionante para nuestra Iglesia en la Archidiócesis de Indianápolis. Será una experiencia impresionante de rezo y conmovedora de la solidaridad y del orgullo en nuestra fe común. Se divulgarán más detalles próximamente. Mientras tanto, les recuerdo una vez más que pongan la fecha en sus calendarios.

Favor de prepararse con nosotros en esta oportunidad histórica de nueva gracia para nuestra archidiócesis a través de sus oraciones. Preparémonos con una oración especial para que realmente podamos dar gracias a Dios por nuestra rendición por Jesucristo. Preparémonos nuestras mentes y corazones para invocar los dones del Espíritu Santo para nuestra misión de vivir y compartir las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo. †

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## La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

**Seminaristas:** ¡Que ellos sean fieles a la oración y estudien, y continúen en su deseo de servir a Dios y la Iglesia como sacerdotes!

## Letters to the Editor

### Opening wedding gifts early

I wanted to thank Father Daniel Mahan for the beautiful editorial (*The Criterion*, April 14) on the Church's present dilemma concerning couples who approach the sacrament of matrimony while living together. It needed to be said.

I greatly admire how the Church has chosen to look through the eyes of Jesus in welcoming cohabitating couples who want to have a sacramental marriage. It must be painful and challenging for the priests to remain nonjudgmental and open in preparing these couples who have chosen a lifestyle contrary to the will of God.

It is sad that our society has seemingly come to accept cohabitating couples.

However, we can continue to speak out as Father Mahan has, in quoting the statistics that tell us that the failure rate of cohabitating couples far exceeds that of couples who wait for sex until marriage. And let's face it, sex is the number-one reason why couples cohabit. The power of sex has clouded their minds, denying them of the freedom to make one of the most profound decisions they will ever make and will impact them the rest of their lives.

My husband and I have been working in various marriage preparation ministries for almost 20 years. We can tell in a minute which couples are cohabitating. The excitement and anticipation, the "sparkle" and endearing looks of love are rarely there. Unfortunately, also missing

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### Research for the Church/James D. Davidson

## What Catholics believe about the Real Presence

(Last in a series on the Eucharist)

In Part I of this series on the Eucharist, I showed that the percentage of American



Catholics attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion has declined since the 1950s. Meanwhile, the ratio of Catholics receiving Communion to Catholics attending Mass has risen from slightly more than half

in the 1950s to just over 80 percent in the 1990s.

In Part II, I reported that, even though today's Catholics don't attend Mass and receive Communion as often as they might, most believe the Eucharist is an important component of their personal faith.

Now, in Part III, I show that most Catholics also agree with the Church's teaching that in Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ.

In 1994, colleagues and I did a statewide survey of Catholic parishioners in Indiana. In a series of questions about their religious beliefs and practices, we asked Indiana Catholics whether they agreed with the statement: "In Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ." Eighty-seven percent agreed. Seven percent were uncertain. Only 6 percent disagreed.

In 1997, Dean Hoge, William Dinges, Mary Johnson and Juan Gonzales used the same item in their national survey of American Catholics. This time, more than 80 percent of Catholics agreed. The researchers found no significant differences between age groups. As Hoge reported in a recent paper, "All age groups," including young adults, "agreed that in the Mass the bread and wine are actually transformed into the body and blood of Christ."

Also in 1997, the Roper polling company found that 82 percent of Catholics believe that, "The bread and wine used in Mass are actually transformed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ." All three studies point to the same conclusion: that the vast majority of Catholics believe that Christ is really present in the Eucharist.

One well-known study suggests otherwise. In *The New York Times* (June 1, 1994), Peter Steinfels summarized a national survey in which American Catholics were asked whether the bread and wine are "changed into the body and blood of Christ," or are "symbolic reminders of Christ."

Steinfels reports that "almost two-thirds of American Catholics believe that during Mass, the central sacred ritual of Catholicism, the bread and wine can best

be understood as 'symbolic reminders of Christ' rather than as actually being changed into Christ's body and blood." He also says: "Even among the subgroups of Catholics who said they attended Mass every week or almost every week, 51 percent described the rite as strictly symbolic." As further evidence of a "hollowing out" of belief in this vital area, he shows that younger Catholics are most inclined toward a symbolic view of the Eucharist.

What are we to make of the apparent conflict between Steinfels' findings and the results of the other three studies I have summarized? I believe that the other three studies accurately portray what Catholics believe about the Real Presence. They describe the Real Presence in language that lay people understand, and they yield consistent results. Steinfels' analysis is more problematic. He frames the issue of Real Presence as a choice between the bread and wine becoming the body and blood of Christ or being purely symbolic. This "either-or" formulation overlooks a third possibility: that the bread and wine are symbols of Christ and become the body and blood of Christ. This "both/and" approach is deeply rooted in Catholic theology. (St. Thomas Aquinas said, "We do not understand that Christ is there only as in a sign, although a sacrament is a kind of sign.") It also is found in songs Catholics sing during Mass (in the song "We Remember," Catholics sing, "We bring the bread and wine to share a meal. A sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.") If Steinfels had offered his respondents a category reflecting this "both/and" point of view, I think most would have chosen it. It would have given them a chance to say what I think they really believe: that the bread and wine are symbolic reminders of Christ, and they are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. If I'm right, their response would be consistent with Church teachings and the other studies I have cited.

Clearly, we need more research before we know for sure what Catholics believe about the Real Presence. Researchers should interview Catholics, asking them to interpret the Real Presence in their own words. We also should design a variety of survey questions that capture a Catholic understanding of Real Presence and allow respondents to express what they really believe. In the meantime, we should assume that the vast majority of American Catholics—including young adults—agree with the Church's teaching that the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ in both substance and symbol.

(James D. Davidson is professor of sociology at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.) †

## Check It Out . . .

**Our Lady of Lourdes 10th annual Spring Benefit Sunday** is April 30 at the Eastside Mariott, 7202 E. 21st St., in Indianapolis. The event will begin with a reception at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Father Joseph Brown, chaplain of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, is the speaker. The topic is "The Impact of a Catholic Education." The cost for the dinner, which includes free baby-sitting, is \$35 per person. Proceeds will help furnish the new addition to the school and will also contribute to the endowment, which will address future needs of students and the school. For reservations or more information, call Colleen Kenney at 317-353-9642 or the parish rectory at 317-356-7291 during regular business hours.

**A weekly Mass in Spanish will be offered at St. Gabriel Parish**, 6000 W. 34th St., in Indianapolis, each Sunday beginning on April 30. Father Jim Rogers, a retired priest of the Diocese of Evansville now living in Indianapolis, will celebrate the Mass. For more information, call the parish at 317-291-7014.

**The Indianapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will host its 51st semi-annual convention** on May 16-17 at the Ramada Inn in Columbus. Each day begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. The registration is \$10 plus meals. The deadline to register is May 10. For more information, call Ruth Ann Hunt at 812-372-7543.

The Department of Nursing at Marian College in Indianapolis is offering **free information sessions concerning parish nursing** on May 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and on July 1 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The sessions will be held at Stokely Mansion

on the campus of Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road. Parish nurses focus on health and disease prevention with their faith community, which could be located in a church, temple, synagogue or mosque. The focus is on the interweaving of mind, body and spirit with its influence on the health of the individual. Marian College will offer a parish nursing course over eight Saturdays beginning on Aug. 26. For more information, call 317-955-6132.

**St. Mary School in North Vernon will hold an alumni celebration** on April 29. All graduates and former students of the school are invited to attend. The event will begin with Mass at 6 p.m. A meal will follow in the parish center. An open house will be held in the newly renovated school. The alumni dance will begin at 9 p.m. in the parish center. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call 812-346-3445.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers is offering **free anxiety screenings** on May 3 from 3-7 p.m. in the Hamacheck Conference Room at the Beech Grove hospital location at 1600 Albany St. The free screening program will include an educational presentation, an anxiety questionnaire, a private meeting with a mental health professional and a referral, if appropriate. For more information, call 317-782-6689.

**"The Gospel According to John,"** an original one-man drama performed by actor Leonardo Defilippis, will be held June 10 at 7 p.m. at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Content is suitable for ages 10 and up. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 317-823-8229.

