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From around the world, pilgrims arrive in Madrid, tired but excited

MADRID (CNS)—Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from across the globe descended on the Spanish capital on Aug. 15 with an array of colorful T-shirts, weary eyes and a unified spirit of excitement about World Youth Day.

On the eve of the festivities' official opening, pilgrims with their specially designed World Youth Day backpacks crowded the streets, Metro cars and cafes. Many were exhausted, having arrived only hours before.

Sona Mpfu of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, landed at Madrid's Barajas airport at 8 a.m. after a 10-hour bus ride, a night at a Catholic center in Johannesburg, and a subsequent 10-hour flight. Despite the lack of sleep on the plane and the intense, dry heat, she and 21 other pilgrims from southern Africa were thrilled about being at World Youth Day.

"When you come here, you feel at home," said Mpfu, 27. "You don't need to explain yourself. You are who you are. We understand each other."

"It's been an overwhelming experience when you see that everyone shares the same faith, despite color, race and upbringing, and culture," said Fungai Mawada, 20. "We all have that one thing in common. To get here, it's like coming home to a bigger family."

For most of the group, it was not only their first World Youth Day, but their first time traveling to Europe and even their first time getting on an airplane or leaving Zimbabwe. This pilgrimage was especially poignant for the Zimbabweans because their coordinator, Spanish Marianhill Father Ricardo Davila, died in June from injuries sustained in a car accident. The family of the late priest stepped up, helping coordinate and host the pilgrims for their journey.

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A leap of courage, obedience and faith

Father Juan Valdes, left, parish administrator of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, who also ministers to the Hispanic community in the New Albany Deanery, Al Klein and Leslie Lynch sing bilingual songs during a Hispanic music event at St. Mary Church in Lanesville on May 15.

Two faith communities with different cultures share common bonds of worship and music

By Leslie Lynch
Special to *The Criterion*

LANESVILLE—The quarterly men's fellowship meeting at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville typically begins with discussion of a faith-related topic, and ends with euchre and homemade wine.

May's gathering ended that way, too, but it began with a far different experience—one that set the stage for two seemingly different Catholic communities to come together in an inspiring celebration of faith.

The story's roots took hold in July 2010 when Father Juan Valdes was assigned to dual roles in southern Indiana—administrator of St. Mary

Parish in Lanesville, and ministry to the Hispanic community in the New Albany Deanery. At first glance, the two groups have little in common other than shared faith.

Lanesville, a rural community with deep German roots, has few non-English speakers and is known for its top-notch picnic and quilts. The Hispanic Ministry serves a fluid, primarily Spanish-speaking population known for its Latino traditions and lively music. Until recently, involvement between the communities has been minimal.

That began to change when Father Valdes invited members of an adult Bible study group in Lanesville to visit a Hispanic Mass. Fifteen people

accepted, and attended in March. For many, it was their first experience of the Mass in a language other than English.

"Even though I couldn't understand Spanish, I knew where we were in the Mass," said Margaret Pickerell, a member of St. Mary Parish. "Not knowing the words sort of freed up my mind to experience its beauty in the moment."

Rita Goss expressed appreciation for the hospitality and generosity of spirit exhibited by the Hispanic community.

"I felt a little nervous at first, but those people are so kind and so welcoming. I really enjoyed it," she said.

Buoyed by the positive experience, See CULTURES, page 2

Friends, family, parishioners praise new monsignors

By Sean Gallagher

When Pope Benedict XVI gave the title of monsignor earlier this year to the late Msgr. Joseph Kern, Msgr. Paul Richart, Msgr. Joseph Riedman, Msgr. William Stumpf and Msgr. Anthony Volz, he



Msgr. Joseph Kern

singled out five priests who, combined, had ministered for 211 years in the Church in central and southern Indiana and in places around the world.

Over the course of that time, the priests led in faith countless parishioners, friends and family.

More than 500 people gathered from all corners of the archdiocese on Aug. 14 to pay tribute to the monsignors as their ecclesiastical honors were ritually conferred in an Evening Prayer liturgy.

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Photos by Sean Gallagher



Processing out of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis at the conclusion of an Aug. 14 Evening Prayer liturgy are, from left, Msgr. Paul Richart, Msgr. William Stumpf, Msgr. Anthony Volz and Msgr. Joseph Riedman. Earlier this year, Pope Benedict XVI gave these priests and the late Msgr. Joseph Kern the title of monsignor.

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and intrigued at the possibility of further interaction between the faith communities, some members of St. Mary Parish began to seek out ways to facilitate a relationship between the groups. Gradually, the focus of discussions narrowed from a vague question of "How do we go about this?" to a goal of creating opportunities for connections between individuals.

A shared faith was the obvious central commonality, but language constituted a barrier. However, the language of music is universal. Once formed, the idea of inviting the Hispanic choir to share their music at St. Mary Parish took hold and grew. The men of Christ Renews His Parish, who host a quarterly men's fellowship gathering, suggested the May gathering as a venue.

Father Valdes carried the invitation to Miguel Mendez, coordinator of the Hispanic choir. A dialogue ensued, both between and within the two communities. The decision was not made lightly as people in both groups wrestled with trepidation and preconceived ideas about each other.

"I was a bit anxious at how this whole concept would be accepted by our parish, and how we would get past the language barrier," said Kevin Boone, a member of St. Mary Parish.

"When we got the invitation, I thought it would be so hard to do, but we knew it was a new opportunity that God gave us," Mendez said.

After discussion and prayer, the Hispanic choir accepted the invitation. In an effort to create initial rapport and with an eye toward more lasting friendships, some members of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville began to attend the Hispanic choir's practices and Masses that are held at St. Mary Parish in New Albany.

Preparation for the event began, with much thought going into the choices and order of songs by the choir, and equal effort toward hospitality on the part of the men's group at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville. Plans for a simple evening with music and fellowship blossomed into an extended invitation to members of the Hispanic community.

Chuck Lynch of St. Mary Parish developed a bilingual program with song lyrics and prayers translated into English and Spanish for the convenience of all who attended.

On May 15, the many hours of preparation and prayer bore fruit. The Hispanic choir, plus three additional families, traveled from New Albany to Lanesville. Members of St. Mary Parish provided vehicles to aid in transporting the choir's equipment, which included a drum set, alto saxophone, amplifiers, and bass and electric guitars. Once set up, the choir members joined the St. Mary's men in the cafeteria for prayer then they enjoyed a meal of grilled bratwurst and beans.

The formal program of the quarterly men's fellowship meeting opened with Joe Wuerth of St. Mary Parish offering a welcome prayer.

"This gathering may be hosted by the Christ Renews His Parish men, but it is sponsored by the Holy Spirit," he said.

Lynch summarized the journey of discovery that brought these two groups together, beginning with the sharing of a common faith and a priest.

Father Valdes spoke about the work of the New Albany Deanery Hispanic Ministry, emphasizing its



The Hispanic choir performs during a Hispanic music event at St. Mary Church in Lanesville on May 15. In the front row, from left, are Miguel Mendez, Elena Sanchez, Vanessa Moran, Fernando Hernandez, Manuel Hernandez, Dervi Bravo and Octavio Gomez. In the back row are Gustavo Sanchez and Federico Garcia.

efforts in helping the poor and integrating Hispanics into the local community.

The Hispanic choir performed six songs that represented typical music from the Masses celebrated in Spanish. It didn't take long for the men of St. Mary Parish to get into the spirit and join in with enthusiasm. The evening's music ended with "Go Now in Peace, My Friends," sung in both languages.

The event changed attitudes, including Boone's initial concerns.

"Once the 'ice was broken' and all began to interact, I realized there wasn't much of a language barrier at all," Boone said. "We managed to communicate well enough to convey our thoughts."

Mendez added, "This meant a lot for me, a new experience to learn how many beautiful people exist even if they don't understand the words. We could feel how excited they were. It doesn't matter what language we speak to each other. I think the more important thing is the feelings that we are transmitting through the music."

Father Valdes put it in terms of the Gospel: "The word of God says wherever two or three gather in my name to pray, I am in their midst. We did this in the name of God, united with one faith, in the same God, and practicing hospitality. Wherever there is love, there is the Holy Spirit."

The connection could have ended that evening, but it led some individuals to deeper relationships and understandings.

"We shared our culture, music, and this gave us the opportunity to integrate into the local community, promoting better understanding and cooperation with those who speak English," said Elena Sanchez, a member of the Hispanic group.

For some of the parishioners at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, immigration issues are no longer anonymous or clearly delineated. At the very least, they have an awareness of the obstacles faced by non-English speakers in southern Indiana.

In an unexpected bonus, Father Valdes learned about



Gustavo Sanchez, left, Federico Garcia and Leslie Lynch enjoy a meal prior to the music event at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville on May 15.

the ability that some St. Mary parishioners had to write grants, which could be used to assist the Hispanic community. He recently learned that a grant for \$7,000 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been awarded to the New Albany Deanery Hispanic Ministry. He also noted that the archdiocese has contributed \$40,000 to Hispanic Ministry for Catholic education, evangelization and staff.

When the Hispanic Ministry hosted its annual outdoor Mass and picnic at Mount St. Francis Retreat Center in Floyd County on July 17, members of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville enjoyed a warm welcome from members of the Hispanic community. Father Valdes and Father Dan Atkins, pastor of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, concelebrated Mass. The Hispanic choir provided music. After Mass, members of both communities sang together in a moment of spontaneity.

Father Valdes summed up the experiences that have brought the two communities together.

"Do not be afraid to share our differences because in the differences is the richness." †

Criterion readers invited to reflect on how Sept. 11, 2001, changed their lives of faith

As the 10th anniversary nears of the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, *The Criterion* is inviting readers to share their thoughts and their stories on how the events of that unforgettable day had an impact on their faith lives that continues today.

We are also inviting police officers, firefighters and other public safety personnel to tell readers about how their work affects their faith and how their faith influences their service to the public on a daily basis.

These stories could be used as the foundation for future articles in *The Criterion*.

Please send your stories and submissions to assistant editor John Shaughnessy by e-mail at jshaughnessy@archindy.org. Or send them by mail to him at P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206. As part of your correspondence, please include a phone number where you can be reached. †



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Renovated parish center dedicated at St. Anne in New Castle

By Mary Ann Garber

NEW CASTLE—Newly renovated and handicap-accessible, the St. Anne Parish Center architecturally and symbolically unites the campus of the Henry County faith community that has grown stronger in the midst of adversity during the past four years.

The brick building sits behind the new St. Anne Church at 102 N. 19th St., which was consecrated on Feb. 28, 2010, to replace the former church destroyed in an arson fire on Holy Saturday, April 7, 2007.

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, blessed and dedicated St. Anne's former school following a noon Mass on Aug. 14 then greeted parishioners as he toured the religious education and meeting space.

Two entrance doors centered on the north and south sides of the Parish Center enable parishioners and guests to easily walk from the parking lot on the north side of the campus through the building to the church entrance.

The center houses the parish offices, 11 classrooms, and two large meeting spaces with adjoining kitchens and restrooms.

Deacon candidate Russell Woodard, St. Anne's parish life coordinator, said after the dedication that the \$1.1 million renovation project transformed the outdated school floor plan into a functional multipurpose center.

"It's a wonderful renovation," Woodard said. "The school has been closed since the mid-'80s. It's been used for religious education and offices, but never was really fit to serve those purposes. It was built in the 1950s and never updated so we had large rooms that were not very usable.

"With the momentum that was gained after the church was rebuilt, we were able to renovate this building," he said. "It's a



Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, center, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, blesses the new St. Anne Parish Center during a dedication ceremony on Aug. 14 in New Castle. Assisting the bishop are, from left, altar servers Timmy Welch and Margy Welch; Father Joseph Rautenberg, sacramental minister; Father Stanley Herber, dean of the Connersville Deanery and priest moderator; Ford Cox, executive assistant to the archbishop and auxiliary bishop and liaison for episcopal affairs; lifetime parishioner John McGrady; parishioner Brittany West; longtime parishioner Iris Niflis; and deacon candidate Russell Woodard, parish life coordinator.

bleeding because now we have more appropriate sized rooms. We have been able to move our parish hall upstairs to where it is accessible. That's especially important for our funeral meals and other large gatherings."

Renovation of the Parish Center began in December 2010, Woodard said, and

reflects the love that the people have for God and the Church.

"Even though many of the parishioners still have pledges on the church that they are paying, they stepped up and made additional pledges to help pay for this project," he said. "The children are our future, and we recognize that having an appropriate place for them for religious education is important. That's really what drove this project."

During the liturgy, many parishioners appeared emotional as Bishop Coyne noted in his homily that, "Faith is easy when it isn't tested."

But we can be people of hope, the auxiliary bishop said, because "God gives each one of us what we need to follow him, what we need to grow in Christian love, what we need to hear. He gives it to each of us through the sacraments of the Church, through our prayer life, through the Scriptures, through the good works and words of others around us.

"What a joy it is for me to be here today with you to celebrate this Mass and to bless your new parish center ... after much work and prayer by so many members of your parish," he said. "... May all who come here know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of his friendship and grow in his love. ... We pray that the word of God may always echo from its walls."

