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Bishop Chatard High School junior Ryan Moran (photo at left), of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, interviews St. Mark parishioner Cathy Jolley of Indianapolis during the youth march from the Arch to the Kiel Center for the Jan. 26 "Light of the World" youth prayer rally.

Pope John Paul II (above), greets more than 100,000 faithful assembled for the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Jan. 27 at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis.

Visit 'a closer walk' for pilgrims

By Mary Ann Wyand

ST. LOUIS—Marching from the Arch west on Market Street to the Kiel Center, St. Mark Parish youth from Indianapolis and thousands of other teen-agers and their chaperones enthusiastically expressed their faith with chants and cheers as they awaited the arrival of the Holy Father for the Jan. 26 "Light of the World" youth prayer rally.

From his vantage point on the corner of Fourth and Market streets, Father Henry Breier, secretary to Archbishop Justin Rigali and a member of the papal visit core planning team, happily watched the youth stream toward the Kiel Center.

"At this moment, Archbishop Rigali is on his way here, on the plane with the Holy Father," for the Jan. 26-27 papal

visit, Father Breier said, smiling broadly. "It's a blessing. It's historic. It's awesome. It's great!"

Members of the planning team "have been working on this visit since April, meeting twice a week, and every day for the last five months," he said, to ensure that the Holy Father's fifth trip to America went smoothly.

Preliminary activities for the youth at the Kiel Center included appearances by the Christian rock band dc Talk and Franciscan Father Stan Fortuna, who sings Christian rap music. Also offered were inspirational speeches by former Olympic gold medalist track star and vocalist Madeline Manning Mims and nationally known chastity speaker Mary Beth Bonacci of Phoenix, who is active in the national Life Teen program.

Arriving at the Kiel Center, Pope John Paul II greeted Mark McGwire, the St. Louis Cardinals' home-run king, in a

private meeting before entering the arena to smile and wave at the jubilant gathering of teen-agers, adults and bishops.

"Your welcome makes me very happy,"

the Holy Father told the youth. "I tell you that tonight the pope belongs to you! I have been in Mexico, and now my joy continues here.

"We are gathered here this evening to listen to Jesus as he speaks to us through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit," he said. "Each one of you

belongs to Christ, and Christ belongs to you. You need to ask yourself, 'What am I doing in order to live a truly Christian life?'"

Later, the pontiff asked the youth to "give yourself without reservation to the Lord and to the work that he calls you to. You received the Catholic faith as a treasure to be shared. In the Eucharist, you receive the food that nourishes you for the

"Each one of you belongs to Christ, and Christ belongs to you. You need to ask yourself, 'What am I doing in order to live a truly Christian life?'"

More papal coverage

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Photos by Rob Banayote

Left: Pilgrims from throughout the United States march to the papal youth rally Jan. 26 at the Kiel Center.

Below: Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein talks with WISH-TV Channel 8 reporter Leslie Olsen.

Bottom: Pope John Paul II accepts the gifts from two youths during the papal Mass Jan. 27 at the Trans World Dome.



PILGRIMS

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St. Luke parishioner Tom Hirschauer of Indianapolis, who is a junior at Carmel High School in Carmel, worked with four students from Bishop Chatard and Cardinal Ritter high schools in Indianapolis on reports on the papal visit for WRTV Channel 6.

"The march was really cool," Tom said, "and I liked the Kiel Center rally. The pope was amazing. His talks meant a lot to me. He talked a lot about being the light of the world and to shine [our light] to other people, which meant a lot, I think, to most young people because that's something that everyone needs to do at our age. His sense of humor was unexpected. I was very excited to see him."

Cardinal Ritter junior Sarah Pollard, a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Indianapolis, said she enjoyed reporting on the papal visit for Channel 6.

"That was really cool," Sarah said. "The march was pretty awesome, and everybody was excited about going to see the pope. I was really excited that I got to see him in person."

Archbishop John Foley, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communi-

cations at the Vatican, was in St. Louis to report on the papal visit for NBC.

"I think the pope was very glad to be able to come here," Archbishop Foley said, explaining that Archbishop Rigali held three ministry positions at the Vatican before the Holy Father appointed him archbishop of St. Louis.

"They are very close," Archbishop Foley said. "I'm sure that's why the pope made a special effort to come here to St. Louis on his way back from Mexico."

"I thought yesterday, in [his] greeting [to] the president," the archbishop said, "indicating the Dred Scott decision, which excluded a whole class of people from human rights, and then making the contrast to today, when whole classes of people are excluded from human rights—the unborn, the elderly and the handicapped—was very substantive."

Archdiocesan pilgrim Lillian Stevenson, a member of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, said she cried through most of the papal liturgy.

"The papal Mass was awesome," Stevenson said. "The pope has a lot of energy left despite the fact that he's weakened more [now]. The crowds loved him. He had a sense of humor, and he was fantastic with the kids."

It was an honor to receive the Eucharist consecrated by the Holy Father, Stevenson said. "It puts you on another level on your journey. It gives you a closer walk. It's a blessing. And, of course, when we get all these beautiful blessings we have to share them. The pope is pushing evangelization, so that means I've got to work hard." †



Correction

In the Jan. 29 issue, a brief on Page 6 listing dates for the Rite of Election was incorrect for one date. The last date for this rite will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 (not Feb. 21).

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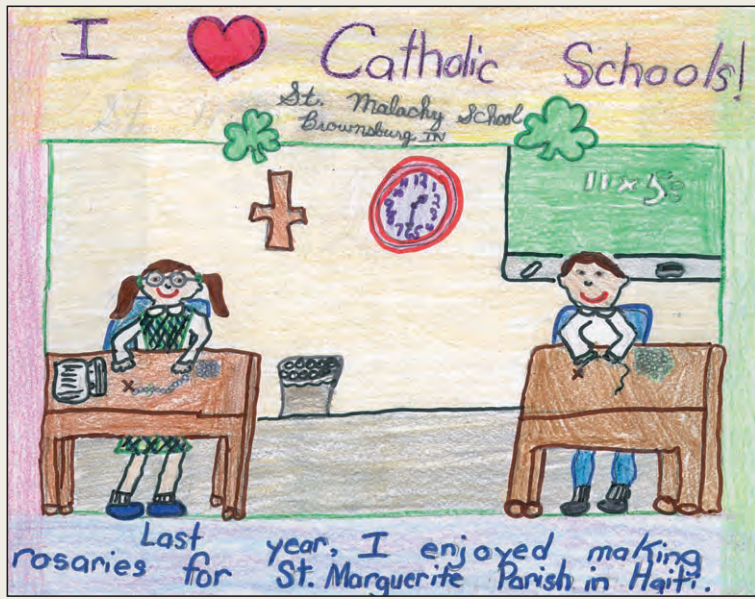
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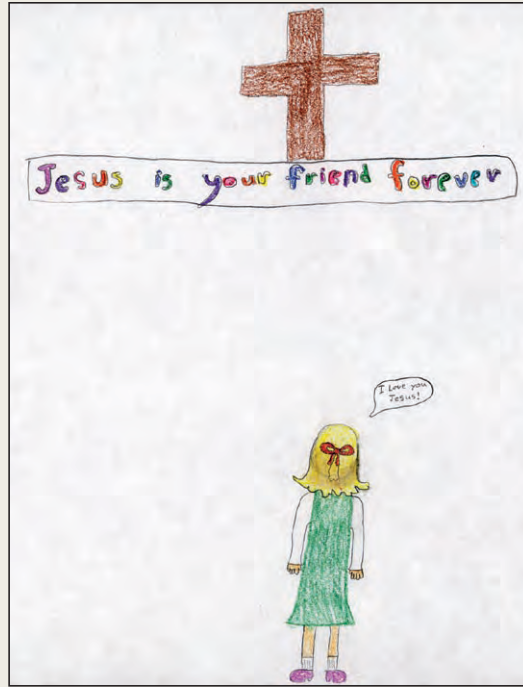
Why I like my Catholic school

ART CONTEST

Grades K-3



1st Prize Elizabeth Flood – St. Malachy, Brownsburg



2nd Prize Molly Wehlage – St. Luke, Indianapolis

WINNERS

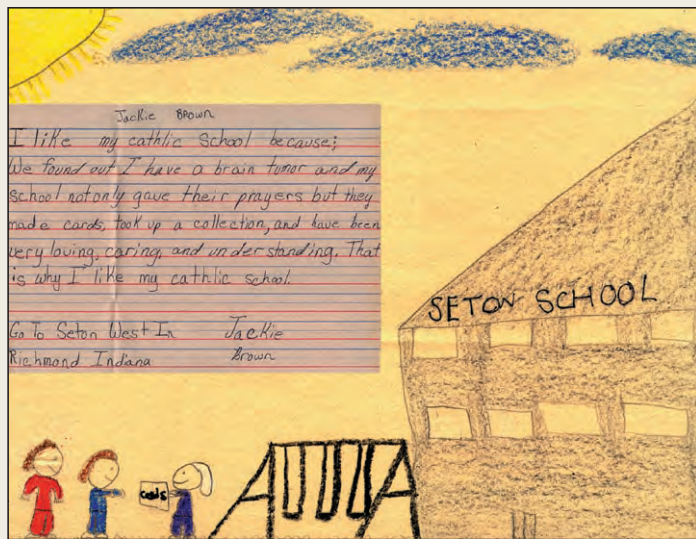


3rd Prize Emily Bonham – St. Luke School, Indianapolis



Honorable Mention Michael Whitsett – Holy Spirit School, Indianapolis

Grades 4-6



1st Prize
Jackie Brown
St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton School
Richmond

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week this year, the first 'Why I Like My Catholic School' art contest brought 161 entries from schools across the archdiocese. Despite several weeks of closed schools—because of holidays, heavy snow and ice—these artists managed to get their work to *The Criterion* before the extended deadline. The work displays faith, humor, promise and hope for the future.

Elizabeth Flood, who took top honors for the K-3 category, is 9 years old. She's in Michelle Craney's third-grade class at St. Malachy School in Brownsburg. Jackie Swihart is her art teacher. Second prize goes to Molly Wehlage, 8, who is in Alexa O'Neil's second grade at St. Luke School in Indianapolis. Emily Bonham won the third prize. She also attends St. Luke, where she's in Sandra Ciraci's kindergarten class. Honorable mention went to Michael Whitsett, 9, a third-grader in Janet Snoddy's class at Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis. Though there were few entries in the grade 4-6 category, Jackie Brown's drawing and tribute to her fifth-grade classmates merited a first prize from the judges. Jackie goes to (St. Elizabeth Ann) Seton West School in Richmond.

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Editorial

Training in the virtues

The presidential impeachment trial and the ongoing revelations of scandal involving elected officials prompts serious reflection upon the notion of virtue.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith" (#1804).

The human virtues make it possible for us to be at ease in doing the good. Just as mastery of the fundamentals allows an athlete to play with confidence and ease, and just as the mastery of scales and techniques allows a musician to become a *virtuoso*, so does progress in the virtues allow us to be happy in the practice of the good. By coaching their children in the practice of prudence, fortitude, temperance and justice (the cardinal virtues), parents make an invaluable contribution to our Church and the wider society.

However, we must not be naïve in thinking that growth in the virtues takes place automatically:

Imagine a coach who would allow his players to do as they pleased at practice, omitting drills, conditioning and the learning of complicated strategies. That team might have fun in practice but would be poorly prepared for its games, and its fans would be greatly outraged at the result.

If it is the case that a negligent or apathetic basketball coach would feel the justified wrath of fans, then one hopes that there is equal outrage at many of those who today are poor coaches of the virtues. Who are the negligent coaches of the virtues? Where do our children learn right from wrong? Too often the sanctuary of the family is violated by messages arriving in the home via television and radio. Too often we and our children are influenced by proponents of moral relativism and indifference to God. Too often we and our children are swayed by reports of polling data on important questions of morals and ethics. Too often we and our children are lulled into forgetting that polls can measure changing feelings, but they cannot measure steadfast principles.

The family is the privileged place for education in the virtues. What parents can

teach their children is absolutely priceless. If one seeks to grow in the virtues, and if one hopes to help children make progress in the virtues, then one can do no better than to look to the Lord Jesus as model and "coach." He came to earth to teach us how to live, and we do well to heed his words and to follow his example. And, we do well to remember that Jesus instituted the Church to continue his mission of teaching or coaching the virtues. Our Church articulates a beautiful and challenging moral vision. Admittedly, parts of our Church's teaching are hard for some to follow. Some are tempted to pretend that those teachings do not apply. Some say that the Church's position on certain moral issues is too difficult, and that the Church should "lighten up."

Yet just as a good coach always has a reason for discipline and high standards, so too with the Church. The motivation for the Church's moral teaching is a vision of whom we are called to be as sons and daughters of God. And the goal of the Church's moral teaching is of vastly greater significance than that of any game: The goal is eternal life.

In striving for growth in the virtues, one must also heed the classic advise of coaches: "Practice, practice, practice!" Sometimes we learn from our own mistakes, and sometimes we learn from the mistakes of others. We do well to pray for the grace Jesus offers us as we pursue growth in the virtues, for his grace gives us the strength to do good and to avoid evil. And, we do well to frequent the sacraments, especially penance and the Eucharist, for it is in the sacraments that the Lord gives us the grace that purifies and elevates our efforts.

The catechism points out that "the goal of the virtuous life is to become like Jesus" (#1803). Throughout this year, as reports of scandals and misdeeds continue to fill the newspapers, may we remember our calling as God's children to strive, with the help of his grace, to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues. †

— Father Daniel J. Mahan

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Seeking the Face of the Lord

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



Pope speaks clear pastoral message to youth, all Americans in St. Louis

Pope John Paul II spoke a clear pastoral message in St. Louis at the youth rally in the Kiel Center and the Mass in the Trans World Dome.

Most of us bishops arrived at the Kiel Center several hours before the Holy Father and became part of a Christian rock concert! (Mercifully, some folks passed around ear plugs!) The youth were delighted when the bishops participated in "the wave" as it circled the stadium. It was good exercise during a long wait for the arrival of the pope!

The warm interaction between the youth and the Holy Father was fascinating. Pope John Paul played on the analogy of training for sports in the Kiel Center to urge the youth to train in devotion. (They appreciated his reference to Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.) He challenged them to participate in weekly Sunday Mass in their home parishes.

He told the youth, "You can't put off your sharing with Christ and the Church: your time of action is now."

He reminded them, "Your training will never be finished. Christians are always in training." (And he muttered to himself, "The pope also.")

He said: "In all of my travels, I tell the world about your youthful energies and your readiness to love and serve. I challenge you as a friend to live in the light of Jesus Christ. Let his word enter your hearts and say, 'Here I am; I come to do your will.'"

The pope said that too many people live apart from the light of Christ in the shadow of broken promises. He mentioned the darkness of uncertainty, of loneliness and of regret about past choices. He spoke of children who go hungry, of the homeless, of the violence of drugs. He urged the youth, "Do not listen to those who encourage you to lie; do not listen to those who say chastity is passé; do not embrace false values. Choose true freedom. When freedom is separated from truth, people lose their moral direction."

The pope than struck a familiar note: "Turn to Jesus, listen to him and discover the true meaning of your life. Get to know him personally. You will do that only through prayer. Talk to him and listen to him. Prayer is a unique form of communication."

The Holy Father said, "I appeal to you personally: open your hearts to the

call of Christ to share his mission, especially those whom he calls to priesthood and the religious life." He assured them "The Lord will help you to follow."

He concluded his remarks saying, "As long as you remember, remember that the pope came to the United States to call the young people of America to Christ, that he came to challenge you to be the light of the world. And that darkness does not overcome the light. Jesus said, 'I am always with you. Courage! It is I; have no fear.' With the help of Mary, the young people will do this magnificently. The Church needs you, the pope believes in you, and he expects great things of you."

