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'Never lose hope for peace'

During Indiana visit, papal nuncio reflects on the Church in the Holy Land



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Archbishop Pietro Sambì, apostolic nuncio to the United States, talks with Catholic News Service in Washington in late February about the upcoming visit of Pope Benedict XVI. Archbishop Sambì visited Indianapolis earlier this month for a fundraising dinner sponsored by the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land to support a home for boys in Bethlehem.

(Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part interview with Archbishop Pietro Sambì, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Sambì visited Indianapolis in early May. Because of space constraints, some of Archbishop Sambì's responses had to be edited.)

By Sean Gallagher

Archbishop Pietro Sambì, who as apostolic nuncio to the United States is Pope Benedict XVI's ambassador to America and the Holy See's liaison to the Church in this country, visited Indianapolis on May 3.

The archbishop's primary reason for coming to Indiana was to participate in a fundraising dinner sponsored by the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land to support a home for boys in Bethlehem.

The residents are students at a nearby Franciscan-run school. They come from families where they have experienced physical abuse or where their parents are substance abusers or suffer from alcoholism.

Archbishop Sambì has a particular interest in the Church in the Holy Land because he served on the staff of the Holy See's nunciature there in the early 1970s, and later as nuncio to Israel and Palestine from 1998 to 2005.

In addition to serving in the Holy Land and the United States, Archbishop Sambì, in his nearly 40 years of ministry as a Vatican diplomat, has been assigned to Indonesia, Burundi, Cameroon, Cuba, Algeria, Nicaragua, Belgium and India.

Prior to the fundraising dinner, the globe-trotting archbishop, born in northern Italy, sat down for an interview with *The Criterion*.

Having served as the Holy See's ambassador to Israel and Palestine for several years, how do you judge from your experience the importance of the work of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land in supporting the Church there?

The work of the Franciscans is extremely precious. During my 12 years in the Holy Land, I could measure the preciousness of the presence and the work of the Franciscans.

Being animated by the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, they are there as an instrument of peace. They repeat every day the prayer of St. Francis, "Make me an instrument of peace. Where there is hatred, make me put love."

But they are also the supporter of the Christian community. The biggest

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Chinese priests work around disruptions to assess quake damage, deaths

CHENGDU, China (CNS)—Chinese priests had to work around disrupted telephone systems and damaged roads as they tried to assess the damage from the May 12 earthquake centered under Sichuan province that killed more than 12,000 people.

Responding to appeals for aid and prayers on Catholic Web sites, Catholics across China have begun donating money and clothes to help survivors, the priests told the Asian Church news agency UCA News.

The magnitude 7.9 earthquake, which hit just after midday on May 12, had its epicenter beneath Wenchuan County in Sichuan province. Wenchuan is less than 60 miles northwest of Chengdu, the provincial capital.

By May 13, government officials reported that more than 12,000 people had been killed in the quake, but the death toll was expected to rise. Officials said in one city alone more than 19,000 people were buried in the rubble.

Father Simon Li Zhigang, administrator of the Chengdu Diocese, told UCA News on May 13 that he could not reach by phone the priests serving in Wenchuan and Beichuan. About 100 Catholics live in Wenchuan and several hundred more live in Beichuan, he said.

In the Nanchong Diocese, about 150 miles from the epicenter, Sister Wang Yan told UCA News the activities room added to their church building shook for seven minutes and almost everything fell to the floor.

"I thought it was the end of the world," she recalled.

The night after the quake, dozens of laypeople stayed inside a wooden church in Nanchong because they feared sleeping in their damaged brick houses, she said.

In the neighboring Chongqing Diocese, Father Xie Bangyong told UCA News that fissures appeared in some old churches after the quake, but all priests and nuns in the city were safe. Chongqing priests divided into groups to see if parishioners were safe

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Hundreds gather at national basilica to dedicate St. Theodora statue

Special to *The Criterion*

WASHINGTON—More than 500 pilgrims traded umbrellas for sunglasses on May 10 as the heavily overcast sky gave way to warm afternoon sun that shined brightly on the blessing and dedication of the statue of St. Theodora Guérin in Mary's Garden at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The blessing, which occurred outside in the garden where the Indiana limestone statue now stands, followed a Mass at the basilica's Crypt Church.

Archbishop Pietro Sambì, apostolic nuncio to the United States, presided over the eucharistic liturgy witnessed by an overflow, standing-room-only crowd.

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Submitted photo/Sisters of Providence



Archbishop Pietro Sambì, apostolic nuncio to the United States, blesses a statue of St. Theodora Guérin, Indiana's first saint, on May 10 in Mary's Garden outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Members of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the religious community founded by St. Theodora in 1840, stand behind the statue.

Pomp and circumstance

1,321 students to graduate at Catholic high schools in archdiocese

Criterion staff report

This spring, Catholic high schools in the archdiocese will graduate 1,321 students.

Here is a listing of graduation-related information for the 10 Catholic high schools—seven archdiocesan and three private—in the archdiocese that will have graduating classes this year.

The 11th Catholic high school in the archdiocese—Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis—is in its first year of existence and won't have any graduates this year.

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 183 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 28 at 6 p.m. at the high school.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The class valedictorian is Molly McGonigal, the daughter of Joseph and Denise McGonigal of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.

The class salutatorian is Kathleen McKiernan, the daughter of Philip and Holiday McKiernan of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, and Annette "Mickey" Lentz, executive director of Catholic education and faith formation.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 192 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 18 at 5 p.m. at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 29 at 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Ken Ogorek, director of catechesis.

Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 92 students.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 29 at 7 p.m. at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 30 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The class valedictorian is Ben Ivers, the son of William and Elizabeth Ivers of

St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis.

The class salutatorian is Kateri Fites, the daughter of Jeff and Robin Fites of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. Schaedel and Kathy Mears, associate director of Catholic schools and learning resources.

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 314 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 17 at 10 a.m. at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 18 at 1 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.

The class valedictorians are Elizabeth Flood, the daughter of Michael and Catherine Flood of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, and Victoria Schopper, the daughter of Mark and Mary Schopper of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.

Four students are class salutatorians: Brian Bowman, the son of Andy and Patricia Bowman of Holy Spirit Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette diocese; Erin Mershon, the daughter of John Mershon and Ann Cutler of Carmel, Ind.; Sarah Smith, the daughter of Richard and Leisa Smith of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis; and Kevin Roberts, the son of Timothy and Kathleen Roberts of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Peggy Elson, associate director of schools and director of the Teaching Advancement Program for the archdiocese's Office of Catholic Education.

Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison has a graduating class of 16 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 30 at 7 p.m. at the Father Hilary Meny Gymnasium at the school.

The graduation ceremony will be on June 1 at 2 p.m. at the gymnasium.

The class valedictorian is Darren Lainhart, the son of Ronald and Kim Lainhart of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon.

The class salutatorian is Sydney Davis, the daughter of Roxann Davis of Hanover.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Lentz.

Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 68 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 21 at 7 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Indianapolis.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 23 at 7 p.m. at Scecina's gymnasium.

The class valedictorian is Shanna Pierle, the daughter of Chris and Barbara Pierle of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis.

The class salutatorian is John Okerson, the son of James and Maureen Okerson of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. Schaedel and Lentz.

Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg has a graduating class of 53 seniors.

The Senior Mass will be on May 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Oldenburg. The archdiocese will be represented by G. Joseph Peters, associate executive director of Catholic education.

The graduation ceremony will be on June 1 at 1 p.m. at the chapel.

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville has a graduating class of 125 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 18 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 24 at 10 a.m. at the Larkin Center Gymnasium at the school.

The class valedictorian is Leah Ernstberger, the daughter of Mindy and Jerry Ernstberger of Holy Family Parish in New Albany.

The class salutatorian is Brandon Roberson, the son of Brian and Velvet Roberson of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.

The archdiocese will be represented by Lentz.



Roncalli High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 274 seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 30 at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church in Greenwood.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 31 at 10 a.m. at the high school.

The class valedictorian is Kelsey Stack, the daughter of Jane and Michael Stack of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis.

The class salutatorian is Morgan Dumm, the daughter of Philip and Nanette Dumm of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. Schaedel and Ronald Costello, superintendent of Catholic schools.

Seton Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Richmond has a graduating class of four seniors.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 29 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew Church in Richmond.

The graduation ceremony will be on May 30 at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Richmond.

The class valedictorian is Mallory Strohmer, the daughter of Jeff and Laura Strohmer of New Parish, Ohio.

The class salutatorian is Wendell Smith, the son of Donna Smith of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond.

The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Lentz. †

Wanted: Your nominations for annual Catholic Schools Values Awards

School officials are already planning for the 2008 Celebrating Catholic School Values: Scholarship and Career Achievement Awards program, which will be held on Nov. 5 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

The keynote speaker at this year's event will be Catholic author Mary Higgins Clark.

The Celebrating Catholic School Values: Scholarship and Career Achievement Awards is one of the archdiocese's premiere events each year to showcase its Catholic schools.

Many recipients from past Celebrating Catholic School Values programs tell archdiocesan officials that they consider their career achievement award as the greatest honor of their life. They cherish the award because it represents the values that they espouse every day as a result of their education in Catholic schools.

Each year, Catholic education officials ask the public to nominate one or more Catholic school graduates for a career achievement award who exemplify the values of a Catholic education.

Archdiocesan school leaders are looking for individuals whose ethics, leadership, service and achievements are significant to their community. Nominees can include men, women, clergy and religious. Current Catholic school students and employees are not eligible. Nomination forms are available on the Office of Catholic Education's Web site at www.archindy.org/oce/. Search under "Items of Interest/Forms" or click on "CCSV."

Judges ask that you provide as much

information as possible about your nominee(s). Also, nominees should not be told that they are being nominated. Incomplete forms cannot be considered. All nominations will be kept confidential.

Please return nomination forms by May 30.

(For more information, call G. Joseph Peters, associate executive director of the Office of Catholic Education, at 317-236-1437 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1437, or e-mail jpeters@archindy.org.) †

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Legends and legacies

CYO honors dedicated volunteers for service

By Mary Ann Wyand

Life lessons. Sportsmanship. Teamwork. Friendship. Fitness. Fun.

Seven Catholic Youth Organization volunteers honored with St. John Bosco Awards on May 8 for their longtime service to children and teenagers as coaches at archdiocesan parishes clearly enjoy talking about the many intangible benefits of serving others.

CYO coaches receive much more than they give to others, the Bosco Award recipients agreed, and they have priceless memories to prove it.

The five men and two women were thrilled to accept the coveted Bosco Award presented by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, during the CYO Volunteer Awards Ceremony at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Even more exciting, the honorees said during interviews, are the countless opportunities to help children and teenagers learn sports fundamentals and have fun with new friends in the process.

It's not about winning or losing, they said, but about creating opportunities for personal growth through achievements that affirm each CYO participant.

Edward J. Tinder, CYO executive director, noted during the program that the archdiocesan youth organization was founded nearly 70 years ago.

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, Tinder said, CYO is able to serve 20,000 boys and girls who annually participate in one or more of the 14 sports offered as well as the science and music contests.

"Each year, we have probably 2,500 volunteers in various CYO programs," Tinder said. "These seven [Bosco Award recipients] have given many hours of their lives helping young people and influencing their lives in the Catholic traditions."

In doing so, he said, these distinguished volunteers join the legendary list of Bosco Award recipients from the past six decades who have left amazing legacies by sharing their time and talents with young people.

St. Matthew parishioner John Sahn of Indianapolis has coached CYO football and basketball teams for 17 years and served as the parish football coordinator.

It's a legacy that he learned from his father, William Sahn, the legendary CYO director from 1954 until his death in 1973.

"CYO was a big part of our family life," Sahn recalled. "I'm the eighth of nine [children]. ... My brothers and sisters have been involved, and it's kind of paying tribute to him in terms of being a volunteer. I think he would expect it."

Life lessons learned through CYO sports help young

people gain confidence, he said, and prepare them for the difficult challenges of adult life.

"I think more than anything [coaching] means being a teacher and mentor," Sahn said, "and also setting a strong Christian example for the kids."

St. Joan of Arc parishioner Dr. Charles Hasbrook of Indianapolis keeps busy with his medical practice, but can't imagine not coaching CYO basketball for 23 years, organizing basketball skills clinics or providing free physicals for children and teenagers so they can play CYO sports.

Spouses should also be recognized with Bosco Awards, Hasbrook said, because CYO volunteer service is a commitment that adds to the busyness of family life.

Coaches and doctors share the same goal, he said, to help people get better.

"I love watching a [new] team come together," Hasbrook said. "Obviously, the goal is to learn the system and play as a team. It's fun to watch that happen. ... The CYO rules on playing time are very important. Everybody gets to play. ... CYO understands what sports can give people in life. The life lessons are really important."

Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner Colleen Kenney of Indianapolis has played kickball since the fourth grade and coached kickball for 23 years.

"Kickball is a wonderful tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish," Kenney said. "I enjoy coaching kickball because it's a sport that everyone can participate in and feel good about themselves."

Coaching CYO teams involves "camaraderie and opportunities to share your faith," she said, "and teaching the kids



St. John Bosco Award recipients from Indianapolis pose for a photograph with Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, after the Catholic Youth Organization Awards ceremony on May 8 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. They are, from left, St. Lawrence parishioner Tom O'Brien, St. Matthew parishioner John Sahn, St. Luke the Evangelist parishioner Dan Wagner, St. Joan of Arc parishioner Dr. Charles Hasbrook, Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner Colleen Kenney and St. Pius X parishioner Rob Doyle. St. Malachy parishioner Lori McFarland of Brownsburg was not able to attend the awards ceremony.

life lessons about getting along with people and that winning is not always important. It's about having fun."

St. Pius X parishioner Rob Doyle of Indianapolis is a busy attorney who learned the value of coaching CYO sports from his late father, Jack Doyle.

Doyle said he teaches his teams that "true leadership is about service, and you will be a leader of people if you serve them in many different ways."

He has coached CYO teams for 17 years and believes that coaching is mostly about "being a symbol of Christ to the kids."

St. Luke the Evangelist parishioner Dan Wagner of Indianapolis has coached CYO girls' basketball teams for 17 years and enjoys working with fourth-graders as well as teenagers.

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The celebration occurred on the eve of Pentecost, a feast which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus.

During his homily, Archbishop Sambini asked how St. Theodora, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, could have accomplished all that she did with so many challenges in her lifetime.

"It was possible only because St. Mother Theodore abandoned herself to Divine Providence," he said. "She was strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit. Like a disciple, she strengthened her sisters. St. Mother Theodore and so many who have followed her have accomplished great things for Christ because they have trusted in Divine Providence.

"St. Mother Theodore's story is nothing less than the story of love—love for Christ and Divine Providence. May her daughters continue to live her legacy and her charism."

Archbishop Sambini invited the pilgrims in attendance to join in the blessing of the statue "of this holy woman with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future."

The congregation's general superior, Providence Sister Denise Wilkinson, thanked Archbishop Sambini and Msgr. Walter Rossi, the basilica's rector, for participating in the celebration and making possible the placement of the statue in Mary's Garden.

"We've come here from all across our country. Some here are Sisters of Providence, others are alumni or alumnae of Sisters of Providence schools, some are friends and family of Sisters of Providence or staff members, Providence Associates and other ministry partners," Sister Denise said.

"Each of us has been profoundly influenced by St. Mother Theodore Guérin, a woman for all time. Each of us here gladly celebrates her life and legacy, and proudly calls her our saint. We promise all here the prayer and gratitude of the Sisters of Providence," she added.

The pilgrims then moved to the garden for prayers, songs of praises and the blessing of the statue. After the blessing, Archbishop Sambini said he recalled the words of

Blessed Pope John XXIII when he was a young seminarian.

"He was speaking of a new usefulness, a new springtime, a new Pentecost. I say to all of the sisters and to the friends of the sisters, it is time for a new usefulness, a new spring, a new Pentecost. It is the time to wake up, wake up in prayer, to wake up in prime example, to give a clear sign that we are people consecrated to God, and people consecrated to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those in need. If we show the difference and the joy of our decision to our consecration, we can attract other people," he said.

After the blessing, pilgrims walked to the statue of St. Theodora, where they posed for pictures and graciously touched her extended hand, which seemed to be a perfect welcoming gesture.

Sculptor Teresa Clark of Terre Haute, who created the statue, was present for the dedication.

"This is a very emotional day," she said. "I am so happy for the Sisters of Providence."

Nicholas Fairplay, an Ohio artisan who carved the statue, also was present for the blessing.

"I was profoundly touched by certainly the number of persons who came, and also by what seemed to be their shared delight to be part of this. It was a long trip for a liturgy and a blessing of a statue, yet the people were so peaceful, content and joyful," Sister Denise said. "People came with prayers of their own and their own needs. They seemed to have confidence that their intentions would be heard and answered. A lot of that is a tribute to the many years of service in schools and other ministries, and their connections and friendships they have made with Sisters of Providence."

Msgr. Rossi said, "For the basilica, the statue is a great addition because it shows, once again, the contribution to our country and how appropriate it is to have Mother Guérin here at the shrine in Mary's Garden. It shows the diversity of the Church in the United States, and how we all contribute to a great mission."

Father Dan Coughlin, chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, who was taught by Sisters of Providence in Chicago, gave a blessing at the reception.

In a preface to the prayer, he remembered doing research as he prepared for the House chaplaincy.

"The early documents, our early writings, the



A larger than life-size statue of St. Theodora Guérin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, stands in Mary's Garden outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Declaration of Independence, constantly are built on the theme of Divine Providence. Was she [St. Theodora] a woman of intuition? Was she reading a sign of the times? Did she see, as Archbishop Sambini was saying, a new Pentecost? I believe so," Father Coughlin said.

St. Theodora was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 15, 2006, at St. Peter's Square in Rome. †



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Pope Benedict XVI gives a farewell address to a crowd gathered in a hangar at JFK International Airport in New York on April 20.

Pope Benedict XVI blesses, and challenges, America

"As I begin my visit to the United States, I express once more my gratitude for your invitation, my joy to be in your midst, and my fervent prayers that almighty God will confirm this nation and its people in the ways of justice, prosperity and peace. God bless America!" (Pope Benedict XVI, Official Welcome Ceremony, the White House, on April 16).

Pope Benedict XVI began his first official visit to the United States with a heartfelt benediction: God bless America!

He continued to bless us throughout his six-day visit with words of gratitude, affirmation, encouragement, appreciation and hope.

As Cardinal Francis George noted in his welcoming remarks at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on April 16, Americans are "people who take joy in being generous and, in that characteristic, imitate the Lord himself and make God's image strong in our society."

On numerous occasions during his visit, Pope Benedict praised and thanked the Church in America for its generosity—using Americans' responses to the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as Hurricane Katrina and the tsunamis of December 2004 as obvious examples.

But the Holy Father also challenged us to be good stewards of our many gifts and blessings, and to share generously with those who are poor and vulnerable. He asked us to be consistent in our practice of our faith, protect the dignity of all human persons, safeguard marriage and family life, witness to the Gospel, and work tirelessly for authentic peace and social justice here in America and throughout the world.

Most of all, the Holy Father said, the Church in America should provide opportunities to lead all people to "an encounter with the living God, the source of that life-transforming hope of which the Gospel speaks."

Pope Benedict warned us that good stewardship of our nation's many blessings will not be easy.

"For an affluent society, a further obstacle to an encounter with the living God lies in the subtle influence of materialism, which can all too easily focus the attention on the hundredfold,

which God promises now in this time, at the expense of the eternal life which he promises in the age to come."

We are called to be stewards of the bounty we have received from God here and now. But we dare not lose sight of the even greater blessings that are yet to come—when we will be united with God and one another in our heavenly home.

"People today need to be reminded of the ultimate purpose of their lives," the pope said. "They need to recognize that implanted within them is a deep thirst for God. They need to be given opportunities to drink from the wells of his infinite love."

Responsible stewardship of America's many blessings means providing the people of our day with genuine opportunities to encounter Christ.

This means that Catholics in the United States must be faithful to the precious inheritance we have received from our ancestors in the faith, open to constant conversion and spiritual renewal, and willing to share generously all our spiritual and material gifts.

"The fidelity and courage with which the Church in this country will respond to the challenges raised by an increasingly secular and materialistic culture," the pope said, "will depend in large part upon your own fidelity in handing on the treasure of our Catholic faith."

The pastoral visit of Pope Benedict to the United States, with its theme of "Christ Our Hope," was itself a blessing that challenged us to greater responsibility and accountability.

On numerous occasions during his visit, the Holy Father expressed his deep sorrow over the horrors of clergy sexual abuse. He challenged us to respond to all who have suffered—directly or indirectly—from this unspeakable evil with the compassion and healing power of Christ.

And he called us to continue and strengthen our efforts to protect our children and provide for them the safe haven that can only come from authentic family life and from a culture that cherishes and defends a truly healthy understanding of the mystery of human sexuality.

"The Church expects much from you," Pope Benedict told us. "Do not fail in your generosity."

God bless America, and may God bless Pope Benedict XVI!

—Dan Conway

Making a Difference/Tony Magliano

A global food emergency

"This is a big one!" said Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services, describing the current world food crisis.



Hackett told me that several dangerous elements have merged to create "the perfect storm that's causing a silent tsunami."

While increasing oil prices are hurting all of us at the gas pump,

more importantly, they are driving up fertilizer and transportation costs, making food production and shipment far more expensive, Hackett explained.

As Chinese and Indian economies continue to grow, many people there are eating more meat. But raising animals for people to eat is a very inefficient way to feed human beings. Grain goes much further when people eat grain products instead of feeding them to animals that will be slaughtered.

Furthermore, there is much less food on the global market because Australia, normally a large grain exporter, is experiencing drought conditions, and other countries are actually banning food exports, Hackett said.

In addition, he said that new speculators and venture capitalists are doing their share to increase food prices.

And then there is biofuel. Hackett said that ethanol fuels made from corn have lowered the amount of this grain available for human consumption, contributing to increased grain prices. Cellulosic ethanol, made from nonedible plants like switch grass, would be a far better option.

According to Catholic Relief Services, the price of wheat has doubled in less than a year, while corn, maize and soy are trading at well above their 1990s levels. Rice—the staple food for about 3 billion people worldwide—has tripled in cost in the last 18 months.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that without full funding

for emergency requirements, "We risk again the specter of widespread hunger, malnutrition and social unrest on an unprecedented scale."

His statement reflects Pope Benedict XVI's recent address at the U.N. in which the pope said, "Victims of poverty and desperation and whose human dignity is violated with impunity are easy prey for the call to violence."

This current food crisis has created tens of millions of new hungry human beings, said CRS's president. And it will continue to worsen unless we act now!

Catholic Relief Services is asking every American Catholic to quickly e-mail or write his or her U.S. representative and two senators urging them to:

(1) Add at least \$600 million and hopefully as much as \$900 million to the 2008 Supplemental Appropriations for Title II Food for Peace emergency programs.

(2) Provide an additional \$100 million in the Supplemental Appropriations bill to replenish the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust food reserve so that this essential fund will have adequate resources to respond to future hunger emergencies.

(3) Provide additional funding to the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance to buy seeds for poor farmers to ensure that they will have crops to harvest in the coming season.

(4) Provide an estimated \$2 billion to the 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill for Title II Food for Peace programs. Adequate funding here will help prevent a similar food crisis next year.

(5) Establish a "safe-box" fund—solely designated for agriculture and related development—to address chronic hunger.

Also, please help CRS reach more hungry people by making a generous donation to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.

If you have never contacted your congressional delegation or given to CRS, now is the time to begin!

(Tony Magliano writes for Catholic News Service.) †



Myths and facts about immigration

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a seven-part series of immigration reform articles prepared by the Indiana Catholic Conference. Capsule forms have been prepared for use in parish bulletins. Diocesan newspapers throughout the state have agreed to publish the series in its longer form.)

Perceived myth: Immigrants don't pay taxes.

Known fact: Immigrants pay taxes in the form of income, property, sales and other taxes at the federal and state level.

As far as income tax payments go, sources vary in their accounts, but a range of studies find that immigrants pay between \$90 billion and \$140 billion a year in federal, state and local taxes.

Undocumented immigrants pay income taxes as well, as evidenced by the Social Security Administration's "suspense file" (taxes that cannot be matched to workers' names and Social Security numbers), which grew by \$20 billion between 1990 and 1998 (Source: www.immigrationforum.org/about/articles/tax_study.htm).

How do immigrants pay taxes?

Immigrants pay taxes in a number of ways, including income and sales tax. The majority of undocumented

immigrants pay income taxes using Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) or false Social Security numbers.

Studies show that immigrants contribute more in taxes and Social Security payments than they consume in public resources.

The most authoritative study conducted by the National Research Council found that the average immigrant pays nearly \$1,800 per year more than he or she uses in services, such as education and health care.

In addition, the Social Security system reaps the biggest windfall from taxes paid by immigrants. The Social Security Administration reports that it holds approximately \$420 billion from the earnings of immigrants who are not in a position to claim benefits (Testimony by Social Security Administration officials, March 2004).

In addition to state income taxes, all immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, pay the same sales taxes and property taxes—whether they own homes or taxes are passed through to rents—as everyone else. The majority of state and local costs of schooling and other services are funded by these taxes.