Special guests included several Providence sisters who served as principals or teachers at the former St. Anne School.

After the dedication, Providence Sister Ann Marie Boyce, who ministered as a teacher and principal from 1966-76, said "it's wonderful that the parish has been able to hold together despite all of the suffering that they've gone through."

Parishioner and business manager Patty Hughes said she is "so proud of us as a parish. We had that tragedy four years ago, and we've really stepped up and come together as a parish family. It's been wonderful. And it's not just the parish. The community came together to help us."

Father Stanley Herber, dean of the Connersville Deanery and priest moderator of the parish, said he is pleased "the old school is going to be used in many ways."

Father Joseph Rautenberg, the parish's sacramental minister, noted that St. Anne's 250 households focus on their faith and hospitality.

"I'm very happy for the parish," he said. "I think it will be both a symbol and a resource for parish life in the future."

Parishioner Doug Magers recently published *St. Anne and Her People*, a 356-page history of the Henry County faith community featuring more than 700 photographs taken from 1872 to 2010. The book sells for \$30 plus \$5 for mailing costs, and can be purchased by contacting the parish office at 765-529-0933.

"The day the church burned was the worst day of my life," Magers said. "That was the nudge for me to finish the book." †



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St. Anne parishioner John McGrady, who is 86 and a lifetime member of the Connersville Deanery parish, helps cut the ribbon across an entrance door on Aug. 14 after Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, second from left, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, blessed and dedicated the newly renovated St. Anne Parish Center in New Castle. Altar server Margy Welch, left, watches the ceremony.



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Editorial



Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, responds to a question during an informal news conference in Washington. At left is Tom Grenchik, executive director of the U.S. bishops' pro-life secretariat. Cardinal DiNardo recently spoke out against a Health and Human Services' proposal that contraceptives and sterilization will be among the mandated preventive services for women under the new health reform law.

Threats to religious freedom

Why do Catholic politicians so often flout the teachings of Catholicism to make it more difficult for the Church?

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Catholic, signed into law a bill that permits same-sex "marriages" in that state.

Health and Human Services' Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, a Catholic, announced on Aug. 1 a proposal that contraceptives and sterilization will be among the mandated preventive services for women under the new health reform law.

Even in Ireland, Prime Minister Enda Kenny, a Catholic, has said that priests must report cases of child abuse they learn about in confessions.

Most Catholics know that priests must not violate the seal of confession. The *Code of Canon Law* states, "The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason" (# 983).

We editorialized on New York's same-sex law in our July 8 issue. This week, we want to concentrate on the HHS announcement about contraceptives and sterilization.

Under these new proposed regulations, anyone who wants to be sterilized or receive contraceptives—including chemical abortifacients—can receive them free as part of most health care plans, public or private. Furthermore, those of us who are opposed to such procedures must nevertheless pay for them.

That is bad enough. But there is more.

Supposedly, religious organizations would be exempt from including those procedures in their health care plans. However, "religious organizations" are defined so narrowly that they would exclude Catholic charitable ministries, schools and medical facilities.

The HHS proposal was subject to a 60-day comment period before it goes into effect.

As we reported in our Aug. 5 issue, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said that, under the HHS rule, "our institutions would be free to act in accord with Catholic teachings on life and procreation only if they were to stop hiring and serving non-Catholics."

We sometimes wonder if governmental officials are aware of all the things that Catholic organizations do for the general public, especially for the poor. They don't

serve only Catholics.

When Catholic Charities provides services for the needy, it doesn't ask people if they are Catholic or not. Most of the people helped by the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Beggars for the Poor are not Catholics.

Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of the U.S. bishops' media relations office, perhaps said it best when she commented on the HHS regulation. She said that it "conveniently ignores the underlying principle of Catholic charitable actions. We help people because we are Catholics, not because our clients are."

It is similar with the Catholic schools in poor sections of our cities. The voucher program was criticized by some people because state money was going to Catholic schools. But those schools exist to serve the children of the poorest people in the city, not for any benefit to the Catholic Church. Catholic children often are a minority of the pupils in these schools.

Unnecessary government regulations are threatening Catholics' religious freedom. As we also reported in our Aug. 5 issue, Illinois dioceses have taken legal action to stop the Office of the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services from ending contracts with Catholic agencies because they refuse to place foster children or adopted children with same-sex couples.

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield said that the state of Illinois is violating the law by forcing agencies to act against their religious beliefs.

Earlier, Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Boston had to discontinue placing adoptions when the state tried to force it to place children with same-sex couples.

There was even a proposal in New York that same-sex weddings must be performed wherever other weddings are performed, including in Catholic churches.

Something must be done about this.

There is a bill now before Congress, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, H.R. 1179, introduced by Reps. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb., and Dan Boren, D-Okla., that would allow health insurance plans to exclude procedures that violate the moral or religious convictions of those providing or purchasing the plan.

We need that law.

—John F. Fink

Making Sense Out of Bioethics/Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

Bringing Christ to the clinic

A Catholic physician once related to me a powerful story about one of his patients, who had just received a diagnosis of advanced metastatic cancer and had a relatively short time left to live.

The patient mentioned to the doctor that he was Catholic, but had drifted away from the Church and no longer practiced the

faith.

A short time after sharing the diagnosis, the doctor returned to the man's hospital room with a priest, asking whether he would like to talk with him. The man became upset and threw them both out of the room, saying to his doctor, "Don't ever do that again!"

Over the next few weeks as his condition worsened, the doctor worked tirelessly with the patient, addressing his medical and pain management needs. He became closer to him each day, and spoke with him about a range of topics. A relationship of trust began to grow and develop.

When the patient's condition took a sharp turn for the worse, the physician knew the end was approaching. Once again, he came to the door of the patient's room accompanied by a priest and stood there for a moment. The patient caught the doctor's eye and, with a glimmer in his own, said rather cryptically, "Oh, what the heck, he probably knows me better than you do so send him in here."

The priest didn't come out of the room for more than an hour. The man ended up going to confession and receiving the last sacraments. Ninety minutes after the priest departed, the man passed on to the Lord.

It might seem bold that the physician brought the priest to the room initially without first inquiring whether the patient wanted a visit from the priest. Yet, it was clearly out of concern for the patient's spiritual needs that he "erred" on the side of taking that risk.

That same personal concern, bolstered by a stronger relationship with the patient, led him to try a second time, making it possible for the man to receive the sacraments and make his peace with God.

The physician's boldness and unflinching concern for his patient played an important role in bringing Christ into a situation where his healing graces were needed, where even the priest alone probably could not have succeeded.

A few months ago, a physician in Florida told me a similar story from his own experience. A young man who had been found unconscious from a suspected drug overdose was admitted to the intensive care

unity. He was not brain dead, but his neurologic exam was poor, and death was imminent.

His parents and sister were at the hospital that Sunday morning when it looked like he would die in the next hour or so. The physician explained the situation then asked if they had any spiritual needs he could help them with.

The father and mother indicated they were both Catholic, but they had never had the children baptized, saying, "I thought they should make their own decision."

The doctor inquired if they would like their son to be baptized. They nodded yes, even though their daughter didn't agree.

The doctor placed a call to the hospital's Spiritual Services, but couldn't reach anyone. He tried calling two local parishes, but the priests were saying Mass. Finally, he called a retired housebound priest that he knew and asked him how to proceed. The priest instructed the physician to baptize the patient conditionally.

When the physician returned, the father spontaneously restated that he would like his son baptized. With the nurse and the parents at bedside, the physician took some tap water into his hand and poured it over the patient's forehead while saying, "I baptize you conditionally in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The patient died within the hour.

The physician later commented: "Hopefully, the patient was disposed to receive the sacrament. I believe his parents were comforted by their decision, and rightfully so. They had probably just requested the most important event in their son's existence."

Some Catholic health care workers may take a largely hands-off approach when it comes to addressing the spiritual needs of their patients. The physician or nurse may feel such spiritual concerns are not really their purview or concern.

Yet, close collaboration between Catholic medical professionals and clergy is critical to effectively address the needs of patients approaching death. Even when a priest may not be available, physicians and nurses often will have opportunities to serve as unique conduits of God's grace if they are willing to be courageous, take some risks and bring Christ into the clinic.

(Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned a doctorate in neuroscience at Yale University and did post-doctoral work at Harvard University. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.) †

Letter to the Editor

Pro-life ministry of prayer is a tool available for all committed to ending abortion

In response to David A. Nealy's excellent comments about the need for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to be involved in praying in front of the abortion facilities, I would like to draw attention to the pro-life ministry of prayer and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

Several years ago, the Office for Pro-Life Ministry assigned each parish one of the five abortion facilities located within the boundaries of the archdiocese. To find out which abortion facility is assigned to your parish, log on to www.archindy.org/prolife/prayers.html.

Through the ministry of prayer, your parish is invited to do the following:

- Pray for women tempted to abort their unborn children at the designated facility.
- Pray for post-abortive women and men who need healing, reconciliation and peace.
- Pray for the conversion of hearts of all

abortion facility personnel, including the doctors who are responsible for the destruction of innocent human life.

• Pray for the closing of that particular abortion facility assigned to your parish.

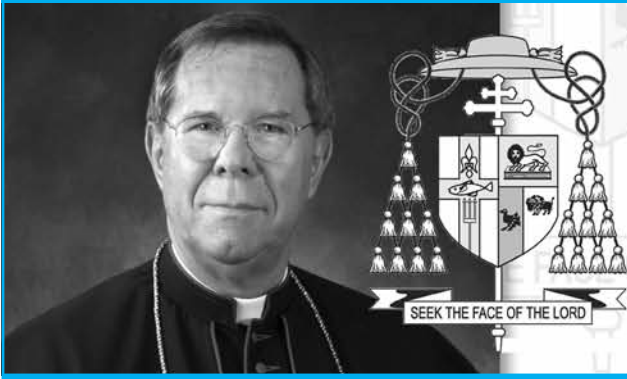
In addition to the ongoing daily ministry of prayer, the Pro-Life Office encourages parishes to conduct a novena of Masses each year which incorporates the intentions mentioned.

The pro-life ministry of prayer may be conducted at home, in the parish, at a perpetual adoration chapel or at an abortion facility. Parishioners who engage in the ministry of prayer should read about the spirituality of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

To learn about the Helpers of God's Precious Infants and participate in the monthly Masses and public witness of prayer at local abortion facilities in Indianapolis and Terre Haute, log on to www.archindy.org/prolife and www.archindy.org/prolife/terrehaute.html.

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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

A bishop is a humble servant of unity in the Church

As I mentioned in my column two weeks ago, I have also had numerous requests for the text of the homily from Bishop Charles C. Thompson's episcopal ordination as the new shepherd of the Diocese of Evansville.

Following is Part 1 of his Ordination Instruction.

Ordination Instruction
Part 1

Thank you, Bishop Thompson, for saying yes to the Holy Father.

Thanks to your parents, Joyce and Coleman, and your family for supporting and encouraging your priestly vocation for the last 25 years. Sisters and brothers, let us show our appreciation for the Thompson family.

Joyce, Coleman, family and friends of Bishop-elect Thompson, Archbishop [Joseph E.] Kurtz, Archbishop [Thomas C.] Kelly, Bishop [Gerald A.] Gettelfinger, brother bishops, brother priests, deacons, seminarians, consecrated religious, sisters and brothers in Christ:

When we ordain a successor of the Apostles, we cannot help but think of the original Twelve, especially on this feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

They poured out their life's blood for love of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. Their intriguing, checkered lives are wonderful testimony that God does great things for us despite the poverty of our humanity.

My predecessor, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara, used to say, "Isn't it marvelous how much good God accomplishes in spite of ourselves?"

Speaking about the office of a bishop and a priest in his apostolic letter on priestly formation, Blessed John Paul II quoted from St. Augustine, who was speaking for bishops at a celebration of the martyrdom of Sts. Peter and Paul centuries ago.

St. Augustine said, "We are your shepherds, with you we receive nourishment. May the Lord give us the strength to love you to the extent of dying for you either in fact or in desire."

When we reflect on the succession of Bishop-elect Thompson in the apostolic tradition, we note his place in succession to Archbishop Kelly through the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin on back to Pope St. Pius X, and even into the 15th century.

That's an awesome thought for Bishop-elect Thompson, who as a young seminarian in an interview with the Louisville *Courier-Journal* said: "He thought he might go to Saint Meinrad and give the seminary a try."

Needless to say, that quote caught my attention and I allowed that much more would be expected than a try.

In fairness to Bishop Thompson, he embraced priestly formation with an open and full heart and completed the program with flying colors. Sisters and brothers, here is your Bishop-elect Thompson.

Archbishop Kurtz, I am confident that Bishop-elect Thompson will make Louisville and Evansville proud. Let me assure you seminarians, your new bishop will expect good things from you.

We are sometimes asked, "What is it like to be a bishop these days? What does it take?"

A bishop has to be strong. A bishop is a martyr, not in the "poor me" sense, rather in

the original sense of the Greek word. He is a witness like Peter, saying with his very life, "You are Christ, the Son of the Living God!" (Mt 16:16).