The MONY Group and the Indiana Osteopathic Association will sponsor the **IOA/MONY Golf Classic** on May 3 at the Plum Creek Golf course in Carmel. Tee-off is at noon. The cost to play is \$100 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Riley Hospital for Children's Sickle Cell Treatment Program. For more information, call Rod Reason at 317-913-3360, ext. 15.

**A 12-Step Serenity Weekend** will be held May 5-7 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in southern Indiana. The fee for a resident is \$95/single or \$85/double. The fee for a commuter is \$70. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required. For more information, call 812-923-8817.

"The Following of Christ after Mid-Life," a **retreat for women religious**, will be held June 11-16 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis. Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman is the presenter. The registration fee is \$230.

The deadline to register is May 26. For more information, call 317-545-7681.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, will preside at the dedication ceremony of the new **Archdiocesan SPRED (Special Religious Education Program) Training and Observation Center for Special Religious Education** on May 7 at 3 p.m. at the SPRED training center located in the St. Andrew Parish School, 4050 E. 38th St., in Indianapolis. For more information, call the SPRED office at 317-377-0592.

St. Michael Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis, will host **Divine Mercy Sunday** on April 30. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and reflection on Divine Mercy, procession and Benediction will be from 3-4 p.m. Silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 4-4:30 p.m. †

## VIPs . . .



**Michael and Margaret Fedorchak** of Bloomington will mark their 50th anniversary on April 29. The couple was married on April 29, 1950, at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church in Jessup, Pa. They have one child, Paul Fedorchak, and

one grandchild. The Fedorchaks are members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington.

**Michael Faulkner**, an eighth-grader at St. Mark School in Indianapolis, served as a Senate page for State Sen. Lawrence Borst on Feb. 29. Faulkner spent a day at the Statehouse assisting senators and Senate staff members with a variety of legislative duties and learning about the structure of Indiana's government.

**Nigel Bigbee**, a sophomore at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, served as a Senate page for State Senator Glenn Howard on Jan. 28. Bigbee spent a day at the Statehouse assisting senators and Senate staff members with a variety of legislative duties and learning about the structure of Indiana's government. †

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## Pope says modernity fosters culture of death

By Lawrence S. Cunningham

In the 20th century, more people died for their faith than during the entire period of the Roman persecutions. That fact is part of what Pope John Paul II means when he talks about modernity fostering a “culture of death.”

Actually, it is possible to detect something like a “theology of martyrdom” in the recent activities and writings of Pope John Paul II. His hope is that people will recognize the reality of martyrdom today.

In 1994, Pope John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter, “On the Coming of the Third Millennium,” outlining his hopes for the celebration of the Jubilee Year 2000.

He said the Vatican would update the lists of martyrs (called “martyrologies”) “paying particular attention to the holiness of those who in our own time lived fully the truth of Christ.”

We can see that the pope has emphasized this initiative. In the jubilee year he will beatify a number of martyrs coming from different times and places. On May 7, he presides over a ceremony in Rome’s Colosseum honoring those who died for their faith in the 20th century.

The 1994 papal letter explicitly noted that “the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants.”

The pope also asked local Churches, insofar as possible, to collect the stories of martyrs in their area and preserve them.

Judging from the pope’s own remarks and from the reflections of theologians, one could advance three important reasons for this emphasis by the pope on martyrdom.

First, to recall the martyrs, especially

modern and contemporary martyrs, is to remind the Church that martyrdom is not a phenomenon only of the distant past.

If we were to create stained-glass windows today with the symbols of martyrs, we would not use palm branches, or Catherine’s wheel, or Laurence’s gridiron. Rather, we would depict electric prods, bullets in the back of the neck and gas chambers.

There is also the sad fact that many contemporary martyrs died at the hands of those who claimed to kill in defense of “Christian civilization,” as the story of many martyrs in Central and Latin America attests.

Second, the example of the martyrs reminds us that because certain values and certain truths are so fundamental, they can and must be defended even to the death when they are challenged.

In other words, martyrdom is the ultimate testimony to truth. The link between martyrdom and truth played an important part of Pope John Paul’s encyclical *The Splendor of Truth*, where the pope argued that certain moral truths were always to be observed.

One sign of the Church’s belief that fundamental truths cannot be compromised is the honor it pays to those who give up their lives for those truths. The witness of the martyrs both testifies to the truth of the Gospel and is an instrument of evangelization.

Third, the pope’s jubilee-year emphasis on martyrs is linked to his constant preaching about the universal call to holiness.

Vatican Council II in the 1960s insisted that everyone is called to holiness. The council also noted that some few are given the grace of martyrdom—the highest expression of holiness. After all, to die for Christ is to die in imitation of Christ.

## Pope to honor witnesses of faith

By David Gibson

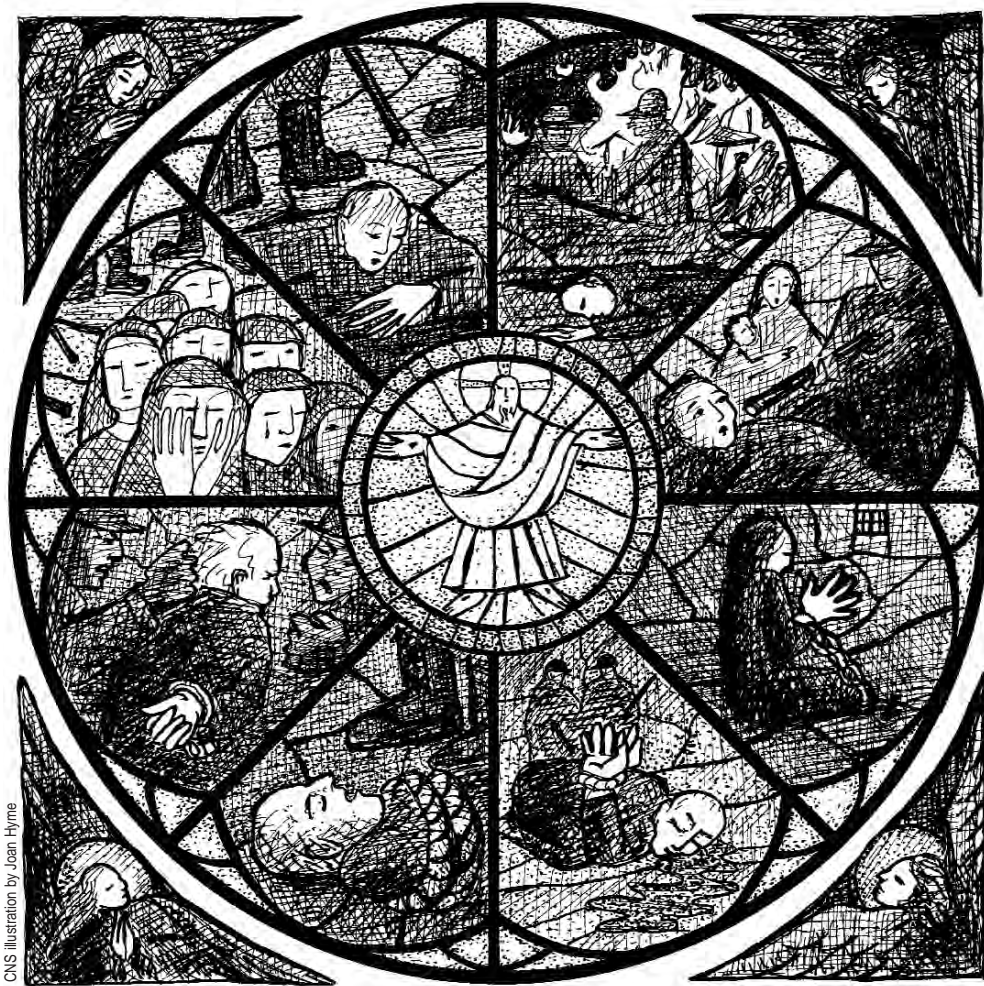
There is a distinction between “martyrdom” in a “broad” sense and in a “strict” sense, the Vatican Congregation for Saints Causes said in January.

The May 7 papal celebration in Rome’s Colosseum, and local celebrations, honor the memory of the “new martyrs,” whose deaths have not yet been recognized by the Church as true martyrdom

and are called simply “witnesses of the faith.”

The celebrations are reserved to those who shed their blood for Christ and the Gospel, and not for any other ideal. On this day, Christians will be asked to reflect on “the universal vocation to holiness,” their “baptismal commitment” and Christ’s call to “bear heroic witness.”