The National Research Council also estimates that the economic benefits of immigration run as high as \$10 billion a year. Immigrants contribute to the economy by working in jobs and performing services vital to our way of life, and contribute to the common good through their service and their taxes. †

ARCHBISHOP/ARZOBISPO DANIEL M. BUECHLEIN, O.S.B.



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

The Criterion is an instrument of evangelization for all

This is the 800th consecutive column that I have written for *The Criterion* since I became the archbishop in 1992.

My articles generally are around 800 words. If you multiply 800 times 800, that's a lot of words. Of itself, of course, there is no merit in the number of words.

My intention is to provide words of practical instruction about Church teaching, words of faith and hope, and—sometimes—challenging words. I try to offer words of inspiration that encourage us in our lives of everyday faith.

I want to do my part in supporting the fundamental purpose of our weekly publication of *The Criterion*, namely as an instrument for evangelization. My intent is to teach the faith of the Gospel alongside the other contributions published on a weekly basis.

If you consider the purpose of publishing a Catholic weekly, it might be easier to understand why I mandate that we try to provide *The Criterion* for every household of our local Church.

I am aware that we hear from a few people who don't want to receive our paper. It is their decision to discard it, but it is my responsibility to teach the faith. The most effective way for me to fulfill my obligation to do so as bishop is to use this medium.

When a bishop is ordained, he receives a clear mandate to be a dedicated teacher of the Catholic faith as it is received in Scripture and Tradition. It is my promised

task to record, to interpret, to explain and to hand on the faith we have received. It is an awesome task, but one that I appreciate and enjoy.

For me, the weekly published article is like a conversation about things that matter about life, our faith and our Church.

I received the inspiration to write a weekly column from Pope John Paul II when, from the day I was ordained, he encouraged me to emphasize my teaching role as bishop. A second inspiration came indirectly from my mom. Years ago, I recall her commenting on how much she appreciated the weekly column by Bishop Henry Grimmelman in the Evansville diocesan newspaper.

The print medium may not be as popular today as it was before the great advances in communication technology. But thoughts put in print offer a better opportunity for personal reflection. Matters of faith become a matter of tangible record with a bit more permanence than oral presentations. Of course, all means of communication are important.

The Criterion is not an ordinary newspaper in the sense that it has a unique purpose, namely that of evangelization. It is a source primarily dedicated to providing information pertinent to the Catholic Church.

With that purpose in mind, the editorial staff of our paper makes choices about what is appropriate.

For example, as a matter of principle, *The Criterion* will not publish teachings contrary to the Church's doctrine concerning

faith and morals. Nor will we publish materials that are disloyal to the Holy Father and the Holy See.

Still, in order to provide information pertinent to the Church, a Catholic weekly will not only publish the good news about the Church, but when there is bad news it too is published. Needless to say, it is a challenge to do this in a fair and balanced manner.

The approach of the national elections is a difficult time for Catholic newspapers. It is not surprising that folks want to read favorable publicity about the political candidates they favor.

As a matter of principle, *The Criterion* does not and will not espouse the cause of a particular party and its candidates. This becomes complicated because obviously the Church has a deep concern about spiritual and moral issues that are paramount in the life of society.

Church leaders have an obligation and therefore a right to speak about the *issues*. Doing so in a way that is not prejudicial is a challenge. We do our best to avoid partisanship even when we would prefer otherwise.

Inevitably, there are calls for condemnation of a particular candidate. Whether it

is considered fair or not, on this score of objectivity, the action of the Catholic Church is carefully scrutinized by federal officials, perhaps more so than other entities.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to *The Criterion* staff for exercising its professional and religious responsibility with admirable prudence. Production of our weekly publication entails a lot of hard work and deadlines exert a lot of pressure. Our staff meets timelines and does so with a limited number of helpers.

I know that many of you appreciate *The Criterion* because you tell me so. Thank you for your support.

Please find a place in your prayers for this part of our apostolate. †

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

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

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for May

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

The Criterion constituye un instrumento de evangelización para todos

Esta es la columna número 800 que he escrito consecutivamente para *The Criterion* desde que me convertí en arzobispo en 1992.

Mis artículos son de aproximadamente 800 palabras. Si multiplicamos 800 por 800, obtendremos muchas palabras. Por supuesto, no hay mérito en la cantidad de palabras en sí.

Mi intención es proporcionar palabras de instrucción práctica sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, palabras de fe y de esperanza, y en algunas ocasiones, palabras polémicas. Intento ofrecer palabras de inspiración que nos alienten en nuestras vidas cotidianas de fe.

Deseo hacer mi parte para respaldar el principio fundamental de nuestra publicación semanal, *The Criterion*, a saber, como instrumento de evangelización. Mi intención es enseñar la fe del Evangelio junto con los demás aportes publicados semanalmente.

Si se toma en cuenta la finalidad de publicar un semanario católico, resulta fácil comprender por qué exijo que tratemos de hacer llegar el *The Criterion* a cada hogar dentro de nuestra iglesia local.

Entiendo que algunas personas manifiestan que no desean recibir nuestro periódico. Es su decisión desecharlo, pero es mi responsabilidad enseñar la fe. Como obispo, la forma más efectiva para cumplir con mi obligación de enseñar es hacerlo a través de este medio.

Cuando un obispo se ordena, recibe la clara obligación de impartir con dedicación la fe católica, tal y como la recibimos de las Escrituras y la Tradición. Me he comprometido con la tarea de registrar,

interpretar, explicar y difundir la fe que hemos recibido. Es una tarea maravillosa que aprecio y disfruto.

Par mí, el artículo semanal es como una conversación sobre las cosas importantes de la vida, nuestra fe y nuestra Iglesia.

Recibí la inspiración de escribir una columna semanal del Papa Juan Pablo II cuando, desde el día de mi ordenación, me alentó a que hiciera énfasis en mi papel docente como obispo. La segunda inspiración provino directamente de mi mamá. Años atrás, recuerdo que comentaba cuánto le gustaba la columna del Obispo Henry Grimmelman, del periódico diocesano de Evansville.

El medio impreso quizás no sea tan popular hoy en día como lo era antes de los grandes avances en la tecnología de la comunicación. Pero los pensamientos impresos ofrecen una mejor oportunidad para la reflexión personal. Los asuntos de fe se tornan en registros tangibles con un poco más de permanencia que las presentaciones orales. Por supuesto, todos los medios de comunicación son importantes.

The Criterion no es un periódico común en el sentido de que cumple con una finalidad única, es decir, la evangelización. Es una fuente dedicada fundamentalmente a proporcionar información relativa a la Iglesia Católica.

Teniendo en cuenta ese propósito, el personal de la editorial de nuestro periódico toma decisiones en cuanto a lo que es apropiado.

Por ejemplo, como principio, *The Criterion* no publicará enseñanzas contrarias a la doctrina de la Iglesia en cuanto a la fe y a la moral. Ni tampoco

publicaremos materiales que sean desleales al Sumo Pontífice ni a la Santa Sede.

Asimismo, a fin de proporcionar información pertinente a la Iglesia, un semanario católico ha de publicar no sólo buenas nuevas sobre la Iglesia, sino también las malas noticias. Obviamente es un desafío hacer esto de manera equilibrada.

La víspera de las elecciones nacionales representa una época difícil para los periódicos católicos. No es de sorprender que la gente desee leer notas publicitarias positivas sobre el candidato político que apoyan.

Como principio, *The Criterion* no apoya ni apoyará ningún partido político en particular, ni sus candidatos. Esto se torna complicado ya que obviamente la Iglesia tiene una profunda preocupación sobre las cuestiones morales y espirituales que son esenciales en la vida de la sociedad.

Los líderes de la Iglesia tienen la obligación y por lo tanto el derecho, de hablar sobre estas *cuestiones*. Hacerlo de modo tal que no sea perjudicial, es todo un desafío. Hacemos lo mejor que podemos para evitar el partidismo, aun cuando preferiríamos hacer algo distinto.

Inevitablemente, algunos candidatos requieren censura. Ya sea que se considere justo o no, las acciones de la Iglesia Católica respecto al grado de objetividad son examinadas cuidadosamente por funcionarios federales, quizás incluso más

que otras entidades.

Quisiera aprovechar esta oportunidad para extender mi agradecimiento al personal de *The Criterion* por ejercer su responsabilidad profesional y religiosa con admirable prudencia. La producción de nuestra publicación semanal supone un gran trabajo y los plazos de entrega imponen gran presión. Nuestro equipo cumple con los plazos y lo hace con un número limitado de ayudantes.

Sé que muchos de ustedes aprecian al *The Criterion* porque me lo dicen. Gracias por su apoyo.

Le ruego que encuentre un lugar en sus oraciones por este aspecto de nuestro apostolado. †

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

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para mayo

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

Events Calendar

May 16
St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **11th annual "Sister to Sister Celebration," youth night,** 6 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 4598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). Couple to Couple League of Greater Indianapolis, **Natural Family Planning (NFP) class,** 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-848-4486.

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

May 16-18
St. Joseph Parish, 125 E. Broadway St., Shelbyville. **Parish festival,** Fri., 5-11 p.m., Sat., noon-11 p.m., Sun., noon-8 p.m., games, rides, food, music. Information: 317-398-8227.

May 16-June 3
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, library, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Icon exhibit.** Information:

800-682-0988 or e-mail news@saintmeinrad.edu.

May 17
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Helpers of God's Precious Infants Pro-Life Mass,** Father Scott Nobbe, 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.

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **11th annual "Sister to Sister Celebration," prayer breakfast,** 9 a.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

St. Anthony Parish, 337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis. **Workshop, "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage,"** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., followed by Mass, \$75 per couple or \$50 for individuals. Information: 502-241-6462 or e-mail paulaanddurbina@aol.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1723 I St., Bedford. **Celebrating 100 years of Catholic education at St. Vincent de Paul School,**

Mass, 5 p.m., Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, celebrant, dinner and gala following Mass. Information: 812-275-6539 or e-mail parish@svsbedford.org.

May 18
St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **11th annual "Sister to Sister Celebration," Mass,** 10 a.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Holy Cross Parish, Kelley Gymnasium, 125 N. Oriental St., Indianapolis. **12th annual Health Fair,** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information: 317-637-2620, ext. 406, or e-mail jerlenbaugh@holycrossindy.org.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Monte Cassino Pilgrimage, "Mary's Heart Song,"** Benedictine Father Jeremy King, 2 p.m. Information: 800-682-0988 or e-mail news@saintmeinrad.edu.

MKVS, Divine Mercy and Glorious Cross Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. **Confession, 1 p.m., Mass, 2 p.m.,** on third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in, groups of

10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

May 20
Saddlebrook Golf Club, 5516 Arabian Run, Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange, Mass,** 6:30 a.m., Ed Tinder, Catholic Youth Organization executive director, speaker, "The Catholic Church and the Value of Sports," breakfast and program, \$12 per person, golf outing following program, 8:30 a.m., \$85 per player. \$340 per foursome. Information and registration:

www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

May 21
Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass,** 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

St. Nicholas Church, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, Sunman. **Eucharistic healing service,** rosary for vocations, praise, worship, music, 6 p.m. Information: 812-623-8007.

May 25
St. Vincent de Paul Church,

1723 I St., Bedford. **Corpus Christi procession,** following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Information: 812-275-6539.

May 26
Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass,** noon. Information: 317-784-4439 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc.

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass,** noon. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc. †

Retreats and Programs

May 18
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Pre Cana Program,"** marriage preparation program for engaged couples. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"The Gospel of John 101,"** Father Keith Hosey, presenter, 7-9 p.m., free. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

May 19
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Day of Reflection, **"The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary,"** Father Keith Hosey, presenter, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$35 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

May 30-June 1
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Aging Gracefully (Revised): A Retreat for 60s and Over,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or e-mail MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

May 31
Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, 8210 W. State Road 48, Bloomington.

Vocation retreat for young men, "The Call to the Religious Life in Priesthood," 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-825-4742 or e-mail ffivocations@bluemarble.net.

June 6-8
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Tobit Weekend,"** marriage preparation program for engaged couples. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.archindy.org/fatima.

June 8
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Pre Cana Program,"** marriage preparation program for engaged couples. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

June 9-11
Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Sixth annual **"Garden Retreat: Finding Your Secret Garden,"** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$45 per person includes breakfast, lunch and dessert. Information: 317-788-7581 or e-mail benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

June 13-15
Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"When Joy Abounds,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or e-mail MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu. †

Open houses are scheduled for new Villas of Guerin Woods

Guerin Inc. will host a "Welcome Home!" celebration from noon to 1:30 p.m. on May 22 at The Villas of Guerin Woods in Georgetown.