In a secularized world that believes only in what it sees, by your consecration and by what you do, Bishop Thompson, you will be a witness to mystery.

The very life and identity of a bishop—and of priests—are rooted in the order of faith, the order of the unseen and not in the secular order of values.

And so, in a secular society, the challenge to be a spiritual and moral leader is great.

Above all, this means our very life testifies that our human family needs God in a world that would often believe otherwise.

We bishops and priests are visible sacraments of the priesthood of Jesus Christ in a world that needs to see and hear and touch Jesus, and is no longer sure that it can.

Bishop, you have heard me say more than a few times that our first duty as priests is to be men of prayer. Your patron, St. Charles Borromeo, said, "My brothers, you must realize that for us Churchmen nothing is more necessary than meditation. When you administer the sacraments, meditate on what you are doing. When you celebrate Mass, reflect on the sacrifice you are offering. When you pray the office, think about the words you are saying and the Lord to whom you are speaking. When

you take care of people, meditate on the Lord's blood that has washed them clean. In this way, all that you do becomes a work of love."

In a divided world, along with the priests of this Diocese of Evansville, Bishop, you will be the servant of unity.

By God's grace, we build unity and communion in two ways—unity in the faith of the Church and unity in the charity of Christ.

A bishop is a humble servant of unity in the Church. Without humility, one does not serve. Without humility, one does not build community. In a note for my silver anniversary as a priest, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote, "Be humble like Mary, and you will be holy like Jesus."

In a world where so many people do not know Christ, Bishop, you will be the chief teacher of this diocese of Evansville in the person of Christ the Teacher. †

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 Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for August

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

El obispo es un humilde siervo de la unidad de la Iglesia

Tal como mencioné hace dos semanas en mi columna, también he recibido numerosas solicitudes del texto de la homilía de la ordenación episcopal del obispo Charles C. Thompson, como nuevo pastor de la Diócesis de Evansville.

A continuación presento la Parte 1 de su Instrucción.

Instrucción
Parte 1

Gracias, obispo Thompson, por decirle "sí" al Santo Padre.

Gracias a tus padres, Joyce y Coleman, y a tu familia por apoyar y fomentar tu vocación sacerdotal durante estos últimos 25 años. Hermanos y hermanas, demostremos nuestro agradecimiento a la familia Thompson.

Joyce, Coleman, familiares y amigos del obispo electo Thompson, arzobispo [Joseph E.] Kurtz, arzobispo [Thomas C.] Kelly, obispo [Gerald A.] Gettelfinger, hermanos obispos, hermanos sacerdotes, diáconos, seminaristas, religiosos consagrados, hermanas y hermanos en Cristo:

Cuando ordenamos un sucesor de los Apóstoles, no podemos evitar recordar a los Doce originales, especialmente en esta festividad de San Pedro y San Pablo.

Ellos vertieron su sangre por amor a Jesucristo y a la comunidad de feligreses. Sus vidas fascinantes y variopintas representan un maravilloso testimonio de

que Dios hace cosas extraordinarias por nosotros a pesar de la pobreza de nuestra humanidad.

Mi predecesor, el arzobispo Edward T. O'Meara solía decir: "¿Acaso no es maravilloso todo lo que Dios logra a pesar de nosotros mismos?"

Reflexionando acerca de la dignidad de obispo y del oficio del sacerdote en su carta apostólica sobre la formación sacerdotal, el beato Papa Juan Pablo II cita a San Agustín, en una ocasión en la cual se dirigía a los obispos, con motivo de la conmemoración del martirio de San Pedro y San Pablo siglos atrás.

San Agustín dijo: "Somos tus pastores, en ti recibimos sustento. Que Dios nos conceda la fortaleza para amarte hasta el extremo de morir por ti, ya sea en hechos o en anhelo."

Al reflexionar sobre la sucesión del obispo electo Thompson dentro de la tradición apostólica, observamos el lugar que le corresponde como sucesor del arzobispo Kelly, pasando por el difunto cardenal Joseph Bernardin hasta el papa San Pío X, e incluso retrocediendo hasta el siglo XV.

Esto resulta una idea maravillosa para el obispo electo Thompson quien, en una entrevista del *Courier-Journal* de Louisville, como joven seminarista, comentó que: "Se le ocurrió ir a St. Meinrad y probar con el seminario." Evidentemente esa cita me llamó la atención y admití que debe pretenderse mucho más que un mero intento.

Para ser justo con el obispo Thompson,

se entregó a la formación sacerdotal con un corazón abierto y pleno, y culminó el programa con todos los honores. Hermanos y hermanas, les presento a su obispo electo Thompson.

Arzobispo Kurtz: tengo plena confianza en que el obispo electo Thompson será un orgullo para Louisville y Evansville. A los seminaristas, permítanme asegurarles que su nuevo obispo esperará cosas positivas de ustedes.

En ocasiones se nos pregunta: "¿Cómo es ser obispo en esta época? ¿Qué hace falta para serlo?"

Un obispo debe ser fuerte. El obispo es un mártir, no en el sentido de lamentarse de sí mismo, sino en el sentido original de la palabra griega. Es un testigo, al igual que Pedro, que expresa con su propia vida "¡Tú eres Cristo, el Hijo del Dios Vivo!". (Mt 16:16).

En un mundo secularizado que cree sólo en aquello que ve, obispo Thompson, serás un testigo del misterio, mediante tu consagración y tu obra.

La vida misma y la identidad de un obispo—y de los sacerdotes—están enraizadas en el orden de la fe, el orden de aquello que no se ve y no en el orden de los

valores seculares.

Y por consiguiente, el reto de ser un líder espiritual y moral en una sociedad secular es grande.

Por encima de todo, esto significa que nuestras propias vidas dan testimonio de que nuestra familia humana necesita a Dios en un mundo en el que frecuentemente se cree otra cosa.

Los obispos y los sacerdotes son sacramentos visibles del sacerdocio de

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¿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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Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis
1400 N. Meridian Street
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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

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

Events Calendar

August 19
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Mass, breakfast and program, **“Catholic Confusion Over Health Care Reform,”** Dr. Matthew Will, presenter, 6:30-8:30 a.m. \$14 members, \$20 non-members. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

August 19-20
Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. **“Augustravaganza,”** rides, food, music, entertainment, 4 p.m.-midnight. Information: 317-357-1200.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46th and Illinois streets, Indianapolis. **“SausageFest,”** food, music, Fri. 6 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 6-11 p.m. Information: 317-253-1461.

August 20
St. Michael the Archangel

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

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. **“5K Run and Walk,”** 9 a.m. Information: 317-357-1200.

Murphy’s Steakhouse, 4189 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis. **St. Philip Neri School, Class of 1951, 60-year reunion**, noon. Information: 317-357-4443.

St. Maurice Parish, 8874 N. Harrison St., Napoleon. **Pulled-pork dinner**, 4-7:30 p.m., \$8 adults, \$4 children 6-12 years old. Information: 812-852-4394 or agehl@etczone.com.

August 21
St. Pius Parish, County Road 500 E., Sunman. **Parish picnic**, chicken dinner, mock turtle soup, games, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-623-8007.

Richmond Catholic Community, 701 N. “A” St., Richmond. **Charismatic prayer group**, 7 p.m. Information: dicksoncorp@parallax.ws.

Queen and Divine Mercy Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. Mass, 9:30 a.m., on **third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in**, Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant, daily Mass, 9 a.m. Information: 812-689-3551.

August 24
Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Office of Family Ministries, “Annulment Workshop,”** 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586, or

dvanvelse@archindy.org.
St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Theology on Tap series, “Heaven and Hell—Are You Prepared for the End of the World?”** seminarian Daniel Bedel, presenter, 7 p.m. Information: www.indydot.com or indytheologyontap@gmail.com.

August 25-27
St. Ann Parish, 6350 Mooresville Road, Indianapolis. **Parish festival**, rides, games, food, 5-11 p.m. Information: 317-821-2909.

August 26
Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Catholics United for the Faith**, Abba, Father Chapter meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Information: 317-236-1569, 800-382-9836, ext. 1569, or parthur@archindy.org.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 114 Lancelot Drive, Franklin. **All Pro Dad, “Dad’s Day”** breakfast program, 6:30-8 a.m., \$6 per person. Information:

allprodadjaybo@yahoo.com.
August 26-27
Prince of Peace Parish, 413 E. Second St., Madison. **“Community Festival,”** Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight., Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, food, rides, games. Information: 812-265-4166.

August 27
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis. **5K run/walk**, registration, 8 a.m., walk, 9 a.m., \$15 per person includes shirt, \$50 per family of four or more includes shirts. Registration: www.ihmindy.org.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis. **“Fall Kick-Off Fest,”** food, music, games, movies, \$1 adults, under 21 free, 4-11 p.m. Information: 317-257-2266.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center, 101 St. Anthony Drive,

Mount St. Francis. **Picnic**, 11 a.m.-midnight, chicken dinner, games, quilts. Information: 812-923-8817.

August 27-28
St. Mary Parish, 302 E. McKee St., Greensburg. **Parish festival**, Fri. adult night, 5:30 p.m., Sat. family festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner, games. Information: 812-663-8427.

August 28
St. Joan of Arc Parish, Doyle Hall, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. **Holy Family Ministry health fair**, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508, ext. 123.

St. Paul Parish, 9788 N. Dearborn Road, Guilford. **Ladies Sodality, hot breakfast bar buffet**, 7:30 a.m.-noon, free-will donation. Information: 812-623-2349. †

Retreats and Programs

August 19-21
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **“Reflections on the Miracles Stories of the Gospels,”** Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

August 23-25
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **“By the Finger of God—The Miracles of Jesus,”** midweek retreat, Benedictine Father Vincent Tobin, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

August 26-28
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **“Simplicity Retreat Revised—A Way of Life,”** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

September 2-4
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive,

St. Meinrad. **“Pray Your Way to Happiness,”** Benedictine Brother Maurus Zoeller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

September 7-28
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **“A Thomas Merton Seminar: Bridges to Contemplative Living—Discovering the Hidden Ground of Love,”** Vol. 4, four-session workshop, Benedictine Sister Julie Sewell, presenter, Mass, 5:15 p.m., simple supper, 6 p.m., session 6:30-9 p.m., \$85.95 per person includes book and simple supper. Information: 317-788-7581 or www.benedictinn.org.

September 9-11
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **“What Did Jesus Know about Eucharist?”** Benedictine Father Jeremy King, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu. †

Bishop Coyne posts podcast about multicultural parishes

The latest podcast of Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, is the first of his three-part conversation with Father Robert Murray, pastor of St. James and St. John the Baptist parishes in Haverhill, Mass., in the Boston Archdiocese, about pastoring multicultural parishes.

In the podcast, Father Murray describes his ministry experience, including time he spent in Guatemala

and Peru. Father Murray and Bishop Coyne also discuss how knowledge of the languages of multicultural parishioners is important, but not enough. To be a good pastor, a priest must also understand and live, as best as possible, the culture of his parishioners.

Links to this podcast as well as Bishop Coyne’s previous podcasts can be found at www.archindy.org/auxiliary. The podcasts can also be downloaded through iTunes. †

Aug. 20 bike tour benefits Haitian clinic

St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg will sponsor a “Help for Haiti Bicycle Tour” at 9 a.m. on Aug. 20.

The tour starts at Williams Park, 940 S. Locust Lane, in Brownsburg. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Four tour routes through Boone and Hendricks counties range in distance from 10 miles to 63 miles. Rest stops with bathroom facilities, water and snacks will be available along all routes.

Proceeds from the “Help for Haiti Bicycle Tour” will be used to expand a medical clinic that was built by

St. Malachy parishioners in 2000 at St. Marguerite Parish in Port Margot, Haiti.

The clinic has been inundated in the past 12 to 18 months by people affected by the cholera epidemic, which followed the devastating January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Registration on the day of the tour is \$30 for individuals and \$45 for families.

For more information, log on to www.saintmalachyparish.org/biketour or send an e-mail to Tom Farris, the organizer of the fundraising tour, at tfecyclingdad@gmail.com. †

Aug. 20 marriage presentations are cancelled at St. Monica Parish

A series of presentations on the sacrament of marriage scheduled on Aug. 20 at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and featuring nationally known speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers has been cancelled due to low advance registration.