The youth gave the pope a hockey stick and jersey. As he left the Kiel Center, he stopped to say, "Maybe the pope will come back to play hockey." The rally was a blessed encounter.

Of course, so was the Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart with 109,000 folks at the Trans World Dome the next morning. The Holy Father gave us a poignant reminder that the love and compassion of the Sacred Heart is the door to love in the world. God loved us first and his love enables us to love authentically and generously. By God's grace, we are able to do good.

Secondly, the Holy Father spoke of the central importance of the family, which is the first school, the "domestic Church," and the primary unit of society. One sentence made the point: "As the family goes, so goes the nation."

In his call for a new evangelization, Pope John Paul spoke of proclaiming the Gospel of Life. "Tell the truth ... help [people] embrace life."

He called us to be unconditionally pro-life in every situation. "We must not take human life even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Because of the capacities of our time," he said, "society is capable of protecting itself from harm. The death penalty is cruel and unnecessary." He also reminded us that racism of every form is one of the most destructive evils in society.

"On the eve of the Great Jubilee, God is seeking you," the pope said in an appeal to Catholics throughout the United States, especially to those who are not practicing. "The Holy Door [of God's love and mercy] is open to all." †

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for February

Young Adults: That they may realize the importance of their presence in our parishes and have the generosity and courage to consider service in the Church, especially as priests and religious.



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Buscando la Cara del Señor

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



Papa da mensaje pastoral claro a los jóvenes y a todos los americanos en Saint Louis

El papa Juan Pablo II dio un mensaje pastoral claro durante la reunión de jóvenes en el Kiel Center y durante la Misa en el Trans World Dome en Saint Louis. La mayoría de nosotros los obispos llegamos al Kiel Center varias horas antes de la llegada del Santo Padre y por lo tanto, ¡participamos en el concierto de rock cristiano! (Generosamente, algunos nos dieron protectores para los oídos) Los jóvenes estaban entusiasmados cuando los obispos participaron en “la onda” que se movía alrededor del estadio. ¡Fue buen ejercicio durante la larga espera hasta que llegó el papa!

Era fascinador la calurosa interacción entre los jóvenes y el Santo Padre. En el Kiel Center el papa Juan Pablo II utilizó la analogía de entrenamiento en los deportes para instar a los jóvenes a entrenarse en las oraciones. (Ellos agradecían sus referencias a Mark McGwire y Sammy Sosa.) Les desafió a que participen en la Misa los domingos en sus parroquias locales.

Dijo a los jóvenes que no se puede posponer compartir con Cristo y la Iglesia: es hora ya de ponerse en acción.

Les recordó que nunca acabará su entrenamiento. Los cristianos siempre están siendo entrenados”. (Y murmuró para sí mismo, “el papa también.”) Dijo: “En todos mis viajes, hablo con el mundo sobre sus energías juveniles y de siempre estar listos para amar y servir. Como amigo desafío a ustedes a vivir en la luz de Cristo. ¡Que su palabra entre en sus corazones y diga! —Aquí estoy; vengo para hacer tu voluntad—”.

El papa dijo que demasiadas personas viven apartados de la luz de Cristo en la sombra de promesas rotas. Habló sobre la oscuridad de la incertidumbre, soledad y pesar sobre nuestras decisiones en el pasado. Habló de los niños que pasan hambre, de las personas que no tienen hogar, de la violencia y de las drogas. Insistió que los jóvenes “no escuchen a aquéllos que les motivan a mentir; no escuchen a aquéllos que digan que la castidad está anticuada; no abracen los valores falsos. Escojan la verdadera libertad. Cuando la libertad está separada de la verdad, la gente pierde su dirección moral”.

Entonces el papa acertó diciendo “Vuelvan a Jesús, escúchenlo y descubran el verdadero significado de su vida. Conózanlo personalmente. Se puede hacerlo por oración. Hablen con él y escúchenlo. La oración es una forma única de comunicación”.

El Santo Padre dijo, “Yo les ruego personalmente que abran sus corazones al llamado de Cristo para compartir su misión, sobre todo aquéllos quienes

están llamados al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa”. Él les aseguró que “El Señor les guiará”.

Concluyó sus comentarios diciendo, “Mientras recuerden, no se olviden que el papa vino a los Estados Unidos para llamar a las personas jóvenes de América a Cristo, que él vino para desafiarlos a ser la luz del mundo. Y esa oscuridad no supera la luz. Jesús dijo, — Yo estoy siempre con ustedes. ¡Valor! Proviene de mí; no tengan temor—. Con la ayuda de María, las personas jóvenes harán esto estupendamente. La Iglesia los necesita, el papa cree en ustedes y espera que realicen grandes cosas”.

Los jóvenes le regalaron al Papa un palo para jugar hockey y camiseta. Cuando salía del Kiel Center, se detuvo para decir, “Quizá el papa regrese para jugar al hockey”. La reunión era una experiencia bendita.

Claro está que la Misa en honor del Sagrado Corazón la próxima mañana con 109.000 personas en el Trans World Dome también era una experiencia increíble. El Santo Padre nos dio un recordatorio profundo que el amor y compasión del Sagrado Corazón son la puerta por la cual se puede encontrar amor en el mundo. Primero Dios nos amó y su amor nos permite que amemos sincera y generosamente. Por la gracia de Dios, podemos hacer bien.

Segundo, el Padre Santo habló acerca de la importancia central de la familia, la cual es la escuela primaria, “la Iglesia doméstica,” y la unidad primaria de la sociedad. Una frase fue al grano: “Lo que sucede a la familia, sucede a la nación”.

En su llamada por una nueva evangelización, el Papa Juan Pablo II habló de proclamar el Evangelio de la Vida. “Digan la verdad... ayuden [a las personas] a abrazar la vida”.

Él nos llamó ser pro vida sin excepciones en cada situación. “No debemos matar una persona, ni siquiera si alguien hiciera gran mal. Debido a las capacidades de nuestro tiempo,” dijo, “la sociedad tiene la habilidad de protegerse contra daño. La pena de muerte es cruel y innecesaria”. Él también nos recordó que cada forma de racismo es uno de los males más destructivos de la sociedad.

“En la víspera del Gran Júbilo, Dios está buscándolos,” dijo el papa en una apelación a los católicos en toda parte de los Estados Unidos, sobre todo a aquéllos que no están practicando su religión. “La Puerta Santa [del amor y misericordia de Dios] está abierta para todos”. †

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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en febrero

Adultos jóvenes: que se den cuenta de la importancia de su presencia en nuestras parroquias y tengan la generosidad y el valor de considerar el servicio en la iglesia, especialmente como sacerdotes y religiosos.

Letters to the Editor

Disagrees with editorial

Since taking office six years ago, Bill Clinton has led a radical anti-life assault on the unborn, made a mockery of the values of chastity and marital fidelity and helped further blur our country's vision of what is right and what is wrong.

One could possibly get the impression from the Jan. 15 *Criterion* editorial that Clinton is only an unfortunate victim of his detractors and not his own actions.

This editorial weaves a variety of implications and inferences so that almost anyone who criticizes the sinful actions of Bill Clinton is, according to *The Criterion* editorial, guilty of either “detraction” or “outing.” The editorial writer makes a definite connection between these sins and Clinton's critics. Not everyone who criticizes the president is acting from envy and resentment. Some are genuinely concerned for the direction of this country.

The editorial makes several statements from Scripture, the pope and the catechism in regard to lying and honesty. It is not clear whether these statements are directed toward the president, the reader or the president's critics.

While the editorial quickly points out the sins committed by Clinton critics, there is no mention that Clinton sinned. *The Criterion* editorial did comment that Clinton “deceived himself.” To say “deceived himself” makes it sound like he didn't know what he was doing. I object to the use of the word *deceived*. This word is used often by Clinton defenders because it sounds a whole lot better than *lied*. But that's what the president did. He lied under oath, to his family and to the country.

I am not advocating any particular action against the president. I do advocate our need to pray for this man—he needs our prayers, and he and his family need to experience the healing love and guidance of Jesus.

But I have to ask the question—why was this editorial written in the first place? It disturbs me that we devote space in our archdiocesan newspaper to imply support for a man who is so engulfed in the pro-abortion agenda. To top it all off, we print the editorial in *The Criterion* issue just prior to the 26th anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* decision. What's going on?

John Fuller
Terre Haute

(In our Jan. 15 editorial, we said that lying is always wrong and that it can be gravely sinful. We also said that exposing the sins of others (“outing”) is itself sinful. Finally, we said that there was far too much of both during 1998, and we expressed the fervent hope that there would be much less of this in 1999. These observations were not intended to excuse or condemn anyone. We simply wanted to emphasize the importance of truth-telling and respecting the reputation of others as we begin the new year. —Editor)

The trial of America

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that President Clinton lied under oath. An oath made before God to a grand jury. Trust is paramount as a quality for a leader; can a liar be trusted by the citizens of this country and the world as well? This is a critical time of trial for our nation as we face a world financial meltdown in Russia and the Far East, nuclear armament in North Korea and biological armament in Iraq. AIDS, violence, drugs and pornography are out of control in our country. We legalize and export abortion and birth control to the rest of the world. We thereby sanction wholesale murder of the unborn and spurn the word and law of God not to kill. There is a total loss of the sense of sin in America.

President Clinton, most politicians, and many of us profess religion externally but internally are consumed with greed in all its forms. I am not surprised that the cur-

rent opinion polls regarding the impeachment tell us the sins of a particular person do not matter as long as the country is prospering. Jesus Christ once said, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go to heaven.” In prosperity there is a danger whereby economic wealth can lead to the deepest of spiritual poverty.

Roger Rylatt
Shelbyville

Against gambling

I read with interest your editorial concerning gambling (*The Criterion*, Jan. 29, 1999). I am not a gambler, but like most American citizens, curiosity finally got the best of me and I visited a casino this past summer while vacationing in Canada. After wasting \$20 in about 10 minutes, I left the casino in utter disgust, not over the \$20, because I knew that was inevitable, but over the absolute and complete waste of money I had observed and how people were transfixed to the machines and tables. I couldn't believe what I had seen, people losing \$100, \$200, or \$1,000 at a time and betting more.

It shouldn't take 13 people 10 months to figure out what gambling is doing to the people of Indiana. Twenty minutes in a casino, 15 minutes in a convenience store checkout lane, or a visit to many church parking lots on bingo night should answer the question. Gambling is depriving many families of money for food, utilities, shelter and medical care, and for a lot of people, it is tax dollars in the form of public assistance begin spent.

Whether it is gambling at a riverboat, buying lottery tickets, or playing church-sponsored bingo, gambling is a vice not unlike alcoholism, prostitution, or drugs. Not only should this state not sponsor it, but also the Archdiocese of Indianapolis should not permit it in its churches or elsewhere.

Thank you for your insightful column.

Jon W. Webster
North Vernon

Need to remove gambling 'plank' from own eyes

I read with interest your Jan. 29 editorial on “Indiana's gamble for the future.” I, too, am very concerned about the inroads gambling has made in Indiana and nationally. Sadly, the Governor's Gambling Impact Study is far too little too late to harness this out of control gambling engine—another vice that undermines the family and the potential of so many young people.

One issue you did not address, and a concern I've had for many years, is the promotion and reliance on bingo in the parishes to benefit the schools. In fact, this preceded the introduction of the state lottery. Additionally, many parishes allow gambling at “family” festivals. In short, I believe that we need to remove the “plank” in our own eyes in this matter before we can be credible in any efforts to oppose gambling.

Jo Ann Carr
Indianapolis

Saving the family, saving society

Before 1930, all Christian religions professed that artificial birth control was wrong. Families were strong and divorce was rare. As the birth control movement grew, so did the rate of divorce. This statistic is not the same for couples who practice Natural Family Planning (NFP). Divorce is almost nonexistent among NFP users.

Our society is collapsing because the family is. Get marriage insurance and practice marital chastity; then we will see a positive change in our world. (For more information, contact the Couple to Couple League International, Inc., Cincinnati.)

Jan Caito
Indianapolis

Check It Out . . .

The annual St. John The Evangelist Parish Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Indianapolis. The group will meet at the rectory for social hour 5:45 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. and then walk to The Old Spaghetti Factory located at the north-west corner of South Meridian and Georgia streets. Parking will be available in the St. John parking lot. A shuttle service will be provided for those in need. Call the parish rectory at 317-635-2021 for reservations by 4 p.m. Feb. 12.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers' Women's Services of Indianapolis will offer **"Do Your Heart Good," seminar** at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 on the St. Francis South Campus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. For more information call 317-865-5864.

"Experiencing the Parables of Jesus," a weekend retreat, will be held Feb. 19-22 at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House in St. Meinrad. Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, a biblical scholar and monk of Saint Meinrad, will speak on how the parables can change those who truly hear them. The cost for the retreat is \$150 per person or \$250 per

couple, which includes meals and lodging in the Guest House. For more information call 800-581-6905.

Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand will offer a **workshop for pastoral ministers** Feb. 23-24. "Reaching Through Diversity, Finding Common Ground," is this spring's offering in Kordes' ongoing "Practical Tools for Pastoral Ministers" series. The program is designed for ministers, pastoral ministers, spiritual directors, and others who act as spiritual guides. Presenters are Steven Wirth and Jesuit Father Jim Keegan, associate directors of the Office of Ministry and Spirituality for the Archdiocese of Louisville. The program opens at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 23 and closes at 4 p.m. Feb. 24. For more information call 800-880-2777 or 812-367-2777.

Local students interested in gaining first-hand knowledge about state government should contact State Rep. Michael Murphy, (R-Indpls.), about serving as pages in the Indiana House of Representatives. Pages are required to be at least 14 years old and provide their own transportation to the statehouse. The page office will try to accommodate

requests for specific dates. Students will be excused from school for the day. The session began on Jan. 6 and will run through the end of April. Anyone interested in serving as a page should send the name, age, address, phone number and school name to: State Rep. Michael Murphy, Pages Request, 200 W. Washington St., Statehouse Room 401-3, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2786.

Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove will host a **Woman's Vocation Weekend**, Feb. 12-14. The weekend, designed for women ages 19-44 to learn firsthand how to fulfill their professional goals while making a difference in today's world. For more information contact Benedictine Sister Joan Marie Massura at 317-787-3287.

Marian Heights Academy in Ferdinand will host an all-day open-house Feb. 6. Lunch is at noon followed by a campus tour at 1 p.m. The academy is an all girls college-preparatory boarding and day school for grades 9-12. For reservations call 800-467-4MHA or 812-367-1431.

"Chant Spirituality: Fad or Foundation?" drawing from examples in both Latin and English, this retreat will explore how the simplicity, beauty and rhythms of chant melodies resonate with the prayer rhythms of believers. Benedictine Prior Tobias Colgan is the presenter. The retreat will be held at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad. For more information call the Office of Continuing Education at 812-357-6599 or 800-730-9910.

A regional parish pastoral council workshop titled **"Developing a Vibrant Parish Pastoral Council,"** will be held March 13 at St. Henry District High School in Erlanger, Ky. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development. Clergy, parish staffs, pastoral council members, and other parish leaders are invited to attend. The keynote presentation "Celebrate the Jubilee! Break Down the Walls," will consider how the 1999 millennium theme of reconciliation is manifested in

the work of the parish council. The 12 workshop sessions will cover such topics as the role and function of the parish pastoral council, selection of members, spirituality and various planning issues. Registration is \$20 per person or \$50 for three people before March 1. After that date, the fee is \$25 per person. Registration includes a box lunch. For more detailed information call 314-631-6797 or 606-283-6298. Information is also available from Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Web site.

The children of Holy Trinity Community Day Care Center in Indianapolis, will host a special Black History Celebration Feb. 25. Each child has chosen a role model and will dress like that person, go on stage and tell the audience why that person is famous. The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes have prepared special skits for the program to be held upstairs in the gym at Bockhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave. It will begin at 11 a.m. After the program, guests are invited to join the children for a Soul Lunch.

