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Participants in the LifeChain event in Lawrenceburg pose in front of St. Lawrence Church on Respect Life Sunday, celebrated on Oct. 1 this year. The Catholic Church celebrates October as Respect Life Month, a time to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. (Submitted photo)

Archbishop Thompson calls Catholics to be 'all in' when it comes to respect for life

By Natalie Hoefler

Every October, Catholics are called to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

In light of this call, the first Sunday of October is known as Respect Life Sunday, which this year fell on Oct. 1. On that day, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson celebrated a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

He also bestowed three Catholics with the archdiocese's pro-life awards. Mary and Larry Dougherty of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis received the Archbishop

Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award, and Sara Cabrera of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award. (See accompanying article on page 16 for more on this year's recipients.)

Archbishop Thompson noted at the beginning of the Mass that this year's Respect Life Month theme chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is "Radical Solidarity," described on its website as the need to be "courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies and supports women and their children." (See related editorial on page 4.)

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Creating cardinals from 16 nations, pope asks them to join Church 'symphony'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Coming from different parts of the world and having different experiences and talents, members of the College of Cardinals are called to create a "symphony," listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis said.



Pope Francis

Creating 21 new cardinals from 16 nations on Sept. 30, the pope used the biblical story of Pentecost to remind the prelates of the

roots of their faith, and he invoked the image of a symphony to emphasize their call to be both faithful and creative.

On a warm autumn morning, with shrubs and flowers decorating the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis held his ninth consistory to create new cardinals. The Vatican said 12,000 people attended the ceremony.

Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, the 68-year-old Chicago-born prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, was the only U.S. prelate to receive his red hat at the consistory. He was joined by French Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the 77-year-old apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Cardinal Luis Pascual Dri, a 96-year-old Capuchin Franciscan friar from Argentina, was made a cardinal when the pope proclaimed his name at the consistory, but he did not travel to Rome to receive his red hat because of his health.

With the consistory, the College of Cardinals has 242 members from 91 nations, according to Vatican statistics; 137 of the cardinals are under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. The so-called "cardinal electors" come from 71 countries.

Italy—with 49 cardinals, of whom 14 are electors—continues to dominate the cardinal counts. The United States is second; according to the Vatican, there are 17 U.S. cardinals, including 11 electors.

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Hispanic family camp prepares participants for an encounter with Christ

(Each year, the United States celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15-Oct. 15.)

By Felix Navarrete
Special to The Criterion

BROWN COUNTY—More than 250 people, including adults, teens and young children, took part in an Hispanic Family Camp led by the archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry. Sixty-eight families were at Catholic Youth Organization Camp Rancho Framasa on

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Father Michael Keucher carries the Blessed Sacrament during a eucharistic procession on the evening of Sept. 16 during the archdiocesan Family Camp. (Submitted photo by Felix Navarrete)





Pope Francis places a red biretta on the head of new Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, during a consistory for the creation of 21 new cardinals in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sept. 30. (CNS photo/Lola Gomez)

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The total would be 18 when counting Italian-born Cardinal Silvano Tomasi, a former Vatican official, who is a U.S. citizen.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Cardinal Prevost thanked Pope Francis on behalf of the new cardinals, noting how the consistory was taking place just before the opening of the assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality.

“The Church is fully such only when it truly listens, when it walks as the new people of God in its wonderful diversity, rediscovering continually her own baptismal call to contribute to the spread of the Gospel and the kingdom of God,” he said. “The beauty of the universality of the Church that will be manifested in the unfolding of the synod will be a very important sign, which will be able to speak of the mission that all of us baptized have received, in communion with the successor of Peter and in the profession of the same faith.”

Before receiving their red hats, their

cardinal's rings and the names of their titular churches in Rome—an assignment that makes them formally members of the clergy of the Diocese of Rome—the new cardinals made a profession of faith, reciting the Creed in Latin, and made an oath of fidelity to Pope Francis and his successors.

Cardinal Prevost, a former superior general of the Augustinian religious order, was given the Church of St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine.

In his homily at the consistory, a prayer service that lasted slightly more than an hour, Pope Francis drew the prelates' attention to the Pentecost story in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and particularly to its listing of those who heard the Apostles, each in their own language although they were “Parthians, Medes and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia.”

“Normally we pastors, when we read the account of Pentecost, identify ourselves with the Apostles,” the pope said. But if the cardinals recognize themselves as members of the crowd, he added, they would “rediscover with amazement the gift of having received the

Public Schedule of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

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<p>October 6 – 2 p.m. Virtual National Eucharistic Revival Bishops Advisory Group meeting</p> <p>October 7 – noon Wedding at St. Francis Xavier Church in Mount Washington, Ky.</p> <p>October 8 – 1 p.m. Mass with Chin/Burmese communities at St. Barnabas Church, Indianapolis</p> <p>October 8 – 5 p.m. Mass celebrating 10th Anniversary of archdiocesan Mass in French at St. Monica Church, Indianapolis</p> <p>October 10 – 10: 30 a.m. Priest Personnel Board meeting at Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis</p> <p>October 12 – 8:15 a.m. Virtual Judicatories meeting</p>	<p>October 12 – 10 a.m. Leadership Team meeting at Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center</p> <p>October 13 – 1:30 p.m. Virtual Eucharistic Revival Executive Team meeting</p> <p>October 15 – 10:30 a.m. Mass celebrating 200th anniversary of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Church, Floyd County</p> <p>October 17 – 1:30 p.m. Visit at Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception, Oldenburg</p> <p>October 17 – 5 p.m. Confirmation Mass for youths of Oratory of SS. Philomena and Cecilia, Oak Forest</p>
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Gospel” in their own languages and would give thanks for having been evangelized among their own people, often by their mothers or grandmothers

“Indeed, we are evangelizers to the extent we cherish in our hearts the wonder and gratitude of having been evangelized, even of [still] being evangelized, because this is really a gift always present, that must be continually renewed in our memories and in faith,” the pope told them.

In humility, and with that diversity, he said, “the College of Cardinals is called to resemble a symphony orchestra, representing the harmony and synodality of the Church.”

Pope Francis said he referred to “synodality” not only because the synod assembly was opening on Oct. 4, “but also because it seems to me that the metaphor of the orchestra can well illuminate the synodal character of the Church,” which relies on each member making a contribution, occasionally as a soloist, but usually in harmony with others.

“Mutual listening is essential,” he said. “Each musician must listen to the others. If one listens only to himself, however sublime his sound may be, it will not benefit the symphony; and the same would be the case if one section of the orchestra did not listen to the others, but played as if it were alone, as if it were the whole.

“In addition,” the pope said, “the conductor of the orchestra is at the service of this kind of miracle that is each performance of a symphony. He has to listen more than anyone else, and at the same time his job is to help each person and the whole orchestra develop the greatest creative fidelity: fidelity to the work being performed, but also creative, able to give a soul to the score, to make it resonate in the here and now in a unique way.

“We have the Holy Spirit as our master: the interior master of each one of us and the master of walking together,” Pope Francis said. “He creates variety and unity; he is harmony itself.” †

How has God made his presence known in your life? Share it with our readers

The Criterion is inviting you, our readers, to share your thoughts and stories about this question, “How has God made his presence known in your life?”

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Pope's prayer intentions for October

- **For the Synod**—We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world.

See Pope Francis' monthly intentions at archindy.org/popesintentions.

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Synod is called to understand authority, recognize truth and to listen

ROME (CNS)—Competing notions of authority and giving certain Christian truths pre-eminence over others cannot only derail the assembly of the Synod of Bishops but, worse, cripple the Church's ability to share Christ with the world, Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe told synod members.



Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P.

Speaking about authority "is a crucial element for understanding what a synod is, what the Church is. I think so much misunderstanding about the nature of the synod, the nature of the life of the Church, comes from a too narrow, political, executive understanding of authority,"

Father Timothy said on Oct. 3. "Part of the adventure of the synod will be seeing how we walk with a much richer, diverse understanding of authority," he told the 364 members of the synod on the last day of their three-day retreat at Sacrofano, north of Rome, before the synod assembly opened on Oct. 4. The Church speaks with authority, he said, when it shares beauty, goodness and truth. Understanding authority in that way, he said, it is clear "there need be no competition, as if the laity can only have more authority if the bishops have less, or if so-called conservatives compete for authority with progressives." Even in a world seemingly filled with "fake news, wild assertions on the Internet [and] mad conspiracy theories," Father Timothy said, buried in every person is "an ineradicable instinct for the truth, and when it is spoken, it has some lasting vestiges of authority."

The working document for the synod assembly "is unafraid to be truthful about the challenges we must address," he told the synod's voting members, who include lay men and women for the first time. The document "speaks openly about the hopes and sorrows, the anger and the joy of the people of God" and asks the members to do the same.

"How can we draw people to the One who is the truth if we are not truthful about ourselves?" Father Timothy asked.

In seeking and sharing the truth, he said, "disciplined scholarship" is necessary so that individuals overcome the "temptation to use the word of God and the teachings of the Church for our own purposes," which, in effect, is to claim, "God must be right because he agrees with me!"

The prayer and listening the synod calls for are essential, he said, because "if what another says is indeed true, it cannot threaten the truth that I treasure. I must open my heart and mind to the spaciousness of the divine truth. If I believe that what the other says is not true, I must of course say so, with due humility."

"If we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of truth, we shall doubtless argue" during the synod, he said. "It will sometimes be painful. There will be truths we would rather not face. But we shall be led a little deeper into the mystery of divine love, and we shall know such joy that people will be envious of us for being here, and will long to attend the next session of the synod!"

On the eve of the three-day spiritual retreat for synod participants, Pope Francis prayed that members of the Church may embrace silence to listen to the voice of God and one another.

"Silence, in the ecclesial community, makes fraternal communication possible, where the Holy Spirit draws together points of view," the pope said to members of the synod, Christian



Pope Francis

leaders and young people in St. Peter's Square on Sept. 30. "To be synodal is to welcome one another like this, in the knowledge that we all have something to share and to learn, gathering together to listen to the Spirit of truth in order to

know what the Lord is saying to the churches."

Seated before the San Damiano cross, in front of which St. Francis of Assisi said he heard Jesus tell him to "rebuild my church," Pope Francis prayed that "the synod be a 'kairos' [moment] of fraternity, a place where the Holy Spirit will purify the Church from gossip, ideologies and polarization."

Alongside Pope Francis were the leaders of 12 Christian churches and communities, including Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury, Syriac Orthodox Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II and the Rev. Anne Burghardt, general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation. Some 4,700 young people from 51 countries and belonging different Christian traditions also were present in the square, according to the ecumenical Taizé community which organized the event. The Vatican said

some 18,000 in total were present.

Many of the young participants in the prayer vigil completed a pilgrimage through Rome, walking to St. Peter's Square after a time of praise and worship at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, on the other side of the city.

Pope Francis told the group that just as silence is necessary to listen to the different perspectives that exist within the Catholic Church, "silence is essential for the journey of Christian unity."

Silence "is fundamental to prayer, and ecumenism begins with prayer and is sterile without it," he said. "The more we turn together to the Lord in prayer, the more we feel that it is he who purifies us and unites us beyond our differences."

To put the vigil's message into action, eight minutes of silence were observed in the ornate square which was decorated with Dutch flowers.

The pope noted that the silence that fell upon the square was "not an empty silence, but a moment filled with faith, expectation and readiness."

"In a world full of noise, we are no longer accustomed to silence; indeed sometimes we struggle with it, because silence forces us to face God and ourselves," he said. "Yet it lies at the foundation of the word and of life."

Joined at the center of the stage by the other Church leaders, Pope Francis closed the prayer vigil by praying that the Holy Spirit would fill the synod participants with "wisdom and courage in order to be servants of communion and bold witnesses of your forgiveness in today's world." †

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– Very Rev. Eric M. Johnson
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Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Va., chairman of the U.S. Catholic bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, delivers the homily during the opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life on Jan. 19 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. (OSV News photo/Bob Roller)

Respecting life in action, not theory

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed the month of October as "Respect Life Month." During the past 50 years, much has been accomplished in the effort to promote the dignity of human life, but there is no question that much more needs to be done.

A great many prayers, sacrifices and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life.

According to Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Va., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, one positive way to continue this important work is by embracing women facing difficult or challenging pregnancies. This is what Pope St. John Paul II called "radical solidarity," respecting life in action, not just in theory.

Pope Francis frequently warns against attitudes that make the Church's moral teaching seem abstract or insensitive to the intense suffering of people, especially the poor and vulnerable. When we argue in favor of pro-life positions—as we clearly must do in order to remain faithful to the Gospel—it's vitally important to accompany our rhetoric with concrete actions.