A new concept in assisted living and comprehensive nursing care, The Villas are designed to provide an alternative to institutional care for people in need of specialized medical care.

The celebration will include a light lunch and tours.

Open house events also are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on May 15 and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 18 to give people additional opportunities to tour the two villa residences.

"We hope everyone will take a few minutes to tour The Villas," said Providence Sister Barbara Ann Zeller, president of Guerin Inc. "They are modeled from the 'small house' concept of care. We are honored and delighted to be the first to bring this new concept to Indiana."

Each 7,100-square-foot villa has 10 private bedrooms with private bathrooms, a common living and gathering space with fireplace, an open kitchen and dining area, an enclosed patio with sensory garden, a spa equipped with

a therapeutic mat and collapsible parallel bars, a den, and an office that replaces the traditional nurses' station.

Sister Barbara Ann said The Villas will be home to the elders, not merely homelike, and all aspects of life there will focus on dignity, respect and choice.

Elders will begin living at The Villas shortly after the "Welcome Home!" celebration.

For information about residency at the state-licensed home, contact Sister Barbara Ann at 812-951-1878 or by mail in care of 8037 Unruh Drive, Georgetown, IN 47122 or by e-mail at sbarannz@insightbb.com.

Guerin Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, was established in 1999 to construct facilities for Providence House for Children in Georgetown in the New Albany Deanery.

Since that time, Guerin Inc. has built two group homes for foster children, six three-bedroom apartments for participants in the Family Reunification and Preservation Program, a training center and office building, and an administrative residence on the Providence House campus. Guerin Inc. began developing Guerin Woods in 2004. †

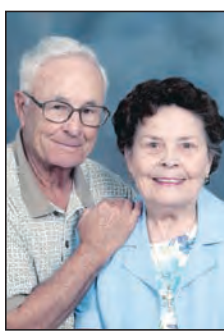


Marian statue

This statue of Mary, made of bone china in Galway, Ireland, is one of 18 statues of the Blessed Virgin on display at the Sisters of Providence Heritage Museum in the Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. All the statues on display are the property of members of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. This statue was given to Providence Sister Regina Shaughnessy by her niece. The Heritage Museum is open on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VIPs

James Robert and Mary Susan (Reinert) Lenahan, members of



St. Bernadette Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 22.

The couple was married on May 22, 1948, at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus

(Little Flower) Church in Indianapolis.

They have nine children: Jean Adams, Kathleen Brackman, Marie Gunter, Colleen Simon, Judith Schiewer, Therese Warren, Aletha and Timothy Lenahan, and the late Mark Lenahan. They have 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. †

Raymond L. and Eleanor Marie (Bajt) Meunier, members of St. Malachy



Parish in Brownsburg, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on May 16.

The couple was married on May 16, 1953, at Holy Trinity Church in Indianapolis.

They have eight children: Theresa Crowe, Bryon, Devin, Mark, Michael, Paul, Tom and Vince Meunier. They have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. †

David and Carrie (Smith) Kemp Jr., members of St. Monica Parish in Indian-



apolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 17 by attending the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Monica Church then receiving guests at the Emmaus Center from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The couple was married on May 17, 1958, at Holy Angels Church in Indianapolis.

They have one child: David Kemp III. †

Paul and Shirley (Eckstein) Miller, members of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus



Christ Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on May 17 followed by a reception for family members and friends at Weilhammer Hall.

The couple was married on May 17, 1958, at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove.

They have five children: Brenda Brown, Teri DeWitt, Cindy Kight, Christine Schwettman and Bob Miller. They have 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. †

No general admission tickets available for diaconate ordination

The ordination of the first class of permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be a great occasion for our local Church. All are invited to pray for these 25 men as their

ordination approaches on June 28. However, because of the number of family members and guests invited, there will be no general admission for the



ordination liturgy, according to Benedictine Father Bede Cisco, director of the archdiocesan Office of Deacon Formation. All guests attending the liturgy must present

tickets at the door. Each newly ordained deacon will celebrate with his parish community, most on the weekend of June 28-29, Father Bede said. †

Meet our future deacons



Permanent Deacons

Archdiocese of Indianapolis
FIRST ORDINATION CLASS

On June 28, history will be made at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis when 25 men from central and southern Indiana become the first permanent deacons ordained for the

Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This week's issue of *The Criterion* continues a series of profiles of these men, which will be published in the weeks leading up to that important day. †

Kerry Blandford



Age: 52
Spouse: Rebecca
Home Parish: St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis
Occupation: Catechist

Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

It's been said that we should live our lives well in that we may be the only Bible some people have. I guess I have been blessed with many Bibles. My wife and children, people with whom I've worked, and fellow parishioners all surround me with examples of faith every day.

What are your favorite Scripture verses, prayers and devotions?

I have always been fond of John 1:1-5, 14. It really says all that needs to be said. I also have a great appreciation for the Litany of Mary of Nazareth as published by the folks at Pax Christi. It reminds us that Mary is the mother of all, especially the marginalized. Devotions to various saints come to mind, especially St. Peter. Fallible, not always understanding, but he keeps trying to do God's will.

Deacons often minister to others in the workplace. How have you experienced that, and how do you anticipate doing that in the future?

I have spent most of my adult life

working for the Church in various roles and settings. Active ministry is really what my work place is all about. It continues to be a blessing.

Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

When I look back over my life, it seems that this is where things have been leading. It is as if the various threads of my life experiences are being woven together to answer God's call to the diaconate. I have been put here to serve and to bring others to Christ.

How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

Ordination will bring new responsibilities and challenges. Life will continue to be busy, and we'll need to work on keeping things in balance. Throughout the formation process, [my wife] Becky and our children have been very supportive. Becky is very actively involved in music ministry. Our children have also been involved in music ministry, as altar servers and in other activities. So ministry and parish involvement have long been a part of our family's life. †

Age: 59

Spouse: Kathy

Home Parish: St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford

Occupation: Coordinator for a federal grant that seeks to promote good marriages and families



Dave Reising

Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Vincent de Paul.

What are your favorite Scripture verses, prayers and devotions?

My favorite Scripture verse is from Psalm 46: "Be still and know that I am God." My favorite prayers are chanting the Liturgy of the Hours, the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. My favorite devotion is eucharistic adoration in our parish's perpetual adoration chapel.

Deacons often minister to others in the workplace. How have you experienced that, and how do you anticipate doing that in the future?

I retired from the federal government not too long ago and have become the coordinator for a federal grant that promotes healthy marriages and responsible parenting. I have had many opportunities to minister to people in a pastoral care setting on a one-on-one basis, working in and outside our office. I also have the opportunity to minister to different groups of people at our different

events that we sponsor. Our grant is a new one, and I see as time increases my opportunities to minister in this environment will increase as well.

Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

Through prayer, discernment, and support of my family and parishioners, I feel strongly that I have a call to the diaconate. I realize that this call has much responsibility, joy and sacrifice associated with it. I am willing to accept all of them in committing myself to Christ. I feel this call constantly on my heart and am anxious to follow God's will.

How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

Over the past four years, I have seen a big impact on my life. I believe it is because the archdiocese has such a good formation program that the impact after ordination will be lessened. However, seeing how God is using me now does make me question how and where he will use me in the future. I believe God is the only one that can answer that question. †

Pope stumbles briefly during Pentecost Mass at St. Peter's Basilica

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI stumbled briefly during a Pentecost Mass at the Vatican, but rose to his feet and went on with the 90-minute liturgy.

After censing the altar at the beginning of the Mass in

St. Peter's Basilica on May 11, the pope appeared to trip over the small platform that holds his chair directly in front of the altar.

He went down on both knees and leaned against the chair. Aides quickly helped him up, and the pontiff

appeared unshaken.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said afterward that the stumble was "a small incident of no consequence."

He noted that there was no reaction of alarm among the thousands of people

present in the basilica.

"Anyone with an ounce of understanding could see that there was no reason for concern," he said.

The pope, 81, has looked alert and nimble during his events at the Vatican in his first three years in office.

Later in the day, addressing pilgrims from his apartment window, the pope smiled about a technical glitch that kept his microphone from working.

When it finally came on, he told the waiting crowd: "Finally, we have a voice." †

Correction

In a profile of deacon candidate Wayne Davis that appeared in the May 9 issue of *The Criterion*, the name of Davis' wife was incorrectly listed. Her name is Darlene. †

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parishes are in the hands of the Franciscans: Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem. But they care about the Christian community in other aspects: schools, homes for elders, homes for abandoned children or who have families in difficulties, as the boys' home that they are building now in Bethlehem. ...

So it's a presence that's indispensable for the continuity of the Christian community in the holy places and around the sanctuary of Christianity.

Q And now, having served as the apostolic nuncio in the United States for more than two years, how do you judge the importance of the support given to the foundation by Catholics in this country?

A Next year, it will be 40 years that I will have been abroad representing the Holy Father in all parts of the world. Everywhere, I have found signs of the charity of the Catholics of America and of the American people.

As to the Holy Land, the supporters of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land are mainly from the United States.

But I would say that the help that can be given to the Holy Land are two kinds. One is financial contributions so as to help the Franciscans to [preserve] two things: the sacred stones and the living stones [a reference to 1 Pt 2:4-5].

The sacred stones are the places linked to the life of Jesus Christ and of our redemption. The living stones are the Christian community in the Holy Land.

But there is another way to be of help to the living stones.

It's pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

When the small minority of Christians in the Holy Land see a lot of pilgrims going there, they say to themselves, "It's very important for us to stay here if so many people from around the world come here."

And they feel a kind of psychological support, human support to continue to stay there as guardians, in the name of all Christianity, around the places that are

sacred to the Christian people.

Q Our archdiocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land that will be led, God willing, by Archbishop [Daniel M.] Buechlein in September.

A I pray that his health will be good enough because it will be an experience to go with your archbishop to the birthplace of Jesus Christ, but also to the birthplace of the Church.

Q What would you say is the most important thing for Catholics here to know about the current state of the Church in the Holy Land?

A It would be interesting to know the history. The Franciscans have given up their lives for the defense of ... the holy places.

But I will tell you one case of which I have been a witness. When the Basilica of the Nativity was occupied in 2001 inside by the Palestinian soldiers and outside by the Israeli soldiers, I had a great preoccupation, that the place of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, would be covered by human blood and by the destruction of one of the most ancient basilicas that exists in the world. It dates from the time of the emperor Constantine and was built by his mother, Helen.

At a certain moment, the Franciscans asked me, "Should we remain here at the danger of our lives?" I did not feel courage enough to take the responsibility for their lives. So I put myself in communication with the Holy Father, [Pope] John Paul II.

And his answer was, "I cannot impose on anybody to be a martyr. But tell them that if they will remain, I will pray every day for them." And the Franciscans remained.

Q It has been said that the Church in the Holy Land is caught between a hammer and an anvil in the difficult conditions brought about for it, on the one hand, by the Israeli government and, on the other, by Palestinian leaders, both in Gaza and the West Bank. Do you think this is a valid characterization?



Catholic clergy pray inside the grotto of the Church of the Nativity in the West Bank city of Bethlehem on Dec. 17, 2007. According to the top Franciscan in the Holy Land, there are about 120,000 Christians left in Israel and the Palestinian territories, and about half of them are Catholic.

A This is always the condition of minorities. The Christian community is a minority in the Holy Land in relation to the Israeli people and to the Palestinian people. And they receive problems from both sides.

I am convinced also of another thing: that love is stronger than any racial difference or than any conflict. ...

Maybe the small Christian community in the Holy Land must take more courage and be more faithful to the commandment of God, of the Lord, to love even their enemies, to become a more efficient instrument of peace.

It's true that it is in a very difficult situation from the Israeli side, and from the Palestinian and Islamic side. But we should never lose hope for peace because the day we say that peace is impossible, we will put ourselves like this [crossing his arms across his chest] and any creativity will be lost.

So, despite all the difficulties, we have to encourage the Christians to remain there and to work for peace.

Q How can the Church in the United States and, perhaps, the United States government, help improve that situation for the Church there? It's almost, as with the Church in Iraq, that the Church there is off to the side. It's

such a small minority that it's not even thought of.

A When speaking with the people in the Holy Land, their way of reasoning was this: "We were born here. We will continue to stay here. But what future is there here for our children?"

And then the answer is emigration. Why emigration? Because there is not a perspective of stable peace and a stable economic situation. And you cannot program your future where you don't have the perspective of peace and the perspective of a stable economic situation.

What should be done is to create conditions of peace and to create the condition of a stable economic situation—because without this the young people will continue to emigrate.

The Church should contribute to this peace. But the reasons of peace, the way of peace, the means of peace are in the hands of political authorities.

