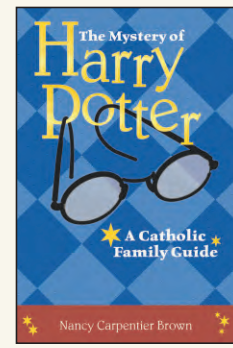




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## Mixing religion and politics

### Symbols of faith tucked into power city



CNS photo/Nancy Wiehac

Moses is depicted with the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments on the pediment of the back of the Supreme Court building in Washington. Moses is flanked by representations of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and ancient Greek lawmaker Solon.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Washington is a city rich with powerful symbols.

It is known for its monuments, memorials and corridors of power. And its big landmarks, the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument, will always loom large because of an 1899 law stipulating that no private structures in the city can be higher than either of them.

In tourist season—early spring to late summer—visitors to the capital flock to the seats of government and monumental tributes to history with cameras always at the ready.

But what they might not readily notice or capture for their photo albums are the religious symbols tucked away all over the nation's capital.

Sometimes these symbols, often statues or paintings of religious figures, are embedded in the buildings themselves, for example, Moses in a frieze over the back entrance of the U.S. Supreme Court.

But other religious symbols are often located off the beaten track—statues of saints in the U.S. Capitol or a painting of



monks copying manuscripts in the Library of Congress.

The book *One Nation Under God* by Father Eugene Hemrick, a priest from the Joliet, Ill., Diocese who works as a

researcher in Washington and is a Catholic News Service columnist, highlights a number of the religious symbols located within the halls of power and popular tourist spots.

Moses is practically a Washington insider because, according to Father Hemrick, he appears in several Washington locales—more than any other person of faith. At the Supreme Court, he is on an exterior frieze, flanked by the Chinese philosopher Confucius and ancient Greek lawmaker Solon.

The Supreme Court's Web site notes that the three central figures were selected to represent three great civilizations.

Moses is also on a frieze inside the courtroom, along with 17 other historic lawmakers. Although he is holding the tablets, the Hebrew inscriptions on them only include portions of the Sixth through Tenth Commandments, specifically chosen, according to the

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## Parish checkups measure 'how Holy Spirit is guiding us'

WEST BABYLON, N.Y. (CNS)—Seven Long Island parishes are giving themselves a spiritual checkup—conducting surveys to find out how actively engaged their parishioners are.

"It's like going to a doctor," said Marie Guido, stewardship coordinator at St. Gerard Majella Parish in Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., in the Rockville Centre Diocese. "You get your vital signs checked to see where you're doing good and what you need to work on."

Working with the Gallup Organization, those parishes met earlier this summer at Our Lady of Grace Church in West Babylon to discuss the findings of the survey that each has taken of their parishioners and to begin planning ways to draw parishioners into more active engagement.

St. Gerard's has been conducting "membership engagement" surveys since 2001. The other parishes are new to the process.

Al Winseman, global leader for Gallup's Faith Practices division, referred to a book that Gallup has published about how parishes and other congregations have been able to use the survey.

"St. Gerard's here on Long Island is one chapter. They're one of our success stories," Winseman said.

Msgr. William Hanson, pastor of St. Gerard, said that in 2001 he and Msgr. Christopher Heller, then co-pastor of St. Gerard and now pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Babylon, were looking for ways to learn why people were coming to the parish.

"We had stopped asking why people weren't coming," Msgr. Hanson said. "We wanted to know why they were coming, but we didn't know where to start."

The surveys, they learned from attending a conference that Gallup sponsored, had a proven track record of measuring the health of a parish. The surveys also offered ways to help any faith community to understand its weaknesses and build on its successes, Msgr. Hanson said.

"I saw that being pastor without doing surveys like these was like driving the old 1959 Chevy I had in the seminary. The dashboard blew a fuse so I didn't have a working speedometer, gas gauge or odometer," Msgr. Hanson said. "It ran, but

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## An insider's guide for this year's freshman class

By John Shaughnessy

Call it "An Insider's Guide to Helping Freshmen Make the Most of Their Catholic High School Experience."



Elisabeth Patterson

With the help of three young people who have taken a well-rounded approach to high school, here is a list of tips for incoming freshmen—or any high school student—to enhance these four years of their lives.

**Get involved**—“Find something

you're interested in, something you love, and go for that,” says Elisabeth Patterson, a 2007 graduate of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

Elisabeth played lacrosse, played guitar at school liturgies, helped with a dance marathon to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, and helped lead the school's chapter of Invisible Children, a group dedicated to helping children in Africa.

“You'll find people who have the same interests as you. That will help you make strong relationships for your four years.”

**Set goals**—Set goals for yourself each day,” says John Okerson, a senior at Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis.

John uses that approach both in his sports and his studies. He's a member of the school's football team, basketball team, National Honor Society and Promise to Keep, an archdiocesan peer mentor program that promotes chastity.

He's learned that setting daily goals has helped with his long-term dreams.

“With sports, it's hard to get through the practices sometimes, so you need to set goals if you want to play.”

**Schedule your time**—During high school, Kristin Mooney always wanted to watch her favorite television show, “Grey's Anatomy.”

She also wanted to see as many of her school's sporting events as possible.

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Web site, because they are not inherently religious.

Moses, the lawgiver who is esteemed in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions, is also portrayed on a sculptured medallion in the House of Representatives and represented as a bronze statue in the main reading room at the Library of Congress, near a statue of St. Paul—honored, fittingly at the library, for being a man of letters.

Statues are in full supply at the U.S. Capitol, where one section, aptly named National Statuary Hall, is lined with statues along its perimeter that also spill out into adjoining corridors.

When the hall was dedicated in 1864, Congress invited each state to contribute two statues of prominent citizens. Displayed among the group are five Catholic missionaries—four priests and a woman religious—and the only



Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, Charles Carroll.

Although other faiths are also represented in these statues, Washington tourists considering a Catholic scavenger hunt should keep their eyes open for Blessed Damien de Veuster, Hawaii; Blessed Junipero Serra, a Spanish Franciscan in California; Jesuit Father Eusebio Kino of Arizona; Jesuit Father Jacques Marquette for Wisconsin, although he is not technically from the state; Mother Joseph, a Sister of Charity, for Washington state; and Carroll, a Catholic layman from Maryland, cousin of the nation's first Catholic bishop, Archbishop John Carroll.

Blessed Damien, represented in a modern-style sculpture, is honored for his work with people with leprosy. The statue of Father Eusebio, complete with a cactus, acknowledges the missions he established and his work on land reform. Blessed Junipero Serra, who founded missions in California, holds aloft a cross.

Father Jacques, who explored regions near the Mississippi River, is honored by Wisconsin, but it took a congressional resolution to do this since he was neither a Wisconsin native nor a U.S. citizen.

Mother Joseph, the only kneeling statue of the group, has her hands clasped in prayer and tools in front of her. After arriving in the Pacific Northwest Territories in 1856, she established

11 hospitals, seven academies, five Indian schools and two orphanages.

Another Washington statue of a woman depicts St. Joan of Arc in the city's Meridian Hill Park. Depicting St. Joan on horseback wearing battle armor, it is a replica of the statue at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims in France. It was a gift from the women of France to the women of the United States in 1922.

Beyond statues of faith-filled men and women, there are also words related to faith etched in the walls of historic buildings. In the Library of Congress, a quotation from the Book of Proverbs is etched in marble: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting get



Abigail Rodrigues from Cleveland poses for a photo with her hands folded in prayer in imitation of a statue of Mother Joseph in the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Aug. 2. Canadian-born Mother Joseph arrived in the Pacific Northwest Territories of the United States in 1856 and founded more than 30 hospitals, schools and homes for orphans, the elderly and the sick. Her legacy is honored by a statue of her in the U.S. Capitol presented by the state of Washington in 1980.

understanding."

And in the U.S. Capitol, over a niche just inside a main-entrance doorway, are words with the potential to be a subtle reminder to those who pass under them: "faith, hope, love and clemency." †

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Plus, she played softball, participated in musicals and worked part time at an after-school daycare center.



Kristin Mooney

have to set time to do it. I planned how much time I needed to study. Sometimes, I stayed up [until] two in the morning to

"It's hard, but you can be social and successful at the same time," says Kristin, the co-valedictorian of the Class of 2007 at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville. "You

study for tests. Sometimes, you just have to do it."

**See the value in school Masses**—We have school Masses, and I sometimes feel like I've taken them for granted," John says. "They're a good part of school. They're a



John Okerson

sometimes desperately—trying to make connections with others to help them through what can be a difficult transition.

good time to get your worries out. Take advantage of them. It's an important part of getting through high school."

**Make time to meet new people**—Most people know that the start of freshman year is a time when students are quietly—and sometimes desperately—trying to make connections with others to help them through what can be a difficult transition.

So the thought of extending themselves even further to unfamiliar people can be intimidating. Yet that's what these three advisers recommend.

"Meet a few people every day," Elisabeth suggests. "By senior year, everyone learns that they should meet more people and become friends with more people. If they meet the people now, they might not have the regrets later."

**Realize the importance of a good beginning**—Those first weeks of school are important," John says. "It [schoolwork] all builds on what has come before. If you don't pay attention in the beginning, you're not going to know what's going on in the end."

If a student does fall behind, John recommends seeking help from the teacher. He also suggests developing good study habits early in high school.

"All through grade school, it was easy

for me. When I came to high school, it was different. You have to develop your study methods. If you don't, it will come back to get you."

**Take advantage of retreats**—A lot of people don't see the value of retreats until their junior or senior years," Elisabeth says. "I didn't take full advantage of them until my junior year. I got to know myself better with God. Before, my faith was personal. With retreats, it opened my faith to a more community feel."

**Open yourself to new possibilities**—"You shouldn't care what other people think," Kristin says. "You shouldn't be afraid to be yourself. Don't be afraid to open up. There's something about being at a Catholic school. You always have someone to talk to. We were such a community. Everyone was backing each other up. You could see God in the school and the people." †

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I didn't know how fast, how far or how long I could go."

Through the surveys, Winseman said, "parishes can stop guessing about what to do and plan how to do it. Without measurement, we are just guessing."

"We are very excited that parishes are grabbing hold of the Gallup Survey and planning process in our diocese," said Laurie Whitfield of the diocesan Office of Parish Stewardship.

She described the survey as "a valuable tool" for measuring spiritual development, which she said is more difficult to gauge than other

characteristics, such as financial status.

Sister Maryanne Fitzgerald, a Sister of Charity who is diocesan chancellor, spoke briefly at the seminar, encouraging parishes to use the survey to foster spiritual growth.

The diocese is underwriting most of the expense, Whitfield said.

The survey asks questions that measure how engaged their parishioners feel.

"Engagement is not the same as involvement," said Tim Simon, a senior seminar leader and consultant for the Gallup Organization. "It's emotional—how I feel about what I do in the parish. It's about emotional connection."

"We're hoping that the survey will help us to see how the Holy Spirit is guiding us as a parish," said Steve Benthal, pastoral

associate and business manager of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Selden.

Through the survey, Simon said, "you can start looking for problems before they become major" and look for successes to build on.

Some of the questions focus on whether parishioners know what is expected of them, whether they feel their participation is important and their opinions count, whether their spiritual needs are being met in that parish, and whether the parish's leadership cares about them personally.

Other questions ask whether individual parishioners spend time daily in prayer, and whether their faith gives meaning, purpose and peace.

Some questions also measure whether the parishioner's faith is lived out in his

or her life as seen by willingness to forgive others, take unpopular stands and speak kindly to people needing encouragement. †

## Correction

In the Aug. 3 issue of *The Criterion*, the educational background and current employment status of Benedictine Sister Mary Ann Koetter were incorrect in an article about her first profession of vows.

Sister Mary Ann earned a nursing degree at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany. She is currently employed by Visionary Enterprises Inc. and practices nursing at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. †



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# Vatican publishing house: New page, new director, new ideas

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—With a new director at the helm, the Vatican publishing house is turning a new page.

Salesian Father Giuseppe Costa, the recently appointed head of the *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*, said he wants to beef up the availability of Vatican publications around the world and expand the Vatican's offerings on art and culture.

"This publishing house can put out—must put out [publications] in support of Catholic culture," he said. And the distribution of commercial sales of all its publications "clearly need to be boosted, yet also re-examined" in new ways, he told Catholic News Service on July 27.

The 61-year-old Italian priest and professor of journalism was appointed after Salesian Father Claudio Rossini's five-year term ended on July 1.

The Vatican publishing house also "is getting things ready for orders over the Internet," he said. Currently, international orders only can be made by fax, mail or through the private Web site at [www.paxbook.com](http://www.paxbook.com).

Because the Vatican's publishing house owns the rights to all the pope's written works, part of Father Giuseppe's job involves combing over contracts sitting on his desk waiting for a signature.

"There is quite a bit of flexibility" about whether a fee or royalty on future sales is required with obtaining authorization from the Vatican for reprinting papal texts, he said. For example, there is one kind of contract "for someone who wants to do something big [like a book or anthology] and another for [someone] who wants to make a small poster for

the parish," he said.

Father Giuseppe's down-to-earth manner puts guests immediately at ease and his bursts of laughter and colorful colloquialisms keep the conversation lively. These qualities undoubtedly come in handy for developing and maintaining a good rapport with editors and publishers from around the world, which, he said, is key to the job.

"It's a great job, an exciting job," Father Giuseppe said. "And its international aspect is fascinating," he added, pointing to letters he received from around the globe congratulating him on his appointment.

Currently, the Vatican's catalogue offers publications in nearly 20 languages, including Chinese, Korean and Russian. However, the lone offering in Esperanto, a two-volume *Roman Missal*, is sold-out.

The Italian priest said he holds a special place in his heart for North America. He received a degree in journalism at Marquette University in Milwaukee in 1994. Getting ideas and working with publishers in the United States is helpful, he noted.

The Vatican publishing house has started looking at individual bishops' conferences as a way to get the pope's encyclicals and apostolic exhortations to the most people possible.