As Bishop Burbidge writes, quoting St. John Paul II's 1994 book *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice,' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman." While our efforts must remain strong to end legalized abortion, it is essential that all Catholics "thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment."

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset," a transformation within our own hearts.

As Bishop Burbidge says, "This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead

an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her." Our Church's moral teaching is most profoundly pro-life when it is accompanied by compassion and generous assistance for women who urgently need our help.

Integral to the USCCB's 50th anniversary is a commitment to the kind of radical solidarity advocated by Pope Francis. This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities believes that this radical commitment requires our individual and deeply personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means rolling up our sleeves and getting to work. It means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones in order to affirm by our actions, as well as our words, that all human life is sacred.

"God has given each of us particular gifts," Bishop Burbidge says. "With those gifts, God entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life."

This is pro-life advocacy that hits close to home. How can each of us—by our actions as well as our words—work to change the minds and hearts of family members, friends and fellow citizens? How can we use our individual gifts and talents to promote a genuine culture of life? And most importantly, how can we walk with women who are in trouble and actually help them?

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies," Bishop Burbidge says, "the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own." This is radical solidarity with the poor and vulnerable. It is respect for human life in action.

As our Church observes the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month, let's pray for the courage to advocate for a radical change in our culture and in our own behavior.

—Daniel Conway

Be Our Guest/Greg Erlandson

Synod sojourn: Listening for simple whispers of the Spirit

For many Catholics, Pope Francis' decision to call for a synod on synodality is akin to the boss calling a meeting to



discuss meetings, more likely to earn a yawn or an eye roll than enthusiasm. And while the term "synod" is not new to the Church, it is safe to say most Catholics also give very little effort to understanding

what a synod is, much less synodality—the process of such consultation and discernment. Yet for two years, the Church has been preparing for exactly this: a bishops' synod on synodality. It has involved input from hundreds of thousands of individual Catholics, Catholic organizations, parishes, dioceses, nations and continents. It is assembling several hundred participants in Rome not only in October 2023, but also October 2024. And if precedent matters, there will be a final papal document perhaps sometime in 2025.

If you have not been paying attention so far, you are likely to be inundated soon with media coverage, both religious and, occasionally, secular. There have been scads written on the synod already, with sometimes hysterical warnings that it will bring down the Church, as well as wish lists for its agenda by nearly every interest group with pet causes—LGBT rights, women priests, divorced and remarried, traditional Latin Mass.

This build up has given the impression that the pope is assembling a parliament of sorts—an impression he and synod leaders have gone to great pains to deny. The Church is not a democracy with doctrines up for votes, but some advocates for the synod as well as its detractors could easily leave you with the impression that this is in fact what will happen.

Synods have an ancient history and have traditionally been gatherings of bishops to discuss a specific topic. There have been a series of noteworthy synods since the Second Vatican Council. These synods consisted of certain bishops elected by their peers in each conference as well as additional

bishops and various observers chosen by the pope. This synod will be different in that some lay people will also be voting members.

In my experience, synods are often criticized before, during and after their occurrence. Some critics don't like the preparatory documents, some don't like the amount of information allowed to be made public during the synod, and some don't like the final document written by the pope after the synod is over.

Pope Francis from early in his papacy made it clear that he was not a fan of how previous synods had been run. This synod may be his clearest effort to implement his vision of "a gathering of the faithful in order to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church and asking her to be and to do."

It reflects the pope's oft-expressed concern for how the Church is to engage the modern world and pursue its mission. The synod itself could perhaps resemble a spiritual strategic planning session: bringing God's people together in prayer to listen and to pray much more than to speak, as they discern possible paths forward.

As described, this is a leap of faith, and suspicious minds worry that there are hidden agendas at work. Recent synods, in fact, have seen competing factions machinating behind the scenes for various goals. I suspect this is nothing new in Church history.

My advice for Catholics in these coming weeks and months is two-fold: Take a deep breath, and pray.

There will be a lot of people promising too much or fearing too much, and there will be media coverage that will exaggerate even more. So, take a deep breath and avoid getting caught up in every "what if" scenario and every leak.

And second, pray for all the participants. At this troubled time in human history, facing all of the challenges temporal and spiritual before us, pray that they—and we—are listening for the whispers of the Spirit.

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Be Our Guest/Mike O'Connell

The road to heaven includes receiving the sacraments, being the hands and feet of Christ

Shortly before his death, Jesus shared a meal with his disciples. He then shared a cup of wine with them, and then bread. "... he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me' " (Lk 22:19)

When Jesus told his disciples to do this in remembrance of him, what were they to do? In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tells us they were to take bread, give thanks, break it and share it. They were also to share wine (1 Cor 11:25).

I have often heard people ask "Where is our Lord when I am struggling and things are not going well in my life?" I have also heard many Catholics say, "I go to church, but I don't get anything out of the Mass. In fact, I find it boring."

Which leads me to this question: Are you participating? At the Last Supper, our Lord expected the disciples to participate in the process. He is omnipresent, he knows all things, he created us in his own image, and he

wants the best for us. But he expects each of us to do our part.

The story of Noah offers a great example. Remember how our Lord instructed Noah to build the ark? His instructions were very precise in how the boat should be built. Noah followed all of his instructions. Our almighty God could have provided that boat to Noah in one command, but he wanted Noah to participate in the process.

Remember God expects participation from each of us.

Do you know our Lord? Do you pray? Do you follow his commandments? Do you attend Mass? Do you receive the sacraments? Do you volunteer to help with your parish's various ministries?

If you participate and do your part, you will strengthen your partnership and friendship with our Lord, and together you will spend eternity with God and all his saints in our heavenly kingdom.

(Mike O'Connell is a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington.) †

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Saturday, Oct. 7, is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Originally, this day commemorated the 1571 naval victory at Lepanto (located on the Adriatic Sea between Greece and Italy), the battle that historians say saved the Christian West from defeat at the hands of the Ottoman Turks. On the eve of the battle, the sailors prepared their souls by falling to their knees on the decks of their galleys and praying the rosary. The Blessed Virgin Mary was said to intervene at a decisive moment in the conflict and, as a result, the Ottoman invaders were repelled.

Today we remember Mary under the title Our Lady of the Rosary primarily because of the powerful, popular devotion of the rosary. Pope Francis calls the rosary a “simple contemplative prayer, accessible to all, great and small, the educated and those with little

education. In the rosary, we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may guide us to an ever-closer relationship with Jesus her Son.”

The repetitive, meditative prayers of the rosary allow us to walk with our Lord and his Blessed Mother through the “mysteries” (joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious) that reflect on the sacred events of the New Testament and bring us closer to Jesus and Mary. These are some of the most significant moments in the history of our salvation, and they are worthy of our continued reflection and prayer.

When we read the lives of the saints, we discover common patterns of prayer and devotion. By far, the most common practice of holy women and men is their devotion to the holy Eucharist and their frequent (often daily) reception of our Lord’s sacred body and blood at holy Mass. But it’s also true that many saints—those who are officially recognized by the Church as well as those “saints next door” who are hidden among us—express their deep love and respect for the rosary.

Why? Because, as Pope Francis reminds us, “in the rosary while we repeat the Hail Mary we meditate on

the mysteries, on the events of Christ’s life, so as to know and love him ever better. The rosary is an effective means for opening ourselves to God.” Each time we pray the rosary, the Holy Father says, “we are taking a step forward, toward the great destination of life” and approaching our heavenly homeland.

The rosary is frequently prayed by pilgrims who travel to holy places in all regions of the world. The prayers that make up the rosary—the Apostles Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be—are familiar to us. They are simple and contemplative, especially when combined with reflection on the mysteries.

When we pray the rosary, we don’t have to worry about what to say. The structure of the five decades, the repetition of prayers that most of us learned as children, and even the tactical sensation of “fingering the beads” all provide us with a powerful opportunity to place ourselves in the presence of God through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary.

The word “rosary” comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the

rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize Mary, Mother of the Church and our mother. Most recitations of the rosary conclude with a traditional prayer known as the Hail Holy Queen (*Salve Regina*) which was composed at the end of the 11th century. The *Salve Regina* is the most commonly used prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary after the Hail Mary.

As we remember our loving Mother Mary under the title Our Lady of the Rosary, let’s sing her praises with these words that conclude the “simple, contemplative” recitation of the most holy rosary:

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ, your Son. And that, through your intercession, we may grow closer to him. †



Cristo, la piedra angular

El rosario, una devoción popular muy poderosa

Padre amoroso, aumenta nuestra devoción al santísimo rosario y acércanos cada vez más a ti por intercesión de la Madre de tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. (Oración matutina)

El sábado 7 de octubre es el memorial de Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

Originalmente, en este día se conmemoraba la victoria naval de 1571 en Lepanto (situada en el mar Adriático, entre Grecia e Italia), la batalla que, según los historiadores, salvó al Occidente cristiano de la derrota a manos de los turcos otomanos. En vísperas de la batalla, los marineros preparaban sus almas cayendo de rodillas sobre las cubiertas de sus galeras y rezando el rosario. Se dice que la Santísima Virgen María intervino en un momento decisivo del conflicto y, como resultado, los invasores otomanos se replegaron.

Hoy recordamos a María bajo el título de Nuestra Señora del Rosario principalmente por la poderosa y popular devoción del rosario. El Papa Francisco califica el rosario de “oración contemplativa sencilla,

accesible para todos, grandes y pequeños, letrados y no letrados. En el rosario, nos dirigimos a la Virgen María para que nos guíe hacia una relación cada vez más estrecha con Jesús, su Hijo.”

Mediante las oraciones repetitivas y meditativas del rosario podemos caminar con el Señor y su Santísima Madre por los “misterios” (gozosos, dolorosos, gloriosos y luminosos) que reflexionan sobre los acontecimientos sagrados del Nuevo Testamento y nos acercan a Jesús y María. Estos son algunos de los momentos más significativos de la historia de nuestra salvación, y merecen nuestra continua reflexión y oración.

Cuando leemos las vidas de los santos, descubrimos patrones comunes de oración y devoción. La práctica más común de las mujeres y los hombres santos es, con mucho, su devoción a la sagrada Eucaristía y su recepción frecuente (a menudo diaria) del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Nuestro Señor en la santa misa. Pero también es cierto que muchos santos—tanto los reconocidos oficialmente por la Iglesia como los “santos de a pie” que se esconden entre nosotros—expresan su profundo amor y respeto por el rosario.

¿Por qué? Porque, tal como nos

recuerda el Papa Francisco, “en el rosario, mientras repetimos el Ave María, meditamos sobre los misterios, sobre los acontecimientos de la vida de Cristo, para poder conocerlo y amarlo cada vez mejor. El rosario es un medio eficaz para abrirnos a Dios.” Cada vez que rezamos el rosario, dice el Santo Padre, “damos un paso adelante, hacia el gran destino de la vida” y nos acercamos a nuestra patria celestial.

El rosario a menudo lo rezan los peregrinos que viajan a lugares santos en todas las regiones del mundo. Las oraciones que componen el rosario (el Credo, el Padre Nuestro, el Avemaría y el Gloria) nos resultan conocidas. Son sencillas y contemplativas, sobre todo cuando se combinan con la reflexión sobre los misterios.

Al rezar el rosario, no tenemos que preocuparnos de qué decir. La estructura de las cinco decenas, la repetición de oraciones que la mayoría de nosotros aprendimos de niños e incluso la sensación táctil de “pasar las cuentas” nos brindan una poderosa oportunidad de ponernos en presencia de Dios a través de la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre, Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

La palabra “rosario” procede del latín y significa guirnalda de rosas,

siendo la rosa una de las flores utilizadas para simbolizar a María, Madre de la Iglesia y madre nuestra. Para finalizar el rosario, por lo general se termina con una oración tradicional conocida como *Salve (Salve Regina)* que fue compuesta a finales del siglo XI. La *Salve Regina* es la oración a la Santísima Virgen María más utilizada después del Avemaría.

Al recordar a nuestra amorosa Madre María bajo el título de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, cantemos sus alabanzas con estas palabras que concluyen la meditación “sencilla y contemplativa” de rezar el santísimo rosario:

Dios te salve, Reina y Madre de misericordia, vida, dulzura y esperanza nuestra; Dios te salve. A ti llamamos los desterrados hijos de Eva; a ti suspiramos gimiendo y llorando en este valle de lágrimas. Ea, pues, Señora, abogada nuestra, vuelve a nosotros esos tus ojos misericordiosos; y, después de destierro, muéstranos a Jesús, fruto bendito fruto de tu vientre. ¡Oh clemente! ¡Oh piadosa! ¡Oh dulce siempre Virgen María!