(Next week: Archbishop Sambi reflects on Pope Benedict XVI's recent visit to the United States and on his own ministry as a papal diplomat. To read Archbishop Sambi's reflections on the role of interfaith relations and dialogue in the life of the Church, log on to www.CriterionOnline.com.) †

Archbishop Sambi speaks at fundraising dinner in Indianapolis

By Sean Gallagher

Archbishop Pietro Sambi was in Indianapolis earlier this month to participate in a fundraising dinner sponsored by the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land (FFHL) in support of the Franciscan Boys Home in Bethlehem.

More than 230 people attended the May 3 dinner, which was held at the Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis.

Archbishop Sambi, who is a special adviser to the national board of the FFHL, supports the foundation's work, in part, because he spent more than seven years in the Holy Land while serving as the Holy See's apostolic nuncio to Israel and apostolic delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine.

He has served at the apostolic nuncio to the United States since 2005.

A large majority of the people who attended the function have made pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, spoke during the program about how a large number of archdiocesan Catholics support the Church in the Holy Land through the FFHL.

"This is a cause that is traveling around the country," he said. "I think that our local Indianapolis group has done a tremendous job. We, here in Indiana, we want to be supportive. We want to be part of this."

Franciscan Father Peter Vasko, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, also remarked on the growth of the foundation in Indianapolis

and how people here are supporting the home in Bethlehem, where young boys who come from families troubled by substance abuse, alcoholism or child abuse can live while attending a nearby Franciscan-run school.

"Seeing that they're being helped psychologically and from an educational standpoint is just absolutely wonderful," said Father Peter. "What did Jesus say? 'Let the children come unto me.' We have to help these young people who have nowhere to turn, especially in the town of Bethlehem, where there's so much negativity, so many conflicts, still as we speak today."

In his presentation at the dinner, Archbishop Sambi said that "the Holy Land is not a foreign land for us.

"As Christians, we were all spiritually born in the grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem. And as a member of the Church, we all emerged from the cenacle, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, with the mandate to continue the mission of Christ in the world."

Archbishop Sambi emphasized how the Holy Land makes our faith in Christ tangible.

"The holy places are like a fifth gospel, which make our profession of faith more concrete," he said. "They help us to understand that Jesus Christ is not a ghost, but a real person: son of God and son of Mary, our Savior who walked the Earth as we do. They help us to understand the human redemption by the work of Jesus Christ is not a legend but an historical event."

He also spoke about how the Holy Land, and Bethlehem in particular, are important for him.

"For 40 years, I have moved among the



Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, speaks on May 3 at the Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis during a fundraising dinner sponsored by the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land. The dinner supported the Franciscan Boys Home in Bethlehem. Photos of the home's residents are displayed next to Archbishop Sambi.

continents of the world representing the Holy Father," Archbishop Sambi said. "I have not found another place in the world where I felt God so close as when I knelt [at] the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem."

Msgr. Paul Koetter, pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, also spoke at the dinner. He has traveled three times to the Holy Land: once while on sabbatical and twice while helping lead pilgrimages of St. Monica parishioners there.

His presentation at the dinner was a spiritual reflection on one of those pilgrimages.

"In this land, Jesus walked. And now, we have walked," said Msgr. Koetter. "We have seen the water that he saw, walked the hills that he walked, felt the breeze that he felt. We have visited the sites of miracles, the sites of sermons, the places of relaxation.

"We have experienced the conflicted reality of Jerusalem. We have felt the heaviness in our hearts at the Crucifixion. We have experienced his land, but we also experience him in our midst."

Archbishop Sambi said that the spiritual vitality of the Holy Land is, in large part, due to the fact that a living Church still exists there, a Church that is a small minority, and one that needs support from other believers to persevere.

"This ... is because around the holy places there is a community of Christians who believe, who love and who hope," Archbishop Sambi said. "If the day would come—I pray to the Lord that it will never happen—that there would be no Christians in the Holy Land, even those most holy places would become like a cold museum from which you go out as you enter." †

St. Paul the Apostle put Christ at the center of his life

By Fr. Gerald O'Collins, S.J.

During the Mass when he inaugurated his pontificate in April 2005, Pope Benedict XVI called on people to center their lives on Jesus: "If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great."

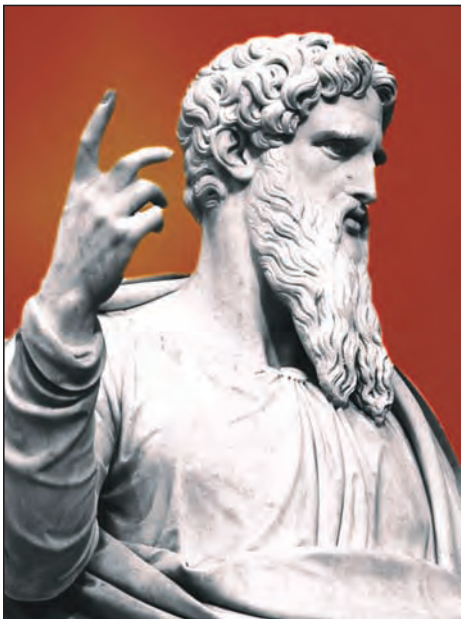
He ended his homily by echoing the words of Pope John Paul II and evoking the core message of the Second Vatican Council: "Open wide the doors to Christ, and you will find true life."

One might sum up the council's message in the words of a former superior general of the Jesuits, the saintly Father Pedro Arrupe (d. 1991), who said, "Fall in love with Jesus, stay in love with Jesus, and that will decide everything."

Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Father Arrupe have all fostered my conviction that all attempts to renew the Church will remain spiritually empty, emotionally hollow and doctrinally unsound unless these efforts draw inspiration and life from the founder of Christianity himself: Jesus Christ.

By dedicating a year to the life and message of St. Paul, Pope Benedict draws attention to someone who put Jesus at the center of his life and declared without qualification, "For me to live is Christ" (Phil 1:21).

For Paul, "knowing Jesus Christ, my Lord," who had suffered, died and risen from the dead, was a treasure of "supreme good."



A statue of St. Paul the Apostle stands in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was known as a fiery preacher and zealous community builder.

The Apostle longed to suffer like Christ and with Christ because he had the sure hope of being raised from the dead and living with him (Phil 3:8-11).

Paul offers a spectacular example of someone who encountered Jesus and allowed that experience to radically transform his life.

The Apostle was driven by a consuming desire to spread the Good News about Jesus everywhere.

But missionary work took nothing away from his deeply affectionate personality and enormous attachment to the communities that he founded. Paul was no bloodless salesman who thought only in terms of jobs done and successes achieved in his work.

Paul told the Christians of Corinth about the "abundant love" he had for them (2 Cor 2:4). They were written on his heart—an open letter for anyone to read (2 Cor 3:2). He pleaded with them to make room in their hearts for him (2 Cor 7:2).

In an earlier letter, he recalled how he had fed them with "milk, not solid food" (1 Cor 3:2).

Paul had wisdom to impart, but could do that only for truly spiritual people. The Corinthians were still "infants," and not mature enough to receive the solid food of Paul's spiritual wisdom.

Hence, he had to feed them with a simple message.

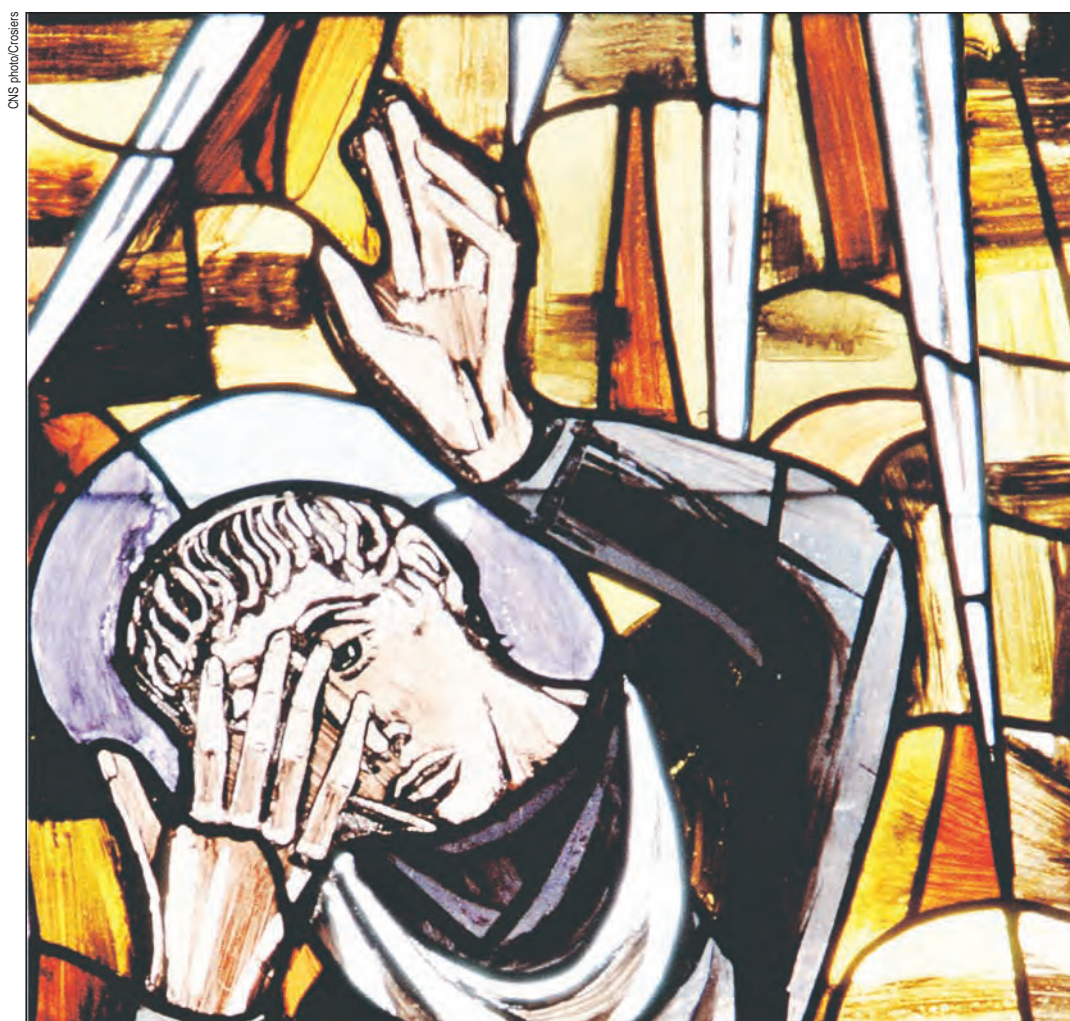
Paul expanded such parenting and nurturing language, and filled it with fond feeling. He thought of himself as having become a father to the Corinthians through bringing them the Good News of Christ (1 Cor 4:15).

Writing to another community in Thessalonica, Greece, he pictured himself as a "nursing mother" caring "for her children" (1 Thes 2:7).

In a letter to Christians in Asia Minor, Paul wrote that he had very serious problems with the way some of the Galatians were deserting the true message about Jesus and allowing themselves to be convinced by what was not Good News (Gal 1:6).

Yet he still felt for them nothing but the devoted love of a mother. They were his "children" for whom he was "again in labor" until Christ was formed in them (Gal 4:19).

The letters of Paul express these and a whole range of other deep feelings. His devotion to Christ took nothing away from his full emotional life that comes



A window at St. Peter's Church in Soest, Germany, depicts the conversion of St. Paul. Pope Benedict XVI plans to proclaim a year dedicated to St. Paul, in preparation for the 2,000th anniversary of the Apostle's birth. The Pauline year will begin on June 29, 2008, and conclude on that date in 2009. When we read St. Paul's letters in the New Testament, we should ask ourselves what he was feeling when he wrote the passages.

constantly to the surface.

When we read Paul's letters in the New Testament, we should ask ourselves: What was Paul feeling when he wrote this passage? How did he open here a window on the intense emotions that he felt toward his fellow Christians and toward Jesus himself?

To echo once again the language of Pope Benedict, Paul's emotional life was "free, beautiful and great."

So too was the way that the Apostle thought about the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, and what it involved.

One shining example of how Paul's powerful thinking unfolded through the grace of Christ is evident in his first letter.

Paul reflects on the Resurrection merely within a Christian framework. In expressing his hopes about the final coming of Christ in glory, he thinks simply of the Christian community, both those who will already be dead and those

who will still be alive at the coming of the Lord (1 Thes 4:13-18).

Eight or 10 years later, Paul's horizon of thought has expanded dramatically. He now understands the Resurrection to be working itself out, through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the good of the whole created world. All human beings and the entire cosmos are waiting for the glorious transformation that will come (Rom 8:18-25).

Putting Christ at the center of his daily thoughts immensely enriched Paul's mind along with his heart and his entire life. It can do the same for each of us.