Publishers who were pirating papal texts for profit often justified their pilfering by saying the pope's words belong to everyone.

But by putting the texts and rights of the pope's encyclicals and other official documents in the hands of the bishops' conferences, the Vatican's publishing house is assured that the reprinted texts are accurate and sold at the cheapest price possible. Because, as Father Giuseppe said,



Salesian Father Giuseppe Costa recently was appointed head of *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*, the Vatican publishing house. He replaced Salesian Father Claudio Rossini, whose five-year term ended on July 1. Father Costa, seen on July 30 in his office at the Vatican, said that he wants to increase the availability of Vatican publications around the world and expand offerings of art.

"The pope does belong to everyone, so for that reason it needs to be regulated, otherwise people do whatever they want" with his words.

Father Giuseppe said that, "unlike in the past, [the publishing house] will make room for publications that are not solely official" Vatican documents in an effort to offer readers a greater selection of Catholic culture.

His office, like the hallway and rooms in the publishing house, is lined floor to ceiling with shelves straining with books. He carefully pulled down a large and heavy art book on the Vatican Museums' ancient mosaics collection and points out that it was published by a private Italian company.

Institutions within the Vatican, like the museums and the observatory, are completely free to choose any publisher they want. For example, U.S. Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, a Vatican astronomer

and author, published his memoir, *Brother Astronomer: Adventures of a Vatican Scientist*, with the publishing powerhouse McGraw-Hill.

But Father Giuseppe said ideally Vatican entities would look to their own publishing house to handle peddling their wares.

Brother Guy told CNS that the Vatican publishing house "is a wonderful resource to have" for less marketable works that are important to publish.

He said the in-house publishing and distribution come in handy for publications, such as his *Catalogue of the Vatican Meteorite Collection*, which might have a very limited circulation "and probably not a big market."

He said the Vatican astronomers turn to their in-house publishers "when we want to be sure an important book gets out" and does not sit around waiting for a private publisher to pick it up. †

## Panel: Immigration change will take activating mainstream Americans

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Poll after poll says the American public supports a comprehensive approach to fixing immigration problems, but leaders of efforts to pass such a federal law acknowledge that an opposite message is driving the debate.

With a comprehensive immigration bill likely off the table until after next year's presidential election, advocates for immigrants said at an Aug. 3 teleconference that their strategy now has to become getting more of that majority of the public involved in fighting for what they say they believe and defusing the power that immigration "restrictionists" have gained.

One part of that is to get more religious leaders to take a stand, said Kevin Appleby, director of migration and refugee policy for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"We need to counter the voices of talk radio," said Appleby. "Quite honestly, the Churches, including the Roman Catholic Church, need to do a better job of educating people about the realities of immigration ... to put a human face on the discussion."

Cecilia Munoz, vice president of research

and advocacy at the National Council of *La Raza*, said that, just as it took mainstream Americans speaking up to help bring about the civil rights laws of the 1960s, more of the public must become involved in supporting immigration reform.

"We have to make it more difficult for people to stand on the sidelines," she said.

Munoz referred to a speech by Janet Murguia, *La Raza's* president, at the council's July annual conference, in which she described what's happened to the immigration discussion as "hatred and bigotry. We thought we were having a debate on immigration policy. But it was really a debate about who decides what it means to be an American."

Murguia said in the speech that, in failing to move forward with a bill that dealt with immigration in a way that had the support of most of the country, Congress "voted to cave in to bigotry. When the Senate voted to reject hope, it voted to embrace fear."

She said a "vocal minority, pushed along by an angry mob, aided and abetted by well-known talk-radio shock jocks, made the United States Senate—the greatest

deliberative body in the world—its pawn."

At the Aug. 3 teleconference, Tom Snyder, political director of UNITE HERE, the acronym for an international union of garment, textile, food service and hospitality workers, said the "huge group in the middle" must have strong leadership to rally people to hold their political leaders accountable for changing current laws and policies. He said it has been easier for politicians to let the status quo remain than to work for a change.

"I would always rather run a campaign to say 'no' rather than to say 'yes' to changes," Snyder said.

Appleby said at the teleconference that authority figures from all segments of society need to talk about the human justice issues in the current approach to immigration in the United States.

He described the current environment when it comes to immigration-related politics as toxic and "a feeding frenzy" that ignores the human beings whose lives, jobs and families are at stake.

The recent surge in employer raids that have drawn attention to families being split

apart by deportations are helping draw attention to those justice concerns, said Munoz.

When 1,000 families have had parents separated from their children by workplace raids in recent months, Munoz said, "they're shining a light on what it really means to have a hostile immigration policy."

Unions such as UNITE HERE, civil rights organizations such as *La Raza* and Churches are working to get immigrants to become citizens and get them out to vote, the panelists said.

They also said there is still a chance in this session of Congress to pass smaller immigration bills dealing with agriculture jobs and in-state tuition and a legalization path for college students who were brought to the country illegally as children.

Both bills—the Agricultural Jobs, Opportunity, Benefits and Security Act, or AgJOBS, and the Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act, known as the DREAM Act—have had bipartisan support for several years, but have not made it to final votes in Congress. †

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## Editorial



People pray on Aug. 2 at St. Olaf Church in Minneapolis for the victims of the Interstate 35W bridge collapse. Prayer services for people of all faiths were held at St. Olaf and the Catholic cathedral in St. Paul the day following the rush-hour tragedy.

# Finding God in Minnesota and beyond

Sunday, Aug. 5, was a day of prayer for the people of Minnesota as they continued coming to grips with a tragedy felt throughout their state and beyond.

It was also a day for people of all faith traditions to shed more tears, and to hug loved ones, friends and neighbors a little tighter as they reflected upon the precious gift of life that so many Americans and people throughout the world take for granted each day.

The collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis on Aug. 1 that resulted in the loss of at least five lives with eight others still missing as this newspaper went to press left many wondering where God was in this tragedy.

The answer—as one Twin Cities area priest shared in a homily at a Mass offered for the victims a day after the bridge collapse—was not easy to come by. But God was there, said Father Robert O'Donnell.

"Where is God?" the priest in residence asked the people gathered at St. Lawrence-Newman Church, the closest Catholic church to the Interstate 35W bridge.

"Perhaps the only answer I can give at this time of tragedy is that I may not know ... how it fits into God's mystery plan, but I know where God was," he said.

God was in the heart of the civilians who rushed to the scene, eager to help, he said. God was with the rescue workers, medical personnel and those praying for the victims.

Father O'Donnell is right. God was with those individuals, and he was also with the thousands—maybe millions—across the United States and throughout the world who offered their prayers for the victims, their families and the Twin Cities' communities of Minneapolis and St. Paul as soon as they saw news coverage or heard about this tragic accident. Those prayers, of course, continue and will continue for some time.

Though they are separated by their unique cultural identities, Minneapolis and St. Paul—and the surrounding Twin Cities communities—will now be forever linked by last week's bridge collapse and how so many individuals helped their fellow brothers and sisters in need.

The stories of Good Samaritans are countless, including the bystanders who rushed to help the 52 children and nine adults on a school bus that sat precariously on a portion of the mangled bridge after the collapse.

While we hear or read of tragedies throughout the world on a daily basis, the ones that happen here in the United States—on our own soil—always strike a particularly close chord.

And invariably, a nation filled with compassionate people is always ready and willing to help its brothers and sisters in need. Turn back the clock to Sept. 11, 2001, or to the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and the snapshots and memories of stranger helping stranger are there in full view.

What these tragedies also show is that the resolve of our nation and its people is undeniable.

Still, why does it take tragedies of epic proportions to bring out the best in so many of us? That question is not an easy one to answer, but it is one we need to reflect on regularly.

What the Minneapolis bridge collapse again demonstrated is how so many people turn to their faith in a time of crisis.

"Something like this shatters us," Archbishop Harry J. Flynn of St. Paul-Minneapolis told Catholic News Service in a phone interview on Aug. 2. "But as one woman said to me, 'I don't know what we'd do without faith.' It's the only thing ... to get through something like this."

Indeed, in times like these, for so many of us, faith in God is the only answer.

—Mike Krokos

## Faith & Precedent/Douglas W. Kmiec

# Why 2008 presidential aspirants should meet the human person

Watching the multitude of 2008 presidential candidates, there is a sense of unease.

It's not that the nation's security, immigration reform, health care and education are unimportant; far from it. It is that the proposals of the candidates seem shopworn, partisan and just plain hollow. That two-thirds of eligible citizens don't bother to even vote suggests something more fundamental needs attention in the American body politic.

With only a secular vocabulary, however, what ails us is hard to articulate.

We know that free markets are efficient, but we also see massive disparities in wealth. The middle class, which Aristotle opined was essential to good governance, often seems consciously short-changed. All but the very wealthy are meaningfully priced out—from the pursuit of public office, affordable housing and even some high-cost universities.

We all value freedom of expression, yet often what is expressed becomes coarse and immoral. The Internet which binds us in conversation is drenched in venomous "chat" and pornographic exploitation.

We value law, but there seems far too much of it to go around, and its administration is, or is troublingly alleged to be, based on who you know rather than on objective standard.

We yearn for the "good ole days," looking for a candidate who will restore our self-esteem and standing in the global community—restoring, if you will, the image of a scrappy, open, honest, compassionate and principled America rather than Abu Ghraib, U.S.A.

The conservative and liberal political vocabularies of the 2008 debate platform are inadequate to these tasks. They fail most specifically to account for the foundational idea that is America: men and women created equal and seeking a well-ordered civic society in order to pursue a transcendent end.

Competing conservative and liberal ideas reflect a diminished conception of the person. Without a sense of man's supernatural self, conservatives emphasize individuality and

overlook the need for community and human solidarity; liberals turn "right" into assertions of demand, tolerating if not extolling policies—such as abortion or commitment-free sexual practice—that are utterly destructive of the family and the basic goods of nature.

Since these conceptions of the person are incomplete or just plain wrong, they leave us yawning when they are rearticulated in partisan fashion by candidate A or B.

Of course, the failure of the United States to address its own malaise does not exempt us from the resentment produced among very poor nations because of U.S. citizens' attachment to materialism and shifting cultural values. To poor nations, Americans are endorsers of cultural decay exported by market practice and depicted in film.

And when materialistic choices (and their related dependency on foreign oil) end up associating Americans with the worst elements of other societies, the error is compounded by indiscriminately backing the wrong team with U.S. economic and military power.

A thoughtful presidential candidate will help voters to re-examine their national conscience, to contemplate what it might mean for them, for the U.S. and the entire world if they understood the human person authentically and completely—that is, in the Catholic vernacular in terms of the Trinity and the identity of Jesus Christ.

In so doing, Americans might well rediscover a calling to get beyond self; a capacity to understand that exceeds one's own point of view; a willingness to see one's destiny as inseparable from that of others; a grasp of how a true generosity of spirit breaks down barriers of suspicion and creates community and long-lasting friendship.

The personalist tradition of Catholicism, of course, is not intended as a political platform for any particular nation.

As the writings of Pope John Paul II and now Pope Benedict XVI reveal, it is a way to live, informed by revelation and the tradition of the Church. Americans knew that once—and can know it again.

The candidate who discerns how that might be so will deserve trust.

(Douglas W. Kmiec, a professor at the Pepperdine University School of Law, writes for Catholic News Service.) †

## Letters to the Editor

### Nation cannot hide its eyes to tragedy of abortion

The media is saturated with news of outrage over the abuse and death of the dogs in the Michael Vick case. I agree that this is a terrible thing.

However, where are the voices of outrage over the deaths by abortion of more than 4,000 unborn babies each day?

In most abortions, the unborn baby's body is dismembered (cut up) so the baby can be delivered dead. Due to

advances in ultrasound technology, people can no longer claim this is not a baby.

What happens to a nation that hides its eyes to this tragedy? It's outrageous to kill dogs, but not babies who are made in the image and likeness of God! Unbelievable!

**Margie Schmitz**  
Indianapolis

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# SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

## BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

### Eucharistic spirituality embraces the whole of life

(Thirteenth in a series)

It is no surprise that living the Sunday obligation became a matter for discussion at the 2005 bishops' Synod on the Eucharist.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in his exhortation on the Eucharist: "Conscious of this new vital principle which the Eucharist imparts to the Christian, the Synod Fathers reaffirmed the importance of the Sunday obligation for all the faithful, viewing it as a wellspring of authentic freedom enabling them to live each day in accordance with what they celebrated on 'the Lord's Day' (n. 73).

"The life of faith is endangered when we lose the desire to share in the celebration of the Eucharist and its commemoration of the paschal victory. Participating in the Sunday liturgical assembly with all our brothers and sisters, with whom we form one body in Jesus Christ, is demanded by our Christian conscience and, at the same time, it forms that conscience. To lose a sense of Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day to be sanctified, is symptomatic of the loss of an authentic sense of Christian freedom, the freedom of the children of God" (n. 73).

Pope John Paul II had written an apostolic letter "*Dies Domini*" ("The Day of the Lord"). Pope Benedict refers to it.

"Speaking of the various dimensions of the Christian celebration of Sunday, he said that it is *Dies Domini* with regard to the work of creation, *Dies Christi* as the day of

the new creation and the Risen Lord's gift of the Holy Spirit, *Dies Ecclesiae* as the day on which the Christian community gathers for the celebration, and *Dies hominis* as the day of joy, rest and fraternal charity (n. 73).

"Sunday thus appears as the primordial holy day, when all believers, wherever they are found, can become heralds and guardians of the true meaning of time. It gives rise to the Christian meaning of life and a new way of experiencing time, relationships, work, life and death ... —while recognizing that Saturday evening, beginning with First Vespers, is already a part of Sunday and a time when the Sunday obligation can be fulfilled—we need to remember that it is Sunday itself that is meant to be kept holy, lest it end up as a day 'empty of God' " (n. 73).

The pope raises the issue that Sunday also ought to be a day of rest from work. He acknowledges that this is a matter controlled by civil society. He asserts that recognizing the Lord's Day as a day of rest from daily exertions "*relativizes* work and directs it to the person: work is for man and not man for work" (n. 74).