Ruega por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios. Para que seamos dignos de alcanzar las promesas de nuestro Señor Jesucristo tu Hijo. Y que, por tu intercesión, podamos acercarnos cada vez más a él. †

Events Calendar

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

October 6-Nov. 5

Planned Parenthood, 8590 Georgetown Road, Indianapolis. **40 Days for Life**, sign up for prayer times. Information: 40daysindy.org, 317-213-4778, linda@40daysindy.org.

Planned Parenthood, 421 S. College Ave., Bloomington. **40 Days for Life**, sign up for prayer times. Information: www.40daysforlife.com/en/bloomington, 812-988-6995, rbwoodard@ameritech.net.

October 9, 16, 13, 30

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. **Jesus and the Eucharist Bible Study**, 6:30-8 p.m., first four of seven Monday evening stand-alone sessions (Nov. 6, 13, 27), content also available through formed.org, free, registration preferred. Information, registration: 317-501-0060, cacdiehr@gmail.com.

October 10

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Taizé Prayer at the Woods**, 7-8 p.m., silent and spoken prayers, simple music, silence, virtual option available. Information: Taize.SistersofProvidence.org, 812-535-2952.

October 12, 19, 26, November 2

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 4720 E.

13th St., Indianapolis. **Jesus and the Eucharist Bible Study**, 1-2:30 p.m., first four of seven Thursday afternoon stand-alone sessions (Nov. 9, 16, 30), content also available through formed.org, free, registration preferred. Information, registration: 317-501-0060, cacdiehr@gmail.com.

October 12-14

Louisville Marriott Downtown, 280 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky. **National Black Catholic Men's Conference**, sponsored by Bowman-Francis Ministry of the Society of the Divine Word, \$150 adults, \$100 ages 17 and younger. Information, registration: bowmanfrancis.org.

October 13

Butler University, Shelton Auditorium, 1000 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis. **Family Caregiving: Understanding Your Needs and Role**, 1-4:30 p.m., resource hour 1-2 p.m., occupational therapist and dementia advocate Teepa Snow presenting 2-4:30 p.m., free, registration required. Information, registration: joyshouse.org/events/teepa.

October 14

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 10655 Haverstick Rd., Carmel (Diocese of Lafayette). **17th CINCH (Central Indiana Churches for Haiti) Gathering**, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., information and networking for parishes or individuals with—or interest

in—parish twinning, includes lunch, presentations, Mass, \$40. Information, registration: 317-840-6775, cutt.ly/CINCH2023, info@ptpausa.org.

Beech Grove Central Elementary School, 1000 Main Street, Beech Grove. **Walk to Remember**, registration 9:30 a.m., walk 11 a.m.-1 p.m., sponsored by Franciscan Health, for families who lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death, event includes speakers and dove release, free. Information, registration: lnkiy.in/WalkTR23, 317-528-5199, memoriestohold@franciscanalliance.org.

St. Gabriel Parish Grotto, 232 W. 9th St., Connorsville. **America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally**, 4:45 p.m., free. Information: 765-825-4770.

October 15

Mount Saint Francis Center for Spirituality, Pump House Studio, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mt. St. Francis. **Bluegrass Jam**, 5:30 p.m., free. Information: franciscansusa.org/bluegrass-jam.

St. Ambrose Parish gymnasium, 325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour. **Hispanic Heritage Fiesta**, 1:30-7 p.m., free. Information: 812-522-5304, demartinis@stambroseseymour.org.

West Street between W. Washington and Ohio streets, Indianapolis. **Pro-life Prayer Hour**,

2-3 p.m., sponsored by Central Indiana Life Chain and Students for Life of America, signs available along the route. Information: www.centralindianalifechain.org.

St. Monica Parish, 6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. **Mercy Mission Concert**, 6-7:30 p.m., featuring Catholic composer, artist and catechist Steve Angrisano, \$10. Information, tickets: 317-253-2193, tblanco@stmonicaindy.org, cutt.ly/MonicaAngrisano23.

October 18

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

October 19

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

October 20

Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Indiana Catholic Conference associate director Alexander

Mingus presenting "ICC: Your Public Policy Voice for All Things Catholic," rosary 6:35 a.m., Mass 7 a.m., buffet breakfast and program following, \$18 members, \$24 non-members. Register by 4 p.m. on Oct. 17. Information, registration: cutt.ly/CBE-Reg.

October 21

St. Bartholomew Parish, 1306 27th St., Columbus. **Polidor 5K Run/Walk**, 8:30-10 a.m., benefitting ALFA literacy program in Northern Haiti, \$25. Registration, information: 812-350-5250, or cutt.ly/Polidor5K2023.

October 22

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Foundation Day Mass for Sisters of Providence**, 11 a.m. Information: 812-535-2952, provctr@spsmw.org.

October 28

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Faithful Citizens Rosary Walk**, 10:45-11:45 a.m., meet in front of church. Information: holyroseyar.prolife@gmail.com.

October 29

Mount Saint Francis Center for Spirituality, Pump House Studio, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mt. St. Francis. **Bluegrass Jam**, 5:30 p.m., free. Information: franciscansusa.org/bluegrass-jam.

October 30

Christ the King Parish, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., Indianapolis. **Fall Parish Mission**, 7-8 p.m., holy hour and talk by national eucharistic preacher Dominican Father Patrick Hyde, free. Information: 317-255-3666, qjeffries@ctk-indy.org.

November 1

MCL Cafeteria, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, 5:30 p.m., Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles—separated, widowed or divorced—age 50 and older, new members welcome, also call about regular Friday night dinner events. Information: 317-796-8605.

Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Miscarriage Memorial and Burial of Ashes**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439. †

Retreats and Programs

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

October 20-22

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guesthouse, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. **Christian Hospitality: Welcoming One Another as Christ**, Benedictine Father Adrian Burke presenting, \$300 single, \$425 double. Registration: saintmeinrad.org/retreats.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Peace in the Mourning Grief Retreat**, 6 p.m. Fri.-1 p.m. Sun., for widows, Father James Farrell, Sister of Providence Connie Kramer and Nancy Pinard presenting, \$200, includes room with shared bathroom, meals and program. Registration: fm.retreatportal.com/events, 317-545-7681, lcoons@archindy.org.

October 21

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **My Beautiful, Broken Self—A SoulCollage Journey of Healing**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Benedict Inn marketing director Kathy Perron presenting, includes lunch and supplies, \$80 credit card, \$75 cash or check. Information, registration: benedictinn.org/programs, 317-788-7581, benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

October 23-27

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guesthouse, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. **The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew's Handbook for Living in the Kingdom of Heaven**, priest retreat, Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell presenting, \$465 single. Registration: saintmeinrad.org/retreats.

October 24

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Day of Silence**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$40, includes room, lunch, Mass and use of common areas and grounds, overnight stay available for additional \$30, dinner additional \$10. Registration: fm.retreatportal.com/events, 317-545-7681, lcoons@archindy.org.

October 27-29

Mount Saint Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mt. St. Francis. **Learn How to Live a Mystically Driven Life**, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Father Ron Rolheiser presenting, \$300 includes lodging and five meals, \$150 commuter, register by Oct. 16. Information, registration: lnkiy.in/RolheiserRetreat, 812-923-8817. †

Archbishop Thompson will celebrate Mass for 10th anniversary of archdiocesan Apostolate of French-speaking Catholics on Oct. 8

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson will celebrate a Mass recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Apostolate of French-speaking Catholics in Indianapolis (ACFADI) at St. Monica Church, 6131 N. Michigan Road, in Indianapolis, at 5 p.m. on Oct. 8. Indianapolis is home to Catholics of several nations whose native language is French. Through the apostolate, the Mass has been offered monthly in French for the

last decade. Currently the monthly Mass is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. at St. Monica Church. In honor of the celebration, a reception will be held after the Oct. 8 Mass with the archbishop. French-speakers and non-French speakers alike are welcome to the Mass and reception. For more information, e-mail acfadi2014@gmail.com. †

Wedding Anniversaries

CARL AND VIRGINIA (COPE) SMITH, members of St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30. The couple was married in St. Margaret Mary Church in Cleveland, Ohio, on Aug. 30, 1958. They have four children: Madonna Grabos, Marla, Regina and Anthony Smith. The couple also has nine grandchildren.



GERALD AND LUCILLE (NIEHOFF) HINTON, members of St. Mary Parish in Rushville, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 5. The couple was married in St. Mary Church in Rushville on Oct. 5, 1963. They have two children: Michele Ferree and Timothy Hinton. The couple also has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



BRIAN AND MICHELE (POSEY) CHASE, members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Oct. 5. The couple was married in Holy Trinity Church in Bucyrus, Ohio, on Oct. 5, 1968. They have three children: Anne Duke, Alexis and Adam Chase. The couple also has one grandchild.



DALE AND DONNA (BLOCK) GETTELFINGER, members of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 18. The couple was married in St. Bernard Church in Frenchtown on Aug. 18, 1973. They have four children: Joanna Lane, Jessica Lange, Jenna Sullivan and Jeremy Gettelfinger. The couple also has 10 grandchildren.



Announcements for couples celebrating 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 or more years of marriage are accepted. Go to cutt.ly/anniversaries or call 317-236-1585.

Faith sets the foundation for Providence coach's 25 years of success

By John Shaughnessy

One of the most telling points concerning the way we view our lives comes in the answer we give to this question:

"How do you measure success?"

For coaches, there are always the first-reaction measures of the scoreboard and the win-loss record—a reality that Terri Purichia knows from her 25 years of coaching girls' volleyball at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville.



Terri Purichia

Considering that she has led the program to four state championships and that she is closing in on 700 wins against just a little more than 200 losses, Purichia has clearly achieved those measures of success.

Yet her answer to the question about success goes much deeper.

In one part, it involves the joy she's had in coaching the three daughters she has with her husband of 25 years, Jeff, including the 2019 season when Maggie, Anna and Grace all played varsity together.

Even more so, it involves how her Catholic faith has guided her life and the approach she has strived to bring to all the players in the Providence girls' volleyball program.

"I think my faith impacts everything I do, so that is certainly a stamp on my coaching," Purichia says. "I feel that I'm a role model. When you are a coach at Providence, part of your ministry is to impart your faith and your leadership in empowering young women to be wonderful people—to be strong and beautiful and have confidence in themselves.

"I really take that part of my job very seriously. I think that has just been molded for me by my strong faith. I also just look at everything through a mother's lens—how I want my daughters to feel, how I want my daughters to be treated, and how I want my daughters to be empowered. Because I truly do believe that I have a love for all these girls as if they're my daughters. For 25 plus years, that's how I've gone about my business."

Purichia shared that insight in a lengthy conversation with *The Criterion* about her 25 years as a coach at Providence. Here is an edited version of that conversation.

Q. You graduated from Providence in 1990. You started coaching there in 1998, and you're a teacher there. Talk about what makes the Providence community so special for you.

A. "I like to call myself 'a super senior'—a senior who never really graduates. I adored this community as a student, and I have loved every second of it as a coach, a teacher and a parent. It's just filled with so many wonderful people. To be surrounded by so many wonderful people who love you and would do

anything in the world for you is just very special and has enriched my life in so many ways."

Q. What does it mean to you to have coached the sport you love at the school you love for 25 years?

A. "That is very hard to put into words. I loved Providence so much as a student and I had such a great experience that when I became the coach, I just wanted to do everything that I could to make sure my players felt the same way about Providence that I did. I wanted to give them the very best experience that I possibly could. That's the goal, year in and year out."

Q. What are some of the principles at the heart of the program?

A. "We wear a gray practice T-shirt every day that says, 'Property of Providence Volleyball' on the front, and on the back, it says, 'Commitment to Excellence.' I believe that is the underlying thread of our program. We're trying to commit ourselves to be excellent in every facet of our lives. Excellent teammates, excellent people, excellent volleyball players.

"Secondly, you have to be a good teammate to be a part of this. You have to be willing to be selfless and think about others. It isn't always easy to recognize that sometimes my needs don't take precedent over what the needs of the team are. But that is a really big piece of why we have been successful—being selfless and realizing that the team comes first. I certainly think we have a group of people who believe in that. It's such a family."

Q. One of the program's traditions is what you call "the circle of love." Talk about that.

A. "Every day at practice, we wrap our team in a circle in the middle of the gym floor. We've done that forever. That is where we have our opening prayer. We talk about different things. When we talk about leadership, we talk about leading with love. And that when you lead with love, you typically don't make mistakes. It's hard to do at times, but it's definitely the best way for us to be able to show how we care about each other.