Exploration of the significance of dreams and their relation to the spiritual life is the focus of a workshop entitled "The Vision Within: Working, Playing, Praying with Dreams," to be held Feb. 19-21 at Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand. Franciscan Sister Olga Wittekind, a professor of psychology at Marian College in Indianapolis, is the presenter. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19 and concludes at 1 p.m. Feb. 21. For more information call 800-880-2777 or 812-367-2777.

Dan and Judy Hoyt, of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis are seeking to **form a group of people whose close relatives are members of religious orders or congregations or are lay missionaries.** They envision the group gathering a couple times each year to pray for each other and the religious in their families, to tell stories, to celebrate and to support each other. Those interested should call Dan Hoyt at 317-263-4832 or contact the archdiocesan Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 317-236-1490 or 800-382-9836 ext. 1490. †

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Benedictine Father Bede Cisco, has been named director for Indianapolis programs for Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad. In his new position, Father Bede will

coordinate the degree and continuing education offerings of the School of Theology in the Indianapolis area.

Students at St. Luke School in Indianapolis collected items for the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse in Indianapolis during the holiday season. Their goal was to make the holidays brighter for the needy. †

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Open hearing on death penalty issue Feb. 17

Archbishop, other religious leaders to speak before open Indiana Senate hearing

By Margaret Nelson

Senate Bill 298, a bill to abolish capital punishment, will be the subject of a Feb. 17 open hearing in the chambers of the Indiana Senate.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and religious leaders of several other faith communities are expected to speak at the 1:30 p.m. session on Ash Wednesday.

Abolition of the death penalty was pinpointed by the Catholic bishops of the state as a priority issue for this year's legislative session.

Sen. Robert Meeks (R-LaGrange) is the chairman of the Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures Committee that will consider the measure. He said that, since the death penalty was reinstated 20 years ago, it is time to revisit the issue.

As members of the board of directors of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), the Indiana bishops will use SB 298 as a focal point in their efforts to teach the faithful that all human life is sacred—that taking any human life is a catastrophe, according to M. Desmond Ryan, executive director and lobbyist for the ICC.

Lafayette Bishop William L. Higi presided at a Jan. 28 Mass for legislators at St. John the Evangelist Church in

Indianapolis, sponsored by ICC.

Bishop Higi said that legislators, "especially Catholic members, have an obligation to place their faith at the heart of public service ... especially where it involves the sanctity of life."

He said that the importance of life has been the focus of modern-day popes and that the Holy Father emphasized it during his visit to St. Louis.

Noting that no evidence exists that shows that capital punishment deters crime or helps the victims who survive, Bishop Higi said, "Capital punishment is rooted in vengeance rather than healing. It perpetuates the cycle of violence."

"We believe the more effective deterrent to crime would be life in prison without parole," said Bishop Higi.

In January, Archbishop Buechlein wrote a letter to the co-authors of the bill, Sen. Morris Mills (R-Indpls.) and Sen. Murray Clark (R-Hamilton/Marion Co.), a member of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis. All the Indiana bishops have communicated with Meeks as well.

Governor Frank O'Bannon has agreed to meet with the archbishop to discuss the matter.

Each of the Indiana bishops also plans to use his newspaper column to educate the faithful about the issue of capital punishment—to explain to the faith community the position of the

Catholic Church on this life issue.

Mills said that Ryan approached him about sponsoring the bill.

"I have a history of being opposed to the death penalty," said Mills. "I've always voted against it." As a senator when the death penalty was reinstated, he introduced a similar bill a few years ago, but it was defeated on the Senate floor.

Mills noted that public opinion polls indicate that the majority of U.S. citizens approve of the death penalty.

He said that the anti-capital punishment message of Pope John Paul II in St. Louis last week has strength because of the number of people he represents.



Lafayette Bishop William L. Higi

Mills said that many religious leaders and groups, such as Amnesty International, have spoken

out against the death penalty.

Last year, American Friends published *The Death Penalty: The Religious Community Calls for Abolition*, which includes statements of opposition to capital punishment by the U.S. Catholic Conference and 28 other churches and religious organizations.

Ryan pointed out that capital punishment has become the topic of recent media reports. Many news writers call for a moratorium on capital punishment because of all the innocent people who have been and could be executed.

"There has been an international call—Moratorium 2000—supported by Pope John Paul II, calling for cessation of executions by the year 2000," he said.

"I think the bishops see this as a moment to educate the people who are committed to pro-life issues," Ryan said. Though some seem to differentiate between "innocent" life and those who have been found guilty by the justice system, Ryan stressed that the U.S. bishops see taking of any human life as wrong.

He gave the example of Karla Faye Tucker of Texas, who became a Christian while on Death Row.

"She committed a violent act," said Ryan. "But forgiveness and restitution is always possible with God."

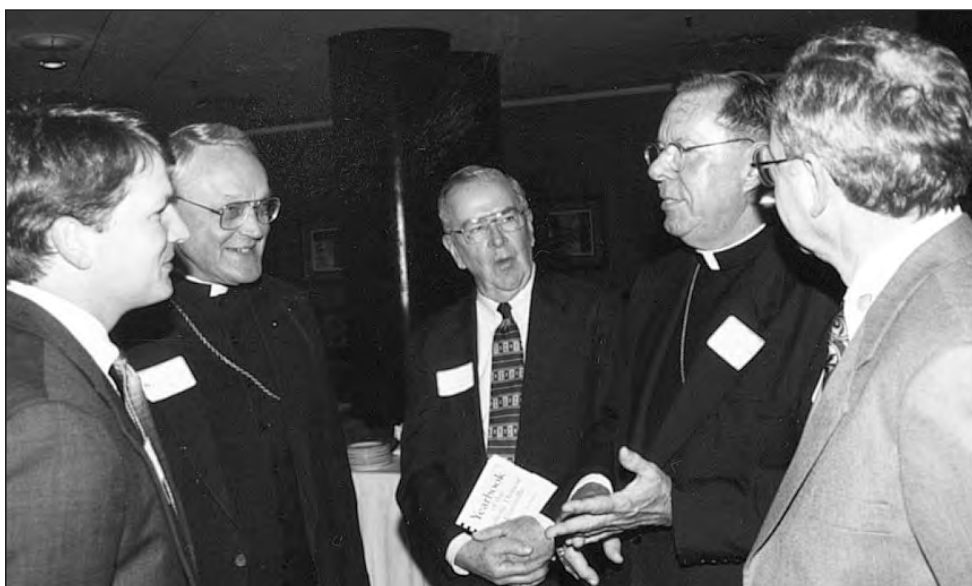
"As believers in redemption, we know there's a chance that God could work wonders in people," he said.

"We live in a violent culture," Ryan said. "There is no evidence that, by taking one person's life, we protect others."

"In our faith community, Pope John Paul II calls all human life sacred—and we're not alone," said Ryan. †

Bishop Hughes to talk about prayer

Bishop Alfred Hughes of Baton Rouge, La., will be the presenter at the fourth annual *Catechism of the Catholic Church* workshop presented by the Office of Catholic Education. The all-day Feb. 11 session at the Holiday Inn in Columbus will be a reflection on Christian prayer, the fourth pillar of the catechism. Those interested should contact Ann McGuire at 317-236-1448 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1448, immediately. †



Representative Jonathan Weinzapfel (from left), Evansville Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger, Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) board member James Loughery, ICC general chairman and Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Indiana Non-Public Education Association director Glenn Tebbe talk during a reception the ICC recently hosted for Indiana legislators.

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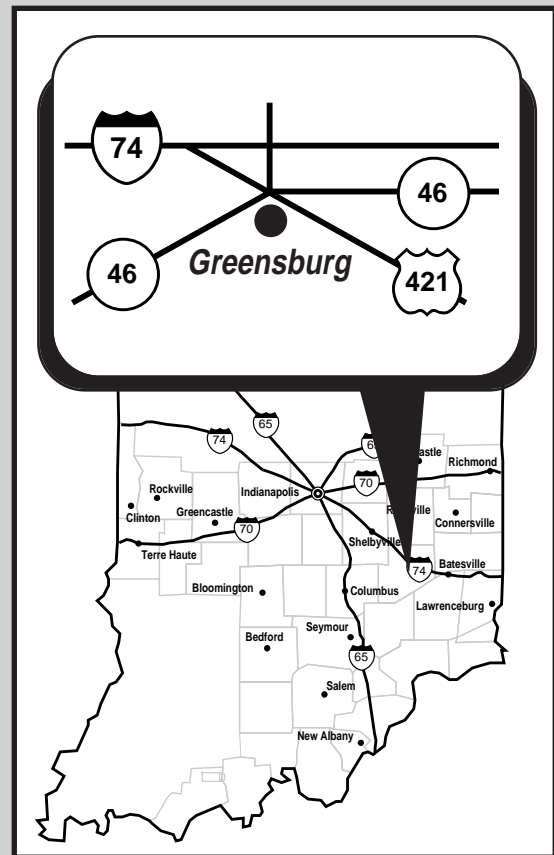
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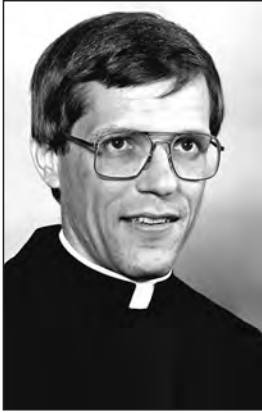
St. Mary Parish in Greensburg parishioner Gertrude Riedeman received the Volunteer of the Year Award last month during the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the parish.



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Christ Renews His Parish is at St. Mary in Greensburg

GREENSBURG—St. Mary Parish in Greensburg is gearing up spiritually.



Fr. Steven Schaftlein

Last fall, the 1,250-household Batesville Deanery parish hosted its first Christ Renews His Parish weekend. Thirteen men participated. In April, the parish will host another Christ Renews His Parish weekend for women.

"We've got the men's team already preparing for next fall," Father Steven Schaftlein, pastor, said.

Christ Renews His Parish is a two-day spiritual renewal program. The program is facilitated by parishioners who have previously participated in the renewal.

Because the fall session was the parish's first Christ Renews His Parish weekend, St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg helped St. Mary Parish get the program started.

Men and women have separate retreats. The retreat features witness talks, table discussions pertaining to witness talks, Scripture sharing, small group projects including skits and songs, group sharing, meditation and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Father Schaftlein said Christ Renews His Parish is new at the parish. He said the parish participated in other renewal programs about 10 to 15 years ago.

"This has been a good experience for the ones who have been involved so far," he said.

Emery Mapes, parish business manager, said several of the fall participants have chosen to continue participation with the Christ Renews His Parish program at St. Mary

Parish. They will be facilitators for the men's renewal weekend next fall.

"I think that says it right there. Many are willing to meet basically twice a month for six months to prepare for the next one. They are willing to give their time to it to turn around and have a weekend for other people," Father Schaftlein said.

He hopes that Christ Renews His Parish will offer continual growth and enthusiasm at the parish and "trust in a deeper personal relationship with God among the people in the parish."

Father Schaftlein said those who participate in the renewal possibly will take a few more spiritual risks in sowing the seeds of faith. He believes sometimes renewal programs like Christ Renews His Parish give people an extra push toward participation in the parish.

"We've got the talents, we've got the gifts, but so often you need some sort of spiritual uplift and kind of renewal vision for people to act upon them," he said.

He has seen some of the men who participated in the fall renewal go out and do



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more than they were before in ministry to the parish.

Mapes, who participated in the fall renewal, has already seen the program get people more involved in parish ministries. The reason, he believes, for the increased involvement is "it creates an awareness of your spirituality and how God has acted in your life and continues to do so, even a lot of times when you are not aware he is with you."

The liturgy

Something that is not new to the parish is strong liturgy.

"Every parish has its gift and that's one [the liturgy] of them here," Father Schaftlein said.

Joan Koors has been the liturgy coordinator for 15 years at St. Mary Parish. Father Schaftlein said special things are done at liturgy on a weekly basis. He said it's unusual for a weekend Mass to be truly ordinary.

"There is a deep sense of spirituality there that is noticeable," Father Schaftlein said.

Father Schaftlein believes that a lot flows from the strength of the strong liturgical program at the parish. It can be seen in the school and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, as well as the religious education program.

The religious education program

More than 250 children are enrolled in the program in preschool through 12th grade. Anita Navarro is the coordinator of the religious education program. LuAnn Cain is the youth minister.

The only problem with the program could be lack of space. This has been partly solved by having the high school youth meet in homes—a direction in which they wanted to move.



Photos by Susan Bierman

Third-graders (at left, from left) Sara Stier and Chasity Rose are partners in a class exercise at St. Mary Parish School in Greensburg. Third-grader, Sarah Schuman, above, works on an assignment during class.

St. Mary Parish School

Some 300 children are enrolled in preschool through sixth grade at St. Mary Parish School. Martha Hartman is the principal.

Father Schaftlein believes the sense of prayer at the school flows from the strong liturgical program in the parish. A special children's Mass is held each week. Different grade levels take turns hosting the Mass each week.

He believes the children get a more personal experience of the liturgy at this Mass because they can relate to it more personally.

"I think they interiorize on that weekly Mass what we do on Sunday," he said.

Mapes said the nice thing about the weekly children's Mass is that Father Schaftlein has a chance to talk to the children on a one-on-one basis. Through questions and answers, the kids can vocally participate in Mass.

"At the same time, they can reflect on the Scripture readings with Father Steve," Mapes said. †

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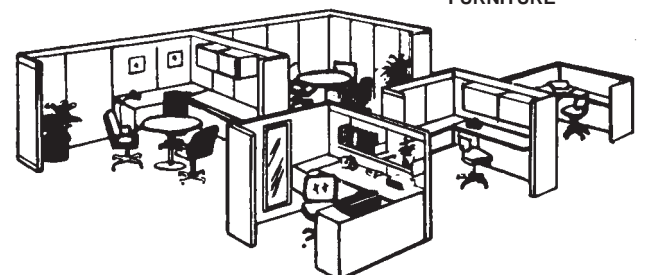
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Evangelization, energy part of papal Mass

By Mary Ann Wyand

ST. LOUIS—The best seats for the eucharistic celebration with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, on Jan. 27 at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis weren't seats at all.

Two birds circled the huge arena before the start of the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, then settled somewhere in the rafters when the near-capacity crowd of about 100,000 people rose to cheer the arrival of the Holy Father in his white and gold Mercedes popemobile.

Armed Secret Service agents occupied seats on the catwalks, and other guards stayed close to the pontiff throughout the liturgy. But once the prelude music faded for the joyous entrance processional, "All Creatures of Our God and King," security measures were forgotten at the sight of Pope John Paul II and the start of the solemn eucharistic liturgy.

Despite the size of the dome, a sense of holiness transformed the arena into a sacred space as the pontiff began the liturgy.

In his homily, the Holy Father noted that, "This parable [of the Good Shepherd] highlights the joy of Christ and of our heavenly Father at every sinner who repents. God's love is a love that searches us out. It is a love that saves. This is the love that we find in the heart of Jesus."

Emphasizing the importance of and the need for renewed evangelization, justice and respect for the sanctity and dignity of life, the pontiff also promoted vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, praised Catholic schools and health care institutions, and complimented the ministries to the poor provided by Catholic Charities and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

"As the new evangelization unfolds, it must include a special emphasis on the family and the renewal of Christian marriage," the pope said. "As the family goes,

so goes the nation."

The new evangelization must stress the Gospel of life, he said. "As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love? The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary."

(In response to the pontiff's plea for an end to capital punishment, Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan later commuted the death sentence of convicted triple murderer Darrell Mease.)

During his homily, Pope John Paul II also called for "an end to every form of racism, a plague which your bishops have called one of the most persistent and destructive evils of the nation."