His exhortation addresses the problem of Christian communities which lack priests and where, consequently, it is not possible to celebrate Mass on the Lord's Day. "Here it should be stated a wide variety of situations exists. The Synod recommended first that the faithful should go to one of the churches in their Diocese where the presence of a priest is assured, even when this demands a

certain sacrifice" (n. 75). After adequate instruction about the difference between Mass and Sunday assemblies in the absence of a priest, the local Ordinary may grant the faculty of distributing communion in liturgies without a priest.

Pope Benedict reminds us that the importance of Sunday as the *Dies Ecclesiae* (the day of the Church) brings us back to the intrinsic relationship between Jesus' victory over evil and death and our membership in his ecclesial body.

"On the Lord's Day, each Christian rediscovers the communal dimension of his life as one who has been redeemed. Taking part in the liturgy and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ intensifies and deepens our belonging to the one who died for us... Secularization, with its inherent emphasis on individualism, has its most negative effects on individuals who are isolated and lack a sense of belonging. Christianity, from its very beginning, has meant fellowship, a network of relationships constantly strengthened by hearing God's Word and sharing in the Eucharist and enlivened by the Holy Spirit" (n. 76).

The Synod Fathers said "the Christian faithful need a fuller understanding of the

relationship between the Eucharist and their daily lives. Eucharistic spirituality is not just participation in Mass and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. It embraces the whole of life" (n. 77).

Pope Benedict says this observation was particularly insightful because one of the serious effects of secularization in our culture is that it has relegated faith to the margins of life as if it means nothing in everyday life, as if God did not exist. He says "Jesus Christ is not just a private conviction or an abstract idea, but a real person, whose becoming part of human history is capable of renewing the life of every man and woman" (n. 77). †

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

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

**Parish Awareness:** that all parishioners will be aware of their role in promoting all vocations and have the awareness especially to encourage our youth to consider the priestly and religious life.

### La espiritualidad eucarística abarca la vida por completo

(Décimo tercero de la serie)

No resulta sorprendente que el asunto de vivir la obligación dominical se convirtiera en tema de discusión para el Sínodo de Obispos sobre la Eucaristía celebrado en 2005.

El Papa Benedicto XVI escribe en su exhortación sobre la Eucaristía: "Los Padres sinodales, conscientes de este nuevo principio de vida que la Eucaristía pone en el cristiano, han reafirmado la importancia del precepto dominical para todos los fieles, como fuente de libertad auténtica, para poder vivir cada día según lo que han celebrado en el 'día del Señor' (n. 73).

"En efecto, la vida de fe pelagra cuando ya no se siente el deseo de participar en la Celebración eucarística, en que se hace memoria de la victoria pascual. Participar en la asamblea litúrgica dominical, junto con todos los hermanos y hermanas con los que se forma un solo cuerpo en Jesucristo, es algo que la conciencia cristiana reclama y que al mismo tiempo la forma. Perder el sentido del domingo, como día del Señor para santificar, es síntoma de una pérdida del sentido auténtico de la libertad cristiana, la libertad de los hijos de Dios" (n. 73).

El Papa Juan Pablo II escribió una carta apostólica, titulada "*Dies Domini*" ("El día del Señor"). El Papa Benedicto hace referencia a ella.

"[A] propósito de las diversas dimensiones del domingo para los cristianos: es *dies Domini*, con referencia a la obra de la creación; *dies Christi* como día de la nueva creación y del don del Espíritu Santo que hace el Señor

Resucitado; *dies Ecclesiae* como día en que la comunidad cristiana se congrega para la celebración; *dies hominis* como día de alegría, descanso y caridad fraterna (n. 73).

"Por tanto, este día se manifiesta como fiesta primordial en la que cada fiel, en el ambiente en que vive, puede ser anunciador y custodio del sentido del tiempo. En efecto, de este día brota el sentido cristiano de la existencia y un nuevo modo de vivir el tiempo, las relaciones, el trabajo, la vida y la muerte ... —aun cuando el sábado por la tarde, desde las primeras Vísperas, ya pertenezca al domingo y esté permitido cumplir el precepto dominical—es preciso recordar que el domingo merece ser santificado en sí mismo, para que no termine siendo un día 'vacío de Dios' " (n. 73).

El Papa plantea la cuestión de que el domingo también debe ser un día de descanso del trabajo. Reconoce que este es un asunto controlado por la sociedad civil. Asevera que al reconocer el Día del Señor como un día de descanso de las faenas diarias produce una "*relativización del trabajo*, que debe estar orientado al hombre: el trabajo es para el hombre y no el hombre para el trabajo (n. 74).

Su exhortación aborda el problema de las comunidades cristianas que carecen de sacerdotes y en las cuales, como consecuencia, no es posible celebrar la misa en el Día del Señor. "A este respecto, se ha de reconocer que nos encontramos ante situaciones bastante diferentes entre sí. El Sínodo, ante todo, ha recomendado a los fieles acercarse a una de las iglesias de la diócesis en que esté garantizada la presencia del sacerdote, aun cuando eso requiera un cierto sacrificio" (n. 75). Después de una instrucción apropiada sobre la diferencia

entre la Misa y la asamblea dominical en ausencia de un sacerdote, al Ordinario local puede concedérsele la facultad de distribuir la comunión en la liturgia sin la presencia de un sacerdote.

El Papa Benedicto nos recuerda que la importancia del domingo como el *Dies Ecclesiae* (el día de la Iglesia), evoca la relación intrínseca entre la victoria de Jesús sobre el mal y la muerte, y nuestra afiliación con su cuerpo eclesial.

"En efecto, en el Día del Señor todo cristiano descubre también la dimensión comunitaria de su propia existencia redimida. Participar en la acción litúrgica, comulgar el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo quiere decir, al mismo tiempo, hacer cada vez más íntima y profunda la propia pertenencia a Él, que murió por nosotros. ... El fenómeno de la secularización, que comporta aspectos marcadamente individualistas, ocasiona sus efectos deletéreos sobre todo en las personas que se aíslan, y por el escaso sentido de pertenencia. El cristianismo, desde sus comienzos, supone siempre una compañía, una red de relaciones vivificadas continuamente por la escucha de la Palabra, la Celebración eucarística y animadas por el Espíritu Santo" (n. 76).

Los Padres Sinodales afirmaron: "Los fieles cristianos necesitan comprender más profundamente las relaciones entre la

Eucaristía y la vida cotidiana. La espiritualidad eucarística no es solamente participación en la Misa y devoción al Santísimo Sacramento. Abarca la vida entera" (n. 77).

El Papa Benedicto afirma que esta observación fue especialmente reveladora ya que uno de los graves efectos de la secularización de nuestra cultura es que relega la fe a los márgenes de la vida, como si no significara nada en la vida cotidiana, como si Dios no existiera. Asegura: "Jesucristo no es una simple convicción privada o una doctrina abstracta, sino una persona real cuya entrada en la historia es capaz de renovar la vida de todos" (n. 77). †

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

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#### La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

**Conocimiento de la Parroquia:** Que cada parroquiano sea consciente de su papel para fomentar todas las vocaciones y anime a nuestros jóvenes a con-siderar la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

# Events Calendar

## August 10

Holy Angels Church, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis. **Lectures on the Lawn Series, "The Mass—Getting Back to Basics,"** 7-8 p.m., bring a lawn chair and brown bag dinner, no charge.

## August 10-September 4

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, library, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Art exhibit, "Architecture: Now and Then," A. L. Aydelott Exhibition.** Information: 800-682-0988 or e-mail [news@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:news@saintmeinrad.edu).

## August 11

East Central High School, 1 Trojan Lane, St. Leon. **One-day conference, "Walking on Water,"** Father Gregory Bramlage, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., \$35 per person, \$15 meal plan. Information: 812-623-8007 or e-mail [st.nicholascatholicchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:st.nicholascatholicchurch@yahoo.com).

Valle Vista Golf Club, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood. **St. Philip Neri Parish, fourth annual Golf Outing,** 1-1:45 p.m. check-in, 2 p.m. shotgun start, \$90 per person includes green fees,

dinner and drinks. Information: 317-786-0352 or Jim Smith at 317-372-5892.

St. Roch Parish, Family Center, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. **Single Seniors, meeting,** 50 and over. Information: 317-784-1102.

## August 11-12

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, Guilford/New Alsace. **Parish festival, Sat. 6-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.,** quilts, food, games, music. Information: 812-487-2096.

## August 12

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

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road, Sellersburg. **RCIA, "Handing on the Faith,"** 12:30 p.m. Information: 812-246-3969 or [LisaWhitaker@StJoeHill.org](mailto:LisaWhitaker@StJoeHill.org).

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, Lanesville. **Parish picnic,** chicken dinner, booths,

10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-952-2853.

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

## August 13

St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Church, St. Mary Hall, 1117 Blaine Ave., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, prayer meeting,** 7:15 p.m. Information: 317-592-1992, [www.inholyspirit.org](http://www.inholyspirit.org) or [ccrci@inholyspirit.org](mailto:ccrci@inholyspirit.org).

## August 14

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Ave Maria Guild, meeting, 12:30 p.m.

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 3033 Martin Road, Floyds Knobs. Seminar and support group, session one,

"Divorce Care," 7 p.m. Information: 812-923-3011.

Michaela Farm, Oldenburg. **"Nature and Me" series** for children up to age 3 and their adult caregiver, \$20 for the series. Registration: 812-933-0661 or [michaelafarm@seidata.com](mailto:michaelafarm@seidata.com).

## August 15

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, 2801 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. Information program, **"Ignatian Spirituality for Adults,"** Jesuit Father Thomas Widner, presenter, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-524-7134.

## August 15-16

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Franciscan Room, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **ELM session, "Forming a Sacramental Life: Healing and Vocation,"** Benedictine Brother Zachary Wilberding, presenter. Information: 812-357-6721 or 800-334-6821 or [mhodge@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:mhodge@saintmeinrad.edu).

## August 17

Knights of Columbus Hall,

2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange,** John Delaney, president of Innovative Medical Management, speaker, Mass, 6:30 a.m., buffet breakfast and program, \$11 per person in advance, \$15 at door. Information: [www.catholicbusinessexchange.org](http://www.catholicbusinessexchange.org).

St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **Free seminar for cancer patients and their families, caregivers** welcome, includes lunch, noon-2 p.m., pre-registration due Aug. 15. Information: 317-782-7982.

## August 17-18

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46th and Illinois streets, Indianapolis. **Sausage Fest,** food, music, Fri., Sat. 4-11 p.m. Information: 317-253-1461.

## August 18

Indiana Roof Ballroom, 140 W. Washington St., Indianapolis. St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services, **21st annual Elizabella Ball,** 6 p.m., \$175 per person, reservations due Aug. 9. Information:

317-787-3412 or [www.StElizabets.org](http://www.StElizabets.org).

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Helpers of God's Precious Infants Pro-Life Mass,** Father Robert Robeson, celebrant, 8:30 a.m., followed by rosary outside abortion clinic and Benediction at church. Information: Archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, 317-236-1569 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1569.

## August 19

Camp Atterbury, Our Lady's Chapel in the Meadow, Edinburg. Italian Heritage Society of Indiana in conjunction with the Indiana National Guard, **18th annual Italian POW Reunion, rosary, Mass, pitch-in picnic,** 11 a.m. Information: 317-283-1289.

St. Pius Parish, State Road 48 to the intersection of CR 500 E and CR 800, Ripley County. **Annual church picnic,** chicken dinners, mock turtle soup, games, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-654-2402. †

## Retreats and Programs

### August 10-12

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"An Introduction to the Devout Life: St. Francis de Sales,"** Benedictine Father Adrian Burke, presenter. Information: 812-357-6611 or e-mail [mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### August 11

East Central High School, 1 Trojan Lane, St. Leon. **"Walking on Water" Conference,** Father Gregory Bramlage, presenter, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., \$35 advance registration due Aug. 5. Information: 812-623-8007 or [st.nicholas.catholicchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:st.nicholas.catholicchurch@yahoo.com).

### August 12

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Dominican Spirituality 101,"** Dominican Sister Romona Nowak, presenter, 7-9 p.m., no fee. Information: 317-545-7681 or [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

### August 15

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, chapel, 2801 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. **Information meeting for "Ignatian Spirituality for Adults" series,** Jesuit Father Thomas Widner, presenter, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-524-7134.

### August 17-19

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"The Psalter: A Guide and Challenge for Prayer,"** Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, presenter. Information: 812-357-6611 or e-mail [mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### August 21-23

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive,

St. Meinrad. **"St. Benedict's Way,"** Benedictine Brother Maurus Zoeller, presenter. Information: 812-357-6611 or e-mail [mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### August 24-26

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"World Wide Marriage Encounter,"** Information: 317-888-1892 or [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).

Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth, Ind. **"Getaway Weekend" for African-American Christian married couples,** \$490 per couple. Information: 708-363-8610 or e-mail [ArusiNet@yahoo.com](mailto:ArusiNet@yahoo.com).

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Aging Gracefully: A Retreat for 60s and Over,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 812-357-6611 or e-mail [mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### August 27

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Volunteers, Seniors and Friends Monthly Mass and Social,"** Mass, 9 a.m., continental breakfast following Mass, free-will offering. Information: 317-545-7681 or [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

### September 6

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Silent Non-guided Reflection Day,"** 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch. Information: 317-545-7681 or [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

### September 9

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Healing Power of**

**Prayer 101,"** 7-9 p.m., Dr. Timothy Heck, presenter. Information: 317-545-7681 or [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

### September 13

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E.

## Vocations director to be featured on Catholic Radio Indy

An interview with Father Eric Johnson, archdiocesan vocations director, will be broadcast on Catholic Radio Indy 89.1 FM's "Faith in Action" show on Aug. 13-18.



During the interview, Father Johnson talks with host Brigid Curtis Ayer about his own road to the priesthood and how those who may be sensing a call from God to the priesthood or religious life can respond.

"Faith in Action" is broadcast at 7 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. on Saturdays.