"We've titled that circle 'the circle of love.' It's where we have our good times. It's where we share bad times. And that's where we talk about serious things. That's where we laugh, and that's sometimes where we cry. We talk a lot about when you have a circle, you're bound together by strength. When we're in that circle, we lock arms. That forms a bond that can't be broken. All those little things together are our circle of love."

Q. As part of your 25 years, Providence has been the Class 2A state champions in 2013 and 2014, and the Class 3A state champions in 2015 and 2022. Talk about them in the context of the 25 years.

A. "Definitely our state championship runs have been very special. But it's never been about championships for me, ever, ever. Have they been nice? Oh yes, they're so wonderful. And those are experiences I'll never be able to put into words how special they are. But there's been years when we've lost sectionals, and those kids have

had phenomenal seasons because of all the great things we're trying to pour into them on a daily basis.

"That to me is my most important job. When I know I've done my job is when they come back later and say, 'Thank you. You instilled something in me that has made me better at my job, better at being a mother or a wife, or as a leader in my community.'"

Q. What's it been like to share this experience with your three daughters?

A. "Those were really special years for me. There was only one season—2019—where I had all three of my girls at the same time.

Grace was a freshman, Anna a junior and Maggie a senior. So that was a really special year for me. Having three girls grow up in the volleyball program, not only do you get to coach them, you get to coach all of their friends. That was a really special group because I knew those kids so well. And I just loved them.

"I'm the kind of person who pours my heart and soul into this, and I feel that way with my players. I feel they're my daughters, and I feel like they know they can count on me. And that if they needed me for anything, even outside of volleyball, I would show up for them.

"A lot of people thought that once my kids were gone, that could be a time for me to retire. But I still have so much love and pride for this program that there's no place I'd rather be."

Q. This year's team has been ranked as the fourth best overall in the state, and second in Class 3A. What stands out to you about this year's team?

A. "I have 10 seniors. Most of them have played as sophomores. They're very



One of the great joys of Terri Purichia's 25 year of coaching at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville has been sharing seasons and special moments with her three daughters, Maggie, Anna and Grace. Here, she shares a hug with Grace after the team won Indiana's 3A state championship in 2022. (Submitted photo)

talented. They're wonderful kids. They're great students as well—leaders on and off the court. We're really enjoying the efforts we have put into bonding our relationships for three years. It's very special for them because they're all really close as a group, and they're close to us as a staff. It's just been a really good year."

Q. When you look back across these 25 years, what are some of the main thoughts that run through your mind?

A. "Just the amount of dedication that people put into making our program so successful. It's just something everyone pours their whole heart and soul into.

"I could never do any of this without my coaches. They're not only great coaches, but they're also just such amazing role models for these players. And they're some of my best friends. I consider them my family.

"I care about the people in my program so much. I'm just really blessed, and I'm so, so proud of what we have done down here. I'm just so proud to be a part of it." †



The girls' volleyball team of Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville celebrates its victory in the Indiana Class 3A state championship on Nov. 5, 2022. It's one of four teams that head coach Terri Purichia has led to a state championship. (Submitted photo)

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Sept. 16-17, where members of the office's *Pastoral Juvenil* (youth ministry) leadership team served as leaders and volunteers.

The families were not only able to have fun, but they lived an experience that will remain etched in their memories. Time was spent discussing evangelization and raising awareness about mental health for the Hispanic community, which involves the integrality of the human being, both in his or her human and spiritual reality.

Thanks to the Franciscan Health Social Impact Program and the archdiocese, these families from throughout central and southern Indiana experienced a weekend of spiritual renewal. They listened to various testimonies from other families, and they learned to identify signs of possible mental trauma in their children.

"It was an incredible experience, a wonderful encounter with the Lord, very interesting topics for our young people in the current context," said one of the participants. Another topic that participants found relevant was "How couple's problems affect their children."

Talks were developed for young people, including addressing "Chastity and Purity," "How social networks can affect a person's psyche" and "Masculinity and femininity according to God's plan." These topics were developed by two psychology professionals from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Children also had the opportunity to experience at their level a closeness with the person of Jesus. "A wonderful encounter with Jesus, especially seeing so many young people working to carry out this event, it has been a blessing to have been part of this experience," said one participant.

Preparing the way for the Eucharistic Revival

One of the goals of the camp was to promote a personal encounter with the person of Jesus in the Eucharist, and much of the logistics and planning revolved around two specific activities that took place.

The first was to prepare an "encounter place," an improvised chapel where Jesus would be exposed for adoration. St. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis provided many of the sacred objects that were used, including the monstrance where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed during the weekend.



Families take time to reflect and pray after another session at the archdiocesan Hispanic Family Camp on Sept. 16.



Nelly Bonilla, a Catholic psychologist from Minnesota, left, leads a talk for youths titled "How social media could affect your mental health."



Father Jeffrey Dufresne celebrates Mass on Sept. 16 during the archdiocesan Hispanic Family Camp sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County. Assisting him are Adac Moncada, left, Jose Quintana and Fernando Reyes (both at right). All three are members of the Pastoral Juvenil Leadership board, part of Hispanic Young Adults Ministry. (Submitted photos by Felix Navarrete)



Couples pray before the Blessed Sacrament during adoration on Sept. 16 at the archdiocesan Hispanic Family Camp at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County.

The other activity—possibly the highlight of the camp—was a eucharistic procession on the evening of Sept. 16. Led by the light from 200 candles, participants processed, singing in unison "Blessed, blessed, blessed be God," Father Michael Keucher, archdiocesan director of vocations, was sheltered by a canopy as he processed with the Blessed Sacrament. The smell of incense filled the air, and many felt connected with heaven.

"If they have another event like this again, I want to be the first to return with my family. [I feel] very blessed to have lived this beautiful experience. Thank you to the entire team that made this beautiful weekend with the family possible," said one participant.

The eucharistic atmosphere made it easier for the topics shared by the speakers to touch the hearts of each family that participated. People also had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and visit the chapel and have a moment alone with Jesus.

Vocations are more than a profession

The promotion of religious and priestly vocations is one of the areas the Office of Hispanic Ministry has decided to focus on.

The need for men and women willing to give their lives completely to God is imminent because of the wave of immigrants arriving to the United States and Indiana. We are increasingly finding a more diverse community, especially in southern Indiana parishes, with a considerable number of brothers and sisters coming from

Central and South America. We need more Hispanic seminarians and religious to discern if God is calling them to a vocation.

We want to raise awareness about this reality and are working with the vocations office to plant seeds in the Hispanic community.

With the assistance of Father Keucher, the camp included a panel discussion where the priest was asked questions about religious life and addressed some of its myths.

Concerning vocations, Father Keucher noted "that parents [must] have a life of continuous prayer, and that their children seeing the devotion of their parents is essential so that their children can think about the priesthood or religious life as an option."

"We live to achieve

eternal life. The life we have now is fleeting," Father Keucher responded when asked about the gift of pursuing a religious vocation instead of a profession in the secular world.

Encouraged to forgive

The camp also included families taking part in Mass. Young people from the *Pastoral Juvenil* (youth group) served at the liturgy. Father Jeffrey Dufresne, pastor of St. Mary and St. Philip Neri parishes, both in Indianapolis, was the celebrant.

Reflecting on the Gospel (Mt 18:21-35), Father Dufresne said our faith calls us to be people who forgive others. "For forgiveness, three things are needed. ... First, ask for the help of the Holy Spirit. It is he who grants us forgiveness. ... Second, you have to pray. ... And third, we have to recognize all the pain that the other person has caused to us."

Because Mary has a maternal presence for us as the Mother of God, participants asked the priest prior to the final blessing to consecrate their families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A morning with Maria

In some Latin American countries, it is a tradition to pray the holy rosary during a procession with the statue of our Blessed Mother through the streets of cities early in the day. On the morning of Sept. 17, young adults took a statue of Our Lady of Fátima on their shoulders to begin a procession, and the group walked around the camp, reciting the *Ave Maria*.

Prayers were offered for families around the world, for the intentions of Pope Francis and for an increase in priestly, religious and missionary vocations.

Commitment and sending forth

Families left the camp committing themselves to be more generous with their time toward God, to be families that profess the Resurrection, families that are not afraid to defend the truth but, above all, to be families that encourage their children along the paths of common good and justice, and to be salt and light in a world that struggles to get out of the darkness of sin.

(Felix Navarrete is archdiocesan director of Hispanic Ministry. A photo gallery and extended version of this story in Spanish will appear online at cutt.ly/HispanicFamilyCamp.) †

El campamento familiar hispano prepara a los participantes para un encuentro con Cristo

(Cada año, Estados Unidos celebra el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana, del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre.)

Por Felix Navarrete
Especial para *The Criterion*

CONDADO DE BROWN—Más de 250 personas, entre adultos, adolescentes y niños pequeños, se inscribieron para participar en un Campamento Familiar Arquidiocesano dirigido por la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano. Sesenta y ocho familias estuvieron en CYO Rancho Framasa los días 16 y 17 de septiembre, donde los miembros del Ministerio de Adultos Jóvenes fungieron como líderes y voluntarios.

Las familias no solamente se divertieron, sino que vivieron una experiencia que quedará grabada en sus recuerdos. Se dedicó tiempo a la evangelización y a la concienciación sobre la salud mental de nuestra comunidad hispana, que implica reconocer la integridad del ser humano, tanto en su dimensión humana como espiritual.

Gracias al Programa de Impacto Social de Franciscan Health y a la Arquidiócesis, estas familias de todo el centro y el sur de Indiana vivieron un fin de semana de renovación espiritual. Escucharon diversos testimonios de otras familias y aprendieron a identificar los signos de posibles traumas mentales en sus hijos.

"Fue una experiencia increíble, un maravilloso encuentro con el Señor, temas muy interesantes para nuestros jóvenes en el contexto actual," afirmó uno de los participantes. Otro tema que consideraron relevante fue "Cómo afectan los problemas de pareja a los hijos."

Se llevaron a cabo charlas para los jóvenes en las que se abordaron temas como "Castidad y pureza," "Cómo pueden afectar las redes sociales la mente de una persona" y "Masculinidad y femineidad según el plan de Dios." Estos temas fueron planteados por dos profesionales de la psicología de la Arquidiócesis de San Pablo y Mineápolis.

Los niños también tuvieron la oportunidad de vivir un acercamiento con la persona de Jesús a su nivel. "Un maravilloso encuentro con Jesús, sobre todo al ver a tantos jóvenes trabajando para llevar a cabo este evento; ha sido una bendición haber formado parte de esta experiencia," comentó uno de los participantes.

Preparando el camino para el Renacimiento Eucarístico

Uno de los objetivos del campamento era promover un encuentro personal con la persona de Jesús en la Eucaristía, y gran parte de la logística y la planificación giraron en torno a dos actividades específicas.

La primera fue preparar un "lugar de encuentro," una capilla improvisada donde Jesús estaría expuesto para su adoración. La parroquia de la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo de Indianápolis proporcionó muchos de los objetos sagrados que se utilizaron, incluida la custodia donde se expuso el Santísimo Sacramento durante el fin de semana.

La otra actividad—posiblemente el momento culminante del campamento—fue una procesión eucarística en la tarde del 16 de septiembre. Guiados por la luz de 200 velas, los participantes procesionaron cantando al unísono "Santo, santo, santo es el Señor." El padre Michael Keucher, director de vocaciones de la Arquidiócesis, iba cubierto por un dosel mientras procesionaba con el Santísimo Sacramento. El olor a incienso impregnaba el aire y muchos se sintieron conectados con el cielo.

"¡Maravilloso! Y si vuelven a organizar otro evento como este, quiero ser el primero en regresar con mi familia. [Me siento] muy bendecida por haber vivido esta hermosa experiencia. Gracias a todo el equipo que ha hecho posible este hermoso fin de semana en familia," expresó una de nuestras participantes.

El ambiente eucarístico facilitó que los temas

compartidos por los ponentes llegaron al corazón de cada familia asistente. Todos tuvieron la oportunidad de recibir el sacramento de la reconciliación, de visitar la capilla y de tener un momento a solas con Jesús.

La vocación es más que una profesión

El fomento de las vocaciones religiosas es una de las áreas en las que la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano ha decidido centrarse.

La necesidad de hombres y mujeres dispuestos a entregar su vida por completo a Dios es imminente debido a la oleada de inmigrantes que llegan a Indiana y todo Estados Unidos. Cada vez encontramos una comunidad más diversa, especialmente durante nuestras visitas a las parroquias del sur de Indiana, con un número considerable de hermanos y hermanas procedentes de Centro y Sudamérica.

