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## Discovering a greater truth



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Dominican Father Robert Keller, pastor of the St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, baptizes Hillary Brooks, a senior at Indiana University in Bloomington, during the parish's Easter Vigil on April 11.

### Relationships bring youths, young adults into the Church

By Sean Gallagher

A person's teenage and young adult years can be the most crucial of his or her life.

During this time, young men and women confront questions that have lifelong implications.

What should I major in? What career is right for me? What is more important to me? Earning a lot of money? Earning less but finding fulfillment and peace of heart?

Other questions that have eternal consequences loom even larger, but are sometimes not given as much attention.

What vocation is God calling me to? Am I going to have a mature relationship

of faith with God or is that not really important? Does God even exist?

Father Rick Nagel, archdiocesan director of young adult ministry, said teenagers and young adults often explore these questions and come closer to God and the Church through relationships.

"It's all about relationships," he said. "They'll attend a Mass or they'll see another young adult living out their Catholic faith and sense that there's a greater truth there that they desire."

A teenager and two young adults made such a discovery over the past year, and chose to be baptized in parishes across the archdiocese during the Easter Vigil on April 11.

**'A journey that will never end'**  
Hillary Brooks is a senior at

Indiana University in Bloomington and is majoring in Germanic studies. She was baptized during the Easter Vigil celebrated at the St. Paul Catholic Center on campus.

Although she grew up an hour north in Indianapolis, her journey to the Church took her to Germany and Italy.

While studying during her junior year in Freiberg, Germany, Brooks befriended some Italian students there who were involved in Communion and Liberation, an Italian-based Catholic lay movement.

As their friendship grew, the Italians invited Brooks to short prayers before lunch, to Mass and eventually to a Communion and Liberation conference in Rimini, Italy, that drew 7,000 people.

The genuine and deep way that her

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### Glendon declines to accept Notre Dame's prestigious Laetare Medal

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Citing concerns about plans to honor President Barack Obama



Mary Ann Glendon

despite his views on "fundamental principles of justice" that are contrary to Catholic teaching, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Mary Ann Glendon has turned down the prestigious Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame.

In an April 27 letter to Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president, Glendon said she will not participate in May 17 commencement exercises during which the award was to have been presented.

The letter, posted on the blog of the magazine *First Things*, does not mention specific justice principles, but Glendon was critical of Notre Dame's decision to give Obama an honorary degree.

Obama supports legal abortion and his administration recently proposed new regulations that would allow the use of federal funds for embryonic stem-cell research. Both are in direct conflict with fundamental Church teaching.

The Laetare Medal is presented annually to an American Catholic layperson for outstanding service to the Catholic Church and society.

A spokeswoman for the Indiana university confirmed on April 27 that Glendon, who served as ambassador from 2007 until earlier this year, was the first person to accept and then later decline the award.

Father Jenkins offered a two-sentence response on the university's Web site.

"We are, of course, disappointed that Professor Glendon has made this decision," his statement said. "It is our intention to award the Laetare Medal to another deserving recipient, and we will make the announcement as soon as possible."

Glendon, professor of law at

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## 175th anniversary Mass to be celebrated on May 3

Criterion staff report

At 3 p.m. on May 3, approximately 30,000 to 40,000 Catholics from across central and southern Indiana will worship together with approximately 20 bishops and more than 100 priests during a Mass at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Vincennes, which later became the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

All Catholics from across central and southern Indiana and those from outside the archdiocese are invited to the Mass. The general public may attend as well.

On May 6, 1834, Pope Gregory XVI established the Diocese of Vincennes. At the time, it comprised the entire state of Indiana and the eastern third of Illinois, including Chicago which, at the time, was a tiny village on the shore of Lake Michigan.

The pope appointed then-Father Simon

Bruté as the first bishop of Vincennes. He, along with three priests, shepherded some 25,000 Catholics across more than 50,000 square miles.

"This huge gathering of Catholics from around the archdiocese will be an exciting demonstration of how the Church in central and southern Indiana has grown in the past 175 years," said Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general. "We will give God thanks for his marvelous gifts to us all these years."

Tickets will not be needed for general seating in the stands. Those to be confirmed and others to be honored at the Mass will have reserved seats on the stadium floor.

The Mass will be broadcast on giant screens in the stadium to aid those seated far away from the altar.

All present will be able to receive Communion, and attendance at the Mass will fulfill one's Sunday obligation. A collection will be taken up to support the anniversary

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friends and the people at the conference approached their faith impressed Brooks.

"When you were on the bus going to the convention center for the lectures, they asked you to remain silent," she said. "It was an outward sign that we respected the work that we were going to do."

They were also quiet during the lectures, presentations and liturgies—a marked change from the Pentecostal events she would go to as a youth.

"If you've ever seen 7,000 Italian people being silent together, it's pretty impressive."

After the conference, Brooks began to consider what God might be calling her to through these friendships.

"It wasn't just about making friends with these people and practicing my German," she said. "It was something that was relevant to my life."

When she returned home for her senior year, Brooks entered into St. Paul's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) even though she knew few Catholics at IU and was an ocean away from the friends who had led her to the Church.

But she found a group of people at St. Paul's who had a commitment to their faith that was similar to her Italian friends.

"With some of the parishioners and priests that I've gotten to know, you feel that it's just completely clear that these people ... are completely dedicated to their faith," Brooks said. "For these people, living without their faith in God and living without the Church ... is not an option, because then they would not be living their lives to the fullest."

Though they live thousands of miles away, Brooks was joined at the Easter Vigil by three of her Italian friends, including Erica Guerini of Milan.

When asked about her role in bringing Brooks to embrace the faith, Guerini was reluctant to take credit. But the importance of relationships was evident.

"I actually didn't do anything special," Guerini said. "I just spent time with a girl I met in Germany. But the three of us were so free to tell her who we were—because it was essential to us—that she could make the

same" commitment to the faith that they had made.

"The baptism will be the beginning. It's just the gateway," Brooks said. "It's a journey that will never end."

## 'I felt like I was a part of everything'

Relationships also led Laura Allen to be baptized during the Easter Vigil at St. Michael Church in Bradford.

An 18-year-old senior at North Harrison High School in southern Indiana, Laura wasn't raised in any faith tradition.

But when her older sister married a Catholic, she saw the positive effect the faith had on her. Laura started going to Mass with her sister and brother-in-law, and eventually entered St. Michael Parish's RCIA with her sister.

The relationships that fostered her faith expanded as she came to know some of the parish's leaders and parishioners.

All of this became more important during RCIA when Laura suffered a severe knee injury while playing basketball. She ended up having her anterior cruciate ligaments reconstructed in one knee. All told, she has had this surgery done twice on both knees.

"It seems like this time around it's been easier on me mentally to handle it," Laura said. "I expected it to be different because it was the fourth time."

"... The people I've met have definitely helped. They're all encouraging and very nice there at the [parish]."

The human relationships she has made and her physical trials along her journey of faith have led Laura to deepen her relationship of prayer with Christ.

"Before I started going to RCIA and to church, I would pray whenever I thought about it, [but] I wasn't on any type of schedule," Laura said. "But [now] it comes almost naturally. I usually pray every night before I go to bed."

"And any time that an ambulance goes by, I always say a prayer for the people and hope that they're all right."

At the Easter Vigil at the parish, Laura was



Laura Allen



Father Thomas Kovatch, administrator of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright, poses with Natalie and Travis Scheibler on April 11 in the parish's church after the celebration of the Easter Vigil. During the liturgy, Travis was baptized, confirmed and received Communion for the first time.

the first in the congregation to receive Communion. After having been drawn close to Christ in the sacrament and seeing the rest of the parishioners do the same, she was happy with her decision to be baptized.

"It was nice," she said. "I really felt like I was a part of everything. That's something that I had missed out on my whole life."

## 'He's there all the time'

Perhaps the most profound human relationship possible is that between husband and wife.

In the Catholic tradition, it is a sacrament through which God draws the spouses closer to himself through each other.

This is true for spouses of any age, but in the case of Travis and Natalie Scheibler it was particularly meaningful because Travis was raised with no meaningful connection to a faith community.

That began to change when he graduated from North Decatur High School in southeastern Indiana in 2001 and met his future wife, Natalie, who was a member of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg.

While they dated as students at Purdue University, Natalie gently encouraged Travis to go to Mass with her.

"I really feel like Travis was being called

for years," Natalie said. "Instead of being pushy, ... I think I tried to be a gentle [influence], ... a loving example. I feel like the Holy Spirit was calling him and, through me, Travis could recognize that."

The pair, both 26, married in 2007 and are members of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright in the Batesville Deanery. Travis was baptized, confirmed and received his first Communion at the Easter Vigil there on April 11.

As Travis progressed through the parish's RCIA, he not only felt his bond with Natalie strengthened, but his relationship with God blossomed as well.

"Learning to have a relationship with God is the main change that I've seen in me," he said. "The more that I've learned about the faith and the more that I've become a part of the Church, the more I've learned about how to pray."

"I just kind of feel that presence. He's there all of the time."

A few days after the Easter Vigil, Travis said he still has "a feeling of peace over the top of [him]." He also has a new and deeper appreciation for his wife, Natalie.

"I'm very thankful for her," Travis said. "Having her come into my life was the way [that] God touched me." †

## On life issue, Cardinal George says Obama on 'wrong side of history'

KENNER, La. (CNS)—President Barack Obama is a "very gracious and obviously a very smart man," but he is on the "wrong side of history" when it comes to his fervent support of abortion rights, Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George told the 2009 Louisiana Priests Convention on April 21.

Cardinal George, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told 200 priests from the seven dioceses of Louisiana that, while he wants Obama to succeed in his efforts to right the economy, enhance world peace and help the poor, the president needs to understand that the Catholic Church will not allow the life issue to be abandoned.

In a question-and-answer session that followed his keynote speech to priests on offering compassionate ministry to people who are hurting, Cardinal George offered a candid assessment of his 30-minute meeting with the president at the White House on March 18.

"I think on the life issue he's on the wrong side of

history," the cardinal said. "I think he has his political debts to pay, and so he's paying them."

Cardinal George said his conversation with the president was polite but substantive.

"It's hard to disagree with him because he'll always tell you he agrees with you," he said. "Maybe that's political. I think he sincerely wants to agree with you. You have to say, again and again, 'No, Mr. President, we don't agree [on abortion]. But we can agree on a lot, and we do, and that's why there is so much hope. I think we have to pray for him every day.'"

Cardinal George said he told the president he was concerned about his decision to rescind the Mexico City policy, which resulted in providing taxpayer money to fund abortion overseas.

"He said we weren't exporting abortion," the cardinal said. "I said, 'Yes, we are.' He would say, 'I know I have to do certain things here. ... But be patient and you'll see the pattern will change.' I said, 'Mr. President, you've given us nothing but the wrong signals on this issue.' So, we'll see, but I'm not as

hopeful now as I was when he was first elected."

The Church and the president find common ground on supporting social programs that lift up the poor, but Cardinal George said on the issue of abortion, "I think we're up against something a little bit like slavery."

"These are members of the human family, genetically individuated, [with] a human father and a human mother," he said. "What their legal status is, of course, you can debate, and we have. ... John Paul II says you cannot simply live comfortably with an immoral legal system, any more than you could live comfortably with slavery, and therefore you have to work to change the law."

"It's a society-dividing issue, and on this issue, we're with Abraham Lincoln and he's with Stephen Douglas, and he doesn't like to hear that, but that's where he is."

The cardinal was referring to the seven debates held in 1858 between Lincoln and his opponent for an Illinois seat in the U.S. Senate. Slavery was the main issue discussed in all of the debates. †

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# Spirit of Service winners know 'how to live the good life'

By John Shaughnessy

One by one, they walked onto the stage to receive their awards—five people who



are examples of "how to live the good life" even in the most challenging economic times.

The youngest—21-year-old Jenna Knapp—lives the good life by trying to make a difference to children in need.

The oldest—86-year-old Robert Sullivan—knows the personal fulfillment that comes from running a successful business, and sharing a family's success with schools, parishes and Catholic agencies that reach out to people who need help.

And the three other 2009 Spirit of Service Award winners—Maxine Ferguson, Lynne O'Day and Patty Schmalz—could each give seminars on how to grow rich in life by sharing your talents and giving away your love.

That alternate definition of "Living the Good Life in Tough Economic Times" wasn't the official theme of the Spirit of Service Awards dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis on April 22, but it certainly reflected the spirit of the annual event that helped Catholic Charities Indianapolis raise about \$160,000 to continue its ever-expanding efforts to help the needy.

Just consider the key points that the executive director of Catholic Charities Indianapolis—David Bethuram—made during the awards dinner.

"Ninety years ago, Catholic Charities Indianapolis was founded to serve the poor and hurting of our community on the premise that every human being has the right to a dignified and cared-for existence," Bethuram said. "Since those

early days, we have been blessed to make a difference in many lives from all faiths.

"We continue to provide quality services helping people as they struggle with poverty, homelessness, unemployment, emotional health, loneliness and isolation. Last year, we touched the lives of nearly 30,000 people."

And the requests for basic needs have increased dramatically during the economic crisis, Bethuram noted. "Our shelter services have seen a 30 percent increase in the number of calls from families for housing assistance, and our Crisis Office has served more than 9,000 households this year with food assistance, which is nearly double the amount of households we served last year."

In the midst of that rising demand, the archdiocese continues to increase its commitment, Bethuram said. A new Holy Family Shelter is scheduled to open in the fall on the campus of Holy Trinity Parish in Indianapolis, a facility that will provide for an additional 300 people every year.

That deep commitment also marks the lives of the 2009 Spirit of Service Award winners, according to Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein.

Addressing the winners personally during the annual celebration, the archbishop told them: "Your commitment to selflessly serving the poor, the sick, the elderly and anyone in need is proof that one person can make a difference. I hope others will be inspired to follow in your footsteps and rise to the challenge to see the face of Christ in everyone."

It's a way of life—"the good life"—that's evident in each of the award winners.

Consider the life-affirming efforts of Lynne O'Day. Early in her marriage, she and her husband, Daniel, adopted their son and their daughter—blessings that led to Day's deep, long-term commitment to serving as a volunteer for St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services in Indianapolis.

O'Day has been extensively involved with Catholic Charities agencies throughout the archdiocese. She also volunteers for the Genessaret Free Clinic, which provides medical care to the poor and the homeless in Marion County.

"I've been blessed," says O'Day, a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.

Photos by Richard Clark



Spirit of Service Award winners, seated from left, are Maxine Ferguson, Lynne O'Day, Jenna Knapp and Patty Schmalz. Standing, from left, are Pat Sullivan, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Robert Sullivan.

"This is a wonderful way to share my blessings with others."

That same approach guides Maxine Ferguson, another award winner from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis. She makes weekly visits to bring Communion to the parish's sick and homebound members. She greets people as a volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Client Choice Food Pantry, and she serves lunch to children from needy families who come to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for a summer day camp. She has also visited people in prison.

"I'm thankful to be part of the physical and spiritual lives of others, which helps to strengthen mine," says Ferguson, a retired teacher who taught at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis and served as principal at St. Rita School in Indianapolis. "It's just a privilege to help others."

Jenna Knapp has learned that perspective at a young age. For nearly all of 2008, the 21-year-old University of Notre Dame student lived and volunteered in El Salvador and Uganda in two settings marked by poverty and desperation—and by faith and hope.