Catholic Radio Indy can be heard throughout the archdiocese by logging on to [www.catholicradioindy.org](http://www.catholicradioindy.org) and clicking on the "listen now" button. †

## VIPs

**Richard and Carol (Maginn) King,** members of Holy Family Parish in Richmond, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 27.

They were married on July 27, 1957, at St. Mary Church in Richmond.

The couple has three children: Laura, Nancy and Michael King. They have two grandchildren.

**Paula Scraba,** a postulant in the congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg, recently received the *Spiritus Franciscanus* Award at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa, where she was an assistant professor of education just prior to her entrance as a postulant. This award recognizes the contributions of a member of the Briar Cliff faculty who imitates and reflects the values of St. Francis and St. Clare. Briar Cliff College was founded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa. †



## Catholic HEART Workcamp

A group of youth and adult leaders from St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis pose after returning from Milwaukee, Wis., where they participated in a Catholic HEART Workcamp from July 8-14. The participants are, from left, Amanda Glitero, an intern in youth ministry at the parish; Stacey Winterrowd, Kelly Adams and Casey Moorman, all members of the parish; Tom Steiner, the parish's youth minister; and Blake Steiner, a member of the parish. During their stay in Milwaukee, the group made repairs to houses and the Dominican Center for Women, and also worked at senior centers.



## Italian POW Mass

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, celebrates Mass on Aug. 27, 2006, in front of Our Lady's Chapel in the Meadow at Camp Atterbury near Edinburg. The chapel was built in 1943 by Italian prisoners of war. The 18th annual rosary, Mass and pitch-in picnic to commemorate the building of the chapel will begin at 11 a.m. on Aug. 19. The event is sponsored by the Indiana National Guard and the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana. For more information, call Salvatore Petruzzi at 317-849-9731.

# New service ministry aims to continue where St. Joseph left off

GARY, Ind. (CNS)—While little is known of the quiet, gentle man who served as the protector and human father of Jesus, the image of Joseph as a carpenter invokes creative thoughts of how he might have served his God and neighbors.

With this fatherly saint as inspiration, St. John the Evangelist Parish in

St. John, Ind., has launched a new endeavor—the St. Joseph the Carpenter ministry. Defined in their mission statement as a diverse group of people in service to the less fortunate, the group vows to help “restore the dignity of our brothers and sisters in Christ through love, compassion and home-repair assistance.”

Traveling on a warm July Saturday to the Black Oak section of Gary, a group of nine men and women assisted resident Maggie Arreola.

Arreola, the mother of three, has been plagued with health problems, but more immediate concerns are her kitchen floor and several nonfunctioning drains in the home. Her plight came to the attention of some people at nearby St. Ann Parish, who called on the new ministry for help.

Looking at the sagging floor damaged by a termite infestation, workers estimated it was only a matter of weeks before it would give out completely.

“It was lucky she didn’t fall through the floor,” said Keith Burke, ministry leader.

As his wife, Susan, ripped up floor tiles, Burke and his crew were busy removing the rotting floorboards and studs, starting almost literally from scratch.

“This is so wonderful,” a tearful Arreola said. “There is no way I could have done this myself.”

Arreola’s brother, Jose Valenzela, was on hand to help. Valenzela, who spent the previous two weekends painting his sister’s living room, was eager to watch the major repairs being completed while offering assistance wherever and

whenever he could.

The St. Joseph ministry, a long-held vision of Burke’s, is open to anyone in the community who wants to make a difference in a very tangible way to those in need. Working on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, the group

aggressively tackles projects that would most likely go undone due to financial restraints or physical limitations.

“This ministry has been something I’ve been called to do,” said Burke. “So I just went out and did it.”

An enticing part of the ministry, according to Burke, is that it is accessible to many people on many levels gifted with a wide variety of skills and talents.

Recently welcomed into the faith, St. John the Evangelist parishioner Laurie Burczkowski sought a way to become involved. Busy with a young son, Burczkowski offered to make lunch for the hungry workers and the family.

“Making lunch and delivering it here today was a way I could be involved,” she said.

Bob Rinearson is not Catholic, but his family attends St. John the Evangelist Parish. Rinearson experienced outreach ministry when he accompanied parish members on a

*‘This ministry has been something I’ve been called to do. So I just went out and did it.’*

— Keith Burke



Susan Burke, homeowner Maggie Arreola and Bob Rinearson pray before sharing lunch with members of the St. Joseph the Carpenter ministry at Arreola’s home in Gary, Ind., on July 14. Volunteers in the ministry from St. John the Evangelist Church in St. John were working on repairs at the house.



Adam Burke assists his father, Keith, with repairs at a home in the Black Oak section of Gary, Ind., on July 14. The elder Burke is leader of his parish’s new St. Joseph the Carpenter ministry, offering home repair services to those in need. Work on homes is carried out twice each month by members of St. John the Evangelist Church in St. John.

Katrina mission trip to New Orleans.

Not only did this retired carpenter become hooked on helping others, but he was moved enough to take the first steps to become a Catholic.

“This is just a way of giving back what I have been blessed with,” he said.

Burke added, “This isn’t just a man’s ministry. This is something you can do as a family.” †

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# An 'unplugged experience'

## Catholic camp gets children outside, gives them room to grow

NEWBURG, Md. (CNS)—Lauren Gray, 11, and Cameron Spruill, 10, like spending time with the horses and tubing behind the motorboat. Gabrielle Buckles, 9, likes meeting other campers and made 10 new friends this year, she says.

And Jack Bowman? Jack is 11 years old, and he just says summer camp is "something to do so I wouldn't be bored at my house."

Whatever drew them in, one thing they all have in common is they attended Catholic summer camp in Maryland this year, and they all plan on coming back next year.

Since 1952, Camp St. Charles in Newburg has helped children get outside and enjoy nature away from the distractions of technology.

The camp offers four two-week sessions from the end of June to mid-August. Up at 7:30 every morning, campers can choose throughout the day from a variety of activities, including archery, swimming lessons, pottery, sports, boating and spending time with the animals at "Brother Roger's Farm."

The camp is sponsored by the Society of the Divine Savior, whose members are better known as Salvatorians.

The two Salvatorian brothers who work at the camp have been there for the last 40 years. Laura Hall, camp director for the last six years, has spent the last 14 summers at the camp. She said the children get to choose what activities they want to participate in throughout the week, but sitting in the cabin—listening to music with headphones or talking on a cell phone—isn't one of those options.

Camp is a "very unplugged experience for the kids," she said.

Although it only spans 15 acres, the camp appears bigger because water surrounds it on three sides. Hall said it's big enough to give everyone space, but small enough for her to keep an eye on

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Campers check out a large pot of sweet and slimy red stuff before a Jell-O eating contest at Camp St. Charles in Newburg, Md., on Aug. 3. Located in southern Maryland, the summer camp welcomes children ages 7 to 15. It was established in 1952 by the members of the Society of the Divine Savior, better known as Salvatorian priests and brothers.

everything that's going on. The cabins, chapel, mess hall and other buildings are whitewashed, with forest-green trim. Hall said the experiences that campers have nowadays are not much different from what their parents or even grandparents might remember from their time at Camp St. Charles.

Next summer, the camp plans to add a family summer camp after the fourth session in August.

Hall said she works at the camp because she likes to see the children grow up and mature over the years. Campers range in age from 7 to 13, and those ages 14-15 are training to serve as counselors. Many continue to attend as counselors in high school and college.

Several children who attend the camp belong to families who have moved away from the area, but return for those few weeks every summer.

"The campers who are crying when their parents drop them off are usually the ones who are crying when they come to pick them up two weeks later," Hall said in an interview with Catholic News Service. "Once kids come, they really get into it. They'll go to great lengths to come back."

Most campers come

from the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland, but others come from as far away as Miami, Korea, France, England and Spain. Many European countries don't have summer camps so campers come on exchange to practice their English in a fun environment.

Mitch Ramer is in the eighth grade in Fredericksburg, Va. Last year, he was a camper, but now he's 14—too old to attend as a camper. He said he signed up to be a counselor-in-training because "I didn't feel like I was ready to leave yet."

After two years in training, he can be a junior counselor. He said being a counselor means he has to be more responsible than as a camper, but there are more ups than downs. One of the downs, he said, is that he has to help supervise a number of different activities so "you can't spend all day playing dodge ball."

Camp St. Charles tries to recruit campers by making presentations in schools and sending brochures to parishes, but the best recruitment tool it has is word of mouth, Hall said. Registration for the summer begins in October, and the camp usually operates at full capacity with 155 campers. Others are placed on a waiting list.

At the end of every two-week session, Friday afternoon is the time for the carnival celebration, with a hands-free Jell-O eating contest, face painting, inflatable slides and a dunk tank that puts counselors at the mercy of their campers. Campers can exchange phone numbers

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Young campers take turns at a game on their final full day at Camp St. Charles in Newburg, Md., on Aug. 3.

and e-mail addresses to keep in touch during the year, and they receive tickets to participate in the activities or use at the snow-cone stand.

Blaise Gardineer, 7, confided to his friends before the carnival began on Aug. 3, "I'm using my first ticket on the dunk tank." †

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Eight-year-old Caroline Kirchen of Washington lets out a laugh while talking with other campers outside a cabin at Camp St. Charles in Newburg, Md., on Aug. 3.

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# A half century of devotion

## Two friends celebrate 50 years in the priesthood

(Editor's note: Four archdiocesan priests are celebrating their 50-year jubilees in 2007. This week, we feature Msgr. Bernard Schmitz and Father Joseph Sheets. The Criterion featured Fathers Donald Schmidlin and Joseph Kern in its July 27 issue.)

By Sean Gallagher

Msgr. Bernard Schmitz and Father Joseph Sheets have a lot in common.

This summer, both men celebrated the 50th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood.

Both served at parishes for long periods. Msgr. Schmitz was the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Morris for 37 years, while Father Sheets spent 36 years in just two pastoral assignments.

And their history of longstanding tenures parallels the enduring friendship the two 76-year-old priests have shared since they started their journey to the priesthood together as high school freshmen seminarians in 1945.

After 12 years in the seminary together, they continued to spend time together because they served four years as assistant pastors of parishes that were only a short drive apart.

Later, when Msgr. Schmitz and Father Sheets were assigned to parishes that were far away from each other, they would call each other regularly and take vacations together.

Msgr. Schmitz recently said that his friendship with Father Sheets has been "extremely important" over the course of their 60 years of knowing each other.

"He's always been an inspiration and a solid voice in the midst of a lot of noise," Msgr. Schmitz said. "Joe always comes up with a good statement that summarizes it all. He's been a loyal friend, one of the best."

Father Sheets showed that loyalty soon after he retired in 2001 by celebrating weekend Masses at Msgr. Schmitz's parishes.

"I was just retired one month when Msgr. Schmitz called me and told me he needed help," Father Sheets said. "I ended up going there every weekend for the next year."

Father Sheets said having Msgr. Schmitz as a close friend—who is also a priest—has been important over the years.

"There were questions that would arise that we would check with each other on, and see how one would deal with a situation," he said. "It's difficult for a priest to socialize and to share some things of life with anybody else in life except another priest."

### A part of the parish family

Building strong relationships has been important for the two priests in other ways.

Serving as pastor for long periods in one parish gave them the opportunity to become like family to their parishioners.

Msgr. Schmitz spent nearly four decades serving the

## Msgr. Bernard Schmitz

- Age: 76
- Parents: Bernard and Katarina (von Garrell) Schmitz



- Parish where he grew up: St. Peter Parish in Franklin County
- Education: Seminary at Saint Meinrad School of Theology
- Hobbies: golf
- Most influential book: Bible
- Favorite Scripture verse: "Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus"

(1 Tm 2:3), which was the basis for Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter's motto, "*Miles Christi sum*" ("I am a soldier of Christ").

## Father Joseph Sheets

- Age: 76
- Parents: Edward and Kathryn (Burns) Sheets



- Parish where he grew up: St. Martin of Tours Parish in Martinsville
- Education: Seminary at Saint Meinrad School of Theology
- Hobbies: "I like to play golf, but I'm not very good at it. I used to work a lot outside, but I've just been kind of slowed down the last couple of three years."

- Favorite recent book: *Priests for the Third Millennium* by Msgr. Timothy Dolan (now archbishop of Milwaukee)
- Favorite prayers: Prayer before a crucifix, Prayer to St. Joseph, Litany of the Sacred Heart

families of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, retiring at the start of July. Other nearby parishes that he served simultaneously for periods were St. Nicholas Parish and St. Pius Parish, both in Ripley County, and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan.

"He became a member of the family as much as the head of the parish," said Walter Eckstein, who was a member of St. Anthony Parish for the entirety of Msgr. Schmitz's tenure.

"He became one of us. He knew us, and he baptized some of the babies. And [then] he baptized their babies."

People who are like family to each other often show that relationship in a special way when illnesses arise.

"He administered the sacraments to the sick and the dying unbelievably [well]. I think he'll always be known for that," said Joan Eckstein, Walter Eckstein's wife, who served as Msgr. Schmitz's housekeeper and cook for 20 years.

For Msgr. Schmitz, coming quickly to the side of his sick and dying parishioners seemed to be an instinctive part of his priestly life and ministry.

"Part of the family was sick," he said. "They needed help. It's a sign that the family is functioning and people are taking care of their loved ones, both the clergy and the lay folks."

Father Sheets served as the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville for 14 years, and as pastor of St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour and administrator of Our Lady of Providence Parish in Brownstown for 18 years, a tenure that ended in 2001 when Father Sheets retired.

He said the closeness he had with his parishioners came in the welcome he received from them "not for anything that I have done or I have said, but for the fact that I am a priest."

Father Sheets also said intimacy was revealed when he welcomed penitents in the confessional.

"Anytime anyone comes to confession, they're not going to go around and submit their sins to anyone else," Father Sheets said. "But they're going to come and sometimes really bear their souls to you."

### There for the long haul

For more than 15 years, the archdiocese has allowed priests to serve as pastor of a parish for a six-year term. That term can then be renewed for another six years.