Necesitamos más seminaristas y religiosos hispanos para discernir si Dios les llama a una vocación. Queremos crear conciencia sobre esta realidad y estamos trabajando con la oficina de vocaciones para plantar semillas en la comunidad hispana.

Con la colaboración del padre Keucher, el campamento incluyó una mesa redonda en la que el sacerdote recibió preguntas sobre la vida religiosa y abordó algunos de sus mitos.

En cuanto a las vocaciones, el padre Keucher señaló "que los padres tengan una vida de oración continua y que sus hijos vean la devoción de sus padres son elementos esenciales para que sus hijos puedan pensar en el sacerdocio o la vida consagrada como una opción."

"Vivimos para alcanzar la vida eterna. La vida que tenemos ahora es efímera," respondió el padre Keucher cuando se le preguntó sobre el don de seguir una vocación religiosa en lugar de una profesión en el mundo secular.

El llamado a perdonar

En campamento también incluyó la participación de las familias en la misa. Los jóvenes de la *Pastoral Juvenil* sirvieron en la liturgia. El padre Jeffrey Dufresne, párroco de las parroquias de Santa María y San Felipe Neri, ambas en Indianápolis, fue el oficiante.

Al reflexionar sobre el Evangelio (Mt 18:21-35), el padre Dufresne dijo que nuestra fe nos llama a ser personas que perdonan a los demás. "Para perdonar se necesitan tres cosas. ... En primer lugar, pídale ayuda del Espíritu Santo. Es él quien nos concede el perdón. ... En segundo lugar, hay que rezar. ... Y tercero, tenemos que reconocer todo el dolor que la otra persona nos ha causado."



En un ejercicio orientado a ayudarlos a confiar más en el Señor, un grupo de jóvenes guía a otros que tienen los ojos vendados por un sendero en el Camp Rancho Framasa, en el condado de Brown.



Adac Moncada y Fernando Reyes llevan una estatua de la Virgen durante una procesión del rosario el 17 de septiembre en el Campamento Familiar Arquidiocesano patrocinado por la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano en Camp Rancho Framasa, en el condado de Brown. (Fotos enviada por Félix Navarrete)



Annette Bonilla, oradora católica de Minesota, dirige un momento de oración con parejas adultas el 16 de septiembre, durante el Campamento Familiar Arquidiocesano.

Dado que María tiene una presencia maternal para nosotros como madre de Dios, los participantes pidieron al sacerdote, antes de la bendición final, que consagrara a sus familias al Inmaculado Corazón de María.

Una mañana con María

En algunos países latinoamericanos, es tradición rezar el santo rosario durante una procesión con la imagen de la Virgen por las calles de la ciudad a primera hora del día. En la mañana del 17 de septiembre, los jóvenes adultos tomaron la estatua de Nuestra Señora de Fátima sobre sus hombros para iniciar una procesión; juntos recorrieron el campamento rezando el *Ave María*.

Se oró por las familias de todo el mundo, por las intenciones del Papa Francisco y por el aumento de las vocaciones sacerdotales, religiosas y misioneras.

Compromiso y mirada al futuro

Las familias salieron del campamento comprometidas a ser más generosas con su tiempo con Dios, a ser familias que profesan la resurrección, que no temen defender la verdad pero, sobre todo, a ser familias que animan a sus hijos a transitar por los caminos del bien común y la justicia, y a ser sal y luz en un mundo que lucha por salir de las tinieblas del pecado.

(Felix Navarrete es el coordinador del Ministerio Hispano en la Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis. Una galería de fotos y una versión ampliada de este reportaje aparecerán en línea en cutt.ly/CampamentoFamiliar.) †

Former archdiocesan young adult Catholic professes perpetual religious vows

Criterion staff report

Franciscan Sister M. Evangeline Rutherford professed perpetual vows as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration based in Mishawaka, Ind., on Aug. 2 in the chapel of St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

A native of Portland, Mich., Sister Evangeline, 31, currently ministers at Franciscan Health Lafayette in Lafayette, Ind., in its laboratory and service excellence department. The Perpetual Adoration Franciscans operate the hospital.

After graduating from St. Patrick High School in Portland, Mich., Sister Evangeline earned a bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory science at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

Before entering religious life in 2015, she was a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis and worked in a laboratory at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. †



Franciscan Sister M. Evangeline Rutherford ritually receives a ring from Bishop Joseph N. Perry, at the time an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, during an Aug. 3 Mass at the chapel of St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka, Ind., during which she professed perpetual vows as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Assisting Bishop Perry is Nick Monin, a seminarian of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Looking on is Franciscan Sister Margaret Mary Mitchel, right, provincial superior of the Perpetual Adoration Franciscans based in Mishawaka. (Submitted photo)

Roof collapse at Mexican church kills at least 10 during baptism celebration

MEXICO CITY (OSV News)—After a roof collapsed during Mass in a Mexican church, claiming at least 10 lives and injuring 60 people, Catholic leaders offered prayers for the dead and injured, and Mexican society expressed sorrow over the tragedy.

The roof of the Santa Cruz Church in Ciudad Madero, some 300 miles south of the Texas border city of Brownsville,

collapsed during a baptismal service at around 2:18 p.m. local time on Oct. 1.

The Tamaulipas state government attributed the collapse to presumed "structural failure."

A video captured from a nearby closed-circuit camera and shared on social media showed the church roof caving in on a sunny afternoon as the church walls buckled.

Onlookers and civil protection officials

rushed to the scene. Members of a naval team with expertise in pulling people from collapsed buildings—often after earthquakes and working with sniffer dogs—had been flown in from Mexico City. Press photos from the inside showed parts of the roof resting on pews, offering possible spaces for protection.

"I ask for your prayers. I also ask that we can be united in one heart, in the face of this tragedy," Bishop José Armando Álvarez Cano of Tampico, the local diocese, said in a short video statement.

"In this time of pain and mourning, we raise our prayers to the Almighty to shower his comfort and peace on the affected souls and their families," the Mexican bishops' conference said in a statement.

"The Church is a community of faith, love and mutual support, and in these difficult times, we come together as one body to express our solidarity with all those who have suffered in this tragedy.

We ask the Lord to grant the strength to endure this difficult path of mourning and healing," the bishops said.

Images of the frantic rescue unfolding at the collapsed parish church provoked outpourings of emotion and support from across Mexico. People pitched in to remove rubble, provided refreshments to rescuers and donated needed supplies for the rescue efforts and victims, according to social media photos. Heavy equipment was brought in to lift large pieces of rubble.

Among those injured were a 4-month-old baby, three 5-year-olds and two 9-year-olds, according to the diocese. Police officers said three of the dead were children.

"From underneath the rubble, thanks to divine providence and the work of the rescue teams, people have been pulled out alive!" the diocese wrote in a statement posted on social media accounts. "Let's keep praying!" they asked. †




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SIMPLY CATHOLIC

St. Louis Guanella had a love for people living on the margins

By Maryann Gogniat Eidemiller

(OSV News)—St. Louis Guanella witnessed the ravages of poverty, illness and the neglect of the most vulnerable while growing up in the southern Alps in Italy. He saw people with disabilities and the elderly both abandoned and underfed, when mid-19th century society standards considered them useless and a burden.

Guanella (1842-1915) was so filled with love for marginalized people that he devoted his life to serving them as a priest, founding two religious orders to carry out that work. Within a century, the Catholic Church recognized him as a saint.

“We have been praying for a miracle for our founder to confirm to us that his charism can lead to holiness,” Servants of Charity Father Joseph Rinaldo said of the time leading up to the saint’s canonization. “We have been praying for a sign that our founder was a holy man.”

Those prayers were answered. On Oct. 23, 2011, Blessed Louis Guanella was declared a saint. His feast day is on Oct. 24.

Recently retired, Father Joseph is a member of the Servants of Charity Province based in Chelsea, Mich., which includes the United States, India, the Philippines and Vietnam. He was in his theological studies in Rome when Guanella was beatified in 1964.

“During that summer, and for four summers in a row, we visited every single town where he had been,” he said. “We searched libraries and religious archives for letters, correspondence or any kind of information about him.”

Louis Guanella was born in Fraciscio, a small village in the Italian Alps, on Dec. 19, 1842, a time rife with poverty, illiteracy and intense political persecution of the Church. He was ordained on May 26, 1866, and assigned to parish work. But he moved to Turin seven years later to join the Salesians of Don Bosco, where he could serve people in poverty and with disabilities.

In one village, he found a group of young religious women who were formed in piety and sacrifice. In 1886, two of those sisters and a few orphan girls went to Como, where Guanella had prepared for them a simple motherhouse for the religious congregation he had dreamed of, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence.

In 1904, under the protection of Pope St. Pius X, Guanella opened a facility for children who were living in the streets of Rome. He founded the Servants of Charity Congregation of priests and brothers in 1908, the same year he began building the Church of St. Joseph in Rome, named after the patron saint of the dying and the patron saint of a happy death.

St. Louis Guanella also established an association of devotees who would pray each day for St. Joseph’s intercession on behalf of the dying and the suffering. “There is a need to live well, but there is even a greater need to die well,” he wrote.

He called it the Pious Union of St. Joseph for the Salvation of the Dying, and in 1914, Pope St. Pius X canonically recognized it and became its first member.

Guanella traveled to the United States in 1912 to minister to immigrants who were living in deplorable conditions. The next year, six Daughters of Mary of Providence arrived in Chicago as the first Guanellians in

North America.

An earthquake struck central Italy in 1915, killing tens of thousands. Guanella, his priests and sisters went to the destruction to look for survivors and to shelter orphans and the aged. It was his last service to the vulnerable. The work weakened his health, and he died on Oct. 24, 1915, in the 50th year of his life as a priest.

Guanella’s charism lives on in the work of the congregations he founded. In the United States, Servants of Charity run several residential facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities. The St. Louis Center in Chelsea, Mich., is for boys and adult men, and in Springfield, Pa., the Don Guanella Village serves young adults. Sacred Heart Parish in inner-city East Providence, R.I., has outreaches to the community.

The Daughters of St. Mary of Providence in the United States, headquartered in Chicago, serve the elderly and disabled. They also minister in parishes. Several years ago, Sister Margaret Mary Schissler and Sister Brenda McHugh were asked to build up the Shrine of St. Joseph in Grass Lake, Mich. The chapel, built in a barn, seats 130. The site also is dedicated to the Pious Union of St. Joseph for the Suffering and Dying.

Father Dennis Weber of the Servants of Charity in Springfield calls Guanella “a saint for our times in his spirituality.”

“He had great trust in God and is very relevant in these times,” he said. “I strongly believe that he is a pro-life saint for his inherent respect for the dignity of the human person, especially those who are marginalized, vulnerable and disadvantaged in any way.”

St. Louis Guanella came through in a remarkable way for William Glisson, who suffered such severe head injuries when in-line skating on March 15, 2002, that neurosurgeons at Crozer Chester Hospital near Philadelphia told his mother that he might not survive. Glisson’s brain swelled so much that two parts of his skull had to be removed, along with one-third of his brain’s left frontal lobe.

Two days after the accident, Donna Glisson placed a tiny box with a relic on her son’s wrist band and put another in her pocket. Then she put his condition into the hands of St. Louis Guanella and prayed.

William Glisson recovered, took a job in the family business and married. In January 2010, the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints affirmed that Glisson’s healing was obtained through the intercession of St. Louis Guanella, who was canonized on Oct. 23, 2011. The Glisson family was present at the Vatican for the canonization Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI.



St. Louis Guanella (1842-1915) was an Italian priest who founded religious orders that care for people on the margins of society. He was declared a saint on Oct. 23, 2011. (CNS Photo/Cause of Blessed Louis Guanella)

Servant of Charity Father Peter DiTullio, now retired, was vice postulator in the investigation of the miracle that originated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He was a longtime supporter of the cause for sainthood.

“I felt that sooner or later, Guanella was going to give us a hit,” he said.

It was his friend, Noreen Yoder, who, after her own accident years ago, received a first-class relic containing bone fragments from Guanella. Yoder lent the relics to Donna Glisson, who saw her son’s condition improve day by day. His eyes opened within a week. Then soon after, unable to talk because of the breathing tubes, he signed to a deaf cousin.

“The doctor said that he had such a high level of brain damage that he couldn’t be doing that,” she said. “It was astounding.”

Her son spent months in rehabilitation and later underwent numerous physical and psychological evaluations during investigation into the alleged miracle.

On Oct. 30, 2006, in part of the process, neurosurgeon Dr. Raymond M. Joson wrote a letter to Father Peter describing the severity of William Glisson’s injuries and noting that the attending neurosurgeon had told the family “that he would probably not survive or if he did, he would have severe neurological disabilities.” However, he “made a rapid recovery with no signs of motor or cognitive disabilities.”