She began her six months in Uganda by volunteering for an organization that builds elementary schools in Africa. Later, she served as a "mother" in a group home for 11 street children. In El Salvador, she taught English to children in an urban slum.

"I feel I'm more alive when I'm living in service and not removed from it," says Knapp, a graduate of St. Pius X School in Indianapolis. "With what I've been given in life, I feel I owe so much back. I want to

listen and love in a way that I hope I can sustain all through my life."

Patty Schmalz has dedicated more than 35 years of her life to St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. She has served as a lector, a food pantry volunteer, co-chair of the parish festival, a marriage preparation team leader and president of the ladies' club. She was also the first woman elected chairperson of the parish pastoral council.

Similar to the other Spirit of Service Award winners this year, she feels humbled by the honor. She just believes she is using the gifts that God has given her.

"When you use your gifts the way he intends you to use them, you're fulfilled," Schmalz says. "I felt I found it years ago. This is what fits. This is what's right."

That approach to life and faith also marks the Sullivan family, the owners of Sullivan Hardware and Garden, this year's choice for the Corporate Leadership Award.

Since Robert Sullivan started the business in 1954, the family has followed a tradition of sharing its blessings with the Church. Besides supporting numerous parishes and parish schools for the past 55 years, the Sullivan family also contributes to Seeds of Hope, the Little Sisters of the Poor and Right to Life of Indianapolis.

"My dad always led by example," says Pat Sullivan, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, who now runs the family business. "Whatever the Church needed, he did it. We learned from him. It's always been a part of our lives. It's what we do." †



David Bethuram, executive director of Catholic Charities Indianapolis, discusses the valuable outreach provided by Catholic Charities to the local community.

## More than 600 students to graduate at Catholic colleges in archdiocese

Criterion staff report

Students, families and educators will join in the celebration as the three Catholic colleges in the archdiocese hold their graduation ceremonies in May.

### Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

An advocate of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, Marlene EchoHawk will deliver the commencement address at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College on May 2.

The commencement for more than 140 members of the 2009 graduating class will begin at 2 p.m. in the Cecilian Auditorium of the college's Conservatory of Music.

A 1953 graduate of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, EchoHawk has dedicated her life to helping improve the health care of American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, families, villages, communities and tribes. A member of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, EchoHawk will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from her alma mater.

The college will also honor Mary Pat Kelly as the college's 2009 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient.

A 1967 graduate of the college, Kelly is an author and filmmaker whose work includes the recently published novel *Galway Bay*.

This will be the 168th commencement ceremony for the college founded by the Sisters of Providence.

### Marian College

Marian College will set a record and mark a significant ending when it holds its 72nd annual commencement at 10 a.m. on May 9 at the Allen Whitehill Clowes Amphitheater on campus.

The new record will be established as 422 students are expected to graduate from the college founded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg.

The significant ending will be marked as the school celebrates its final commencement under the name Marian College. The college will become Marian University on July 1.

The commencement speaker will be James E. Rogers, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Duke Energy, a North Carolina-based electric power

company that is the largest electricity provider in Indiana. Rogers will receive an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.

Indiana Pacers' owners Herb and Mel Simon will each receive an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at the graduation ceremony. And Marian alumna Anna C. Dean Dillon will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. A 1949 graduate of Marian, Dillon is a trustee of the college and a community leader.

### Saint Meinrad School of Theology

Forty-one students are expected to receive master's degrees when Saint Meinrad School of Theology holds its commencement at 2 p.m. central time on May 9.

The ceremony will take place in the archabbey's St. Bede Theater, where graduates will receive degrees that include Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies and Master of Arts in Catholic Thought and Life.

The commencement address will be given by Bishop George J. Lucas of the Diocese of Springfield, Ill. †



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## Editorial



Pope Benedict XVI smells a flower offered by a girl during his visit in Luanda, Angola, on March 21.

# AIDS and condoms

Can it be true that the distribution of condoms only makes the problem of AIDS worse?

That is what Pope Benedict XVI said during a press conference while flying to Africa in March. A number of questions from reporters were submitted to him in advance and he chose to answer one concerning the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

He said that the Church can help bring answers to the AIDS problem, but then he said: "One cannot overcome the problem with the distribution of condoms. On the contrary, they increase the problem."

Not surprisingly, the secular media ridiculed his statement. How could the distribution of condoms possibly increase the problem? Doesn't he know that condoms are the solution to the problem of AIDS?

That has been the conventional wisdom. It is the reason the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has distributed an estimated 10 billion condoms to underdeveloped countries.

If condoms are the answer, though, why is the AIDS problem so severe despite their distribution in Africa? The more condoms distributed, the higher the rate of HIV infections. More than 22 million Africans are now living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. That is about 67 percent of all HIV-positive people in the world.

Almost three out of every four AIDS deaths in 2007 occurred in sub-Saharan Africa—1.6 million out of a total of 2.1 million. New infections during 2007 totaled 2.5 million worldwide, 1.7 million of which were in Africa.

In Kenya alone, at least 1.5 million people have died from AIDS since 1984. This writer has visited schools in both Kenya and South Africa where teenage students have lost both parents to AIDS. Those students are determined that it won't happen to them. The possibility of contracting HIV/AIDS is a powerful incentive to refrain from sex.

Pope Benedict insists that what he calls "the humanization of sexuality" and sexual responsibility are the answers to the AIDS problem. Sexual abstinence before marriage and faithfulness in marriage will prevent HIV.

The distribution of condoms, though, tends to encourage sexual promiscuity, which is why they make the problem of AIDS worse. Condoms cannot be relied

upon to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, but they often give those who use them a false sense of security.

Of course, sexual abstinence before marriage is difficult, but it is not impossible.

This was the basic thrust of a column that appeared in the March 29 issue of *The Washington Post*. It was written by Edward Green, a senior research scientist at Harvard University's School of Public Health, who has studied AIDS prevention in developing countries.

Green took the mainstream media to task for its criticism of Pope Benedict and noted that several studies published recently in several major scientific journals confirm the pontiff's statement.

In his column, Green made it clear that he is not "anti-condom" in general, but does not support them as the primary way to fight AIDS in Africa.

This fact actually should lend greater weight in society at large to the pope's argument since Green is agreeing with the pope on scientific grounds alone.

In making his argument, Green noted a successful AIDS prevention program in Uganda, Kenya's southern neighbor.

Its president, Yoweri Museveni, has long championed sexual abstinence as the best way to conquer AIDS. He has accused the United States of promoting the use of condoms in Africa "for selfish reasons." Uganda has done better than any other country in Africa in slowing down the rate of HIV infections.

One of the reasons that Pope Benedict chose to speak about AIDS during that press conference on the plane is because the Catholic Church has made real progress in helping to fight AIDS, especially by encouraging the use of anti-retroviral drugs and encouraging sexual abstinence for young people.

It works. *The Economist* reported in its June 3, 2006, issue that figures from UNAIDS show that the proportion of people having sex before they reached the age of 15 had dropped in eight of the 11 African countries studied—parts of Africa where prevention methods hadn't worked before.

"Whisper it softly in the halls of activism," the article stated, "but abstinence before marriage and fidelity within it may actually be working."

—John F. Fink

## Parish Diary/Fr. Peter Daly

# Thank God for Susan Boyle

Thank God for Susan Boyle.

Just when we need it, she gives our spirits a lift with a taste of "resurrection joy" in this Easter season.



Unless you have been on retreat with the Trappists, you probably know about Susan Boyle. She is the 47-year-old unmarried woman from Scotland. She is unemployed, "but still looking."

She won the hearts of the world singing on Easter weekend on "Britain's Got Talent."

In the two weeks following her performance, she set a record for the most page views ever on the Internet, with more than 85 million "hits" to see her sing.

Boyle is the most improbable of celebrities. She has the solid figure of a woman whose exercise is household chores. Her hair has rarely seen a stylist. She does not own a car or have a driver's license.

She walks everywhere in her village of Blackburn. In 10 minutes, she can reach all the essentials of her world: the grocery store; the Happy Valley pub, where she sings karaoke; and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, where she sings in the choir.

Susan lives alone with her cat, Pebbles.

Until her mother died two years ago, she was the caregiver for her elderly parents. The youngest of nine children, Boyle lives in the rented rowhouse where she grew up. She told Scottish television that she has no boyfriend, had never been on a date and, sadly, has never even been kissed.

The children of the neighborhood admitted on television that they tease her when she walks out in the village. Maybe that is why she kept her dignity when she walked out on that stage in Glasgow before a mocking audience. The lions. They were ready to tear her apart.

The camera captured teenage girls in the audience rolling their eyes. The judges had smirks on their faces. Simon Cowell, the professional serpent on these shows, asked her why she had not achieved her dream of

becoming a professional singer.

She said simply, "I've never been given the chance, really."

He puffed.

Then she sang.

What a voice!

Boyle sang "I Dreamed a Dream" from *Les Miserables*, a sad song about lost innocence and shattered optimism.

Cowell's eyebrow went up. He leaned back in shock. The same smart-aleck teens who had rolled their eyes were suddenly on their feet, cheering.

Piers Morgan, one of the judges, said, "When you walked out on that stage, everybody was laughing at you. Nobody is laughing now."

Amanda Holden, the third judge, said, "Everybody was against you. That was the biggest wake-up call ever."

I watched the tape over and over again. I cried each time.

The whole world is cheering for Susan Boyle now.

But we aren't cheering just for her.

We're cheering for all the girls who have never been kissed.

For all the people who live alone with their cats.

For all the unemployed people who are "still looking."

For every child who gives up youth and dreams to take care of elderly parents.

For everyone who sings in church choirs for nothing more than the love of God.

We are cheering for all the lonely people around the world who have never "been given a chance, really."

Boyle burst on the scene on Easter weekend. She gave us a little taste of resurrection joy when the impossible happens, when hope is renewed and dreams are realized.

When the Brits are surprised, they say they are "gobsmacked."

I think the whole world was really "God-smacked."

Thanks, Susan.

(Father Peter Daly writes for *Catholic News Service*.) †

## Pandemic Problem

Concerns about a possible swine flu pandemic have spread around the world. An influenza pandemic occurs when a new flu virus emerges in humans and spreads easily from person to person resulting in an enormous number of illnesses and deaths. Pandemic flu can occur at any time and is not the same as seasonal flu.

### MAJOR PANDEMICS

**1918** SPANISH FLU kills more than 500,000 in U.S., 20-50 million worldwide.

**1957-58** ASIAN FLU kills 70,000 in U.S.

**1968-69** HONG KONG FLU kills 34,000 in U.S.

### TAKE PRECAUTIONS

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Alcohol-based cleaners are also effective.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Store a two-week supply of water and food.
- Have health supplies and nonprescription drugs on hand.
- Stay home from work and school if sick.



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# SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

## BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

### Humble faith needs the nourishment and fortification of prayer

**I** extend a last-minute invitation to our 175th Jubilee celebration at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis this coming Sunday at 3 p.m.

It will be a grand celebration of God's blessings on our local Church over many years.

As we enter the month of May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, I am reminded that our founding missionary bishop, the Servant of God Simon Bruté, had a special devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.

He had wanted to be consecrated a bishop on the feast of the Holy Rosary in October of 1834, but it couldn't be worked out.

Our Jubilee is a good time to refresh our devotion to our Mother Mary. We don't worship Mary, but we do venerate her as our Mother.

I often think about a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Poland a few years ago. It is the third most-visited Marian shrine in Europe.

On that visit, I had the privilege of celebrating Mass before the treasured icon of our Lady. Two things struck me at this shrine.

First was the fact that the face of Our Lady is scarred from having been attacked with a sword by an enemy of the Church. Because of that incident, the sacred icon is protected behind a decorative silver screen except for certain hours of the day.

Before our Mass, the screen was raised

with musical fanfare. It was riveting to see, encased next to the sacred icon, the sash that Pope John Paul II was wearing when he was shot in St. Peter's Square by his would-be assassin. His sash is blood-stained, and there are visible bullet holes.

It is as though the image of Our Lady and the sash of Pope John Paul II are, in effect, a catechesis telling us the cost of living the message of the Gospel of love.

While I was celebrating Mass and while I was preaching, off to my left pilgrims were approaching the sanctuary on their knees. Elderly people, young adults and children were shuffling on their knees. Some had come from a great distance.

In the shrine, there were long lines of people waiting to go to confession. Some years ago, I had witnessed the same devotion at the sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico.

At first, I was distracted and tempted to think that I wish they would wait until the end of Mass. Then I thought, no, these devout folks are also a witness to us and cause us to strengthen our faith.

Clearly, the pilgrims that I observed are humble people of deep faith and hope. They were approaching the holy Mother of Jesus Christ, whose own humility went as far as the Cross. These folks have a sense of what is true.

There is still a wonderful sense of the sacred in the Catholic culture of the people in Poland and in Mexico. But we would be

mistaken to dismiss this sense of humble faith as something that is unique to the Polish and Mexican culture and not applicable to ours.

A humble faith and a deep reverence for sacred mystery and for the Mother of God is not a matter of national enculturation.

Depth of faith in divine Providence and the place of the Mother of God is a good point for our reflection at this jubilee time. With God and through Mother Mary's intercession, all things are possible.

There is something else about this lesson in faith. Where did the late Holy Father get such faith that would support him when there was an attempt on his life? I think of his telling that one night when he woke up he saw his father kneeling bedside praying. He never forgot that witness of his father.

Humble faith needs the nourishment and the fortification of prayer. If we don't live close enough to Jesus and His Mother, we can lose the strength of our faith. Unless we keep close contact with God by prayer, we lose that living power of faith that can make great things happen.

Secondly, we lose humility. What we should see and do for the glory of God we forget. I encourage us to seek the truth of

our humanity on our knees before Christ and His Holy Mother.

Our ancestors who followed Bishop Bruté to the territory that became the state of Indiana were courageous pioneers of our Catholic faith and, not surprisingly, like our founding bishop, they brought with them a devotion to the Blessed Mother.

In 1846, St. Theodora Guérin established the Sisters of Providence at Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods and, through the influence of her teaching sisters, a special devotion to Mary was infused in the Diocese of Vincennes and beyond.

Our Lady of Providence, pray for us. †

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

Archbishop Buechlein's  
Prayer List  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
1400 N. Meridian St.  
P.O. Box 1410  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-1410

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

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

## La fe humilde necesita del sustento y la fortaleza de la oración

**Q**uisiera extenderles una invitación de última hora a la celebración de nuestro aniversario número 175 en el estadio Lucas Oil en Indianápolis, el próximo domingo a las 3 p.m.

Será una celebración por todo lo alto de las bendiciones de Dios en nuestra Iglesia Local a lo largo de todos estos años.

A medida que nos adentramos en el mes de mayo, dedicado a nuestra Santa Madre, me viene a la memoria que nuestro misionero fundador, el Obispo Simón Bruté, sentía una devoción especial hacia nuestra Santa Madre María.

Habría querido que se le consagrara como obispo durante la festividad del Santo Rosario, en octubre de 1834, pero no pudieron hacerse los arreglos pertinentes.

Nuestro aniversario resulta una ocasión oportuna para renovar nuestra devoción a la Madre María. No adoramos a María sino que la veneramos como nuestra Madre.

A menudo recuerdo una peregrinación al Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Czestochowa, en Polonia, hace algunos años. Se trata del tercer santuario mariano más visitado en Europa.