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Discussion Point

St. Paul traveled far for Christ

This Week's Question

What first comes to mind when you think about St. Paul?

"Evangelization [because] he carried the Good News of Jesus to the civilized world at that time." (Carol Young, Independence, La.)

"He was a scholar and one of the leading lights in the New Testament, with maybe a little bias against women. Take out his letters, and there's not much left of the New Testament." (Betty Malone, Gulfport, Miss.)

"Romans and Corinthians, and how he became a Christian. He wrote quite a bit. Most of it is very good advice for everybody, and it's understandable."

(JoAnn Collins, Lebanon, Tenn.)

"I think of him as one of the first disciples and the strength they needed at the time. ... I wonder if I would have been strong enough or fallen by the wayside in their circumstances." (Madeline Di Plotti, Poynette, Wis.)

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Biblical women: Mark's mother and Rhoda

(Fortieth in a series)

Poor Rhoda. When this incident happened, she never expected that we would be reading about it almost 2,000 years later.



I guess that Luke thought it was so funny that he couldn't resist inserting it when he wrote his Acts of the Apostles. It's a change from most of Acts, which is all so serious.

In fact, the chapter that reports the incident, Chapter 12, couldn't be much more serious because it begins with King Herod Agrippa executing the Apostle James. Then he arrested Peter and put him in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He obviously was determined that Peter wouldn't escape.

But Peter did. While he was sleeping between two soldiers, an angel tapped him on his side and told him to get up. The chains fell from his wrists. The angel told him to put on his cloak, belt and sandals, and to follow him.

They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to an iron gate leading out to the city, which opened by itself. After they emerged and were walking down an alley, the angel left him.

All this time, Peter had thought he was having a dream, but he finally recovered his senses and realized that the angel had rescued him. He made his way to the home of Mary, the mother of a disciple named John, but who was called Mark. Many of Peter's friends and followers were assembled there in prayer. Mary's home seems to have been the gathering place for the Christians in Jerusalem.

Rhoda was a maid in Mary's home. Peter knocked on the gateway door, and Rhoda answered it. She asked who was there.

When she recognized Peter's voice, instead of opening the door, she ran to tell the others that Peter was at the gate. They told her that she must be out of her mind, but she insisted that Peter was there.

Meanwhile, poor Peter was left standing at the door, still knocking to get in. Finally, someone had the sense to open the door and let him in. He quietly explained what had happened to him, and told those present to report it to James, the leader of the Church in

Jerusalem, and to the other Apostles. Then, hoping not to endanger those present, he left and went someplace else.

When Herod Agrippa discovered the next day that Peter had escaped, he ordered the guards to be tried and executed.

Mary's son, John, who was called Mark, later accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but deserted them. When they were planning their second trip, Barnabas wanted to take John Mark again, but Paul refused to take him. So Paul and Barnabas separated, and Barnabas took Mark to Cyprus.

In Jerusalem today, St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Church is built on the site of John Mark's mother's home. When I was there in 1997 during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, one of our prayer services was held there.

(This series on biblical women has been published in book form by Alba House. Biblical Women can be ordered by calling 800-343-2522 [ALBA] or on the Web at www.stpauls.us, or through Amazon.net. The price is \$9.95 plus shipping.) †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Beautiful family vacation spot is nearby

The beauty to be seen in this world never ceases to amaze me.



Especially at this lovely time of the year, we appreciate God's hand in nature, but the manmade beauty we find is wonderful as well. It, too, reflects the divine imagination.

One of these wonders is the West Baden Springs

Hotel, located a mile from the equally grand French Lick Hotel in southern Indiana. These two historic buildings were once world-famous centers of luxurious relaxation. Among other things, West Baden offered mineral water "cures" in the natural spring water spas on its grounds.

West Baden Hotel features a high-domed interior atrium surrounded by circular hallways of rooms. French Lick Hotel is built along the lines of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in northern Michigan. But with time and events such as the Great Depression, both hotels declined and business fell off.

French Lick continued hotel operations while West Baden became a Jesuit seminary for a time, later a school for chefs, and finally stood empty with one partially collapsed

wall. Happily, local preservationists and philanthropists stepped in to restore the hotels to their former grandeur, and today the entire area thrives as a resort destination.

We first visited West Baden Hotel when the building was barely stabilized and one apartment was finished. It looked pretty sad. Recently, we visited again, and the change in the place was dramatic if not downright astonishing.

Parts of the mosaic tile floors remaining in the atrium are surrounded by carpeting which copies the original Art Nouveau style. New furniture and lamps have also been made to order to recreate the originals. All features, such as the Rookwood pottery fireplace, gilded cornices and stained glass panels, have been restored to their previous glory.

Besides the public rooms, guest rooms in both hotels are beautifully decorated and furnished. Both offer indoor and outdoor swimming pools and all possible amenities, including access to a new casino located between the two on a pretend lake. Busloads of day-trip gamblers help support the resurgence of the area.

On the West Baden grounds sits an old log cabin with an interesting history. When the famous black prizefighter Joe Louis used to come to the area in the 1920s for bouts, he would stay in a segregated hotel. Later, after

that hotel burned down, the fight promoters built the cabin for him to stay in.

There is a stable offering rides for all ages, an expanding golf course which will host a PGA tournament in 2010, and the French Lick Winery, which sells good-quality wine. A shuttle bus carries people between the hotels and these places.

Hour-long tours of each hotel are conducted by Historic Landmarks of Indiana. There is even a railroad museum and train ride available to view local attractions, including the boyhood home of Larry Bird!

In addition to the French Lick and West Baden hotels, there are less expensive accommodations available in the town as well. And if fine dining is not in the budget, there are fast-food places down the street. Patoka Lake is close by for those who might like to camp and enjoy water sports as well as the historic sites and (maybe) the gambling.

Considering how expensive gasoline prices are now, family roadtrip vacations may be a thing of the past.

But if we can afford to drive a couple of hours south to Orange County, we'll find a great destination offering beauty, history, sports and fun. And gambling.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Class reunions renew old friendships

Last month, I accompanied my husband, Paul, to his Cathedral Grade School reunion for the Class of 1947 in Belleville, Ill.



That's not a misprint. This is the 61st year since Paul and his classmates graduated from the grade school. The class reunion was held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville,

Ill., our hometown.

I thought grade school reunions were non-existent until my experiences through Paul's class. Later, I learned about my St. Bernard School reunion in St. Louis, although I could not attend the party, then found out about other former grade-schoolers who periodically get together to renew their friendships.

If many such events are held by former grade-school classmates, I'm sure that each get-together must be unique to that particular class—just as everyone in each class is surely unique.

Paul's class was also specially blessed to

have not only wonderful women who dedicated their lives to God as nuns, but also a man who was ordained to the priesthood and eventually served as bishop of the Diocese of Dodge City, Kan.

Now retired and continuing his ministry in the Joliet Diocese, Bishop Stanley G. Schlarman celebrated the Mass held before the reunion dinner.

Paul was the photographer for this event. He began studying photography at Cathedral High School in Belleville.

The first Cathedral Grade School there was eventually demolished to make room for the former St. Elizabeth Hospital complex, but a new school was built a block away.

The landscape has changed and every one of the classmates has changed, too—not just because of advancing years, but also through living productive lives and being good citizens professionally and personally.

Most of them still practice their Catholic faith and many are still very active in their parishes. They have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren practicing the Catholic faith, too.

Paul's classmates who I have met through the years also stayed young at heart and are an inspiration to anyone they meet. I can't stop smiling just thinking about these wonderful friends.

Through the years, Paul has also enjoyed attending my high school class reunions.

Of course, many older Catholics do still keep in touch with a few of their grade school friends.

Most class reunions are held in the spring, summer and fall. How do I know? Because those are the times when my husband is usually asked to photograph such events for both Catholics and non-Catholics.

Catholic schools still grow and thrive, thank God! Let us pray that this doesn't change, and that our youngsters will always have opportunities to grow in their faith through Catholic schools.

How fortunate we are to have experienced this ourselves!

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Go and Make Disciples/John Valenti

Catholic schools and the Church's primary mission of evangelization

In Pope Benedict XVI's address to Catholic educators in Washington, D.C., in



April, the Holy Father shared some thoughts regarding the nature and identity of Catholic education today.

There were two points in the pope's remarks where the audience broke out in spontaneous applause.

The first was when he thanked those present for their dedication, generosity and selfless contributions, and the dedication of those working in inner-city schools, which serve both our country and the Church. For this, the pope expressed his profound gratitude.

The second came when the pope called for religious brothers, sisters and priests to not abandon the school apostolate.

In fact, he asked them to renew their commitment to schools, especially those in poorer areas. In places where there are many hollow promises which lure young people away from the path of truth and genuine freedom, the consecrated person's witness to the evangelical counsels is an irreplaceable gift, he said.

The pope referred to what he called the "diakonia of truth."

"Diakonia," a Greek word meaning "service," is a shared ministry to serve God in suffering people, in the poorest, in those most in need.

The task is never easy. It involves the entire Christian community and motivates each generation of Christian educators to ensure that the power of God's truth permeates every dimension of the institutions they serve.

The Holy Father noted the work of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Katharine Drexel, who devoted their lives to educating those whom others had neglected—in their cases, African-Americans and American Indians.

Catholic schools have helped generations of immigrants rise from poverty and take their place in mainstream society. No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, "which in turn, nurtures the soul of a nation," the Holy Father said.

The Church's primary mission of evangelization, in which educational institutions play a crucial role, is consonant with a nation's fundamental aspiration to develop a society truly worthy of the human person's dignity.

Pope Benedict concluded by focusing the educators' attention on the importance of their own professionalism and witness within our Catholic universities and schools.

"We have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice," he told them.

This requires a public witness to the way of Christ, which shapes all aspects of an institution's life, both inside and outside the classroom.

In his concluding remarks, the pope said, "To all of you I say: Bear witness to hope. Nourish your witness with prayer. Account for the hope that characterizes your lives [cf. 1 Pt 3:15] by living the truth which you propose to your students. Help them to know and love the One you have encountered, whose truth and goodness you have experienced with joy."

He continued, citing St. Augustine, let us say: "We who speak and you who listen acknowledge ourselves as fellow disciples of a single teacher" (Sermons, 23:2).

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Feast of the Most Holy Trinity/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 18, 2008

- Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- John 3:16-18

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.



This is the scholarly, theological term to describe the most intimate detail of the reality of God.

In the first reading, from the Book of Exodus, the Church begins its lesson for us today by reminding us about God and also

about ourselves.

Exodus, in general, recalls the path of the Hebrews, escaping slavery in Egypt, across the forbidding Sinai Peninsula to the land of prosperity, peace and security promised to them by God. It was a difficult trip, to say the least.

Without God's mercy, the Hebrews would not have completed the journey. He guided them. He loved them.

The first reading reports the communication between God and Moses. Divine love allows, and deepens, this communication. God reaches out to us. God listens to us.

For the second reading, the Church presents Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

The Christians of Corinth confronted Paul with many challenges. They quarreled and plotted among themselves. They sinned. Considering their surroundings, it is not difficult to realize why they so often were wayward.

Corinth was known throughout the Mediterranean world of the first century A.D. as a virtual cesspool of vice and licentiousness. A rich commercial center on the route between East and West, it also was the site of greed and exceeding competition.

The great Apostle urged the Christian Corinthians to rely on Jesus, and the strength given through and in Jesus of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, the Church presents, from St. John's Gospel, the story of the Lord instructing Nicodemus, an important figure in Jewish life in Jerusalem.

Jesus explains that the Messiah's words are not just the opinions of a mere mortal. The Messiah is from God. The Son is one with the Father. To hear the Son is to hear the Father.

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Father sent the Son into the world of space and time to

be with humanity and to redeem humanity.

Eternal life awaits the faithful. God is merciful and forgiving. God loves humankind. Despite all their sins and weaknesses, God loves humans and wills that they live forever.

Jesus is the perfect bearer of communication between God and humanity. He came as the very personification of God's love.

Reflection

Using the phrase "Holy Trinity" does not customarily bring Catholics to an emotional response in their religious experience. Quite frankly, it should evoke considerable emotion among people who count themselves as disciples of Christ.

First, the term tells us of the immense love that God has for us. The Holy Trinity, while not unreasonable in the philosophical sense, never would have come to human knowledge as the result of human deduction. It had to be revealed.

It seeks to explain in human terms the most intimate aspect of the life of the divinity. In God's great love for us, so that we might know God, the Lord revealed the Trinity to us.

Secondly, so much of Catholic teaching rests on the belief that God has created every human in the divine image and likeness. This is more than the matter of nice words. We are made in God's image and likeness.

As such, we are out of kilter if we fail to love God. We are not in accord with our nature, our ultimate DNA, if we set ourselves apart from the human community, and certainly if we do not love others.