Returning to his theme of God's love for every person, the pope reminded listeners that "the Gospel of God's love finds its highest expression in the Eucharist. In the Mass and in eucharistic adoration, we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the heart of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, I wish to make an appeal ... to those who for one reason or another are separated from the practice of their faith."

"On the eve of the Great Jubilee of the 2,000th anniversary of the Incarnation, Christ is seeking you out and inviting you back to the community of faith," he said. "Is this not the moment for you to experience the joy of returning to the Father's house? In all cases, there is the assurance of God's love and mercy."

The new millennium will be "a time of far-reaching spiritual renewal," the pontiff said. "The Spirit will truly bring about a new springtime of faith if Christian hearts are filled with new attitudes of humility, generosity and openness to his purifying grace. In parishes and communities across this land, holiness and Christian service will flourish if 'you come to know and believe in the love God has for you' (cf. 1 Jn 4:16)."

After the Holy Father's departure from the dome, bishops, priests, religious and laity stepped outside into the early afternoon sunshine to find themselves in uncharacteristically warm 60-degree weather reminiscent of the Holy Father's reference to a "new springtime of faith."

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said the two-day papal visit to St. Louis was "a fantastic experience" and he especially liked seeing "the excitement of the youth" during the youth prayer rally Jan. 26 at the Kiel Center.

"I was at the youth rally yesterday afternoon and evening," Archbishop Buechlein said, "and it always moves me to see how the Holy Father and the youth interact."

Before the Holy Father's arrival at the rally, the archbishop said, "the bishops even did 'the wave' with the kids. We're good sports. But I must admit [after hearing several Christian bands perform], I wouldn't want to go to too many rock concerts."

Archbishop Buechlein said he liked the pontiff's homily to the youth. "He challenged them, but also showed our [the Church's] great care and love for them. He spoke of their importance to us now, not just in the future."

During the eucharistic liturgy at the Trans World Dome, the archbishop said, "I liked the fact that he was so clear

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Pope John Paul II greets 100,000 people in the Trans World Dome in St. Louis Jan. 27 before the start of the eucharistic liturgy. He also toured the America's Center in the popemobile.

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You will belong to each other; one in mind, one in heart, one in affection.

Catholic Engaged Encounter offers chance to improve communications for a lifetime

By Jennifer E. Reed
Catholic News Service

Spending time away together to prepare for Christian marriage is essential for engaged couples about to enter into the sacrament of matrimony, say volunteer leaders in the national marriage preparation program, Catholic Engaged Encounter.

"Romance is wonderful, but romance isn't why you get married," said Mike Chavez, of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., who serves on the national team with his wife, Kathy. "You're called to a sense of unity in your marriage and that's what gets you through the bad times," he added, "when it's hard to be romantic."

An engaged encounter weekend offers soon-to-be-married couples an opportunity to concentrate on building their unity as they prepare to enter into sacramental union.

Some form of marriage preparation is required by nearly all U.S. dioceses, and in many dioceses Catholic Engaged Encounter is established as one such program.

Father Stephen Leva, Engaged Encounter coordinator in the Diocese of Arlington, Va., said the weekend is meant "to heighten engaged couples' awareness of specific issues or situations that can occur in their married life" and their awareness of each other's perspective on these issues.

"I think it's more than necessary, it's essential," he said.

"It provides an opportunity for those two people to get away for a whole weekend," he added, "and do nothing but talk about their relationship and how God fits into it and the issues they will face in marriage."

The weekend goes from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, and couples are advised to arrive well rested. Throughout the weekend, the Engaged Encounter team—made up of two married couples and a priest—share personal experiences of living a committed, sacramental, love relationship in a series of short presentations.

"It's not to say that just because X and Y had this experience, an engaged couple will have this experience," said Father Leva. But the presentations offer the engaged couples practical ways to deal with situations that may come up in their lives, he said.

The team shares their personal experiences about a range of issues, including forgiveness, unity, sexuality, prayer, interfaith marriage, decision-making, children and finances.

"We share how we have or have not lived up to the concepts we're trying to stress," Chavez said.

After each team presentation, the couples are given questions

and asked to take some time to individually reflect and write their own responses. Then the couples are asked to come together, and, in privacy, share and discuss what they have written. This communication technique—listening, writing, dialogue—makes up the framework of the weekend and serves as a model for couples to thoughtfully consider their relationship and exercise their commitment to a life of unity in marriage.

Catholic Engaged Encounter, an outgrowth of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, was incorporated in 1977.

The program is "based on real-life marriages, not texts, not statistics, but on our own attitudes, failures and successes," said Kathy Chavez, Mike's wife, who has been involved in Engaged Encounter for more than a decade.

Regina and John Keegan, team leaders in the Diocese of Arlington, have been involved in the program since 1986 when they lived in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y.

"To have a successful marriage, you have to share yourself on every level: emotionally, spiritually, when you have arguments," said the mother of three.

The experience of writing and dialogue "opens up a new form of communication" that is constructive and positive, she said, adding that this technique can help the couple more clearly communicate and encourage active listening.

It is important to remember, she said, that there are positive ways to communicate, even during difficult times.

The exercises challenge couples to practice honest face-to-face dialogue, Kathy Chavez said, adding that in the early stages of a relationship, pleasing the other person can seem to be the most important thing. "We stress to the couples the importance of expressing what you're truly feeling and not what you think your partner wants you to hear," she said.

Father Leva said that of the couples he works with in marriage preparation at St. Ann Parish in Arlington, Va., 90-95 percent say the weekend was "a really good thing."

"I tell them if they go into the weekend with an open heart and an open mind," he said, "and let the Lord and the Spirit talk to them, and talk to each other" it will be worth the effort.

"It's almost like you can see it in their faces that they experienced something that was really good for them," he said.

For Catholic Engaged Encounter information, see the organization's Web site at <http://www.catholic.org/engaged-encounter>. †

Wedding Announcements



Aikman - Henninger

Jennifer Elizabeth Aikman and Mark Joseph Henninger will be married July 10 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Richard and Judith Aikman. The groom is the son of Mark and Margaret Henninger.



Anspach - Maley

Tisha Ann Anspach and Michael Patrick Maley will be married April 23 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jack and Nuala Anspach. The groom is the son of George and B.J. Maley.



Bailey - Weikel

Jennifer Lynn Bailey and David Alan Weikel will be married July 31 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Sue Bailey. The groom is the son of Jerry and Brenda Granger.



Berry - White

Angela Christine Berry and Edward John White will be married June 26 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of George and Christine Berry. The groom is the son of Edward and Rose White.



Baird - Nicola

Kristin Kathleen Baird and Steven Mark Nicola will be married Feb. 6 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Thomas Baird and Inga Hill. The groom is the son of Paul and Dorothy Nicola.



Bewsey - Treida

Amy Michelle Bewsey and Scott Michael Treida will be married May 15 at Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of James Bewsey and Kathy Close. The groom is the son of Mike and Sue Treida.



Bowen - Gray

Theresa A. Bowen and Ryan Douglas Gray will be married July 10 at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of David and Eileen Bowen. The groom is the son of David and Dixie Gray.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Patton Jr. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Renn.



Cottrell - Sheldon

Nanette Lein Cottrell and Brian Patrick Sheldon will be married June 5 at St. Joseph Parish in Terre Haute. The bride is the daughter of Carl R. and Rita S. Cottrell. The groom is the son of Christopher and Janet Sheldon.



Dausch - Wessling

Amy Jo Dausch and Kurt M. Wessling will be married March 13 at Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Fred and Jo Dausch. The groom is the son of Gene and Fran Wessling.



Deeley - Temple

Dana Leigh Deeley and Luke Nelson Temple will be married June 12 at St. Joseph Hill Parish in Sellersburg. The bride is the daughter of Alan and Deborah Fenwick. The groom is the son of Daniel Temple and Deborah Temple.



Brese - Weidner

Deborah Ann Brese and Marcus Andrew Weidner will be married Oct. 9 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Gene and Betty Brese. The groom is the son of John and Susan Weidner.



Cook - Renn

Marcella K. Cook and Wayne A. Renn will be married April 10 at St. Joseph Hill Parish in Sellersburg.

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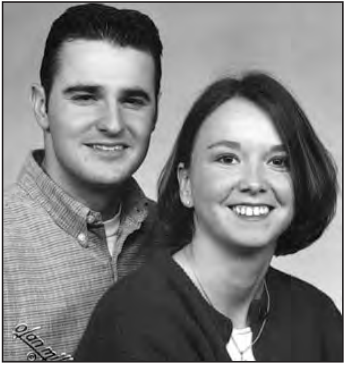
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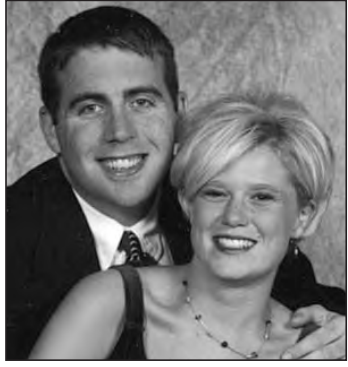
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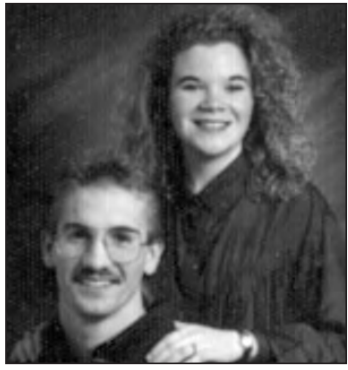


Dellinger - Agresta
Melissa D. Dellinger and Dominic V. Agresta will be married July 24 at St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of David and Patrick Dellinger. The groom is the son of Sam and Marty Agresta.



Dunn - Plumb
Emily Suzanne Dunn and Christopher William Walsh Plumb will be married July 10 at St. Christopher Parish in Speedway. The bride is the daughter of Michael P. and Conni S. Dunn. The groom is the son of Laurence and Eleanor Plumb.

Dixon - Kosegi
Bridget Diane Dixon and Andrew Scott Kosegi will be married April 24 at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Shirley Dixon. The groom is the son of Joe and Nancy Kosegi.



Eickholtz - Westerhouse
Paula Bernadette Eickholtz and Gregory Roger Westerhouse will be married July 3 at St. Michael Parish in Charlestown. The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Juliann Eickholtz. The groom is the son of Roger and Mary Westerhouse.

Gregory Roger Westerhouse will be married July 3 at St. Michael Parish in Charlestown. The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Juliann Eickholtz. The groom is the son of Roger and Mary Westerhouse.

Eller - Lee
Christine Elizabeth Eller and Jason Michael Lee will be married June 26 at St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Sherry Eller. The groom is the son of Danny and Betty Lee.



Eltzroth - Murphy
Tracy Elizabeth Eltzroth and Brian David Murphy were married Jan. 8 at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Joe and Diane Eltzroth. The groom is the son of Terry and Judy Murphy.



Evans-Kritzer
Shena Caitrin Evans and Keith Adam Kritzer will be married June 12 at St. Rose Parish in Knightstown. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malachy O'Connor. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kritzer.



Gajewski - Cannon
Jeanmarie Nicole Gajewski and Patrick Michael Cannon will be married May 1 at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Gajewski. The groom is the son of Bernadette George and Michael Cannon.



Firsich - Beisinger
Lee Ann Firsich and Richard Beisinger will be married May 22 at St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville. The bride is the daughter of Leon and Nancy Firsich. The groom is the son of Henry and Margaret Ellen Beisinger.



Hart - Byerley
Kelly Marie Hart and Anthony Edward Byerley will be married June 5 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs. The bride is the daughter of James and Donna Hart. The groom is the son of Keith and Jeanie Byerley.



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Henneberry - Mondel

Laura Dee Henneberry and James Joseph Mondel will be married June 26 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Henneberry. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mondel.



Duane Smith will be married May 29 at St. Andrew Parish in Richmond. The bride is the daughter of Steven and Cathy Johnson. The groom is the son of Duane and Dana Smith.



Kaufman - Bosley

Heather Christel Kaufman and Shannon Anthony Bosley will be married April 10 at St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph, Michigan. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Sharon Schryer. The groom is the son of Bernard Bosley and Ann Cangany Bosley.

Howard - Miller

Kristie Darryl Howard and Frank James Miller will be married April 10 at St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Howard. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Miller.



Kemler - Robertson

Lisa Renee Kemler and Robert Lever Robertson will be married June 12 at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Barbara Kemler. The groom is the son of Robert and Patricia Robertson.

Klenk - Striegel

Dr. Elizabeth Ellen Klenk and Dr. Peter Guyon Striegel will be married May 22 at St. Joseph Parish in Sylvania, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Merl A. Klenk and the late

Johnson - Smith

Leeann Marie Johnson and Jason

Doris M. Klenk. The groom is the son of Bernard M. and Rosemarie Striegel.



Knieser - Koers

Christine A. Knieser and James Michael Koers will be married Aug. 7 at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Martial and Susan Knieser. The groom is the son of Michael and Madonna Koers.

Knight - Brock

Sarah E. Knight and Stephen Todd Brock will be married June 26 at St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel T. Knight. The groom is the son of Stephen and Patricia Brock.

Korfhage - Thompson

Bethe Anne Korfhage and Brian Lee Thompson will be married July 16 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs. The bride is the daughter of Chester and Thelma Korfhage. The groom is the son of Michael and Patricia Thompson.

Lathrop - Brunt

Jennifer Lathrop and Rich Brunt will be married June 12 at Holy Spirit

Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Pat Lathrop. The groom is the son of Mike and Joanne Ulrey.

Lawrence-Davis

Catherine M. Lawrence and Timothy W. Davis will be married May 22 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lawrence. The groom is the son of Warren Davis and the late Nancy Stevens.

Libs - Huber

Tricia Renee Libs and Christopher Lee Huber will be married June 11 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sandy Libs. The groom is the son of Kenny and Judy Huber.

Mahin - Peats

Katie Mahin and Matt Spencer Peats will be married July 17 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Beth Mahin. The groom is the son of Bob and Patti Peats.



Maurer - Ritz

Amanda Lee Maurer and Christopher

John Ritz will be married July 3 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jack and Carol Maurer. The groom is the son of Paul and Laurie Ritz.



McIntire - Nolan

Kimberly Sue McIntire and Brock Phillip Nolan were married Dec. 19 at United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Brenda McIntire. The groom is the son of Ken Blankenberger and Marianne Erler.



Nicolucci - Lenahan

Anne Elena Nicolucci and Bradley Charles Lenahan will be married June 19 at St. John Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Nicolucci. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B. Lenahan.

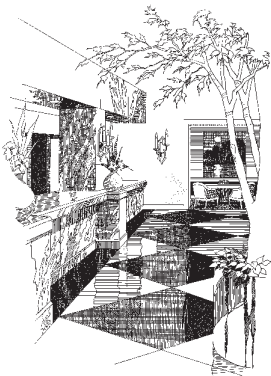
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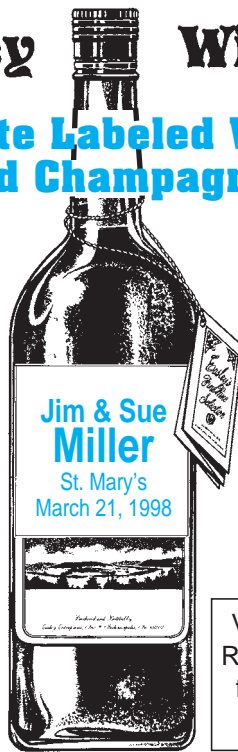
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Norwalk - Sweeney

Alyssa Barr Norwalk and Robert McGraw Sweeney will be married April 10 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Keith and Kelli Norwalk. The groom is the son of Patricia Sweeney.



O'Brien - Miller

Rhonda Michelle O'Brien and Gary Dean Miller will be married April 24 at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Louisville, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Charles Rogers III and Linda McCarthy. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Miller.