Durante ese viaje tuve el privilegio de celebrar la Misa delante del valiosísimo icono de Nuestra Señora. Hubo dos cosas que me impactaron en ese santuario.

Primero, el hecho de que el rostro de Nuestra Señora haya quedado marcado luego de que un enemigo de la Iglesia le atacara con una espada. Debido a este incidente, el icono marcado se encuentra protegido por una pantalla plateada decorativa, salvo en ciertos momentos del día.

Antes de nuestra Misa se levantó la pantalla con una fanfarria musical. Fue fascinante ver colocada en una vitrina junto al icono sagrado, la faja que llevaba el Papa Juan Pablo II cuando el que habría podido ser su asesino le disparó en la Plaza de San Pedro. La faja está manchada de sangre y en ella se aprecian agujeros de bala.

Es como si la imagen de Nuestra Señora y la faja del Papa Juan Pablo II, en efecto, nos hablaran del precio de vivir el mensaje del Evangelio del amor.

Mientras celebraba la Misa y durante el sermón, a mi izquierda, los peregrinos se acercaban de rodillas al santuario: ancianos, jóvenes adultos y niños se desplazaban arrodillados. Algunos habían recorrido grandes distancias.

En el santuario había largas filas de personas esperando para confesarse. Hacía algunos años había presenciado la misma devoción en el santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en México.

Al principio me sentí distraído y estuve tentado a pensar: ojalá esperaran hasta el final de la Misa. Y luego recapacité: no, estos devotos son también un testimonio y hacen que nuestra fe se fortalezca.

Ciertamente los peregrinos que vi eran personas humildes con una profunda fe y esperanza. Se acercaban a la santa Madre de Jesucristo, quien en su propia humildad llegó hasta la Cruz. Estas personas poseen un sentido de la verdad.

En la cultura católica de los pueblos de Polonia y México se conserva todavía un maravilloso sentido de lo sagrado. Pero sería un error desestimar este sentido de fe humilde como una característica peculiar de

las culturas polaca y mexicana que no es aplicable a nosotros.

La fe humilde, la profunda reverencia por el misterio sagrado y por la Madre de Dios no es un asunto de culturización nacional.

La fe profunda en la Divina Providencia y el lugar que ocupa la Madre de Dios resultan excelentes temas de reflexión para esta época de aniversario. Con Dios y a través de la intercesión de la Madre María, todo es posible.

Hay algo más acerca de esta lección de fe. ¿De dónde obtuvo el difunto Santo Padre semejante fe que lo amparó al producirse un atentado contra su vida? Recuerdo su relato de que una noche, al despertarse, vio a su padre rezando arrodillado junto a su cama. Nunca olvidó ese testimonio de su padre.

La fe humilde necesita del sustento y la fortaleza de la oración. Si no vivimos lo suficientemente cerca de Jesús y de su Madre, nuestra fe puede debilitarse. A menos que mantengamos una estrecha comunicación con Dios mediante la oración, perdemos ese poder vivo de la fe que puede hacer que sucedan grandes cosas.

Segundo, perdemos la humildad. Nos olvidamos de qué debemos ver y hacer para la gloria de Dios. Los animo a que busquemos la verdad de nuestra humanidad de rodillas ante Cristo y su Santa Madre.

Nuestros ancestros que siguieron al Obispo Bruté al territorio que luego se convirtió en el estado de Indiana, fueron pioneros valientes de nuestra fe católica y, no es de sorprender que, al igual que nuestro obispo fundador, trajeran con ellos la devoción a la Santa Madre.

En 1846, Santa Theodora Guerin fundó las Hermanas de la Providencia en Santa María de los Bosques y, mediante la influencia de sus hermanas docentes, se inculcó una devoción especial a María en la Diócesis de Vincennes y sus alrededores.

Nuestra Señora de la Providencia, ruega por nosotros. †

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

Lista de oración del Arzobispo  
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#### La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

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

# Events Calendar

**May 1**  
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei meeting**, Mass, 6:30 a.m., Mass, breakfast and program at Priori Hall, Will McAuliffe, executive director of Indiana Coalition Acting to Suspend Executions (InCASE), presenter, \$20 per person. Information: 317-919-5316 or e-mail [LumenDei@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LumenDei@sbcglobal.net).

St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Mass for Vocations**, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1490 or [cmitchell@archindy.org](mailto:cmitchell@archindy.org).

St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **Couple to Couple League, Natural Family Planning class (NFP)**, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-462-2246.

**May 1-30**  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Library Gallery, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Tapestry exhibit, "Indiana Rural Series," Laura Foster Nicholson, textile artist**, Information: 800-682-0988 or e-mail [news@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:news@saintmeinrad.edu).

**May 2**  
Knights of Columbus Council #3660, 501 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis. **"Trifecta," view Kentucky Derby, dinner, music**, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-784-3660.

**May 3**  
Lucas Oil Stadium, 500 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis. **175th anniversary Mass for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis**, 3 p.m., all are welcome.

St. Vincent Women's Hospital, 8111 Township Line Road, Indianapolis. **Couple to Couple League, Natural**

**Family Planning class (NFP)**, 1-1:30 p.m. Information: 317-228-9276.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Monte Cassino Pilgrimage, "Mary's Ark of the Covenant,"** Benedictine Brother Matthew Mattingly, presenter, 2 p.m. Information: 800-682-0988 or e-mail [news@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:news@saintmeinrad.edu).

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

**May 4**  
St. Francis Hospital, Cancer Center, 1201 Hadley Road,

Mooresville. **"Look Good, Feel Better,"** free workshop for women battling cancer, noon-2 p.m. Information and registration: 317-782-4422.

Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis. **"Religious Giving in Uncertain Times," conference**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., \$25 per person includes lunch. Information: 317-278-8998 or [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu).

**May 6**  
Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel, Ind. (Lafayette Diocese). **St. Augustine Guild luncheon and style show**, benefits Little Sisters of the Poor ministry at St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis, 11 a.m., \$35 per person. Reservations: 317-843-0524.

St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic,

educational, charitable and social singles 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced, new members welcome, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-370-1189.

**May 7**  
Adam's Mark Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis. **Associated Church Press Convention, luncheon**, noon, St. Joseph Sister Helen Prejean, presenter, \$30 per person. Information: 407-341-6615 or [contactacp@aol.com](mailto:contactacp@aol.com).

**May 7-9**  
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4050 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. **Rummage sale**, Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 7:30 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-546-1571.

**May 8**  
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Cathedral High School,**

**football social**, \$35 per person includes dinner. Information: 317-826-1139.

**May 9**  
Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, 3360 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **"Where Dreams Come True," ball**, 6 p.m., \$1,000 for table of 10. Information: 317-924-4333.

Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **One-woman show, "The Life of St. Catherine of Siena,"** 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-968-7352.

St. Roch Parish, Family Center, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Single Seniors**, meeting, 1 p.m., age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-4207. †

## Retreats and Programs

**May 1**  
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"You Remember First Fridays,"** Franciscan Father Carl Hawver, presenter, 1-3 p.m. Information: 812-933-6437.

**May 1-3**  
Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis. **"Serenity Retreat,"** Information: 812-923-8817.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"From Our Hands to Our Hearts: Praying the Rosary,"** Benedictine Brother Zachary Wilberding, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries, "Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics,"** Dominican Father Dan Davis, presenter, \$150 per person. Information: 317-545-7681.

**May 2**  
Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Michaela Farm, Oldenburg. **Fifth annual Women's Conference, "A Day for Women,"** Franciscan Sister Olga Wittekind, keynote speaker, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$25 pre-registration, \$30 after April 27. Information: 812-933-6437.

**May 5**  
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Meal planning, **"What's for Dinner?"** Erin Kem of R Bistro, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m., \$25 includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org).

**May 8-9**  
Monastery Immaculate Conception, Kordes Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, Ind. (Evansville Diocese). **"A Tour through the Castle,"** Benedictine Sister Geraldine Hedinger, presenter, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Information: 812-367-1411 or [spirituality@thedome.org](mailto:spirituality@thedome.org).

**May 8-10**  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Retreat, "St. Paul: Apostle, Preacher, Human Being,"** Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

**May 13**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"A Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima,"** Father Jim Farrell, presenter, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$35 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch. Information: 317-545-7681.

**May 15-16**  
St. Bernadette Retreat Center, 4838 Fletcher Ave., Indianapolis. **Office for**

**Pro-Life Ministry, retreat for youth 14 years of age and older, "Change We Can Believe In,"** Father James Heyd, presenter, \$25 per student. Information: 317-236-1521, 800-382-9836, ext. 1521, or [www.archindy.org/prolife/index.html](http://www.archindy.org/prolife/index.html).

**May 15-17**  
Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis. **"Women's Retreat,"** Information: 812-923-8817.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Retreat, "Come, Holy Spirit: The Pentecost Liturgy,"** Benedictine Father Vincent Tobin, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

**May 22-24**  
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Retreat, "Six Roads to Inner Peace,"** Benedictine Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or [MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

**May 28**  
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Silent non-guided retreat, "Come Away and Rest Awhile,"**

8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch. Information: 317-545-7681 or [spasotti@archindy.org](mailto:spasotti@archindy.org).

**June 8-10**  
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Seventh annual garden retreat, "How Does Your Garden Grow?"** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$45 per person per session, includes lunch, space limited, reservations due May 18. Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org).

**June 16**  
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Introduction to the Enneagram,"** St. Joseph Sister Wanda Wetli, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50 per person includes lunch. Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org).

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Woman Talk: Life Lessons for Women by Women—To Your Health,"** 6:30-9 p.m., \$25 includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or [benedictinn@benedictinn.org](mailto:benedictinn@benedictinn.org). †

## VIPs

**James R. and Jeanne A. (Huesing) Huser**, members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 30. The couple was married on April 30, 1949, at St. Philip Neri Church in Indianapolis. They have 10 children: Maureen Beeler, Jean O'Gara, Marilyn Haywood, Mary Stewart, Chris, Gerry, Jim, Joe, John and Terry Huser. They also have 41 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. †

**J. Anna Roberts**, an art teacher at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis, will receive a national award in June from the Transparent Watercolor Society of America. A member of the Watercolor Society of Indiana, Roberts' other awards include best of show at the Indiana Artists Show exhibited at the Indianapolis Museum of Art and three other best of show awards in 2008. She was also named a Cardinal Fellow in 2004, and is one of only 22 Indiana artists to hold the title. †

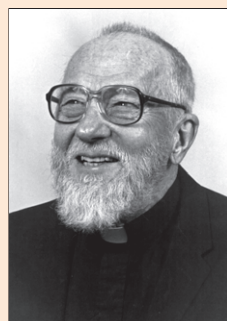


## Earth Day

Students at the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg celebrated Earth Day on April 22 by planting two flowering crabapple trees. One tree honored the Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis based in Oldenburg, which sponsors the academy. The second tree honored academy alumni serving in the armed forces. Posing with one of the trees are, from left, Franciscan Sister Peg Maher and academy students Julie Martin, Michael Johnston, Benjamin Newton and Patrick Sanders, all officers of the school's student council.

## Schoenstatt movement is active in archdiocese

Schoenstatt is a Catholic lay movement founded in 1914 in Germany, at a shrine dedicated to Mary near Koblenz, by Father Joseph Kenterich. With a special focus on Mary, the movement seeks to bring about a spiritual and moral renewal in the faithful and in the world as a whole. The Schoenstatt movement is present in 42 countries



Fr. Elmer Burwinkel

around the world. In the archdiocese, retired Father Elmer Burwinkel shares the message of Schoenstatt regularly at Mary's King's Village Schoenstatt Center and the Divine Mercy and Glorious Cross Center in Rexville, located on 925 South approximately a mile east of U.S. 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. The movement's "Covenant Sunday" is celebrated there on the third Sunday of each month with Mass starting at noon then a holy hour and pitch-in dinner. The next Covenant Sunday is May 17. For more information, call 812-689-3551. †



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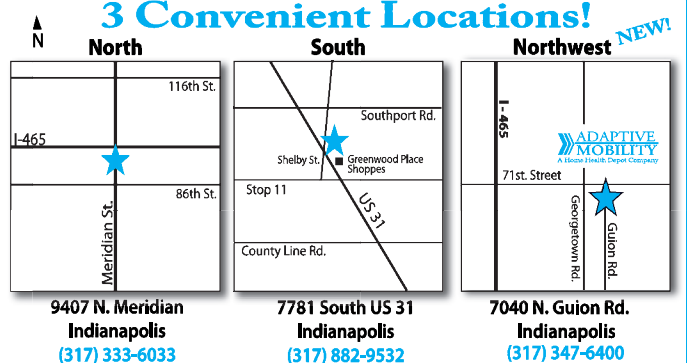
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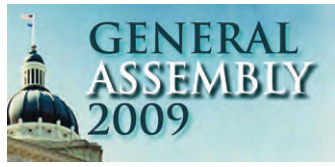
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By Brigid Curtis Ayer

The Indiana Catholic Conference's (ICC) new online legislative action center



was a rousing success thanks to Catholics statewide, said the

organization's executive director.

Thousands of Catholics engaged and influenced state lawmakers during the 2009 session of the Indiana General Assembly using the online tool available on the ICC's Web page.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the response and involvement of our people this year," said Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director, who serves as the official spokesperson for the Indiana bishops on public policy matters.

"We had high hopes for the new online tool but, frankly, we really weren't sure what kind of response we would get. The response exceeded our hopes and, as the session moved along, we had more and more people subscribing to our electronic Catholic network."

As the 150 members of the Indiana General Assembly head back to their respective home districts following the April 29 adjournment of the legislative session, ICC officials applaud the efforts of the more than 1,300 Catholics who on a regular basis became engaged in the political process. ICC officials also wanted to report on the success that the new online tool provided to the Church's efforts under the state's Capitol dome.

Roughly 1,300 persons were contacted about six times per month by the ICC over a four-month period. Over half the people who received communication from the ICC opened the communication.

Since the ICC launched its new software in January, nearly 2,000 Catholics contacted their state or federal lawmakers using the online tool, but many more may have called or written letters using the available information.

The breakdown of the electronic communication is as follows: About half of the nearly 30 e-mails sent were the *I-CAN Update*, the ICC's legislative newsletter; the other half were action alerts. Of the 10 action alerts, five were state legislative alerts, and five were federal alerts.

More than 1,300 persons were sent the federal alert about retaining conscience protection regulation, but 1,866 persons opened the alert either via e-mail or on the ICC Web page, and 420 people contacted their federal representatives on the issue using the online tool.

On the scholarship tax credit state alert, more than 1,250 persons were alerted, more than 1,500 people opened the alert either via e-mail or on the ICC Web page, and at least 511 people contacted lawmakers using the online tool.

Of the nearly 34,000 messages sent by the ICC, nearly 20,000 were opened and nearly 2,000 people responded by contacting lawmakers using the online software; however, many more people may have contacted lawmakers by phone or written a letter.

Nel Thompson, ICC administrative assistant, who administers the electronic program, said, "What's really great about this system is once I have the *Update* ready, I can send it to



Glenn Tebbe

1,300-plus persons in under 30 seconds, whereas before I would contact a handful of people by e-mail and they in turn contacted others, of course, taking much more than 30 seconds.

"And, once a person follows the link, they are provided with an e-mail message to their legislator, which they can edit, which from our report looks like many of them do this."