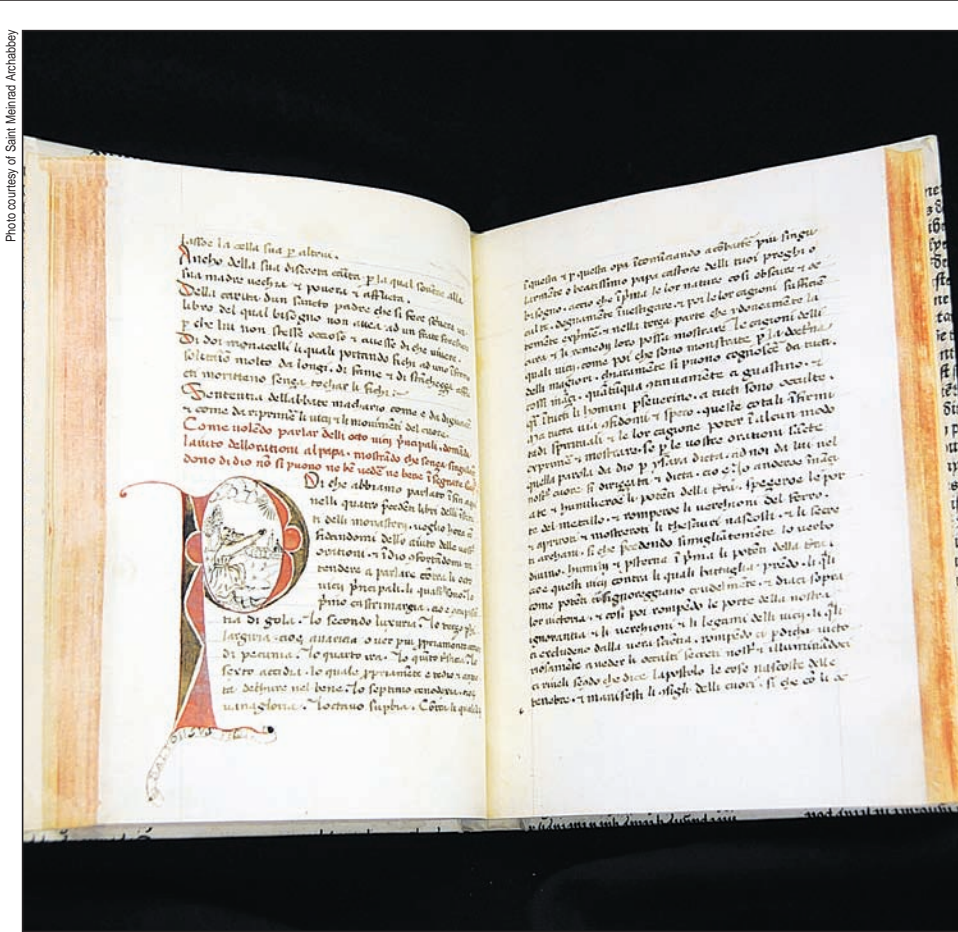
Deacon Burke-Sivers’ presentation about “The Future of the African-American Family—A Catholic Perspective” is still scheduled and begins at 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 at St. Rita Parish’s Father Bernard Strange Family Life Center, 1800 N. Arsenal Ave., in Indianapolis.

A pitch-in dinner before the presentation will begin at 6 p.m. For more information or to sign up for this event, call Jane Cooley at

317-632-9349. Deacon Burke-Sivers will participate in the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 20 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis.

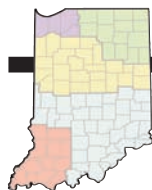
Following the Mass, pro-life supporters are invited to stay at the church for eucharistic adoration or gather outside an abortion facility at 3607 W. 16th St. to pray a rosary.

Following the rosary, participants return to the church to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction. The devotions conclude at approximately 10:45 a.m. †



Manuscript exhibit

This mid-15th century manuscript of John Cassian’s *Institutes of the Coenobia* is one of several centuries-old manuscripts related to monasticism that are on display through December at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library in St. Meinrad. For library hours, call 812-357-6401 or 800-987-7311 or log on to www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/library_hours.aspx.



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DIocese of Evansville

Back to School gathering: Educators are reminded that 'all are welcome'

EVANSVILLE—Early on Thursday morning, the gym at Holy Redeemer School in Evansville was filled with teachers from all over the Diocese of Evansville. They were there—all 700-plus—to attend a Back to School gathering which included Mass with their new shepherd, Bishop Charles C. Thompson.

Stephanie Groenert is beginning her 33rd year of teaching at St. Benedict Cathedral School in Evansville. She smiled as she talked about the gathering, which she sees as a way “for all the teachers to touch base, and join together to see what a good group we are.”

It’s an opportunity, she added, “to see friends we don’t see during the school year.”

Sarah Burns is beginning her first year as a teacher in the diocese. She will teach sixth- and seventh-grade literature at St. Benedict. She said she was both “overwhelmed” and “really excited” about her new job, and looking forward to working in a “faith-based environment.”

“I’m excited I can pray with my students,” she said.

After the teachers and principals walked to the parish church, they were welcomed by Daryl Hagan, diocesan superintendent of schools. He asked the new teachers to “stand and be recognized,” and they were greeted with applause from their fellow teachers.

Then he talked about the diocesan theme for schools this year, “All are welcome,” asking the educators, “Who will you cordially receive in your school? In your classroom?”

Before Donna Halverson, the assistant superintendent of schools, did the roll call of schools, she thanked the pastors in attendance. “This is why our Catholic schools are as vibrant and vital as they are—because of our Catholic school pastors.”

St. Joseph Sister Carol Cimino was the keynote speaker for the gathering. She reminded the educators that “at the age of 9 none of us thought we would be working in Catholic schools,” but that God was saying, “‘Oh, yeah.’”

“You were chosen to do this,” she added. “You were sought.”

(For news from the Diocese of Evansville, log on to the website of The Message at www.themessageonline.org.) †

New feature on website recaptures history of sports at area Catholic high schools

By John Shaughnessy

Bob Kelly wanted to create a new feature for his website that focuses on the sports teams of five Catholic high schools in Indianapolis—



Bob Kelly

Bishop Chatard, Cardinal Ritter, Cathedral, Father Thomas Sccecina Memorial and Roncalli.

Beyond the excitement of the games and matches today, Kelly also hopes to capture the magic and the memories of games that were played by previous generations of Catholic school athletes.

“I wanted something that brings you from the memories of yesteryear to what the kids are doing today,”

Kelly says. “Kids today could look back, and people from those times could have memories of those days and those games. I’m just trying to connect the young generation with their moms and dads, their aunts and uncles, their grandparents. It gives them more of a chance to relate through this common bond.”

Called “Yesteryear,” the feature will become a weekly staple on Kelly’s website, www.sportschronicle.net, beginning on the weekend of Aug. 27-28. To develop “Yesteryear,” Kelly spent several weeks this summer at the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis scouring microfilm of long-ago issues of *The Indianapolis Star*. He will share summaries of games and highlights from as far back as 50 years ago.

In his research, Kelly came across one sports story that had a personal connection for him.

“In 1971, there was a game where Roncalli was playing [the former] Latin School in boys’ basketball,” Kelly recalls.



Msgr. Bill Schooler, left, Susan and Paolo Carozza, Luigi Crema and Lynn Schmid stand with their bicycles in St. Peter’s Square.

DIocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Msgr. Schooler’s two-week pilgrimage includes cycling through parts of Italy

ITALY—Beginning at the Grand St. Bernard Pass in Switzerland and ending at St. Peter’s Square in Vatican City, Msgr. Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, and seven other people participated in a two-week Italian pilgrimage which began on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

Donald and Lynn Schmid, members of St. Monica Parish in Mishawaka; Paolo and Susan Carozza, members of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend; and Luigi Crema, a lawyer from Milan, Italy, joined the monsignor in cycling 681 miles of the pilgrimage.

The remaining two pilgrims, Mariangela Sullivan, a member of St. Pius X Parish, and Janet Rivers, Msgr. Schooler’s sister—which he referred to as his “angels of support”—drove the support van for the group.

The idea for the Italian pilgrimage originated in 2005 when the Schmidts and Carozzas joined Msgr. Schooler and biked along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. In 2007, Msgr. Schooler biked part of the Camino de Santiago with other St. Pius parishioners and walked the rest with the parish’s youth group.

“Having made this pilgrimage on the ancient Camino de Santiago, we were interested in another ancient pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome,” he said. “After looking at the distances and time it would have taken to bike from Canterbury to Rome, we decided to bike on the Via Francigena, the Italian portion of that ancient pilgrimage.”

The Italian pilgrimage began at the

Grand St. Bernard Pass in Switzerland and followed the Via Francigena through Aosta, Ivrea, Pavia and across the Apennines at Berceto. The group took a detour from the Via Francigena to spend the night on the Mediterranean near La Spezia then traveled through Pisa, stopping at the ancient Church of San Piero a Grado—just south of Pisa where tradition says that St. Peter arrived in Italy.

From there, they traveled through Tuscany, stopping at San Gimignano, Siena and, finally, Rome.

“We visited churches and monasteries along the way, asking for the intercession of St. Augustine at the church where he is buried in Pavia, and the intercession of St. Catherine when we spent most of the day in Siena,” Msgr. Schooler said.

“There was the natural beauty of the Alps, the physical beauty of structures such as the Benedictine monastery, and the spiritual beauty of the monks whose mission it is to serve people,” Paolo Carozza said. †

DIocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Bishop Rhoades makes first visit to Provena Sacred Heart nursing home

AVILLA—For the first time since becoming the shepherd of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla on Aug. 5. He began by celebrating Mass, later touring the facility and learning how the staff there seeks to meet individual needs and provide dignity to seniors.

At least 40 residents, family and staff members filled the chapel for Mass at Provena.

Bishop Rhoades spoke about the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, which is celebrated on Aug. 5.

“[St. Mary Major] was the first church in the West dedicated to Mary,” Bishop Rhoades said during his homily. “The gold ceiling was made from the first gold [that] Columbus brought from America.”

Normally, it is very hot in Rome at this time of year, the bishop continued. But it snowed on a hill on Aug. 5 so a church dedicated to Mary was built on this hill.

“No matter what pain, suffering or troubles [we have], we can always call on her,” Bishop Rhoades said. “She’s always with me.”

(For news from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, log on to the website of Today’s Catholic at www.todayscatholicnews.org.) †

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Saturday August 27
5:30 pm

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Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, presided at the liturgy for Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, who continues to recover from a stroke that he suffered earlier this year.

"He is, unfortunately, not able to be here," Bishop Coyne said in his homily. "That's a shame because he was the one who actually got these honors moving. He knows and loves these men whom we will acknowledge as having received these great honors from the pope."

Bishop Coyne praised the new monsignors for their decades of dedicated priestly ministry.

"It used to be that when you were made a monsignor, you could kind of perhaps settle back in the dignity of your honor and let others do a little bit more work," Bishop Coyne said. "But all of these men, save for our dear priest, Father Kern, who passed before this honor could be bestowed, are men who work very hard in the archdiocese and have done so for many years."

Msgr. Kern died on April 16, just days after Pope Benedict named him a monsignor.

"I think it is absolutely wonderful," said Good Shepherd Sister Rose Kern, Msgr. Kern's sister. "But I'm happy he's already in heaven because he would never want the honor. He was happy to be just a simple parish priest."

Robert Kern, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, received the framed letter from the pope that named his brother a monsignor.

The other new monsignors also received their own framed letters. As a sign of the conferral of their ecclesiastical honor, surplices were placed over the special cassocks that designate their title of monsignor.

Msgr. Richart has ministered at St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg in the New Albany Deanery for the past 15 years. Prior to that, he served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 30 years in such faraway locales as Hawaii and Greenland. He retired with the rank of colonel.

Larry Richart, a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, was pleased to see his brother being honored in the past by the Air Force and now by the Church.

"It gives you a lot of pride," Larry Richart said. "You [already] knew how high quality of a person he was. That everybody else thought he was deserving of that office also only verified it."

Joyce Gambrall, a member of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg, made the trip to the cathedral with a friend to see her pastor honored.

"I wouldn't have wanted to miss it for anything. It was wonderful," Gambrall said. "He's a very special man. He is very Christ-like, but yet he's very down-to-earth and just a real person."

Msgr. Richart said being named a monsignor in the same year in which he is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest was "the top of the heap."

"I was impressed with the ceremony," Msgr. Richart said. "And I was glad to be a part of this group [of new monsignors]. They're very worthy priests to be honored this way."

In his 55 years as a priest, Msgr. Riedman has ministered in many large parishes in the archdiocese. Many former parishioners and family and friends gave him sustained applause when he received his ecclesiastical honor.

"It was very exciting for me," he said. "I know that they wished me well. And I thought it was great that we had the other priests [honored] also."

Jim Riedman was born two years after his brother. They grew up together in the 1930s as members of St. Gabriel Parish in Connorsville, where Jim is still a parishioner.

"When we were kids, they thought we were twins," Jim Riedman said. "Our mother dressed us alike for a while. Then we served together at Mass."

Of his brother being named a monsignor, Jim said, "It was wonderful. It was the most wonderful thing that could happen. It was very



Above, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, delivers the homily during the Aug. 14 Evening Prayer liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Left, Msgr. Paul Richart greets well-wishers while processing out of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Aug. 14 at the end of an Evening Prayer liturgy during which he and four other diocesan priests were honored as new monsignors. Msgr. Richart is pastor of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg.



Above, Msgr. Joseph Riedman, center, poses with, from left, Mercedes, Quenia, Montse, Isidoro and Isenia Rodriguez, all members of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, where Msgr. Riedman previously served as pastor.



Above, Msgr. Anthony Volz, left, exchanges a sign of peace with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne during the Aug. 14 Evening Prayer liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral during which he and four other diocesan priests were honored as new monsignors. Msgr. Volz is pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.

Left, Msgr. William Stumpf, right, moderator of the curia, greets Dee Reszka, a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington, during an Aug. 14 reception at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. Msgr. Stumpf, who previously served as St. Charles' pastor, was honored that evening along with four other priests as new monsignors.

touching. I'm proud of his achievements."