Paul - Popp

Susan Marie Paul and Paul Jason Popp will be married on Sept. 17 at St. Joseph Parish in Sellersburg. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Paul. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Popp and Mr. and Mrs. West.

Pflum - Johnson

Julie Heather Pflum and Michael Raymond Johnson will be married Feb. 6 at St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville. The bride is the daughter of Dan and Diane Pflum. The groom is the son of S. Clark and Carole Johnson.

Rizzo - Eckart

Gina Marie Rizzo and Jeffrey John Eckart will be married July 24 at St. John Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of James and Patricia Rizzo. The groom is the son of Frank and Dorothy Eckart.



Sakes - Cheesman

Stephanie Ann Sakes and Skipper Curtis Cheesman will be married on June 12 at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin. The bride is the daughter of John and Anita Sakes. The groom is the son of Jim and MaryJane Cheesman.



Sallee - Ayres

Michelle Yvette Sallee and Jeffrey

Paul Ayres will be married May 15 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Darla Sallee. The groom is the son of Paul and Linda Ayres.



Schuler - Dowd

Gina Elizabeth Schuler and Ryan Christopher Dowd will be married May 15 at St. Michael Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Marsha Schuler. The groom is the son of Al and Donna Dowd.

Siefert - Amos

Cynthia Ann Siefert and Matthew Thomas Amos will be married May 8 at St. Mary Parish in Rushville. The bride is the daughter of George and Peggy Siefert. The groom is the son of Donald and Marg Amos.



Spindler - Fox

Terra Lynn Spindler and Jon Pierre

Fox were married Jan. 2 at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Buechlein and Mr. and Mrs. John Spindler. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fox.

Stenger - Kent

Jennifer L. Stenger and Christopher Brian Kent will be married July 3 at St. Michael Parish in Brookville. The bride is the daughter of Ed and Kathy Stenger. The groom is the son of Dick and Barbara Kent.

Sloma - Barnes

Kathleen Ann Sloma and Alvin Robert Barnes will be married June 12 at St. Mary Parish in Helena, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Sloma. The groom is the son of Roger Barnes and Marion Trudeau.

Stoeffler - Davis

Suzette L. Stoeffler and Christopher G. Davis will be married May 15 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of James and Evelyn Stoeffler. The groom is the son of George and Anita Davis.

Turchman - Kelley

Mary Lynn Turchman and Joseph Patrick Kelley will be married April 30 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Norman and Gerry Turchman. The groom is the son of Jeannette Kelley.

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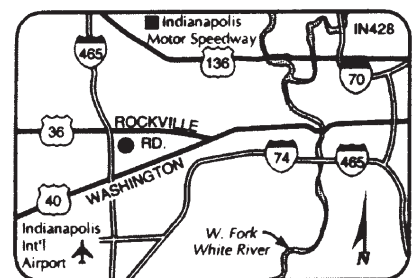
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Rainey will be married May 1 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Wathen Jr. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Rainey.



Wieneke - Willett
Kimberly Dawn Wieneke and Jeffrey

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Good communication essential for engaged couples

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

For many engaged couples, love tends to be blind in thinking that any problems encountered in marriage will somehow work themselves out.

Yet, if couples only look at the beautiful horizon, they're going to be blind to the potholes along the way.

And while good communication is essential, most couples aren't equipped with the communication skills necessary to work out problems before they become marriage-threatening issues.

The possession of such skills is not a product of the times in which we live, said David Olson, the founding president

of Life Innovations, a Minneapolis firm whose pre-marriage inventories, workshops and tapes have been used by an estimated 1 million couples since 1978.

"In an agricultural economy people lived on farms," he said, adding that "they had more time" to work out problems.

"Now," he said, "people know they need to do it. But they don't have the time, they don't have the skills. That's one reason why I think the divorce rate's higher than it was 20 years ago."

Potholes in the road of marriage come in any number of forms, according to Donna Dausman, director of the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Springfield, Ill., including disagreements about money, faith, children and issues sur-

rounding "dual-career" marriages.

Theresa Wood, who teaches marriage enrichment courses for the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo., noted that couples that keep issues swept under the rug often discover that the issues don't go away just because they've been hid.

By the time they make an appearance, Wood said, they've become so big that the relationship is at risk unless good communication techniques are drawn upon.

Premarital inventories, like Life Innovations' Prepare survey and FOCCUS, developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb., help engaged couples better understand their beliefs and perspectives, how they got where they are and what they


need to reach their goal of a lifetime of love for each other.

Olson said active listening skills are what's needed for most couples. Life Innovations' Prepare program has a workbook for couples that includes an exercise designed to increase listening and communication skills.

All too often, Dausman said, one spouse tends to shut out the other by not listening actively. By keeping stuff inside, the free and easy communication that seemed so natural during infatuation and courtship starts crumbling.

Dausman seeks to help couples achieve greater intimacy through spiritual, physical, intellectual, communicative-creative and emotional means or "spice." †

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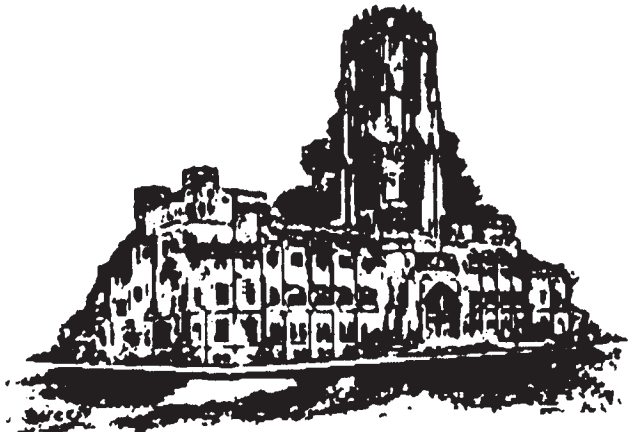
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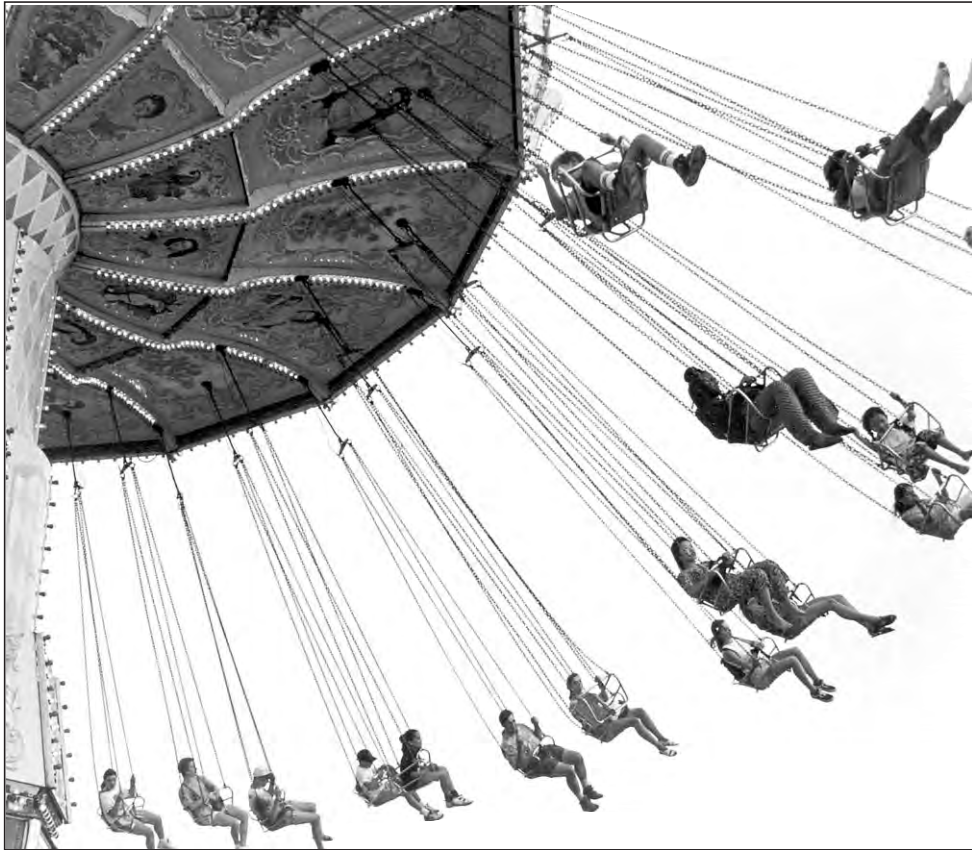
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Families have common and unique missions



It is common for families to "let life happen, to be swept along with the flow of society's values and trends without having any sense of vision or purpose." Most families are so busy with jobs, school and other daily responsibilities that they tend to ignore issues until a problem becomes a crisis.

Adoptions were the right decisions for this family

By David M. Thomas

"Have you thought about how many kids you would like to have?"

Thirty-plus years ago, my wife and I had this conversation a few months before our wedding. The books said engaged couples should discuss this topic.

"I would like a large family," she said, "and I think it would be good to adopt one or two children, too."

Through her words, I realized even more that I was about to marry a person of great generosity who cared about children.

The years of our marriage passed, and we were blessed with five children. We also became foster-parents for many little ones once our own children were older.

Then one of our foster-children experienced a failed adoption and we were offered the opportunity by the social service agency to consider adoption.

For three weeks we talked to each other and with our five adult children.

This had to be a family decision because of our age. We saw a counselor who advises parents considering adoption, and we prayed.

My wife and I said yes, after asking God to give us the strength and patience to parent a child once more.

Later I discovered how often the New Testament refers to adoption. After all, we are all adopted children of God. I also became more aware of the tragic plight of so many children in America. Almost half a million children live in foster homes.

About a year ago, the social service agency again asked us about adopting another of our former foster children. We again had to ask ourselves whether God was inviting us to adopt a second child, and this time our answer was immediate.

Our two 6-year-old daughters are doing fine. God has been good to all of us. †

(David Thomas is a graduate professor of community leadership at Regis University in Denver.)

By Mary Miller Pedersen

Pete had waited 10 years for this big promotion. It meant a substantial salary increase, less traveling, and the job security he wanted and needed for his family's future. There was just one glitch: The job was in a city 600 miles away.

The promotion offer was a dream come true for Pete. But Pete's wife, Mary, had the perfect part-time job close to home with flexible hours built around the children's school activities. And their three children were happy in school and close to their friends.

Passing up the promotion was a career dead end for Pete. Moving would mean difficult changes for the family. When Pete called home to tell his wife the good news, he immediately sensed her hesitation. That night they went out to dinner to talk about the job offer.

After the initial excitement and celebration, they agreed to look carefully over the next week at the pros and cons of moving their family.

Mary and Pete realized they didn't have enough information about the new city to make a smart decision about moving there. They also needed to know what other companies in their hometown might offer Pete a job in case they decided to stay and he felt he needed to switch jobs.

Dozens of questions arose as they talked about the promotion. So they divided up the questions about housing, schools, cost of living, part-time job opportunities for Mary and educational resources in the new city. They consulted realtors, schools and other company employees who had moved. Pete even made an appointment with a career counselor at a private agency.

One day the family was definitely moving, and the next day they were definitely staying put. After getting all the help they could find, talking it over with close friends and family, and praying for guidance, they made the decision to move.

The dilemma that Mary and Pete faced arose from a positive career development.

But many of the big decisions families must face concern painful issues that are difficult to acknowledge. In those cases, clearly naming the problems involved and getting the help that is needed is much more complicated.

For more than five years, Sue suspected her husband of losing large amounts of money at a local casino, but he always had a good excuse for being short of cash. Even with two incomes and a mod-

est lifestyle, the family was falling deeper into debt with every paycheck.

For Sue and her teen-age children, it was a problem to face the problem. Acknowledging a compulsive behavior and naming it as the problem is difficult for family members.

Sue read several articles on gambling addiction and confided in a close friend. She called a local hot line to find out what support groups were available. Then she had the courage to address the issue that had drained their family's financial and emotional resources for years.

When a child is failing out of school or a family member has an addiction, it often takes longer to name the problem clearly and be open to getting help. Most families are so busy with jobs and other daily responsibilities that they just keep on keeping on! They tend to ignore family issues until an issue becomes a crisis!

In my work as a family-life educator, I frequently ask audiences what their family's "greatest moments" were. When did they feel closest to one another? When were they the most faithful to one another?

Many people said family members felt strongest, closest, and most faithful after times of difficulty, pain or dilemmas.

In his book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families* (Franklin Covey Golden Books), Steven R. Covey acknowledges that it is common for families to "let life happen, to be swept along with the flow of society's values and trends without having any sense of vision or purpose" (p. 73).

In Chapter 2 of his book, Covey encourages families to "begin with the end in mind," that is, to know what they believe and what is important to them. He calls this a family "mission statement."

Although every family has a mission that is unique, we have a common mission to become "intimate communities of life and love" ("Apostolic Exhortation on the Family," Pope John Paul II, 1980).

Facing a dilemma and seeking help when needed provides family members with an opportunity to ask, "What is our mission here and now?" and "What values do we base our decision upon?"

When families ask those questions of one another about difficult issues and work together toward answers, the bonds of family life and love can grow stronger. †

(Mary Miller Pedersen is coordinator of the Leadership in Family Life Training Program for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.)

Discussion Point

Prayer and advice help in crisis

This Week's Question

Where (from whom or what) did you seek assistance—support—in handling a big family issue?

"I have a spiritual director I turn to. I also would turn to my co-workers and perhaps to a priest with whom I'm friendly." (Louise Dussault, Providence, R.I.)

"I turn to the Church and the pastor." (Sandra Hornung, Marathon, Wis.)

"Family, friends and prayer—and healing Masses. That's what I turn to." (Bonnie Yannaco, Manhasset, N.Y.)

"It would depend on what the family issue is. The diocese offers a lot of support for families in a lot of different areas. There are also a lot of community groups I might turn to. I've been lucky not to have many problems, but I'm sure if I did, the first person I would go to would be my priest, and he would direct me further." (Brenda Cantella, Live Oak, Fla.)

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Catholics and the Book of Wisdom

The Old Testament contains seven "Wisdom Books." The Book of Wisdom itself is one of the Old Testament books that is actually more revered by Catholics than by Jews or Protestants. It is part of the Catholic Bible but not one of the Jewish canonical books because it was written in Greek rather than Hebrew, and Protestants accepted in their Old Testament only the books accepted by the Jews as canonical.



The author of the Book of Wisdom wrote in Greek because that was the prevailing literary language when he wrote it about 100 years before the coming of Christ. (That's also why the New Testament was written in Greek.) A large colony of Jews who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, spoke Greek, and that's where this book was written.

Although not all of this book seems to apply directly to Catholics, especially praise of the wisdom of Solomon and a recounting of the events of the Exodus, the first 10 chapters form a preparation for the fuller teachings of Christ and his Church. Many sections are used by the Church in its liturgy.

For example, the first reading at funeral Masses comes from this book: "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them, etc." (3:1-8). And Solomon's eloquent prayer for wisdom (9:1-6, 9-11), which I consider important for me to pray fre-

quently, is included in morning prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours on Saturdays once a month. More readings from the Book of Wisdom are included in the Office of Readings during the 30th Week of Ordinary Time.

The main theme of the book, naturally, is the praise of wisdom. As in other of the Wisdom Books, wisdom is depicted as a woman. In the patriarchal male-preferred society in which it was written, it is understandable that man's most desirable possession would be personified as a woman. It is also possible that Israeli ancestors believed in a goddess of wisdom.

Chapter 8 shows how wisdom embodies all the other virtues: "For she (wisdom) teaches moderation and prudence, justice and fortitude, and nothing in life is more useful for men than these" (8:7). Today we know those as the cardinal virtues.

For the first time in Jewish literature, the Book of Wisdom introduces the Greek concept of a soul, as in the funeral Mass reading.