But when Msgr. Schmitz and Father Sheets were in the seminary, they were told that being a pastor was an open-ended assignment.

"The professors that we had used to say, 'You're going to be there for the rest of your life, bud. So remember that, Schmitz,'" Msgr. Schmitz recalled.

Thirteen years after he was ordained, Msgr. Schmitz was named pastor of St. Anthony Parish. With the words of his seminary professors perhaps still ringing in his ears, he turned to God.

"I actually said prayers, asking that it [being pastor of St. Anthony] be a lifelong thing for me," Msgr. Schmitz said. "It pretty well has been because my life doesn't have that many more years to go."

Father Sheets recognized that there are potential benefits and pitfalls to having priests stay in a pastoral assignment for a decade or more. But, he said, all things considered, long tenures are better than moving priests in and out of a parish every few years.

"With the priest, he's the father of the people and the leader of the people," he said. "And about the time you get to know the people, you're moving on to learn some more names. I don't think that's too good."

Father Sheets served as Maureen Pesta's pastor at Our Lady of Providence Parish for almost 20 years.

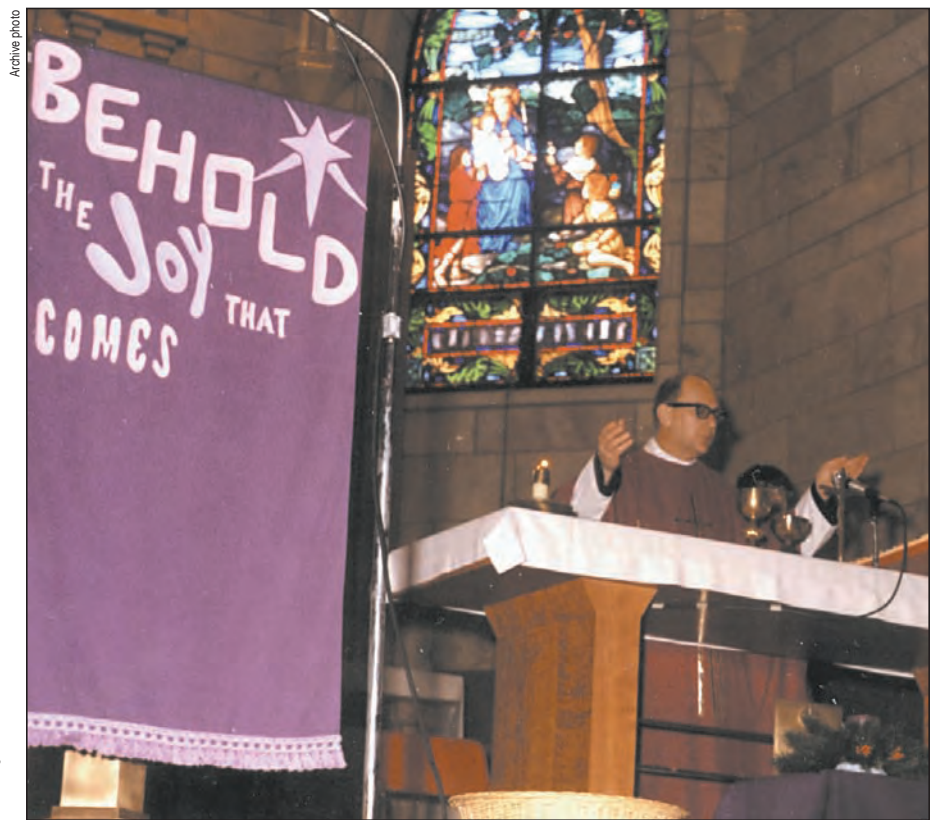
A lot of things can happen over that course of time to make people cynical in their relationships.

But Pesta saw an admirable consistency over the years in Father Sheets.

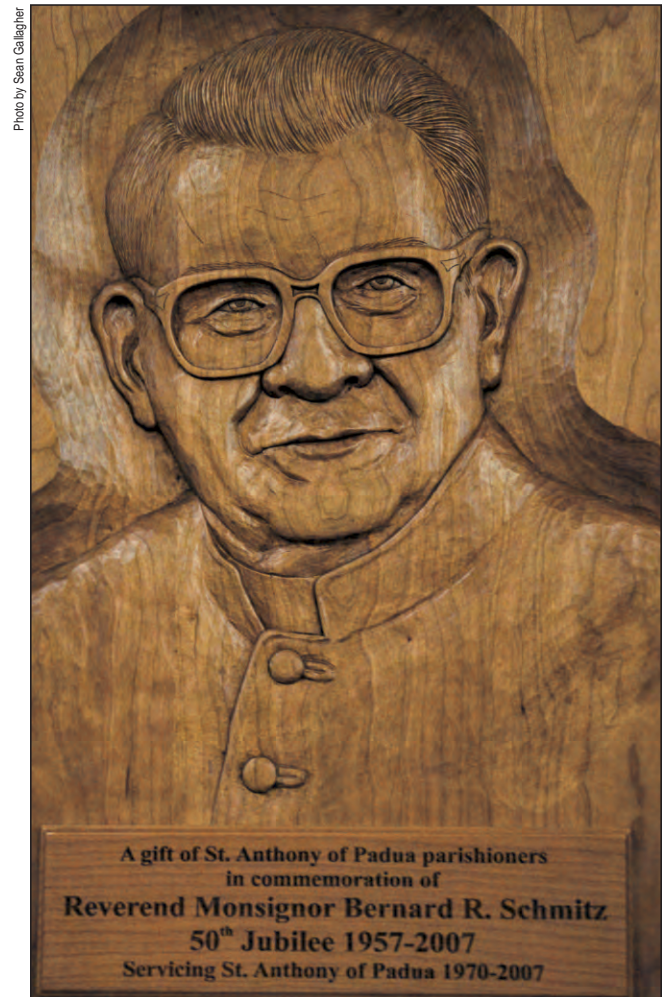
"I found him to really be a person who tried to live his life according to what he taught," she said. "Over the years, you really respect and appreciate any person—priest or whoever they are—who takes that goal seriously, especially in the case of a priest where he is preaching the Gospel."

Serving as pastor of St. Ambrose Parish for 18 years also allowed Father Sheets to lead many people gently, in ordinary ways, closer to Christ.

One such person was John Brooks, whom Father Sheets welcomed into the full communion of the Church 20 years ago.



In this undated photo, Father Joseph Sheets celebrates Mass at St. Mary Church in Lanesville. He served as pastor of the New Albany Deanery parish from 1969-83.



A plaque honoring Msgr. Bernard Schmitz for his 50 years of priestly life and ministry and his 37 years of serving as pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Morris hangs in the back of the Batesville Deanery parish's church. The plaque was crafted at Weberding's Carving Shop in nearby Batesville.

For Brooks, his journey to that communion was like a stroll with a friend.

"It wasn't an epiphany," Brooks said. "It was just getting to know a good, decent human being and then listening to his homilies on Sunday."

### A humble life

Although Brooks appreciated the effect of Father Sheets' ministry on his life, he knew he would avoid any praise of his efforts, describing him as "self-effacing to the extreme."

And, indeed, Father Sheets humbly hesitated to judge his own growth in faith over the past 50 years, let alone the way he may have led others closer to Christ.

"I tried," he said. "I hope that things have deepened. I'm not a very good judge on my performance on how much I have improved. I guess I'll just have to leave that up to the good Lord."

Msgr. Schmitz, like his friend, Father Sheets, spoke humbly about his need for God's help when asked to appraise his half century in priestly life and ministry.

"Gratitude to God is a big one," said Msgr. Schmitz, "because we really mess up if we don't have him to make us capable of living with other people and putting up with all kinds of situations in life." †

## Book Review

# Book views Harry Potter series through moral, spiritual lenses

### The Mystery of Harry Potter: A Catholic Family Guide

By Nancy Carpentier Brown

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175 pp., \$12.95

Reviewed by Lorraine V. Murray

Catholic News Service

Are the Harry Potter books safe for kids? This question has been bandied about for years, with some parents insisting that the books encourage young children to see witchcraft and magic as ordinary parts of life, while others believe the books are harmless. Where does the truth lie?

Nancy Carpentier Brown in *The Mystery of Harry Potter: A Catholic Family Guide* attempts to look at the series written by J.K. Rowling through a variety of lenses. Brown admits she went from being anti-Potter to becoming a supporter after she took the time to read the books.

Brown has some good advice. Above all, she believes the books, now numbering seven with the recent publication of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, are not for children of all ages. Thus, parents should read them first to decide if the plots would be too upsetting or inappropriate for their own children.

She believes the Harry Potter books are moral tales depicting a struggle between good and evil, with emphasis placed on human free will. For her, the magic in the books is no more harmful than that found in many fairy tales.

The books, she claims, emphasize the very Catholic belief in the importance of sacrificial love, so Rowling has "told a Christian story in the unexpected disguise of a witchcraft tale."

*Mystery* will be a good read for busy parents who want to explore more deeply the underlying messages of the Potter series. But at times, the writing seems rushed and disjointed, and many topics are too general to be considered specifically pertinent to Catholic parents.

Yes, it is true, as the author points out, that parents and

friendships are shown to be important in the Potter books and, yes, it is true that the books have no smoking, no drug use, no same-sex partners and "very little swearing."

Still, these points alone won't assuage the fears of parents who believe the books are too dark and too deeply involved in magic and witchcraft. And Catholic parents especially will want to know what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*—and the Bible—say about magic, and what Church leaders have said about the books.

Early on, Brown mentions that Pope Benedict XVI, when he was Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, had expressed an opinion that the Potter books contained "subtle seductions."

His full statement was: "These are subtle seductions that are barely noticeable, and precisely because of that have a deep effect and corrupt the Christian faith in souls even before it could properly grow."

*Every chapter has dinner-table questions, which may be helpful for parents who want to discuss the books with their children.*

But rather than take his criticism seriously, Brown dismisses his remarks as polite responses to Gabriel Kuby, a German author who had sent him a copy of her book, *Harry Potter: Good or Evil?*

Oddly, Brown concludes, without evidence, that the pope has never read any of the Harry Potter books himself.

At times, she mentions places in the Bible and the catechism that she feels are relevant to her defense of the books, but some of her claims are vague, such as her assertion that even the Bible has stories about magicians and others about people lying.

She also believes it is important for parents to guide their children through the books, and discuss concepts with them.

As she points out, some moral situations in Harry Potter can be hard for young children to understand: "Although there is a clear delineation between the good and evil, there are many times when we must choose greater goods over lesser goods, and we must be able to weigh complex issues."

This comment alone shows why the books may be

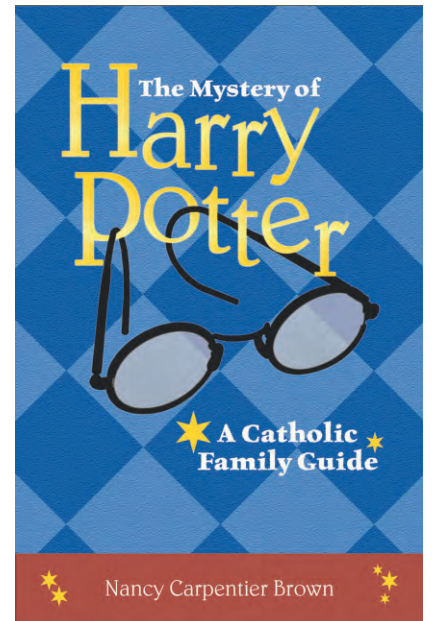
inappropriate for very young readers, who lack the wisdom to make such distinctions.

Unfortunately, Brown chose a rather awkward device to deliver her message. In each chapter, she presents a section from a poem by G.K. Chesterton, "Lepanto," and then compares the action of the poem with the plots of the Potter books. Since this is not a well-known poem, the technique is a bit of a stretch.

Every chapter has dinner-table questions, which may be helpful for parents who want to discuss the books with their children. Also, there is a good chapter on the difference between the movies and the books, with the author noting that the movies are generally more upsetting and violent than the books, and parents should take movie ratings seriously.

When all is said and done, one question remains: Are the books safe for children? Even after reading this book, the jury is still out.

(Lorraine V. Murray is the author of three books on spiritual issues. She works in the Pitts Theology Library at Emory University in Atlanta.) †



## Ferdinand Benedictines Invite Public to 'Dancing with the SiStars'

FERDINAND, IN — The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, invite the public to join them in celebrating their 140th anniversary with a special event that follows in the dancing footsteps of a hit TV show.

The celebration called "Dancing with the SiStars" will take place on Sunday, September 9, at the elegant French Lick Springs Hotel in French Lick, Indiana.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. EDT with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by dinner, music from the Moonlight Big Band, and a silent auction.

A special program will include dance lessons for the sisters and their guests. Some sisters will be part of "Celebrity Dancing," featuring special guests Bill and Gayle Cook, Carl Cook, and Pete and Alice Dye.

The Cooks have long been supporters of historic preservation, and their company has been a partner in the \$382 million restoration and development project that includes the French Lick Springs Hotel, the adjoining casino, and the West Baden Springs Hotel.

**Dancing with the SiStars**

Cook Group Incorporated is sponsoring "Dancing with the SiStars" and is also top sponsor for the sisters' Cook Dome Classic golf scramble, which will be held Monday, September 10.

The Dyes are legends in golf. Pete Dye has been called the "father of modern golf architecture." He is currently designing a new championship golf course at French Lick that will open in

2008. The winner of numerous golf championships, Alice Dye received the PGA's First Lady of Golf Award in 2004. She has been co-designer with her husband of a number of courses and has promoted making courses more playable for women.

The Cook Dome Classic golf scramble will be held the morning after "Dancing with the SiStars" at the Donald Ross Course in French Lick. Registration is at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The scramble will include a continental breakfast, hot lunch on the course, individual and team awards, and a reception. Pete and Alice Dye will be available for foursome photos.