This is why all three readings for this feast bear in common the message that God loves us.

Long ago, the great theologians saw love as the essence of divine life. It is the kernel of the life of the Trinity. This feast calls us to realize that love is of God. †

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the "My Journey to God" column.

Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to criterion@archindy.org. †

Daily Readings

Monday, May 19
James 3:13-18
Psalm 19:8-10, 15
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, May 20
Bernardine of Siena, priest
James 4:1-10
Psalm 55:7-11, 23
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, May 21
Christopher Magallanes, priest and martyr and his companions, martyrs
James 4:13-17
Psalm 49:2-3, 6-11
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, May 22
Rita of Cascia, religious
James 5:1-6
Psalm 49:14-20
Mark 9:41-50

Friday, May 23
James 5:9-12
Psalm 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, May 24
James 5:13-20
Psalm 141:1-3, 8
Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, May 25
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Church teaches that attending Sunday Mass is an obligation

QI have tried for months to get an answer from several priests about whether it is a mortal sin to miss Mass on Sunday. None of them gave me a definite answer.



from Communion.

If he had missed Mass only once during those years and not confessed it, should he go to Communion?

Is it a mortal sin to miss a Sunday Mass if you wished to go, but knew that it would inconvenience a lot of people?

I will respect your answer. (New York)

AI still am amazed by how many Catholics are confused and/or scrupulous about missing Mass on Sunday.

The traditional teaching of the Church about this is that attending Sunday Mass is a serious obligation.

Any moderately serious reason, however, excuses a Catholic from the obligation.

Distance from church, not having decent clothes to wear, the need to travel where Mass is not available, the loss of income equaling perhaps a day's wages, being on vacation when a church is not reasonably near, taking care of a sick person, new mothers and nursing mothers, and widows and widowers who wish to remain home after the death of a spouse are all excusing causes for missing Mass.

This is not new or revolutionary. Every excusing reason that I just mentioned is indicated in one of the traditional texts of moral theology that have been approved and used in seminaries for nearly 70 years, long before the Second Vatican Council ("*De Praeceptis Dei et Ecclesiae*," the *Commandments of God and the Church*, Noldin-Schmitt, 1940, in the section on keeping holy the Sabbath day, excusing causes, #263).

Thus, what may be an excusing situation for one person may not be for someone else.

The expectation that Catholics participate at Sunday Mass is practically as old as Christianity, long before there was a formal law about it, and for good reasons.

This way of understanding the law reflects traditional Catholic understanding

about participation in the Sunday Eucharist—that any serious reason excuses one from this obligation.

It is, in other words, to be interpreted in a common sense, human way, recognizing it as a very serious rule, but not as a command to fret over or to scrupulously stew about. I hope that you will be able to honor your promise to respect my answer.

QSeveral weeks ago, you answered a question about prostate surgery and impotence, and whether someone with this problem could get married.

Could a man have a penile implant, if he could afford it, to correct the problem artificially?

I ask this question because the priest who is my spiritual adviser and confessor was not receptive to the idea. (Michigan)

ALet's be sure again about the difference between sterility and impotence.

Impotence is the inability to have complete sexual intercourse because of a physical or emotional ailment on the part of either partner.

Sterility means the inability to conceive a child because of a defect in the internal process of generation. A woman who has no functioning ovaries, for example, or a man who cannot produce sperm are said to be sterile.

Impotence is in itself an impediment to marriage. In order to be such, however, the impotence must be absolute, permanent and irreversible with no hope of rehabilitation that might make sexual relations possible in the future (Canon #1084).

In the opinion of medical authorities that I have consulted, such absolute impotence is rare today. Rehabilitative techniques for impotent men are improving all the time, whether that impotence results from paralysis or from nearly any other illness.

Surgical implants are one of those restorative techniques. Unless other moral or physical factors are involved, there is no ethical problem in attempting to avail yourself of that solution.

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

My Journey to God

The Sculptor

Calloused hands strong yet tender
Gently traveling down the limestone
Painstaking moments but not willing to
surrender
A symbol of heritage and a throne

Enjoyment and family all placed aside
A grumbling heart spoke, but silently
The commitment ... he must abide
Suddenly a tender inner voice sets his
soul free

Your hands create this cross
But I hung upon one
Humbled by the Master
His lessons come ... if only we listen

By Patricia Boller

(Patricia Boller is a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis. She wrote this poem after reading a story in the May 2 issue of The Criterion about a new Celtic cross at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Danville. Stonecarver Matthew Bruce of Bedford sculpted the cross.)



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Miter Society Mass and reception highlight stewardship

By Sean Gallagher

Many Catholics across central and southern Indiana made great shows of stewardship in 2007 in their giving to both the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign: For Our Children and the Future, and the annual United Catholic Appeal.

The Miter Society is one way that the archdiocese honors those who make significant contributions to these stewardship initiatives that support home missions, Catholic schools, and such shared ministries as Catholic Charities, priestly formation for seminarians and the support of retired priests.

On May 7, approximately 150 members of the Miter Society gathered for Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis and a reception afterward at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center.

Wayne Davis, an archdiocesan deacon candidate who is a member of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield, spoke during the reception about the deacon formation that he has been involved in now for nearly five years, a program supported by the generosity of Catholics across the archdiocese.

"Your generosity has made possible the formation that we've received," Davis said. "We purchase our books. We travel to the sites for instruction.

"But the instruction, the housing, the meals for the weekend are all provided by the archdiocese. ... So I thank all of you for your support, and I ask for your continued prayers for all of us as we engage in this new ministry."

Davis and 24 other men from across the archdiocese are the first permanent deacon candidates in the history of the archdiocese. They will be ordained on June 28 at the

cathedral.

"The real core of the characteristic of the deacon is the ministry of charity," Davis said. "And so one of the things that we will have for this archdiocese is a specific assignment of charity, either as a chaplain in a prison, a county jail, a hospital, a home for the aged, or some other ministry that is not being met adequately now because of limited resources. But we will be able to fill that void."

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, was the primary celebrant at the Miter Society Mass and spoke at the reception.

"Your generosity is carrying out Christ's mission in the archdiocese through your gifts to Legacy for Our Mission and the United Catholic Appeal," Msgr. Schaedel said. "Your commitment to being good stewards, generous stewards, helps us care for the poor and the vulnerable. It educates our youngsters. It trains our seminarians and gives care to our aging priests."

Those who were invited to the Mass and reception had either pledged \$1,500 or more to the 2007 United Catholic Appeal, or \$5,000 or more to the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign in the past year.

Msgr. Schaedel responded to several questions submitted by members of the Miter Society, including two concerning Catholic schools.

He noted that three new Catholic grade schools and two new Catholic high schools have been established in central and southern Indiana since Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein became shepherd.

Msgr. Schaedel also spoke about a growing concern across the archdiocese involving families who find it difficult to pay tuition for the children they send to



Photo by Sean Gallagher

Seminarian Tim Wyciskalla, left, a sophomore at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, and retired Father Patrick Commons, talk on May 7 during a reception for members of the Miter Society at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center. The generosity of Miter Society members and other Catholics across the archdiocese supports priestly formation for seminarians and the needs of retired priests.

Catholic schools. This concern is not just limited to the center city of Indianapolis, he said.

"There are [schools] in all parts of the archdiocese—Terre Haute, Richmond, New Albany, and even some of the outlying schools—where we have to figure out ways to provide financial assistance for families," Msgr. Schaedel said. "We cannot have just schools for the wealthy. The archbishop is very determined, and we're all determined, that we will not simply have schools for people that just happen to be able to afford it."

The ongoing, day-to-day needs of ministries such as Catholic schools is one of the reasons why there will be a United Catholic Appeal again in the fall, Msgr. Schaedel said, even in light of the success of the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign.

"Stewardship is not quite the same as fundraising," he said. "As Christian stewards, we have a need to give based on all that God has given us. ... God has not

stopped giving to us. And so we are accountable. And we want to give back to God as best we can."

Sue and George Kempf, members of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis, look forward to attending the Miter Society Mass and reception each year.

"This is something that's on the schedule that you know you're going to do," said George Kempf. "It's very important. For long-term giving and continuous and consistent giving, it's very important to keep people up to speed on what [we're] doing."

Becky and Dennis Gettelfinger, members of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd's Knobs, attended the Miter Society Mass for the first time.

"It made me feel good. It felt like family—with all the different parishes being here—like we're not the only ones out there," said Becky Gettelfinger.

"Throughout the state of Indiana, everybody's growing and doing good. It makes you feel a part of the whole clan." †

CHINA

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and assess damage to old churches, but it was difficult to contact Catholics in the

affected areas, Father Xie added.

Auxiliary Bishop Paul He Zeqing of Wanxian told UCA News that the residence for priests and another for nuns in Liangping became unsafe after the quake and was vacated immediately.

"Other churches, all newly built, are not affected," he said.

Bishop He led Catholics in praying for the quake victims during a May 13 morning Mass and urged them to donate to relief efforts.

The Chongqing and Wanxian dioceses are in the Chongqing municipality, formerly part of Sichuan.

Jinde Charities, in China's Hebei province, appealed on its Web site for prayers and donations for the quake survivors. As a Catholic nonprofit organization registered with China's Ministry of Civil Affairs, Jinde provided aid during last summer's flooding in Chongqing and during snowstorms around the Chinese new year earlier this year.

In eastern China, the Shanghai Diocese donated 1 million yuan (US \$143,000) for earthquake relief, the diocese's Web site reported. Bishop Aloysius Jin Luxian of Shanghai directed all parish priests to pray for victims and survivors during special eucharistic adoration sessions on May 18, and donate Mass collections that day to the

relief effort.

In northeastern China's Heilongjiang province, Bishop Joseph Wei Jingyi of Qiqihar circulated a prayer that he wrote asking God to look after the people who were physically and spiritually wounded by the disaster.

In southern China, the Zhongshan-based Tianrun Service in the Jiangmen Diocese used its Web site to urge Catholics to donate medical aid, clothes, tents and money that it would send through the government's civil affairs department or charitable organizations.

At the Vatican, Fides, the news service of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, said Catholics in the Diocese of Yi Bin, about 180 miles from Wenchuan, began organizing assistance immediately.

"One of the faithful told us, 'We are followers of Christ. We must witness to Christ in every circumstance, especially at a time like this. We are praying for the peace and safety of our brothers and sisters, for our country, for everyone.'" Fides reported. †

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BAIER, Christopher L., 44, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, April 24. Brother of Cindy Clark, Debbie Lynn, Dale and Mike Baier. Uncle of several.

BENTON, Rosemary, 72, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, April 21. Mother of Mary Benton and Dorothy Owen. Sister of Katherine Rissler. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of three.

BUSSING, Bernard Vincent, 73, Annunciation, Brazil, April 24. Husband of Ruth Bussing. Father of Cindy Horton. Stepfather of Joe and John Mills. Brother of Margaret Dome, Joan, David, Raymond and Thomas Bussing. Grandfather of two. Step-grandfather of four.

CHILTON, Loretta, 93, Sacred Heart, Clinton, April 30. Mother of Beverly Allen, Nancy Miller, Marsha Vernon, Paula Vitalie and Philip Chilton. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 19.

CODDINGTON, Mary, 91, Holy Family, Richmond, April 29. Stepmother of Betty Burns. Sister of Iona Benjamin, Olga Fuller, Irene Lohmeier, Ambrose, Anthony and George Svarczkopf. Grandmother of two.

DEVLIN, Anita Jeanette, 74, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, April 25. Wife of Bernard Devlin. Mother of Nanci Albrecht, Alisa Pittrizzi and Nikki Worstell. Sister of Sandra Davies and Daniel Gray. Grandmother of six.

DUNCAN, Marcia E., 93, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis,

April 18. Mother of Maureen Duncan. Grandmother of two.

EATON, Daniel T., 49, St. Agnes, Nashville, April 25. Husband of Linda Lou Eaton. Father of Kyle Tanner. Brother of Kathy Phillips, Marlene Reed, Patty Schnarr, Joe, John and Mike Eaton.

EDWARDS, Barbara J., 58, St. Rita, Indianapolis, April 28. Mother of Harold and Tim Edwards. Daughter of Jessie McClelland. Stepdaughter of Mary Brannon. Sister of Elaine Taedy and Robert Brannon Jr.

FELIX, Bettie J., 77, St. Gabriel, Connersville, May 1. Mother of Jon Felix.

FREEMAN, Marolyn Sue, 70, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 6. Aunt of several.

GEIGER, Louise C., 88, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, May 1. Mother of Judy Ulrey, John, Leonard and Paul Geiger. Sister of Lottie Skonieszki. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of three.