Thompson said that the system provides assurance that the message is received by the networker's legislator since the system will match the constituent with their respective legislator.

She said another benefit is that people don't have to be part of the Catholic Action Network to be able to access a lot of valuable information.

"All a person needs to do is go to the ICC Web page," Thompson said.

"When Catholics

contact their representatives in unison with the work of the [Indiana] Catholic Conference, it allows the Church to be more effective in shaping morally sound

public policy," Tebbe said. "The use of this software by Catholics this year made a significant impact influencing lawmakers on two issues, the scholarship tax credit and the physicians admitting privileges requirement for abortion doctors. I don't really think these two issues would have gotten the attention and action that they did this year without the involvement of so many Catholics."

Tebbe said he wanted to encourage those who have become involved in the legislative process to "stay tuned."

The Indiana General Assembly has adjourned, but lawmakers and government officials will continue to conduct business, look at ways to improve the state, and further investigate problems and policies through interim study panels.

"The interim provides time for information gathering and analysis of complex issues leading up to the 2010 session, and the ICC will continue to send out periodic updates on important developments," Tebbe said. "On the federal level, the Obama administration is moving quickly on numerous issues and there will be periodic federal action alerts. For these reasons, we encourage all to stay tuned and ready for action."

"For those who have not yet had a chance to visit our Web page, or who would like to become part of the Catholic Action Network, there's no time like the present. Please stop by our Web page. We are only a few clicks away," Tebbe said.

To explore the ICC's online public policy tool and join the ICC network, go to the ICC Web page at [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org) and click on "Legislative Action Center."

Since 1967, the ICC has worked to bring a consistent life ethic to Hoosier public policy making.

(Brigid Curtis Ayer is a correspondent for The Criterion. To learn more about the Indiana Catholic Conference, log on to [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).) †

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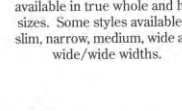
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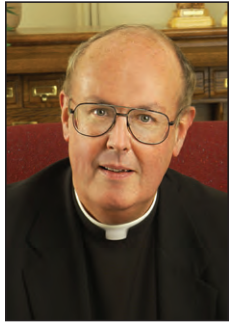




# Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish to celebrate 100 years

By Sean Gallagher

Catholics of Italian descent have called Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis their spiritual home since it was established in 1909.



Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel

A century ago, many Italians were moving from their homeland, where Catholics were ubiquitous, to places in the United States like Indianapolis, where they were a distinct minority.

This made parishes like Holy Rosary all the more important since they served as an anchor for newcomers to a country that seemed so different from their native place so far away.

A hundred years later, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of those first Italian immigrants have fully integrated into American society. In the past generation, many moved away from their neighborhood parish on the near south side of Indianapolis.

But the Italian heritage of Holy Rosary Parish remains vital, both in the hearts of the descendants of the founders who remain and who regularly return, and in the many newcomers the parish has welcomed in recent decades.

That heritage will be displayed when the parish's current members gather in its recently restored church at 4:30 p.m. on May 9 for its centennial Mass.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will be the main celebrant. A banquet will follow at Primo South Banquet and Conference Center, 2615 E. National Ave., in Indianapolis.

Vince Gatto, 81, is the grandson of Rosario Gatto, a founding member of the parish. He has lived behind the church his entire life and plans on attending the

centennial Mass.

"It will be wonderful," Gatto said. "I'm almost 100 years old so I'm close to it. ... [The parish] is my whole life. I depend upon it. My religion is Holy Rosary."

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and Holy Rosary's pastor for nearly 11 years, is also looking forward to the celebration.

"In the past 10 years, the parish has more than tripled in size, Sunday support and vitality all the way around," he said. "We have much to celebrate. We need to honor those original members and those who came after them—they kept the parish and her traditions alive through thick and thin."

Michelle Venezia, 41, lives with her family about a block away from Gatto. She and her husband, John, both come from Italian families that go back deep in the history of Holy Rosary Parish.

She thinks the parish church's restoration, which includes uncovering many stained-glass windows and prominently features a painting of Our Lady of Pompeii on the walls of the sanctuary, underscores its current vitality and its Italian roots.

"That really put us back with our ties to Italy," Venezia said. "It's the way it looked when my grandmother made her first Communion here at Holy Rosary."

As rooted as Venezia is in Holy Rosary's Italian heritage, she gives credit to Msgr. Schaedel for maintaining and strengthening it.

"[He] has been very, very respectful of what the parish was in the past," she said. "And I think that is one of the things that has endeared him to the people that are here, even though he's not Italian."

Venezia also acknowledged that the newcomers to the parish, many of whom do not have Italian ancestors, value its Italian heritage and work hard to nurture it, especially during its annual Italian Street



Father Augustine Sansone, fourth from left in the back row, stands on the steps of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis after his first Mass on May 26, 1929. The parish's founding pastor, Father Marino Priori, stands second from left in the back row.

Festival, which began in 1983 and this year will be held on June 12-13.

"The majority of the booths are run by old Italian families," Venezia said. "But if you get into the background, the people who are inside working and do a lot of the set up are new parishioners. They're becoming just as invested in Holy Rosary as some of the older people."

Many of the newer parishioners were attracted to Holy Rosary because of its traditional Latin Mass apostolate, which has been a part of the parish since 1998. Currently, the extraordinary form of the Mass is celebrated on a daily basis.

Marcus Shutta, 33, is one such new member, joining Holy Rosary Parish in 2006.

He and his wife, Emily, and their nearly 1-year-old daughter, Marinn, regularly attend the Sunday morning traditional Latin Mass, and appreciate its tradition, beauty and reverence. That is also why Shutta values the Italian heritage of Holy Rosary.

"Tradition is one of the aspects of the Church that I just love so much," he said. "So to think about those families that are still here and the traditions that they've

carried on through the generations—you don't find that today."

Ann Naughton, 48, also values the parish's ethnic roots because of the way she was made to feel at home at Holy Rosary when she became a member in 2004.

"It was the Italians who welcomed me," Naughton said. "They are the hosts as far as welcoming people, I think. It was the older

people who made me feel like I was a part of their family."

Naughton helped lead the parish's participation in the Legacy for Our Mission: For Our Children and the Future archdiocesan capital campaign that made the church's restoration possible.

Although she and other new members of the parish contributed to the campaign, Naughton gave much credit for the success of the campaign in the parish to "the people who have been here all those years, being devoted to it and having it as a priority in their lives."

(A \$15 per person reservation fee is required to attend Holy Rosary's May 9 centennial banquet at Primo South. To make reservations, call 317-636-4478 or send an e-mail to [HolyrosaryC@cs.com](mailto:HolyrosaryC@cs.com).) †

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—Marcus Shutta



Flanked by altar servers, Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and pastor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, stands on Dec. 14, 2008, in the sanctuary of his parish's church. It was at the start of the first Mass there following the completion of restoration work that featured the painting of an image of Our Lady of Pompeii on the wall of the sanctuary.

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Richard Hartwell and Tara Keck (catechumens); Kevin Belter, Emily Fannin, Erik Hanson, James Owens and Kimberly Shelton (candidates)

### St. Mary, Greensburg

Bruce Bowman III, Mark Dietrich and Jan Thoman (catechumens); Jill Bedel, Carol Doerflinger, Brian Fruchtnicht, Ben Lutterbach, Cindy McCullough, Matthew Slaben, Melanie Spears, Gregg Steinhofner, Jeremiah Westerfeld and Jody Westerfeld (candidates)

### St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg

Melody Brown, Cindy Dabbelt, David Fehr, Amber Mollau and Diane Waddle (catechumens); David Chowning, Randi Dunn, Michelle Graham, Christina Kushman and Shelby Radenheimer (candidates)

### Immaculate Conception, Millhouses

Brittany Burkhardt, Dylan Crawford, Sarah Rupp and Timothy Rupp (catechumens); Sharon Rupp (candidate)

### St. Anthony of Padua, Morris

Joseph Hountz (catechumen); Meridith Conley (candidate)

### St. Maurice, Napoleon

Kane Simon (catechumen); Courtney Bruns (candidate)

### St. Paul, New Alsace

Bob Bissett and Tiffany Robinson (candidates)

### St. Peter, Franklin County

John Miller (catechumen)

### Holy Family, Oldenburg

Kim Schrank, Emily Snyder and Kim Snyder (candidates)

### St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County

Blayr Green (catechumen); Stephanie Pavey and Connie Scott (candidates)

### St. Joseph, Shelbyville

Rob Dillon, Laura Goode, Matt Hole, Jordan Huesman, Brian Leggins, Missy Martin and Don Pike (catechumens); Karen Martin and James Wendel (candidates)

### St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Bright

Sean Hutchins and Travis Scheibler (catechumens); Victoria Ashley, Loren Hotel, Lisa Hutchins and Carol Pucci (candidates)

## Bloomington Deanery

### St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford

Ashleigh Grissom and Jennifer Ramirez (catechumens); Julianne McMinds, P.J. McMinds, Peggy Nikirk, Bridgett Pemberton and Autumn Strahle (candidates)

### St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington

Adam Beasley, Abigail Dean, Amanda Field, Andy Hayden, Chantele Meyer, Melissa Miller, Chris Quackenbush, Sarah Wilson and Judy Yu (catechumens); Robert Anderson, Patrick Anderson, Sean Dewey, Piccola Doggett, Kevin Frank, Britt Grannan, Amanda Hummel, Cindy Lebel, Julie Maloney, David Martin, Rachel McDowell, Andrea Parise, Ashley Perez, Michael Thomas and Desiree Zerquera (candidates)

### St. John the Apostle, Bloomington

Jan Lee and Matt Winn (catechumens)

### St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington

Thomas Asare, Hillary Brooks, Erin Carpenter, Erin Hunt, Julia Politoewicz, David Snelling, Lauren Struiebig, Annamarie Sullivan, Jennifer Sutherland, William Valentine III and Langston Wilkins (catechumens); Hector Barrera, Annakarina Bortner, Tarrah Effinger, Matthew Laydon, Samantha Lomax, Isabel Manahan, David Otto, Sarah Pappano and Gabrielle Sell (candidates)

### St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville

Sherry Bex, Christopher Hughey, John Kresse III, Graham Lewis, Ronald Malan and Jeffrey Scott (catechumens); Leah Armstrong, Joan Biddle, Derek Hoffman, Stephanie Swinney and Nicholas Walpole (candidates)

### St. Mary, Mitchell

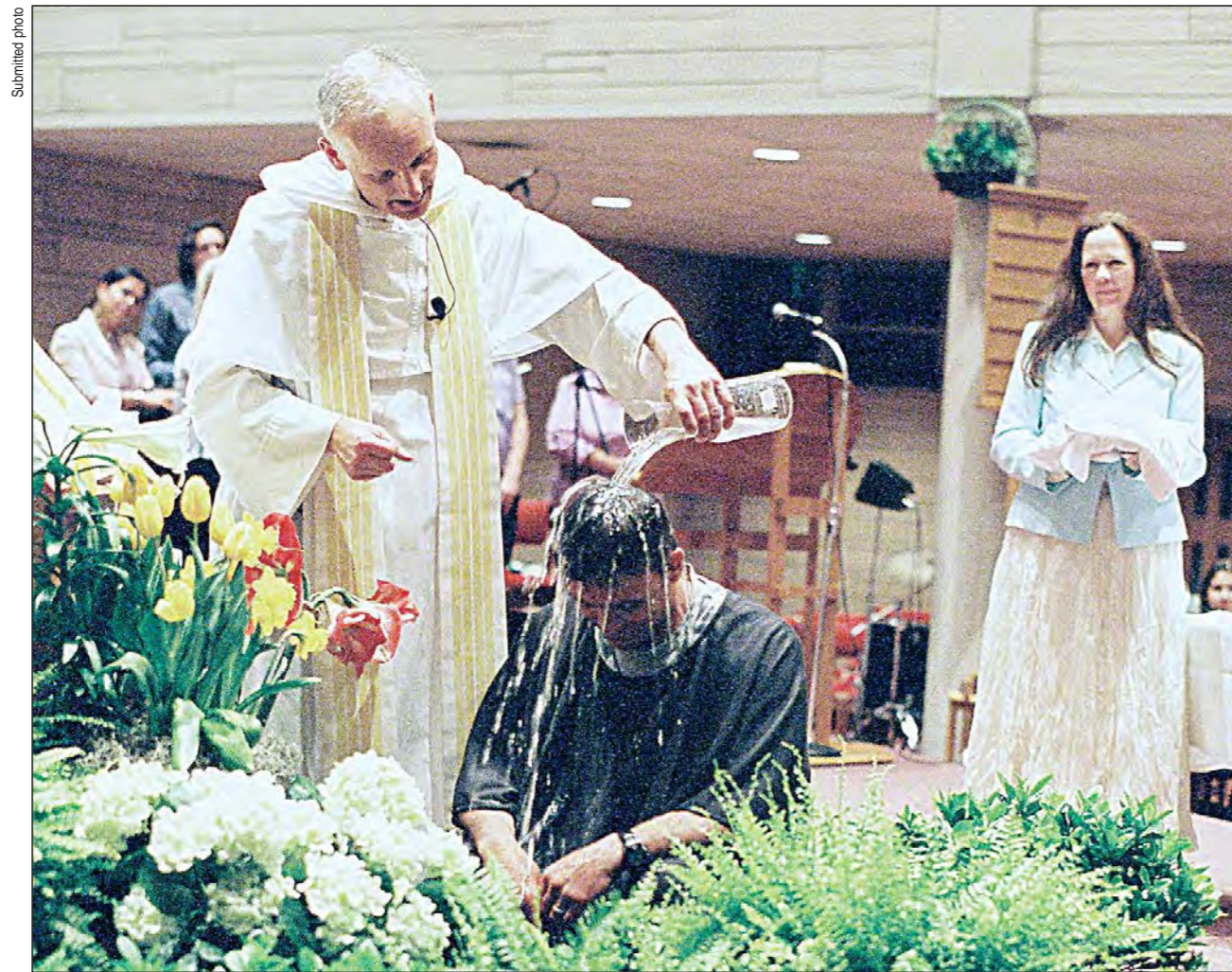
Hannah Hargesheimer, Chuck Parker, Loretta Polaski and Joshua Stroud (catechumens); Robert Hargesheimer and Amy Marshek (candidates)

### St. Agnes, Nashville

Travis Herb (candidate)

### Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, Paoli

Vanessa Lumley (catechumen); Karie Becht,



Dominican Father Robert Keller, pastor of the St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, baptizes William Valentine during his parish's Easter Vigil on April 11.