Quenia Rodriguez got a sense of how dedicated Msgr. Riedman was in his ministry as the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis when, as a newcomer to Indianapolis, he took her phone call about 12 years ago when she inquired about enrolling her daughter, Mercedes, in kindergarten at the parish's school.

"He said he was going to have someone call me back, but he called me back with all of the information about the school," said Quenia, who is now Holy Spirit's parish secretary.

She and her husband, Isidoro, were impressed by how much Msgr. Riedman worked to get Holy Spirit's now burgeoning Hispanic ministry off the ground.

"That's one of the reasons that I'm here, to let him know that we're very grateful that he gave a chance to our Hispanic community," Isidoro said.

Larry Stumpf said with a laugh that his younger brother, Msgr. William Stumpf, keeps him "on the straight and narrow."

He was glad to be at the cathedral to see his brother, who serves as the archdiocese's moderator of the curia, honored as a monsignor.

"It was very nice. It was nice for him to achieve that honor," Larry Stumpf said. "To know that he had that many friends and family show up to honor him [was wonderful]."

One of those friends was seminarian

Michael Keucher, who assisted in the liturgy as an altar server.

Keucher, a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington, said his former pastor "opened a lot of doors" for him as he discerned a possible priestly vocation.

"He invited me to take a larger part in the [life] of the parish," Keucher said. "He's a model of the humility and the faith that I hope to one day exude myself as a priest."

"It was so touching to know that people would actually take time to come and celebrate with you," said Msgr. Stumpf of the liturgy. "I was just amazed that folks came from different times in my life to come and celebrate. I was very, very touched by their presence."

Unlike the other priests honored along with him, Msgr. Anthony Volz, pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, has a small extended family who live out of state and weren't able to present for the liturgy.

But many former parishioners were on hand to show him their love and support.

Helen Kurker, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, considers herself a sort of mother of her former pastor.

That close bond is rooted in the time that he spent by her side and in ministering to her family when she suffered a stroke shortly after he began his assignment at Christ the King.

"He's very humble, very obedient," Kurker said, "and he's just a

wonderful friend."

If Msgr. Volz is like a son to Kurker, then he is like a father to Father Sean Danda, associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish.

They met years ago when Father Danda was a high school student at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis, and Msgr. Volz was pastor of the adjacent St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

Later, Father Danda had a summer assignment as a seminarian at Christ the King when Msgr. Volz was pastor there.

Now they are ministering together at St. Barnabas.

"It has been a wonderful experience," Father Danda said. "It's almost like having a parent honored in a lot of ways, having known him so long and having had so much respect for him. It's been a wonderful thrill to see him raised to this great honor."

Msgr. Volz has a special appreciation for his honor because, over the past year, he has struggled with his own health challenges.

"Since I've recovered from my heart issues, it's become an even more humbling experience," Msgr. Volz said. "You have different life perspectives. I'm just grateful for all the people that I've been able to serve and will serve. And I thank God for this honor and thank the archbishop."

(Read this article online at www.CriterionOnline.com to see more photos from the liturgy honoring the new monsignors and to purchase photos of them.) †

Photos by Sean Gallagher

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A group of 13 pilgrims affiliated with Christendom College in Front Royal, Va., also arrived in Madrid on Aug. 15, following a short layover in Belgium. As a baby cried during the plane's descent into Brussels, the Christendom teenagers soothed the child through song, beginning with "You Are My Sunshine," and slipping into religious melodies like "Tantum Ergo" and a "Kyrie." A smattering of applause followed the impromptu concert, resulting in a quiet baby and, for the most part, a peaceful group of passengers.

Veronica Halbur, a sophomore at Christendom, said that members of her group, many of whom are participating in their first World Youth Day, would be singing during Masses on Aug. 17 and Aug. 18 at the Love and Life Center English-language hub. The serenade on the plane was simply an arrival-day warm-up.

Pilgrims, of course, are not the only ones getting settled in Madrid. Dozens of U.S. bishops checked in at the Hotel Melia Galgos throughout the day, assisted by Guillermo Lopez in a bright green shirt indicative of World Youth Day volunteers.

Most bishops were tired and in need of something to eat, Lopez said, and he was there to help.

"It's very nice to meet so many bishops," said Lopez, who helped greet teens the previous week. "It's quite a long trip from America."

(To follow pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis attending World Youth Day online, log on to www.archindy.org/wyd or scan the QR code to the right on your mobile phone.) †



Above, World Youth Day pilgrims pray during a service in Burgos, Spain, on Aug. 12. Burgos was one of the stops that pilgrims marked "Days in the Dioceses" before heading to Madrid for the main events of the Aug. 16-21 international youth gathering.

Left, U.S. World Youth Day pilgrims cheer around their flag on Aug. 15 during a television interview outside the check-in hall for the international Catholic youth gathering in Madrid.



Left, a young woman cries during prayers at Madrid's Buen Retiro park on the first day of World Youth Day events on Aug. 16.

Right, a priest hears confession from a pilgrim in one of the 200 temporary structures set up at Madrid's Buen Retiro park on the first day of World Youth Day events on Aug. 16.



WYD and vocations: Young want to be heard, invited, challenged

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—While the Catholic Church seeks to help earthlings reach their true home in heaven, too often it treats its younger members as if they were from another planet, a top Vatican official said.

"Young people can find themselves in a lot of local churches on the margin of things, with a lot of people who don't speak their language, who treat them as if they just descended from Mars," said Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

For many young Catholics, World Youth Day can be the one Church event where they have the time, space and camaraderie they need to start pondering the way that God wants them to live their faith in the Church and in the world.

Added to the simple fact that they are sharing an experience with hundreds of thousands of their peers from around the world, the event provides them with opportunities for liturgical and silent prayer and catechesis.

"Then within that they also meet young people who have entered into the dialogue we all have to have with our Creator, asking, 'What would you have me do?'" the archbishop said.

They will meet young people who already are finding "realization, freedom and joy in religious life or priesthood," he said.

The Aug. 16-21 celebration of World Youth Day in Madrid is the first international youth gathering to feature a

special papal meeting with women religious under the age of 35. Some 1,500 sisters will have their meeting with the pope on Aug. 19. The next morning, the pope will celebrate Mass with about 4,000 seminarians.

The gatherings, Archbishop Tobin said, are important for those considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life as well as for those who already have embarked on their journey toward vows or ordination.

When the archbishop was superior of the Redemptorists, he said, a young member of the order told him what a similar youth gathering meant to him.

"He said for the first time in his young life as a Redemptorist priest he was in a room with other Redemptorists who have hair, and it's not gray," said the 59-year-old archbishop.

As for claims that World Youth Day is a seedbed for vocations, "I admit I was a little skeptical some years ago about whether it was a flash in the pan, and how do you carry it forth with some energy," he said. But studies have shown that a significant portion of young men and women entering religious life cite the international event as an experience that contributed to their vocations.

The key thing, he said, is that there is follow-up and support after World Youth Day is over.

"That's always the challenge with any really strong emotive experience. If that becomes your benchmark, it's hard to duplicate that. Ask any young married couple when they're facing a sink full of dishes, a sick baby and one is traveling or they're unemployed. Somehow the high of their wedding day is hard to sustain," he said.

"Loving is an art, but it's an art that demands discipline and practice and, yeah, sometimes failure, but we get a whole lifetime to try to get it right," the archbishop said.

Any contact that any religious has with a young person "is a vocational moment" because youths are "trying to sort it out," to see where they fit in, he said.

Religious need to listen to young people, be clear about their own identity and invite the young to see for themselves if the community would be the right fit.

"That's it in a nutshell," he said.

In the Gospel of St. John, "Jesus doesn't try to make a hard sell. He appeals to what motivates people: 'What are you looking for?' And then: 'If you think you can find it with me, come and have a look.' So the hook comes at the end, when Jesus says, 'Follow me.'"

When a young person asks a religious community what it's about, "it's a mistake to say, 'I don't know, what do you want to be about?' Any young person with any sense will say, 'Sayonara, I don't have to associate myself with you to be what I want to be about. I want to see if the gift you claim to be to the Church speaks to my heart,'" he said.

Young people don't want the religious "to lower the bar, to soft-pedal the demands of the Gospel," Archbishop Tobin said.

Usually, young people will consider joining a religious community only if they are asked, he said. "World Youth Day is a way to ask."

Even in countries shaken by the clerical abuse scandal, there are still vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

"The optimist part of me says that on 9/11 a lot of people were running away from the twin towers, but there were some others who were running toward them"—the firefighters, police and other rescue workers, he said.

In churches rocked by the scandal, he said, the anger is "incandescent, and yet, there are still young people who are running toward it. It's the crazy logic of losing your life to save it." †

ARZOBISPO

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Jesucristo en un mundo que necesita ver, escuchar y tocar a Jesús y ya no está seguro de poder hacerlo.

Obispo, me has escuchado decir más de una vez que nuestro primer deber como sacerdotes es ser hombres de oración. Tu patrono, san Carlos Borromeo, dijo: "Mis hermanos, deben darse cuenta de que para los hombres de la Iglesia nada es más necesario que la meditación.

Cuando administren los sacramentos, mediten sobre lo que están haciendo. Cuando celebren la Misa, reflexionen acerca del sacrificio que están ofreciendo. Cuando recen el oficio, piensen en las palabras que están pronunciando y en el Señor al cual le hablan. Cuando se ocupen de la gente, mediten sobre la sangre del Señor que los ha lavado. De esta forma, todo lo que hagan se convierte en una obra de amor."

En un mundo dividido, obispo, serás un siervo de la unidad, junto con los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Evansville. Por la gracia de Dios construimos la unidad y la

comunidad de dos formas: unidad en la fe de la Iglesia y unidad en la caridad de Cristo.

Un obispo es un humilde siervo de la unidad de la Iglesia. Sin la humildad no se puede servir. Sin humildad no es posible construir una comunidad. En una nota en ocasión de mi aniversario de plata como sacerdote, la beata Madre Teresa de Calcuta escribió: "Sé humilde como María y llegarás a ser santo como Jesús."

En un mundo en el que muchos no conocen a Cristo, obispo, serás el maestro principal de la Diócesis de Evansville, personificando a Cristo el Maestro. †

At opening of exhibit, Chilean miners say God was with them

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The dramatic and uplifting story of survival and a rescue that captivated the world one year ago unfolds in "Against All Odds: Rescue at the Chilean Mine," a new exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington.

The exhibit opened on Aug. 5, exactly one year after the mine collapse in Chile, in which all 33 miners survived and were rescued 69 days later.

The technical skill of the rescuers can be seen in the drill bit that cut through nearly one-half mile of rock, and the Fenix rescue capsule constructed by the Chilean navy in consultation with NASA. That capsule was named for the phoenix, the legendary bird that is a symbol of rebirth.

But the human spirit and faith that helped the miners endure is also on display in the form of a small Bible, about the size of a hand, labeled *Santa Biblia* ("Holy Bible"), and the exhibit notes, "Miner Jose Henriquez, a committed Christian, read from this Bible when he led the men in daily prayer."

Displayed next to the Bible is a scuffed blue miner's helmet, with earphones on the side. In the front of the helmet, scrawled with a black marker, are the words, "GRACIAS

DIOS" ("Thank God").

That helmet belongs to miner Carlos Barrios, who also is seen in the exhibit in a large photo displayed behind the rescue capsule. As he emerges to the surface, smiling and waving, he has a simple white rosary around his neck.

At an Aug. 3 press preview for the exhibit, Barrios was among four of the rescued miners who stood together, holding a Chilean flag with the number "33" written on the white star. Different in age, build and looks, they shared a bond as brothers, fellow miners and survivors.

Media reports at the time said the men had prayed together underground, requested religious items when they made contact with the surface, and built small shrines to Mary in the mine as they waited together to be rescued.

Above ground, family members, friends and neighbors prayed together for the miners' safety, their prayers joined by concerned people around the world, including Pope Benedict XVI.

At the press briefing, the miners helped introduce the Smithsonian exhibit about their survival and rescue, and answered reporters' questions through interpreters.

Barrios was asked about the words he had written on his helmet, and how the miners' faith helped them survive.

"The miners, they never thought they were 33. They were 34 because God was with them," he said.

Another reporter asked the miners how they had endured those first 17 days, when they were about 2,000 feet underground, with no contact yet with the outside world. Miner Jorge Gallegillos, a stocky man with a gray scraggly beard, said, "The most important thing for us was faith, [to] believe in God, and make sure we were going to make it out of there."

Later, a reporter asked whether they considered the rescuers or the miners themselves to be heroes. Miner Jose Henriquez, an older, clean-shaven man with an air of quiet dignity, stepped to the podium. He was the miner who had led the men in daily prayer with that little Bible.

"I do not consider myself a hero. If there was a hero, it was the 34th person. God brought us together," he said, noting how they began praying together those first days, and then when contact was made on the 17th day, they asked for a Bible, and that little one was lowered to them. "It was God who guided us through this whole journey."