In Joson’s opinion, “such a recovery was not only remarkable, but miraculous since I cannot attribute his recovery to any specific neurosurgical or medical treatment he received.”

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William Glisson of Pennsylvania, left, whose recovery from an in-line skating accident was accepted as the miracle needed for St. Louis Guanella’s canonization, presents a relic of the new saint during an Oct. 23, 2011, canonization Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Guest Column/Archbishop Thomas J. Wenski

Archbishop Wenski: 'Change the narrative about migration'

We need to change the narrative about migration. Cities like New York and Chicago are using the language of burden, of being overwhelmed, of not being able to handle the number of newcomers.



Yet these urban areas have received far fewer numbers than the South Florida community. Here, we have continued to show an adept

ability to absorb and resettle high rates of migrants or asylum seekers. Some estimate that several hundred thousand migrants and/or asylum seekers have moved into South Florida in the last year or two. As Randy McGrorty, the CEO of Catholic Legal Services, which sees some 3,000 immigrants a month, says, "We just somehow make it work."

Recently, McGrorty helped organize a "Miami Opportunity Summit: Immigrant Contributions and Bipartisan Solutions." This was a daylong series of panel discussions mingling local politicians, journalists, migrant advocates, social workers and business leaders with

representatives of Catholic charitable agencies, held on Aug. 22.

All the participants acknowledged that migration brings challenges. Like the rest of the nation, we are not immune from the economic hardship of the nation at large, and we certainly feel the pain of rising housing costs (which predates the most recent influx of migrants). But here in Miami—given our long history of dealing with inflows—we recognize that challenges also present opportunities. In a word, while our broken immigration system is a big problem, the immigrants themselves are not problems.

For example, in 2019, there were more than 247,000 immigrant entrepreneurs in the Miami metropolitan area. Immigrants were also 37.9% more likely to be entrepreneurs when compared to U.S.-born residents, according to the summit organizers. In addition, there are nearly 2.6 million immigrants residing in the Miami metropolitan area who pay more than \$19 billion in local, state and federal taxes and have a spending power of more than \$60 billion.

With an unemployment rate of 2.6%, there are only 64 applicants for every 100 open jobs in Florida, a situation

which has only been exacerbated by the recent passing of Senate Bill 1718. That ill-conceived legislation has caused fear (often unfounded) among many immigrant workers who play a critical role in Florida's economy.

What is not commonly understood is that, while the Biden administration has allowed many migrants to enter the U.S. to pursue asylum claims, there is no mechanism in place to assure timely hearings and adjudications of these claims.

At the same time, the administration is reluctant to grant work permits to the very people they have allowed into the country. The president should use his legal authority under the "Significant Public Benefit" provisions of immigration law and provide work permits for noncitizens (immigrants already in the U.S. who are currently ineligible, and new migrants seeking to fill jobs not taken by citizens).

South Florida knows how to make it work. The U.S. can overcome the challenges of migration if we recognize the opportunities the immigrants themselves offer.

(Archbishop Thomas J. Wenski serves the Archdiocese of Miami.) †

Twenty Something/

Christina Capecchi

Rescued by a pig: a turning point on the *Titanic*

A mother understands.

From the outside, Edith Rosenbaum was bursting with beauty and promise, 32 and a rising star in fashion. Her job was glamorous, working as a Paris correspondent for *Women's Wear Daily*, an American fashion publication. She covered couture openings and penned a column that appeared on the front



page, offering her impressions of the latest trends and personalities in the Paris fashion scene.

But her mother knew that Edith felt unsettled, rattled by a car accident she'd been in.

A frivolous gift might be just the ticket—something to induce laughter—so she bought Edith a toy pig made of paper mâché and covered in animal skin. With its black and white fur, it looked lifelike, and when its tail was wound, the pig played a popular song called *The Maxixe*.

Music, her mother said, can chase away your troubles.

Edith embraced the gift, vowing to keep it with her always.

It felt like a good-luck charm when, shortly later, she was packing for her voyage on the *Titanic*. Edith loaded 19 trunks of expensive apparel along with her toy pig, her own little mascot.

When the *Titanic* crashed into an iceberg and panic spread, Edith stayed calm. She was staying put.

"Don't worry about me," she insisted.

A sailor came along and spotted the bundle in her arms. Presuming it to be a baby, he tossed the pig in lifeboat 11.

"I'll save your baby," he barked.

An instant later, Edith jumped in.

"I never would have left the ship," she would later recount, if the sailor hadn't taken that initiative. "When they threw that pig, I knew it was my mother calling me."

Boat 11 was overloaded, carrying 70 people—the largest number of occupants on any lifeboat launched that cold, starry night. As it rowed away from the sinking ocean liner, Edith surveyed her fellow travelers: crying babies, restless toddlers, frightened children.

The inky sky enveloped them. It would be seven hours before the *Carpathia* would rescue them.

Edith knew what to do: She wound the pig's tail. The crying instantly halted. She passed the pig around, letting each child pet it and wind its tail.

What a contrast to the mournful wailing that rang out on the *Titanic*—a rollicking carnival song that called to mind balloons, magicians and acrobats. The sound of hope on a lonely night.

Edith would live to be 95 and share her survival story. Her pig remains at the National Maritime Museum in London.

That improbable turning point on the *Titanic*—the pig that saved Edith's life—reminds us that God works in and through other people. We are one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone.

We can count on that as the cold settles in and new challenges arise. Look for the little gifts that come from above and pass through other hands along the way. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

And given the chance to help another—a neighbor, friend or stranger—we too can be the hands and feet of Christ. An act of service, a stuffed animal. A handwritten note, a loaf of pumpkin bread, a sincere compliment. It may seem small, but it could just be the nudge needed to get on the lifeboat.

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

Feeling It/Effie Caldarola

A vanity license plate soothed my stress and brought me to my senses

When my son was in sixth grade, he was standing with some buddies at dismissal time at our parish Catholic school. It was a typical cold winter day in Anchorage, Alaska, and the sidewalks were a familiar sheet of ice.



"See those sixth graders over there?" asked a fifth grader, overheard by another boy. "Watch how many I can knock down."

Sliding on the ice at full speed into the unsuspecting group, he toppled several, scattering them like snowsuit-clad bowling pins. My son Mike was among them, and his braces were knocked loose.

I'd been at work, there was supper to fix, the grocery store first. Now, as rush hour neared and the day's sunlight waned, school pick-up became an unscheduled drive across town to the orthodontist.

Braces are expensive. Mike's were not covered by a dental plan. The stress of the day began to overwhelm me.

Pausing at a stoplight, I noted the vanity license plate on the car ahead of me. It read "UR4GVN."

I was forgiven? For what? But tears came to my eyes. I felt a heavy weight lifting.

In Scripture, we repeatedly hear Jesus say those words, "Your sins are forgiven." Sometimes—as with the paralyzed man lowered through a roof by his friends—Jesus says those words before a physical healing.

Was Jesus ready with forgiveness because the folks he encountered were terrible people? Or is Jesus so ready to forgive because he knows we're all sinners and we yearn to feel forgiveness? We all live with what the writer Father Henri Nouwen called "our endless capacity for self-loathing." It's often the hidden cause of our stress, this feeling that we are not "enough."

Jesus wants us to know how loved we are.

In the Gospel of Luke, Peter has had a night of unsuccessful

fishing, but Jesus tells him to try again. Peter dutifully puts his nets back in the water, finding a catch so abundant the boat nearly sank.

Sensing the presence of the miraculous, Peter's response is not unlike our own sometimes: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Lk 5:8).

It's hard to believe we are worthy of such abundant love, and always such forgiveness.

In his book about a journey through the Holy Land, *Jesus, A Pilgrimage*, Jesuit Father James Martin talks about guilt. He mentions Dorothy Day, now a candidate for sainthood. As a young woman, before she became a Catholic, she had had an abortion, which she later deeply regretted.

Father Martin asks what a difference it would have made in Day's life, and in the social activism that is her legacy, if she had let "feelings of inadequacy" about her abortion overwhelm her.

In my own life, the suicide of a close family member posed a similar destructive possibility. My family had the inevitable question: What more could we have done? As a friend told me once, the "woulda, shoulda, coulda brothers" can dominate our lives if we don't yield to Jesus' mercy.

We all need to face up to our sinfulness: an unkind word that can never be taken back, a child-rearing mistake, memories of impatience with an aged parent. We make amends where we can, but then we hear Jesus' words of forgiveness and are called to move forward to the abundant life.

Our mission lies before us—not behind us, in the dusty bin of old sin or regret.

The Benedictines have a saying I love: "Always we begin again." That phrase orients me toward hope.

And the braces? The teeth were undamaged, the braces easily retightened. And the stress? It was lifted. Because I'd been reminded that I was forgiven.

(Effie Caldarola is a wife, mom and grandmother.) †

Guest Column/Richard Etienne

What's in a name? A lot—especially if you consider a person's gifts

In the book of Genesis, Adam is charged with giving names to all living creatures.

To name something is to give it an identity and value.



Later in Genesis, we see God change Abram's name to Abraham. And later, God said that Jacob should henceforth be called Israel.

This is not just semantics. A new name or way to identify

someone can totally reshape their image.

There is immense power in the way a person perceives the self. The self-image that comes from our own awareness can greatly affect who we become.

Consider how Jesus similarly changes the names and self-images of some of his Apostles. Simon became "Cephas"

("Peter" in Greek which means "rock") and James and John were nicknamed "Boogermes" ("Sons of Thunder"). They offer examples of how our Savior changed a name and used a nickname to help identify some of his closest followers.

I have a streak of mischief that runs deep. I love to change names and how refer to the people that I love. Mike often becomes Michael (it was, after all, the name that he was given at birth). Larry returns to Lawrence. I refer to my friend Phil as Michaelangelo—he is a member of our paint crew for Habitat for Humanity—because of his painting skills. I modified the name of one friend from Kathy to Kathy Catholic.

Sometimes I change the way I address them to indicate a familiarity or friendship with the person but, more often that not, it is to indicate a stronger name that represents the inner person and gifts I see.

Changing names or referring to someone in a different manner can actually surprise the person, which, like the tremors of a small earthquake, can create an inner reaction—hopefully a positive one. Remember when your parents called you by both your first and middle name? "Elizabeth Ann!" "Stephanie Gale!"

What gifts do you see in others? Could there be a new image or name that helps to reshape their self-identity—especially young people who are trying to determine how God wants them to serve others?

Even if you don't offer a new name, why not take the time to share with them their gifts that you see?

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, October 8, 2023

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Philippians 4:6-9
- Matthew 21:33-43

The first section of the Book of Isaiah is the source of the first reading for Mass this weekend. The prophet speaks directly to the people. He speaks as God, in the first person.



The prophet employs an image with which his contemporaries would have been very familiar. It is the image of a vineyard, describing the land

of God's people as a vineyard in which grapes were grown. The people do not own the vineyard. It belongs to God. Lavished with care, God fills the vineyard with the choicest vines. He tends the vineyard.

The author of this section of Isaiah was disappointed with his people. He saw them moving along a path that would lead to their destruction.

Why the concern? What was happening? The people were polluting God's vineyard. They themselves became wild grapes—sour, wrinkled and bitter, unworthy of being in the beautiful vineyard. The people were disloyal to God, disobedient to his law and lax in religious observance.

Especially troubling the prophet were the leaders of the chosen people who were flirting with neighboring pagan states, allowing the paganism of these neighbors to influence policy.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians provides the second reading for Mass this weekend.

Philippi was an important military post in the Roman Empire, located in modern Greece. It was a thoroughly pagan community, with only a scattering of Christians. Pagans looked upon Christians with disdain, at best, as threats at most, because of the Christians' worship of the God of Israel, of Jesus as the Son of God, and because of their devotion to the Gospel values of love, sacrifice and life with God.

Before long, this disdain for Christians in the empire erupted into outright persecution.

Understandably the Apostle sought to encourage and to reassure Philippi's

Christians, admonishing them to always be faithful to God, to always be holy and to never fear opposition or persecution.

St. Matthew's Gospel is the source of the third reading for Mass this weekend.

As has been the case on other weekends, the selection for this weekend is a parable. Jesus tells the parable in a discussion he had with priests and elders. The parable is about a "landowner" of a vineyard, who of course is God (Mt 21:33).

(Remember the first reading? Vineyards often were used in the Old Testament to describe the nation of Israel.)

The landowner, or God, planted a vineyard. It belongs to God. The people who worked in the vineyard were tenants. God protected this vineyard by surrounding it with a hedge. Then he went on a journey, leaving the tenants to tend the vineyard.