Robert Lemmon Sr. and Jeffery Hanes Jr. (candidates)

## Connersville Deanery

### St. Michael, Brookville

April Geiling, Quentin Kersey and Magan Mullins (catechumens); John Phelps (candidate)

### St. Gabriel, Connersville

Dr. Brad Dubois and Rachel Sanders (catechumens); Brian Bergen, Ed Gardiner and Mikel Pickens (candidates)

### St. Anne, New Castle

Kelly Sams and Cynthia Sanders (candidates)

### St. Mary, Rushville

Charles Morris and Julie Morris (candidates)

### Richmond Catholic Community, Richmond

Gayle Bond, Casey Bradburn, Steven Fouts, Haley Hittle, David Jones, Erin Jones, Kapaya Kaoma, Christopher Kovatch, Martha Kuntz, Cassandra Maule, Erin Pierce, Rachele Robbins, David Rockhill, Patricia Rockhill, Jennifer Shaw and Mary Shaw (catechumens); Michael Brandley, Colt Caves, Travis Guthrie, Joseph Jennings, Bonnie Kelley, Brianna Kovatch, Megan Kramer, Judith Metzger, Elbert Reed, Cherie Skidmore and Pamela Soper (candidates)

## Indianapolis East Deanery

### SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Gregory Payne and Robert Weeden (candidates)

### Holy Cross

Jeffrey Brunner, Clarissa Culvahouse, Brice Gilman, Becket Gutierrez-Taylor, Natalie Joyce, Jordan Laminack, Faith Lightner, Zhenya Miannan, Cheryl Wilson, Gavin Wilson, Tyler Wilson and Amy Wright (catechumens)

### Holy Spirit

Joanne Clark, Michelle Davenport, Rick Davies, John Feeney, Kara Guillian, Kyle Hope, Jaime Lebeau, Juan Parada, Jack Plunkett, Mark Plunkett and Jill Wallsmith (catechumens); Janet Emmert, Leah Fisher, Jason Guillian, Michelle Kellner, Brandie King, Kellie Neibert, Linda Baldwin and Sean Baldwin (candidates)

### Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette

Timothy Henderson, Alyson Henson, Herbert Henson, Kahlel Nash, Elissa Murphy, Andrew Schuller, Jacob Schuller and Michael Tacket (catechumens); Darla Henson and Kathleen Schuller (candidates)

### St. Mary

Erin White (catechumen); Anaïsa Alesandra, Nicholas Marson, Marilyn Tucker, Jeff Veldhoff and Kim Wassmer (candidates)

### St. Michael, Greenfield

Hannah Barker, Ali Bolding, Jerry Bolding, Jacob Cooper, Savannah Cooper, Chole Hulen, Madison Hulen, Brandy King, Castle Llewellyn, Laura Martin, Christopher McDonald, Jack McDonald, Regan McDonald, David Misener, Abigail Phillips, Casey Phillips, Crystal Rood, Violet Rood, Jeffrey Snider, Gracelyn Weaver, Portia Weaver and Siddalee Weaver (catechumens); Heidi Barker, Rhonda Brown, Shari Laswell, Lisa Llewellyn, Del Pack, Ellen Pack and Shawn Weaver (candidates)

### St. Rita

Kimberly Barebela (catechumen)

### St. Simon the Apostle

Julie Dafforn, Jennifer Kollock and Heidi Palmer (catechumens); Brent Borg, Clint Heiber, Allison Kaminski, Elizabeth Marks-Strauss, Sherry Monachino and James Mooney (candidates)

### St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower)

Michelle Brinkmann, Barbara Ferrill, Bridget Gonterman, Cara Harris, Joshua Payne, Eric Strohacker, Kathryn Toler, Amy Torzewski and Ryan Vokes (catechumens); Jennifer Arnold, Trina Burnell, Zachary Glawatz, Steve McCormick, Pamela Quirin and Mary Wibbenmeyer (candidates)

## Indianapolis North Deanery

### Christ the King

Matt Davis, Jennifer Free, Jeremy Head, Juliana Lottino, Alyssa Perry and Jason Sprunger (catechumens); Parker Bagwell, Scott Fischer, Annette Harden, Kenneth Harden, Ian Kohlhaas, Susan Kohlhaas, Bill Maples, Erina Miller, Matthew Tedford and Julie Tomich (candidates)

### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Denise Black, Jacopo Leonardi and Adam Weber (catechumens); Ryan Brady, Gabriel Browne, Jim Browne, Kyle Burkholder, John Hill, Sam Horton, Jennifer Kramer, Monica McArthur, Erik Odmark, Erik Patz and Meri Weber (candidates)

### St. Joan of Arc

Brittany Blackburn, Joel Denis, Clark Hutchings, Jarrod Hutchings, Scott Moshier, David Nanos, Janine Onambele and Becky Trenner (catechumens); Camille Coffman, Todd Hasse, Erin Hoffman and Aar-yana Willis (candidates)

### St. Lawrence

Makayla Allen, Cameo Canter, Shanna Cardona, Blake Quiroga, Emilio Quiroga, Mary Samantha Quiroga and Richelle Quiroga (catechumens); Amanda Quiroga and

Reymundo Quiroga (candidates)

### St. Luke the Evangelist

David Carlyle Jr., Tagg Carlyle, Trey Carlyle, Tripp Carlyle and Jack Martin (catechumens); Rebecca Bahn, Bethany Borland, Jerry Crone, Forney Daugette, Michael Galvin, Barbara Rak and Jennifer Reinhoel (candidates)

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Sharee Gwin, Dana Helton, Andy Quick, Aiden Roosa, Tom Roosa and Julia Witt (catechumens); Bart Churchward, Christina Davis and Dave Douglas (candidates)

### St. Pius X

Kathleen Brady, Kathryn De Valeria, Bailey Lipperd and Amanda Thopy (catechumens); Jack Boyd, Jamie Grau, Audra Kuhn, Alec Mercer, Jill Mercer and John Murray (candidates)

### St. Thomas Aquinas

Charlotte Boyd (catechumen); Jane Bostwick, Paulette Majors and Lori Welch (candidates)

## Indianapolis South Deanery

### Good Shepherd

John Bauerle, Cassie Davis, Candice Kelso, James Kelso, Hannah Pratt, Kaitlyn Pratt and Alexis Receveur (catechumens); Peytan Mills and Michael Receveur (candidates)

### Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Douglas Evans, Tina Molter and William Todd (catechumens); Leslie Cenknor, Jeff Coon, Christopher Maples, Amanda Miller, Darren Miller, Dave Nadler, Christopher Nichols and Laura Renner (candidates)

### Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Megan Kelly (catechumen); Joanne Gassert, Kim Handwerk, Ruth Mattingly and Kelly Nicholson (candidates)

### Sacred Heart of Jesus

Darren Klem, Ashlynn Morelock, Adrienne Morgan, Addison Maga and Brooklyn Maga (catechumens); Kathleen O'Connor, Kymberly Quick, Jan Tobin, Hunter Warren and Cathy Zoderer (candidates)

### St. Barnabas

Angela Bridge, Nik Browning and Chandler Gibson (catechumens); Crystal Gibson, Douglas Gibson, Brittany Linder, Charles Stumpf Jr. and Rachele Vaught (candidates)

### St. Patrick

Maricela Gomez, Karen Zepeda and Marguerita Arenas (catechumens)

### Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove

Seth Broadstreet, Zackariah Johnson, Bradley Mead, Martha Mullins, Matthew Sims, Mitchel Sims, Sarah Sims, Spencer Sims and Stacy Sims (catechumens); Brett Matthews and Diana Snow (candidates)

### Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood

Anthony Derrickson, Tiffany Ellis, Adrian Ferrentino, Lisa Gritt, Sarah Harris, James Huffman, Divya Jan, Namratha Jan, Jami Keller, Michael Leavitt, Christine Merkel, Natalie Mittelsteadt, Laura Moore, James Morrison, Stephanie Pierle, Eric Schneider, Larry Sebastian, Max Showers, Amber Stegall, Chris Summers, Chris Sutton, Brandie Tackett, Michelle Wallen, Angela West and Christopher Zuroski (catechumens); Haley Clark, Mersina Cradick, Shelby Cradick, Chris Cramer, Jeremy Dillow, Dave Gosser, Monty Merchant, Keith Moore, Dawn Penollar, Myranda Petro, Sara Rike, Bart Terrell, Linden Walker, Rachel Walker, Lauren West, Alyssa Whittle and Alayna Zimmerman (candidates)

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James Armstrong, Mary Buttice, Jenny Cissell, Melissa Cooper, Nicole Minnick and Michael Turner (catechumens); Linda Durbin, Randy Durbin, Rodney Johnson, Jeff Martin, Chad Strain and Stacy Van Noy (candidates)

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Justin Fallowfield (catechumen); Suzanna Allen, Lee Crislip, Jeffery Miles and Lora Miller (candidates)

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Michael Briggs, Alma Gerberick, Timothy Gray, Nicole Jones, Robert Ogle, Stephen Ogle, Maureen Pugh, Amber Riddle, Frances Ann Sherman, Lynne Strykowski, Jeff Tremain and Craig Voris (catechumens); Katherine Brightwell, Walter Buchanan, Sarah Burke, Kirstie Glass, Rossi Grant, Joy Lee Paugh, Sacha Pugh, Amy Rieger, Eric Via and Steve Whitesell (candidates)

We welcome the new Catholics who have become full participants in the Church since last Easter. Most of the people listed here received initiation sacraments during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11. The names listed here were provided by religious education leaders in local parishes.

The 468 catechumens listed are people who have never been baptized and—within the past year—were baptized, confirmed and received their first Eucharist.

The 467 candidates listed were baptized in other Christian traditions and were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church with a profession of faith, confirmation and first Eucharist during the past year.

Most people are listed in the parishes where they received their religious formation and the sacraments of initiation. †

## St. Mark the Evangelist

Anthony Clark, Maurine Dawson, Xavier Perez, Meagen Ruebusch, Tara Poole and Reshma Sekhar (catechumens); Jennifer Emmett, Marc Klonne, Lindsey Loffer, Collin Miller, Edwin Perez, Wilfredo Perez, Theaeaster Scott, Jennifer Skojac and Tom Skojac (candidates)

### St. Roch

Sarah Brown, Cory Chance, Holly Chance, James Joseph Chance, James Ryan Chance, Barbara Huotari, Stanley Hughes, Carissa James, Jenny Kieffer, James Montgomery and Valerie Zellner (catechumens); Deanna Drago, Brian Kaufman, Lisa Long, Laura Quebe, Laura Schott, Christina Schulz, Diane Stone and Stephen Wells (candidates)

## Indianapolis West Deanery

### Holy Angels

Steven Burroughs, Javon Dorsey, Kyra Dorsey, Mark Dorsey Jr., Mark Dorsey Sr. and Siarra Gilbert (catechumens)

### Holy Trinity

William Bartholomew (catechumen); Natalie Floreancig and David Sheets (candidates)

### St. Anthony

Dakota Cooper, Mary Cooper, Kristi Jarrett, Sandra Rodriguez, Elizabeth Roth and Carienis Velazquez (catechumens); Ramona Balcazar, Kristal Calderon, Nahum Carrasco, Altigracia Flores, Efrain Garcia, Nancy Loy, Mariano Molina, Jose Luis Martinez, Ramiro Moreno, Juana Perez and Mayra Perez (candidates)

### St. Christopher

Stacey Andrews, Ana Bijader, Karie Cochran, Helen Dedmen, Ashley Goley, Tammy Grzegorzewski, Megan Ripley, Brodyn Ruiz, Natalie Ruiz, Jackson Smith, Sydney Smith, David Titara, Brent Wethington, Madge Wethington, Gillian Wingham, Kayla Wright and Nicholas Wright (catechumens); Daniel Nguyen and Sharon Wright (candidates)

### St. Gabriel the Archangel

Misty Areal, Hoang Anh Tran and Maira Contreras (catechumens); Flor Acuna, Jorge Colindres, Jesus Jimenez, Jose Jimenez, Juan Jimenez, Lisa Keenan, Manuel Ochoa, Marcos Perez, Saray Tellez and Marcelo Vazquez (candidates)

### St. Michael the Archangel

Jacquelyn Foster and Sydney-Symone Tate (catechumens); Tyler Carter, Gretchen Freytag, Tameka Walker and Zoe Walker (candidates)

### St. Malachy, Brownsburg

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Beatrice Adansy-Sevi, Fernanda Alonso, Blake Bridges, Justin Bridges, Miranda Bridges, Francisco Castillo, Sarah Collister, Lossonzana Coulibaly, Brenda Cuevas, Heidi Dickman, Brandon Eley, Rhonda Gonzalez, Jennifer Hernandez, Trevor Hunter, Kelly Lampke, Ashley Lovette, Keshar Miller, Brian Sanchez, Tim Shaffstall, Felipe Silvestre, Leighton Turpaugh, Zach Turpaugh, Russell Sylvester, Roy Thurman and April Wells (catechumens); Maribel Aguilar, Pam Brown, Gabriel Cabrera, Julio Cesar, Oscar Chavero, Amber Decker, Courtney Dowland, Yaneth Diaz, Elvira Dimas, Michael Gnamkey, Julia Katho, David Lane, Rafael Maldonado, Ariel Mendoza, Megan Milnes, David Nijhawan, Jeannette Ort, Ana Ortega, Leonardo Rodriguez, Ana Sanchez, Hugo Sanchez, Luis Sanchez, Orlanda Sanchez, Tania Sanchez, Aimee Sidey, Arturo Valladares, Nikki Shaffstall, Maxine Thurman, Kelly Toleben, Bruce Waller and Orlane Yeizao (candidates)

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### St. Thomas More, Mooresville

Cortnie Query (catechumen)

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Alexandra Schlotzhauer and Lisa Theissen (catechumens); Judy Anderson, Megan Austin-Turner, Richard Brown, Shawn Burkhardt, Carolyn De Groote, Pedro Garcia, Tony Hatfield, Sabrina Quinn and Glenda Turpin (candidates)

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Joshua Ragan and Cameron Spalding (catechumens); David Ballard, Michael Bonham, Barbara Breeden, Nancy Fay, Stephani Ferrufino, Marci Harkless, Eric Hester, Christina Nelson, Ronald Patberg, Richard Scalf III, John Shepard, Sheila Wasson, Sarah Wittekind and Beau Zigler (candidates)

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**St. Patrick, Salem**

David Middleton (catechumen)

**American Martyrs, Scottsburg**

Riley Jo Bayes (candidate)

**St. Mary, North Vernon**

Jon Bentz, Shelia Callahan, Chey Ezzo, Robin Hatton, Jeffery Schroeder II, Katherine Schroeder and Jamie Zeser (catechumens); Roy Dickerson, Dennis Meade, Jeffery Schroeder and John Simpson (candidates)

**Tell City Deanery**

**St. Isidore, Bristow**

David Hinton and Dayna Hinton (catechumens)

**St. Paul, Tell City**

Brandie Anson, Shaun Jones and Evan Shearn (catechumens); Tasa Leistner, Karmen Peter and Anita Sanders (candidates)

**Terre Haute Deanery**

**Annunciation, Brazil**

Wanda Eaton and Jennifer Snoddy (candidates)

**Sacred Heart, Clinton**

Janice Crane (catechumen); Kathy Blake, Ralph Hoggatt and Sally Luft (candidates)

**St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle**

Dan Benassi, Audrie Brennan, Brendle Brennan, Christopher Reedy, Elsie Reedy and Susan Taylor (catechumens); Brandice Brennan and Justin Wilson (candidates)

**St. Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods**

Brandon Mahady and Norine Martin (candidates)

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute**

Chad Higgins, Cynthia Shepard and Chelsea Young (catechumens)

**St. Benedict, Terre Haute**

Timothy Cullen and Mallory Nease (catechumens); Carol Raetz (candidate)

**St. Joseph University, Terre Haute**

Karen Camerer, Ashley David, Debra Gansz, Mallory Hordyke, Sidney Moore and Tony Smodilla (candidates)

**St. Patrick, Terre Haute**

Steve Douglas, Myrthel Frye, Cheryl Kaperak, Candace Kelley and Susan Valtman (catechumens); Jenna Davis, Dahrish Shacklee, Jeff Shield, Jeff Spencer, Michael Wittman and Tracie Wittman (candidates) †

# ANNIVERSARY

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Mass.