Sister Mary Carmel Spayd learns how to do an "open present" for the waltz from Bob Vaal, while her twin sister, Sister Mary Carmen, looks on. Bob and his wife Dee will provide dance lessons at the "Dancing with the SiStars" celebration. Dee, a dance instructor for many years, and Bob, director of technology for the Ferdinand Benedictines, teach ballroom dancing at the Tri-County YMCA in Ferdinand.

The French Lick Springs Hotel will provide special room rates for those participating in the banquet and the golf scramble. (Rooms must be reserved by August 21 to obtain the special rate.)

Proceeds from "Dancing with the SiStars" and the Cook Dome Classic will support the sisters' ministries — in schools, parishes, church institutions, health care facilities, retreat centers, and social service agencies. The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand were

founded on August 20, 1867, by four sisters from Covington, Kentucky. Today they number 180 and minister in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Maryland, Italy, Peru, and Guatemala. Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove was founded by the Ferdinand Benedictine sisters. Currently 10 Ferdinand Benedictines serve in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

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"We hope that many of our friends can join us for this special celebration of our 140th anniversary!"

— Sister Kristine Anne Harpenau  
Prioress

# Cardinal honors 100,000th visitor to renovated Baltimore basilica

BALTIMORE (CNS)—As Rosalie Dohm of Woodbridge, Va., climbed the stairs to the nation's first Catholic cathedral on Aug. 2, she thought it was unusual that Cardinal William H. Keeler was personally greeting each of the visitors from her parish tour group.

The 66-year-old member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Lake Ridge, Va., then found herself in the spotlight when Cardinal Keeler handed her a package and balloons then congratulated her for being the 100,000th visitor to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary since it reopened last November.

"I'm dumbfounded," said Dohm, who came on the tour with her parish's Silver Foxes senior citizen group. "I was excited about seeing this place, but wow. What a shock to be told you are the 100,000th visitor since it opened back up to the public."

Cardinal Keeler said he was overwhelmed by the number of people who have flocked to the cathedral since it was restored to the vision of its architect, Benjamin Henry Latrobe, the father of American architecture who also designed the U.S. Capitol.

In fact, Dohm is somewhere in the neighborhood of the 108,000th visitor to the restored basilica, but the Aug. 2 date was chosen to symbolically honor a visitor to demonstrate the volume of visitors who have crossed its threshold since November.

With the national spotlight on the basilica's reconstruction, officials from the Basilica of the Assumption Historic Trust decided to assemble an army of volunteer guides and conduct several organized tours of the building seven days a week, something it only offered once a week before the 30-month, \$34 million restoration began.

"We expected there to be interest in the basilica once it reopened, but this has been even bigger than we expected," said Mark J. Potter, executive director of the historic trust. "We're already on our second visitors' sign-in book."

Visitors from all over the world have penned their names and addresses in both of the books, with

52 percent affiliated with Catholic organizations and the other 48 percent

*'I was excited about seeing this place, but wow. What a shock to be told you are the 100,000th visitor since it opened back up to the public.'*

— Rosalie Dohm

representing all other religious groups, Potter told *The Catholic Review*, Baltimore's archdiocesan newspaper.

The basilica averages about 12,000 visitors each month, with more than 16,000 entering the U.S. symbol of

Catholicism in January, the month that has seen the highest volume to date, he said.

"Some people come for a religious experience," Potter said, "while others come because they have a particular interest in history or architecture."

The cornerstone of the downtown Baltimore basilica was laid in 1806.

Pope Pius XI elevated Baltimore's original cathedral to the rank of a minor basilica in 1937, giving it the honor and right to display the papal bell, the papal umbrella and the pontifical seal.

When Cardinal Keeler became archbishop of Baltimore 18 years ago, he launched a crusade to have the basilica restored to its original grandeur, but said after presenting Dohm with her "bag of goodies" that he was surprised so many have visited the city's co-cathedral in the eight months since its reopening.



Rosalie Dohm of Woodbridge, Va., left, was the symbolic 100,000th visitor to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore on Aug. 2 and received gifts for the occasion from Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore. She was there with a group of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners from Lake Ridge, Va., on a tour organized by Tom Vrtis of Woodbridge, right.

"Of course, [the basilica] turned out to be more spectacular than we

had hoped for," he said while standing in the portico of the historic

building. "Visitors take away with them a great sense of history." †

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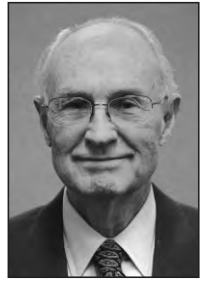
  
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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Biblical women: Lot's wife and daughters

(Second in a series of columns)

Lot was Abraham's nephew. The two of them migrated together from Ur, in



southern Mesopotamia, to the land of Canaan. Then they separated and Lot pitched his tents near Sodom.

He and his wife and daughters were the only good people in Sodom or the neighboring town of Gomorrah.

When God determined to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, he sent two angels, disguised as humans, to rescue Lot and his family.

Genesis 19 shows us how evil the residents of Sodom were. When they learned that two strangers were staying with Lot, they surrounded Lot's house (he apparently was no longer living in a tent). They demanded that Lot "bring them out to us that we may have intimacies with them."

Lot tried to placate the men in a way that we can only consider shocking. He offered to give them his two virgin daughters rather than let them violate the men to whom he had given hospitality. This didn't placate the Sodomites, who tried to break down the door to the house. But the angels struck the men outside with a blinding light.

The angels then led Lot and his wife and daughters out of Sodom, into the hills, as God began to destroy the city with fire. They told them not to look back or stop. "But Lot's wife looked back, and she was turned into a pillar of salt" (Gn 19:26).

Lot's wife appears in the Book of Wisdom as "the tomb of a disbelieving soul, a standing pillar of salt" (Wis 10:7), and Jesus said, "Remember the wife of Lot" when telling people that, on the coming of the Kingdom of God, a person in the field must not return to what was left behind (Lk 17:32).

Lot and his two daughters were now safe, living in a cave. But it was a lonely existence for two young women. They had both been engaged, and Lot had tried to get

their fiancés to leave Sodom with them, but the men didn't believe him when he said that God was going to destroy the town.

Deprived of men their age, and wanting to have children, the two women decided to take matters into their own hands. Lot was the only man around. So they plied their father with wine until he fell asleep and then the older of his daughters slept with him. They did the same thing the next night, this time the younger daughter taking her turn. Somehow, they managed to do this without Lot's knowledge even though he was able to perform.

Both women became pregnant. The older daughter gave birth to a boy they named Moab, who became the ancestor of the Moabites. The younger daughter gave birth to a boy they named Ammon, the ancestor of the Ammonites.

This Israelite story about the incestuous birth of Moab and Ammon was obviously included in their Scriptures to ridicule the Moabites and Ammonites, Israel's rival nations on the east side of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## The virtue of character never goes out of style

We often used to hear about "character" in times past. This was used, not as in



"he's a crazy character," but rather as part of the Boy Scout code and other arbiters of moral virtue.

Character is a quality of the human condition, which in those days most of us admired, tried to

create in our children, and hoped to possess ourselves. It meant we believed in honesty, loyalty and unselfish concern for the common good.

The support of good character was prevalent in our culture. Film director Frank Capra practically made a career of praising those who displayed it. Jimmy Stewart, who starred in several of Capra's films, including *It's a Wonderful Life*, was famous for his portrayals of such people.

Politicians of the time were held to a standard of behavior which most citizens regarded as morally necessary for anyone.

Sly dogs that they are, some of the politicians were sneaking in mistresses and gambling debts and other frowned-upon activities but, if they were found out, they were soon out of office.

Likewise, school teachers, ministers, bank presidents or anyone in a position of authority was expected to be of good character. Priests and religious were held in high regard as models of it.

The reasons for this belief in the virtue of character were based on a religious view that what is good comes from God and returns us to God. When we display good character, we reveal the God in whose image we are made. It's as simple as that.

Many of us still believe in the virtue of having a good character, and many of us still try to achieve it. Unfortunately, we live in a time when religious values are often denigrated, and so we have lack of character not only evident, but also considered "cool" by all kinds of people.

Perhaps that is why the movie *Hud*, which we viewed again recently, is the classic that it is. It represents the opposition between old-fashioned good character and the current dismissal of it.

*Hud* is the story of a modern man (Paul Newman) in conflict with his aged father (Melvyn Douglas), who represents the virtue of character so admired in the past. It's also the story of the modern man's unsuccessful attempt to corrupt the character of his nephew (Brandon de Wilde).

At one point, the old father says something like, "The character of a country depends upon the character of its people." He berates his son because he "just doesn't give a damn about anyone or anything except himself."

In a recent documentary about the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis in WW II, the issue of character came up again. The survivors floating in the shark-infested ocean for four days before rescue consistently tried to help and protect their fellow shipmates, sometimes losing their lives in the process. In those times, it was normal to work together for the good of all.

Now, we live in times when priests have avoided prosecution for abusing children; when a president has committed adultery in the Oval Office; and when soldiers sworn to uphold the noble values of our country have tortured their captives. All these things and more have happened without much public outcry until it was impossible not to notice them, and sometimes even without serious penalty.

It's time to restore good character in the American value system, and to restore God there while we're at it.

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

## State fair: A tribute to what is good in Indiana

Last year, I wrote a column titled "A tale of two Shirleys." It explained how



I was mistakenly credited for making a beautiful hooked rug that won a prize and was then sold at an auction at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis.

When told about this, I was shocked because I have no

talents for such handiwork.

In a "Faithful Lines" column, I credited the real winner, Shirley Proctor, a Quaker friend and longtime member of First Friends Meeting in Indianapolis.

However, in early marriage, I did knit dishcloths for a while. I also sewed for myself and my three daughters until I realized that buying clothes on sale or at thrift shops was more economical.

However, I still have a dress I made that each daughter wore at her first Communion. More challenging was once sewing a sports coat for my husband. He wore it proudly, but it bothered me

because I knew every flaw in it.

There are probably few flaws in the beautiful exhibits and entries from talented Hoosiers in the countless competitions at the Indiana State Fair. The Home and Family Arts Building is filled with handiwork and art. It is delightful to admire such talent, patience and "stick-to-it-iveness."

County and state fairs nationwide are an annual tribute to all that is right and good in America. I'm city-bred, and as a girl often pretended to be a country woman surviving in the Old West. Never mind that as a girl visiting a farm cousin's family, I was frightened of things as harmless as a grasshopper.

The state fair's Pioneer Village reminds me of how my girlfriends and I often pretended to be pioneers or missionary nuns. However, nearly every area of the fair reminds me of good experiences even when viewing the animals, walking through the Midway, enjoying countless exhibits and performances, and soaking up the ambience.

Modern state fairs, however, are not fantasies. They represent reality and they

even incorporate religious services and Masses into busy days for those who work and exhibit there—or so I thought.

While writing this column, my state fair contacts said unless Churches and clerics stepped forward to provide religious services, there would probably be none this year. If so, this is as disappointing for fair officials as for those expecting such spiritual opportunities on two Sundays.

However, on Aug. 12, Contemporary Christian Music Day will be at the WFMS Free Stage and a Veteran's Memorial Service will be held on Aug. 19.

Sincere kudos and prayers go to those who organize and volunteer at the annual Right to Life pro-life exhibit (contact [statefair@rtlindy.org](mailto:statefair@rtlindy.org)).

Also, don't forget the Indiana State Fair Train, making 10 round trips per day from the Depot in Fishers, Ind., to the fairgrounds. (Call 317-773-6000 for more information.)

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

Twenty Something

Christina Capecchi

## Super Bowl hopes: The promise of a new season

This year could be The Year. The year the 49ers win the Super Bowl. The year the Raiders regain their dignity. The year of Brady Quinn.



As the preseason unfolds, football fans are debating the impact of hot trades over grills, across cubicles and in chat rooms. Which incoming rookies and

high draft picks will make the team a winner? Who will be a star and who will be a role player? Who's a team player and who's a play-maker?

They're weighing old standings and statistics then casting bold predictions. Anyone could turn any team around. Anything is possible.

There's something about the advent of autumn that inspires a sense of possibility. Leaves may be dying, but something is being born, too—crisp hope.

It stems from the school cycle that's deeply ingrained in us. The start of a new year, well-rested minds and revamped wardrobes, blank notebooks and neat handwriting, the signature of good intentions to stay on top of schoolwork this time around.

Christians have the best reason to be hopeful. Our mighty God gives us reason to believe in the possibility of a new season and a blank slate. "Behold," he says in Rv 21:5, "I make all things new."

All things—not just the things that already show promise, such as the Patriots. Even the Raiders, who lost 14 games last year, could win 14 games this year. Even if last season was marred by fumbles and interceptions, poor coaching and sloppy playing, this season they could reach the Super Bowl.

We too make mistakes—treating people badly, treating ourselves badly—and we can start over next season.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us," Psalm 103:12 reassures us. That's the power of confession—a clean slate. We can be distanced immeasurably from our sins. We can be made new, again and again.

In the process, as we inhale deeply and prepare to begin a new season, we hear others' expectations. Some are murmured, others shouted. Some are direct, others second-hand. Over the phone. In an e-mail. At a family party. Everyone has an opinion, it seems.

Young adults, like rookie athletes, are vulnerable to an expectation overdose. We aren't 100 percent sure of our plans or purpose so we keep our ears open just in case some friend or relative or passerby has a better idea, a piece of wisdom we haven't conceived in all our praying, thinking and journaling.

Just in case.

The trouble is, those thunderous expectations can muffle the whisper of the Holy Spirit. They can paralyze us with the knowledge that it's impossible to fulfill every one.

We must slide outside the weight of others' expectations. We must find that place where we're alone with God—a bedroom corner, an empty chapel, an open meadow. And we must consider God's expectations, the only ones that matter.

What does God expect of us? That we love our neighbor and live up to our potential, using and multiplying our talents in a way that glorifies him.

It's that simple. So go for it: Touchdown Jesus!

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007

- Wisdom 18:6-9
- Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
- Luke 12:35-40

The Book of Wisdom is the source of the first reading for this weekend.

The Exodus began at night with the Hebrew people's flight from Egypt, where they had been enslaved.