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!) †



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In order to underscore the fact that holiness is found in all places and under quite different circumstances, the pope has beatified martyrs from very different places.

Recently, in Rome, he beatified martyrs who had suffered and died in the Philippines, Brazil and Vietnam, as well as 10 religious sisters shot by the Nazis in 1943 in the Belarus.

Within the past few years, the pope has beatified martyrs who suffered in Africa, Korea, Japan, China, Poland, Spain and many other parts of Europe and the Americas.

By emphasizing the geographical diversity of martyrdom in the modern age, the local Church’s vigor also is underscored. The places where martyrs suffered were specific, and the circumstances under which they died were different.

At the same time, all martyrs had something in common: a firm grasp of

Gospel truth and the grace (martyrdom, after all, is a grace) to witness unto death. So the martyrs also testify to the universality of the Gospel.

Finally, as the pope said in his 1994 letter, when we honor the martyrs we do so conscious of the fact that many who died in the name of Christ were not Roman Catholics. The communion of the saints “speaks louder than the things that divide us,” he wrote.

Martyrdom, then, is a complex sign that reflects the imitation of Christ, the value of truth, the vigor of the local Church and the struggle against sin and evil. As such, martyrdom today, as it was in the earliest centuries, is the seed from which the Church grows in vigor.

(Lawrence Cunningham is a theology professor at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind.) †

## Discussion Point

### Christians are called to service

#### This Week’s Question

How—under what circumstances—can ordinary people resemble the martyrs in “giving their lives” today?

“Generally, I think that people are too materialistic today. There are some people who are willing to give their lives totally to their children and to their families, but I would say that they are in the minority.” (David Earls, Erie, Pa.)

“When I teach, I ask the same question: Who can we think of today who go out on a limb to free the oppressed? Often people respond with teachers, doctors, lay ministers. Sometimes the common acts of faith, hope and love are not recognized on the scale of Mother Teresa, Gandhi or Martin Luther King Jr., yet I know that the Lord recognizes all such acts of liberation.” (Deborah Harris, Fairbanks, Alaska)

“When we remember departed souls in the eucharistic prayers, the priest says, ‘In baptism he/she died in Christ.’ Anyone who truly tries to be a follower of Jesus sacrifices his/her life; it is not easy to be a Christian in today’s world.” (Irina Clark, Schenectady, N.Y.)

#### Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: Describe a time when the meaning of a sacrament, the meaning of God, the meaning of commitment or the meaning of justice was illuminated for you.

To respond for possible publication, write to *Faith Alive!* at 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100. †



From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Why I'm a Catholic: the free gift of faith

(First in a series)



Early in January of this year, I was asked to speak to the group of inquirers participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at my parish about why I'm a Catholic. I appreciated the assignment because it made me consider what my faith means to me.

During this and the next couple weeks, I'll write some of what I told that group.

First of all, I'm a Catholic because, through nothing I've done to deserve it, God has given me the free gift of faith. Perhaps I should stop right there because that's the answer to the question, "Why are you a Catholic?" Nobody is a Catholic without that free gift from God. There are millions of good people in the world who have never received that gift of faith, and I thank God for giving it to me.

I received that gift shortly after I was born when my Catholic parents had me

baptized. I was then fortunate to be given a good Catholic education in elementary school, high school and at the University of Notre Dame. Even during most of the two years I was in the Air Force, my office as Information Services Officer was across the hall from the Catholic chaplain, and I was able to go to his daily Masses. Then, after my Air Force service, I've devoted my professional life to work in the Catholic press. I married a graduate of a Catholic women's college, and our seven children were educated in Catholic schools. Therefore, all my life has been devoted in one way or another to the Catholic Church.

Nevertheless, everyone at one time or another must make his or her own acceptance, or rejection, of Catholicism. This usually happens during adolescence or shortly thereafter—when young men and women are discovering who they are. Sometimes the process includes a period of rebellion although, in my case, any rebellion was pretty slight.

I'm a Catholic today because I've learned through the years that the Catholic

Church is what it claims to be: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. That's what we say we believe when we recite the Nicene Creed each Sunday during Mass.

I've discovered it is one Church in its teachings—always the same whether you're here in Indianapolis or in South America, or Asia, or anyplace else in the world that I've visited. Every Catholic Church is ultimately under the jurisdiction of the pope.

Naturally, since people have been given a great variety of gifts and they come from different cultures, there is great diversity within the Church. But that diversity does not destroy its unity. I found that Churches in India, for example, have much different traditions than those in Germany or Indianapolis. Eastern Rite Catholic Churches have their own distinctive liturgies. As a journalist, I also recognize the pluralism that exists in the Catholic Church and disagreements, sometimes heated, over various issues. Nevertheless, all Catholics profess one faith, agree on all the essentials, and celebrate the same seven sacraments. †

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

## How to respond when faith is challenged

Most of us know life presents great challenges. This month I spent time with a couple, Marie and Artie Pelligrini, whose son, Joe, was gunned down in his car on a city street.



Now this month they had another, most difficult trauma to endure. Artie Pelligrini, only 59, had a stroke and is

paralyzed on the left side of his body. While the couple have great faith in God, in their heart of hearts I know they ask, "Haven't we had enough?"

Yet, as they face many new adjustments, they accept the fact that there are no satisfactory answers to why they are being hit again with such pain. They are trusting in God to help them get through this, as he has helped them get through the death of their beloved son.

This same month I had a call from Michael Barrett, a writer and musician who had played the cello at the wedding of Stuart and Laura Brush. They've lost one son to suicide and one to murder.

Laura Brush, a musician, and her husband, a Methodist minister, never capitulated to despair, never gave up on God. On the contrary, they always have turned to God, believing in his sustaining grace.

I have met so many beautiful people who refused to be destroyed by the trauma that plunged them into darkness. In so many ways, they chose life. Barrett is also one of these people. He touched me deeply when he sent me a book he had written called *The Silent Stream*, reflective meditations from his soul.

It was clear from his words that he long had suffered from the type of malady that tormented my late son, Peter, the illness they call variations on manic depression. Having grown up surrounded by 60 acres of woodland, where he literally absorbed the beauty of nature, Barrett kept going back to the woods, hoping to find in these places what could save him.

Time after time, surrounded by the beauty of nature, he found the healing that would endure. It was there, in the midst of nature's beauty, that he felt, and rejoiced in, the presence of God and the

discovery of his own brightness:

"The brightness of a day has little to do with whether or not the sun shines, or whether or not we have an electric lamp handy. No, our brightness is a measure of how transparent we are to the divine light whose rays consist of grace and peace beyond our understanding."

Barrett told me he put his reflections in writing so that people, devastated by pathos, "could find a voice that speaks to them," because, he added poetically, "nobody is out there waltzing through the park."

If everyone could understand the truth about how we can find the light that gets us out of darkness, as Barrett has, their faith, when shaken, would become strong. When you've been "devastated by pathos," Barrett said, "you have to find a voice that talks to you." He has.

His book (Serenity Press, Plainfield, Conn.) is "a gift given back," he said, explaining that "when you have gained some kind of healing, you go to help those still in the darkness."

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

## Calling all poetry lovers to Fatima Retreat House

The first full month of spring is nearly spent, but how many realize that April brought National Poetry Month, too? It's a perfect time to tell readers about a program for those who love poetry and seek spiritual growth.



In fact, "Reading Poetry for Spiritual Growth" is the name of a Sept. 22-24 week-

end at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. All the presenters are well grounded in the Catholic tradition:

David Impastato, a published poet, is editor of *Upholding Mystery: An Anthology of Contemporary Christian Poetry*. Peggy Rosenthal's books include *The Poet's Jesus* and an anthology, *Divine Inspiration: The Life of Jesus in the World of Poetry*. Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, a monk at Saint Meinrad Archabbey and a former professor of English literature who taught poetry for 13 years, will preside at the eucharistic liturgies.

Besides having such knowledgeable leaders, retreatants will also be given a booklet of poems suitable for meditation, a guide to reading poetry, and a bibliography

for future reading.

Poet William Carlos Williams, a practicing physician who posthumously earned the 1963 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, is well known for this poetic quotation: "It is difficult to get the news from poems, yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there." Think about that a moment.