No general concessions will be sold at Lucas Oil Stadium before, during or after the Mass, but bottled water will be available for \$3 per bottle.

For those needing assistance, elevators will be available. People can use the southeast and northwest elevator banks to get down to the lower level of the stadium.

Adequate parking will be available in lots and on the streets adjacent to the stadium.

The doors will open for the Mass at 1 p.m. More information about the Mass, including driving directions to Lucas Oil Stadium, can be found at [www.CriterionOnline.com](http://www.CriterionOnline.com).

During the Mass, approximately 2,500 teenagers and 300 adults will receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Among those being honored at the Mass will be children from parishes across the archdiocese who had recently received their first Communion, couples who have been married 50 years or longer, and men and women religious who are celebrating significant anniversaries of entrance into religious life or profession of vows.

In order to make the anniversary Mass run smoothly, approximately 300 volunteers will carry out a variety of ministries.

Starting at 1:30 p.m., a choir made up of 119 students from Catholic high schools from across the archdiocese will sing a variety of selections for about an hour.

It will be led by Eddie Guanajuato, who directs bands and choirs at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis.

During the Mass, the St. Monica Spanish Choir from St. Monica Parish and the Holy Angels Mass Choir from Holy Angels Parish, both in Indianapolis, will add their voices to a choir expected to be made up of hundreds of Catholics from across the archdiocese.

The text of the opening hymn, "Come and See the Many Wonders," was composed specifically for the 175th anniversary Mass of the archdiocese by Benedictine Father Harry Hagan of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

Charles Gardner, archdiocesan executive director for spiritual life and worship, will lead the choir.

(For more information on the archdiocese's 175th anniversary, log on to [www.archindy.org/175th](http://www.archindy.org/175th).) †

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Executive Order  
**PROCLAMATION**  
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS,** The Archdiocese of Indianapolis was established as the Diocese of Vincennes by Pope Gregory XVI on May 6, 1834; and

**WHEREAS,** The Archdiocese now comprises much of central and southern Indiana, including 150 parishes and over 230,000 Catholics; and

**WHEREAS,** Catholic Charities sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis benefit over 110,000 Hoosiers each year; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 22,000 Hoosiers are enrolled in Catholic elementary and high schools within the Archdiocese; and

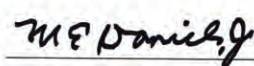
**WHEREAS,** Respected leaders such as Bishop Chatard, Archbishop Schulte and Cardinal Ritter have led the Archdiocese since its establishment; and


**WHEREAS,** May 6, 2009 marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.,** Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby recognize May 6th, 2009 as the

**175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS**  
and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I do hereby set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord 2009 and of the Independence of the United States 232.*

BY THE GOVERNOR: 




## Governor Daniels notes 175th anniversary of Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Gov. Mitch Daniels of Indiana has issued a proclamation recognizing May 6, 2009, as the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. His executive order invites all citizens to "duly note this occasion."

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# Parents need to monitor children's media use, speaker says

By Mary Ann Wyand

It's a simple and effective solution, but it's not always easy to do.

Catholic radio show host and author Teresa Tomeo, a veteran broadcast journalist in Detroit, wants parents to take control of media exposure in the home in order to have a stronger, happier, healthier and more faith-filled family.

During her keynote speech for the Catholic Radio 89.1 FM fundraising dinner on April 16 in Indianapolis, Tomeo urged parents to closely monitor their children's television, radio and Internet use on a daily basis.

An award-winning mainstream journalist for two decades, Tomeo said she became disillusioned by trends in the secular media toward sensationalism, violence and a liberal bias.

Nine years ago, she left the secular media to work in the religious press, and since that time has written *Noise—How Our Media-Saturated Culture Dominates Lives and Dismantles Families* and *News Flash*, a testimonial about her return to the Catholic faith.

Tomeo hosts "Catholic Connections" each weekday at 9 a.m. on Catholic Radio 89.1 FM in central Indiana and on more than 100 other Catholic radio stations.

She told an attentive audience that accepting the challenge of the new evangelization—a major theme and mission of Pope John Paul II's pontificate—requires ongoing education about the Catholic faith.

"We have a huge cultural battle on our hands right now," Tomeo said. "Our challenges are even greater than evangelizing because of our culture. ... We have to get the word out about the Catholic Church."

Many Catholics were poorly catechized, she said, and don't even know the basics of Catholicism.

"In this day and age, ... we are all going to be responsible for what we know [about our faith] when we get to the pearly gates," Tomeo said. "Even those of us who are trying to live our lives as good faithful Catholics will come up against struggles and temptations in the world, and the media is a huge temptation for many of us because it's everywhere. We can't ignore the connection between the media and what's happening in our lives."

People of faith should always be hopeful and never let the devil or anyone else steal their joy, she said. "We have to get back to building the kingdom of God."

Educate yourself about Church teachings, Tomeo said, and then educate other people about the Catholic faith.

Tomeo also recommended that Catholics consider three questions:

- How are my media habits impacting my relationship with God?
- How are my media habits impacting my relationship with my family?
- What can I do about media influences?

She said a study conducted by the Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse found that when families eat dinner together regularly—without media interference—the rate of alcohol use and drug abuse by children drops significantly.

"That's how important that quality time with no interference is for kids," Tomeo said. "Kids are still going to listen to their parents over the media if they have a relationship there, but the problem is that so many parents are so busy, so overwhelmed, and don't have a clue as to what their kids are watching and listening to. They let the media raise their kids."

Pope Benedict XVI also shares this concern about media influences, she said. Two years ago, he said, "Put simply, we are no longer able to hear God—there are too many different frequencies filling our ears."

Tomeo said researchers found that on average American children and teenagers spend almost eight hours a day with the media, which includes the Internet, other computer use, television, radio, cell phone calls and cell phone texting.

"Kids are spending as much time with the media every week as most [adults] spend at their full-time jobs," Tomeo said. "It's pretty scary stuff—sexual content in the media, violent content in the media, the Internet and cell phones, and the push to make kids get older younger."

Generation Diva refers to how our cultural obsession with beauty is affecting young girls and their self-esteem, she said. "This is a huge, huge problem. ... Recently, there was a big study on the connection between pregnancy rates among teens who watch sex-laden TV shows on a regular basis. The [pregnancy] rates among them are twice as high as those teens who don't view as much sexual content."

Tomeo cited some alarming statistics that parents need to be aware of:

- Children view at least 14,000 sexual messages a year on television alone.
- 70 percent of TV programs contain sexual content.
- Exposure to violent media makes young people more likely to be violent or aggressive.
- Children see 100,000 violent acts on TV by the time they are 13. By the time they are 18, it doubles to 200,000.

"Researchers say the media does have an impact," she said, "especially on children in terms of violent behavior."

The solution is simple and effective, but hard for many parents, she said. Monitor the media habits of your children, and be their parent and not their friend.

(Catholic Radio 89.1 FM programming can also be heard online at [www.catholicradioindy.org](http://www.catholicradioindy.org). For more information, call 317-870-8400.) †



Catholic author and radio show host Teresa Tomeo of Detroit autographs a book after her keynote speech at the Catholic Radio 89.1 FM dinner on April 16 in Indianapolis. Tomeo collaborated on two books for Catholic teenagers, and also wrote books about the media influences on culture and the media's affect on her own life.

## Knights' leader urges U.S. Catholics to keep faith in public square

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Just as the nation's first Catholic bishop did in the early days of the United States, today's



Carl Anderson

American Catholics need to maintain their religious identity in a culture that is sometimes hostile to faith, said Carl Anderson, head of the Knights of Columbus, at the April 18 annual dinner of the John Carroll Society.

The society of lay men and women in the Archdiocese of Washington is named for Bishop John Carroll, who in 1789 became the first Catholic bishop of

the United States, leading the new Diocese of Baltimore which, at that time, included all 13 original states. The

John Carroll Society, founded in 1951, serves the archbishop of Washington in his charitable and community projects.

"In defending the practice of faith in the public square, all of us have something in common with John Carroll," Anderson told the nearly 400 guests at the dinner.

Anderson, who as supreme knight serves as the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal benefit society, said he and other Catholics in the state of Connecticut recently had to face an issue that John Carroll was familiar with. Lawmakers in the Constitution State were considering a bill that "would have stripped bishops and pastors of their authority over many parish and diocesan decisions and put boards of 'lay trustees' in charge," Anderson said.

He said that Bishop Carroll and other early Catholic bishops had to deal with such efforts to take away their

authority, but such legislation hadn't been promoted since the Know Nothing Party in New York passed a similar bill 150 years ago.

"But non-Catholics and Catholics—bishops, priests and laymen—all stood up and stood together. After the outcry, the legislators tabled the bill" in Connecticut, he said.

Anderson said Bishop Carroll also had to deal with John Jay, the first chief justice of the United States, who before becoming chief justice had "argued vociferously for a law in New York that would have excluded Catholics from public office ... [and] in 1777, Jay was chief author of New York's Constitution, which banned Catholic immigrants unless they renounced the pope."

"Confronted with such hostility, as patriot and priest, John Carroll was the public face of a distrusted religious minority, and he left us a shining example of living the faith and defending religious liberty," Anderson said. †

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# GLENDON

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Harvard Law School, wrote that Notre Dame's decision to honor the president disregards a 2004 request from the U.S. bishops to Catholic institutions and organizations asking them "not to honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles."

The former ambassador said she felt the bishops' request is "reasonable" and does not seek to "control or interfere with an institution's freedom to invite speakers and engage in serious debate with whomever it wishes." As a result, she wrote, "I am at a loss to understand why a Catholic university should disrespect it."

Glendon said she was also concerned that the university had issued "talking points" that implied that her acceptance speech for the award would "somehow balance the event."

She quoted two statements from the university:

- "President Obama won't be doing all the talking. Mary Ann Glendon, the former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, will be speaking as the recipient of the Laetare Medal."

- "We think having the president come to Notre Dame, see our graduates, meet our leaders and hear a talk from

Mary Ann Glendon is a good thing for the president and for the causes we care about."

Glendon wrote that a commencement is supposed to be a joyous day for the graduates and their families.

"It is not the right place, nor is a brief acceptance speech the right vehicle, for engagement with the very serious problems raised by Notre Dame's decision—in disregard of the settled position of the U.S. bishops—to honor a prominent and uncompromising opponent of the Church's position on issues involving fundamental principles of justice," the letter said.

In light of reports that other Catholic institutions also are choosing to disregard the bishops' request, Glendon expressed concern that Notre Dame's example "could have an unfortunate ripple effect."

The university has been under nearly constant criticism since announcing on March 20 that Obama would speak at the commencement. Bishops, clergy, alumni and several Catholic organizations have mounted a campaign seeking to have the university revoke the invitation to the president. However, students have been reported to be enthusiastic about and supportive of the president's upcoming appearance on campus.

Other students, including some graduating seniors, have voiced strong objections to the decision to honor Obama.

"Father Jenkins has put some of his students into a position of moral dilemma as to whether they should attend their own graduation," said a statement by a coalition of student groups. "The lack of concern for these devoted sons and daughters of Notre Dame, who love this university and the Catholic principles on which it was built, is shameful."

The Laetare Medal has been awarded by the university since 1883 and is the university's oldest and most prestigious award. Past recipients include President John F. Kennedy; Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan; death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph; and Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. †



CNS photo/courtesy of University of Notre Dame

This archive image shows the front and back of the University of Notre Dame Laetare Medal presented to President John F. Kennedy in 1961.

## Bishop: Notre Dame invitation to Obama has led to 'terrible breach'

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Saying that the president of the University of Notre Dame has offered "a flawed justification" for the decision to invite President Barack Obama to speak and receive an honorary degree at commencement, the local bishop urged action to "heal the terrible breach which has taken place between Notre Dame and the Church."

Bishop John M. D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., said in an April 21 statement that his office has received "over 3,300 messages of shock, dismay and outrage" about the university's plans to honor Obama, "and they are still coming in."

The bishop—in whose diocese Notre Dame is located—said Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, university president, had erred in saying that the U.S. bishops' document on "Catholics in Political Life" did not apply in this case.

The 2004 document states: "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

Critics of Obama said his support of legal abortion and embryonic stem-cell research make him an inappropriate choice to be commencement speaker at a Catholic university.

Father Jenkins has said the invitation to Obama "should not be taken as condoning or endorsing his positions on specific issues regarding the protection of human life, including abortion and embryonic stem-cell research."

But Bishop D'Arcy, who has said he will boycott the May 17 commencement,

said the public outcry shows that the invitation "has, in fact, scandalized many Catholics and other people of good will."

"It seems that the action in itself speaks so loudly that people have not been able to hear the words of Father Jenkins, and, indeed, the action has suggested approval to many," he added.

"It would be one thing to bring the president here for a discussion on health care or immigration, and no person of good will could rightly oppose this," Bishop D'Arcy said. "We have here, however, the granting of an honorary degree of law to someone whose activities, both as president and previously, have been altogether supportive of laws against the dignity of the human person yet to be born."

The bishop criticized Father Jenkins for consulting with other university presidents and other bishops about the interpretation of "Catholics in Political Life" while failing to consult "his own bishop who ... is the teacher and lawgiver in his own diocese."

"If there was any genuine questions or doubt about the meaning of the relevant sentence in the conference's document, any competent canonist with knowledge of the tradition and love for Christ's Church had responsibility to inform Father Jenkins of the fundamental principle that the diocesan bishop alone bears the responsibility to provide an authoritative interpretation," he said.

Bishop D'Arcy pledged to "work with Father Jenkins and all at Notre Dame to heal the terrible breach which has taken place between Notre Dame and the Church." †

## Pope creates five saints, says they hold lessons for economic crisis

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI canonized five new saints and said their dedication to the Eucharist, the poor and the world of work made them models for today's Christians in an era of economic crisis.



Pope Benedict XVI

By orienting their lives to Christ, the five men and women showed that "it is possible to lay the foundations for construction of a society open to justice and solidarity, overcoming that economic and cultural imbalance that continues to exist in a great part of our planet," the pope said.

The pope celebrated the canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square on April 26, joined by tens of thousands of pilgrims who held up photos or drawings of the saints. Four of the new saints were Italian and one was Portuguese.

Dressed in bright gold vestments, the 82-year-old pontiff

listened as biographies of the five were read aloud, and then pronounced the canonization formula, drawing applause from the crowd.

In his homily, the pope said the saints' life stories hold valuable lessons for modern Christians. Each of the newly canonized had a special devotion to the Eucharist, and each transformed that spiritual power into social action, he said.

The five new saints are:

- St. Arcangelo Tadini, a parish priest from the northern Italian area of Brescia, who preached strongly in defense of workers' rights during the industrialization period of the late 1800s. He organized an association to help factory workers, established a spinning mill to give young girls of the area gainful employment, and eventually founded a religious order of sisters who worked alongside women in the factories.