God rescued them from their misery, and guided them to life and hope through the instrument of Moses.

Very much a part of the story was the people's homage to God. Although in secret, they worshipped God, their deliverer.

This book of Scripture, along with the other books of the Wisdom Literature, presents itself as the fruit of human logic, as well as of faith, stressing that there is no conflict between the two.

The second reading for this weekend is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, written for Jewish converts to Christianity who faced the same difficulties as those experienced by pagan converts in the first generations of the Church.

After the Jews' rebellion against Rome, quashed so brutally by the Romans in 70 A.D., the legal system of the empire was no friendlier to Jews than it was to Christians.

Christians were beginning to face persecution because they defied laws requiring the worship of Roman gods and goddesses, including the emperor.

This epistle encouraged and challenged these Jewish converts to Christianity.

The reading literally sings about the majesty and power of faith, continuing one of the themes in the previous reading.

By acknowledging God, and by receiving Jesus, the Son of God, believers affirm the fact that God is and has been active through the centuries in human life.

Abraham realized this. God gave Abraham and Abraham's wife, Sarah, a child. Their prayers were answered. From this child, their son, Isaac, descended the Hebrew people.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading.

It is always important to realize that the Gospels were composed not during the Lord's time on earth, but decades after Jesus lived and preached.

Biblical scholars think that Luke's Gospel, based fundamentally upon Mark's Gospel but also using other sources, was written around 80 A.D., a half century after Jesus.

This in no way diminishes its validity but says that the evangelist knew the stresses facing Christians at the time when the Gospel was composed. This would mean knowing the looming persecution and certainly the struggle between the Gospel and the pagan culture.

The words of Jesus chosen by the evangelist and read during this weekend's Masses are encouraging. They also serve as a warning for the people.

The Lord urges disciples to be prepared. The Lord will take care of them. However, surviving on earth is not the ultimate. Believers will be vindicated by Jesus in the heavenly kingdom. Jesus is the bridegroom. The wedding banquet is the celebration of love and life in heaven.

## Reflection

Only two things are certain in life, as the saying goes, and those things are death and taxes. People spend much time thinking about taxes, filing returns on time, paying what is due, watching withholding statements and resisting political efforts to raise taxes.

However, few people think very much about death, even though death is the fate of every living organism. For many people, it is too frightening to consider. It is easy to turn a blind eye.

These readings are blunt and utterly realistic. Death awaits us all. Aside from final death, we can create for ourselves the living death of despair.

God wills that we live with peace in our hearts now and that we live forever. He gave us Moses and Abraham. He gave us Jesus, the very Son of God. Jesus will come to take us to the wedding banquet.

As the Gospel tells us, as the Hebrews longing for deliverance told us, we must prepare ourselves to go with Jesus by being faithful and loving God above all. God alone is our security and hope, and he has proven it countless times. †

## Daily Readings

**Monday, Aug. 13**  
Pontian, pope and martyr  
Hippolytus, priest and martyr  
Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20  
Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday, Aug. 14**  
Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr  
Deuteronomy 31:1-8  
(Response) Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 7-9, 12  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2  
Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14  
1 Corinthians 15:54b-57  
Luke 11:27-28

**Wednesday, Aug. 15**  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Psalm 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

**Thursday, Aug. 16**  
Stephen of Hungary  
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17  
Psalm 114:1-6  
Matthew 18:21-19:1

**Friday, Aug. 17**  
Joshua 24:1-13  
Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24  
Matthew 19:3-12

**Saturday, Aug. 18**  
Jane Frances de Chantal, religious  
Joshua 24:14-29  
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11  
Matthew 19:13-15

**Sunday, Aug. 19**  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Psalm 40:2-4, 18  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

## Seal of confession binds couple receiving penance

Q Is it permissible for a husband and wife to receive the sacrament of penance together?



We have experienced this in a retreat, and the ceremony was very meaningful and spiritually helpful for us.

Recently, however, a priest told us that this practice is never permitted and that each person must go to confession alone.

How can it be allowed in one place and not in another? (Wisconsin)

A The practice you experienced is not uncommon in retreats or other spiritual occasions for married couples, provided, of course, that the husband and wife approve and consider it helpful for their marriage.

As far as I can determine, there is no liturgical or canonical rule that prohibits a couple from receiving this sacrament in one another's presence.

Three documents especially guide the Church's practice for the sacrament of penance: the *Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship* of Dec. 2, 1973; the *Introduction to the Rite of Penance* published in 1973; and the section on this sacrament in the *Code of Canon Law*, especially Canons #959-#997.

None of these documents rules out the kind of reception you describe. Canon #960, for example, provides that individual confession and absolution is the only ordinary means by which a member of the faithful conscious of grave sin is reconciled with God and the Church.

The introduction to the rite speaks, of course, in the singular for this form of penance. But neither of them indicates that the individual be alone, that there be no one else present receiving the sacrament at the same time.

Canonical provision is made, in fact, for occasions when another person may be present when one is going to

confession.

Someone in our country, for example, who does not speak or understand English may confess through an interpreter as long as scandal or abuse is avoided (Canon #990).

Also, the third form of the sacrament provided for in the "Rite of Penance," with general confession and absolution for a large number of penitents, assumes that many people are present to each other throughout the ceremony.

While this third rite is an officially approved ritual for penance, Church authorities today broadly circumscribe its lawful use in ordinary circumstances.

If a couple does receive the sacrament of penance with each other, they are both seriously bound, as is the priest, to the seal of confession, which means that they cannot reveal or use any information acquired through the sacrament to the detriment of either person (Canons #983-#984).

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of [jjdietzen@aol.com](mailto:jjdietzen@aol.com).) †

## My Journey to God

### Salute to My Soldier

I thank you, God, for my soldier,  
Always on the watch for the evil eyes,  
The eyes looking at the colorful,  
The beautiful, the just and  
The peace-loving America.

Nobody else but my hero,  
My brave, blessed and priceless soldier,  
Leaves their beloved ones behind,  
Goes to a foreign land  
To engage the evil,  
Only to make sure  
The greatest nation of America  
Keeps enjoying peace and prosperity  
With freedom.

But some cowards discredit  
The dedication and sacrifice of my  
soldier.  
They spit on my soldier's face  
With cold reception as he returns.  
And sometimes,  
When my soldier comes back

(Munawar Paul resides in Indianapolis. U.S. Army personnel gather flags to place on the graves of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., in May.)



In a long box,  
Wrapped in an honored flag,  
These ungrateful cowards  
Dishonor and desecrate my soldier.  
They light the flag into flames.

Dear God,  
Teach some freedom-loving people  
To express freedom wisely.

By Munawar Paul

## Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

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

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

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to [criterion@archindy.org](mailto:criterion@archindy.org). †

# Rest in peace

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

**ABPLANALP, Mary M.**, 82, St. Louis, Batesville, July 26. Mother of Barbara Nolting, Judy Luhring, Nancy Schuetz and Sue Wissel. Sister of Joseph Bunyard. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 12.

**BRINKSNEADER, Wilbur**, 77, St. Paul, Tell City, July 26. Husband of Nancy Brinksneider. Father of Elaine Kirk. Stepfather of Sherry Yount, Edwin and William Boyd. Brother of Wayetman Brinksneider. Grandfather of one. Step-grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of two. Step-great-grandfather of one.

**BYRD, Charles R.**, 75, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, July 10. Father of Julie Ann Ernest, Eric and Dr. Richard Byrd. Grandfather of six.

**CANNADAY, Marsha R.**, 62, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, July 20. Wife of Brendan Cannaday. Mother of Marsha Bean, Erin Cannaday, Dawn Holder, Alexis Maxwell, Diane McCarty and Denis Rance. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of one.

**CAUFIELD, Florence A.**, 86, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, July 24. Mother of Mary C. Campbell. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

**CRONEN, George Owen, Jr.**, 57, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, July 3. Husband of Barbara Cronen. Father of Geoffrey, George III, Giles, Jesse and Joseph Cronen. Son of George Cronen Sr. Brother of Vikki Carroll, Carol Ray and

Mary Ann Schubert. Grandfather of five.

**CUMMINS, Harold E.**, 71, St. Michael, Brookville, July 13. Husband of Imogene (McDaniel) Cummins. Father of Laura Westerfeld, Perry and Rocky Cummins. Brother of Don Cummins, Ervinn Drewes, Leo Kolb, Olla Mae Padgett, Karen Prentice, Barbara and Margaret Smith. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of 10.

**DENZIO, Frank Attilio**, 70, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 18. Husband of Barbara Denzio. Father of Shannon Reedy, Frank, John and Joe Denzio. Brother of Mary Barnhart, Nancy Parker and Larry Denzio. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of seven.

**DIMMITT, Madelyn Rae**, infant, Holy Family, New Albany, July 19. Daughter of Brad and Katie (Grantz) Dimmitt. Granddaughter of Jeff and Pam Dimmitt and Ray and Nancy Grantz. Great-granddaughter of Marie Dimmitt, Bill Grantz, Dick and Allene Huston.

**GREGORY, Robert L., M.D.**, 74, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, July 18. Husband of Shirley (Freije) Gregory.

**HAESSIG, Alberta**, 90, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 5. Mother of Joyce Davis, Judy Elliott, Mary Jackson, Barbara Weaver and George Haessig. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 20. Great-great-grandmother of nine.

**HERTEL, Janice L.**, 77, St. Gabriel, Connersville, July 17. Mother of Melissa Abel and Teresa Maschger. Stepmother of Nanceen Briggs and Albert Hertel. Sister of Annie Adams, Jessie Smith, Robert and William Whitfield. Grandmother of three. Step-grandmother of five. Step-great-grandmother of nine.

**HOLLENKAMP, Althea (Hodson)**, 90, St. Monica, Indianapolis, July 17. Mother of Charlotte Huebler, Laurie James, Judith McGinley, Merrilee

Salmon and Nicholas Hollenkamp. Sister of Ruth McCain, Faye Wright and Austin Hodson. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 35.

**HUGHES, Donald James**, 85, St. Luke, Indianapolis, June 28. Husband of Elizabeth R. Hughes. Father of Jane Clark, Catherine Domont, Cindy, Jim and John Hughes. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of one. (correction)

**HUMIG, Stella M. (Vonderheide)**, 102, St. Michael, Brookville, July 17. Aunt of several.

**KOETTER, Lorena (Batliner)**, 94, St. Mary, New Albany, July 22. Mother of Joanne Gettelfinger and Larry Koetter. Sister of Lillian Miller. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of 10.

**KRIEGER, Michael J.**, 54, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 18. Father of Clint Krieger. Son of Lorina Krieger. Brother of Dale, David and Ronald Krieger. Grandfather of two.

**KUNKEL, Harry W.**, 90, St. Michael, Brookville, July 26. Husband of Betty (Redelman) Kunkel. Father of Diann Motz and Donna Parrett. Brother of Raymond and Wayne Kunkel. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of 11. Great-great-grandfather of two.

**LOEFFLER, Fred A.**, 78, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, July 25. Husband of Johanna F. (Benker) Loeffler. Father of Anita Grady, Fred and John Loeffler. Brother of Adolf Loeffler. Grandfather of two.

**MCDONOUGH, Julia F.**, 83, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, July 16. Mother of E. Patrick and George McDonough. Grandmother of three.

**MCNEELY, Janie R.**, 54, St. Luke, Indianapolis, July 11. Mother of Meagan and Jason Holder. Daughter of William and Barbara Redmond Sr. Sister of William Redmond Jr.

**MCQUINLEY, Edward**, 80, St. Gabriel, Connersville, July 29. Father of Mary Ann Britton, Diana Baucom, Mary Ann Britton, Sandra Brown and Julie Greeson. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of three.

**MIRES, Margaret E.**, 79, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, July 24.

**MOORMAN, John E.**, 74, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, July 22. Husband of Elizabeth Moorman. Father of Beverley Bremer, Susan Heald, Diane and John Moorman. Stepfather of Kathleen Isom, Chris, Karin and Kelli Kirch. Grandfather of 11.

**PECK, James L., Jr.**, 66, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, July 15. Husband of M. Janet (Klain) Peck. Father of Jennifer Vassar and James Peck. Brother of John Peck. Grandfather of two.

**PETERS, Robert Gerald**, 75, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, July 20. Husband of Pat (Donald) Peters. Father of Kathryn Weller and David Peters. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of two.

**POTTER, Mary Anne**, 50, Prince of Peace, Madison, July 11. Sister of Nancy McDonald.

**RENNEKAMP, Alois L.**, 96, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, July 24. Father of Mary Lou Giesting, Charlene Huffmeyer, Darlene Kohlsdorf, Dave, Donald, Floyd, John, Kenneth and Vernon Rennekamp. Brother of Hilda DePrisco. Grandfather of 42. Great-grandfather of 38.

**ROSNER, William F.**, 82, St. Luke, Indianapolis, July 12. Husband of Zita Rosner. Father of Zita Jo Carroll, Daniel, David, James, Paul and Rob Rosner. Brother of Frances Fitzgerald. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of one.

**STUHLREHER, Eleanor Sue**, 70, St. Luke, Indianapolis, July 14. Wife of William Stuhlreher. Mother of Carolyn Hadlock, Dr. David and William Stuhlreher. Sister of Mary Kay Bowling and Carolyn Fay. Grandmother of eight.

**TURNER, Willie G.**, 73, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, July 2. Husband of Brenda Carson-Turner. Father of Aloric Carson, Eunice Davis, Adrienne, Danielle and Whitney Turner. Brother of Marie Wright and Hershel Turner. Grandfather of seven.

**WELZ, Ada A.**, 87, St. Paul, Sellersburg, July 24. Mother of Robert Welz. Sister of Bernice Johnson. Grandmother of one.

**WOEPEL, Adam James**, 27, Holy Family, New Albany, July 3. Son of James Woeppel.

**WINDERS, Evelyn J.**, 77, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 11. Mother of Susie Ackerman, Susie McDaniel, Pam Openshaw, Michele Presley, Sheila and Greg Gehrlich, and Tom Winders. Grandmother of eight. †

## Providence Sister Venard Sequence served as a teacher and secretary

Providence Sister Venard Sequence died on July 22 at Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 88.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 27 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

The former Helen Veronica Sequence was born on Aug. 30, 1918, in Chicago.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on Feb. 2, 1939, professed her first vows on Aug. 15, 1941, and professed her final vows on Aug. 15, 1947.