News is not meant to be poetic, but the human spirit needs more than the "who, what, when, where, why and how" of journalism. We also need thought-provoking insights, ideas and challenges through editorials, columns, poetry and poetic prose. Just as Fatima will do in September with poetry, *The Criterion* provides this, too—in addition to the news and other articles.

"My Journey to God" is a regular poetic feature. Although I contribute to this from time to time, I'm always more interested in what others write; and I often clip someone else's work to keep or share. Sharing is what poets do best, even when done quietly as with Emily Dickinson, most of whose poetry wasn't discovered till after her death. And poets

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do this with language that's incisive or rhetorical, descriptive or prayerful, introspective or questioning.

Whether coming away from reading *The Criterion* or attending Fatima's poetry

retreat, let's hope we echo the last lines of three stanzas written by Catholic poet Robert Hugh Benson: "This ... have I learnt, that God is love" and "This have I heard, His voice within my soul" and "This ... have I felt,

Christ's hand in mine." Coincidentally, Benson's poem is entitled "After a Retreat" from the 1937 printing of Joyce Kilmer's *Anthology of Catholic Poems*.

(Editor's Note: Additional information about the poetry retreat can be obtained by writing Fatima Retreat House, 5353 East 56th St., Indianapolis 46226 or by calling 317-545-7681.)

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Journey of Faith/Fr. John Buckel

## Forgiven, not forgotten

(Sixth in a series on the Gospel of John)

"Where were you guys when I really needed you? You all fell asleep in the



Garden of Gethsemani and then you ran away when the soldiers came. So much for loyalty. Why didn't any of you try to stop Judas? I've had it. I'm going back where I came from."

One might have expected these words

to have been spoken by Jesus after coming into contact with the apostles for the first time after he rose from the dead. I certainly would have been tempted to utter them. But Jesus did not.

The last words of Jesus on the cross were those of love, not bitterness or hate. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Lk 22:34). Likewise, his first words to the apostles after the Resurrection were those of peace, not anger or disappointment. In both cases, forgiveness was the order of the day.

A number of stories appear in the fourth Gospel in which St. John speaks about the various encounters that the risen Lord had with his disciples, both female and male. In view of the fact that a women's testimony was not considered acceptable in a court of law at this time, it is indeed striking that the female disciples were the first witnesses of the risen Lord. All four evangelists agree on this point.

One can only imagine how shocked, excited and filled with joy were the followers of Jesus upon seeing the glorious risen Christ, the one who had been mocked, spat upon, tortured and crucified.

The author of the fourth Gospel did not write about the risen Lord in order to convince anyone that the crucified Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. He assumed that those for whom he had written the Gospel, already believed in the risen Lord and had committed their lives to him. Rather, in writing about the resurrection appearances, John revealed to us the meaning of Jesus' resurrection.

When the risen Lord appeared to the apostles, they were still afraid. Having 11 frightened and tired men together behind locked doors in one of the hottest climates of the world must not have been a very pleasant experience. Judging by their past behavior, the apostles were probably arguing among themselves about who was responsible for the way things turned out. There must have been a lot of "finger-pointing" regarding the shameful conduct of this confused gathering of men.

It was into this group of people that Jesus appeared and spoke but one small word, one of the most important words known to humankind: "Peace."

In one moment, at the twinkling of an eye, the attitude of the apostles and their outlook on life had changed forever. They had a good start of leaving their timid, selfish and troublesome ways behind them and beginning a new life, well on the way to becoming real apostles, in the fullest sense of the word.

The word that was first spoken by the risen Lord to those people whom, in spite of all their weaknesses and shortcomings, he loved so dearly, was also meant for us. Even though we may often fall, the love of the Lord and his continual offer of peace give us the strength and the courage to go on. Let us be forgiving of one another, and let us never forget that Jesus always treated others in a compassionate and merciful way.

(Based on Jn 20:19-28)

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Fourth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 30, 2000

- Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 20:19-31

The Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading for the second Sunday of Easter.



Those persons who knew the Lord and who witnessed the immediate aftermath of the Resurrection always have fascinated Christians of later times in history. The very thought of actually speaking with

the Savior was, and is, overwhelming.

Realizing this fascination, the Church provides in these weeks of the Easter season almost an uninterrupted series of readings from the Acts of the Apostles.

While this rich and intriguing book of the New Testament itself does not date from the days following the Resurrection, it splendidly gives us a glimpse of life at the time and most especially of the lives of the first Christians.

Descriptions are keen and clear. The reading this weekend is no exception. Quite evident is the sense and indeed reality among the earliest followers of Jesus. It was not a community built merely upon warm feelings, good intentions, common belief or even an occasional corporate act.

It was all these things, but it was so much more. Love for each other, in the Lord, was the chief characteristic. This bonding created a unity so strong that even the material realities of life were brought into its circle.

Christians pooled their resources. Their particular concern was for the needy and the unfortunate.

And, always, the outward expression of this union lay in devotion to the apostles. The apostles were more than honored reminders of the time of the Lord's public ministry. They were very tangibly the leaders of the community.

The First Epistle of John supplies the second reading.

One of three epistles bearing the name of John, this epistle, as does the others, captures the love that the Lord exemplified in the great act of salvation finally accomplished at Calvary, and the love drawing Christians to each other, to God and to all persons.

This weekend's reading looks at the cause and the effect of this love. It is the Lord Jesus. Believing in Jesus, recognizing that redemption has come from God through Jesus, prompts great love. It is a love for God.

The reading is specific. Union with God comes in water and in blood. It is a reference to the dying moments of Jesus on the cross when the Roman soldier pierced the Lord's side with a lance and blood and water—actually, in medical terms, probably blood and pericardial fluid—flowed from his body.

It also refers to the Eucharist, the sacrament when the blood of Christ brings life to the faithful, and to baptism itself.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading.

This is a text magnificent through its symbolism in the teachings of Jesus. The Lord appears very much alive but still the victim of the cross. He breathes on the apostles. From ancient times, the breath of God conveyed divine power.

He empowered the apostles to forgive sins. It reveals very much about Jesus. God is the lawgiver. Sin is the breaking of God's law. It violates the lawgiver. Therefore, only the lawgiver can forgive.

Jesus is the lawgiver. He assumes the prerogative of God. Resurrection confirms the Lord's divine identity.

To the apostles, the Lord transmits this divine authority to forgive. It is more than merely a delegation or a transmittal of power. It reveals that Jesus acts and lives in them. In them, the Lord's saving acts continue.

Following this great lesson is the story of Thomas. Always Jesus has made allowances for the human frailty of those searching for God. Again and again, the Lord gently welcomed the troubled, the puzzled or the wayward. It is not surprising that Jesus gently responds to the hesitation of Thomas.

## Reflection

No other time in the year of the Church is the liturgy so expressive and actually overpowering as it is in Holy Week. Each great ceremony builds upon its predecessor in proclaiming the reality, majesty and glory of God.

Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, has come and gone. It was a week ago. However, this weekend the Church excitedly proclaims

## Daily Readings

**Monday, May 1**  
Joseph the Worker  
Acts 4:23-31  
Psalm 2:1-9  
John 3:1-8

**Tuesday, May 2**  
Athanasius, bishop and  
doctor of the Church  
Acts 4:32-37  
Psalm 93:1-2, 5  
John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday, May 3**  
Philip and James, apostles  
1 Corinthians 15:1-8  
Psalm 19:2-5  
John 14:6-14

**Thursday, May 4**  
Acts 5:27-33  
Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20  
John 3:31-36

**Friday, May 5**  
Acts 5:34-42  
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14  
John 6:1-15

**Saturday, May 6**  
Acts 6:1-7  
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
John 6:16-21

**Sunday, May 7**  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9  
1 John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48

that Jesus is still with us and among us.

He is present very visibly. He is present in the community of faith. He is present in the sacrament of the Eucharist. He is present in baptism. He is present in the charity displayed by Christians as they care for the unfortunate, the forgotten and the desperate.

However, Jesus is present in these circumstances only if, and to the extent, that they resemble the Church described in the Acts of the Apostles.

It must be a Church, a body of believers, absolutely humble, totally loving and giving in faith and love, and one with the apostles. Anything else is not authentic. †

**Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen**

## Church affirms the right to religious freedom

Q What is the Roman Catholic Church's policy on the salvation of those who



were baptized and raised Catholic, but have left the Church to practice another religion? I recall reading once that this is the only sin the Catholic Church does not forgive, or finds it difficult to forgive. Can they ever return to the Catholic Church? (New York)

A Any sincere and knowledgeable Catholic believes that in the Catholic Church there are certain channels of truth and grace and intimacy with Jesus Christ that normally are not present in the traditions, liturgy and life of other Churches.