- St. Bernardo Tolomei, who, inspired by his love for prayer and for manual labor, founded a unique Benedictine monastic movement in Italy in the 14th century. Born in Siena, he was forced by an onset of blindness to give up a public career, and he decided to found a small hermitic

community. He later founded the monastery of Santa Maria di Monte Oliveto Maggiore, and died in 1348 of the plague while helping victims of the disease. His burial place, in a common pit, has never been found.

- St. Nuno de Santa Maria Alvares Pereira, a Portuguese army hero in the late 1300s, who, after the death of his wife, abandoned his military career and gave up his wealth to enter a Carmelite monastery. In particular, he helped the poor, distributing food to the needy. He was totally dedicated to Marian prayer, and fasted in Mary's honor three days of the week.

- St. Geltrude Comensoli, born in the mid-19th century in the Brescia area, who established a religious institute dedicated to the adoration of the Eucharist. In approving the institute in 1880, Pope Leo XIII asked her to include as part of its mission the education of young female factory workers.

- St. Caterina Volpicelli, who founded a community of sisters centered on eucharistic adoration and service to the poor, especially young orphans, in the slums of Naples in the mid-1800s. †

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## Evangelization in Asia needs to respect its varied cultures

By Father Robert L. Kinast

When Pope Paul VI issued his apostolic exhortation on evangelization in the modern world in 1975 (*“Evangelii Nuntiandi”*), it resonated with local Church leaders and missionaries worldwide. For most of the 20th century, they were putting increased emphasis on proclaiming the Gospel in harmony with local cultures, a process often referred to as inculturation.

Perhaps nowhere in the world is this form of evangelization more challenging than in Asia, a vast territory stretching from India to Indonesia, from China to East Timor. Within that area, countries vary enormously in their economic, political, cultural, social and religious conditions.

The major religions in Asia—Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism and Islam—are among the oldest and largest in the world. They are often inseparable from the social and cultural way of life in a particular country. This makes it difficult for a “foreign” religion to gain acceptance, especially if it is identified with certain cultural values, such as materialism and individualism which are viewed negatively.

How then does the Catholic Church carry out its evangelizing mission under these circumstances?

First, contemporary evangelization respects and appreciates the local culture. Rather than first looking for deficiencies and errors from a Christian point of view, evangelizers seek areas of agreement and adaptation.

This may include the study of another religion’s sacred writings, incorporation of a culture’s art forms into Catholic worship, Church organization and decision-making processes based on local custom or, surprisingly, awareness that Asia is the fastest growing Web market in the world. Millions of Asians use handheld devices to access all kinds of information, which could include Catholic teaching and values.

The risk of an inculturation approach is that the substance of Catholic faith can be compromised in the desire to accommodate the teachings and traditions of, for example, Buddhism or Hinduism. On the other hand, the Western formulation of Christian belief is itself a particular cultural expression which does not exhaust all the ways the faith might be expressed.

Second, the work of evangelization is best carried out in a manner that is Asian, with a style of communicating and acting that is consistent with the traditions and expectations of a particular culture.

Bishop Aloysius Jin Luxian of Shanghai, China, affirmed this approach when he recently urged all Catholics to equip themselves to “fight a good battle of evangelization” by imbibing the Asian values of humility, tolerance, forgiveness, friendliness, calmness and good intentions toward others.

Also, these evangelization efforts are more likely to succeed if the primary evangelizers are native to the local culture. They embody a fusion of Catholic faith and Indian, Korean or Filipino traditions. This is why it is important that Church leaders, from catechists to clergy to bishops, come from the indigenous population.

A third aspect of evangelization in Asia is dialogue, understood as a mutual openness with a desire to learn and appreciate differences.

Such dialogue, where it is welcomed, is necessarily inter-religious. As the late Cardinal Stephen Kim Sou-hwan of Korea repeatedly affirmed, Catholics must have a knowledge of other religions and recognize the “precious jewels” they have to offer.

A fourth expression of an Asian form of evangelization is presence. The physical sight of church buildings, schools, health clinics and other structures is a reminder that the Church is part of Asian life. Of course, Church facilities are a witness to the Gospel because of the human services that take place within them—health care, education,

physical and spiritual nourishment.

The Church is also present by offering hospitality at public events. It is planning to participate at the 2010 World Expo in

Shanghai, making people aware of the regular meetings of the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences, offering concern and prayer for the victims of natural disasters like a tsunami or earthquake, denouncing terrorist attacks, as in Mumbai, India, last November, and giving aid to the victims.

Finally, there is a form of evangelization that occurs when the Church is persecuted.

This may be the result of a general policy as in North Korea, where religion is effectively banned, or in China, where a state-authorized Church enjoys nominal approval and an underground Church is the subject of periodic state repression. It also



Thai Sacred Heart Sister Uraiwan Mispi works with children at a school on Lanta Island, Thailand, in 2006. The school paid the school fees for about 50 children whose parents, mostly fishermen, lost their livelihoods following the Dec. 26, 2005, tsunami. The Church’s mission of evangelization in Asia is carried out, in part, through the presence of institutions, such as schools, and by priests and religious. This presence reminds the broader population in Asia that the Church is part of its culture and cares for their needs.

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occurs in drastic ways when there are attacks, such as the aggression of Hindu mobs against Catholics in India last fall or the arrest and imprisonment of Catholic clergy.

In such circumstances, Catholics witness to their faith by bearing the pain of persecution, not retaliating, and continuing to offer service to others.

One constant feature of evangelization in Asia is that the Catholic Church is a small minority in most countries, with the Philippines a notable exception. This means it does not have the resources or influence to impact the culture directly and effectively as it might in Europe or North America.

The minority status of the Catholic Church in Asia is not necessarily a liability. It is an opportunity to promote a form of evangelization that affirms local culture and serves the people of that culture in the inclusive and confident spirit of the Catholic tradition.

(Father Robert L. Kinast is director of the Center for Theological Reflection in Prairie Village, Kan.) †

### Discussion Point

## Catholics feel at home around the world

### This Week’s Question

What does it feel like to be a Catholic in a place, outside the U.S., where there are very few other Catholics? How does the Church survive in such areas?

“This winter, I spent six weeks in China, visiting six cities and meeting more than 100 people. Some of them were Christians, but none were Catholic. Most of them have no idea about our faith. They think Catholics worship Mary instead of Jesus. I felt that I had the responsibility to tell them about the Catholic faith, and they seemed interested to receive it.” (Anna Gao, Superior, Colo.)

“When we were in Korea, we lived on military bases and went to military churches so we were among Catholics. We did work mostly with Koreans who were Buddhists, but we really didn’t talk about religion or compare our faiths.” (Flo Ryan, Brandon, Fla.)

“I was certainly in a minority in Pakistan. But I went to a cathedral in Lahore every Sunday, and I felt at home in the church. I met some Catholic missionaries whose job was not to proselytize, but to attend to the needs of the people. Most Catholics there were from the lower class or, in India, from the lower castes, and they saw conversion to the Catholic Church as a way out of the caste.” (Timothy Sullivan, Rocky River, Ohio)

### Lend Us Your Voice

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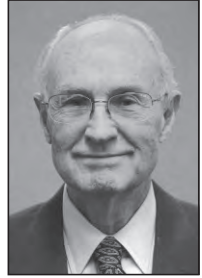


From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Basic Catholicism: Belief in the Holy Spirit

(Twelfth in a series of columns)

In the Nicene Creed, we say, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified."



Thus, we profess belief in the Holy Spirit in precisely the same way in which we profess belief in the Father and the Son.

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit "proceeds" from the Father and the Son? Theologians explain that the Son is the Word of the Father, eternally begotten. The Father and the Son love each other with an eternal love. This love that proceeds from the Father and the Son is a person, the eternal Holy Spirit.

I realize that many Catholics might not understand what "proceeds" means when they recite the Creed, but perhaps you can remember that the Holy Spirit is the

personification of the love that proceeds between the Father and the Son.

Since the Holy Spirit is God, he was with the Father at the time of creation, with the Son in his act of redemption, and is called the sanctifier for his actions on us through the sacraments of the Church.

The Holy Spirit was present in Old Testament times, even though the mystery of the Trinity was not revealed to God's Chosen People.

When we say in the Nicene Creed that the Holy Spirit "has spoken through the prophets," we profess our belief that he inspired the Jewish prophets in their prophecies. We also believe that the Holy Spirit inspired the authors of the Old Testament.

But it's in the New Testament that we learn most about the Holy Spirit in all four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul's letters.

In John's Gospel, Jesus promised to send "another paraclete" (Jn 14:16). The word "paraclete" means "counselor" or "advocate." We believe that God had to have a plan whereby Christ's teachings

would be preserved after Christ was no longer in the world. That is why he sent the Holy Spirit to lead the Church and preserve it from error.

After the Resurrection, John tells us that Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:22-23).

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended fully upon the Church, and the Apostles were aware of his direct operation in their activities. The letters of St. Paul show us that the Spirit had an important place in his theology, with his description of the many gifts of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has been called the "soul" of the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church teaches that the gifts of Christ are poured out upon the Church by the Holy Spirit.

Besides keeping the Church from error, the Holy Spirit is also the communicator of grace to human beings. It's for that reason that he is called the sanctifier. I'll say more about that when I write about the sacraments. †

Faith, Hope and Charity/

David Siler

## Show mercy of Jesus to the least of his people

As followers of Jesus, we follow a man who was arrested, judged guilty, imprisoned and put to death. This Easter season is the hopeful time when we reflect on his release from prison—in this case, the prison of death.



For approximately 17,000 Indiana citizens, their hope for a "resurrection" in their lives following their time in prison is very bleak. This is the number of prison inmates in our state that will be released each year back into our communities. Nearly 40 percent of these returning citizens will be back in prison within three years.

At any given time, there are about 28,000 men and women populating Indiana's prisons. Another 140,000 are either on probation or parole—those out of prison, but continuing to be monitored by the justice system before being completely free.

Prisoners are among the few populations that Jesus identified by name in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25, when he told us how we treated him by treating "the least ones." I imagine that knowing in advance the fate that he was to meet, Jesus could identify with the loneliness, isolation and hopelessness of those living behind bars.

This often forgotten population of neighbors is certainly not among the easiest to show compassion. Befriending a prisoner during or following jail is not for everyone, but clearly there is a need for more of us to share our gifts of time and attention. After all, we are believers in the grace of forgiveness and the hope of resurrection.

Unless you have been incarcerated yourself or had a friend or family member arrested and convicted of a crime, these 28,000 citizens can easily remain nameless and unknown. Yet knowing that more than 11,000 of them will be back in prison within three years tells us that they need much more than they are getting when they return to our cities and towns.

As you can likely guess, an enormous percentage of those committing crimes come from broken homes where they grew up with one or no parents. When they return to our communities—and while in prison for that matter—they need people to fill this gaping hole in their lives.

There are individuals and groups in some of our Catholic parishes that have made prison ministry a part of their service to Christ.

An offender returning to a community where he or she has a mentor is more likely to stay out of prison and find the mercy of Jesus. Mentors help the ex-offender find a place to live and work, and show him or her how to make a positive impact in the world. More mentors are needed to be the face of Christ to these men and women.

Employers can play an important role by intentionally hiring ex-offenders who demonstrate a desire to earn an honest wage. A felony conviction makes it extremely difficult to find a job, leaving many to return to a life of crime. I have recently become acquainted with a middle-aged man who served 10 years in federal prison for trafficking marijuana, and he says that he has paid his debt to society and desperately wants to do honest work but no one will hire him.

Are you being called to show the mercy of Jesus to one of these "least of my people"?

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It's All Good/Patti Lamb

## Parenthood: The greatest exercise in human love

My friend is what I'd call a "planner." She amazes me with her keen eye for detail and her ability to quickly generate plans A, B and C for any situation.



She can contrive a makeshift umbrella out of a lens polishing cloth in her purse. There is nothing for which she is not prepared.

She is due to give birth any day now, and tells me she feels adequately prepared for motherhood.

After all, she has done her homework. Her baby's nursery is painted flawlessly in a shade which, she tells me, is the most soothing color, according to leading child psychologists. All the baby clothes have been washed and arranged neatly by size and color in the dresser drawers. Even her stroller, she made certain, is rated with the highest safety award designation.

She will be using cloth diapers in an effort to do her part for the environment, and she is fully committed to a regimen of organic-only baby foods when her baby makes the transition to solids.

That last one put me over the edge.

"Honey, enjoy the orderliness while you can," I thought to myself, "because parenthood is not so methodical."

I thought about speaking up, but didn't have the heart. There are some things you just can't adequately describe to even the closest of friends. I let the moment pass without interruption. I let her revel in her glorious June Cleaver-like version of motherhood.

I bit my tongue when I wanted to talk about the real stuff—a colicky baby, meltdowns, sleep deprivation and transitioning from marriage—just the two of us—to parenthood. Admittedly, however, I'm far from an expert.

I think being a parent is the greatest exercise in human love. The center of your universe shifts. The child becomes the nucleus. You've known love on so many levels but, when you have a child, that takes it to a whole new plateau.

The love of parents is, in my mind, the closest we come to beginning to understand the love of God. It is a love that is unconditional, offering quick forgiveness and unwavering encouragement.

Even though our children can be difficult and frustrate us, we still love them in a way no one else could because they are ours.

They are extensions of our very selves.

In essence, we say to them, "Even when you choose unwisely, look terrible or disappoint me, I will always love you. You are mine."

Parents are called to be steadfast in the daily task of love.

For a child to know love of this caliber is more important than any material means which could be provided by the parent, mostly because real love is not fleeting. A son or daughter, whether age 5 or 50, never outgrows the love of the parents. Parenting is a great big lesson in love.

My dear friend, the greatest planner that I know, cannot prepare herself for the transformation of parenthood with any stroller or cloth diaper. It happens in the heart.

Next week will bring my friend's first official Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day, dear friend. It may not be what you planned for. It's not easy, and there's no form of insurance you can purchase if it turns out differently than you expect.

But this much is certain: It's all good.

(Patti Lamb, a member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

## Pro-life book is novel way to promote what's right

In one of the bulletins from Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis a couple months ago, the parish pro-life committee presented the following quotation from Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and well-known author:



"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Sometime after that, I received a book from Pleasant Word, a division of WinePress Publishing, with one of the first pages noting this Jewish Proverb: "When you save a life, you save the world."

The extraordinary man who wrote what is in my second paragraph, Elie Wiesel, is Jewish.

These coincidences prompted me to immediately read the book *The River Nile* by Kenny Blair. I also knew that I would introduce the book in my first

column in May because it is the traditional month to honor mothers—not only our earthly mothers, but also all the mothers who have passed into God's heavenly realm.

In May, we also love Mary, who was approached by the Angel Gabriel and said "yes" to being the mother of our Savior.

We honor Mary in many ways, and we also honor her for choosing life when surely other options were available even in biblical days.

Those other options—and the problems regarding abortion—are carefully explored in Kenny Blair's novel.

Yes, this author chose to write in novel form what pro-life workers have promoted since abortion became an easily accessible surgery that is spiritually and physically deadly.

Not only do babies die, but the mothers often suffer post-traumatic pain that can be intolerable if not resolved spiritually and mentally.

The title of the book comes from the Book of Exodus (Ex 2:3), which explains how, after Pharaoh ordered death to all Jewish babies, one baby, Moses, was saved through his sister's quick thinking.

Ironically, Moses was eventually adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.

How many babies are saved today through the efforts of prayerful pro-life volunteers and the abundant prayers of Catholics and other Christians?