The exhibit notes that Chile is the world's leader in copper production, but on a nearby wall are the words of Chilean President



The small Bible that miner Jose Henriquez used to pray with his fellow trapped miners is displayed on Aug. 5 in "Against All Odds: Rescue at the Chilean Mine," a new exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington. The exhibit opened that day, exactly one year after the mine collapse in Chile, in which all 33 miners survived and were rescued 69 days later.

Sebastian Pinera: "The principal wealth of our country isn't copper, it's the miners. It isn't natural resources, it's the Chileans." †

What was in the news on Aug. 18, 1961? A bigger role for laymen, and a suggestion by a Boston pastor to close Catholic grade schools

By Brandon A. Evans

This week, we continue to examine what was going on in the Church and the world 50 years ago as seen through the pages of *The Criterion*, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Here are some of the items found in the Aug. 18, 1961, issue of *The Criterion*:

- Former U.S. delegate named top

papal aid

- Chicago clergy unite to ease racial strife

• Bishop asks bigger role for laymen

"NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Religious superiors were urged [by Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop Leo A. Pursley] to provide lay people with the opportunity and encouragement of playing their role in the Church's mission. ... 'We shall not lose face,

status, prestige, uniquely and irrevocably ours by holy orders or religious profession,' the bishop said, 'if we take the hand of our lay brother in Christ and show him how he can help us in our work.'"

• Close our grade schools, Boston priest suggests

"BOSTON—A Catholic pastor, who is a columnist for *The Pilot*, Boston's archdiocesan news weekly, has proposed that the parochial elementary school system be abandoned in favor of a more productive investment in secondary and higher education. ... Msgr.

[George W.] Casey based his proposal on the presumptions that Catholic schools 'are not going to get financial aid from the federal government,' and that population trends will cause acute monetary and personnel problems in the elementary system. ... 'Let us face it, the chief reason for the Catholic school system is the preservation of the faith. And I, for one, have never seen a child lose its faith in the elementary grades, unless the parents lost it for him. But I have seen high school boys and girls lose it on their own. If we can only have Catholic influence around in some grades, let us have it around in the crucial years when the powers of reasoning are being strengthened, the inclination to challenge sharpened and vocations and careers are being decided.'"

• School system head takes another view

• Pope names ten to Pontifical Science Academy

- Groundbreaking set for Brebeuf
- Africa is awake
- Seeking to 'Africanize' Christianity
- Italian priest: Operates 'clinic for sick marriages'

• Dubs communism 'undertow of past'

• Catholic schools given no aid in Philippines

• New Carmelite chapel to be dedicated Aug. 22

• Large class is

invested in Woods ceremonies

• U.S. theologian clarifies decree on psychoanalysis

• Pope appeals for safe driving

• Christians adopt common prayers

• Walter B. Smith, Hoosier general, dies at age of 65

• Want action now: Hit bias in parish life

• Gave Castro first Communion, ousted

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'Called to Glory'

High school and college students invited to be part of two national events in Indianapolis celebrating Catholic faith

By John Shaughnessy

As an Indianapolis Colts fan, Kay Scoville would love to see the hometown team play in the 2012 Super Bowl on Feb. 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Still, as the director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, Scoville is more focused these days on another major event that will take place at the Indianapolis stadium on Nov. 17-19—the National Catholic Youth Conference for high school students, which is expected to draw about 25,000 people from across the country.

Scoville believes the stakes are even higher for the November event, which has the theme "Called to Glory."

"With it being in the same venue as the Super Bowl, the conference is really going to look at, 'What is glory? Do you see those athletes as representing glory?'" says Scoville, who is the archdiocese's point person for this year's NCYC.

"And yet, here we have a man hanging on a cross that we are all worshipping and praising. As Catholics, that's our 'call to glory'—to take up our cross and follow him, and for us to have eternal life with him eventually."

On those same November days, the archdiocese will also serve as the host for the National Catholic Collegiate Conference in Indianapolis, an event that hopes to deepen the faith of young adults ages 18 to 25. The registration deadline for both events is Sept. 15.

The Criterion recently interviewed Scoville about these two major events, and her work for the archdiocese in youth ministry. Here is an edited version of that conversation.

Q. How do you think the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference will be important to the faith of high school students?

A. "The NCYC is one of the best examples I've seen of so many youths coming together to express their faith. We as Catholics often hesitate in being evangelical or wanting to express our faith—especially the teens do."

"But when they are at NCYC, they are in their comfort zone with all the other Catholic teens. They can talk about Jesus.

They can talk about the sacraments and talk about Mary. There's just that connection. Usually, they go to church and they only see a couple of teens, maybe, in the pews. But to see all those teens together at NCYC, it's amazing for them."

Q. The National Catholic Collegiate Conference is new this year. Why did you also want to have a conference for young adults ages 18 to 25?

A. "So many of our young adult Catholics have gone to NCYC and had a great experience, and they want to come back. We don't want them to repeat that experience. The thought was to have an experience that is different from NCYC, but that would still have the excitement and feel of a national celebration of faith."

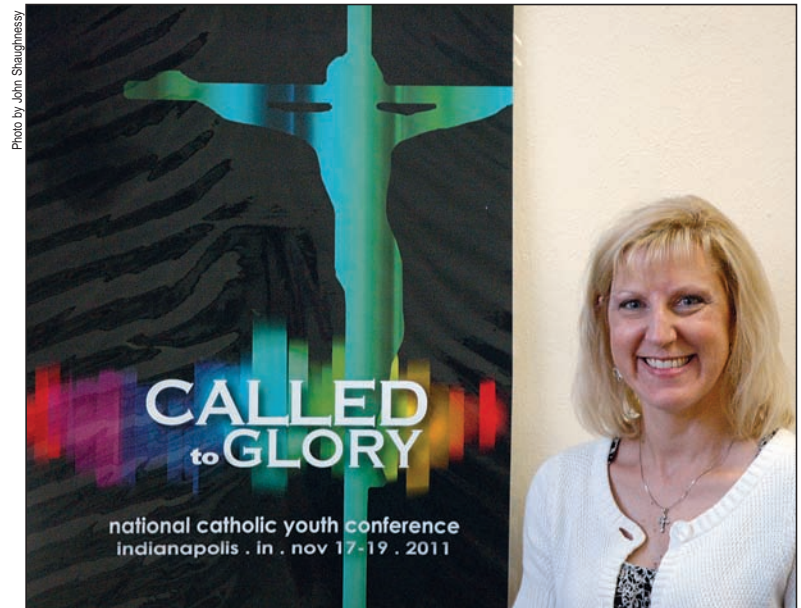
"The young adults will have their own workshops, their own prayer space and their own liturgies. The biggest thing for them is to grow in their faith a step further. It's a great frame of reference for them to see other young adults that are still practicing their faith, and still find it important in their lives."

Q. What would you tell high school students and college students that would make them want to come to these events?

A. "Ten years ago, I was a brand new youth minister at St. Simon [the Apostle] Parish [in Indianapolis.] It was my first time at NCYC, and I was just blown away. They do a lot to draw the youth. They have a lot of great Catholic musicians, they have activities that are fun, and they have service-oriented activities and great speakers. Still, when the youth leave NCYC, it's the sacramental moments with the big crowds that they will always remember."

"You will not forget celebrating Mass with 20,000 other teens. It's just unbelievable. We did adoration with 20,000 [youths] in Kansas City. And you could have heard a pin drop. Those are the experiences that kids take away. It's really amazing. You can try all different things, but it's still the basis of our faith that they really take away from it."

Q. With these two events, what does it say about the Church's desire to connect with teenagers and young adults?



As the director of youth ministry for the archdiocese, Kay Scoville promotes the National Catholic Youth Conference that promises to draw about 25,000 people to Indianapolis in November for a celebration of the faith of high school students.

A. "It's a huge invitation to teenagers and young adults to know they are our Church. So many times, it's phrased, 'They are the future of our Church.' But they are our Church. That affirms them. And hopefully it will excite them to go back to their parishes and continue the evangelization, the service and the excitement that they experienced when they were together."

Q. The theme for this year's conference is "Called to Glory." Why was that theme chosen?

A. "The closing liturgy, which is on Nov. 19, is the vigil of the Feast of Christ the King. So the Gospel [reading] is from Matthew 26:31-46. It talks about the end of time and how Christ will divide the sheep from the goats, and we'll be called to his glory, to be in the glory of Christ. That's where the whole theme came from."

Q. How did the archdiocese get to host this year's National Catholic Youth Conference and National Catholic Collegiate Conference?

A. "We had hosted it in 1991 and 2001. It's come back every 10 years. They look at venues that can hold large crowds. And 14 dioceses have easy access by bus to our city. They also really like the layout of the city, the easy access to the airport, the hotels downtown and the fact that they had a great experience here in 2001."

"I literally started in the archdiocese six years ago in January. It was just a week or two later when I found out we were hosting NCYC. I was a little overwhelmed by the whole idea. But it's exciting. There's a lot of buzz about it as it gets closer."

Q. From your work in youth ministry, are there any special moments that stand out to you about the faith of young people—and the difference it makes to their lives and the lives of others?

A. "The ones that impact me the most are the ones I've encountered who were really struggling in their teen years. I'd walk that walk with them. There is one young

person in particular who was really, really struggling with her whole home life. At the time, I didn't know if this person would go to college or what kind of future she would have. But we've kept in touch."

"She's returned to help with events. She went to a Catholic college, and she's on a great path now. It's always amazing when you watch that moment of conversion—when you meet a young person who feels they have no hope, and then they find their faith, and that's what carries them through. That's what youth ministry is about. As Pope Benedict XVI said, 'Where's there's faith, there's hope.'"

Q. From your experience, what approach works best in helping young people to grow in their faith?

A. "To meet them where they're at. I've found that not one approach works best. I just see that from the different events we offer because they appeal to different youths. Some really are inspired by doing service for others so our Homeland Mission project works best—a week of service that gives them a sense of faith, a connection to the Eucharist and the need to do charitable works."

"I have others who would prefer to take a weekend retreat, to focus on themselves and the talks. For people who maybe aren't as deep in their faith, I'd have them come to an event like NCYC so they could see other youths in action, and catch the energy and excitement from the other teens—to help them figure out what this is all about and why this is important in their life."

"The great thing about youth ministry is you're constantly thinking about creative ways to meet them. The success of an event depends on whether they've had an encounter with Christ, whether they've opened themselves up to Christ. You're always trying to figure out, 'How would Christ minister to these kids?' He always met people where they were at." †

Registration is under way for NCYC and National Catholic Collegiate Conference

High school students and college students are invited to register for two major national faith events in Indianapolis on Nov. 17-19.

The National Catholic Youth Conference is for high school students while the

National Catholic Collegiate Conference is for young adults ages 18 to 25. The archdiocese will host both conferences.

To register for either event, log on to www.archindy.org/ncyc. The registration deadline is Sept. 15. †

More volunteers are needed to help with national Catholic conferences in November

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will host the National Catholic Youth Conference and National Catholic Collegiate Conference in November, and help is needed to make the events a success.

About 1,500 volunteers are needed to help support the events, which will draw more than 25,500 people from across the country

at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Nov. 17-19.

To become a volunteer, log on to www.archindy.org/ncyc and fill out the online application form. Please note that all adults need to have completed the diocesan child protection protocol program and a background check. †

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

The wisdom of the saints: St. Louis

St. Louis, whose feast is on Aug. 25, became King Louis IX of France in 1226 at age 12, when his father died. His mother, Blanche, served as regent until Louis assumed the throne in 1234, the same year that he married Margaret of Provence. Louis and Margaret had 11 children.

Perhaps Louis is known best as a crusader. He led his first crusade in 1248 when he was 34. He ended up being captured by Saracens, and had to pay a ransom for his release. He spent four years in the Holy Land before returning to France, bringing many relics with him.

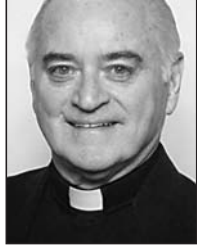
He led his second Crusade in 1270. It was equally unsuccessful, and Louis died of typhus in Tunisia on Aug. 25 of that year.

Between his crusades, Louis was a successful administrator. He also built numerous churches, hospitals and

Spirituality for Today/Fr. John Catoir

Continuously reforming the Church so we remain one in Christ

From the very beginning, the followers of Christ have been busy about the formidable task of reforming the Church. It is a job that is never finished.



Heresies have blossomed down through the centuries, all aimed at finding the truth or cleaning up the mess that others have left behind.

I find it interesting that, in spite of the many doctrinal errors that have emerged over the centuries, we are still all one in Christ.

Did you know that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches clearly that all of those who adhere to Jesus Christ as Lord are considered members of the mystical body of Christ? That means that all Protestants are our true brothers and sisters in Christ, no matter what the specific differences of our belief systems.

One of the outstanding Protestant reformers of the 16th century was John Knox, the Scottish Presbyterian. He roared his objection against the Catholic bishops for their widespread abuse of authority. He taught his followers to rely on their own consciences, and not on the hierarchy for their guidance.

History tells us that chief among the many ecclesiastical abuses of those times was the practice of kings appointing bishops, who, very often, were relatives.