In due course, the landowner sent servants to the tenants to collect the yield, but the tenants turned against God. They killed the servants. God sent more servants. They, too, were killed. Finally, the landowner sent his son, who was also killed. Finally, God drove the tenants from the vineyard.

Reflection

The Church repeatedly has called us to discipleship during these weeks. It restates this call in these readings.

Ultimately, today's lesson is not about doom and destruction, although both Isaiah and Matthew focus on unhappiness and death. Rather, the message is of salvation and hope.

By disobeying or ignoring God, we create our own bad situations and often nothing good for others.

This is a fact. We may choose to sin or we may choose to be with God. The choice belongs to us. These readings urge us to resist temptation, to be faithful to God.

God does not hurl thunderbolts of anger and revenge upon us. He offers the sunlight of divine mercy for us to help us grow in the vineyard, developing into something sweet and beautiful.

What if we have sinned? God always accepts us back if we repent. †

Daily Readings

Monday, October 9

St. Denis, bishop, and companions, martyrs
St. John Leonardi, priest
Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11
(Response) *Jonah 2:3-5, 8*
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 10

Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII, pope
Jonah 4:1-11
Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 12

Malachi 3:13-20b
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 13

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 14

St. Callistus I, pope and martyr
Joel 4:12-21
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 15

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-6
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14
or *Matthew 22:1-10*

Question Corner/Jenna Marie Cooper

While miracles are possible, lack of faith doesn't keep them from happening

When I was an Evangelical Christian, we were told Jesus wanted to heal us, every time. We need only ask "in his



name." If we weren't healed it was because we lacked sufficient faith to "claim it."

I remember my Catholic Grandma saying though, that sometimes God heals and sometimes not, and that the best thing to do is "offer it up" to God,

just asking for the strength to bear it. What does the Catholic Church actually say about all this, especially "healings?" (Kentucky)

While your question involves many layers, the short answer is no, Catholics don't believe that a lack of physical healing is due to some fault in the faith of the one suffering, nor can it be attributed to a lack of faith on the part of that person's loved ones.

For millennia, philosophers and theologians have reflected on the "problem of evil," how a good and loving God could create a world with so much suffering in it.

Looking through the eyes of faith, we know that physical illness, infirmity and death were not part of God's original plan. The Book of Wisdom tells us that "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being" (Wis 1:13-14).

Suffering entered the world because of original sin when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. In doing so, the world was set on a course that was not in harmony with God's will.

Jesus came into this world to accept suffering and death on the cross in order to free us from the eternal consequences of original sin. Because of Christ's sacrifice, we are able to enter into eternal life in heaven. Still, we are all stuck living in a fallen world in the meantime, and physical illness and pain are unavoidable parts of this—for everyone, eventually.

To be sure, Catholicism certainly recognizes the possibility of miraculous healings. Jesus is recorded in all four

Gospels as having healed a great many people from their illness as a sign of his redeeming mission.

At the same time, Jesus also makes it clear that he wasn't just a "miracle dispenser." For example, in St. Mark's Gospel, when "the Pharisees came forward and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him," Jesus "sighed from the depth of his spirit" and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation" (Mk 8:11-12).

God is still at work in the world today, and so miraculous healings can still happen. But miracles, by definition, are extraordinary and not to be counted on in a presumptuous way. So, an illness taking its natural course despite our prayers is not a sign of God's indifference toward us—and it certainly doesn't indicate a defect in anyone's faith.

Many of our most beloved saints, like St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Francis of Assisi, endured tremendous bodily sufferings even amid their heroic faith and trust in God.

Your grandmother's expression "offer it up" is a traditional Catholic phrase that often gets a bad reputation for sounding flippant or dismissive but references a real truth: that we can join our sufferings to Christ's on the cross, "offering them up" for the sake of others.

It's just as St. Paul teaches in his Letter to the Colossians when he writes: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the Church" (Col 1:24). We also believe—again thanks to Paul—"God works all things for the good of those who love him" (Rom 8:28).

We can trust that whatever suffering God permits to befall us—because God will only ever allow suffering to happen; he does not actively will it—will ultimately be for our good, even if we never clearly see how in this life.

(Jenna Marie Cooper, who holds a licentiate in canon law, is a consecrated virgin and a canonist whose column appears weekly at OSV News. Send your questions to CatholicQA@osv.com.) †

My Journey to God

Respect for Life

By Natalie Hoefler

Mother, father, sister, brother,
None of them in image other
Than the likeness of God above.

Neither color nor one's race
Removes from them the very face
Of God and His abundant love.

And so by nature we are called
To treat as precious each and all.
To foreign-born and marginalized,

To elders, poor, unborn, disabled,
Show dignity, invite to table,
For all are sacred in our Father's eyes.

(Natalie Hoefler is a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and is a reporter for The Criterion. Photo: A baby reaches to touch a leaf during a 40 Days for Life fall campaign kickoff event outside the Planned Parenthood facility in Indianapolis on Sept. 27.) (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)



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.

E-mail submissions for consideration—including name, address, parish and a telephone number—to nhoefler@archindy.org.

Poems may also be mailed to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367. Please note, however, that mailed submissions will not receive a reply unless the piece is selected for publication. †

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.

ANTIC, Robert, 93, St. Anne, New Castle, Sept. 17. Husband of Donna Antic. Father of Krista Curless, Valerie Good, Joyce Dickerson, Lori, Larry and Scott Antic. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of one.

BINDNER, Ruth M. (Ohleyer), 98, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Sept. 18. Mother of Mary Jane Gunter, Marjorie Lowe, Kathleen Pierce, Michael and Steve Bindner. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of 24.

BOHMAN, Anthony, 91, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood, Sept. 10. Father of Deborah Beeson, Monica Dubois, Margaret Percy, Rebecca Peterson, Denise Richardson, Natalie and Anthony Bohman II. Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of 21.

ELDER, Mary L., 71, St. Paul, Tell City, Sept. 13. Mother of Erin Janes and Eric Elder. Sister of Alan and Joe Keller. Grandmother of one.

HARMON, Anne, 80, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, Sept. 16. Wife of Alan Harmon. Mother of Stephen Harmon. Sister of Kay Hutzel. Grandmother of three.

HENCKEL, Lawrence, 78, St. Joseph, Corydon, Sept. 15. Husband of Barbara Henckel. Father of Elizabeth Roberts, Amy, Danielle, Dorothy, Andrew and Lawrence Henckel, Jr. Brother of Janet Dobbins, Martha Jennings and Betty Thomas. Grandfather of eight.

JACKSON, Thomas, 66, St. Gabriel, Connersville, Aug. 26. Brother of Greg,

Kenny and Steven Jackson. Uncle of several.

JEWELL, Evelyn C., 93, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Sept. 3. Mother of Amy, Cynthia and Gregory Jewell. Grandmother of five.

JOYCE, Walter L., 92, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Sept. 23. Father of Maureen Biermeier, Eileen DeGuire, Kathleen Gonzalez, Margaret Grey, Patricia Grupp, Dan, Jim and John Joyce. Grandfather of 25. Great-grandfather of 23.

KIESLER, Emma E., 98, St. Mary, Navilleton, Sept. 19. Mother of Kathryn Grant, Mary Horn, Larua Lampton, Paul, Jr., Phillip and Robert Kiesler. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of 10.

KUNTZ, Louis E., 88, St. Paul, Tell City, Sept. 20. Father of Kelly Brown, Lori Glenn and Tim Kuntz. Grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of two.

LESCH, Joan C. (Meyers), 94, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Sept. 15. Mother of Tammy Moran, Anne, Kathryn, James, John, Timothy, Tom and William Lesch. Sister of Mary Lou Gorgol, Barbara Haines and Anne Lyons. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of 16.

LONG, Clara, 100, Holy Family, New Albany, Sept. 11. Mother of Mary Evers and Don Long. Sister of Martha Johnson. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of four. Great-great-grandmother of two.

MARTINEZ ORTIZ, Dulce C., 14, Prince of Peace, Madison, Sept. 20. Daughter of Presbiterio Martinez Trejo and Ariana Ortiz Roblero. Sister of Christopher and Harold Martinez Ortiz. Granddaughter of Martin Martinez Henedez, Beatriz Trejo Fuentes, Arnoldo Ortiz and Gloriselda De Leon.

PARKER, Mary E., 86, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Richmond, Sept. 19. Aunt of several.

RIEHLE, Daniel J., 75, All Saints, Dearborn County, Sept. 10. Husband of Melanie Riehle. Father of Ann Marie Ahern, Janet Hopkins, Elle Sierzputowski and Joseph Riehle. Son of Martha LeSaint Riehle. Brother of Gregory, James, Nicholas and William Riehle. Grandfather of four.

RIGA, Laura R., 84, Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, Sept. 25. Mother of Lori, Cliff and Mike

Diamond anniversary Mass



Archbishop Charles C. Thompson prays the eucharistic prayer during a Sept. 24 Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding the Indianapolis West Deanery faith community. Joining the archbishop at the altar are concelebrating priests Father James Bonke, left, a past pastor of St. Michael, now retired; and Father John Kamwendo, St. Michael's current pastor. Deacon Michael Nygra, second from left, assists at the Mass. (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)

Cox. Sister of Tony Riga. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of nine.

ROLFSEN, Rosalie A., 85, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Sept. 12. Wife of Paul Rolfesen. Mother of Debbie Klein, Chris, Jeff and Mike Rolfesen. Sister of Charles Betzner. Grandmother of 10.

ROSENBERGER, John E., 79, St. Michael, Brookville, Sept. 23. Father of Melanie Back, Brad and Doug Rosenberger. Brother of Mary Hofmann, Marjorie Senefeld and Fred Rosenberger. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of four.

SAUERLAND, Steven P., 73, St. Michael, Brookville, Sept. 24. Husband of Michele Sauerland. Father of Jessica Cates, Jenna Summers, Gabrielle, Jacob, Jeremy, Joshua and Steven Sauerland. Brother of Tony Sauerland. Grandfather of 10.

SCHARF, Patricia, 76, St. Peter, Franklin County, Sept. 15. Wife of Harold Scharf. Mother of Jeffrey and Scott Scharf. Grandmother of three.

SCHLADANT, Mary (Beavin), 79, St. John Paul II, Sellersburg, Sept. 11. Mother of Keith and Michael Schladant. Sister of Verla Huffman, Ruth

Lynch, Nancy Meiners, Carl and Leo Beavin. Grandmother of two.

SPRINGMAN, Theresa E., 93, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Sept. 15. Mother of Clare Bowser, Teri Mackey, Susie Nehez, Anne Renton, John, Luke, Mark and Matt Springman. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 15.

TISHEUAR, Christopher A., 68, St. Mary, Navilleton, Sept. 20. Husband of Theresa

Tisheuar. Father of Sarah Chism and Suzanne Eiler. Brother of Margie Rowell. Grandfather of six.

WHITMAN, Sandra, 83, Annunciation, Brazil, Sept. 7. Mother of Paul-Jon Benson. Sister of Tedra Butler, Jean Gianfagna, Katherine Pell, Susan Rollings, Margaret and Dr. Michael Whitman. Grandmother of one.

WILLHELM, Edward, 67, St. Michael, Brookville,

Sept. 7. Husband of Sherry Willhelm. Father of Kelly Mobley and Erin Willhelm. Brother of Karen Grubbs, Emmie Werner, Dave, Francis and Tom Willhelm. Grandfather of two.

WILLIAMS, Gary D., 81, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, Sept. 1. Husband of Jane Williams. Father of Barbara Ott. Brother of Janice Hunter. Grandfather of five. †

Franciscan Sister Patty Campbell served in parishes and Catholic schools in Indiana

Franciscan Sister Patty Campbell (formerly Sister Mary Suzanne) died on Sept. 4 at the motherhouse of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg. She was 96.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 7 at the Motherhouse Chapel in Oldenburg. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Sister Patty was born on Dec. 24, 1926, in Dayton, Ohio. She joined the Sisters of St. Francis on Sept. 8, 1943, and professed final vows in on Aug. 12, 1949. Sister Patty earned degrees at Marian University in Indianapolis and Xavier University in Cincinnati.

During 79 years as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, Sister Patty ministered in Catholic education for 30 years in Indiana and

Ohio. She later served in spiritual direction and parish ministry in Indiana, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Ohio before retiring to the motherhouse in 2008.

In the archdiocese, Sister Patty served in Indianapolis at the former Holy Rosary School from 1947-51, St. Lawrence School from 1951-57 and at Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School from 1963-69. She also served as parish life coordinator of the former St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish in Franklin County from 2000-08.