The author of Wisdom agrees with other Wisdom Books (Job and Ecclesiastes) that virtue is not always rewarded in this life, nor is evil punished. There are sections on suffering, childlessness, early death, and the final judgment of both the wicked and the virtuous. After the judgment, the just will live forever, the author says. They "shall receive the splendid crown, the beauteous diadem, from the hand of the Lord" (5:16).

Get to know this inspired book of the Bible. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

It's enough to keep anyone quiet

At some point or other, my age peers and I have come to be labeled the "Silent Generation." That's pretty funny, since the gabbiest folks I know were born before 1945. But that's another story.



We got this distinction by being wedged somewhere between the people who fought WWII, the "Greatest Generation" according to Tom Brokaw, and their kids, the postwar Baby Boomers. Imagine how disconcerting, to be stuck between the greatest generation and the most self-centered. It's enough to keep anybody quiet.

Then, too, we were raised during the Great Depression when we were all poor but didn't know any better. I mean, I'll put my poor stories up against anyone's: the dresses made from feed sacks, the hand-me-downs, the delectable Sunday dinners for 20 made from one scrawny chicken. We spent a lot of time being quietly grateful.

Then, while those hardy "greatest" were elsewhere fighting the enemy, we were home saving ration stamps and buying war bonds and collecting tinfoil at school for some mysterious defense purpose. The closest we got to the excitement was watching war movies peopled by actors who looked as hunky as anyone but who were actually '4-F' (that's undesirable army material, for those too young to remember).

Naturally we never went anywhere because our car was on its last legs, not to mention tires, and we were too poor to

afford a new one (the automakers weren't making cars anyway). Besides, there was gas rationing. Pretty boring.

Then we had the victory garden to tend, full of stuff like swiss chard that no one has eaten before or since. Which brings me to Spam, another child of war. And chicory coffee, and raising rabbits for meat, and using colorless margarine made palatable by squeezing a yellow dye tablet into it.

On top of that, we were just young enough to miss out on the Swing Era, in which teens got to boogie woogie and slow dance. We couldn't do that pompadour thing with our hair or wear silk stockings with seams or any of that stuff. No, we were stuck with square dancing in gym class or doing the flag-raising ceremony before school.

When we finally matured, it was too late. Our guys had to settle for fighting a small, unsatisfactory war in Korea. Plus we endured postwar indignities such as ugly tract housing and Betty Crocker moments and Senator Joe McCarthy.

You can tell we Silents had a lot to reflect upon. We had all the biggies a century could throw at us: economic need, war, and untreatable diseases like polio to die from, without much of the glamour that seemed to exist earlier. So we made a life's work of lying in the weeds trying to keep out of sight, out of mind, out of trouble.

Most of my peers and I are now enjoying Social Security. Looks like time has finally become our ally and we can whoop it up. Go, Silents! †

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

Stories, Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.

Evangelizing vs. proselytizing: a Catholic perspective

"We really are not interested in doing much evangelization. Our RCIA is already bulging without our doing any promotion.

We are afraid we would have too many to handle if we advertised."

"We have many students in our school who are not Catholic. However, we are very careful not to evangelize."

"Our parish membership has decreased considerably the last several years. We have to get going with evangelization so we can build it back up."

As I move around the archdiocese in my ministry as evangelization coordinator, I periodically hear remarks like the ones just quoted. All of them share a common viewpoint that evangelization is synonymous with recruiting. It is easy to understand why people would have such a notion of evangelization. There are numerous examples of such an approach in the religious culture of our country. That is why it is so important for Catholics to pay attention to the wider vision offered by our religious leaders. Popes Paul VI and John Paul II, our American bishops, and our own archbishop have all underlined the central importance of evangelization.

Last spring we received yet another document that offers an integrated vision of evangelization in the life of every baptized person in the Church. The *General Directory for Catechesis* is an exciting presentation of the way our personal relationship with Jesus Christ leads to a dynamic

faith that launches us onto a lifelong journey of conversion and growth as we share the responsibility for the ongoing mission of Jesus.

Perhaps the word *mission* is more comfortable for us Catholics than the word *evangelization*. But the underlying reality is the same. Jesus came with a mission to reveal God to us, to offer everyone the gift of salvation, and to gather us into the one family of God. When we respond to Jesus and his offer of salvation and relationship, we are called to that same mission.

"The Christian faith is, above all, conversion to Jesus Christ, full and sincere adherence to his person and the decision to walk in his footsteps. Faith is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, making of oneself a disciple of him. This demands a permanent commitment to think like him, to judge like him and to live as he lived. In this way the believer unites himself to the community of disciples and appropriates the faith of the Church." (*General Directory for Catechesis*, #53)

I once heard someone say that faith is a verb—an action word. Faith in Jesus does something to us. It changes us. Through us, faith changes others and faith changes the world. Jesus proclaimed the good news while roaming around. The faith we profess in him is a faith lived out of doors.

"The Church 'exists in order to evangelize,' that is 'the carrying forth of the Good News to every sector of the human race so that by its strength it may enter into the hearts of men and renew the human race.'" (*General Directory for Catechesis*, #46) †

(Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen is evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese.)

The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

The story of how some people become special friends

I have a special friend, a man I've never met in person. Stephen Mickey of St. Nazianz, Wis., long has been a reader of my columns. Several years ago he wrote to me to tell me about his life and work. He was a poet, he said, and poetry was his "life line."



Poetry, Mickey explained, "helps me get through some difficult times. It moves me out of depression and helps me get in touch with my feelings."

Through our correspondence, I learned that Mickey carries a special cross, a debilitating physical illness related to the polio he contracted at age 2. With "post-polio syndrome," Mickey lives with unrelenting pain and fatigue.

Before this assault on his health, Mickey had spent several years as a religious lay brother with the Capuchin Order of Friars Minor, serving as a gardener and sacristan. He left the order before taking solemn vows and earned a degree in the health field so that he could work with the aged. His escalating disability made that dream an impossibility.

Poetry gave him new hope. Mickey set up a business he called Poetic Expressions, offering booklets of poetry, writing paper, note cards and book-marks.

As we continued to correspond, I ordered all my stationery from Mickey. I discovered in him a truly spiritual man, one whose life is dominated by a determination to do good for others. His poetry expresses the soul-beauty I see in him.

Then one day Mickey sent me some cards and pads with new drawings on

them. A lovely drawing of a cardinal was signed Dennis S. Lennon. I have a special love for cardinals and let Mickey know how much I admired the work of his new collaborator. I wanted to know more about this artist.

To my surprise, Mickey told me that Lennon is a prisoner at the Louisiana State Prison, imprisoned there for almost 20 years. Mickey read about Lennon in an article in the Passionists' publication *Compassion*.

The article told of receiving a life sentence after being involved in robberies with his step-brothers, his sister and her boyfriend. Lennon got life for a crime that didn't involve murder or rape.

Lennon told of turning to God through daily prayer and Scripture, and to his art to save him from despair.

Mickey reached out to Lennon, invited him to do art for Poetic Expressions. Thus began a most unusual collaboration.

How wonderful it is that these two people, both carrying a heavy cross, but both infused with the love of God, are now working together to add the beauty of poetry and art to this world.

Mickey put me in touch with Lennon, and we now exchange letters. Recently he wrote from his prison cell that he thanks God for any talent he might have, yet knows "who is the greatest artist of all times.... Looking at dawn or sunrise or sunset, you, too, would say God."

Mickey is learning how difficult it is to get a fledgling business off the ground, but he is not giving up, especially now that he is making it possible for Dennis's artwork to be seen outside the prison walls. God bless them both!

(Poetic Expressions can be contacted at Box 172, St. Nazianz, Wis. 54232.) † (Antoinette Bosco is a regular columnist for Catholic News Service.)

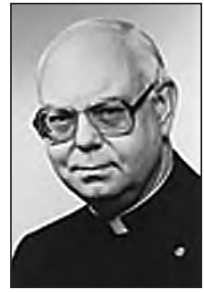
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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Feb. 7, 1999

- Isaiah 58:7-10
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- Matthew 5:13-16

The Book of Isaiah is the source of this weekend's first reading.



This section of Isaiah was written at a time when God's people were living under the greatest economic and social stress. The glories of Solomon and David were centuries past. Dignity itself had been swept away in the humilia-

tion and terror of invasion, defeat and captivity in Babylon. All around lay nothing but hopelessness and want.

It was an environment in which despair thrived, and in which thoughts of self and of survival dominated people's minds.

In the face of such wretchedness, this eloquent prophecy calls upon the people to share with others. In this very act of generosity, the people truly loyal to God would establish their own integrity, their worthiness as God's children, and their right to God's mercy.

Through the kindness of the devout God, goodness will manifest itself. Through them, God's love will shine.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Corinth supplies the second reading. Given his times, Paul was a fortunate man. Although a Jew of a thoroughly Jewish background, his father had possessed the means to secure Roman citizenship for himself and his family. Paul did not come from conditions of want. He was well-educated. He had

studied under Gamaliel, the greatest rabbi of the time. He knew Greek culture, the Greek language and Greek philosophy.

Yet, in this reading, he subordinates all things to Jesus. He sees as his finest achievement his knowledge of the Lord, and he looks upon the fact that God through Jesus gave him this knowledge as his greatest good fortune.

It is Paul's way of saying that only Jesus matters in any decision or circumstance in life. He alone is important.

St. Matthew's Gospel gives this Liturgy of the Word its third reading.

Scholars believe that, at some early point, statements by Jesus were randomly collected. Using the Greek term, they are called "logia." The Synoptic evangelists, including the author of Matthew's Gospel, knew of this collection. It provided an important source for them and their writings.

The paragraphs read today are from this collection. They are not of themselves connected. One does not necessarily follow the other. Together they are a powerful lesson in discipleship.

Jesus speaks. He informs followers that they must shine among people as if they were a city on a mountaintop, bright and beckoning all.

The Lord is clear. Shining forth the rays of Gospel truth and love are not casual coincidences, but nothing less than the requisites of disciples.

Reflection

In these readings, the Church offers a compelling picture of what it means to be a Christian, a disciple of the Master, a follower of the Lord Jesus in a world altogether obsessed with itself.

My Journey to God

Joy Overwhelmed Us

J-O-Y. Several years ago, I saw a poster that defines "joy" as "Jesus—Others—Yourself."

And "joy" perfectly describes the pilgrimage experiences of the Holy Father's Jan. 26-27 pastoral visit to St. Louis.

I saw countless people crying tears of joy at the mere sight of the pontiff, and spontaneously moved to tears by his words again and again and again.

When Pope John Paul II told teenagers attending the youth prayer service Jan. 26 at the Kiel Center that "God loves you" and "the pope loves you and believes in you," the cheers were deafening. Then, somehow, the noise level rose even higher when the Holy Father said, "The pope belongs to you."

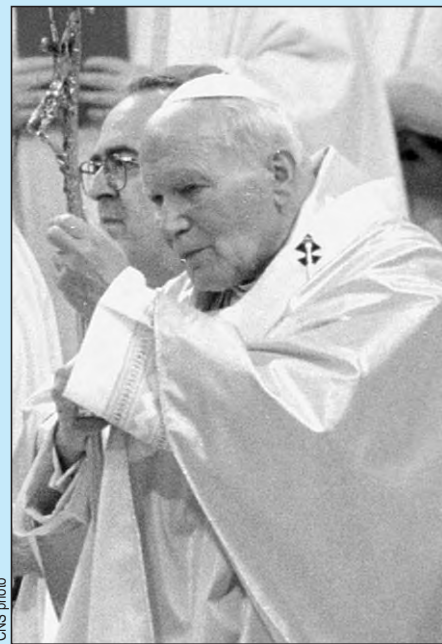
And it was pure joy that seemed to emanate from the Holy Father, the kind of joy that can only come from knowing God's loving presence in Scripture and prayer.

During the papal liturgy at the Trans World Dome on Jan. 27, as Pope John Paul II consecrated the Eucharist, tears of joy streamed down people's faces as they watched the frail pontiff elevate the Body and Blood of Christ.

Always, in all his talks, the pontiff spoke first of Jesus Christ and God's love for every person. Then he reminded the gathering that "the pope also loves you."

Both days, with his words, smiles and gestures, this incredibly spiritual and charismatic man showed that he, too, was filled with joy by the presence of so many youth and adults gathered to celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

(Mary Ann Wyand is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. She is an assistant editor for The Criterion.)



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A priest from the Archdiocese of St. Louis described the papal visit as "quite a deal, quite a big deal."

And it was "a big deal" that the Vicar of Christ traveled halfway around the world to bring American Catholics closer to God by preaching the Gospel messages in St. Louis.

The pontiff's visit was a very holy time, an especially blessed experience, a joyful spiritual journey filled with many moments of grace. And, most of all, it was an unforgettable gift from God.

Viva il papa!

By Mary Ann Wyand

Daily Readings

Monday, Feb. 8
Jerome Emiliani, priest and religious founder
Genesis 1:1-19
Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Genesis 1:20 - 2:4a
Psalm 8:4-9
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Scholastica, virgin and religious foundress
Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17
Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, Feb. 11
Our Lady of Lourdes
Genesis 2:18-25

Psalm 128:1-5
Mark 7:24-30

Friday, Feb. 12
Genesis 3:1-8
Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, Feb. 13
Genesis 3:9-24
Psalm 90:2-6, 12-13
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, Feb. 14
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37 or
Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

For most Americans in 1999, life is not at all similar to that experienced by the contemporaries of the authors of Third Isaiah. Yet it is very similar in a certain sense. Greed and the lack of hope make modern existence at times quite meaningless.

This weekend's readings call followers of the Lord Jesus to shine in the darkness of self interest and little hope for the future. They summon us to brighten the

lives of others and help those who are filled with fear.

The call to concern for others is, of course, essential to Christianity and ancient in Christian teachings.

However, Third Isaiah in this weekend's readings gives us an additional insight into Christian compassion and active service in behalf of others. Through our generosity, through our love for others, we heal, enrich, strengthen and find ourselves. †

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Many factors involved in marriage outside Church

QA few members of our family happened to watch a supposedly Catholic television program recently. The subject was marriage, and the speaker was talking about the wrong of Catholics marrying out of the Church.

He then very seriously said that any Catholic attending such a marriage commits a sin. This surprised us a lot.

We had a similar situation in our family, where someone Catholic (a cousin), who was very close to all of us, married a non-Catholic woman in her Church. We troubled over our decision for weeks, and then decided we should attend.

We made sure he realized what we thought about his action and that we were disappointed. But we then told him we would be there because we love him and hope for his happiness. We certainly didn't want this to destroy our relationship or our friendship. He thanked us and said he understood.

We still think we did the right thing. Was that speaker really giving a law that every Catholic must follow in all circumstances? (Texas)

AEvents like this are always hard for families to deal with. It is necessary to weigh all the factors, as you tried to do, and make a judgment that seems most fair and supportive in a good way for everyone.

It would be difficult, I believe, if not impossible, to bring valid moral reasons for making such attendance always wrong, in every conceivable circumstance. One would need to prove that attending such a wedding is either sinful cooperation in wrongdoing or gives genuine scandal. Neither of those

conditions is necessarily fulfilled.

Whatever sin might be connected to the action was certainly not intended by the presence of family like yourselves. You made that clear to your cousin, and obviously to your children or others, so there was no scandal that could honestly be taken by anyone over what you did.

Your presence did not facilitate the marriage; from what you have written, it seems certain the wedding would have taken place whether you were there or not. Your "cooperation," if any, was certainly not sufficient or proximate enough to outweigh the good you wished to achieve by being there.

Those are the kinds of questions people should ask themselves when confronted by such decisions. It seems to me you did it quite thoughtfully and correctly.

Two further points need at least some mention. You appear knowledgeable enough of your faith to know that the marriage of a Catholic before a non-Catholic minister or pastor is fully recognized by the Church if a dispensation (technically called a dispensation from the form of marriage) was previously granted by the bishop.