This gradually led to an era where

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Celebrating the blessings and importance of home

After a previous column about the blessings of home and family was published recently, I received more positive comments than for any other column that I have written through my years as a *Criterion* columnist.



Shortly after that column appeared in print, I found a January 1995 book on a shelf that focused on the importance of homes.

Where the Heart Is—A Celebration of Home is dedicated to all those who make their own homes sanctuaries of peace and safety, work to make their communities better places to live, and help to conserve and protect this planet for all the creatures who call it home.

And if wishes were houses, may

orphanages, including the magnificent St. Chapelle in Paris, where visitors can see many of those relics. Each day, he invited 13 special guests among the poor to eat with him, and he personally served them.

Like St. Stephen of Hungary, about whom I wrote last week, St. Louis wrote a letter to one of his sons. He began, "My dearest son, my first instruction is that you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your strength. Without this there is no salvation."

He told his son to avoid anything that displeases God, that is to say, from every mortal sin. "You should permit yourself to be tormented by every kind of martyrdom," he said, "before you would allow yourself to commit a mortal sin."

He told him to bear trials willingly and with gratitude, "considering that it has happened for your good and that perhaps you well deserved it." If, on the other hand, God bestowed prosperity upon him, "thank him humbly and see that you become no worse for it, either through vain pride or anything else."

many bishops and archbishops were merely self-indulgent figureheads, entirely lacking in faith. The popes seemed to be more political than spiritual, and some of them had concubines and children. In a few cases, they made their sons cardinals of the Church.

When Knox declared that, henceforth, individual conscience would be the supreme authority of his Church, he established a precedent that departed from the practice initiated by Jesus.

Jesus made the Apostles the first generation of bishops. Most of them proclaimed themselves sinners. They even had one traitor among them so they weren't perfect human beings. In fact, they were martyred for the faith, proving to be men of wisdom and strength.

By eliminating bishops from his Church, Knox did not solve the problem of corruption in high places. Nevertheless, I admire his sincerity and fortitude, even though his actions divided the Church.

What a contradiction—this practice of continually dividing the Church in order to purify it!

There are now more than 40,000 Christian denominations in the world.

everyone on this Earth have a decent, clean, safe place to live.

I re-read many of the essays and poems written by a variety of authors—with all the essays reflecting the writers' love of home and family.

I have not "Googled" the Wildcat Canyon Press to see if the book is still in print.

A long poem by a former Indiana resident, Laura Gilpin, is published in the book. She grew up in Indianapolis. Her father, Robert "Mac" Gilpin, taught philosophy at Butler University and her mother taught Spanish at Park Tudor School.

Unfortunately, Laura, who was a writer and registered nurse, died in 2007 at her then Fairhope, Ala., home at the age of 56 because of a brain tumor.

Gilpin won the Walt Whitman Award for *The Hocus-Pocus of the Universe* in addition to other literary honors.

He advised him to listen to the divine office with pleasure and devotion. While he is in church, he said, "Be careful not to let your eyes wander and not to speak empty words, but pray to the Lord devoutly, either aloud or with the interior prayer of the heart."

Louis urged his son to be kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted, giving them as much help and consolation as possible. "Be just to your subjects," he wrote, "swaying neither to right nor left, but holding the line of justice. Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth."

In conclusion, he wrote, "I give you every blessing that a loving father can give a son. May the three Persons of the Holy Trinity and all the saints protect you from every evil. And may the Lord give you the grace to do his will so that he may be served and honored through you, that in the next life we may together come to see him, love him and praise him unceasingly. Amen." †

Where will it end?

There is something to be said for righteous indignation. Wasn't Jesus outraged over the abuses by those in religious authority in his own day? His very rebuke of these local leaders led to his own suffering and death. Because of that, something deep within me makes me think that Jesus has a soft spot in his

heart for John Knox, all things considered.

What of today's Church?

Today, we find bishops reeling from attacks by their own people, who are furious over the recent pedophilia epidemic, which has disgraced the Church. The very idea that spiritual leaders could try to cover up such scandalous behavior while children were

left unprotected and abused sexually is reprehensible and criminal.

We must carry on with determination that the abuse doesn't happen again. Catholics will be deciding for themselves how to cope with the scandal.

The best advice that I can give is found in an old axiom: "Unity in necessary things, freedom in doubtful things, charity in all things."

Jesus called us all to forgiveness!

(Father John Catoir writes for *Catholic News Service*.) †

Catholic Education Outreach/

Margaret Hendricks

A Promise to Keep: Preparing for marriage and family

As the school year begins, I am reminded of the wide range of emotions that parents experience as they send their children off to school.



Whether they are entering kindergarten, first grade or transitioning to junior high, high school or college, each phase of parenting

creates new opportunities and, yes, some challenges for parents "to be parents!"

Since the 1994-95 school year when our archdiocesan chastity program "A Promise to Keep" (APTK) was first introduced, about 9,000 high school students have served as volunteer peer mentors in the program. These mentors and former mentors now range in age from 17 to 34 years old, with an average age of about 26. Many of these young adults are marrying and becoming parents.

As coordinator for APTK, I look forward to the beginning of the school year because I find the energy of our teens to be invigorating.

I am filled with hope for the Church and her teachings on chastity because I find most teens are searching for truth and honesty in their relationships.

From my experience, this search for knowledge and understanding of their faith continues as they make their way into college and the workforce, and especially as many of them prepare for and enter into married life and start their families.

Over the years, I am always honored to be invited to witness the marriage of these young adults. It is in this context that I came to realize that APTK is not just a chastity program. It is also wonderful preparation for marriage and effective parenting.

The majority of my work involves working directly with high school students, but in this column I want to affirm and encourage parents and young adults, such as our former mentors, who strive to do God's will day in and day out.

Parents are by vocation the first and primary educators of their children.

As good as our Catholic schools are, the effectiveness of a Catholic education in our schools is in direct proportion to the involvement of parents and their commitment to be educators of their children.

The most important job of parents is to instill values and virtues in their children. This begins from the time the children are very young.

Parents need to instill virtues in their children that will help protect their innocence.

It is important to teach them, "Say no when you need to!"

Hold children accountable for their actions, and have courage!

Even the best educators cannot take the place of parents who are committed to the education and faith formation of their children.

I stand on the premise that no one can love a child more than his or her parent.

Building strong and virtuous families is essential to the future of our society and our Church. This does not happen by chance. It takes hard work and prayers.

As this school year begins, please pray daily for couples preparing for marriage and also for young parents so that they will find the courage to live out our universal call to holiness and instill this in their children.

(Margaret Hendricks is coordinator of *A Promise to Keep*. Contact her at mhendricks@archindy.org.) †

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

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011

- Isaiah 22:19-23
- Romans 11:33-36
- Matthew 16:13-20

The first section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend with its first reading.



The author of this section of Isaiah lived when the southern Hebrew kingdom, or the kingdom of Judah, still existed. Only later, this kingdom, and the other Hebrew kingdom, the kingdom of Israel, were overwhelmed by outside invaders.

As has been and is so often the case of national rulers, the king of Judah governed the country with the assistance of aides and subordinates. The principal assistant wore a distinctive badge to indicate to any and all that he acted on behalf of the king. This distinctive badge was a key.

In this reading, God, speaking through the prophet, states that a chief minister will be selected to serve the king and carry out the royal will. This official will wear the key.

An important point in this reading is that God very much intervenes in human lives, using human agents to accomplish the divine will and to communicate God's words to people.

The prophet, the king and the chief minister all were in the roles of human agents commissioned to bring God to the people and the people to God.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans again is the source of the Church's second reading.

Selections from Romans have been read during Masses for the past several weekends.

It is a great testimony to the majesty of God. As such, it is a great profession of Paul's own faith. The epistle uses an interesting phrase to describe God. He is the "counselor" of the faithful, to quote this reading. To counsel necessarily implies communication. God communicates with people. People communicate with God.

For its third reading this weekend, the Church offers a passage from St. Matthew's Gospel.

It is an especially descriptive and

enlightening reading.

The occasion occurs at Caesarea Philippi, a place northeast of Capernaum, which at the time of Jesus was a resort. The Jordan River forms here from springs and small creeks. It is picturesque, and is still a popular place for relaxation and enjoying the natural loveliness of the region.

Central to the reading is St. Peter's confession of faith in Jesus. The Lord asks his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Jesus identifies with the "Son of Man" of the Old Testament, who was God's special agent, and who unflinchingly was true to God.

The disciples reply that the people are confused. Some of the people see Jesus as a prophet or as John the Baptist or even as Elijah.

However, when further questioned by Jesus, Peter states that he sees Jesus as the "Son of the living God." It is a stupendous proclamation of the Lord's own divinity.

Reflection

Christianity requires that a person first admits, and not only intellectually, that God exists.

Second, a person must realize human inadequacy as well as the power and evil of sin.

Third, anyone must believe that God communicates with people, and people may communicate with God.

Finally, God's communication of truth is integral and exact, neither wavering nor indistinct.

For this reason, the Church, while insisting upon absolute personal faith, demands that the Word be received as it truly is, not as it might be preferred to be.

So it stresses the role of the Apostles in handing to future generations the words of Jesus.

St. Matthew's Gospel also focuses on the Apostles. In this section, they obviously are the Lord's special students. The Lord does not lead them along a primrose path. He predicts the horror of the Crucifixion. They can anticipate equal rejection.

But they are called to convey the Word, with Peter as the first. Upon St. Peter, the Church will stand and act. Peter confirms this Apostolic calling in his testimony that Jesus is the "Son of the living God," which establishes the identity of the Church and its mission. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Aug. 22
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Psalm 149:1-6, 9
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug. 23
Rose of Lima, virgin
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Psalm 139:1-6
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, Aug. 24
Bartholomew, Apostle
Revelation 21:9b-14
Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18
John 1:45-51

Thursday, Aug. 25
Louis of France
Joseph Calasanz, priest
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Psalm 90:3-5, 12-14, 17
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, Aug. 26
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, Aug. 27
Monica
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Psalm 98:1, 7-9
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, Aug. 28
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

Church accepts homosexuals while not permitting homosexual acts

QI am a 19-year-old college student. I was not really into religion very much until my dorm mates convinced me to go with them to the Catholic student center for Mass.



I have begun to appreciate what the Catholic Church has to offer and would like to know more.

Some friends have told me that, as a gay male, the Catholic Church would not welcome me, but I find it hard to believe that being gay would preclude me from being a practicing Catholic. Can you help me with this? (Tennessee)

AYour instincts are right. You would be most welcome in the Catholic Church, which believes strongly in the dignity and value of each person.

With regard to homosexuals in particular, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says clearly: "They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (#2358).

In 1997, the Catholic bishops of the U.S. authored a document titled "Always Our Children," which offers guidance, especially to parents of homosexuals and pastoral ministers.

They note that, generally, homosexual orientation "is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen," that it can result from a variety of factors (genetic, hormonal or psychological), and that a homosexual orientation by itself is neither moral nor immoral.

At the same time, though, the Church has consistently taught that homosexual acts are not permitted. It references such scriptural passages as Genesis relating God's condemnation of the men of Sodom (Gn 19) and Romans, "Males did shameful things with males" (Rom 1:27).

The Church's conclusion is that, in the words of "Always Our Children," "It is God's plan that sexual intercourse occur only within marriage between a man and a woman."

This means that a Catholic homosexual has a special challenge in being called to live a chaste and celibate life, and for that reason there are groups in the Church that offer guidance and support in meeting that challenge. Courage is one such apostolate. The organization's website is located at <http://couragerc.net>.

QCan you explain the Catholic Church's position on cremation? (Albany, N.Y.)

AThe Catholic Church, while it prefers a traditional burial or entombment of the body of the deceased, does permit cremation.

That teaching is most succinctly expressed in the Church's *Code of Canon Law*, which states: "The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not, however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching" (#1176, Section 3).

In the ancient civilized world, cremation was the norm in nearly every nation. The Catholic Church, however, did not allow it because of its belief in the resurrection of the body.

In 1963, however, an instruction from the Vatican's Holy Office lifted the ban on cremation, but did not allow any prayer or ritual to be used with the cremated remains so any services had to be held in the presence of the body of the deceased with cremation following.

But in 1997, the bishops of the United States applied for and received permission from the Vatican to have memorial Masses celebrated in the presence of cremated remains.

Pastorally, the bishops felt, this would allow mourners to have something of the deceased present when gathering for a final farewell.

Today, at a memorial Mass, the "cremains," as they are called, are most often placed on a small table near the altar and in front of the paschal candle, which reminds mourners of Christ's resurrection and our own.

Reasons for cremation vary. In some sections of the nation, there is a shortage of burial spaces. Also, many seniors who live in northern states winter in the South. Should they die there, it is less burdensome to ship cremains home for burial rather than arranging suitable transportation for a body.

Finally, and this is the reason most often cited, a cremation is usually quite a bit less costly than a traditional burial in a casket.

The Church specifies that cremated remains are to be treated with the same reverence as the body of a deceased. This means that the cremains are to be placed in a worthy vessel and, following the religious services, to be buried or entombed in consecrated ground.