Kenny Blair's novel shares unique ways to save babies from abortion. Could it be that a novel's unusual plot can actually spur new lifesaving approaches to this evil? The plot is so gripping that I literally finished the 98-page book in one sitting with minimal distractions. It is a small book with potentially lifesaving results.

The author and his wife, Jodi, a certified midwife, live in Kansas with their five children, four of whom are adopted and have special needs. They have been involved in the pro-life movement since the 1970s.

*The River Nile* reads like a mystery, but it deals with reality. It is available from [www.winepressbooks.com](http://www.winepressbooks.com) or by calling 360-802-5700.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 3, 2009

- Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
- 1 John 3:1-2
- John 10:11-18

Once more during this Easter season, the Church draws from the Acts of the Apostles for the first reading for Mass.



This reading reveals the priorities and beliefs of the first Christians.

The setting is Jerusalem, where a Christian community has formed, very visibly and quite

intentionally clustered around Peter and the other Apostles. Prayer, total devotion to the Lord, bold charity and a sense of unity characterize this Christian community.

The community is outward looking, seeing as its solemn responsibility the need to make Jesus known far beyond the circle of believers.

In this reading, Peter preaches. He speaks for all the other Apostles and, indeed, for the community itself. Peter quite obviously is the leader.

Acts says that Peter was "filled with the Holy Spirit." Peter was speaking in and with the power and grace of God. He emphasizes that healing a cripple, recalled earlier in Acts, occurred with the healing ability of Jesus.

In his sermon, Peter insists that no salvation is possible without Jesus because God gave Jesus to the world as the Redeemer of humankind.

The First Epistle of John is the next reading.

The three epistles, attributed to John but actually written in the tradition of John, all have an eloquence and depth that is most appealing. The passage offered in this reading, in fact, is rather brief, only two verses, but it nonetheless is most expressive, reassuringly a declaration of the theological fact that believers are nothing less than God's children.

The imagery is strong. No other human relationship so directly and well conveys the notion of love, caring and life-giving than that of a parent and child.

This reading also says that those who are worthy of being God's children one day will see God, and therefore they will be with God.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading, and it is a glorious revelation about the Lord Jesus.

Everyone knew what herding sheep was all about because, at the time of Christ, Roman Palestine was by and large an agricultural nation. Most people had their livelihood in farming or in herding. Sheep herding was a major industry.

Another image is important. Sheep are gentle animals, vegetarian and not at all aggressive. They also are quite vulnerable. Predators easily make sheep their prey. Since sheep are such easy prey, aggressors hunt for them. Because of their placid nature, sheep are unable to fight for their lives and need their shepherds for protection. Good shepherds care for the sheep, helping them to overcome the vulnerability created by their meekness and lack of cunning.

Jesus, in this passage, compares us humans to the sheep. It is a fact, but a fact that humans prefer to forget. Humans are vulnerable. We need the shepherd. He is the good shepherd. He lays down his life for us, and he does not want anyone to be lost.

## Reflection

In the Gospels, Jesus uses the strong image of the Good Shepherd on several occasions. It is an image that has survived the cultural transition in much of the world from the agrarian society of yesteryear to the modern technological lifestyle.

This weekend's liturgy builds on this image, presenting it in the marvelous reading from the fourth Gospel. When the superb literary technique of this Gospel is added to the process, the image is stunning and beckoning in its brilliance. Its meaning is clear because of the frankness of the Gospel.

It is vital that believers, indeed all people, realize that humans are very much like sheep. In so many ways, humans are vulnerable. Their instincts—and sin all around them—threaten their eternal lives.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He overcomes human failure. He protects us in our vulnerability. He defends us against peril. Therefore, in Jesus alone is life, as Peter proclaimed so well. †

## Daily Readings

### Monday, May 4

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
John 10:1-10

### Tuesday, May 5

Acts 11:19-26  
Psalms 87:1-7  
John 10:22-30

### Wednesday, May 6

Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
John 12:44-50

### Thursday, May 7

Acts 13:13-25  
Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27  
John 13:16-20

### Friday, May 8

Acts 13:26-33  
Psalm 2:6-11  
John 14:1-6

### Saturday, May 9

Acts 13:44-52  
Psalm 98:1-4  
John 14:7-14

### Sunday, May 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31  
Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30,  
31-32  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

## Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

# Church does not require standard amount of tithing for parishioners

**Q**What is the Church's rule about tithing? I know tithing was required in the Old Testament, but parishes in our area seem to have different regulations and expectations.



favorite charity.

Is there anything official about the proper amount to tithe that applies everywhere? (Wisconsin)

**A**The Catholic Church today—in fact, the majority of Christians since the beginning—does not prescribe any set amount that should be given to Church-related causes.

A tax or a tithe, from an Old English word meaning "a tenth," was common in several ancient cultures, including among the Jewish people. As recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy, a tenth of all produce, livestock and other income was to be offered to God for the care of the temple, support of priests and Levites, and for the needs of the poor (Dt 14 and Dt 26). Tithing was held to be a serious obligation even into and after the time of Jesus.

Pharisees of Jesus' time boasted of their tithing, causing our Lord to tell them—for example, in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in the Gospel of Luke (Lk 18)—that, if they tithed, they should not neglect the more essential spiritual virtues of humility and mercy. But Jesus himself never commanded it.

Many people practice some form of tithing on their own initiative. Bishops and pastors often suggest tithing to include not only offerings directly to the parish, but also gifts to the missions or other apostolic works as well as the costs of Catholic education, something similar to the practice in your parish.

In the end, however, Catholic communities leave the decision to each person's generosity and good will.

**Q**One of our daughters recently moved to another diocese. During a Holy Week penance service, their priest invited people to write their sins on paper.

The priest stood in front of them at the altar step, read their sins, placed his hand on their heads and gave them absolution. People were told that the papers would

be burned later. For us, this was a strange practice for a communal penance service. (New York)

**A**It's also strange to me. It likely was a valid confession. Sins were confessed and absolution was given individually. However, it was done in a manner contrary to the Church's laws.

Therefore, the procedure is not wise. I strongly discourage people from writing their sins on paper for confession. For one thing, it can encourage some forms of scrupulosity.

In usual circumstances, it also seems to place a wrong emphasis on the "correct" recollection of one's sins.

When writing is absolutely necessary because of a serious speech defect, for example, I always return the piece of paper directly and immediately to the penitent. There should be no hint of doubt that the confidentiality and seal of confession is preserved.

Another practice in some places is to ask penitents to place their list of sins in a small common fire at the end of the liturgy. That may work, and I recognize the significance that burning can have to symbolize God's forgiveness.

I simply believe that we must preserve, and be seen to preserve, the secrecy that Catholics have a right to expect in this sacrament.

(A free brochure in English or Spanish, answering questions that Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of [jjdietzen@aol.com](mailto:jjdietzen@aol.com).) †

## My Journey to God

# Stillness

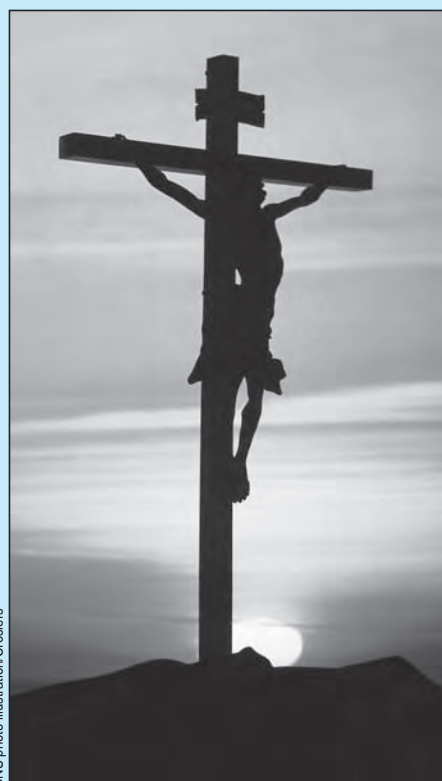
I like those poems, you know the ones, the ones that whisper softly, so softly, words like *silence* and *stillness*.

They offer hope to a world that spins fast, so fast, out of control—a world that's forgotten how to sit, just sit, among a grove of trees or watch, just watch, a peaceful setting sun.

I like poems that invite the world to slow down, take a deep breath, fold its hands, bow its head and listen for the Voice that says, "*Be still.*"

By Cathy Lamperski Dearing

(Cathy Lamperski Dearing is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. This photo illustration depicts the crucifixion of Christ at sunset on Good Friday.)



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**CAMPBELL, Jeff**, 47, Sacred Heart, Clinton, March 30. Father of Ivanna and Paul Campbell. Son of Lil Campbell. Brother of Joy Dust.

**CASSE, Robert F.**, 80, SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood, March 31. Husband of Norma Jean (Harms) Casse. Father of Joan Carlson, Jennifer Hohlt, Michael and Steven Casse. Brother of Norman Casse. Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of five.

**CHANEY, Kathy M.**, 49, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, April 13. Mother of George and Josh Chaney. Daughter of Millie (Higdon) Bruner. Sister of Jackie Bond and Sandra Kim. Grandmother of four.

**COLBY, Edward B.**, 90, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, April 7. Husband of Anita Colby. Father of Susan Colby. Brother of Margaret Jones. Grandfather of two.

**CROOKS, John P.**, 57, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, April 12. Husband of Patricia Crooks. Father of Jennifer Dowdican and Allison Crooks. Grandfather of three.

**DAVIS, James L.**, 68, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, April 13. Husband of Judith

Davis. Father of Victoria Ward. Grandfather of one.

**FELDMAN, Alfred J.**, 70, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, April 19. Husband of Paulene Feldman. Father of Debbie Bergman, Richard and Ron Feldman. Grandfather of five. Step-grandfather of seven. Step-great-grandfather of seven.

**FRANK, Joseph V., Jr.**, 81, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, April 14. Husband of Roberta Frank. Father of Cheri White, Beth, John and Joseph Frank III. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of one.

**FRISQUE, Marvin V.**, 79, Prince of Peace, Madison, April 10. Husband of Carol Jean Frisque. Father of Steve Frisque. Brother of Iris, Elmer and Germaine Frisque. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of five.

**GERYAK, Irene (Stanley)**, 78, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, April 7. Mother of Catherine Jones, Angela Wiczek, Paula, John, Joseph and Michael Geryak. Sister of Helen Dotson. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of five.

**GRITT, Joseph**, 81, Most Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, April 26. Father of Debbie Adams, Jan Trimble and Jack Gritt. Brother of Mary Lashbrook, Regina O'Hara, Joan, David, George, Robert, Tom and William Gritt. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of 14. Great-great-grandfather of one.

**HAWKINS, Donald**, 79, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, April 10. Husband of Mary Jo Hawkins. Father of Michele Brewer, Jo Clark, Sue Anne Hoffeditz, Gina and David Hawkins. Brother of Marilee Rexroad and Betty Sauer-Lemon.

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**HOWLEY, Mary Alice**, 67, Prince of Peace, Madison, April 11. Sister of Charles and Tom Howley.

**JONES, Thelma**, 89, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 11. Mother of Linda Alsip, Jennifer Endsley, Carolyn Francis and Richard Jones. Sister of Vivian O'Brien. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of nine.

**KOETTER, John E.**, 69, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, April 9. Husband of Janice Koetter. Father of Pamela Baker, Kelly Brock and Eric Koetter. Brother of Ruth Book, Carol Calandrino, Dorothy Krue, Betty Sprigler, Pat Williams, Mary Margaret, Dick and Jim Koetter. Grandfather of two.

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**KONECHNIK, Rose**, 90, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, April 11. Aunt of several.

**LENIHAN, Brian Bartley**, 36, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, April 9. Son of Kerry and Cheri Lenihan. Brother of Jason Lenihan.

**LOOS, Mary E.**, 83, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, April 6. Mother of Sharon Straw, Michael and William Loos. Sister of Theresa Claxton, Charles and John Kasper. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of eight.

**LOWE, Carla J.**, 80, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, April 6. Mother of Karla Theobald, Eric and Greg Lowe. Grandmother of five.

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**NORDMEYER, Catherine F.**, 88, St. Louis, Batesville, April 16. Mother of Jane O'Grady and Mary Nordmeyer. Grandmother of two.

**PRICKEL, Omer F.**, 84, St. Louis, Batesville, April 19. Husband of Naomi Prickel. Brother of Rita Stahley and Alban Prickel. Uncle of several.

**RECKLEY, Daniel Robert**, 59, St. Jude, Indianapolis, April 18. Husband of Lori Ann (Garriott) Reckley. Father of Danielle, Derek and Joseph Reckley and Zachary Jackson. Brother of Robert and Scott Reckley.

**REYNOLDS, Nancy Lorraine**, 67, St. Anne, New Castle,



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**RICHARDS, Victoria R.**, 18, St. Maurice, Napoleon, April 2. Daughter of Carolyn Richards. Sister of Sarah Folsom, Jacob and Lucas Richards. Granddaughter of Anna McCullough. Step-granddaughter of Janice Deffenbaugh.

**RITZI, Ruth Ann**, 80, St. Michael, Brookville, April 9. Sister of Marie Selm.

**SCHULER, James**, 81, St. Charles, Milan, April 5. Husband of Glenna Schuler. Father of Trina Kohlmeier, Brenda Nickell, Cathy Richmond, Dennis, Joel, Michael, Ricky, Robert and William Schuler.

**SHULTZ, Esther A. (Rein)**, 75, Holy Family, New Albany, April 14. Mother of Joyce West, Janet, Mary and Susan Schultz. Sister of Dorothy Eckhoff and

Nancy Rein. Grandmother of two.

**TAYLOR, Daniel J.**, 54, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, April 16. Son of Martha McCartney. Brother of Cindy Miceli, Sean McCartney and Patrick Taylor.

**TRAYLOR, Deborah**, 56, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, April 16. Wife of Charles Traylor. Mother of Lauren, Stacy and Jeff Traylor. Sister of Vicki Hundley and Cindy Kielman. Grandmother of two.

**VEA, M. Virginia (Yulo)**, 72, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 15. Mother of Mary Elizabeth Vea-Smith and Rosemarie Vea. Sister of Carmen and Herita Yulo. Grandmother of six.

**WALKER, Theresa**, 82, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, April 11. Mother of Teri Clark, Jonelle Cubero, Janet Karolick, Janeen and Jon Walker. Sister of Agnes Decker, Josile Rider, Mary Wiecks, Ida, Leonette and Jerry

Bursch. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of 13.

**WALL, Ruby M.**, 90, St. Mary, New Albany, April 7. Mother of Shirley Richie-Froman, James, John and William Wall Jr. Sister of Walter Ledbetter. Grandmother of six. Step-grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of five.

**WELLS, Julie**, 49, St. Anne, New Castle, April 7. Wife of Steve Wells. Mother of Amanda Bryant. Daughter of Marion and Agnes Woolsey. Sister of Pam Denton, Debbie Fox and Mike Woolsey. Grandmother of two.

**WICKSTROM, Anna E.**, 83, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, April 11. Mother of Laurie Burnell. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of six.

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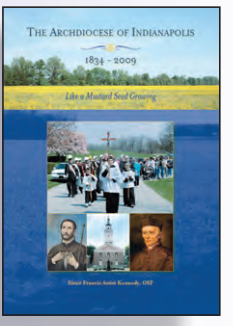
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