If he or she did not believe this, one would assume he or she would belong to another Church or to none at all. The same, we presume, would be true of Baptists or Presbyterians or any others who deliberately and prayerfully join another particular denomination.

Our doctrines in this matter are stated often and clearly. We believe that "the one true religion subsists in the Catholic and apostolic Church," and that truth imposes its demands on the human conscience "by the power of its own truth" and not by coercion. (See Vatican II, "Declaration on Religious Freedom," # 1, which is quoted here; and the decrees on ecumenism, # 2, and the constitution on the Church, "Lumen Gentium," # 15.)

In the face of widespread and frequently vicious repression of religious freedom in the world today, however, the Catholic Church is vigorous and urgent in its declarations that people everywhere must be free to exercise their religion as they understand themselves obliged and called by God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, for example, has this significant sentence, among others, in connection with salvation inside and outside the Church: "Hence

they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it" (# 846, quoting the Vatican II "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church").

It states that individuals who do not believe membership in the Catholic Church is a religious obligation for them personally can be saved even if they were members of the Catholic Church but now do not wish "to remain in it."

Perhaps they were never sufficiently educated or committed in their Catholic faith in the first place. Or perhaps something happened to make them lose it. Whatever the reason, the Church explicitly recognizes that in this matter the essential requirement is candor, sincerity and truthfulness by the individual before God. And that, of course, is something we cannot judge.

Pope John Paul II repeated this teaching even more plainly as recently as last year. The theme of his message for the World Day of Peace (Jan. 1, 1999) was respect for human rights.

In the section on religious freedom, which he called the "heart of human rights," he writes that "no one can be compelled to accept a particular religion, whatever the circumstances or motives."

The inviolability of religious freedom "is such that individuals must be recognized as having the right even to change their religion if their conscience so demands. People are obliged to follow their conscience in all circumstances and cannot be forced to act against it."

Our Holy Father then refers to the Vatican II "Declaration on Religious Freedom," (# 3) which expands broadly on the same point.

People who have left their practice of the Catholic faith are always welcome to return. It happens a lot.

(Questions for this column may be sent to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651 or by e-mail in care of jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

## My Journey to God

### Holy Child

Child of the sunrise,  
Wading the dew of the promising day.  
Child of the noontime, carrying a lamb,  
Walking the pastures and looking for shade.  
Child of the evening, counting the stars,  
Asking their names and why they are there.  
All of this heritage your Father guards carefully,  
Not for your keeping,  
Your throne won't be here.

Child of this Mary and Joseph,  
Protectors designed by Jehovah  
That prophecies evolve to full term.  
Precious your days accruing to years,  
Monitored by virtues taught in the temple.

Most holy child, laugh and play,  
Revel in earth's beauty,  
Cherish the friends in Nazareth;  
Not for years are you to envision  
The hoisting of a cross upon a hill.

### Mary's Crucifixion Night Reflections

Against a lowery sky he hung in death,  
A thirty-three-year-old man, the son  
of God.  
Yet my blessed infant, my beautiful  
blessed infant,

My gentle child with the clear innocent  
eyes,  
Before whose gaze, Joseph and I were  
humbled.

By Mariam Louisa Higgins

(Mariam Higgins is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.)



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APRIL 30, 2000  
Our Lady of Greenwood  
3:00 PM

Presider—Rev. Darvin Winters

Novena of Divine Mercy with the Chaplet  
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Procession from  
Adoration Chapel to Church

Exposition of Blessed  
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The Divine Mercy Chaplet  
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\*Note: You have an eight day  
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Through private revelation given to Blessed Faustina in 1931, Our Lord appeared as Our Great High Priest and requested that a Feast of Divine Mercy be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

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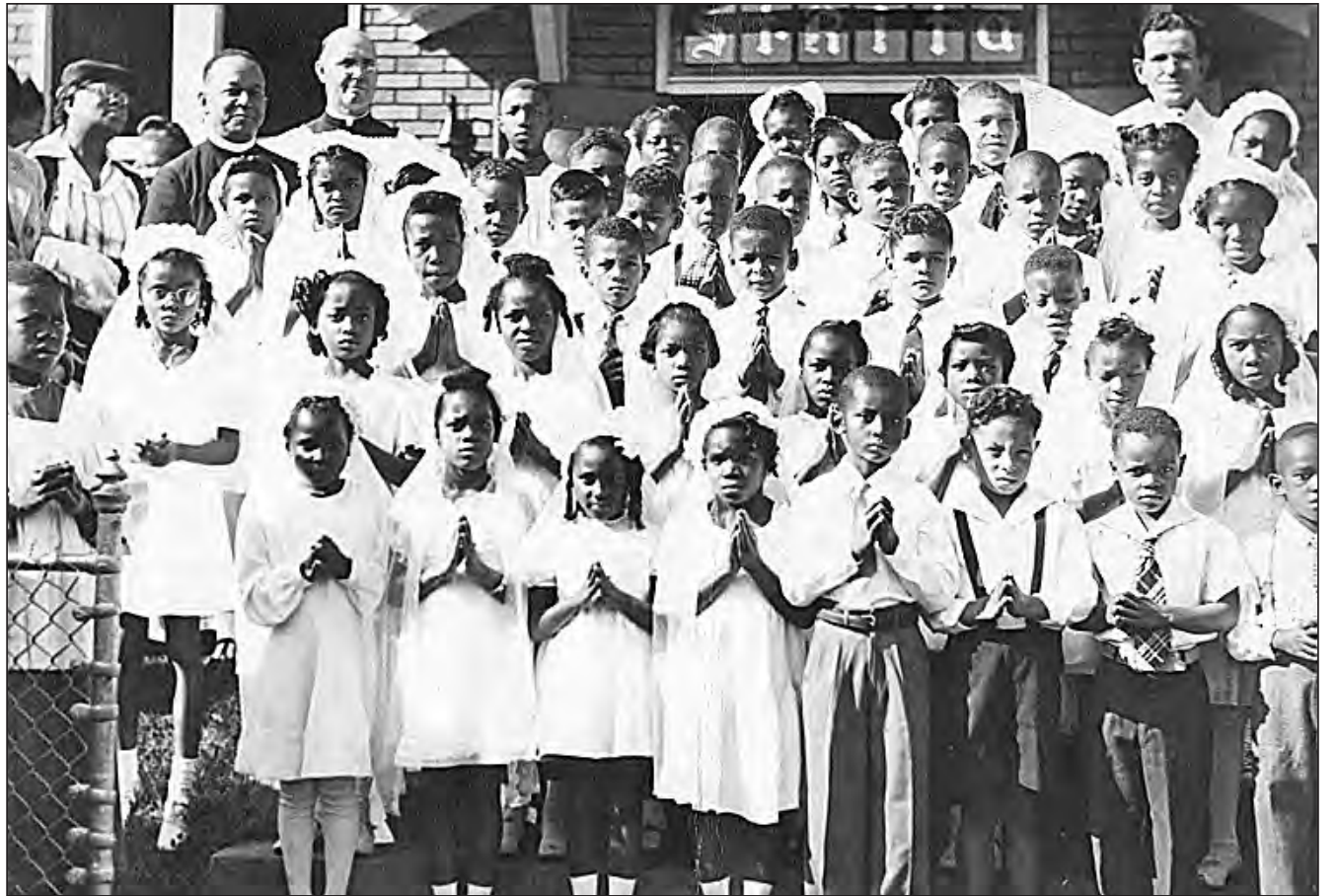
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## Church teaching on homosexuality needs no apology

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Catholic Church cannot apologize for its teaching about homosexuality because that teaching flows from the truth, said an article in the Vatican newspaper.

Franciscan Father Gino Concetti, writing in *L'Osservatore Romano*, said people who had wanted or expected Pope John Paul II to apologize for the way the Catholic Church has treated homosexuals do not understand Catholic moral teaching.

"A distinction between the person and his actions or concrete behavior is fundamental in the Catholic Church," Father Concetti wrote in early April.

"A person is always to be loved and helped to grow in humanity and freedom," he said. But, an error "being a negation of the truth is always to be refuted because it is detrimental to justice and to right."