Apparently a number of Catholics do not realize that Catholics are not obliged to be married before a priest if they have joined another faith or in any other way formally left the Catholic Church.

Let's say, therefore, your cousin had abandoned the Catholic Church and become a Methodist. He would no longer be bound to the Catholic form of marriage, and his marriage would be completely according to Church law, if of course there were no other invalidating impediments (Canon 1117).

One may agree or not with these laws, or with what another person does. But these realities naturally constitute additional serious considerations for people facing the decisions you made. †

The Active List

The Criterion welcomes announcements for "The Active List" of parish and church-related activities open to the public. Please keep them brief, listing event, sponsor, date, time and location. No announcements can be taken by telephone. No pictures, please. Notices must be in our offices by 10 a.m. on Monday of the week of publication. Hand deliver or mail to: The Criterion, "The Active List," 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, Ind., 46206.

February 4, 11, 18, 25

St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis, 950 Prospect, will host a pre-Lenten series, "A Biblical Walk with Jesus Through his Passion and Death," presented by Providence Sister Mary Slattery. Information: 317-631-5824.

February 5

St. Mark Parish Athletic Board, Indianapolis, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., will host a Monte Carlo night from 6 p.m.-midnight. Admission: Free.

February 5-7

Retrouvaille Weekend, "A Life-line for Troubled Marriage," has scheduled a weekend program at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, Mount St. Francis. Information: 502-636-0296, ext. 107.

February 6

Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg, will hold registration for the Class of 2003, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Information: 812-934-4440.

February 7

Holy Trinity Parish, Indianapolis, will sponsor a reverse raffle at Bockhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes Ave. at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person, includes ticket, dinner and snacks for the evening. Information: 317-636-

7668.

◆ ◆ ◆
Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis, 3360 W. 30th St., will hold a placement test to eighth-graders wishing to enroll as freshmen for the 1999-2000 school year. Testing begins at 8:30 a.m. in room 201. Information: 317-924-4333.

February 6-14

St. John Parish, Indianapolis, 126 W. Georgia St., will sponsor the third annual "Make the Feast of St. Valentine a Day for the Needy." Bring several items for those less fortunate, such as food, toiletries, baby items, surplus closet items and cash donations. Information: 317-635-2021.

February 7

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology will hold a flute and harp concert featuring a duo from Indiana University to perform in the St. Bede Theater at 2:30 p.m. Information: 812-357-6501.

February 8

Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg, will hold registration for the Class of 2003, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Information: 812-934-4440.

February 8-11

St. Mary Parish, Greensburg, will present "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" on video by Bishop David Foley, beginning Monday at 1:30 and 7 p.m., Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. Information: 812-663-8427.

February 12

St. Roch Youth Athletic Board, Indianapolis, 3603 S. Meridian St., will hold a winter Monte Carlo Night in the school cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. Information: 317-783-6155.

February 13

Familia will hold a Day of Reflection with Monsignor Joseph Schaedel, "Marriage and the Sanctity of Life," at St. Lawrence Parish, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The day includes Mass, confession and lunch. Cost: \$10. Information and registration: 765-342-4905.

February 13

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Indianapolis, 3922 E. 38th St., will present a Valentine's Day Jazz Cabaret featuring Brenda Williams. Doors open at 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Information: 317-546-1571.

February 14

Rexville Schoenstatt will present "The Eucharist, Source and Summit of the Christian Life," at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. Information: 812-689-3551.

February 14

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, will sponsor a Sweetheart

Breakfast in the parish hall from 7:30 a.m.-noon, sponsored by the St. Nicholas Ladies Sodality.

Recurring

Daily

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, hosts perpetual adoration 24 hours a day in the parish center.

Holy Rosary Parish,

Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., celebrates a Tridentine (Latin) Mass. Call for times. Information: 317-636-4478.

Weekly

Sundays

Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, 520 Stevens St., celebrates a Tridentine (Latin) Mass, 10 a.m. (formerly held at St. Patrick Parish).

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville, holds "Be Not Afraid" holy hour from 6-7 p.m.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Anthony Church, 379 N. Warman, Indianapolis, holds a rosary and Benediction for vocations at 2 p.m.

Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., hosts a prayer group, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Tuesdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish,



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335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, meets from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Shepherds of Christ Associates prays the rosary and other prayers following 7 p.m. Mass.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Fishers, 11441 Hague Rd., offers adult religious education classes from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is a minimal fee. Information: 317-842-5869.

◆ ◆ ◆
Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., holds prayer group from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, behind St. Michael Church. Information: 317-271-8016.

Thursdays

St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, hosts adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mass.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates gather at 7 p.m. to pray for lay and religious vocations.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Patrick Parish, Salem, Shelby St., holds a prayer service at 7 p.m.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, celebrates Liturgy of the Hours, evening prayer at 7 p.m. 317-852-3195.

Fridays

St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, 1210 E. Main, holds adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

◆ ◆ ◆
St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, hosts adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

◆ ◆ ◆
A pro-life rosary is recited at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis.

Saturdays

A pro-life rosary is recited at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., Indianapolis.

Monthly

First Sundays

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, prayer group meets in the church from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

First Mondays

The Guardian Angel Guild holds its board meeting, Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center Benedictine Room, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis at 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, 3354 W. 30th St., north of St. Michael Church, holds Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession is at 6:45 p.m.

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St. Joseph Hill Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., holds holy hour for reli-

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Catholic schools slate activities

Schools throughout the archdiocese are still celebrating Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 31 through Feb. 6) with special events. (Some activities were included last week.)

At **All Saints School** in the Indianapolis West Deanery, the week began with a noon Mass on Sunday followed by a 2 p.m. open house. Daily events were planned, ending with the Spartan Spectacular, a talent show at 6:30 p.m. in the gym tonight.

The combined choirs of **Nativity School** in the **Indianapolis South Deanery** sang during the 11 a.m. Mass last Sunday. The community was the focus on Monday, with volunteer work at school and career dress-up day. Tuesday was students' day when grades four to eight had a spelling bee and teachers let students know they are special. The nation was the focus Wednesday when classes wrote to schools in North Dakota, California and Wisconsin. Volunteers are being honored Friday and it's Hats off to Teachers Day.

Students at **St. Louis School** in **Batesville** will gather for an all-school Mass on Friday. Guests will be invited to a reception afterwards, much like the First Friday gatherings of the past.

St. Joseph School in **Corydon**, in the New Albany Deanery, celebrated with Hat and Button Day on Monday; School Spirit Day on Tuesday; Sock and Tie Day on Wednesday; Team Pride Day on Thursday and Dress Up Day on Friday. Distinguished graduates will be honored at the school Mass today. A chili supper and open house will be held on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At **Sacred Heart of Jesus School** in Jeffersonville, winners of the "How a Catholic Education Makes my World Brighter" essay contest were to be read at parish Masses. Days of the week were used to focus on the community (service projects), students (talent show), nation (assembly with Catholic Christian theme), volunteers (Mass, open house and refreshments) and teachers (luncheon and volleyball game.)

At **St. Mary School** in **New Albany**, celebrations featured talks by a meteorologist and a science professor (community) on Monday; a Mass and discussion with volunteers and parishioners on Wednesday; and a circuit judge on Thursday. Dr. and Mrs. James Nolan will speak on conditions in Honduras, and a representative of the governor's office will present a Governor's Fitness Award on Friday. Activities were designed to gain insight into the influence that Catholic schools have on society and occupations and individual contributions and service have on humanity.

Among activities at **St. Bartholomew School** in **Columbus**, in the Seymour Deanery, were an international festival sponsored by middle school students. On Tuesday, pro-life projects were displayed. Students and staff wore pro-life shirts.

St. Rose of Lima School in **Franklin** had a visit from the mayor on Monday, Community Day; a scholastic book fair and spelling bee, movie and refreshments on Student Day; Mass and Dress Up day on Wednesday (nation); crafts for parents and volunteers on Thursday; and Spirit Day for teachers on Friday.

Pope John XXIII School and **Shawe Memorial High School** in **Madison** began celebration of Catholic School Week with weekend Masses, when students took ministry roles. Student work was displayed at a Sunday breakfast. Community leaders visited on Monday; students were in the spotlight on Tuesday; and three volunteers received the Golden Shamrock Award on Wednesday at an all-school Mass. The PTA had a chili supper that night, and Pope John XXIII School had an open house.

Thursday focused on entertaining parents, grandparents and benefactors; on Friday, teachers will be honored on Green and Gold Day.

St. Mary School in **North Vernon** marked community day with a "Handful of Thanks" and a trivia contest. "Big brothers and sisters" read with younger ones on student day. The nation was the focus in Wednesday's Academics Olympics game. A spelling bee and hats were tipped to honor teachers on Thursday. Parents and volunteers received notes and letters on Friday.

St. Ambrose School in **Seymour** had a full schedule, with a kick-off Mass on Sunday, and an open house following. The Seymour mayor visited the school on Community Day, with distinguished alumni as guests. Each class did outreach projects for one organization: police, hospital scrub, sanitation, public schools, fire department, mayor's office, post office and delivery men.

Tuesday was Student Day at St. Ambrose, with students wearing school sweatshirts. Wednesday was national appreciation day. Volunteers were honored on Thursday, also bake sale day. Friday is Teacher Appreciation Day.

Sacred Heart of Jesus School in **Terre Haute** celebrated with an opening Mass on Sunday, with students serving as ushers, readers, gift bearers and choir members. A reception followed. Tuesday was Career Day, with parents and other members of the community sharing their experience with the students. Students portrayed famous people in a Wednesday "Wax Museum" presentation; St. Patrick hosted an all-deanery Mass on Thursday and students participated in an Art Fair that day; parents and friends are invited to the Spirit Day assembly on Friday. †

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gious vocations with Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7 p.m. Mass.

First Fridays

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, has eucharistic adoration after the 8 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., holds adoration and prayer service at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, holds eucharistic adoration following

the 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 a.m. Mass, closing with communion service at noon.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bedford, celebrates exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m. The sacrament of reconciliation is available from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute, holds eucharistic

adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m., with rosary at noon.

First Saturdays

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, has 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music followed by the Fatima rosary. Monthly SACRED gathering follows in the parish school.

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

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., holds First Saturday devotions and the sacrament of reconciliation after 8 a.m. Mass.

Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis, 28th St. and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m. to noon.

Second Thursdays

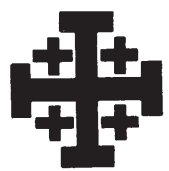
Focolare Movement meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Indianapolis home of Millie and Jim Komro. Information: 317-257-1073 or 317-845-8133.

Third Sundays

Mary's Rexville Schoenstatt has holy hour at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. (Located on 925 South., .8 mile east of 421 South., 12 miles south of Versailles.) Information: 812-689-3551. †

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ALESANDRO, Dominic W., 70, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Jan. 8. Husband of Maude Brown. Father of Steven and Michael Alesandro, Deborah Brook. Son of Frank and Teresa Alesandro. Brother of Thomas Alesandro, Victoria Soriano, Josephine Alexander, Nancy Mullen. Grandfather of four.

ALVEY, Gordon R., 48, St. Michael, Cannelton, Jan. 22. Husband of Rose Alvey. Father of Christine and Theresa Alvey, Jerry and Gary Roesch. Grandfather of one.

BAILEY, Ruth Helen, 73, Little Flower, Indianapolis, Jan. 12. Mother of Richard Lee, Thomas Alan, David V. and Cheryl Bailey, Beverly Hutcherson. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of two.

BEAVERS, Virginia Elizabeth, 64, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 20. Mother of Paul E. Jr., and Steven E. Heady. Sister of Thomas Cornnell. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of four.

BECKER, Martha, 79, St. Anthony of Padua,

Clarksville, Jan. 12. Mother of Bonni, Robert and Bill Becker, Diana Trapp. Sister of Charles Messmer, Germaine Worrall, Rosella Goodin. Sister of Mary Priscilla Messmer. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

BIEHN, Richard H., 55, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, Jan. 23. Father of Brian V. and Richard A. Biehn. Stepfather of Sharon Walker, Rhonda Merritt, Zulieka Biehn, William and Marlene Maxwell. Son of Marion E. Biehn. Brother of Lawrence Biehn. Grandfather of two.

BLANFORD, James W., 76, Holy Family, Richmond, Jan. 12. Husband of Virginia "Billie" Blanford. Father of William, Ted, Ronald, and Larry Blanford, Sue Westerman, Teri Sundine, Ann Adams, Barbara Easley. Brother of John Blanford, Mary Bates, Estelle Waldenmeyer. Grandfather of 13. Great-grandfather of one. Step-grandfather of one.

BOOK, Hilda R., 89, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Jan. 11. Aunt of several.

BOYCE, Magdalen, 91, St. Michael, Cannelton, Dec. 26. Wife of Jack Boyce. Sister of Carrol Lamkin. Grandmother of two.

CASEY, Anna Mildred, 81, St. Paul, Tell City, Dec. 24. Mother of Richard Timberlake, Jo Ann Scott. Sister of Walter, George Cyril, Louis and James Hagedorn, Marcella Cobler, Ruth Weber, Jeanette Schaefer.

Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of five.

COOK, Dianne F., 61, St. Andrew, Richmond, Jan. 11. Sister of Elaine Cook.

COX, Louise, 90, St. Andrew, Richmond, Jan. 17. Mother of Rita Bruck, Rose Smith, Robert Cox. Grandmother of 11.

CZAJA, Sophia, 65, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 12.

DANNEMILLER, Helen Adalen, 63, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Jan. 2. Wife of David R. Dannemiller. Mother of Jeffrey A., Gregory J., and Martin D. Dannemiller, Laura E. Troiano, Julianne Diller, Linda Bielawski, Jane F. Stipp. Daughter of Eleanor Roehling. Sister of Edward and William Roehling, Susan Shields. Grandmother of 19.

DOWLING, Joseph E., 69, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 23. Brother of Rita Sifferlen, Sarah F. Blume.

EDWARDS, Martha Jane Waldon, 77, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, Jan. 20. Mother of Nikeita Kay Byrdson Dotson. Sister of Robert Keith Bassett. Grandmother of one.

FERGUSON, William T., 74, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Jan. 20. Husband of Leanore Ferguson. Father of Sandi Ferguson Gallagher, Gaila J. and Dan K. Ferguson. Brother of John T., Martin, Don, Tony, Michael, Patrick and Gary

Providence Sister Helen Louise Summers taught in three states

Providence Sister Helen Louise Summers died in Terre Haute on Jan. 25. She was 85.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 28 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The former MaryMarjorie Summers was born in Loogootee in 1913. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1932, professed first vows in 1935 and final vows in 1941.

Sister Helen Louise taught in schools in the archdiocese, including St. Charles Borromeo in Bloomington and St. Anthony, Joan of Arc and St. Simon in Indianapolis. She also taught in schools in the Evansville Diocese, in Illinois and in California.

She ministered as a parish visitor at St. Patrick Parish and in the apostolate to the aging at Simeon House II, both in Terre Haute.

Survivors include two cousins, Providence Sisters Charles Van Hoy and Francis Gorgia Van Hoy.

Ferguson. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of three.

FINLEY, Rhea Jan, 50, St. Paul, Tell City, Jan. 3. Wife of Mike Finley. Mother of Ron Mundel. Stepmother of Mark and Matt Finley. Daughter of Imogene Damin. Sister of Paul Damin.

FREDERICK, Frances L., 78, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 11. Mother of Stephen and David Frederick.

GEORGE, Alexis Elizabeth Marie, infant, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 17. Daughter of Nicole George and Joey Hagan. Granddaughter of Richard and Judy George, John and Barbara Hagan.

GOLDING, Herschel V., 83, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Dec. 30. Father of Joseph Golding. Grandfather of two.

GOODWIN, Carl C., 74, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Jan. 23. Husband of Wilma Jean (Gerth) Goodwin. Father of Kenneth Goodwin.