The cremains are not to be kept on a mantelpiece or scattered in the deceased person's favorite park.

(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle, the new "Question Corner" columnist, at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com or 40 Hopewell St., Albany, NY 12208.) †

My Journey to God

The Forest Prayer



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I walked through the green leafy door
And stood upon a pine-needle floor,
And listened to the forest silence all
around,
Then I understood how each plant and
tree is bound

Up in your love everywhere that I see.
The dome of sky, the towering tree,

All and everything He created
perfectly.
So the forest in silence sings of
His love,
And in its being offers its worship to
Him above.

By Carol Mappes

(Carol Mappes is a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis. In this Catholic News Service file photo, Pope Benedict XVI, right, and his personal secretary, Msgr. Georg Ganswein, walk with rosaries in hand at the Kenthurst Study Centre on July 14, 2008, in Kenthurst, Australia. The pope was taking a few days of rest at the Opus Dei facility before joining the throng of young people gathered for World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. The pope will celebrate Mass with World Youth Day 2011 pilgrims on Aug. 21 in Madrid.)

Rest in peace

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

DAVIS, Danny, 60, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 22. Father of Deean Thompson. Son of Viola Gauck. Brother of Larry Davis. Grandfather of two.

EGENOLF, Verina C., 84, St. Roch, Indianapolis, July 17. Mother of Theresa Corn, Anna Stringer, Daniel, Douglas, Patrick, Steven and Vincent Egenolf. Sister of Bernice Knies, Yvonne Luebbehusen, Neoma Sanders, Arnold and Ronald Kluesner. Grandmother of 24. Great-grandmother of 11.

FUSSNER, Carolyn, 94, St. Peter, Brookville, Aug. 4. Mother of Rita Messerschmidt and Bob Fussner. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 28. Great-great-grandmother of four.

GORMAN, John, 67, Holy Family, Richmond, July 15. Son of Bridget Gorman. Brother of Bernard, James and Patrick Gorman.

HILGENBERT, Joseph C., 95, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Aug. 2. Father of Theresa O'Rourke, Christianne, Joseph, John and Robert Hilgenberg. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of three.

JOYCE, Susanne (Winslow), 78, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, July 24. Wife of Kevin Joyce. Stepmother of Catherine Cooper, Patricia, Richard and Robert Joyce. Sister of James Winslow. Step-grandmother of four.

KLUEH, Edna M., 95, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Aug. 10. Mother of David Klueh. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

LaMANTIA, Marian B., 83, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis,

July 26. Wife of Carl LaMantia. Mother of Jean Kiesel, Janet Sanders, Ann Sidener, Anthony, Carl, Joseph and Peter LaMantia. Sister of Ethel Bruegge, Marcella Preston, Franciscan Sister Edna Martini, Eugene and Wilbur Martini. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of four.

MASCHINO, Carol E., 47, St. Joseph, North Vernon, July 29. Daughter of Gilbert and Rosemary Maschino. Sister of Rose Riggle, Anna Marie, Albert, Joseph and Michael Maschino.

MENNEL, Deloris J., 82, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 31. Mother of Mark and Robert Mennel Jr. Grandmother of four.

MENNEL, Robert L., 82, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 30. Husband of Deloris Mennel. Father of Mark and Robert Mennel Jr. Brother of John Mennel. Grandfather of four.

MESSER-BROOKS, Rita E., 65, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 17. Wife of Kenneth Messer-Brooks. Mother of Kyndra and Madalyn Messer-Brooks. Sister of Mary Carpenter.

NEYLON, Robert, 81, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, July 22. Husband of Patricia (Foster) Neylon. Father of Lisa Buchanan, Cheryl Davis, Danny, Jim, Lenny, Mike and Tom Neylon. Brother of Patty Dowling, Joan Overton, Kenny, Phil and Tom Neylon. Grandfather of 15. Great-grandfather of six.

PIECHOCKI, Joshua M., 24, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Aug. 1. Son of Michael and Kelli Piechocki. Brother of Jaclyn Piechocki. Grandson of Bobby and Jenine Plump.

RINEHART, Wilma, 77, St. Mary, Richmond, July 26. Mother of Diane Allen and Jeffrey Rinehart. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of five.

ROELL, John Edward, 74, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Aug. 1. Father of Kathy Carder and John Roell. Brother of Linda Calvin, Ellen Ross and Dick Roell. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of seven.



World Trade Center memorial

Steel recovered from the World Trade Center that has been cut to make memorial crosses sits inside Hanger 17 on June 16 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. The World Trade Center steel program, operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, is selecting portions of steel beams recovered from the center's collapsed towers and donating them to cities, towns, firehouses and museums around the U.S. and the world that request the pieces to use in 9/11 memorial sites in time for the 10th anniversary this year of the terrorist attacks. The City of Indianapolis is planning to erect a 9/11 memorial downtown near the canal.

SMITH, Helen C., 70, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Aug. 5. Mother of Leanna Mayo, Mark and Stephen Smith. Sister of Mary Ann Cosgrove, Dorothy Hunt, Thelma Rudolph and Catherine Trindeitmar. Grandmother of four.

WAGNER, Richard, 83, St. Maurice, Napoleon, July 22. Husband of Dolores Wagner. Father of Theresa Rork, Alan, Brian, Joe, John, Mark, Michael and Steve Wagner. Brother of William Wagner.

WISE, William Edward, 73, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville, July 20. Brother of Ruby Baird, Joan Hayes and Mary Ruth Van Gundy. Uncle of several.

WOOLWORTH, Frances, 90, St. Mary, Richmond, June 18. Mother of Ann, Barbara Jean, Margaret and Vivian Woolworth. Grandmother of four.

YOUNG, Eric Daniel, 48, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, Aug. 9. Husband of Kimberly Young. Son of Patricia (Harris) Young. Brother of Beverly, Michelle, Michael, Robert and Walter Young. †

Silence is needed to hear God speak, pope says during general audience

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Getting off the grid and leaving behind the city is a great way to bring some much-needed silence to one's life, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Silence is the condition of one's surroundings that best fosters

contemplation, listening to God and meditation," he said on Aug. 10 as he held his weekly general audience in the courtyard of the papal summer villa at Castel Gandolfo.

"Just the fact of being able to enjoy silence, to let oneself, as it were, be 'filled' by silence, predisposes us to prayer," the pope said.

Many people spend a few days at a monastic community or spiritual center, which, as "places of the spirit, are a backbone of the world," he said.

Monastic communities have been built in beautiful places that are close to nature,

he said.

He said such places bring together two important elements—the beauty of creation and the Creator, and silence that comes from "being far from the city and major channels of communication.

"God speaks in silence. However, it's necessary to know how to listen to him. For this reason, monasteries are oases in which God speaks to humanity," he said.

The pope recalled the Aug. 11 feast day of St. Clare, founder of the Poor Clares, and the Aug. 9 feast day of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) as saints who show people how to draw closer to God through quiet prayer and contemplation. He asked that Mary help people learn to love silence and learn to pray.

After his catechesis, the pope greeted some 2,000 pilgrims in eight languages, especially young people who were en route to World Youth Day in Madrid.

The pope's words were met with roaring enthusiasm as young people cheered and waved their countries' flags and homemade banners. One small banner read "With Benedict in Madrid." †



Pope Benedict XVI

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Archbishop O'Brien objects to governor's support for same-sex marriage

BALTIMORE (CNS)—Two days before Gov. Martin J. O'Malley announced his July 22 decision to sponsor legislation legalizing same-sex marriage in Maryland, Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore sent him a private letter urging O'Malley, a Catholic, to refrain from promoting the redefinition of marriage.

"I am well aware that the recent events in New York have intensified pressure on you to lend your active support to legislation to redefine marriage," Archbishop O'Brien wrote, referring to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signing of gay marriage legislation in the Empire State. Cuomo is also Catholic.

"As advocates for the truths we are compelled to uphold," Archbishop O'Brien said, "we speak with equal intensity and urgency in opposition to your promoting a goal that so deeply conflicts with your faith, not to mention the best interests of our society."

The archbishop said it was "especially hard to fathom your taking such a step, given the fact that our requests last year for you to sponsor legislation to repeal the death penalty, and support students in Catholic and other

nonpublic schools went unheeded."

Archbishop O'Brien was referring to a long-sought business tax credit that would benefit students and teachers in Catholic and nonpublic schools. O'Malley supports the credit, but did not take a leadership role in trying to pass it. The measure failed.

In an Aug. 4 response to Archbishop O'Brien, the governor cited a long list of items on which the two agree—including repealing the death penalty, reducing the incidence of infant mortality, "promoting the dignity of work and the justice of fair wages," protecting the environment, feeding the hungry and healing the sick.

"I do not presume, nor would I ever presume as governor, to question or infringe upon your freedom to define, to preach about, and to administer the sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church," O'Malley said. "But on the public issue of granting equal civil marital rights to same-sex couples, you and I disagree."

O'Malley said he was "sworn to uphold the law without partiality or prejudice.

"When shortcomings in our laws bring about a result that is

unjust," he asserted, "I have a public obligation to try to change that injustice."

O'Malley said it was unjust to "discriminate" in marital laws, and he added that it is also "unjust" to treat the children of families headed by same-sex couples with "lesser protections" under the law than the children of families headed by heterosexual couples.

Archbishop O'Brien noted that members of the Maryland General Assembly decided against legalizing same-sex marriage during the last legislative session even though they were subjected to "intense pressure, both from the public and from legislative leadership—despite leaders' claims that this was a 'vote of conscience.'

"Admirably, many legislators, prompted by their deeply held moral convictions and those of the constituents they were elected to represent, courageously resisted the all-too-familiar pull of partisan allegiances and political ambition in making their decision to uphold marriage," Archbishop O'Brien said. "Such courage is rare in politics, and can best be rewarded if it serves as an example for others to emulate."

The archbishop noted that "Maryland is not New York."



Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore and Maryland Gov. Martin J. O'Malley are seen in Annapolis, Md., in a 2009 photo. Two days before O'Malley announced this July that he plans to sponsor a same-sex marriage bill in 2012, Archbishop O'Brien strongly urged that he reconsider the move, suggesting the governor was acting out of "mere political expediency."

"We urge you not to allow your role as the leader of our state to be used in allowing the debate surrounding the definition of marriage to be determined by mere political expediency," Archbishop O'Brien said. "The people of Maryland deserve no less."

Archbishop O'Brien said he welcomed the opportunity to speak personally with O'Malley on the issue of same-sex marriage.

Archbishop O'Brien's letter to O'Malley was private, and was released to the media, along with O'Malley's response, by the governor's office. †

Student sees love of Christ in priests and religious from around the world

(Editor's note: Following is the final installment in a series featuring the winners of the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2011 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.)

By Christine White

Special to The Criterion

Jesus' call to universal and unconditional love is undoubtedly a difficult, yet necessary message to our Catholic faith.



Christine White

Through the ministry of ordained priests and deacons, I am lucky to have wonderful examples of this love and acceptance.

I can also see the love, care and compassion exhibited by nuns that teach and work at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis—one of them my history teacher as well as our beloved chaplain, Father William Munshower.

However, in today's globalizing world, the Church finds itself stretched across cultural and social boundaries in its

mission and realization of Christ's love. The influence and consciousness of the significant similarities of the worldwide Church inspire me to a greater sense of global participation in my faith.

My own parish priest at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis is a living example of this growing world of faith. Father Varghese Maliakkal came to our parish from a mountain diocese in India, leaving behind family and familiarity to embrace a new ethnic and spiritual home.

His enthusiasm for the beauty and complex mystery of the Mass can clearly be seen in his homilies and involvement in various aspects of the parish.

When Father Maliakkal celebrated his silver jubilee with us in the fall, other priests from his home diocese as well as his own archbishop joined us for a wonderful multicultural Mass. These priests can inspire in us the similarities that we see across the cultural lines that we face, and whatever slight differences we observe can enlighten us to the varying facets of our faith.

The new perspectives brought by these priests and religious simply diversify and simultaneously unite the members of our faith to the beauty of our worldwide Catholic Church. Our parish is also home to Indian sisters who help at our grade school and Masses, and we now have

a transitional deacon from India in residency with Father Maliakkal who is continuing the call of Christ and the ministry of universal love.

Seeing this love manifested in the lives of consecrated religious, even across cultural boundaries, inspires and excites me about the future of my faith.

While studying abroad in Costa Rica this summer, I had the opportunity to attend Mass on several occasions. The priests there were every bit as loving and involved with their parishioners as priests in the United States—even to the point of thanking our small American group in front of the entire congregation!

This is love—the openness and sincerity of Christ for all people. The religious who are a part of my world from varied backgrounds, traditions and cultures all move me with their demonstration of ministry—a ministry of love.

(Christine White and her parents, Tim and Kate White, are members of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis. She completed the 12th grade at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis last spring, and is the 12th-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2011 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.) †

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SEPTEMBER 17 Notre Dame College | 1 p.m.
More Cowbell: Band Day, Family Weekend, and Track Cycling National Championships

OCTOBER 1 Walsh University | 1 p.m.
Taste of Fall in Indy, Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana Appreciation Day, and Catholic Schools Day

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