Father Concetti's article responded to gay rights organizations which said the pope should have apologized to homosexuals during the March 12 liturgy in which he asked forgiveness for the sins committed by members of the Church in the past.

The claims of some groups that homosexuals formed a disproportionate number of the victims of the Inquisition "are exaggerated," he said.

Father Concetti said scholars at a Vatican-sponsored symposium on the Inquisition concluded that "the category of homosexual persons was not a particular target of Inquisition tribunals."

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**April 28**  
SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Choir of Indianapolis spring concert, 7 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 students, children under 6 free. Information: 317-849-4356 or evenings 317-253-3953.

Marian College Auditorium, 3200 Cold Spring Road, **Indianapolis**. "Showcase of Talent," Holy Trinity Parish Jubilee Year event, 7 p.m. No

admission charge.

**April 28-29**  
Cathedral High School, Joe O'Malia Performing Arts Center, 5225 E. 56th St., **Indianapolis**. "Once on This Island," musical, 7:30 p.m. reserved seats \$10, general admission \$8. Information: 317-543-4942, ext. 445, or 317-542-1481.

**April 29**  
St. Mary School parish center,

**North Vernon**. Mass 6 p.m. Alumni celebration, \$10 per person. Information: 812-346-3445.

**April 30**  
Cathedral High School, Joe O'Malia Performing Arts Center, 5225 E. 56th St., **Indianapolis**. "Once on This Island," musical, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. reserved seats \$10, general admission \$8. Information: 317-543-4942, ext. 445, or 317-542-1481.

Steak and Ale, 7020 E. 21st, **Indianapolis**. Catholic Widowed Organization dinner, 4 p.m. Reservations: 317-784-4207.

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Catholic Choir of Indianapolis spring concert, 3 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 students, children under 6 free. Information: 317-634-4356 or evenings 317-253-3953.

Cecilian Auditorium, Saint Mary-of-the Woods College, **St. Mary-of-the-Woods**.

Spring choral and madrigals concert, 2 p.m., \$3 per person. Information: 812-535-5212.

**May 2**  
St. Anthony Church, **Morris**. Confraternity of Christian Mothers, living rosary by candlelight, 7:30 p.m.

**May 3**  
Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. St. Augustine spring luncheon and style show, 11:30 a.m., \$20. Information: 317-849-3469.

**May 4-5**  
St. Andrew Parish, 4050 E. 38th St., **Indianapolis**. Spring rummage sale, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., church basement. Information: 317-545-8671 or 317-546-1571.

**May 5**  
St. Luke Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E, **Indianapolis**. Catholic Charismatic renewal of central Indiana, teaching 7 p.m., praise 7:30 p.m., Mass and healing service 8 p.m. Information: day 317-927-6900 or evening 317-846-2245.

Terre Haute Deanery Pastoral Center, 2931 Ohio Blvd., **Terre Haute**. "Mourning State of Divorce," five-week program, 7 p.m. \$20. **Reservations by May 1**, 812-232-8400.

Seccina Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Ave., **Indianapolis**. "Damn Yankees" 8 p.m.; annual arts celebration, 6:30-8 p.m. Information: 317-356-6377.

**May 6**  
St. Andrew Parish, 4050 E. 38th St., **Indianapolis**. Spring rummage sale, 8 a.m.-noon, church basement. \$1 bag day. Information: 317-545-8671 or 317-546-1571.

**May 7**  
St. Andrew School, 4050 E. 38th St., **Indianapolis**. SPRED (Special Religious Education) training center dedication, 3 p.m. Information: 317-377-0592.

St. Nicholas parish hall, **Sunman**. Sausage and pancake breakfast, 7:30 a.m.-noon (slow time), freewill offering.

**May 10**  
Marian College Stokely Mansion, 3200 Cold Spring Road, **Indianapolis**. Department of nursing, parish nursing information session, 6:30-8:30 p.m. RSVP: 317-955-6132.

### Recurring

**Daily**  
Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Perpetual adoration.

Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Tridentine (Latin) Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon; Wed., Fri., 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

### Weekly

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

Tridentine Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, **Clarksville**. "Be Not Afraid" holy hour, 6 p.m.

Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30-9 p.m.; rosary for world peace, 8 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman, **Indianapolis**. Rosary and Benediction for vocations, 2 p.m.

### Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Prayer group, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesdays

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

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

St. Anne Parish, **Hamburg**. "The Faith Explained," by Father Greg Bramlage, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-5854.

### Wednesdays

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

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

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., **Indianapolis**. Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, Catholic Social Services program, 6-8 p.m. Information: 317-236-1538.

### Thursdays

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St. Mary Church, **New Albany**. Shepherds of Christ prayer for lay, religious vocations, 7 p.m.

St. Patrick Church, Shelby St., **Salem**. Prayer service, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**Fridays**  
St. Susanna Church, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

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

Affiliated Women's Services,

Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., **Indianapolis**. Pro-life rosary, 10 a.m.

St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., **Sellersburg**. Eucharistic adoration, one hour after 8 a.m. Mass.

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

**Saturdays**  
Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., **Indianapolis**. Pro-life rosary, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

**Monthly**

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

Fatima K of C, 1040 N. Post Road, **Indianapolis**. Euchre, 1 p.m. Information: 317-638-8416.

**First Mondays**  
Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, **Indianapolis**. Guardian Angel Guild board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St.,

**Indianapolis**. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m. Mass-noon communion service.

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

St. Joseph University Church, **Terre Haute**. Eucharistic adoration, after 9 a.m. Mass-5 p.m.; rosary, noon.

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

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

**First Saturdays**  
St. Nicholas Church, **Sunman**. Mass, praise and worship, 8 a.m.; then SACRED gathering in the school.

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

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

Holy Angels Church, 28th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sts., **Indianapolis**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

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

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

**Second Tuesdays**  
St. Pius X Parish, **Indianapolis**. Separated and Divorced Catholics support group, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-578-8254.

**Second Thursdays**  
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Gathering, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-257-1073.

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

**Third Sundays**  
Mary's Schoenstatt, **Rexville** (located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South., 12 miles south of Versailles). Holy Hour, 2:30 p.m.; Mass, 3:30 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel. Information: 812-689-3551. E-mail: eburwink@seidata.com.

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

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

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# POPE

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St. Peter's Square for the *urbi et orbi* message, Latin for "to the city and to the world."

The pope expressed his wish for a resolution to conflicts in Africa and Latin America and an end to "the persistent tensions affecting the Middle East, vast areas of Asia, and some parts of Europe."

He made an impassioned appeal that the Easter message of life's victory over death would lead to cross-cultural dialogue, the acknowledgment of the value of human life and "effective responses to the increasingly felt demand for justice and equal opportunity in all areas of society."

Despite a grueling Holy Week schedule, the 79-year-old pope sounded energetic amid the veritable garden of 50,000 flowers and bulbs from the Netherlands that adorned the altar.

Under a bright sun that fought its way out from behind morning clouds, he

imparted Easter greetings in 61 languages, wishing English speakers "a blessed Easter in the joy of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord and savior of the world!"

This jubilee year, the traditional open-air Easter Mass marked a return to a tradition of medieval origin.

For the first time since the Holy See moved from Rome to Avignon in 1309, the Mass began with the rite of the *Resurrexit*, the pope's witness to Christ's resurrection before the Acheiropita icon of the Most Holy Savior.

Thought to have been brought to Rome from the East sometime during the early Middle Ages, the icon, which is kept in the Shrine of the Holy Stairs, originally depicted the enthroned Christ painted on cloth and then applied to a wooden tablet. All that is visible today is Christ's face; the rest of the icon is covered with silver.

The pope broke with a more recent tradition on Good Friday by writing the meditations for the annual Way of the Cross procession at the Colosseum.

While since 1985 he had invited other people to offer their contributions, among

them Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, the pope penned the reflections for the jubilee year event.

The pope was scheduled to carry the cross for the first and last of the 14 stations but, after losing his balance three times throughout the service and appearing fatigued, a refugee boy from Angola slated for stations 12 and 13 bore the cross for the final station as well.

For the other 10 stations, the cross was carried by an Orthodox bishop, a laywoman from China, a family from Rome, an Indian nun, a Brazilian woman and a nun from Ecuador.