GRAF, Robert C., 75, St. Mary, New Albany, Jan. 22. Brother of Paul C. and Ruth J. Graf, Mary E. Mooney.

HERBERT, Walter H., 62, St. Mary, Rushville, Jan. 24. Husband of Ethel (Vantyle) Herbert. Father of Frederick Herbert, Teresa Goff, Doris Johnson. Brother of Lloyd, Virgil and Jerry Herbert, Angela Godar, Louise Hayse, Carolyn Risk, Jeanie Hawley, Ruth Carr, Mary Hoeing, Becky Stewart, Patsy McVey.

IRISH, Lois Eileen, 65, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 21. Mother of Steve, Jack Jr., Richard and David Irish. Sister of Charles Murray. Grandmother of three.

JAMES, Leona, 94, St. Paul, Tell City, Dec. 21. Mother of Pearl Whalen. Stepmother of Jeanette Boles. Sister of Jacob Mullis, Verena Blandford. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of 16. Great-great-grandmother of seven.

JOHNSON, James Arthur, 69, St. Paul, Tell City, Dec. 28. Husband of LaVern Johnson. Father of Gwen Young, Nancy James, Beverly Evrard. Brother of Paris, Wally, Bill and Gary Johnson, Betty Herrington. Grandfather of five.

JONES, Eva Marie, 96, St. John the Apostle, Bloomington, Dec. 30. Mother of Marvin B., Homer F. and Don Jones, Anna Sparks, Norma Galyan, Carolyn Beck, Connie Argus. Sister of Bernard Williams, Clara Anderson. Grandmother of 26. Great-grandmother of 41. Great-great-grandmother of three.

KIRK, Peter, 23, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Jan. 14. Son of

Herschel and Nancy Kirk. Brother of Jennifer Kirk, Merideth Overton. Grandson of Clarence and Thelma Kirk, Maxine Skaggs.

LAWLESS, William C., 40, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, Jan. 12. Son of William G. and Martha Lawless. Brother of Phillip M., Matthew and Ann E. Lawless.

LECHNER, Clara Margaret Mullen, 70, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Jan. 20. Wife of Thomas Lechner. Sister of Bernard Mullen, Mary Katherine Springer, Patricia Ann Gates.

LONG, Cecil M., 84, St. Monica, Indianapolis, Dec. 20. Mother of William J. and John M. Long, Mike T. McClanahan. Sister of Lucille Funke. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 14. (corrected notice)

MARKET, Harold L., 75, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Jan. 16. Husband of Jo Ann Market. Father of Larry and Richard Reader. Brother of Victor, Herbert, Franciscan Father John Market, Franciscan Sister Dolores Market, Margaret Evinger, Rose Stahl. Grandmother of one.

McCOLLUM, Mary F. (Ray), 78, Holy Name, Beech Grove, Dec. 30. Mother of Rose Ann Gillett. Sister of Frances A. Mattingly, Frank A., Marion J. and Joseph A. Ray. Grandmother of one.

MEER, Marie A. (Doll), 95, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, Jan. 25. Mother of Sylvia Prickel, Clifford Meer. Sister of Elizabeth Beiting, Philomena Wernke. Grandmother of 23. Great-grandmother of 53.

MEYER, Louis M., 90, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, Jan. 17. Husband of Helen Meyer. Father of Mary C. Conroy, Margaret A. Alvey. Brother of Sylvester and Robert Meyer, Anna Sculte, Rosine Stengel, Benedictine Sister Celine Meyer. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 15.

MILLER, Robert Jasper, 81, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Dec. 29. Father of Mary Beth, Robert L., Margaret, Nancy, Suzan and Franciscan Sister Ellen Miller, Patricia Wilson. Brother of Ted and Fred Miller. Grandfather of five.

MORENCY, Mary, 75, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Jan. 19. Wife of Leo Morency. Mother of Mark Morency, Marilyn Harber, Lorraine Anersch. Sister of Doris Betty McBrayne.

OBBERHAUSEN, Anthony H. "Tony", 88, St. Paul, Tell City, Dec. 28. Father of Mark and John Oberhausen, Ann Manley. Brother of Charles Oberhausen, Marie Clemens. Grandfather of

seven. Great-grandfather of 11.

O'BRIEN, Dennis, 48, St. Andrew, Richmond, Dec. 22. Son of Catherine O'Brien. Brother of Kevin O'Brien, Patricia Curran.

OKEY, Harold L., 85, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, Jan. 6. Father of Judith Field. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of 10.

OLIGER, Viola Mae, 72, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, Jan. 9. Wife of Edward Oliger. Mother of Barbara A. Purdum, John E. Oliger. Sister of Frederick and Robert Wesselman, Audrey Schroff, Nadine Gibson. Grandmother of four.

OPPEL, Erna, 68, St. Michael, Bradford, Jan. 15. Mother of Raimund, Charles and Virginia Herbert, Ellenore Callen, Erna Goodwin, Michelle Wilson. Grandmother of 13.

OSMIALOWSKI, Ronald J., 55, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, Jan. 12. Husband of Felicia Osmialowski. Father of David and Mark Osmialowski, Kathleen McSchooler, Eve McDaniel, Annette nelson, Susan Flinchem. Brother of Jerome and William Osmialowski, Christine Palazzolo. Grandfather of nine.

PARSON, Mary Louise (Schroeder), 62, St. Roch, Indianapolis, Jan. 10. Wife of Robert L. Parson. Mother of Robert Jr., Heather Jo, Timothy and Jonathon Parson, Linda Stone, Pamela Whitaker. Sister of Edward, Donald and Jack Parson, Patricia Hill. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of five.

PICKETT, Lauren Elizabeth, infant, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Jan. 19. Daughter of Robert and Lori Ann Pickett. Sister of Andrew Romeril. Granddaughter of Robert and Sandra Pickett, Joe and Kathleen Matthews. Great-granddaughter of Alma McCleery, Maxine Matthews, William Whitsett, John Hughes.

POEHLEIN, Birdine L., 69, St. Michael, Cannelton, Jan. 8. Mother of Leisa, Gordon Lee and Aaron Poehlein. Sheila Smith. Sister of Nellie Flamion, Penny Wilson, Margaret Barger.

POWERS, Frank W., 89, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Jan. 10. Father of William F., John R., James T. and Kathleen M., Powers, Elaine Straub. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of two.

PROCTOR, David M., 56, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Jan. 18. Son of Dorothy Proctor. Brother of Joe Proctor.

RONNEBAUM, Marie, 78, St. Mary, Rushville, Jan. 19.

SATTLER, Bernice, 79, St. Agnes, Nashville, Jan. 16. Sister of Charles Jr. and Glenn Sattler, Sue Bunch.

SCHULER, Urban N., 85, St. Michael, Brookville, Jan. 12. Husband of Viola Schuler. Father of Nancy Brown, Linda Franklin, Donald and Ronald Schuler. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of 13.

STELZEL, Mary Elizabeth "Lib" (Vaughn), 87, St. Michael, Indianapolis, Jan. 7. Mother of John Stelzel, Barbara Greco, Yakima Washington. Sister of John, James, and Vic Vaughn, Anna Virginia Roberts, Eileen Priest, Kate Piercy. Grandmother of five. Grandmother of one.

SWEATT, Mary Alyce Johnson, 80, St. Rita, Indianapolis, Jan. 9. Mother of Muriel and Randall Sweatt. Sister of Juanita M. Johnson. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of five.

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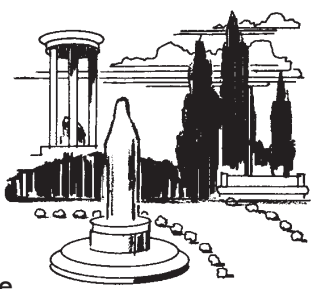


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News briefs

U.S.

Chavez enters Labor Hall of Fame

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Cesar Chavez, regarded as doing more than any other human being to advance the rights and dignity of U.S. farmworkers, entered the Labor Hall of Fame in Washington Jan. 28. In the 90-minute induction ceremony, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney called Chavez “one of the authentic heroes of the 20th century”—a man who “refused to suffer injustice silently,” and countered violent resistance with “unfailing nonviolence.” U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman said, “He helped Americans understand a basic truth: that farmworkers, who bring our food to our tables, must also have a recognized place in America. They must have dignity. They must have respect. They must have justice.”

Explore alternatives in stem-cell research, Senate panel urged

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The federal government is moving too quickly toward stem-cell research that involves deliberately destroyed human fetuses, without exploring other viable scientific options for creating new cells, an official of the U.S. bishops’ conference told a Senate subcommittee Jan. 26. Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director for policy development at the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, told the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education that in recent weeks “two startling scientific breakthroughs have made it even more clear that destructive embryo research is unnecessary.” The subcommittee was holding a hearing on the legal status of embryonic stem-cell research. It came after an announcement by the National Institutes of Health that research involving “pluripotent stem cells,” also called master cells, taken from human embryos could receive federal funding according to a legal opinion from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Papal intervention credited with death sentence commutation

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Personal intervention by Pope John Paul II in St. Louis has been credited for the Missouri governor’s decision to commute Darrell Mease’s death sentence to life without parole. Gov. Mel Carnahan announced the commutation Jan. 28, just hours after the pope left St. Louis at the end of a two-day visit. “In reaching this decision, I took into account the extraordinary circumstances of the pope’s request and the historical significance of the papal visit to St. Louis and the state of Missouri,” Carnahan, a Baptist, said in a statement.

Rabbi, others pray with pope

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—In a solemn Evening Prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Jan. 27, Pope John Paul II was joined by a rabbi and several leaders of other religious faiths. About 2,000 people filled the pews of the cathedral. Rabbi Robert Jacobs, vice president of the St. Louis Rabbinical Association, read a passage from Isaiah, delivering the first sentence in Hebrew. It was the first time a rabbi has proclaimed a reading at a Catholic service officiated by the pope.

Arizona Supreme Court upholds state tuition tax credit law

TUCSON, Ariz. (CNS)—In a ruling Jan. 26, the Arizona Supreme Court upheld a 1997 state tuition tax credit law. As a result, Arizona parents seeking a Catholic education for their children can earn tax credits for their donations to a “tuition support organization.” The 3-2 ruling rejected arguments by opponents of tax credits, who claim that credits effectively give public funds to private schools. Bob Heslinga, administrator of Tucson’s diocesan tuition support organization, told the diocesan paper, *Catholic Vision*, that he disagrees. “I am not anti public school. I am for choice,” he said. “In this diocese, we have bona fide schools that are fully credentialed. Why must parents be penalized for choosing one of those schools for their children?”

Renewal of community life called key to resolving crisis

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (CNS)—When it comes to religious life, it’s not the numbers but the lack of visibility that should concern everyone in the Church, says

Sister Doris Gottemoeller. And visibility, she adds, has little to do with wearing habits, and a lot to do with women religious living in community. The president of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, who also was president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, delivered an assessment of the current state of religious life—and mistakes made after the Second Vatican Council—during her keynote address to more than 200 women and men religious gathered at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale.

World

S. African church leaders fear increase in political violence

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Church leaders said they feared an increase in violence in Kwazulu-Natal province after the assassination of a warlord and reprisal killings. Politically motivated violence has left about 100,000 people homeless in the province, said Paddy Kearney, head of the Durban-based ecumenical group Diakonia. “This makes Kwazulu-Natal particularly volatile and unstable. It’s easy for those involved in the violence to recruit destitute, unemployed people, espe-

cially youths,” Kearney said in a Jan. 27 telephone interview from Durban. “Hungry people are attracted far more readily into jobs in the violence,” he added.

Philippine police arrest suspect in 1997 murder of bishop

MANILA, Philippines (CNS)—Police in the southern Philippines arrested a suspect in the 1997 killing of Bishop Benjamin de Jesús of Jolo. Chief Superintendent Lucas Managuelod, director of the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, said Mubin Mandangan was apprehended Jan. 27 at a police checkpoint in Tagbak, in Sulu province, 580 miles south of Manila. The arrest was reported by UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. Mandangan, who was once a security officer at the office of the governor of Sulu, was identified by a witness as one of two men who shot Bishop de Jesús six times in front of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral in Jolo, the provincial capital, Feb. 4, 1997. Mandangan was detained at the Sulu provincial jail. †

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'Mini-pilgrimage' part of caravan to St. Louis

By Sarah Gardner

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ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS—Nineteen years ago, Pope John Paul II landed in a helicopter in an Iowa cornfield for a Mass with a big gathering of people.

This is how Father Robert Mazzola remembers the first time he saw Pope John Paul II in 1979.

"It was something else—wonderful," Father Mazzola said. "He landed in a helicopter right in front of us and got out. It was a rainy cold October [day], so we were out with umbrellas on the hillside."

Father Mazzola, who serves in the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal, also saw Pope John Paul II in Rome in 1995 and again in 1998 for the beatification of Mother Theodore Guérin. Father Mazzola remembers in particular his last visit with the pope during Mother Theodore's beatification.

"We got to go up where he was seated and got to shake hands with the pope," he said.

Father Mazzola was just one of the 47 pilgrims on an archdiocesan "mini-pilgrimage" who set out to see Pope John Paul II on Jan. 26. According to Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel,

archdiocesan vicar general and leader of the pilgrimage, people learned of the trip through a notice in *The Criterion*.

The pilgrims departed from Indianapolis and made their first stop at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute, where they celebrated a Mass and then heard Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe's presentation on Mother Theodore Guérin's own pilgrimage to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The pilgrims then proceeded to St. Louis for the papal visit. They stopped for Mass Jan. 28 at Our Lady of the Snows, a shrine in Belleville, Ill., before returning to Indianapolis.

Msgr. Harold L. Knueven, pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, said he wanted to be part of the pilgrimage that supports Pope John Paul II because he believes in the pope as a strong representative of the Church and its people.

"I can remember seeing him in Rome in 1982," Msgr. Knueven said. "I was impressed by his enthusiasm, his zeal and his energy. I want to see him because this might be his last time in the United States.

"He is powerful in what he thinks. He is



Photo by Rob Banayote

A woman gazes at Pope John Paul II from her vantage point on an upper level of the Trans World Dome in St. Louis during the Jan. 27 eucharistic liturgy.

an enthusiastic and strong, dynamic leader. He still speaks out for what he stands for as head of the Church."

Msgr. Knueven said the experience means more to him on a deeper spiritual level. He planned to deliver the homily at Our Lady of the Snows.

"This helps make me appreciative of

what has gone before us as members of the Church," Msgr. Knueven added, "and all the theologians, people who studied the Catholic faith, Catholic traditions. It deepens my belief in the history of the Church."

Phyllis Daming, of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, read about the opportunity in *The Criterion* and

heard about other people who had seen Pope John Paul II.

"I just thought that it would be neat to hear him say the Mass, and hopefully I will get something spiritual out of it," she said.

"We feel that he is a well-liked and respected pope and he has done a lot for our faith," Daming said. "I know he is getting older and this may be the last opportunity I would have, and I thought I would jump on it." †

(Sarah Gardner is a senior at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College at Saint Mary of the Woods.)

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about how it's God's initiative, it's Christ's initiative, that makes it possible for us to do anything, all the good things we need to do. And that's a consolation, because on our own, facing all the needs, it gets pretty worrisome."

Archbishop Buechlein said he also liked the pope's "clarity about the ethic of pro-life issues, from conception to natural death. He made very clear that he thinks, in society today with the capacities we have to protect people, that it's not justifiable any more to be talking about the death penalty. He was very clear on that.

"And then, of course, I liked his great emphasis on the importance of the family as the first school, the first Church, the first unit of society," the archbishop said. "And he put it all very clearly when he said, 'As the family goes, so goes the nation.'"

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese, described the papal Mass as "really inspiring ... because the Holy Father is here in our country. I think the liturgy today and the crowd showed the strength and vitality of the American Church." †

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