



Pope Benedict XVI waves to the faithful as he arrives for the canonization ceremony of Italian Sister Rosa Venerini, Mexican Bishop Rafael Guizar Valencia, Italian Father Filippo Smaldone and Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Oct. 15.



Concelebrants for the canonization ceremony and Mass at St. Peter's Square on Oct. 15, including Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, right, kiss the altar during the ceremony. Four people, including Mother Theodore Guérin, were deemed saints during the ceremony.



Three representatives of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the order founded by Mother Theodore Guérin, bring up relics of their foundress at her canonization ceremony at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Oct. 15. The sisters are, from left, Sisters Ann Margaret O'Hara, Nancy Nolan and Diane Ris.

## CELEBRATING ST. THEODORA GUÉRIN, A GIFT FROM GOD TO THE CHURCH



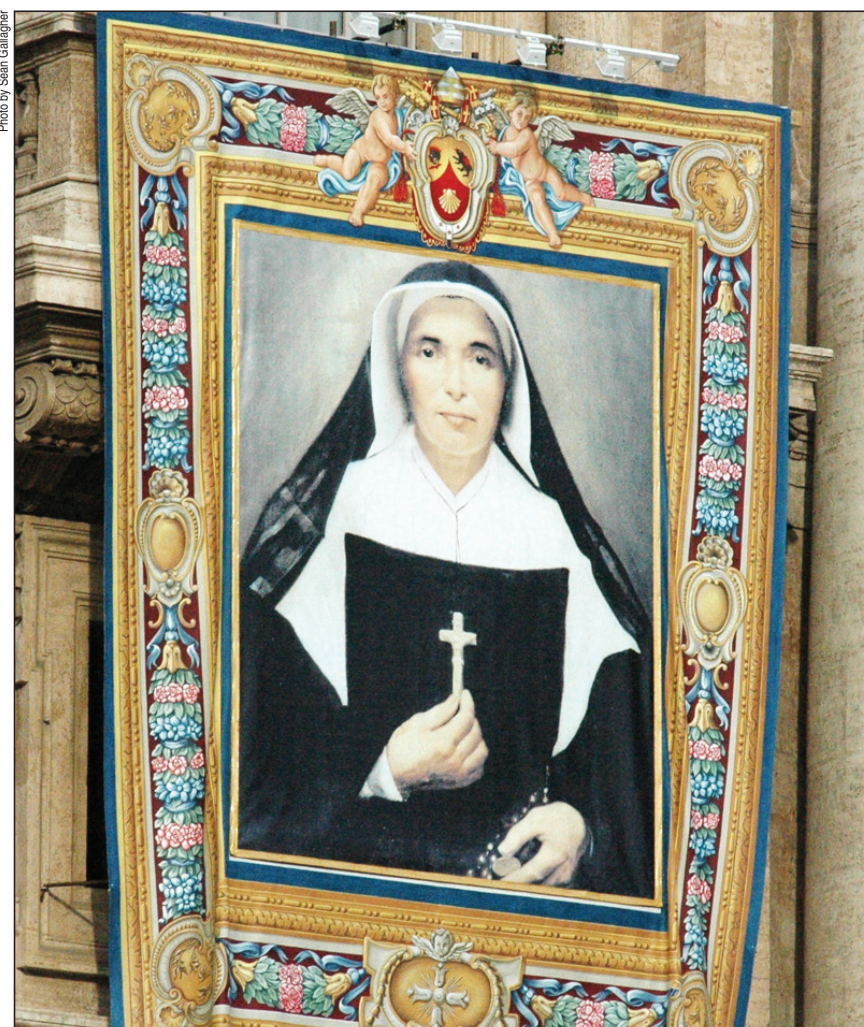
Providence Sister Jane Gibson of Indianapolis applauds as she waits to enter St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Oct. 15 canonization Mass. To her immediate right is Mary Weber, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.



Sisters of Providence hold hands as they pray the Lord's Prayer during the eucharistic liturgy on Oct. 15 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The 11 a.m. Mass was celebrated by Father Daniel Hopcus, chaplain of the congregation, seven hours after the canonization Mass in Rome.



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis prays during an Oct. 16 Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin the previous day. The Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome.



A tapestry hanging from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica shows Mother Theodore Guérin, one of four new saints canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican on Oct. 15. St. Theodora founded an order of nuns still active today and was a pioneer in Catholic education in Indiana in the 19th century.



Deanery representatives from the archdiocese's 11 deaneries process in with candles and banners at the beginning of the Oct. 15 Mass for youths at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. About 300 young people attended the Mass honoring St. Theodora Guérin.