Delivering his concluding message, with smoke from the thousands of candles and torches billowing into the night sky, the pope urged the 50,000 people gathered at the Colosseum to find hope in Jesus' suffering.

"Thus the sorrowful event of the Crucifixion, which we have just meditated upon, will become for each of us an eloquent lesson," he said.

Having suffered on the cross, said the pope, Christ can understand "the pain of

those unjustly condemned ... of the countless men and women who live without hope or dignity."

On Holy Thursday, the pope presided at two Masses, the Chrism Mass in the morning and the commemoration of the Lord's Supper in the evening, at which he washed the feet of 12 priests.

Recalling his March pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the pope said this year's Mass of the Lord's Supper carried deep personal significance, "because fresh in my mind and heart is the image of the Upper Room, where I had the joy of celebrating the Eucharist."

On Good Friday, the pope donned a purple stole and entered St. Peter's Basilica to hear the confessions of 10 people, a personal tradition he began in 1980.

Later that afternoon, he celebrated the liturgy of the Lord's Passion, listening to a homily by the papal household preacher, Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa.

After his busy Good Friday schedule, with the Way of the Cross ending well after 11 p.m., the pope rested on Holy Saturday before leading the Easter Vigil. †

# LETTERS

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is something even more essential for a lasting marriage: self control and a deep sense of faithfulness to the will of God. It saddens us that the couples themselves will never experience the joy of the first day of the rest of their lives on that very special wedding day. They have chosen to open all their presents before "Christmas."

Mary Ann Seufert, Indianapolis

## Which values does Bush share?

In a letter to the editor (*The*

*Criterion*, March 17), Bob Thompson warned that the actions of certain prominent Republicans indicate that Catholics might be "faced with new threats and renewed persecution" by the GOP.

In Bush's speech at the anti-Catholic university, he said, "I share your values." Thompson interpreted this as an affirmation of the university's anti-Catholic values, values that he does not share.

I do not share its anti-Catholic values either, but after doing research I learned that, to its credit, it does not favor the "persecution" of anyone.

However, it does teach that being Catholic is a sin, and like Thompson, I would not be comfortable with a president making speeches supporting this

idea. However, I disagree with his interpretation of Bush's speech at this university as an indication that the governor of Texas agrees with those teachings.

Since Bush's quote, "I share your values," doesn't indicate which are the values he shares with the university, we can only guess which values he was speaking of. I don't believe it is responsible to assume Bush refers to the university's anti-Catholic values, because this assumption could only be considered well-grounded if opposing the Church were the school's main purpose and any general statement of agreement with the school would have to refer to it.

My research, however, shows that this is only a minor part of its teachings. Bob Jones University also opposes adultery, drug use, abortion and a number of other things the people running it believe are immoral. If Bush agrees with any significant number of these, he could reject the school's teachings about the Catholic Church and still correctly be said to share its [the school's]

values. It would also then make sense for him to seek its support.

The accusations against Bush are based on the assumption that he agrees with a relatively minor teaching at Bob Jones University simply because he indicated that he agrees with its values in general. This isn't evidence, and it could lead to penalizing him for believing things that he does not. He says he opposes Bob Jones University's teachings, and we have no reason not to believe him.

Assuming that a Catholic was rejected for the position of House chaplain because the Speaker of the House doesn't like Catholics runs the same risk; just because there is no other "apparent reason" doesn't mean no other reason exists.

Thompson and others should continue to look out for people who bring the Church "new threats and renewed persecution," but they should make certain that the people they attack are guilty.

Karl Born, Indianapolis

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**BATTREALL, Vesta Marie**, 91, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, April 2. Mother of Joe and Tom Battreall. Sister of Blanche McKey, Helen Richards, Bonnie Winters and Tom Walke. Grandmother of three.

**BEST, Buell**, 82, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, March 31. Father of Jacqueline Dugan, Patricia Kirk, Jean Williams and Paul Best. Brother of Herman Best. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of 11.

**BRAMMER, Caryl A. (Steinmetz)**, 43, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 7. Mother of Allison, Nicole and Timothy Brammer. Daughter of Margaret Steinmetz. Sister of Sharon Harris and Lynn Muir.

**BROWN, Guy**, 66, St. Mary, Richmond, April 7. Husband of Norma (McNally) Brown. Father of Kathleen Brown, Tammy Brown-Creech and Cheryl Pierce. Brother of Mary McComis, Anna Wiesehan, Carl and William Brown. Grandfather of two.

**GAROFOLA, Frank**, 72,

St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 13. Husband of Pat Spicer. Father of Clif Garofola and Toni Melechuk. Brother of Frances Mosier, Fannie White, Joe and Tony Garofola. Grandfather of four.

**HIRTZEL, John D.**, 83, St. Mary, North Vernon, April 13. Husband of Mary (Grunert) Hirtzel. Father of David, John and Mary Beth Hirtzel. Grandfather of three.

**HOSTETTER, Joseph B.**, 83, St. Andrew, Indianapolis, April 10. Father of Julie Huser, Kathy Jorgenson, Rosemary Pfarr, Ron, Joseph Jr. and John Hostetter. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of one.

**JOHNSTON, Roy E.**, 44, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, April 13. Son of Ben Johnston Jr. Brother of Susan Jones, Nancy, David, Ben III and Gregory Johnston. Uncle of several.

**KELLER, Margaret K. (Brochhausen)**, 80, Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 4. Mother of Deborah Turner, Dave and Jack Keller. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of six.

**KENNINGTON, Ann C. (O'Conner)**, 83, Little Flower, Indianapolis, April 7. Mother of Ellen White and Mary Ann Speth. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of two.

**KOCH, Ronald J.**, 52, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 12. Husband of Sandy (Munchel) Koch. Father of Kendra and Ron Koch. Son of Helen (Paff)

Koch. Brother of Donna Borgman, Janet McQueen, Debbie Nunlist, Bill, Dennis and Rick Koch.

**LAMB, Patricia S.**, 63, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, April 13. Mother of Larry and Rusty Lamb. Sister of Virginia Lilly, Dr. Linda Magness and Tarassia Tharp. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

**LEE, Adela J.**, 79, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, April 12. Mother of Daniel and Ralph Lee. Grandmother of two.

**LIEBOLD, Mary Jane**, 74, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 11. Sister of George, James, John, Joseph and Oscar Larson. Aunt of several.

**LEISER, John**, 89, Holy Name, Beech Grove, April 12. Father of Mary Oberg, J. Michael and Thomas Leiser. Brother of Agatha Wiemer and Adelheid Pfiser and Ludwig Leiser. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of three.

**MAUNE, Viola F.**, 88, Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove, April 8. Aunt of several.

**MAXWELL, Pamela K. (McNew)**, 43, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, April 15. Wife of William J. Maxwell. Mother of Monica and Nicole Maxwell. Stepmother of Rhonda Merritt, Sharon Walker, William Jr. and Marlene Maxwell. Daughter of Doris J. McNew. Sister of Joy Robinson, Terry Staucerman, Candy Wright, Sherry, Billy, Harry, Jeff, John, Lawrence and Robert McNew. Grandmother of two.

**MILLER, Melissa**, 40, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, April 9. Daughter of Viola (Hearn) and Morris Miller. Sister of Frank and Les

Miller.

**MOORE, Fred**, 80, St. Paul, Sellersburg, April 8. Husband of Helen Hecker-Pennington. Stepfather of Mary Jo Trester and David Pennington. Step-grandfather of one.

**NORDMEYER, Eve Patricia**, 87, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, April 1. Mother of Kay Goldsberry, Gerald, James and Paul Nordmeyer. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 23. Great-great-grandmother of nine.

**PARKER, Mary Genevieve (Michaels)**, 89, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, April 11. Mother of Jill McCormick, Jeanne Wiles, James, Dr. John F. Jr. and Jere Parker. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of 11.

**RANSDELL, Robert M.**, 69, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 18. Husband of Norma J. (Wilkes) Ransdell. Father of Susan Niehaus, Kandi McNight, Nancy Rowlands, Robert Charlock, Terry, Ric, Bobby Joe, Kristine Ransdell. Brother of James Ransdell. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of four.

**REARDON, John**, 64, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, April 3. Father of Shawn and Thomas Reardon. Brother of Barbara Salata and James Reardon. Grandfather of two.