She is survived by sisters Colette Speranza and Susanna Gieringer and a brother, William Campbell.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036-0100. †

Participate in part or all of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage next May-July

From May to July 2024, the Blessed Sacrament will be carried through the streets of the United States in the first-ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Four pilgrimage routes or "Eucharistic Caravans"—one each from the north, south, east and west portions of the U.S.—will converge in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress, which will take place on July 17-21, 2024. This national pilgrimage will create priceless opportunities for everyone—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—to encounter Christ personally on the road, just as they did 2,000 years ago. And you are invited to be a pilgrim.

There are two ways to participate in this epic journey.

First, all are invited to meet up with and join for a time on one of the four pilgrimage routes. Tens of thousands of Catholics are expected to participate in this way. Details about events that will take place along each route will be available in early 2024.

Second is an opportunity for young adults ages 19-29 (as of May 18, 2024) who are actively practicing Catholics to be a "Perpetual Pilgrim," walking 10-15 miles per day on one of the four pilgrimage routes, traveling full time from May 18-July 17, 2024.

Perpetual Pilgrims are missionaries and volunteer

their time to this mission. Housing, meals and a weekly stipend for basic expenses will be provided.

Those selected to be Perpetual Pilgrims will take part in fundraising before May 18, with support from the National Eucharistic Congress team.

As the primary stewards of each Eucharistic Caravan, Perpetual Pilgrims will manage logistics, contact local organizers/participants, serve in ministerial roles and spiritually accompany other pilgrims.

To prepare Perpetual Pilgrims for these tasks, they will take part in a long-distance training regimen prior to the pilgrimage. Spiritual formation and stewardship training will also be provided. This will consist of a period of formation from February to May 2024, with weekly virtual meetings on Monday evenings and a retreat on Feb. 16-18.

Applications for this missionary role are now open. To apply, go to inky.in/Pilgrimage2024 and click on "Applications are now Open" under Perpetual Pilgrims.

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Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, right, and Deacon Stephen Hodges, left, elevate a paten and chalice at the end of the eucharistic prayer on Oct. 1 during the archdiocesan Respect Life Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Concelebrating the Mass is Father James Brockmeier, center, rector of the cathedral. (Photos by Natalie Hoefler)



Brie Anne Varick, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity, announces the archdiocese's pro-life winners at the end of the Respect Life Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on Oct. 1.

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“It means that we have to be all in” in respect for life, the archbishop said.

He fleshed out that thought in his homily.

“Whatever the life issue may be, the basis of one’s approach to the dignity of the human person and sacredness of life stems from the ability of seeing, believing and understanding,” he said. “Not merely the parts [of respect life issues], but the whole, radical solidarity.”

Archbishop Thompson honed-in on words from the day’s second reading: “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others

as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others” (Phil 2:3-4).

“Just imagine how much more unity there would be in our world, less polarization, less shaming and bullying if we took those words to heart,” he said. “Imagine approaching life issues from this very Christ-centered perspective of humbly regarding others as greater than oneself.”

Particularly among those “others,” he mentioned seeing “the unborn, the poor, the homeless, the sick, the elderly, the immigrant, the refugee and the incarcerated as persons with dignity rather than problems to be solved.”

Archbishop Thompson admitted it is “not easy” to put others’ needs first.

“We have a tendency to focus more on our own needs than those of others,” he said. “In fact, we have a tendency to focus more on our *wants* than the needs of others.”

To humble oneself and put others first, he said, “is only possible if we commit our lives to ongoing prayer [and] discernment, not trying just merely to see, but to encounter the person of Jesus Christ. . . . We must never tire of praying and working to end the atrocities of abortion, capital punishment, racism, human trafficking, pornography, addiction, shaming, bullying, domestic violence and all forms of abuse.”

He encouraged Catholics of central and southern Indiana to take on the attitude of Christ as described in the second reading,

“who emptied himself, becoming obedient to the point of death on the cross.”

The archbishop cited the words of Pope St. Paul VI in his 1975 apostolic exhortation “*Evangelii Nuntiandi*” that “modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

In light of those words, Archbishop Thompson called on Catholics to “be witnesses of humbly regarding others as more important than ourselves.

“It is through consistent witness of respecting the sacredness of life from the moment of conception to natural death that we will be able to reach the hearts of others.” †

Be sincere with God even when saying ‘no,’ Pope Francis says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Rather than hide behind a facade of faithfulness, we should be sincere with God even when telling him “no,” Pope Francis said.

Speaking to some 20,000 visitors gathered in St. Peter’s Square on Oct. 1, the pope reflected on the day’s Gospel reading from St. Matthew (Mt 21:28-32) in which Jesus tells the parable of the two sons; when asked by their father to work in the vineyard one replies “no” but goes to the vineyard, while the other says “yes” but does not go.

The problem in the parable, Pope Francis said, does not consist in the two sons’ resistance to the difficult task of working in the vineyard, but in “their sincerity, or lack thereof, with their father and with themselves.”

The son who says “yes” but does not go

to the vineyard shows a “false willingness that hides his laziness, and he saves face for the time being,” the pope said. Yet “he is a hypocrite. He gets by without conflict, but he cheats and deceives his father, disrespecting him in a way that is worse than had he responded with a blunt ‘no.’”

The son who said “no” to the father’s command but did go to the vineyard “is not perfect, but sincere,” the pope said.

His “no” to the father “shows his reluctance clearly and, in a certain sense, courageously,” Pope Francis said.

The pope urged people to reflect on their willingness to say “yes” to God, and to ask themselves when they fail to do so, “Am I sincere before God about my difficulties, my failings, my weaknesses?” †

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This position will be utilized to supplement the Staff of the office of Property Management. This position will report to the Director of the Office of Property Management. This position will be responsible for organizing, coordinating, scheduling, and tracking budgets on projects they are assigned.

This candidate must be capable of good written and verbal communications with Pastors, parish representatives, architects, engineers, contractors, and archdiocesan officials. The goal is to complete projects; remedy construction issues; and develop networks to create healthy long-term relationships. This is a great opportunity for a person who is on a construction or property management career path and needs to see every building issue that might occur.

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Archdiocese honors young woman and couple with pro-life awards

By Natalie Hoefler

During the Respect Life Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on Oct. 1, members of the archdiocese received special recognition. Sara Cabrera of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award, and Mary and Larry Dougherty of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis received the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award.

Below are highlights of the numerous reasons Sara and the Doughertys received such recognition.

'Her convictions come from her heart'

Sara Cabrera was just 7 years old when she wrote a letter to then-President Barak Obama in 2015.

"My dream is that one day we stop aborting babies in the United States of America and in the whole world," she wrote. "Abortion is killing children like me and future presidents like you. ... Abortion is killing our nation!"

With nearly a decade more experience in the pro-life movement under her belt, 16-year-old Sara was selected as this year's archdiocesan Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award winner.

"I was pretty shocked at first," she says. "I've been to previous [archdiocesan] Respect Life Masses, and I've always been impressed seeing the amazing people that receive that award. So, being one of those people to receive the award is really shocking."

Not so shocking, really, when considering the young woman's accomplishments in pro-life advocacy.

Between the time she wrote that letter in 2015 and October 2022, Sara, a member with her family of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville, worked alongside her mom, who works full time in pro-life ministry.

Last year, Sara began to hit her stride in advocacy efforts of her own.

Since last October, Sara co-founded a pro-life homeschoolers group, earned scholarships to participate in two national leadership programs and won a local pro-life speech contest.

Her efforts began last fall when Sara and her best friend Olivia Murrey, both homeschooled and 15 at the time, co-founded Homeschoolers 4 Life.

The goal of the group is to "to enable more homeschoolers to be more comfortable in advocating for life and educating the public on the horrors of abortion and [on] all of the resources there are for women in crisis pregnancy," says Sara.

The group has held prayer vigils at abortion centers, sponsored two conferences and a pro-life movie night, visited legislators at the state capital and more.

This past summer, Sara attended two leadership programs on scholarships.

"I applied for a fellowship for Students for Life's National Leaders Collective program and was one of only 15 who were selected," she says.

The National Leaders Collective is a yearlong program to help cultivate "confidence and leadership skills." It includes Zoom meetings, book discussions, virtual presentations, a personal mentor and an in-person conference in Washington.

Shortly after attending the conference, Sara returned to the Washington area on a scholarship from Generation Joshua for its iGovern Statecraft summer leadership camp.

"We learned how politics work in the U.S.," she says. "It was a government simulation program where we all had a role like president or cabinet member that we acted out, and we had to solve a world crisis together."

At the end of the experience, Sara was singled out from the 117 participants to be honored with the program's Susan B. Anthony Award.

"The award is based on a student's performance during the week in simulation, in group discussions and in interacting with others," explains Daniel Heffington, communications manager for the Christian-based, teen civics and leadership organization.

"It's also someone who stands out with an obvious, committed pro-life ethic, someone who understands, demonstrates and can articulate that ethic and stands out as a leader who can influence and persuade their peers in a positive way."

"Sara could be a teen laughing and having fun, but also engage on an astute level—you could tell her convictions come from her heart."

Two days after returning from Washington, Sara joined her family on an all-expenses paid trip to Orlando, Fla., to receive the Knights of Columbus International Family of the Year Award—this after receiving the Knights' Indiana Family of the Year honor two months prior.

Sara is driven to promote life "because abortion is the social injustice of our time," she says. "I can't really see myself being such a strong advocate for anything else in society now because of all the children missing from my generation and all the unborn now—it's really sad."

"I want every child to have chance for life and have a good experience with life, to be loved by Christ and by some sort of family."

Teens interested in the two leadership opportunities Sara participated in can go to studentsforlife.org/students/leadership and Inkiy.in/iGovern.

'Honored' and 'humbled'

When Larry and Mary Dougherty moved from New York to Indianapolis in 2003, they were pleased with the culture they found.

"We love living in Indiana because it's such a pro-life state and because of the values people here have," says Mary.

In New York, she was a special education teacher and for 17 years ran a day center for those with severe disabilities. While she served on her parish's pro-life ministry, it was her experience in working with those with special needs that motivated her to become involved in the pro-life movement in Indiana.



Mary and Larry Dougherty, members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis, receive the archdiocese's Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award from Archbishop Charles C. Thompson during the annual Respect Life Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on Oct. 1. (Photos by Natalie Hoefler)

and speech contests for youths.

"My goal is to reach teens and educate them on pro-life values," she says. "The best part of my job is watching the students grow and seeing what they do."

She has also been president of the pro-life ministry at her and Larry's parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Indianapolis, since 2014, and teaches confirmation classes there.

Larry is also involved in his parish, but the majority of his volunteering is with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). He is president of the Indianapolis council's North District, serving 10 SVdP parish conferences in their work to help the poor.

Larry also does home visits for the conferences of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Andrew the Apostle Parish. He volunteers at the society's distribution warehouse in Indianapolis one afternoon a week and has been training new SVdP members for five years.

"I see how St. Vincent de Paul helps mothers and children, especially through home visits," he says. "I remember one single mom who had three children. The youngest was just a few months old. They needed furniture and beds—they had no beds! We helped furnish her apartment and directed her to our food pantry so she could get help there as well."

Larry sees how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul shatters the myth that those in the pro-life movement "help mothers have babies but don't care for them after."

"That's what St. Vincent de Paul does—we provide clothing, food and whatever [moms and their children] need. That's primarily why I do it—I don't want people to say to Mary, 'You give up on them.' It's really about loving them both."

Together, the Doughertys support each in their respective ministries and in living Christian lives.

"We share the same Catholic values, and that's important to us," says Mary, noting that she and Larry are also members of the Serra Club of Indianapolis, promoting and praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

"We agree on the Church's teaching on abortion. We like to pray together about it, like participating in LifeChain events and 40 Days for Life [campaigns] together."

She calls Larry "my best volunteer. He'll go to anything with me to help"—including volunteering with Mary all three days of the last National Catholic Youth Conference when other primary volunteers were unable to attend.

Mary in turn supports Larry in his work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society by donating food and items.

When she learned that the two were nominated as this year's Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award, "I was shocked, actually," she says.

"I'm honored to receive this [award] because I know so many people who got it before, and it's great to be in their company. I learned more about pro-life [issues] since I came to Indiana from all those involved in the pro-life movement who've been doing it for years."

As for Larry, he says he is "humbled" to receive the award, noting "there's a lot of deserving men who do a lot for the pro-life movement. But it's an honor."

Larry is especially "glad my wife is getting it—she deserves it."

Such support is what the couple is all about, says Mary: "It's him supporting me in what I do, and me supporting him in turn." †



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