GOEBEL, Adolf Lowell, 77, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, May 1. Husband of Sharon Goebel. Father of Debby Barber, Julie Goebel-Dixon, Brian and Kurt Goebel. Brother of five. Grandfather of seven.

HERMANN, Richard James, 55, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, April 30. Husband of Leigh Ann (Pierce) Hermann. Father of Amy Lawson, Jenny Logan and Gina Hermann. Son of Marianne Hermann. Brother of Beth Finney, Suzy Sahn, Dolores Thie, Donna Williams and Robert Hermann. Grandfather of four.

IVERSON, Margaret, 86, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, April 28. Mother of Candace Barros, Patti Clarke and Robert Iverson II. Sister of Mary Lou Smith. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of six.

KAISER, Louis A., 78, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, April 23. Husband of Ozetta (Payne) Kaiser. Father of Shelly Kraft, Sandy Nance, Susan Waiz, Mark, Matt and Mike Kaiser. Brother of Joyce

Kresemetz, Darlene, George and William Kaiser. Grandfather of 15.

LAMBERT, Thorton, 79, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, April 25. Husband of Cecilia Lambert. Father of Patti Kissell, Mark and Mike Lambert. Brother of Dorothy Harold and Ruby Harrell. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of 11.

LUCAS, Carl T., 61, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 20. Husband of Mary E. Lucas. Father of David Basinger, Patricia Stalker, Angela and Lisa Lucas. Brother of Mildred Burton, Ruby Clark, Marie Sharp and Virginia Smith. Grandfather of nine. Great-grandfather of two.

MOORE, Helen Irene (Davenport), 79, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, April 30. Mother of Lourdes Daily-Pendon, Antonio Freire, Sonia Merriman, Irene, Judith and Rick Moore. Sister of Dorothy Barrett and Harold Davenport. Grandmother of six.

PAYNE, Erma E., 69, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, April 28. Wife of Randall Payne. Mother of Veronica Hickson and Valerie Pierce. Sister of Joe Beavin. Grandmother of four.

POWELL, Bessie L., 82, Holy Angels, Indianapolis, April 25. Mother of Marilyn Crain and Olivia Dodson. Sister of Howard and John Bell. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of three.

PRILLER, Rose, 89, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, April 25. Mother of Theresa Borden, Louise Drake, Virginia LaFara, Roselyn Royce, Christine, James and Stephen Priller. Sister of Margaret Bythell. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 37.

RISCH, Catherine Ann, 80, St. Gabriel, Connersville, May 4. Wife of Lawrence Risch. Mother of Nancy Barr, Joann Borders, Rosemary Brown, Helen Edwards, Karen Lippincott, Judy

Smith, Shirley Wise, Lois, Eddie and Lowell Risch. Sister of Lucille Heck, Virginia Myers, James and Kenneth Pflum. Grandmother of 21. Great-grandmother of 13.

ROPP, Donald G., 75, St. Mary, Richmond, May 5. Husband of Mary A. Ropp. Father of Kim Schull and Tom Ropp. Brother of Patricia Bell. Grandfather of four. Great-grandfather of three.

RYAN, Patrick Kevin, 53, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, April 17. Father of Kelly Ryan-Miller, Christopher and Michael Ryan. Brother of Joan, John, Michael, Patrick and Timothy Ryan. Grandfather of three.

STILLIONS, Natasha Rose (Hatfield), 22, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 19. Wife of Ben Stillions. Mother of Lane Stillions. Daughter of Leonard Hatfield Jr. and Rhonda Weldon. Sister of Alicia and Kara Hatfield. Granddaughter of Alta Hatfield, Marvin and Angela Bowles.

TREADWELL, Ida Phillips, 81, St. Monica, Indianapolis, April 24. Wife of Robert D. Treadwell Sr. Mother of Teresa Brown, Renee Page, Kirsten, Marsha, Patricia, Robert Jr. and Ronald Treadwell. Sister of Alice Allen and Harry Phillips Jr. Grandmother of 23. Great-grandmother of 14.

TUOHY, James L., 79, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, May 2. Husband of Frances (Carmody) Tuohy. Father of Mary Beth Lamberson, Sue MacGill, Brian and William Tuohy. Brother of Bernadette Cunningham and J. Joseph Tuohy. Grandfather of 12.

VOIGNIER, Richard Lee, 77, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, April 26. Husband of Elizabeth (McGuire) Voignier. Father of Terry Barnes, Rose Lehman, Laura Sauer, Donna Smith, Betsy Young, Margie and Todd Voignier. Brother of Dorothy Lawrence. Grandfather of 15. Great-grandfather of 15.

WALK, Mary, 87, St. Paul, Tell City, April 2. Mother of Barbara Clemons, Mickey Fischer, Carol Heck, Suzanne Kennedy, Peggy Paulin, Bill and Vic Walk. Grandmother of several.

WREN, Thomas J., 59, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Indianapolis, May 1. Father of Andrew and Matthew Wren. Son of Elizabeth Wren. Brother of Jim Wren. †

Providence Sister Delia Leonard was a teacher and principal

Providence Sister Delia Leonard, formerly Sister Margaret Cecile, died on April 16 at Mother Theodore Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 86.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 18 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Delia Veronica Leonard was born on Sept. 17, 1921, in Indianapolis. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on July 22, 1949, and professed first vows on Jan. 23, 1952, and final vows on Jan. 23, 1957.

Sister Delia earned a bachelor's degree at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and master's degree at De Paul University.

During 58 years as a Sister of Providence, Sister Delia ministered in education as a teacher and principal for 23 years at Catholic schools in Indiana and Texas. For nine of those years, she served as a principal.

In the archdiocese, Sister Delia served at St. Mary School in Richmond as principal from 1957-63, St. Joan of Arc School in Indianapolis from 1963-65, St. Simon School in Indianapolis from 1965-67 and the former All Saints

School in Indianapolis from 1970-74.

Sister Delia also ministered at St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis as parish secretary from 1974-75.

At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, she was director of financial aid for the college from 1975-85 then served the congregation at the central business office and generalate office from 1985-92.

In 1992, Sister Delia retired, but remained active at the motherhouse by serving as a staff member in the activity room for 14 years. In 2006, she began her ministry of prayer full-time with the senior sisters.

Surviving are two brothers, William Leonard of Indianapolis and Benedictine Brother Sebastian Leonard of New Milford, Conn., as well as two sisters, Margaret Maxwell and Winifred Strack, both of Indianapolis.

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Applicants for this position should possess a B.A. in business management or a related field. Interested applicants are invited to e-mail or send a letter of interest and résumé to:

Elberta Caito, Bishop Chatard High School
5885 N. Crittenden Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46220
E-mail: ecaито@bishopchatard.org
Phone (317)251-1451, Ext 2234

Deadline for submission is May 23, 2008.

Athletic Assistant Position Bishop Chatard High School



Bishop Chatard High School, the North Deanery Catholic high school of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is accepting applications for the position of Athletic Assistant in the school's Athletic Department. This position advances the mission of the school through clerical and administrative support to the school's interscholastic athletic programs. The ideal candidate should have office administrative experience; an undergraduate bachelor's degree; be strong and comfortable in a diverse multi-task environment; and have the ability to positively interact with our array of students, parents, colleagues and general public.

Interested candidates should submit cover letter, résumé/c.v., and 3 references to:

Mike Ford
Director of Athletics
Bishop Chatard HS
5885 Crittenden Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46220-2840
or by e-mail at mford@bishopchatard.org

Position description requests & questions may be directed to Mike Ford at 317-251-1451, ext. 2256.

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Responsibilities of this position include overseeing daily operation of the center, creating lesson plans, attendance and menu development. Ideal applicants for this position will possess a CDA or associates degree (preferably in early childhood education), be CPR and first aid certified, and have experience working with children. Interested applicants are invited to e-mail or send a letter of interest and résumé to:

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Deadline for submission is June 6, 2008.



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"They learn about teamwork," Wagner said. "They learn about getting along. They learn about hard work. They learn about trying their best. They learn about sportsmanship. ... We never talk about winning. We tell the girls to play their hardest, to constantly try to get better and to not measure themselves against the other team. So many life lessons come out of doing that."

St. Malachy School teacher Lori McFarland of Brownsburg has coached parish CYO girls' basketball and volleyball teams for 12 years and plans to coach a girls' softball team next year.

Coaches are teachers, mentors and role models, she said, who inspire children and teenagers to set goals, work hard to accomplish them, make new friends and learn how to get along with other people.

"Other than my parents, my coaches were some of the most important people in my life [while] growing up," McFarland said. "I was involved in athletics all through school, and they were role models for me. That's something that I hope I can be to the kids I coach at St. Malachy."

"Sportsmanship is a very important part of the message that I try to get across to the kids," she said, "not only getting along with the people who are on your team, but also representing your school and parish with the people that you play against and interact with from other schools."

St. Lawrence parishioner Tom O'Brien of Indianapolis is a retired teacher and coach known as a basketball, football and baseball coaching legend on the high school and college levels as well as a longtime CYO coach at four parishes.

As an assistant basketball coach at the University of Evansville, O'Brien helped coach Division II national championship teams in 1964 and 1965. Jerry Sloan, the head coach of the Utah Jazz for 20 years, was a member of that undefeated team.

O'Brien grew up in St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis and played CYO sports there.

"I was fortunate to get to play in grade school in a good program with good coaches," O'Brien said. "I got started in CYO. ... There are so many lessons you learn when you play sports. As a coach, I stress academics and discipline and respect. I try to prepare them for later in life and make them better citizens. That's what life is all about—helping kids." †

CYO recognition highlights work of both adults and young people

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- St. Joan of Arc Parish**—Chris Montgomery
- St. Jude Parish**—Paul Sergi
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- St. Pius X Parish**—John Leemhuis and Beth Sullivan
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2008 Spirit of Youth Award

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St. Roch parishioner Jennifer Fowler of Indianapolis accepts a Spirit of Youth Award from Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, during the Catholic Youth Organization awards ceremony on May 8 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

- St. Barnabas Parish**—Chrissy Beiriger, Colleen Coley, Jeff Soller and Rachel St. Louis
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- St. Roch Parish**—Ryan DeArmond, Jennifer Fowler and Stephanie Heiney
- St. Rose of Lima Parish, Franklin**—Paul Haney and Megan Schrimsher †

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SCHOOL SECRETARY

Our school is seeking a faith-filled practicing Catholic with excellent interpersonal, organizational and computer skills to fill the position of school secretary. This person should be prepared to work in a dynamic and spiritually rich work environment in communication with faculty members, parents, students and pastoral staff.

Some duties of this full-time position include: greet visitors and ensure proper sign-in procedures are followed, answer phones and direct calls, sort and distribute mail, process absence forms and complete tardy slips as needed etc. MS Word and MS Excel proficiency required. We are currently accepting résumé for this position.

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St. Louis de Montfort Catholic School
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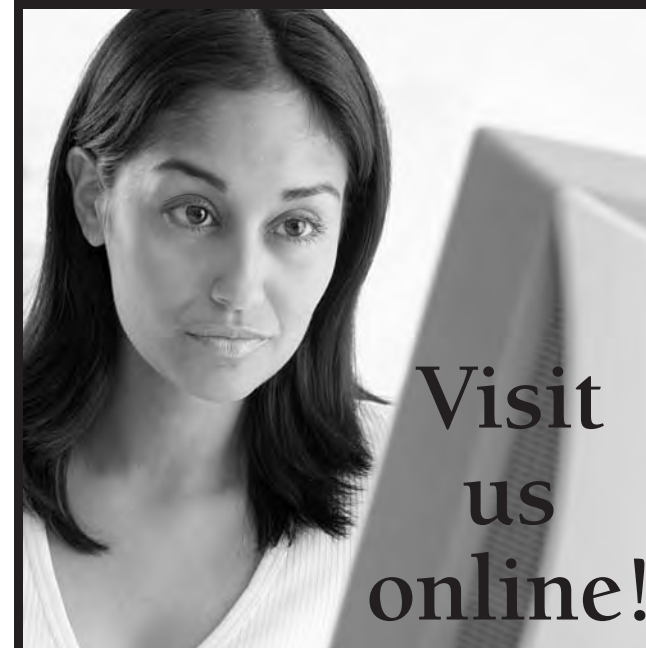


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Archdiocese of Indianapolis
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Administrative Assistant for the Office of Family Ministries

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Applicants should show competency with a computer and be experienced with Microsoft Office, particularly Microsoft Access. Excellent organizational skills, record-keeping, database management and the ability to prioritize and multi-task are essential to this position. Eligible candidates must be able to maintain confidentiality and work occasionally on weekends. A High School Diploma or equivalent is required, as well as 3-5 years of clerical experience.

Interested individuals should please send a cover letter, résumé, and list of references, in confidence, to:



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