During 68 years as a Sister of Providence, she ministered as a teacher for 31 years and in

clerical services as a secretary, typist, clerk, library assistant, switchboard operator, health care assistant and residential services assistant for 26 years.

In the archdiocese, Sister Venard taught at St. Joan of Arc School in Indianapolis from 1941-46, 1950-52, 1969-72 and 1972-73. She also taught at the former St. Ann School in Indianapolis from 1949-50 and at St. Patrick School in Terre Haute from 1968-69.

In 1998, Sister Venard returned to the motherhouse, where she ministered in health care services, residential services and prayer.

Surviving are several cousins. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876. †

## Providence Sister Frances Finnegan was a teacher and library aide

Providence Sister Frances Finnegan, formerly known as Sister Mary Donald, died on June 23 at Union Hospital in Terre Haute. She was 90.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 14 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

The former Frances Marie Finnegan was born on July 8, 1916, in Washburn, Wis.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on Feb. 2, 1940, professed her first vows on Aug. 15, 1942, and professed her final vows on Aug. 15, 1948.

During 67 years as a Sister of Providence, she ministered at schools staffed by the congregation in Indiana, Illinois and North Carolina.

In the archdiocese, Sister Frances taught at the former St. John School in Indianapolis

from 1949-53 and St. Andrew School in Indianapolis from 1957-61.

At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, she served as a reference librarian from 1989-90 then as a library staff volunteer from 1991-98.

In 1999, Sister Frances began her prayer ministry with the senior sisters at the motherhouse.

Surviving are one brother, Franciscan Brother James Finnegan of Sherman, Ill., and four sisters, Patricia Bateman of Albuquerque, N.M.; Jeanne Camden of Glendale, Ariz.; Dorothy Smolen of Washburn, Wis.; and Elaine Rogers of Weed, Calif. She also is survived by many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

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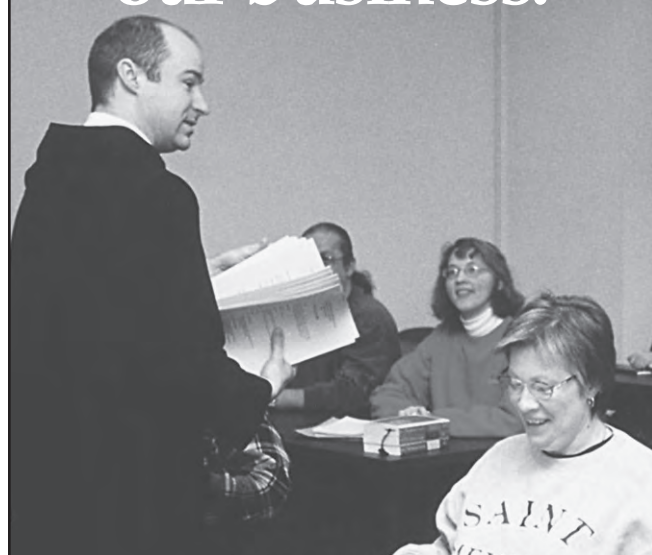
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# False idols of autonomy, utility work against life, Cardinal Rigali says

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS)—Like the Israelites who idolized the golden calf, the pro-life movement is challenged today by



Cardinal Justin Rigali

“the idolatrous gospel of total autonomy, sheer utility and false mercy,” Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia told a gathering in Arlington on Aug. 2.

The cardinal, who chairs the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, spoke on the opening day of the Aug. 2-4 annual conference of directors of diocesan pro-life offices and state Catholic conferences, sponsored by the bishops' pro-life secretariat.

“Those who have blind faith in embryonic stem-cell research and its so-called ‘biblical power to cure’—as House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi called it recently—are worshipping a modern-day false idol,” Cardinal Rigali said. “They are putting their faith in an exaggerated view of the wonders of science and in their own ingenuity to overcome disease and aging.”

Similarly, the Israelites, who in the Bible account had been recently freed from bondage in Egypt, disobeyed God by worshipping the golden calf while Moses was on Mount Sinai, he said.

“In their impatience, stubbornness and disobedience, they created out of their own possessions—their own jewelry and valuables—a god they could control,” Cardinal Rigali said. “A god they shaped, rather than one they would be shaped by.”

Those who support keeping abortion legal in the United States “have also exchanged the truth for a lie” by promoting abortion “as a way to further women’s freedom,” he said.

“Instead of affirming the inviolable dignity of human life, the dignity of women, and respect for the integrity of sexual relations and motherhood, they assert a false notion of freedom made in their own image, a self-made ethic that justifies their own choices,” Cardinal Rigali said.

But the cardinal cited several signs of encouragement for the pro-life movement, including changing public opinion about abortion, the U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming the ban on partial-birth abortion and the Philadelphia City Council’s quick reversal earlier this year of a declaration that it was “a pro-choice city.”

He also noted a decline in the rate and number of abortions, especially among teens who are choosing to abstain from sex until marriage.

“To be free of disease, to be free of the fear of an ill-timed pregnancy, to be free of a broken heart—this is the freedom that we want for our young people, and we rejoice that it is unfolding,” he added.

Cardinal Rigali warned, however, that even those in the pro-life movement can fall victim to “the temptation to idolatry.”

“Because the ‘evil one’ wants us to fail, there is a temptation to claim this [pro-life] territory as our own and guard it—not as a gift from God but as the work of our own hands, the fruit of our own possessions,” he said. “But if we do so, we risk burning out or even growing bitter in this beautiful task that has been entrusted to us.”

He urged the participants in the meeting to visit the chapel set up at the Hyatt Regency Hotel “to pray for those in positions of cultural and political power here in Washington.”

“If even a handful of the most recalcitrant promoters of the culture of death were to repent—and then use their power to proclaim the truth about life—it could have a tremendous impact in defense of life, both domestically and internationally,” he said. †

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# Faith on the fly

## Airport chaplains minister to a flock on the move

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In 16 years as a chaplain at Indianapolis International Airport, Father Glenn O'Connor has learned about an important connection between faith and air travel:



Fr. Glenn O'Connor

An airport can lead a person to places all around the world, even to a reunion with God. "Sometimes at airports, you get people who haven't been to church for a long time or they haven't been to confession in a long time," Father O'Connor said. "It gives them a chance to talk to someone they won't see again. It gives them a chance to come back to their faith."

Father O'Connor offers that opportunity as one member of the inter-faith chaplaincy staff at the Indianapolis airport. He can often be found at the airport on Wednesday afternoons, and he also celebrates Mass every Sunday morning at 10:45 in the airport chapel.

"We usually get between 10 and 15 people. With our chapel, that's full," said Father O'Connor, who is also the pastor of St. Joseph and St. Ann parishes in Indianapolis.

"A lot of times, passengers are delayed or they've missed their flight. We also get employees who can only go there because they work on weekends. Everyone is appreciative."

Father O'Connor became the chaplain at Indianapolis International Airport because the airport property is within both his parishes' boundaries.

"I enjoy doing it," he said. "It's a unique kind of ministry. I always felt there was a need for it. You get to meet a lot of people you wouldn't have."

Can you find holiness at an airport? Father Michael Zaniolo thinks so. Father Zaniolo has been an airport chaplain at Midway and O'Hare International airports in Chicago for the past six years, so he's spent a lot of time meeting travelers from around the world and workers at the two airports.

From what he has seen, Father Zaniolo said, the presence of a chaplain and a chapel can bring comfort amid the stress and worry that travelers and workers often face at airports.

The Chicago archdiocesan priest celebrates Mass in the chapels at each airport and walks around the terminals, bringing "the presence of the Church into a place where people never think of seeing the Church."

But Father Zaniolo said his job is not easy, especially because he is ministering at two airports. Combined, O'Hare and Midway offer 20 Masses a week, and he and the other

chaplains also hear confessions every day.

"I've heard confessions in all sorts of little nooks and crannies because I bring the chapel out to the people," he told Catholic News Service in a phone interview.

Although travelers through the airports are alerted to Masses over the public-address system, Father Zaniolo said his main outreach is to the people who work at the airports because, with their strange schedules, they often don't have time to go to Mass at their own parishes.

The number of workers at the airports is enough to keep Father Zaniolo and the other chaplains busy. Approximately 43,000 people work at O'Hare, and another 8,500 people work at Midway.

"It's like having a very big, busy parish with a lot of people moving in and out," he said.

Catholic priests and deacons are not the only chaplains making the rounds at airports.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in Texas, Bishop Donald "D.D." Hayes of Gospel Inspirational Fellowship Tabernacle Church Ministries in Fort Worth has been a chaplain for the last 14 years. With five terminals and 52,000 workers, Dallas-Fort Worth is "like a small city," he said.

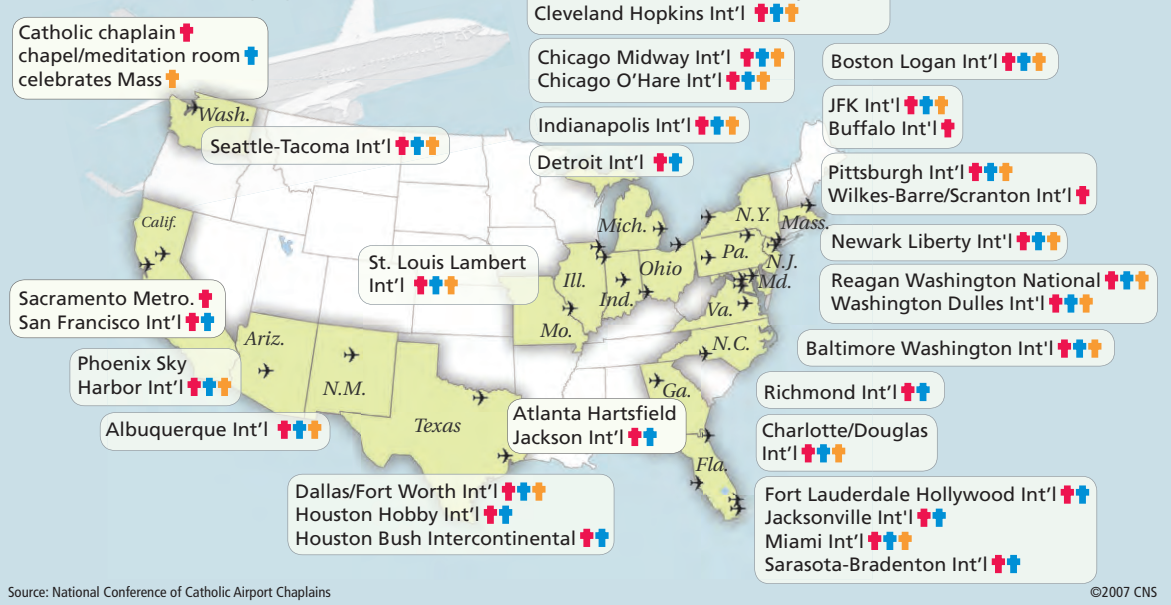
Bishop Hayes spoke to CNS in a phone interview shortly after seeing off members of the military who were leaving their families to return to Kuwait. Bishop Hayes usually gives Bibles to the soldiers and comforts the family members when they gather for the deployment.

"It gets pretty emotional," he said. Bishop Hayes—who also works with Catholic chaplains at the airport—usually arrives at 9 in the morning and stays until 7 or 8 at night, six days a week, but he said he is always on call. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, he said he was at the airport for 30 or 40 days straight, comforting travelers who were nervous about flying.

Having a minister in the airport,

### Faith on the Fly

There are at least 31 U.S. airports with religious services for Catholics and people of other faiths.



Source: National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains

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Bishop Hayes said, helps to calm people and ease their frustration. New security measures, delayed flights and safety concerns can all pile up to make traveling a difficult experience. And with planes to catch and bags to check, travelers can find comfort in the calm of a chapel or in a conversation with a chaplain, he said.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops established People on the Move Ministries as part of Migration and Refugee Services specifically for people who are traveling or who have schedules that make it difficult to participate in parish life, including airline workers, port workers and fishermen, said Scalabrini Sister Myrna Tordillo, the ministries' coordinator.

The first airport chapel was started at Boston's Logan

International Airport in 1950 by the late Cardinal Richard J. Cushing. A year later, a chapel was opened in New York City at Idlewild Airport, now called John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Under the direction of the bishop's Committee on Migration, the National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains was created in 1986. Father Zaniolo was named president of the conference in 2005. Currently, 31 airports in the United States have Catholic chaplains.

Father Gerard Walker, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been a chaplain at JFK airport for about a year and a

half. Having a chapel and a chaplain at JFK, he said, is a luxury, but it's one that makes Catholics who come to the airport feel more comfortable.

"With the presence of the chaplain, they feel right at home," he told CNS. "So they might be from, I don't know where, someplace in Indiana, and they just march in and they are right at home."

And some people, Father Zaniolo said, feel more comfortable openly discussing issues with him than perhaps with their familiar parish priest.

"I'm an anonymous priest for them, so if there is something that is burdening them, that they may not have felt comfortable talking to their pastor about, I'm somebody they may never see again," he said. In these cases, however, Father Zaniolo also refers them to their own parish or diocese.

Not only does Bishop Hayes provide a calming presence for travelers and workers at Dallas-Fort Worth, but he said he loves working at an airport. He has gotten to know many of the airline workers and said his experience as a former lay chaplain for the U.S. Air Force helps him to relate to their lives.

He said he also has enjoyed meeting travelers who pass through the airport.

After more than a decade there, he and his fellow chaplains have some interesting stories about passengers, including one couple who met on an American Airlines flight. Later, when they got engaged, they asked a chaplain to come on the plane with them and marry them in the air.

"It really broadens your perspective on the world," he said.

(Criterion assistant editor John Shaughnessy contributed to this story.) †

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