**REISING, Carl E.**, 76, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, April 14. Husband of Violet H. (Rondo) Reising. Father of Kay Cooper, Carla Knapp, David and Paul Reising. Brother of Agnes Gross, Jean Hess and Larry Reising. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of four.

**RHEDD-BROWN, Laura**, 77, Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, April

8. Wife of Thomas E. Brown. Mother of Lucille Bardwell, Rebecca Dove and Charles E. Brown. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of six.

**RICE, Dorothy R.**, 87, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, April 9. Mother of Kay Erickson and Joanne Racinowski. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of 11.

**RICHARDS, Charles**, 87, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, April 5. Husband of Lucille Richards. Father of Betty Lou Donbrock, Joanne Johnson, Claudine Paczkowski, Charles Jr. and Jeffery Richards. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of 25. Great-great-grandfather of four.

**SUTTMANN, Wilbur C. "Willie,"** 56, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 17. Brother of Chris Adams, Alvina Herbert, Martha Wilhelm, Albert, Cletus and Paul Suttman.

**STRONG, Raymond W.**, 92, Little Flower, Indianapolis, April 5. Brother of William Strong.

**THOLE, Esther**, 91, St. Maurice, Napoleon, March 30. Mother of Rita Duerstock, Marie Haunert, Anita Holley, Martha Moorman, Jane Reeder, Eileen Wagner and Paul Thole. Grandmother of 26. Great-grandmother of 20.

**WHITACRE, Elaine (Swain)**, 37, St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis, April 10. Wife of Charles R. Whitacre. Mother of Ashley Cade and Amber George. Daughter of Anna Swain. Sister of Annette Hall, Karen Gammon, Christine Miles, Brenda Patterson, Roszella Tiller, Cynthia Wix, Garry, Leonard, Michael, Patrick, Robert and Thomas Swain.

**WILLIAMS, Wilbur A.**, 86, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, March 29. Husband of Mary Adams. Father of James and Joseph Williams. Brother of Kathleen Fox. Grandfather of six.

**WITTMAN, Fred**, 84, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, April 16. Father of Mary Susan Ireland, Donna Walker and Rita Wittman. Brother of Dulcie Martin. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of five.

**WALTZ, Martha J.**, 74, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, April 3. Wife of John Waltz. Mother of Bryan, Danny and Keith Waltz.

**WOLFLA, Bernard P.**, 54, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis, April 11. Husband of Karen E. (Brown) Wolfla. Foster father of Jason Michael Cox. Brother of Louise Collett, Rosemary Steinmetz, Francis and Thomas Wolfla. Uncle of several.

**YOUNG, Richard**, 61, St. Mary, Richmond, March 28. Husband of Patricia (Wright) Young. Father of Brett Lemen, Christina McGlocklin, Mary Wilson, Adam, Joseph and Peter Young. Stepfather of Beth Hamilton, Wendy Bane, Cindy Ropp, Debbie Rankin, Drew, Mark and John Duncan. Grandfather of several.

**YOUNG, William J.**, 76, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, April 4. Husband of Dorothy (Owen) Young. Father of Ann Rogers, Judy Pezzullo, David, James, John, Leslie, Patrick and Richard Young. Stepfather of Sharon Holladay, Terri Lockhart and Barbara Steinrock. Brother of Marcella Kaelin, Mary Ruhe and Alvin Young. Grandfather of 23. Great-grandfather of three. †

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Located at 1117 S. Blaine Ave. in Indianapolis, the Byzantine parish will host a 10 a.m. Mass on April 30, with Bishop Basil Schott, O.F.M., eparch of Parma (Ohio), as presider and homilist.

Pope John Paul II encouraged attendance at Eastern rite liturgies in his 1995 letter *Oriente Lumen (Light of the East)*. His name is mentioned during the Divine Liturgy, because he is pope for this rite, too.

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The first Byzantine-rite liturgy was celebrated in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on April 27, 1980. The Byzantine community moved from church to church for the first five years, then renovated a far-eastside house to include a chapel.

After the first pastor was assigned in 1992, the parish outgrew the remodeled

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The April 30 liturgy will also mark the fifth anniversary of the parish in its present location.

Bishop Andrew Pataki and Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein agreed to the sale of the former St. Mary of the Assumption Church, rectory and parish hall, which was closed in early 1995. Northern Indiana Byzantine parishes offered financial assistance and religious articles.

The 1995 Palm Sunday Mass was celebrated in their new church.

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Top Vatican officials like her work, and have introduced her to corners of Vatican City that few outsiders ever get to see, from cardinals at their desks to Swiss Guards doing lonely duty in polished marble hallways.

Remarkably, the closed world of the Vatican seems to have accepted this artistic intrusion without a single complaint.

"At the beginning, when I would go into an office or a workplace, I knew people were watching me and judging me. I knew if I made one mistake, I'd be out," Herrenschmidt said.

Unlike photographers, who tend to interrupt workday rhythms with their visits, Herrenschmidt would typically find a place off to one side of the room. After awhile, her subjects would sometimes forget she was there.

"I made many friends in the Vatican. They would trust me, because afterward I would show them the finished work. It's not like a photograph, which you don't see right away and which can be altered," she said.

Sometimes she had hours to work, sometimes a few minutes. The time pressure actually helped her to focus artistically, she said. When U.S. Cardinal William W. Baum agreed to pose for a portrait in his Vatican office, he told Herrenschmidt he had only 15 minutes to spare.

"I finished in 14 minutes. It's my favorite portrait, and I think he liked it, too," she said.

Herrenschmidt's candid glimpses of Vatican City life are unique: cardinals chatting, a nun mending a tapestry, a gardener mowing the lawn or workmen unloading baskets of flowers before a big Mass.

One typical behind-the-scenes view has three nuns ironing vestments in the pontifical sacristy, while they listen to the papal Mass on radio. Another shows a computer screen at the Vatican's Internet center as it transmits live video of a papal speech.

Her toughest task was painting scenes from inside the Vatican's top-secret tri-

bunal offices, where she sat in a corner and worked almost surreptitiously on a tiny tablet.

The artist first painted the pope during World Youth Day ceremonies in Paris in 1997. Bishop Piero Marini, papal master of liturgical ceremonies, liked the watercolors so much that he invited Herrenschmidt to spend the better part of a year at the Vatican for work on her book, which so far has been published only in French.

Her panoramic views of liturgical ceremonies this year will serve as a pictorial record of the jubilee. To that end, the Vatican has given her a tremendous gift: access.

When the pope opened the Holy Doors in St. Peter's Basilica last Dec. 24, Herrenschmidt was a few feet away, her instruments laid out on the base of a marble column: a tiny tray of watercolors, two erasers, a pencil and sharpener, a napkin stained with color and five brushes. She wore a jar of water on her belt that day.

Although she often positions herself among excited and jostling pilgrims, she's never had a painting ruined. She said the greatest hazard is rain, because she needs to work under an umbrella and "I've only got two hands."

Herrenschmidt, who has done similar work in the French Parliament and in a tour of French prisons, said she enjoys the challenge of bringing "closed institutions" to life through watercolors.

"The Vatican is the most difficult place. At first, it was terrible. You ask for an appointment, and receive no reply for months! I learned the virtue of patience here," she said.

After the Holy Year, she would like to do a book on "scenes from birth to death" in French hospitals. Then she may go to the United States to do paintings of the justice system at work.

Eventually, she would like to do a book of illustrations depicting the hidden life of another closed institution, the White House.

"After the Vatican, that will be easy," she said. †

## Cardinal O'Connor preparing to die

NEW YORK (CNS)—Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York is prayerfully preparing "to go home," Father Benedict J. Groeschel of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal told a congregation at St. Patrick's Cathedral April 21.

Delivering Good Friday meditations, Father Groeschel commented briefly on the absence of the cardinal, who has delivered the meditations in previous years, and said he was "desperately" ill.

Father Groeschel, director of the New York archdiocesan Office of Spiritual Development, asked for prayers for the car-

dinal, who had surgery for removal of a brain tumor Aug. 31, and for his doctors.

Joseph Zwilling, the cardinal's spokesman, reported that Auxiliary Bishop Robert A. Brucato, substituting for Cardinal O'Connor at the Easter Sunday Mass, "said he brought the cardinal's greetings to the congregation, and would bring the congregation's greetings back to him."

But there was no written statement such as Cardinal O'Connor had sometimes sent to be read when he could not be present for a Mass, Zwilling said. †

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